

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 19.

There is a brisk demand for paints and oils. Metals are quiet. Prices have not been changed in any important particular this week.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 43-4c; linseed oil raw, 45 to 46c; boiled 48 to 49c; turpentine 50 to 51c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50, tin plates, cokes, \$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, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; spout in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, 80; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
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Montreal, Feb. 15.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday cattle were firm, with fairly liberal offerings. Choice sold at 41-2c; good at 4c to 41-4c, fair at 31-4c to 33-4c, and lower grades at 21-4c to 3c. The demand for sheep was fair at 31-2c, and lambs at 41-2c to 5c. Hogs continued weak, prices making a further decline of 1-4c, with sales at 5c per lb, off cars, live weight.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 18.

At yesterday's market prices were the same as on Monday.

Cattle—Choice 41-4 to 41-2c, fair to good, 31-4 to 4c.
Sheep—3 to 31-2c per lb., lambs, 4 1-2 to 5c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
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The grocery market is steady and firm. Molasses is quoted 1c higher and the inside price on syrups has been advanced 1-4c, 2c now being the lowest price. Low grade syrups are very scarce. Rice is firm, on foreign advices.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 15-16c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4c; yellows, 39-16 to 37-8c; imported best granulated, 4c. Molasses, 29 to 30c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 51-2c, Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 81-2 to 10c; Mocha and Java, 20 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.20 to \$1.25; corn, 90c to \$1; peas, 90c to \$1.00.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Oats have been steadily climbing upward 1-2c at a time and show an advance of 3c over a week ago. There has been some export demand for Manitoba flour, 1,000 sacks were sold on Belfast account by the Lake of the Woods. Oatmeal is unsettled and irregular in price, and millers quote widely different prices. Dairy products are quiet. Butter dull. Cheese easy.

Oats—Strong at 31 to 34 1-2c per bushel for No. 2 white.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90 to \$4.95, Manitoba patents, \$5.35 to \$5.40.

Millfeed—Bran \$14 to \$14.50 per ton; shorts, \$15.50 to \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.70 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Fresh, 15 to 16c, per dozen, new laid, 19 to 20c.

Butter—Dairy, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 19c

Cheese—8 to 8 1-4c.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 31-2 to 41-2c; hinds, 51-2 to 71-2c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
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Toronto, Tuesday 15.

Offerings to-day were 48 cars of stock, including 100 hogs and 320 sheep and lambs. There was some export buying for shipment via St. John at 33-4 to 41-4c and 31-2 to 33-4c for bulls. Butchers' cattle sold at 31-4 to 33-4c for the general run; choice touched 4c. Common slow sale at 23-4c to 3c. Stockers for Buffalo sold at \$2.80 to \$3.35 per 100 lbs., and feeders at 31-2c for choice Export sheep, 3 to 35-8c; lambs 47-8c to 51-8c. Bucks, 21-2 to 3c. Hogs were weaker at \$1.90 for the best; thick fat \$4.50, light fat \$4.65, sows \$3 to \$3.25, stags \$2 to \$2.25, stores \$1.50.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 18.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 60 carloads including 1,000 sheep and lambs, and 1,500 hogs. Butchers' cattle were \$3 per head lower, best selling at 31-4c to 33-4c. Lambs 20c dearer per head. Sheep 1-4c lower per lb. as compared with Tuesday. Other lines unchanged.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Feb. 14.—The trade in cattle to-day was slow, but prices were firm. Choice States cattle were unchanged at 11 1-2c; choice Canadians were 1-2c lower at 10 1-2c, and Argentine sheep were firm at 12c.

Liverpool, Feb. 14.—An easier feeling prevailed in this market, and prices declined 1-4c. Choice States cattle sold at 11c, and Canadians at 10 1-2c.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A. Theodore, fruits, Victoria, has sold out.

J. Teague, has opened in drugs, at Victoria.

N. Lamont, tinsmith, has started business at Greenwood.

M. S. Butler, harness, has started business at Greenwood.

Houghton & Barnett, general store, Rossland, have assigned.

C McKay, general store, Golden, is in trouble with the sheriff.

W. J. Tappin, confectionery, Victoria, offers his business for sale.

Arthur & Pretty, stationery, Rossland, reported succeeded H. S. Wallace.

J. Ferguson, New Westminster, has sold the Douglas bakery to A. Jackson.

W. A. Griffith & Co., drugs, Vancouver, style now Griffiths & Macpherson.

McKee & Snodgrass, hotel, Greenwood, are succeeded by Cameron & McKenzie.

The Kootenay Brewing, Maltng & Distilling Co.; sheriff's sale advertised for Feb. 15th.

The stock of S. G. Stevens, novelties, etc., Nanaimo, has been bought by John Sampson.

F. R. Stewart, produce, Vancouver, has admitted F. M. Black as partner. Style F. R. Stewart & Co.

Empey Bros., grocers, Rossland; F. E. Empey has sold his interest in the business to Samuel Carnahan.

The Fisherman's Canning Co., at Port Guelion, general store and hotel, has been taken over by Wm. McBride.

James M. Patterson, late manager of Dr. Arthur's drug store, at Nelson, is opening business in drugs at the new town of Kuskankook.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

J. C. Laidlaw, butcher, Carman, Man., advertises his business for sale.

W. T. Daly, butcher, is opening business in Winnipeg.

H. Penneck, tailor, Fort William, is burned out.

Aaron & Co., general store, Wabigoon, Ontario, have assigned.

Hargrave & Seasons, general storekeepers, Carlton, Sask., are giving up business.

McLaughlin Bros., of Gorrie, Ont., will open a general store at Regina, Assa.

Winnipeg city grocers will on Tuesday evening next entertain the travelers to an oyster supper.

Wm. Piper is negotiating for the store building and stock of A. McBride & Co., hardware, at Red Deer.

W. R. Dunlop is opening a flour and feed store at Neepawa, Man.

W. R. Cathness, baker, fruits, etc., Neepawa, has sold out to H. B. Trimble.

W. F. Orr, a well known resident of Calgary, but not in business at present, is dead.

J. H. M. Carson, late of McGregor, Man., will open in the hardware business at Macleod, Alberta.

The dwelling and store of John Farr, of Bradwardine, Man., has been burned. The buildings were a total loss, but the greater part of the contents were saved. The amount of insurance is said to be \$2,000.

A. E. Whiffin, Medicine Hat, has opened in wholesale liquors, in W. Cousins' old store. He was formerly proprietor of the Queen's hotel, at Qu'Appelle.

Some very important conventions were held at Winnipeg this week, chiefly in the agricultural interest, including the different Live Stock Breeders' associations.

E. J. Brooks has purchased the building of A. J. Osment, at Indian Head, Assa., and will in August next take possession. Mr. Osment has taken A. L. Hubbs into partnership in his Kenlis branch store.

Building will be brisk in Portage la Prairie this year. Besides the big Cowan block, J. Robb will erect a new building, Fairbairn & Co., will enlarge their premises, White Bros. will complete their foundry and an elevator will be built in connection with the oatmeal mill.

At Rapid City, Man., on February 17, fire broke out in the building occupied by T. Mohr, barber, and burned the buildings of H. C. Ross and Zink Bros., occupied by N. McKelvie as a general store. Nearly all of McKelvie's goods were got out, but were badly damaged by smoke and water. The loss to the stock is fully covered by insurance. The building of H. C. Ross was insured for \$300 and the loss is about \$400, and that of Zink Bros. is insured for \$200 and the loss will be about \$300. The fire originated from a defective chimney.