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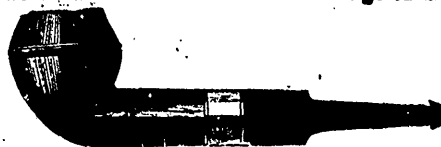
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The Montreal Markets.

Flour.—Flour has been sold since our last issue at lower prices than ever, sales of strong bakers having been reported at \$3.25 to \$3.30 for choice brands, a round quantity being booked at \$3.25 delivered. Choice Manitoba patents have sold at \$3.40 to \$3.45, while Manitoba millers are offering choice well known brands at \$3.10 to \$3.15 on track here. In Ontario straight rollers we hear of sales of good brands at \$2.65 on track here, with choice 96 per cent. selling at \$2.70 on track. The above are the lowest prices on record, and as buyers say, there is no inducement for them to stock up, when prices are still pointing downwards. There is now comparatively very little difference between choice and low grade flour, which is owing to the active enquiry for the latter, for feeding purposes. Wheat should therefore be bought at still lower prices in order to give millers a living profit. A Western Ontario miller writes as follows under date of Sept. 17th:—"I thought we poor devils of millers stood some chance of making a little, when we got the price of wheat down to 50c and 51c delivered. But we have not paid these figures more than a week, when you write and tell me that prices have gone down in Montreal 5 to 10c per barrel."

Oatmeal. The market is quiet and lower under more liberal offerings, car lots having been offered of rolled and gradulated in barrels at \$3.80, one or two fancy brands being held at \$3.90 without getting it. Some very good brands, however, are offered on track here at \$3.80. Bags in car lots can be had at \$1.70 to 1.80. In a jobbing way quotations are as follows:—Rolled and gradulated, \$4 to 4.25, standard, \$3.90 to 4.00. In bags, rolled and gradulated are quoted at \$1.90 to 2.00, and standard at \$1.80 to 1.90. Fancy brands of both gradulated and rolled are quoted at higher prices. Pot barley is quoted at \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.40 to 3.60.

Bran, Etc.—The market for bran is firm under a scarcity of supplies with sales of car lots reported during the past few days at \$15.75, and we quote \$15.50 to 16.00. Shorts are also scarce, with business reported at \$17 to 19.00 as to grade.

Wheat.—In this market there have been no transactions to establish values here, and consequently prices are nominal as follows: No. 1 hard Manitoba 64 to 65c, No. 2 red and white winter 59 to 60c.

Oats.—There are only about sufficient receipts to supply the local market, and sales of No. 2 have been made at 84c for the local demand. No. 3 have sold at 83½c to 83¾c per 84 lbs.

Barley.—Feed barley is firm at 46 to 47c, and malting grades at 50 to 55c.

Pork, Lard, Etc.—The market is very firm for mess pork. There is a fair demand for smoked meats at steady prices, with the exception of hams, which are still easy owing to large supply. We quote prices as follows:—Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$20 to 22; Chicago short cut mess, per bbl, \$20 to 21.00; Extra mess beef, per bbl, \$10 to 10.50; plate beef, per bbl, \$14 to 14.50; hams, per lb, 11 to 12c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 9½ to 10c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb, 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb, 12½ to 13c; shoulders, per lb, 9 to 9½c.

Butter.—There have been some liberal purchases of creamery butter in the country, mostly August and earlier makes, the latter having to be taken as a part of the bargain at 18 to 18½c at the factories, probably 6,000 to 8,000 packages having been picked up. August make alone is quoted at 19 to 19½c with business at within that range. In dairy butter there has been some enquiry for Eastern townships for the local trade, and we hear of the sales of several lots ranging from 50 to 70 packages at 16½ to 17½c, the latter figure for fine late made. Western is very quiet, and the few sales reported range from 14½ to 16c. Add 1c to above for single packages of selected.

Cheese.—There is a general feeling on this side that prices have been hoisted to a point that is likely to jeopardize profits, although to the surprise of many in the trade, sufficient orders continue to arrive from the other side to sustain the market. There have been sales on this market during the week of underpriced goods at 10½ to 10¾c, several thousand boxes having changed hands at within that range. Finest Western August has sold at 10½ to 10¾c, but, finest Western September could not be bought under 11 to 11½c. The Liverpool public cable continues to advance; but it is still 1s 6d to 2s 0d below private advices.

Eggs.—The market is firm, and about 1c higher than a week ago, sales of round lots being reported at 12c and single cases of choice candled stock at 12½c.

Apples.—There was a better demand for apples in this market yesterday, 700 bbls selling at auction at \$2 to 2.75 for good to choice fall fruit.

Hides.—It appears that the advance reported by us last week in light hides has not resulted in much if any business, and as the Chicago market is easier and ½c lower, it is thought that the advance here will be difficult to maintain. The regular prices paid by dealers are still 4c, 8c, and 2c for Nos. 1, 2 and

3. Dealers are paying 5c for No. 1 heavy steers, 4c for No. 2, and 8c for heavy bulls. There is a fair demand for lambskins, with business reported at 45 to 50c, although it is said some are paying more money.—Trade Bulletin, Sept. 21.

Toronto Grocery Market

Canned Goods.—Two of the canneries affiliated with the Canadian Packers' Association have been offering independently of the selling committee during the week, and on some lines they have been quoting prices somewhat lower than those fixed by the association. It is, however, asserted by representatives of the association that the erring members will be again brought into line. Peas are beginning to show a little more life, an increase demand being reported for them at from 80 to 90c, the inside figure being for old pack. Quite a few extra sifted have been going out at \$1.45 to 1.50. Tomatoes and corn are quiet and unchanged at 85 to 90c. The Packers' association is again quoting futures on vegetables and fruit, and it is said the organization will advance the price of canned vegetable 2½c per dozen October 1. Nothing particularly new has developed in regard to canned salmon. Prices are firmly held at the advance on the coast, and the inducements held out by the English market appear to make the canners independent of the home market. Advances received by a local jobbing house quote now red salmon at \$1.20 to 1.25 on the coast. On the spot \$1.25 to 1.35 are the ruling prices for red salmon, while as low as \$1.20 is quoted in some instances, not all the houses apparently having followed the primary markets in advancing prices. Cables are quoted at \$1.10 to 1.20 according to grade. An increasing demand is reported for lobsters at \$1.85 to 2.00 for tails, and \$2.30 to 2.50 for flats. Demand is easing off for me's. Fruits are quiet and unchanged at these quotations: Peaches, \$3 to 3.25 for 9's, \$2 to 2.25 for 2's; raspberries, \$1.65 to 2.30; strawberries, \$1.90 to 2.10; apples, 3's, \$1 to 1.10, gallons, \$2.65 to 2.80, and preserved fancy quarters at \$1.35 to 1.40.

Coffees.—Rio kinds are scarce and more attention has been turned to Maracaibo in consequence. We quote green, in bags, as follows: Rio, 20½ to 22½c; East Indian, 27 to 30c; South American, 21 to 23c; Santos, 21½ to 22½c; Java, 80 to 82c; Mocha, 27 to 28c; Maracaibo, 21c to 23c; Jamaica, 21 to 22c.

Rice.—Demand is still brisk for fancy imported Japan rice at 5½ to 6c, and there is not a large quantity to be had here. "B" rice is moving fairly well. We quote: "B," 3½ to 3¾c; extra Japan, 5½ to 5¾c; imported Japan, 5½ to 6½c; tapioca, 4½ to 4¾c.