

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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LIVE STOCK.—There is no demand for shipping cattle, and farmers will probably find it more profitable to feed for the spring trade than offer cattle in their present condition. *Sheep* are in small demand and unchanged in price at 4c to 4½c per lb. *Lambs* are steady at \$1 to \$1.50 for the best, and \$3.50 to \$3.75 for ordinary. *Cattle* are for the most part nominal, there being but an occasional one offering, prices from \$6 to \$12. *Hogs* are quiet and easier at 5½c to 5¾c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter* continues quiet, with little demand except for the finest qualities, which bring 18c to 20c in a jobbing way. The supply held in the country of inferior lots is altogether greater than the demand, and prices are easy at 14c to 17c for boxed lots of medium to good rolls, and 10c to 12 for culls. *Bacon* is very quiet and prices nominal at 10½c for long clear and 9½c for Cumberland cut. *Ham* is also quiet and nominal at 13½c to 14c per lb. *Lard* is offering more freely, and the feeling is somewhat easier at 14½c for Canadian and 15c for American refined.

COUNTRY PRODUCTS.—*Apples.*—There has been little demand this week, and the trade is quieter than dealers expected; choice barrel lots are held at \$3. *Beans* are inactive and unchanged in value; car lots nominal at \$2.40 to \$2.50, and jobbing lots at \$2.60 to \$2.70. *Eggs* are in moderate demand, and fresh lots bring 22c per dozen; packed are lower, at 18c to 20c. *Hops* are offering a little more freely, but prices are maintained; car lots sold yesterday at \$7.55 and \$7.60 laid down here. *Hops* are quiet, with but a restricted sale; stocks are small and holders firm at 23c to 25c for choice and 17c to 20c for mediums. *Onions* are quiet and unchanged at \$2.25 for quantities and \$2.50 to \$2.75 for barrel lots. *Potatoes* are in good demand and higher, with sales of car lots to dealers at 90c per bag; they are being shipped westward. *Poultry* are in fair demand and firmer; fresh killed geese bring 6c to 7c per lb., and turkeys 8c to 9c; chickens are quoted at 35c to 40c per pair.

COARSE GRAINS.—*Barley.*—Prices have continued firm. Sales of No. 1 were made the latter part of last week at 90c and 90½c. No. 2 sold at 85c on Saturday, and a few cars of out-down No. 2 on Tuesday at 83½c. Two cars by sample sold at 76c on track. The market to-day was quiet, with sales of No. 1 at 90c and No. 3 Extra at 80c. Barley to-day unchanged with no sales. The stock in store is 241,331 bushels, against 284,456 bushels last week and 416,835 bushels the corresponding week of 1890. *Oats* are quiet and steady; sales of Western were made the latter part of last week, and yesterday at 43c on track, and a car of light sold on Monday at 42½c. The stock in store is 3,623 bushels, against 4,887 bushels last week and none the corresponding week of 1890. *Fer* are altogether nominal, in absence of offerings; No. 1 are worth about 80c, and No. 2 77c to 78c. The stock in store is 5,964 bushels, against 41,913 bushels the corresponding week of 1890. *Rye* is quiet and unchanged, at 85c for car lots; stock in store 12,030 bushels, against 9,625 bushels the corresponding period of 1890. *Corn* dull and nominal at 78c to 80c.

WHEAT.—Trade has been quiet the past week, and prices show more easiness. Transactions are confined to car lots for local requirements. Shippers do not feel warranted in paying the prices asked by holders, and the consequence is that no large lots change hands. No. 1 Spring sold the latter part of last week at \$1.35, but it would not bring over \$1.33 to-day; No. 2 Spring sold on Saturday at \$1.33 and on Monday at \$1.31 on track. No. 2 Fall brought \$1.23 on Friday, but \$1.25 is now the best bid. Wheat market closed to-day dull and nominal. The stock in store is now 176,355 bushels, against 195,127 bushels last week and 110,871 bushels the corresponding week of last year.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The trade in Flour is apparently gone. Holders seem to hang on, and ask the prices of two weeks ago. Superior Extra is held at \$5.70 on spot, but it is doubtful whether over \$5.60 would be paid. Extra is nominal, at \$5.50 to \$5.55, and no other grades offer on this market. The stock in store is 3,045 barrels, against 3,475 barrels last week and 5,634 barrels the corresponding week of 1890. *Bran* is steady, with rollers asking \$14 on spot; lots for shipment have been bought outside at equal to \$13.50 here. *Oatmeal* easier, with a sale of a car of choice on Wednesday at \$1.85. *Cornmeal* is dull and nominal at \$3.75 to \$3.80 in car lots; small job lots at \$4 to \$4.10.

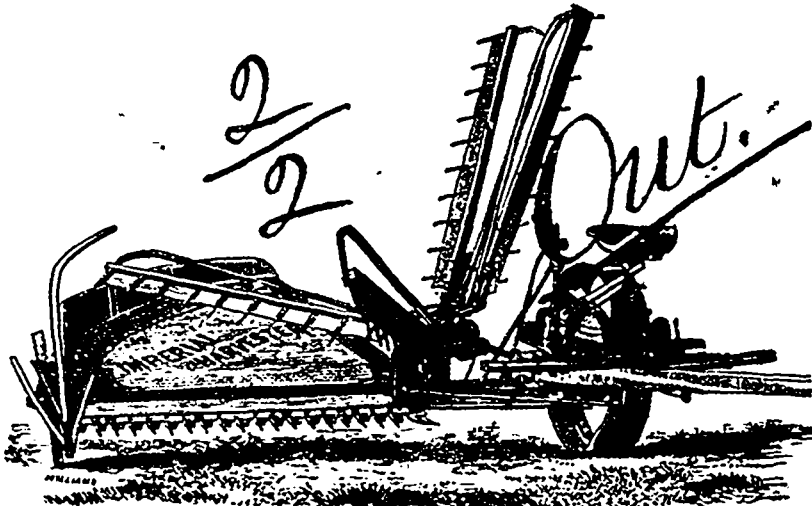
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