

# **TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.** Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 10.

**DRY GOODS**—More active owing to colder weather. Cotton prints are still firm. No further advances reported. Payments on the fifth were good. An increasing number took cash discounts.

**HARDWARE**—Quiet. Values show but little change. It is reported that United States makers of boiler sheets have agreed to advance their prices \$3. Sales of coke tin are reported as low as \$3.75. Montreal paper bags are lower, discount on 20,000 and under is 20 to 40 per cent., or double what it was last week. Pig tin and pig copper are weaker.

**GROCERIES**—Trade is quite active. The feature of the week has been a drop of 15c per hundred in all refined sugars on Thursday. Granulated is now \$4.98 to \$5.03 here, yellows, \$1.23 to \$1.43. There is an increased demand for holiday goods, jams and jellies. Japan teas have advanced in primary markets one cent, and prices here are firmer. Canned goods are steady. Corn, 77½ to 80c, tomatoes, 85 to 87½c; peas, 50c.

# **TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.** Special to The Commercial.

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Ontario winter wheat is firmer at 6½c bid and ¼ to 1c more asked. The flour market is quiet. Oatmeal steady. Fresh gathered eggs are plentiful and the demand is only fair. Receipts of hides are fair and prices are ¼c higher. A better market is expected for wool owing to activity in the States. Dairy butter is 1c higher for choice lots.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$1.60. Manitoba bakers, \$1.30 for carlots at Toronto, Ontario patent, \$2.65 to \$2.85.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 6½ to 6½c for red and white west; Ontario spring, 6½ to 6½c; No. 1 hard, 92c, and No. 2, 89c, grinding in transit, Toronto and west, 90c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 25c east; 2 white 23c, on cars north and west.

Barley—30c for No. 3 extra at country points west.

Milled—Shorts, \$13 per ton for cars west; bran, \$11.50.

Oatmeal—\$3.10 in bags per barrel, and \$3.20 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track, \$9 to \$9.50 per ton.

Eggs—17c for fresh gathered per dozen; limed and held fresh, 15c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, in tubs and pails, 18 to 19c, as to quality; large rolls, 17 to 17½c pound rolls, 18 to 19c; creamery packages, 21 to 22c; prints, 23 to 24c.

Cheese—11½c for job lots.

Hides—8½c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 8½c; country hides ½c under these prices; calfskins, 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2; sheepskins, 50c each; lambskins, 7c, tallow, 5 to 5½c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 16 to 18c, unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.45 to \$1.50 per bushel for handpicked, job lots.

Dried Apples—1c for round lots, evaporated, 5½c.

Honey—9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 to 45c per pair; turkeys, 6 to 8c per pound.

Ducks, 40c per pair, geese, 6 to 6½c per pound.

Potatoes—28 to 30c per bushel for carlots.

Dressed Hogs—Car lots for future delivery here sold yesterday at \$6.25 per 100 lbs.

# **TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.** Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 7.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 600 cattle, 600 sheep and lambs, and 137 hogs.

**Export Cattle**—There was a larger supply of fine shipping cattle than usual. The top price paid was \$1.50 per cwt. and a few loads sold at \$1.40. These were heavy cattle, light exporters sold at \$1.25. Prices are firm at \$1.40 to \$1.60 per cwt. for heavy and \$1.20 to \$1.45 for light.

**Butchers' Cattle**—The demand was not keen, and the supply of good cattle was small. One load of prime sold at \$1.50, and that was the top price paid. Common to medium cattle sell at \$2 to \$3 per cwt., good, \$1.25 to \$1.40, and choice to picked at \$1 to \$1.50.

**Export Bulls**—The demand was fair. Best grades a little weaker. \$1 was the highest price offered and \$1.30 was the general quotation. Heavy are worth \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt and light \$3.10 to \$3.30.

**Feeders**—Trade was dull on account of the small demand. Prices are steady at \$3.65 to \$4 for short-keep, \$3.25 to \$3.65 for heavy and \$2.50 to \$3.25 for light.

**Stockers**—Light animals in good condition sold readily at \$3 per cwt., but other grades were dull. Quotations range from \$2.25 to \$3 for light stockers and \$1.75 to \$2.25 for off-colors and heifers.

**Sheep and Lambs**—Lambs are higher, selling from \$3.75 to \$1.12½ per cwt. Sheep were steady at \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt. for export ewes, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. for bucks and \$2.50 to \$3 each for butchers'.

**Hogs**—There was an exceptionally light run, and trade was quiet. The low prices have induced farmers to hold back their hogs. Quotations are unchanged at \$1.75 per cwt. for select of 160 to 200 lbs., natural weight, and \$1.25 for lights and fats.

# **FRIDAY'S MARKET.**

Toronto, Nov. 10.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 35 cars, including 1,000 sheep and lambs and 1,000 hogs.

Offerings of export cattle were small and prices held firm at \$1.00 top. Butchers' cattle were firmer at \$1.40 top. But few choice offered. Lambs sold ¼c lower than on Tuesday, at 4½c top. Butchers' sheep were weaker at \$2.50 to \$3.00. Hogs steady at Tuesday's prices.

# **MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.** Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 10.

Oats are active and strong and prices have advanced ¼c. Spring wheat is ½c lower. Flour is in fair demand and strong bakers are 5c lower and straight rollers 10 to 20c lower. Oatmeal steady. Feed is easier and \$1 lower. Hay is fairly active and steady. Cheese is dull and heavy with prices ¼c lower. Butter is weaker and ½c lower. Eggs are active and firm. Syrup is quiet. Honey steady. The supply of poultry is fair and demand slow. Game is in good demand. Potatoes are firmer. Hides are in good demand and firm.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 73½ to 74c.

Barley—40½ to 47c.

Oats—25½ to 29½c.

Flour—In fair demand. Manitoba patent, \$1.60; seconds, do., \$1.40; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.10 to \$1.25; straight rollers, \$3.15 to \$3.40.

Rolls Oatmeal—\$3.25 to \$3.30 per barrel, and \$1.57½ to \$1.60 for bags.

Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$15, shorts, \$17. Baled Hay—Choice, \$9.25 to \$9.75; No. 2, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Cheese—Western, September, 10½ to 11c, eastern, 10 to 10½c; under grades, 9½ to 9¾c.

Butter—Finest creamery, 20½ to 20¾c, seconds, 19½ to 19¾c; dairy, 17½ to 18c.

Eggs—Prices firm. Strictly fresh, 22c, No. 1, candled, 19 to 20c, No. 2, 16 to 17c.

Maple Syrup—6½ to 7c in wood; tin, 50 to 60c.

Honey—White clover, 13 to 14c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 12½c, extracted, 7 to 8c.

Hides—No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 8c, No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8 and 6c; lambskins, 50c for good fresh skins.

Potatoes—Carlots, 40c; broken lots, 45 to 50c.

Poultry—Turkeys, 96 to 100c, chickens, 74 to 80c, fowl, 66 to 70c, ducks, 56 to 60c, geese, 60 to 70c.

Game—Partridge, firsts, 60 to 75c; second, 40 to 45c; deer, carcasses, 56 to 58c per pound.

# **MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.** Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 6.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 900 cattle and 500 sheep and lambs.

Although the supply of cattle was again in excess of the requirements of the trade, yet the tone of the market was steady, and prices showed little change from last Thursday. The demand for good to choice beefs was active, and holders of such had no difficulty in making a clearance, but the lower grades moved slow, and a number were left over. Choice cattle sold at 4½c to 4½c, good at 3½ to 4c, fair at 3c to 3½c, and lower grades at from 1½c to 2½c per lb. A fair trade was done in sheep, there being a good demand from shippers for suitable stock, and sales of such were made easily, at 3½c to 3½c, and the lower grades sold at 2½c to 3c per lb. Lambs

met with a good demand and choice sold at 4c to 4½c, and good at 3½ to 3½c per lb. The demand for calves was fair 3c to 4c per lb., as to quality. Owing to the recent sharp decline in the English market for Canadian bacon, the demand for hogs in the west has fallen off considerably; in consequence, supplies are coming forward in larger quantities and are having a depressing effect upon prices, and they scored another decline of ¼c per lb. to-day, with sales at 4½ to 5c.

# **THURSDAY'S MARKETS.**

Montreal, Nov. 9.

At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 800 cattle, 400 sheep, 200 lambs and 400 hogs.

Choice cattle are scarce and none offered Thursday. Demand is good. Trade is fairly active. Best steers sold at 4c, fair at 3 to 3½c and lower grades at 1½ to 2½c. Sheep steady and demand good at 2½ to 3½c. Lambs 3½ to 4½c. Hogs, straight lots sold lower at 4½c.

# **MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE** Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 10.

Sugar is weaker and prices have declined 15c per hundred. Granulated is now quoted at \$1.85 and yellow at \$1.50 to \$1.65. Valencia raisins are easier.

Sugar, granulated, \$4.85 per 100 lbs; yellows, \$4.50 to \$4.65, molasses, 40 to 41c, Valencia raisins, fine off stalk, 8 to 8½, selected, 8½ to 9c, layers, 9½ to 9½c, currants, 11½ to 13c; canned goods, tomatoes, 82½ to 85c; peas, 75 to 80c; corn, 80 to 90c; salmon, 46 to \$6.75 per case; Japan teas, 17½ to 20c. Provisions—Quotations are: Pork, \$19 to \$21, hard, pure, 10½ to 11½c; hams, 10½ to 14c; bacon, 13 to 15c.

# **MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.**

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Montreal, Nov. 10.

Hardware is in fair demand. Nova Scotia pig iron is ½c lower. Ingot tin is ½c lower at 29 to 30c. Quotations are:

Pig iron, summerize, No. 1, \$24 to \$25.00; Nova Scotia, \$18.00 to \$20.00, bar iron, \$1.50 to \$1.60; tin plates, cokes, \$3.85 to \$4.00; charcoal, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canada plates, \$2.90 to \$2.90,terne plates, \$7.50; Ingot tin, 29 to 30c; copper, 18 to 19c, lead, \$1.15 to \$1.25; Manila cordage, 12 to 13c, sisal, 9 to 10c; linseed oil, raw, 70 to 80c; boiled, 82 to 83c; seal oil, 50 to 52½c; turpentine, 58 to 60c; cement, German, \$2.40 to \$2.60, English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; Belgian, \$1.80 to \$2.00; Canadian, \$2.10 to \$2.25; white lead, standard, \$6.50; coal tar, \$4 to \$4.50.

# **LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.** Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Nov. 9.

Cheese quoted at 53s to 54s.

# **LONDON CATTLE MARKET.** Special to The Commercial.

London, Nov. 9.

Cattle unchanged at 11 to 12½c, dressed weight, range cattle, 10½c, sheep, 12 to 12½c.

# **HOG PRODUCTS.**

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 10.

Hog products have a weaker tendency, but light stocks are keeping up the prices. When new product comes on the market in quantities prices should decline.

# **Western Business Items.**

The Manitoba government has disposed of over half a million of provincial debentures at private sale. Wilson, Rankin & Company, general merchants, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. A. D. Rankin will carry on the business.

P. Burns, the well-known western cattle dealer, has an interest in some copper deposits in Mexico, which are said to be promising well.

The Canadian Rubber Co., Winnipeg, has accepted the wholesale selling agency for O'Sullivan's safety cushion heels and soles for men's and ladies' shoes. These goods have come to be regarded with great favor by people who have worn them as a device which makes walking safer, eases the nerves, saves the strength, gives a quiet tread, imparts buoyancy and are economical to wear. They are easy to attach and will outlast several pairs of shoes. They are made in all sizes and will fit any fashionable boot or shoe.

# **Winnipeg Money By-Laws.**

On December 11, Winnipeg ratepayers will vote on three money by-laws as follows: A by-law to raise \$75,000 by issue of debentures, for the purpose of establishing a new fire alarm system, suburban police stations and suburban fire halls, a by-law to raise \$60,000 by debentures, for assisting in the construction of a subway at the Canadian Pacific Railway crossing of Main street, a by-law to raise \$8,000 by issue of debentures, for the purpose of constructing an asphalt pavement on the market square. The two former by-laws provide for payment in thirty years, and the latter in twenty years. The interest rate mentioned is 3½ per cent.

# **The Money Market.**

Money is firmly held in this market by both banks and loan companies. The bank rate of interest is 6 to 8 per cent for mercantile loans. The mortgage rate is 6 to 7 per cent for city loans and 7 to 8 per cent for farm loans.

# **Tenders.**

Tenders will be received up to 4 p. m., Monday, the 25th day of November, for the purchase of local improvement debentures of the corporation of the city of Victoria, B. C., amounting to \$7,700 and \$7,050, a total of \$14,750, and bearing date 31st August, 1900, and 20th October, 1900, respectively. These debentures are payable in ten years from date, and bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, with principal and interest payable at the office of the city treasurer, Victoria.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the construction of the hereinafter mentioned local improvements, will be received at the office of the city clerk, up to 3.30 p. m. on Wednesday, November 14. The works are as follows: Granolithic walk on west side of Edmonton street from Portage avenue to Qu'Appelle avenue. Asphalt—An asphalt pavement, 24 feet wide, on Carlton street, from Portage avenue to Qu'Appelle avenue. Macadam pavement, 24 feet wide, on Spence street, from Portage avenue to Notre Dame avenue. Sewer in Qu'Appelle avenue from Hargrave street to a point 138 feet east of Balmoral street (excepting from Edmonton street to next lane west.)

# **The Commercial Men.**

A. F. Houston, who represents J. G. Mackenzie & Co., in this territory, was in the city this week.

The Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association, Montreal, is sending out a hotel guide, an exceedingly neat and convenient edition for 1901, which contains the names of a large number of hotels throughout Canada suitable for commercial men.

# **Weather and Crops.**

The weather took a colder turn early in the week. The first snow of the season in the eastern portions of the grain belt, came yesterday. At Winnipeg there was enough to cover the ground, but it was heavier west. Threshing is about finished in most parts of Manitoba, but in some late sections and in the Territories there is considerable threshing to do yet.

Shipments of cattle from the port of Montreal for the week ending Nov. 3, were 3,355 head, and of sheep 1,573 head.

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