

Montreal Markets.

Flour—Although the flour market has felt to some extent the effects of the depression in wheat, a very fair local trade has been accomplished during the week, as it is thought that prices cannot well recede much further, and consequently buyers have purchased a little more freely; but this may have resulted more from their stocks running low than from any belief in a decided change for the better at an early date. On the whole, therefore, the market is quiet under a fair local demand. In straight roller flour sales have been made west of Toronto for export account at \$2.90 f.o.b. and a lot of winter patents at \$3 f.o.b. These are pretty low prices. There is said to be no regular rates just now, as each holder has his own idea of values, and, as different holders are differently situated, what figures some are forced to accept others will not entertain for a moment. Prices are therefore more or less nominal.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats are offered in car lots at different prices by different millers, but prices on the whole are fairly well maintained. We quote prices as follows in a jobbing way:—Rolled and granulated \$4.55 to \$4.50, Standard \$4 to \$4.15. In bags, granulated and rolled \$2.10 to \$2.20, and standard \$1.96 to \$2.10.

Feed—There has been some business in bran in car loads at \$13 to \$13.50, and we quote \$13 to \$14 as to quantity. A fair enquiry is reported for shorts with business at \$16 to \$16.50 in car lots. The sale of a car of moullie is also reported at \$20, and we quote \$20 to \$21.50.

Wheat—A lot of 20,000 bushels, No. 2, Canada, red winter wheat was off red on Call Board to arrive at 75c afloat without attracting bids, and a car of No. 2, white winter in store at 72c without drawing bids. No. 1 hard Manitoba is quoted at 73c afloat Fort William, and No. 2 hard at 70c Fort William, and in this market at 78c to 80c. West of Toronto spring wheat is quoted at 59c to 60c and red and white winter 61c to 62c.

Oats—On call a car of No. 2 white oats was sold at 39c; but notwithstanding that sale we hear of actual sales of the Call Board in large quantity at 40c, and we quote 40 to 40c for No. 2 white.

Barley—There has been some business in feed barley in the west at equal to 43c here, and we quote 43 to 44c here. Two cars of malting barley were bought to arrive at 53c, the quality being reported very good.

Cured Meats—The market for mess pork rules on the easy side, and we hear of the sale of a good sized lot of Canada short cut at \$20.75, and one dealer says that he can buy at a shade below that figure. In lard there has been a fair business, quite a number of country orders having been filled during the past few days; sales being reported to us of about 30,000 pounds at \$1.90 per pair of 20 lbs, and it is said that one lot was placed at a shade under that figure for a round quantity. A lot of 150 barrels of pure beef lard was sold at \$2.45. In smoked bacon there have been sales of Montreal sugar cured in lots of 50 to 100 at 12c. Bacon meets with a fair demand at steady prices.

Butter—The market for butter has remained fairly steady during the week, 21c having been paid for creamery by exporters, and 18 to 18c for Eastern Townships dairy, while 17c has been paid for choice selected western for export. There has been more activity west of Toronto, and considerable quantities are reported to have been bought up. Cable advices, however, received this morning, report easier cables from Liverpool and Bristol. Last week the exports from Montreal were 2,348 packages against 717 packages for the corresponding period last year.

Cheese—Beyond all previous expectations the market for cheese has kept up wonderfully well, and it now looks as if Canada would find its productive capacity none too large for England's wants. At Belleville on Tuesday there

was no difficulty in getting 9c for white and colored, and at Ingersoll a lot of white June sold at 9c. At Woodstock on Wednesday, 9 1/2-10c was paid. In this market exporters say they can place all offerings readily enough on a c.i.f. basis of 45 to 46c Liverpool, and at this range a number of orders have been executed for shipment by this week's steamers, one lot of finest colored being sold at 47s 0d. On spot there have been sales of finest colored western at 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c, one fancy lot bringing 10c more. Finest white western has been placed at 9 to 9 1/4c, and finest Quebec white at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c, with finest colored Quebec commanding an 10c more. Under grades have sold all the way from 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c.

Eggs—Although receipts have been less during the week they have been ample for all needs, and prices range from 11c to 11 1/2c, with sales of choice fresh stock at 12c. Calls have fetched from 9c to 10c as to condition. No eggs are going forward from Montreal on export account.

Wool—A few sales of fine Caps have been made in this market at 14c to 14 1/2c, while a few lots of less desirable grades have been placed at lower figures, ranging from 12c to 13 1/2c. We quote prices as follows:—Cape 13c to 15c, Scoured E. A. wool 28c to 33c, Canadian fleece 19c to 20c, and Northwest wool 12c to 14c as to grade.

Hides, etc.—There has been a drop of 1/2c in light hides, which have sold at 4 1/2c for No. 1 to dealers, and next week the price to tanners will be reduced to 5c. There is a fair demand for light hides from Quebec tanners, but heavy hides are very difficult to sell. Calfskins are quiet at 7c, and lambskins have advanced to 35 and 40c per skin. We quote prices of hides and skins as follows: Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners 5 1/2, 4 1/2 and 3 1/2c and to dealers 4 1/2, 3 1/2 and 2 1/2c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 7c, lambskins 35 to 40c.—*Trade Bulletin*, July 21.

British Columbia Brief Business Notes.

H. N. Martin, Kaslo, has opened a grocery store there.

South Vancouver sold \$35,000 worth of debentures at 92.

New Denver has a paper too. It is called the *Slocan Prospector*.

The Mission City board of trade are negotiating for a woolen mill.

The Great Northern Express Co. is opening an office in Vancouver.

F. S. Bauer, Australia, has started in as auctioneer in Vancouver.

Thos. S. Simpson, Winnipeg, has located in Nelson in the insurance business.

W. Carclur, Vancouver, has established himself in real estate in New Denver.

H. Casey and D. Qwomey, grocers, Kaslo, have dissolved. Casey continues.

The interest of the Smelter Co. in the Revelstoke has been sold by sheriff sale.

Baker Bros., Vancouver, have been appointed agents for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company.

Bismuth, associated with antimony and gold, is reported as discovered in the Big Bend mining district.

D. McGillivray, Vancouver, has secured the contract for the construction of the Nakusp and Slocan railways.

Fred. Hughes and W. T. Hireen have started a real estate and mining brokers' office in New Denver, B.C.

A. Murray Beattie, auctioneer, Vancouver, has been appointed consul by the Hawaiian provisional government.

Alex. Begg and J. W. Lynch, British Columbia Guide Publishing Co., Victoria, have dissolved; Begg continues.

There is a rumor that President Hill, of the Great Northern, has purchased the charter of the Kaslo-Slocan railway.

The clearing of the right of way for the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake railway has commenced and is making good speed.

Wilson Brothers, Victoria, have been appointed agents for British Columbia for Honolulu fruit from Campbell, Marshall & Co.

The Fraser Valley Fruit Canning Co., and the Western Wire Mattress and Furniture Co. are among the new incorporations gazetted last week.

The San Juan Valley, of Vancouver Island, is said to be setting up very rapidly, several thousand acres having there been pre-empted recently.

The North Star mine, Fort Steel, East Kootenay, has been purchased for \$10,000 by a syndicate, composed of prominent U.P.R. officials and others.

The North Pacific steamship arrived from the Orient last week with 4,000 tons cargo, principally tea and silk, 15 cabin and 135 steerage passengers.

It is understood that the Golden Smelter is about to start smelting. The ore of the North Star mine will be reduced to matte and shipped to England.

The shale, or rather cannel coal, just brought to British Columbia from New South Wales, is said far to surpass other fuel for gas manufacturing purposes.

The East Wellington colliery has been closed, owing to the miners refusing a reduction of twenty per cent. About 150 men are out of employment.

It is reported that the Vancouver and Mountain Boomer, two Slocan claims, have been bonded by E. McLean, Vancouver, to an American syndicate for \$75,000.

The following have just been added to the post offices of British Columbia: Hernando Island, Read Island, and Valdez Island, near Comox, Courtenay, and Watson, in the Yale district.

SS. Empress of China sailed for the Orient Monday afternoon. She had about 25 saloon passengers, and a large number of Chinese in the steerage. Her cargo was a fair one, and included 5,000 bales of cotton.

A joint stock company is being formed in Vancouver for the extensive manufacture of woven wire mattresses and household furniture. Besides looking after the trade of British Columbia, the Northwest and Manitoba, the company anticipate transacting considerable business in Australian and New Zealand markets.

Hon. Theo. Davie, Premier, has returned from an official visit to the East. Hon. Mr. Daly, Minister of the interior, will confer with him and other members of the government in regard to the settlement of important matters relating to immigration, Revelstoke townsite, and the title to Indian lands and lands in the railway belt.

It is officially announced that the C.P.N. Co. will hereafter run a steamer between Vancouver and the Sound ports, making close connection with its Asiatic and Australian steamship lines, so as to enter into thorough competition with the Northern Pacific for the import and export business of the Sound. The Danube is now running temporarily on this route, while the Haytian Republic is tied up by the libel of the United States Government.

Assaying Ore.

For the benefit of readers who are desirous of analyzing a piece of ore suspected of containing silver these directions are given in *The Horological Review*:—"Should the piece be an argentiferous galena or lead-bearing silver ore, mix 300 grains of the pulverized ore with 900 grains carbonate of soda and 30 grains charcoal. Set it in a crucible on a furnace, melt, take off, give a few taps to settle the metal, let cool and remove the button. Then remelt the button in a porous cupel made of bone dust, which absorbs the lead, leaving the pure silver."