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Montreal Markets.

Flour—During the past week some very low prices have been made for strong bakers, choice grades of city brands having been delivered to bakers at \$3.40 per bbl, with sales of Manitoba brands at \$3.25 to 3.35. A line of good straight bakers was sold at \$3 12½ and we quote \$3.10 to 3.40; but since the advance in wheat \$3 50 is asked for choice city brands. Regarding straight rollers, some pretty low sales were effected at the close of last week. Western millers now have decidedly enhanced ideas, but so far they have got no further than ideas. Some business in patents and low grades have been put through for export by western men, and it is thought Montreal millers will be able to do something for English account. We quote:—Patent, spring, \$3.35 to 3.50; Ontario patent, \$3 25 to 3.40; straight roller, \$2 85 to \$3; extra, \$2.40 to 2 60; superfine, \$2.20 to 2.40; city strong bakers, \$3.35 to 3.50; Manitoba bakers, \$3 25 to 3 40; Ontario bags, extra, \$1.30 to 1.35; straight rollers, \$1 40 to 1.50.

Oatmeal—Some sales are reported by western mills for English account at prices said to be equal to 10c per bbl lower than the same meal would be delivered here for. Here the market is steady. Rolled and granulated, \$1 25 to 1.35; standard, \$ 3.90 to 4 10. In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.10 to 2.20, and standard at \$1.90 to \$2.00.

Bran, etc.—The market for bran continues easy at a decline of about 25 to 50c on the week, with sales of car lots reported on track at \$17, and more offered at the same figure. Shorts are quoted at \$18 to 19.

Wheat—Here No. 1 hard is quoted at 75 to 76c, with sales of car lots to western millers at 70 to 71c. It is said that considerable Manitoba wheat is being disposed of in this way. A lot of No. 2 red winter wheat is held in store here at 63c.

Oats—Sales for local account have been made at 34½ to 39c per 34 lbs, and 36½ to 37½c for No. 3.

Barley—Feed barley is reported sold at 43 to 44c. Malting grades are quoted at 50 to 53c, but brewers are by no means anxious buyers.

Pork, Lard, etc.—The steady reduction of stocks to a small compass causes holders to be very firm, and sales of choice heavy short out have been made at \$18 50. Thinner qualities could be had at \$17.50 to \$18. Chicago brands of short cut continue to come in, and are quoted at \$18 to \$18.25. Regular mess would cost about \$16 75 laid down here. In compound lard there is a fair business reported, sales of 500 pail lots having occurred at \$1 42½ per 20 pounds, and we quote \$1.42½ to \$1.50, although some refiners refuse to sell at the inside figure. Hams, per pound, 10 to 11½c; bacon, 11 to 12c; shoulders, 8½ to 9c.

Butter—The market is quiet but steady, with sales of the last half of May creameries at 17½c and 18c at the factory. We quote prices as follows: Creamery, fresh, 17½ to 18c; eastern townships dairy, 16 to 17c; western, 14½ to 16c. Add 1c to above for single packages of selected.

Cheese—Several thousand boxes have been purchased on this market at 9½c for finest western white and 9½c for finest western colored, while finest Quebec white and colored, was sold 9½ to 9½c, and under grades, at 8½ to 9c. The English market continues to recede steadily.

Eggs—Although receipts have commenced to fall off, the market is still easy, and prices are fully ½c lower than a week ago, with sales at 9c in jobbing lots and 8½c in round quantities, while stocks not strictly choice have fetched lower prices.—Trade Bulletin, June 8.

Montreal Grocery Market

The feature of the sugar market during the past week has been the strength in raw sugar both in London and New York, and prices have advanced 3d to 12s for beet in the former place, and 1 16c to 1 8c per lb in the latter. In consequence of the above there is a better feeling in the refined article, and values, although not any higher, were firmly held. Granulated has been shaded to 4 1 16c for round lots early in the week, but it is doubtful if refiners would accept this figure to day, and we quote 4½c. There has also been a good enquiry for yellows at 3½ to 3½c as to quality at the factory. In New York granulated is quoted firmer at 3½c.

The market for syrup has continued to rule quiet, there being only a small jobbing demand, and business on the whole is dull with prices steady at 2 to 2 1 8c for bright grades, and 1½ to 1½c for dark.

A stronger feeling has prevailed for molasses, and the decline noted last week has been fully recovered. The recent cutting in prices has ceased, as an agreement was arrived at early in the week among wholesale grocers, which resulted in a combination being formed, and their prices to-day are 29c for car loads and 30c for single barrels, while the wholesale figure for round lots is 28c.

Since our last quite an improved demand has sprung up for teas, and the market has ruled more active, with a large volume of business doing both on local and country account. Latest cable advices from Japan note an advance in prices of \$2 per picul, but on the other hand cable advices from China state the market opened about 10 per cent. cheaper than last season.

A fair amount of business has been accomplished in coffee, and the market rules fairly active and steady. Sales of round lots of 100 bags of Maracaibo have transpired at 18½c for New York account. Since the tariff of 10 per

cent has been placed against all coffees coming from all points, except the place of growth, and from countries that impose a duty, Maracaibo coffees have been offered in Montreal in bond in New York at 1½ to 2c per lb less than previous to the new tariff. This is owing to the Maracaibo coffees paying a duty of 3s per lb in the States, and consequently this has completely knocked the jobbers out as the Americans have been very quick in seeing the misalteration in the coffee tariff. Although other coffees imported into the States pay no duty, these cannot be imported here without a 10 per cent duty is paid, while Maracaibo comes in free. We quote: Java, 24 to 28c; Mocha, 25 to 28c, Maracaibo, 19 to 21c, Jamaica, 19 to 21c, and Rio, 18 to 21c.

The tone of the rice market continues to rule steady. The demand is fair and a good business is reported. We quote: Standard, \$3.50 to 3.75, Japan, \$3.75 to 4.25, and Patna, \$4.25 to 4.75.

There has been little change in dried raisins during the week. Small supplies and a moderate demand restrict business, but prices are firm. Prime off stalk Valencia cannot be laid down for less than 4½c, but spot prices are unchanged but firm at 4½ to 4½c, according to quality. Currants continue dull and unchanged. Stocks held are large, but advices from Greece are calculated to afford more encouragement to holders of the fruit here. With regard to spot values we quote the range as before, 3½ to 3½c, according to package. Prunes are scarce. Round lots of Bosnia have changed hands at 5½ to 5½c, and very few dates are offering. They are held firm at 5c. There is nothing doing in figs, business in them being about over. We hear of no transactions sufficient to bass a price upon.

Spices are steady and unchanged as follows: Singapore and Penang black pepper quiet at 6 to 7½c; white pepper dull at 10 to 12½c; cloves quiet at 7½ to 9c; and Cassia firm at 9 to 10c, nutmegs, 60 to 65c, and 70 to 90c; Jamaica ginger, 15 to 18s.

The demand for canned goods continues slow, and the market is dull with no new feature to note. The volume of business doing is very small, in fact, dealers say they never experienced such times as at present. We quote:—Lobsters at \$2 to 6 50 per case; sardines at \$3.50 to 9 50; salmon, at \$1.15 to 1.30 per doz; tomatoes at 80 to 85c per dozen peaches \$2 to 2.10 per dozen, corn at 85 to 90c per dozen, and marrowfat peas at 85 to 90c per dozen.—Gazette, June 8.

Montreal Iron and Hardware Market.

There is no change or improvement in the iron market, which continues dull. Buyers are only taking in a hand-to-mouth way and prices are as before: Summerlee, pig iron, \$19; Eglinton, \$18; Carnbro, \$18;