

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 17.

The grain market has been rather quiet. Feed is rather easier, under liberal offerings, and the price of bran has been shaded 50c per ton. Hides steady. Tallow is stronger, 1-1c higher having been paid for best stock. Eggs are strong. Fresh laid have advanced 3c per dozen, but held stock and lined are unchanged. Dairy butter is quoted 1c lower on the outside. Cheese is quiet, but the market is very strong, the 10c mark having been reached for choice western odds, which shows a sharp advance over a week ago, amounting to 1-2c all around. Poultry is higher all around, turkeys being 1-2c higher. Vantson is quoted at 5c per car case.

Oats—No. 2 white, 30 to 30 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$4 to \$4.10; Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40.

Milfeed—Bran, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton; shorts 15, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 10c; sheepskins, 40c to 50c; lambskins, 70c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Fresh laid, 25 to 30 per dozen, candled stock, 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy, 14 to 15c; western dairy, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, in tubs, 20 1-4 to 20 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice western, 9 7-8 to 10c; eastern, 9 3-4c.

Beans—85c to 95c per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots 50c to 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c, and 10c for choice; ducks 7 to 7 1-2c; geese 5 to 6c; chickens 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
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Montreal, Dec. 13.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 600 cattle and 400 sheep and 700 lambs.

The quality of cattle offered did not indicate holiday trade, being only up to the average. The demand was good and the market active and firm. Choice heaves sold at 4 3-8c to 4 1-2c, good at 4c to 4 1-4c, fair at 3 1-4c to 3 3-4, and lower grades at from 2c to 3c. The demand for sheep was good, and all the suitable stock for shipment sold at 3c to 3 1-4c, and culls at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4. The demand for lambs was good at 3 3-4c to 4 1-4c.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards there was a fair number of live hogs offered, and with a good demand prices were firm. Selected lots sold at \$4.50; heavy fat at \$4.25, light at \$4 and stags at \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 16.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 600 head and 1,000 sheep and lambs. The best cattle sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c, and the general run at 3 to 4c. Sheep ranged from 3 to 3 1-4c, and lambs 2 to 4 3-8c per pound. Hogs sold at from \$4.25 to \$4.35 per 100 pounds. The market was brisk.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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The advance of 5c per 100 lbs. made on sugars by refiners last week did not

hold long, and prices have now declined 10c per 100 lbs., owing to weakness in the raw market. These are the only changes reported.

Granulated sugar stands \$4.45 per 100 lbs. at refineries; yellow, 3.70 to \$4.20, molasses 3 1c in car lots. Syrups 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality, Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia myers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
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Business is quiet but steady and prices unchanged as follows: White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 49 to 50c; boiled, 52 to 53c; turpentine, 57c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, coxes, 2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, 3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, 2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, 5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, 9.75 to \$4; iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c; putty in bulk, 1.65; in bladders, 1.80; ingot tin, 20c. Cement, English brands, 3.30 to \$3.40. Germany, 2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium, 1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c. Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

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Toronto, Dec. 13.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 45 carloads, including 300 sheep and lambs and 950 hogs.

The cattle offered were first class and included a number of steers which had been fed for the Christmas trade. One bunch brought as high as \$5 per cwt., the highest price paid for strictly choice cattle this year. The general tone of the trade was a little firmer, and better prices were paid for choice stock. Total receipts for week to Dec. 10 were: Cattle, 1,896; sheep and lambs, 1,122, and hogs, 5,555.

Export cattle—Only a small amount of trade was done in this line, mostly in heavy exporters. These were quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.65.

Butchers cattle—Prices were a little higher and the quality first class. Choice were quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.75 per cwt., common, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Stockers and feeders—Steady demand for stockers for Buffalo. Heavy stockers were quoted at \$3 to \$3.35 per cwt. Very few feeders offered and prices remain firm.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep for export and butchers' use were steady and sold at \$3.40 to \$3.50 per cwt. Spring lambs quoted at \$3.60 to \$4.10 per cwt.

Hogs—Offerings light. Choice selections of bacon hogs sold at \$4.25 per cwt. Light and thick fat were quoted at \$4 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 16.

Receipts of live stock at the market to-day were 58 car loads of all kinds, including 500 sheep and lambs and 1,800 hogs. Prices were the same all around as at Tuesday's market.

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Grain deliveries have been larger, with a good export demand for wheat,

Oats are also more active, at 1c advance. Ontario flour has advanced, 10c per barrel, and Manitoba flour held 5c per barrel higher. Wheat firmer. There is a big demand for poultry, and turkeys are held 10c higher. Dressed hogs are 5c to 10c per 100 lbs lower.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.15; Manitoba bakers, \$3.85. Ontario—straight roller, \$3 to \$3.15 per barrel country points, at mills.

Wheat—Ontario red and white winter wheat, 67c for cars at country points, No. 1 hard, 78c; Toronto; No. 1 northern 75c.

Oats—White, 28c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 46 to 47c at country points; No. 2, 44c.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton at country points. Bran, \$12 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.30 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh, 1c; new laid, 19 to 20c; lined, 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 11c to 13 1-2c for choice fresh goods, medium grades, 9 to 10c, creamery, tubs, 19 to 19 1-2c.

Cheese—10c for choice late fall make.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8 1-2c; cured, 9 sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 75c; calfskins 8 to 10c; tallow, 3 to 3 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c, unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—75 cents to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs—5 to \$5.10 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1-2c for round lots; evaporated 8 to 8 1-4c.

Honey—Round lots 6 to 7c.

Poultry—Turkeys 9 to 10c; chickens 5 to 45c; geese, 5 to 6c.

SUGAR.

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London, Dec. 16.—Beet sugar steady. December beet, 9s 6 3-4d. January the same.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

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Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Cattle in good demand and firm at 1-2c higher. Quoted at 11 1-2 to 12c for steers, estimated dressed weight.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

London, Dec. 13.—The present series of wool auction sales for this year closed to-day with a good attendance of buyers present. The closing tone was firm and the prices realized to-day were practically the best of the series. The number of bales carried over was 21,000; 57,000 were sold to home buyers and 80,000 to the continent.

LOW FREIGHTS.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says "Some idea of the demoralization existing in railway freight circles may be formed when it is known that large contracts have been made for the transportation of wheat all-rail from Duluth to New York at 10c per 100 lbs. or 6c per bushel. A prominent railway official has stated that the above cut was made in deference to some large shippers who have exerted unfair influence over the railway people. All the same, there's the cut, which means about 16c per bushel, through from Duluth to Liverpool." This statement is not believed by railway people here, who say they have not heard of any such rates having been offered.

F. Pace, general store, Standau, Alberta, is dead.