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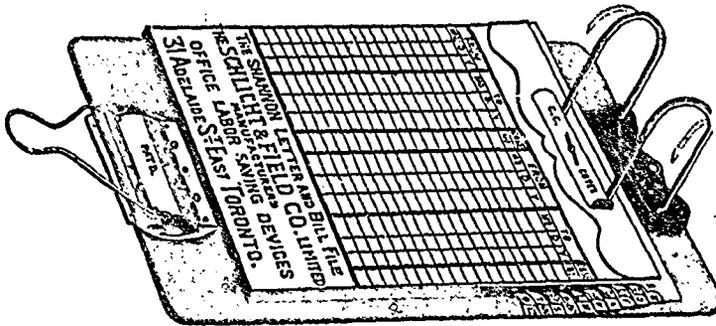
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Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—The decline in the price of flour referred to by us last week has not induced a more active demand, but, on the contrary, dealers assert that trade is duller than ever. As regards Ontario straight roller flour, sales have been made at lower figures than ever; car lots on track here having been offered at \$3.35, which is 25 to 30c below our last week's quotations. United States straight rollers are offered at \$3.20 laid down here in bond. Ontario straight rollers have sold in broken lots at \$3.45 to \$3.55. Manitoba strong bakers', best brands, are quoted at \$1, while other brands of Manitoba strong bakers' are selling at \$3.65 down to \$3.40, the latter for medium grades.

Oatmeal.—The decline quoted last week has been emphasized by further offerings at a shade under last week's quotations, car lots of rolled oats having been offered on track here at \$3.70. In a jobbing way granulated commands more money than rolled oats, owing to scarcity. We quote: Rolled and granulated \$3.80 to \$3.90; standard \$3.70 to \$3.80. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.90 to \$1.95, and standard at \$1.75 to \$1.85. Pot barley \$1.25 in bbls. and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—The market for bran has been quiet, but prices are firm at \$17 to \$17.50. Shorts are steady at \$19.00 to \$20.00.

Oats.—A large crop of oats has been secured in this province. Sales of old No. 2 white have transpired at \$1 to \$1½. No. 3 is quoted at 93½c, and Manitoba mixed at 82½c.

Barley.—New samples continue to arrive, most of which are weather-stained, and will have to sell for feed, which is quoted at 47 to 48c. Malting grades which are going to be scarce are quoted at 55 to 58c.

Butter.—During the past week there have been sales of Manitoba fine to choice creamery on this market at 17 to 17½c, the butter representing the latter figures being equal to the best Ontario brands. In dairy butter, sales of fine selected Eastern Townships have transpired at 15½ to 15¾c, one lot bringing 16c. A lot of Manitoba dairy butter was reported sold at 11 to 12c. Western is not much sought after, and the few sales of this class reported were at 13 to 14c. Small jobbing lots and single packages to the retail trade are 1 to 2c higher than the above.

Cheese.—The market has been firm for August goods, but quiet, owing to the failure of the English demand to respond to the advanced prices paid on this side. At the boat on Monday last about 8,000 boxes of French (Quebec) cheese were disposed of at 7½c to 8c, chiefly at 7½c, which shows an advance of about ½c on the week. Finest Western August cheese going out by this week's steamers will

cost 8½ to 8¾c. Finest Ontario, 8 to 8½c; Eastern townships, 8 to 8½c; Quebec, 7½ to 8c; undergrades, 7 to 7½c.

Eggs.—Grocers have been taking a few more lots of choice candled stock at 11 to 11½c, and a few single cases of fancy fresh stock have brought 12c; but it is difficult to get over 11c for the best, candled stock in round quantities. No. 2 are being worked off at 9 to 10c.

Hides.—We quote prices here as follows: Light hides 8½c for No. 1, 7½c for No. 2, and 6½c for No. 3; to tanners 9½ to 10c for No. 1; heavy hides 8½ to 9½c; calfskins 8c; lambskins 85c; clips 85c.—Trade Bulletin, August 30.

The Boom in Iron.

The Iron Age of New York says: "Under great excitement the market in the central West has scored its greatest advance in so brief a period in Bessemer pig iron. Last Wednesday sales were being made at \$14 at Valley Furnace. On Monday, after heavy transactions, \$15.25 was paid. Subsequently \$15.50 was offered and refused and now the few sellers are demanding \$16. This represents an advance of nearly \$7 per ton above the lowest point touched early in the year. It is a noteworthy fact that some of the largest producers of pig iron for conversion into steel have been heavy buyers right close up to the highest price recorded for actual transactions. It looks, too, as though some of the big concerns must have pretty good indications that the railroad demand, as yet still moderate, is bound to become heavy in the winter and spring and are now covering a probable shortage of raw material. This applies primarily to steel rails and it is very likely that a further advance, in sympathy with higher cost, will soon be agreed. Steel billets have partly followed pig iron, so that now \$23 at Pittsburg is a firm quotation. The last advance in pig iron and billets has not yet found expression in prices for finished product, so that an advance all along the line looks imminent. In those branches which are well organized the next meeting will lead to the necessary marking up. Foundry iron has steadily gained momentum, and is being gathered for a further rise, which is regarded as imminent by many in the trade, in spite of the fact that the largest single metal industry, the cast iron pipe trade, is swiftly approaching its dull season."

J. K. Macdonald, of Toronto, managing director of the Confederation Life Association, his son Charles, and private secretary Mr. Cork, are in the West. Mr. Macdonald is on his way to the Pacific coast and on his return will remain for some time in Manitoba.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort. William afloat, 55 to 55½c new and old wheat ½ to 1c more.
Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.55; Bakers, \$1.45.
Bran.—Per ton, \$11.
Shorts.—Per ton, \$18.
Oats.—Per bushel, new, 25c, old, 23 to 30c.
Barley.—Per bushel, Dairy 10 to 14c.
Butter.—Dairy 10 to 14c.
Cheese.—9 to 9½c.
Eggs.—Fresh, easier at 9 to 11c.
Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 5 to 5½c.
Mutton.—Fresh, 8c.
Hogs.—Dressed, 5½ to 6c.
Cattle.—Butchers, 2½ to 2¾c.
Hogs.—Live, good packing 4 to 4½c off cars.
Sheep, average butchers 3c, live weight.
Seneca Root.—23 to 25c per lb.
Chickens.—per pair, 45 to 50c.
Hides.—No. 1, 2 to 2½c.
Potatoes.—new 30 to 35c per bushel.
Hay.—\$4.50 to \$5.00 per ton, car lots.
Wool.—6 to 8½c, unwashed fleece.

This week last year wheat was moving actively. Elevators at some points were beginning to get filled up and shipments eastwards had begun at the rate of about 50 cars per day. Buyers were paying 40 to 42c to farmers at country points. The first export of sheep ever made from the west went forward this week last year.

The Foreign Wheat Crop.

Details of the Hungarian government estimate of the wheat crops of the different countries are, in bushels: Great Britain, 46,811,000; France, 301,573,000; Germany, 103,550,000; Austria, 45,392,000; Italy, 114,898,000; Belgium, 21,277,000; Spain, 86,528,000; Russia, 415,053,000; Hungary, 150,361,000; India, 237,456,000; United States, 403,017,000; Canada, 51,066,000; Roumania, 62,414,000; Bulgaria, 52,482,000; Turkey, 42,555,000; Argentine, 60,995,000; Australia, 35,746,000. The Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark, Scandinavia, Portugal and Greece, together 29,502,000; Servia, 8,511,000; Chili, 13,400,000; Africa, 47,094,000; all Asia, except India, 70,950,000; total, 2,402,671,000.

The report that the Massey-Harris company has amalgamated with the Bain Brothers' Manufacturing company, of Brantford, and will branch out into the manufacture of vehicles, is said to be somewhat premature, though negotiations are proceeding to that end.

Monday, Sept. 9, has been definitely fixed upon for the date of opening the new Canadian Soo canal.