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## Winnipeg, Man.

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## Miscellaneous Prices at Montreal.

Flour. —In winter wheat flour there has been some cutting in prices, sale for straight rollers having taken place at \$5.30 which is a drop of 10c per bbl from former sales. In spring wheat flour there has also been some shading in values, although \$6 is still the quoted price of city strong bakers.  $\Delta$  lot of 100 bbs of city strong bakers was reported at \$5.90. The market has ruied very dull during the week and in order to make business, holders have been compelled to make concessions.

Feed.—The market for bran is weak and lower, with sales reported at \$16 to \$17 per ton in car lots. Shorts are quiet at 20 to 21c, and Moullie at \$26 to \$28.

Oatmeal.—The weakness and decline in prices noticed in our last has been followed by a further break of 20 to 25c per bbl, granulated and rolled oats being now offered at \$5 90 in round lots, and standard at \$5.80, sm ller lots bringing 5 to 10c more money. The market is very unsettled and it is said the above prices have been shaded by some of the Western mills.

Oats.—The market is weak and 1 to 14c lower on the week, No. 2 Ontario being offered at 53c per 34 lb, a lot of 5,000 bushels being offered at that figure. Manitoba mixed oats are dull at 49 to 50c. These prices show a decline of S to 9c per bushel from top. Butter.--The market has a decidedly easy trend and although sales of creamery have been made at 23c that price is looked upon as extreme and 22c will probably be the ruling rate before our next issue. Creamery men who refused to sell about ten days ago are now in the city trying to place it. Eastern townships dairy have been placed at 19c to 21c for good choice qualities. Roll butter is easy and lower with sales at 15 to 17c.

Cheese. — The market is decidedly on the down grade actual sales on this market showing a decline of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{2}$ c on the week, and in the country the drop has been  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{2}$ c which will be felt here next week. Country sales have been in egular ranging from  $9\frac{1}{2}$  to  $9\frac{3}{2}$ c, but the bulk have gone at  $9\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Iron and hardware.—The feature of the market in pig iron is the late arrivals of spring importations, and further sales of Summerlee and Gartsherrie have been made to arrive at \$21. A lot of Carnbro have also been placed at \$19.50 and another good sizeed parcel at \$19.25. On spot there is very little doing, the only sale reported to us being a 10 ton lot at \$21. Prices ex store continue firm owing the paucity of spot supplies, but the demand is very light, as buyers are all waiting for their lower priced purchases and consequently only buy small jobbing lots to tide them over. Bar iron is still quoted at \$2.10 to the trade, although that fig-

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ure is known to have been shaded. Canada plates are very firm, the St. Peter street firm referred to last week having the bulk of supplies in his own hands, and sales of several hundred boxes are reported at \$3.00, smaller parcels commanding \$3.10. Tin plates are firm under continued scarity, charcoal being held firmly at \$5 on spot and cokes to arrive have sold at \$4.65, there being scarcely any to be had on spot. Terne plates are steady at \$3 and difficult to secure for prompt delivery. Ga' vanized sheet has been dealt in at the decline mentioned last week sales being reported at 5: for No. 28. In metals there is no change on spot a few lots of Oxford copper having chang ed hands at 13c and tin has been placed at 24. For small lots ic more is obtainable. Although the mill price of 10d to 60d iron mails is nomin ally quoted at \$2.10 we know of sales having transpired within the last few days at \$2.

Hides—The hide market remains quiet with buyers gaining an advantage wherever sales take place. Dealers continue to pay 6, 5 and 4c, and tanners 61 to 62c, sales having transpired at both figures to Quebec firms. Calfskins are unchanged at 8c per pound. In dry hides River Plate stock cannot be had at under 133c in New York.

Dry Goods—Owing to the continued cold backward weather which lasted up to Wednes day last, business was almost at a stand still in sorting orders for summer goods, but since the warmer spoll set in quite a number of small orders by letters have been received d ect from customers. Travellers have sent in a few orders for fall goods, but searcely sufficient, it is said, in many instances, to cover their expenses, as there is a general desire on the part of the best houses to defer their fall purchases until later in the season, when their actual requirements can be better gauged, owing to crop prospects being of a more definite nature. The