

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 31.

Dry Goods—More active and more buyers are here. House sales are larger. Shipments are also large. Further advances have taken place in Canadian goods this week. Three or four of the big mills have announced advances of 10 per cent. Goods affected by the advances include sheetings, pillow cottons, all colored printed goods, printed wrapperettes, skirtings and moleskins. Linings and satens are also up, advances ranging up to 10 per cent. All Canadian fabrics are very strong. Demand for goods was never so active, largely owing to the excellent quality and difficulty of getting prompt delivery of British lines.

Hardware—Freer movement of all sorts from stocks. Few prices changes. Current trade is better. Scrap lead 1-4 cent higher. Sisal rope 1-2 cent lower. Scrap iron 5 cents per cwt. dearer.

Groceries—Trade is improving and prices steady. More canned goods are moving and prices are firmer. Corn is worth \$1.05 to \$1.10; tomatoes, 90 to 95c; peas from 75c up. Currants and Tarragona almonds are dearer. Spot prices are firmer. Valencia raisins are getting scarcer here. All smoked and salted meats pork and lard are 1-2 cent dearer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Grain deliveries are light. Demand for wheat better. Ontario and Manitoba are 1-2c higher. Flour is steady. Better wheater and 3c under a week ago. Receipts of butter have been larger. Eggs are 1c lower. Quotations are—

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$3.90 to \$4.06; Manitoba bakers, \$3.60, car lots, Ontario roller, \$2.55 to \$2.80 per barrel for car lots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat 67 1-2 to 68c for carlots at country points; Ontario spring, 65 1-2c at eastern Ontario points, No. 1 hard, 59c North Bay.

Oats—26 1-2 to 28c at country points for carlots, as to quality and freights.

Barley—No. 2, 42 to 43 1-2c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$16 to \$17 per ton; bran, \$15.00 to \$15.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.20 in bags per barrel, and \$3.30 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 13 1-2c; fresh held, 11c.

Butter—Large dairy rolls, 17c; creamery, tubs and prints, 22 to 23c.

Cheese—13 to 13 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 9 1-2c; country hides 1 1-2c under these prices; sheepskins and lambskins, \$1.25 to \$1.40; calfskins, 11c for No. 1, and 10c for No. 2; tall low, 5 3-4 to 6c.

Wool—Washed fleec, 19c; unwashed, 11c.

Beans—\$1.85 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—5 1-2c for round lot; evaporated, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Honey—Held at 9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 85c per pair; turkeys, 13c per lb.; geese, 7 to 8c; ducks, 60 to 80c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 38 to 39c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$6.50 to \$7.00

per 100 pounds for car lots on track, as to grade.

Seeds—Timothy, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; red clover, \$5 to \$6; alsike, \$4.20 to \$7

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 28.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 1,000 cattle, 150 sheep and lambs, and 2,200 hogs.

Export Cattle—Prices ranged from \$4.60 to \$4.80 per cwt. for heavy cattle and \$4.40 to \$4.60 for light. An odd lot brought a trifle higher than market prices. The larger part of the offerings sold at \$4.50 to \$4.65 per cwt.

Export Bulls—Light offerings met a moderate demand at \$3.80 to \$4 for heavy stock and \$3.50 to \$3.75 for lighter grades.

Butchers' Cattle—Prices were weak and competition not keen. Choice cattle sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt, good loads at \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt, medium to mixed lots at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt, and common cows at \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Stockers—Better demand at \$3 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Sheep—Stock sold out at weaker prices. Export ewes sold at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt and bucks at \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. Lambs \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt. Wethers and ewes, \$5.50 to \$5.75.

Hogs—Advanced to \$5.85 to \$6 per cwt for selections of 160 to 200 lbs natural weight and \$5.50 per cwt for thick and light fat.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, March 31.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 58 carloads cattle, 50 sheep and lambs and 2,000 hogs.

Expert cattle sold firmer, \$4.90 being top price. Butchers' cattle steady at Tuesday's prices. Hogs ruled firmer and choice bacon continued to bring \$6 per cwt. Thick and light fat hogs, \$5.50.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 31.

Oat market active at 3-4 to 1c decline for oats in store. Flour is unchanged. Feed very firm. Bran scarce. Meal quiet. Hides steady. Eggs unchanged. Butter has declined 2 to 3c for dairy and 3 to 4c for creamery, on increasing receipts. Cheese is steady and quiet. Beans are steady. Very little doing in dressed poultry and meats. Potatoes have declined owing to heavy receipts, and are now 7c per bushel below prices of early in the week.

Oats—30 to 30 1-4 in store, 32 1-4 to 32 1-2c afloat, May.

Barley—No. 1, afloat, May, 51c; No. 2 afloat May, 49c.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.25 to \$3.60; Manitoba patents, \$3.70 to \$4.00.

Millfeed—Bran, \$17 per ton; shorts, \$18 including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$3.40 per barrel on track and \$1.65 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; No. 1 buffs, 10c; Calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lamb skins, 10c; tallow, 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 14 to 15c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 18 to 19c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 20 to 21c per lb.

Cheese—Finest white, 12 1-2 to 13c per lb.; colored, 13 1-4c.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.85 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—35 to 38c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1-2 to 10 1-2c chickens, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c; ducks, 7 to 8c, geese, 6 to 7c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 1-2 to 5c per pound hind quarters, 5 to 7c; mutton, 6 to 6 1-4c, mutton, 4 1-2 to 5c; hogs, \$7.00 to \$7.50.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

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Montreal, March 27.

Receipts of live stock at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle and 75 sheep and lambs.

Advices from Ontario and Quebec indicate that cattle will be more plentiful this season than last. The demand from butcheries for all suitable stock was good, and a fairly active trade was done. Choice steers sold at 13-14 to 5c; good at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; fair at 3 1-2 to 4c; and common at 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c per pound, live weight. Sheep sold stronger with a good demand at 4 to 4 1-2c per pound, live weight. Spring lambs ruled higher at 5 1-2 to \$6 each.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St Charles there was a fair supply of live hogs for which the demand was good, and sales were made at 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c per pound live weight, weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle and 1,500 hogs.

The cattle market was dull and prices lower. Choice sold at 4 to 4 3-4c per pound, fair to good, 3 1-2 to 4c; other grades, 2 1-2 to 2 3-4. Sheep and lambs, unchanged from Tuesday. Hogs, \$5.50 to \$5.70 per cwt.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, March 30.

Root quiet, March and April 10s 11-2d.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 30.

The cattle market is unchanged at 11 to 12c per pound, estimated dressed weight.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 30.

Cheese is now quoted at 59s 6d for white, and 62s for colored.

The Dominion Commercial Travelers Association has again expressed itself in favor of a Dominion insolvency law.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of a brick vincer school house at Fairmount, Man. Ed. McGill, Secy.-Treas., Basswood, Man.

Stinson school district wants tenders for the erection of a brick school house. Figures to be sent to D. W. Stinson, Carberry, Man.

Karl K. Albert, manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg, is offering some special snaps in safes, as per his announcement on another page this week.

John W. Lord, accountant for Thos. Ryan, wholesale boots and shoes, Winnipeg, who is going into business on his own account, was presented with a gold-headed cane, accompanied by a suitable address, by Mr. Ryan and his employees.