

**TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.**  
 Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 7.  
 Dry goods—Considerable expansion of trade. The sales of dress goods the past season are the largest in five years. There is an active demand now for summer fabrics, and orders for fall staples and woollens are increasing. Values are firm.

Groceries—This branch is active; sugars are firm; canned meats are 20c higher. Starch 1-4c higher. Teas selling better and firmer.

Hardware—This branch is more active and prices of leading staples are advancing. Metals are tending upward. Lead and lead products are higher. Rope has advanced. Seal rope is 1-4c higher again, and Manila 1-2c higher. Barb and galvanized wire are firm. Pig lead 1-2c higher. Lead pipe ten per cent higher, discount being reduced to 25 per cent. Paris green 2c higher. Scrap lead 1-8c higher. Soldier 1-2 to 1c higher.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**  
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Toronto, May 3.

Offerings to-day were 114 carloads including 120 sheep and lambs, and 3,400 hogs.

Export cattle—Fair demand at \$4.25 to \$4.40 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle—Prices ranged from 3c to 33-1c. A few head a shade better. Choice cattle sell well, but common are slow.

Stockers and feeders—Light stockers selling fairly well for Buffalo. As high as \$3.60 per cwt. was paid for some and the range from 3c up.

Sheep and lambs—Yearling lambs firm at \$5.50 to \$5.90 per cwt. Spring lambs \$3 to \$4.75 each. Butchers' and export sheep 3 1-2c to 4c per lb. Choice light ewes sold for 4c and heavy at 3 1-2c per lb.

Hogs—Heavy offerings, but firm market. Choice bacon hogs advanced to 5c per lb. weighed off the cars. Light and thick fat hogs sold for \$1.62 1-2 per cwt., rows 3c to 3 1-4c and stags 2c.

**FRIDAY'S MARKETS.**

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Toronto, May 6.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 70 carloads. Export cattle were firmer at 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c. Very few reaching the outside price, however. Butchers' cattle firmer. Best sold at 4c, and ranged from 3c up. Sheep were 1-4c higher at 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c. Hogs steady.

**TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**  
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The grain market has been active and higher this week, with large export sales of Ontario wheat. Flour is up 25c per barrel all around. Oats 1c higher. Hides are very firm and scarce and the market will probably open 1-2c higher on Monday. New clip wool is coming in and 16c has been paid for new washed. Dairy better is 1 to 2c lower than a week ago.

Eggs firm.  
 Flour—Manitoba patent, \$6.50; bakers, \$6.00; Ontario straight roller, \$5.25 to \$5.35 in barrel.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, \$1.08 for cars at country points; No. 1 hard Owen Sound, \$1.35.

Oats—White, 35 to 35 1-2c for cars at country points.

Peas—62c per bushel.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$12 to \$13 per ton; at country points. Bran, \$10.50.

Oatmeal—\$1.05 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—10 to 10 1-2c.

Butter, dairy—Large rolls, 13c; creamery, tub, 17c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 7 1-2c; cured 8c; sheepskins, \$1.20 to \$1.35 for fresh killed; calfskins, 9c; tallow 23-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Easier, 3 to 4c; 9 to 10c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb in bulk.

Beans—85 to 90c per bushel.

Wool—New washed 16c, unwashed 11c.

Seco—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per bushel. Red clover, \$3 to \$4 per bush. Maple syrup—65 per gallon.

**MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE**  
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Montreal, May 7.

Oats are 2 to 2 1-2c higher than a week ago. Manitoba flour 50c per barrel higher. Bran and shorts are weak. A cargo of Manitoba wheat sold yesterday at \$1.38 delivered here, and a sale at Fort William was made at \$1.30 afloat. Potatoes have advanced 15c per bag. Eggs are weak. Butter and cheese quoted the same as a week ago, and both are rather quiet. Hides firm. Good export sales of Manitoba flour reported. Lake Woods sold 10,000 sacks July shipment.

Oats—10 1-2c per bushel for No. 2 white delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.25 Manitoba patents, \$6.65.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton; shorts, \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$2 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 8c; calfskins 10c; sheepskins \$1; tallow 3 to 3 1-4c.

Eggs—Fresh 9 1-2 to 10c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy 15 to 16c.

Butter—16 1-2 to 7c.

Cheese—8 to \$1-4c.

Potatoes—70c per bag.

Maple syrup—Barrels, 43-4 to 5c lb.; tins, 45 to 50c; in wood, 4 1-2 to 5c lb.; sugar 6 to 6 1-4c.

Freights—Grain freights very firm at 3s 3d to Liverpool, London 3s 1d; Glasgow, 3s 9d. Shipments of live stock this week were 2,093 cattle, cattle, 200 horses.

**MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.**

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Molasses has made a further advance this week to 27 to 28c, and is very firm on account of the war in the West Indies. Dried fruits are firm. Mediterranean organes and lemons are arriving in cargo lots and meeting with a good sale.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 1-2c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 3-16c; yellows, 3 1-2 to 4 1-8c; molasses 27 to 28c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2 as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c. Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 85 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

**MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.**  
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The firmness noted last week in linseed oil has culminated in an advance this week of 2c. Turpentine has also advanced 3c per gallon. Lead and lead products were very firm. Rope higher.

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; turpentine, 50c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50, tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$3.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80, ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

**MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.**  
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Montreal, May 3.

Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 500 cattle, 150 sheep and lambs, and 600 calves. The demand for cattle from local and export buyers was good, and prices were fully maintained. Choice cattle sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; good, at 3 3-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3 1-2c, and common at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c. Sheep sold well at 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c. Spring lambs sold at \$2 to \$4 each as to quality. Calves were a glut and sold from \$1 to \$6 each. Cattle space has been taken for British ports at 35 to 45 shillings as to port, etc.

**THURSDAY'S MARKETS.**

Montreal, May 6.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday prices were about the same for cattle and sheep.

Cattle—Choice, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; fair to good, 3 to 4c.

Sheep 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c. Spring lambs \$2.50 to \$4.50 each.

Hogs—\$4.75 to \$5 per 100 lbs.

**MANITOBA ELEVATORS.**

The agitation regarding Manitoba elevator regulations has been transferred actively to Ottawa, where several opposing delegates from the west have been lobbying for some time. Mr. Richardson gave notice yesterday of a series of amendments to the Douglas bill respecting grain elevators. The chief amendment proposes that railway companies shall provide at their own expense at every station where grain is shipped, facilities for receiving and shipping, or grant to any person who demands it in writing the privilege of erecting and using an elevator or flat warehouse.

**STARCH ADVANCES.**

The wholesale grocery trade were notified this week that from the 1st of May the price of all Canadian starch would be 1-4c per pound higher. The advance in corn is the chief cause of the rise in starch. This advance was foreshadowed in The Commercial last week.

**TEA.**

Advices from Yokohama by cable state that the market for new crop Japan tea has opened 2 yen higher than last year. This is equivalent to an advance of \$1 per picul on last year's figures, and would indicate a strong market. It is also anticipated that the higher standard imposed on teas seeking admission into the United States, which is fully 1c per pound above that of last year, will lead to a heavier demand this year, from the States, for the fine early crop teas.

The C. P. R. dining hall at Moose Jaw, Ass., caught fire yesterday, it is supposed by a spark from a chimney or locomotive. Part of the contents were saved but the building was totally destroyed.