

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Nov. 25.

Dry goods—Quiet, owing to mild weather. Stock taking now in progress shows general expansion in all departments over last year. Underwear is in active demand and Canadian manufacturers are asking more money this week for underwear. Canadian collars advanced 10 per cent for men's and women's. Linen threads are 15 per cent dearer.

Hardware—Good demand for seasonable lines. Values continue slow. Strong upward tendency in barb wire which is 10 to 15 cents per cwt. higher. Galvanized wire is dearer. No. 9 gauge \$5.55, No. 12, \$3.70, and No. 13 \$3.85. Rope is steadier. Axes have advanced 15 per cent. Screen doors and windows advanced 20 to 30 per cent. Brushes advanced 10 to 35 per cent. There is talk of a combine among Canadian paper bag makers.

Metals—In good demand and firm. Canadian pig iron is \$1.10 dearer. Scrap iron is 10 to 25c dearer. Pig tin is 1c lower.

Groceries—Moving freely, especially fancy lines. Prices are firm. Shelled Valencia almonds are dearer at 27c for No. 1. Canned goods are strong, corn being \$1.10, tomatoes \$1, peas 80 to 90c. Fruits are firmer and strawberries are scarce. Currants are cabled 1s dearer. Molasses is held firm.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Wheat is dull and easier. Manitoba is 1-2c lower. Flour is weaker. Deliveries of coarse grains are larger, and oats and peas are firmer. The butter market is firm. Really choice dairy tubs are higher. Eggs are firm. Wool is firm and holders are asking outside prices. Hides firm at the advance reported last week. Dried apples have advanced and 53-1c is being paid for round lots in the country.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$3.05 to \$3.10 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freight.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65 to 65 1-2c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 64 to 66c; No. 1 hard, 77 1-2 to 78c, grinding in transit, and 77 to 77 1-2c Toronto.

Oats—New oats, 24 to 26c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 39c, country points. Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton; bran, \$11.50 to \$12 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.35 in bags per barrel, and \$3.45 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 18c, held fresh, 16c; No. 1 hmed, 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 18 to 19c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—11 1-2 to 12c for job lots to the local trade for late makes.

Hides—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured cows, 10c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to 85c; calfskins, 10c and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 to 16c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Honey—9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 25 to 40c per pair, turkeys, 6 to 8 1-2c per pound; geese, 5 to 6c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.
Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds for car lots.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
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Toronto, Nov. 21.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 600 cattle, 800 sheep and lambs, and 1,000 hogs.

Export cattle—Dull at \$4 to \$4.65 per 100 lbs. Export bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.25.

Butchers' cattle—Choice cattle sold freely at \$1 per cwt. Medium slow at \$3.25 to \$3.75, and poor at \$2.50 to \$3.

Feeders—Steers weighing about 900 lbs. \$3.50 per cwt. Heavier steers sold as high as \$3.75.

Stockers—Steers weighing 600 to 650 lbs. sold at \$2.20 to \$2.50 and heavier stockers at \$2.75 to \$3 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Market dull. Lambs sold at an average of \$3.25 to \$3.40, export ewes at \$3.25 to \$3.50 and export wicks at \$2.25 to \$2.75.

Hogs—Prices unchanged. Hogs weighing 160 to 200 lbs., sold at \$4 per cwt., and light and heavy fats at \$3.62 1-2 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Nov. 24.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 42 car loads, including 860 sheep and lambs, and 1,700 hogs.

Export cattle were in poor demand, but steady. Butchers' cattle, selected lots or choice helpers, 41-8c, general run 21-2 to 31-2c. Lambs were firmer at \$2.35 to \$2.65. Hogs were unchanged in price, but firmer.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
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Montreal, Nov. 25.

Hardware remains firm. Paints, oils and glass strong. Turpentine now quoted at 77c, linned oil, raw, at 63c and linned at 63c. Trade is fairly active.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
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Sugar remains steady and the market generally is unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Montreal, Nov. 25.

Oats firmer and higher than a week ago. Flour fairly active and unchanged. Feed in good demand and steady. Eggs quiet and firm. Butter firm and daily 1-2c higher on the outside quotation. Western cheese stronger and 1-1 to 1-2c higher. Beans firmer. Potatoes advanced 5c per bushel. Poultry quiet, turkeys being 1-2c lower and chickens 1c lower. Other prices unchanged. We quote:

Oats—30c in store.
Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$1.00 to \$1.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10c; No. 2, 9c; No. 3, 8c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins 75c. tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 20 to 22c; candled, 18 to 20c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy 16 to 17c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 19 to 20c. Cheese—Western finest, 11 1-1 to 11 1-2c eastern, 10 1-2 to 10 3-4c. Beans—1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—Per bushel, 15c.
Dressed poultry—Turkeys, 9; ducks, 8; geese, 6 to 6 1-2c; chickens, 6 to 7c per lb.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
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Montreal, Nov. 21.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 700 cattle, and 1,500 sheep and lambs.

Good demand for choice cattle, at firm prices. Poor cattle, slow sale. Choice cattle sold at 41-2c, good at 4c to 41-4c; fair at 31-2 to 33-1c, and lower grades at 2c to 3c per lb. Sheep for export were active at 31-1c per lb., and culls went at 21-2c to 3c. Lambs sold well at 33-4c per lb., and culls at 31-1c to 31-2c.

At the Grand Trunk stockyards at Point St Charles hogs met with a good demand at 4c to 41-4c per lb., in straight lots, weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Nov. 24.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 750 cattle and 1,200 sheep and lambs.

No prime cattle offered. Prices remained unchanged from Monday.

RETAIL DRUG FAILURE.

John F. Howard, who has for many years been one of the leading retail druggists of Winnipeg is in financial difficulties and as a result his place of business is now closed the stock having been seized for rent. He is understood to be making an assignment although no official notice to that effect has yet been given. The total liabilities involved in this failure are placed roughly at \$60,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000 of which are to his bank and in the trade. Some of the outside creditors are secured. The assets consisting of stock fixtures, etc., are worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

INTERESTING LEGAL DECISION.

The supreme court of Georgia held, in the case of Yancay vs. The Aetna Life Insurance Company, that a person whose occupation is that of a traveling salesman for a coal company is not within the exception in a clause of a policy of accident insurance, which provides that there shall be no recovery in case the insured is injured while "walking or being on any railroad bridge or roadbed (railroad employees excepted), merely because the duties of his occupation render it necessary that he should go upon the roadbeds of railroads, and that the proper construction of such a clause is that the insurance is suspended during the time that the insured is in the position above stated. The court further held that the fact that the insurance company insures railway employees at a higher rate will not permit a person insured as being engaged in another and less hazardous occupation, and who pays a lower rate of premium than persons classified as railroad employees, to recover under a condition in the policy which provides that "if the insured is injured in any occupation or exposure classed by this company as higher than the premium paid by this policy covers, the sum insured and weekly indemnity shall be only such amounts as said premium will purchase at the rate fixed for such increased hazard."