

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 6.

Dry Goods—Travellers on route this week are sending in a fair number of spring orders. Prices are firm. Silk ribbons are higher. Cashmere goods have advanced 10 per cent, making the fourth advance since September. The outlook for spring trade is bright.

Hardware—Trade is only moderate and there are more changes in prices than for some weeks. Advances in plain and barbed wire amounting to 12 1-2 cents per hundred have been made. Horse shoes are up 20 cents per keg, horse nails 10 cents, churns 5 per cent, rope manila 1 to 1 1-2 per pound, sisal 1 cent. Grain cradles are much higher; wood braces without scythe are now worth \$27 per dozen; wood braces with scythe \$48.25, 25 to 32 1-3 discount. American lawn mowers have advanced 11 per cent. Smooth steel wire is firm but no higher yet. An effort is being made to advance wire nails. Galvanized wire is dearer. United States manufacturers have advanced builders' hardware 11 per cent. Metals are in good demand and firm. Black sheets are 10 to 15c higher. Pig lead is firmer. Pig tin is now 32c. Coll chain is dearer. White lead will probably advance soon. Turpentine is 5c dearer.

Groceries—Business is quiet after the holiday rush. Canned goods are neglected. Teas are in better demand and firmer. Fine grades of Japan are likely to be scarce. Currants are firm owing to advance in Greece.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Grain deliveries are light and the demand slow. Ontario wheat is 1-2c lower. Ontario flour is 5 to 10c lower and Manitoba 10 to 15c lower. Dairy tub butter is 2c higher at 19 to 20c for selections.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$14.10; Manitoba bakers, \$2.65; Ontario straight roller, \$2.75 to \$2.80 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65c for cars at country points. Ontario spring, 65c; No. 1 hard, 75c, grading in transit.

Oats—New oats, 21 1-2 to 26c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 35c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton, bran, \$12.50 to \$13 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 18c, held fresh, 15 to 16c; new laid, 23c, No. 1 lined, 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 19 to 20c; poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

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

Hides—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured hides, 10 1-2 to 11c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to \$1; calfskins, 10 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 18 to 20c; unwashed, 10 to 12c.

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

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

Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 20 to 50c per pair; turkeys, 6 1-2 to 8c per pound; geese, 5 1-2 to 6c; ducks, 20 to 30c per pair.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5.05 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

Seeds—Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel; red clover, \$4.50 to \$5.25; alsike, \$4.50 to \$7.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Jan. 3.

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 300 cattle, 385 sheep and lambs and 510 hogs.

Export cattle—Demand fair. Choice sold at \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt and lighter stock at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle—Fair demand for choice fat heifers at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt., and \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt. for medium to good stock. Loads of good butchers' and exporters' mixed sold at \$4.25 to \$4.37 1-2 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Export ewes sold at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt. and lambs at \$3.75 to \$4.25 and \$4.25 to \$4.50 for picked ewes and wethers.

Hogs—Unchanged at \$4.37 1-2 for select weights of 160 to 200 pounds natural weight, \$4 for light fats and \$3.75 for thick fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 6.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 709 cattle, 730 sheep and lambs, and 1,000 hogs.

Export cattle ruled firm at \$5 top price. Export bulls 3 1-4 to 4 1-2c. Butchers' cattle were dearer at \$2.50 to \$4.40. Sheep and lambs firmer. Export ewes, lambs, 3 3-4 to 4 3-4c. Hogs steady at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

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Montreal, Jan. 2.

Monday being a holiday no cattle trade was done.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 5.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 600 cattle, and 1,000 sheep and lambs.

Very few choice cattle offered. Trade was quiet and prices ranged low. Best cattle brought 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c. Medium to fair 3 to 4c, and inferior grades 2 to 2 1-2c. Sheep sold at 3 to 3 1-4c, lambs at 4 1-4c and hogs at 4 1-4c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Montreal, Jan. 6.

There have been very few changes in the market this week, the holiday supply being not yet exhausted, which makes things quiet. Oats, flour and meal are unchanged and quiet. Feed is steady and active. Eggs firm and in fairly good demand. Butter and cheese are dull and cheese quoted at 12 to 12 1-4c. Potatoes are in fair enquiry and lower at 45c on track here. Beans are steady. Dressed meats quiet. There are ample supplies of poultry and the demand is good at unchanged prices.

Oats—3c 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$3.90 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.50 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, 10 1-2c.

No. 2, 9 1-2c; No. 3 8 1-2c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins \$5c; tallow 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 22 to 24c. candied, 17 1-2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 17 to 19c. Butter—Choice creamery, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—Finest, 12 to 12 1-4c.

Beans—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—45c per bag on track. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1-2 to chickens, 7 to 8c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 to 5c per pound; hind quarters, 5 to 7c; lamb, 7c, mutton, 5c; hogs, 5 1-2c; round lots meat 3-9 to 1-2c less.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Trade is reported steady and prices unchanged.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

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Liverpool, Jan. 5.

Cheese remains steady at 37s to 39s to both white and colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

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Liverpool, Jan. 5.

Cattle firm at 11 1-2 to 12 3-4c estimated dressed weight. Lambs 13 1-2 to 14 1-4c dressed weight.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

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London, Jan. 5.

Beet sugar weaker; January sold at 9s 2 1-4d; February, 9s 3d.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

The Canadian Cigar and Tobacco Journal, contains some interesting statistics concerning the consumption of tobacco in Canada, and particularly in Winnipeg. The total number of cigars consumed in Canada from June 30, 1895, to June 30, 1899, was 127,000,000, or this number over 600,000 have been used in Winnipeg, and there has been an increase of 1,013,000 over the preceding year, which gives an increase in revenue to the Dominion government of \$60,782.40. There has been 37,880 pounds more of raw leaf used in Winnipeg than in 1898. The consumption of cigars in Montreal increased by 4,500,000; London by 2,000,000, and Toronto by 1,500,000. A large number of other cities have an increase of 1,000,000 each. During the fiscal year of 1898-99 Canadians smoked 100,000,000 cigarettes, an increase over the previous year of 21,000,000. The total amount of raw leaf used in Canada was 10,000,000 pounds, and the total revenue collected was \$4,041,717.

The returns of the Canada Northwest Land Co. show an increase in business for the past year over the previous of about \$200,000. The total sales for the year of 1899 amounted to \$5,000 acres, for \$460,000. For the year 1898 the sales were 71,640 acres, for \$383,000. In 1897 the sales were 39,000 acres, for \$210,000; and in 1896 only 20,000 acres, for \$114,000. The returns for the month of December, 1899, show a sale of 8,500 acres, for \$48,000. For the corresponding month the previous year the sales were 8,400 acres, for \$17,000.