

Toronto Grocery Market

Sugars, Syrups.—Sugars are steady with a moderate demand. Cutting is still complained of. Jobbers are selling at the present market cost, but at this figure several of them who had purchased freely before the advance are making better profits than they did for many a day. Syrups in good demand at 2½ to 3½c, but the cheaper syrup is a very bright article, there being very few low grades on the market; a few have sold at 1½ to 2c.

Sugars.—Granulated, 4½ to 5½c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½c; extra ground, bbls, 6 to 6½c powdered, bbls, 5 to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Demarara 4½c; Trinidad 3½c to 3¾c; Barbados 3½ to 3¾c.

Syrups.—D. 2 to 2½c; M. 2½ to 2¾c; B. 2½ to 2¾c; V.B. 2½ to 2¾c; E. V. B. 2½ to 2¾c; ex. super. 2½ to 2¾c; XX 2½ to 3c; XXX and special 3 to 3½c.

Molasses.—West Indian, bbls 30 to 50c New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals 30 to 40c; inferior low grades 25 to 28c.

TEAS AND COFFEES.

The tea market is generally firm. Japans are stronger on low grades. A cable received from Yokohama to-day says that settlements and shipments to date are still considerably below last year; all grades below medium in light supply and very firm in price; on spot low and medium grades are scarce and firm at 14 to 17c for low grades and 18 to 25c for medium; there are a few cheaper, at 12½ to 13c. China teas are steady and unchanged here; one cable was received saying that Monings would be higher. Mail advices are very strong on Indians and Ceylons. Coffees in good demand. The supply of fine grades of Rio is scarce; the August and September flowering of the new crop is reported unfavorable; jobbers here are getting 18½c to 20c, but a fancy sample "Golden Tip," is held at 21c. Brown Javas are scarce. Mochas are jobbing here at 29 to 32c. Prices are: Rios 17 to 20c; Jamaica 19 to 20c; Java 25 to 31c; Mocha 28 to 32½c; Porto Rico, 23 to 25c.

Dried Fruits.—The market is now, or will this week be, plentifully supplied with new Valencias; at the moment they are offered at 6½ to 7c for off stalk and 7½ to 8c for layers, but these figures are shaded ¾c. New Sultanas are offering at 7½ to 8c. New Malaga fruit invoices have been received, but the advice notes are not yet to hand. Currants very scarce and firm; most houses are entirely out of old barrels; they are nominally worth 5½c; the movement in Vostizzas is consequently very active at 7½ to 9c; a few new are in and the remainder are due in a few days; ordinary provincial offer at 6½c and Patras at 7c in barrels. Currants—Barrels, 5½c; do fancy 6c; half barrels 5½ to 5¾c; cases 6 to 6½c; Vostizza cases 6½ to 9c; Patras, bbls 7c; cases 7c. Raisins—Valencias 3½ to 5½c; do new 6½ to 7c; layers, 7 to 8c; Sultanas, 7½ to 8c; London layers \$2.50 to \$2.75. Figs—Elmes, 10 lbs and, up 11 to 16c; Malaga, 56-lb bags 5 to 5½c; natural, bags 4½ to 5½c. Dates—Hallowee 5 to 5½c. Prunes—Cases 5 to 6½c; bbls 4 to 4½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona 13½ to 15c; Ivica 14 to 15c; do shelled, Valencia 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenoble 14c, Bordeaux 11 to 12c.

Canned Goods.—The movement in fruit and vegetables is very slow. Retailers bought freely last year about this time and prices declined and they now have some of that stock still on hand. Prices now quoted for new goods are irregular, some being very low; well known and popular brands are holding their own very well. There is yet a certain amount of uncertainty as to what the pack will be. Equal quantities of good brands offer at \$1 as a rule, but there are sellers at less for other brands. Canned salmon firm at \$1.40 to \$1.50 for good brands; stocks are light. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.80; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.40 to \$1.55; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.75 to \$2.25; mackerel \$1 to \$1.25;

finnan haddie, \$1.40 to \$1.50; sardines, French 1's, 40c; sardines, French 1's, 17c; sardines, American 1's, 0 to 8c; sardines American 1's, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 90c to \$1; corn, 2's, 97½ to \$1.05; peas, 2's, 95c to \$1.10; beans 90c to \$1; pumpkins 75 to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.10 to \$2.25; apples, gala, \$1.75 to \$2.00; 3's 85c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.85 to \$3.25; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to \$1.75; 3's \$2.65; pears, 2's, \$1.00 to \$1.75; 3's \$1.75 to \$2.10.

Spices, Rice, etc.—Rice, bags 3½ to 4c; do off grades 3½ to 3¾c; do Patna 4½ to 5½c; do Japan 4½ to 5½c; sago 3½ to 4½c; tapioca 4½ to 5c; pepper, black 11½ to 12c; do white 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica 18 to 20c; cloves 10 to 15c; allspice 10 to 12c; nutmeg 90c to \$1.10; cream tartar 28 to 35c.

Peels.—The market is quiet and unchanged at 16 to 17c for lemon, 16½ to 18c for orange and 25 to 28c for citron.—*Empire*, Sept. 30.

Montreal Markets.

Flour.—The market during the week has been moderately active although at very low prices, the only hope for millers being the continuance of the low prices of wheat which now rule in the country, spring and winter wheat selling at points west of Toronto at 66 to 67c. As regards straight rollers, St. Louis and Ohio brands have been offered at equal to \$3.50 to \$3.55 here, but it is said that these will not inspect here. American brands that will inspect straight roller have been offered at \$3.60. Ontario rollers, however, are quoted at \$3.70 to \$3.75, single cask to local dealers \$3.80 to \$3.90. Round quantities of the well known brand of White Star, however, have been offered at \$3.90 cost and freight St. John's, Newfoundland. In spring wheat flour, choice brands of city strong bakers have been sold at \$4.15 to \$4.20, and round lots to Quebec dealers have been placed at \$4.10. Manitoba ground strong bakers have been placed at \$4.00 to \$4.10 for best qualities, down to \$3.50 for the common grades. There is some demand for export, but at very low prices.

Oatmeal.—The market is dull and prices are easier, Western millers having offered car lots at less money. Jobbing prices are also easier, and we quote as follows: Rolled and granulated \$4.10 to \$4.15; Standard \$4.00 to \$4.05. In bags, granulated \$2.05 to \$2.10, and standard \$1.95 to \$2.00.

Wheat.—There has been a further decline in prices, business in winter descriptions having transpired at points west of Toronto at 66c to 67c, and spring at 63 to 65c. Sales are reported in the west of No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat at 83c Montreal freight. Offers are also reported at 83c, North Bay, with best bids at 80c. Here we quote No. 2 hard nominally at 81c to 83c.

Mill Feed.—The market rules steady, with sales of car lots of bran \$13.50 to \$14.00. Shorts \$14.50 to \$15.00.

Oats.—The market is decidedly easy and lower, the sale being reported of 10,000 bushels of No. 3 Ontario at 32c in store, and several lots of No. 2 Ontario have been placed at 33c per 34 lbs in store.

Barley.—There is a very inactive market at present, as farmers refuse to sell at current rates, which we quote 37c to 41c for feed, and 42c to 44c for the best grades of feed. Malt-ing qualities are nominal at 48 to 55c as to quality.

Butter.—The market remains very firm, and higher prices are being paid in the country than can be obtained here. Sales of last half of August creamery have been made at 22½c and 23c, and for September and October makes higher figures are now asked. In dairy butter, sales have been made at 19½c and 20c for choice selected shipping lots of Eastern Townships, with 18½c paid for good straight lots. Western dairy is pretty well all picked up at points of

production, the few lots left being held at very high figures. Holders here are asking 18c and 18½c for selected Western, and fair to good qualities are quoted at 16½ to 17c. Last sales reported of Western were at 17½ to 18c.

Cheese.—A halt has been called in the upward march of prices, which however are firm, finest Western Septembers being difficult to secure under 10c. There is a good enquiry for qualities a little below finest, and such lots have been picked up at 10½ to 10¾c. The make continues large for the season, although the deliveries of milk at the factories fell off considerably during the cooler weather which set in at the beginning of the week. In any event, however, the fall make will, it is believed, be the heaviest ever before known. Everything now depends upon the nature of the English demand and the amount required to make up the shortage in the home make. As we go to press several round lots of finest Western Sep. & Aug. are reported at 10½c and finest French Septembers at 10c.

Eggs.—The market remains firm at 14 to 14½c for choice fresh gathered stock, held fresh selling at 12½ to 13c. Latest advices from England are encouraging for shipments from this side, and both pickled and fresh stock it is expected will soon move in good quantities.

Apples.—The local demand has been very disappointing for fall fruit, and it is difficult to get over \$1.75 for choice car lots, small jobbing lots bringing \$2.00. We quote: car lots \$1.60 to \$1.80, and small lots at \$2.00 to \$2.25. Winter fruit has not yet arrived, although the first lots are expected next week.

Dried Fruits.—We quote: Dried apples 5c to 5½c, evaporated steady at 6 to 6½c, in 50-lb boxes. Dried peaches firm at 14½ to 15c. Apples, 14½ to 15c. Sales of new dried apples at 8½c per pound in 50-lb boxes.

Wool.—The London wool sales are gaining strength as they go on, as was indicated to be likely two weeks ago. The local market is quiet, but sales are being made pretty regularly for immediate wants. We quote: Grassy Cape, 15 to 16c; B. A. soured, 33 to 38c; Northwest, 15 to 16c.

Fish.—Laborer herring promise to be very scarce during the coming season, only one small vessel being so far reported as heading to this port. Pickled shore herring are quoted at \$4, and Cape Breton \$5 to \$5.50, the latter figure for July catch. Green cod is nominal at \$5, and dry cod \$4.75 to \$5. Fresh fish—British Columbia salmon is coming along steadily and selling at 13 to 15c. Cod and haddock have sold at 3 to 4c, and lake trout and white fish at 7 to 8c per lb. Smoked Fish—The first lots of new Yarmouth bloater have been received, sales of which were made at \$2 per box of 100. Kipper herring sell at \$3 per 100, and salmon at 20c per lb. Finnan haddies have been placed at 7c to 8c per lb, the supply being fair; boneless fish 3½ to 5c, and pure cod 6 to 8c. Oysters—Sales have transpired at \$2 to \$3 per bbl for Malpeque and at \$4.50 to \$5 for cultivated.—*Trade Bulletin*, Sept. 30.

Making Hay With Binders.

Following is an account of a new use for the self-binder, and the plan looks practical. The Mineral Pointer, Mineral Point, Ohio, is authority for the statement. "Judge Davis this week tried the experiment of cutting hay with a reaper and a binder, which proved to be a big success. The bound sheaves cured rapidly in stack, and while a great deal of hard work was saved, the hay was of much better quality, retaining its bright green color with all the fragrant aroma usually lost by the old method of mowing and bleaching in the sun. It is also free from the sand and dirt collected by raking over the ground. He harvested twenty five acres of timothy in this manner, and says that his 'new process' hay is worth to him at least \$2 more per ton in quality and at least considerable less expense for harvesting."