

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 25.

Dry Goods—Trade is more active. Spring season is in full swing. A good many western buyers are here and more are expected for the millinery opening Monday. Swiss embroidery has been advanced 30, to 70 per cent. by manufacturers.

Hardware—Active. Some orders this week from Manitoba and British Columbia. The general feeling is decidedly strong; Wire nails, \$2.10 to \$2.15; cut nails firmer in sympathy with American advance. The new list issued on tacks advances prices about eight per cent. Wrought butts and heavy T and strap hinges are 10 per cent. higher. Soldering irons, 5c per pound dearer. Glass is firmer. Some houses have stopped taking import orders on account of Belgian advances. Black and galvanized iron is up 5 per cent. Brass, black sheets, have advanced 15c per cwt. Zinc sheets and zinc spelter 25c per cwt. higher. Brass escutcheon pins are dearer and the discount now is 50 per cent. Cop- per sheets are up 5c. Tinned copper and polished sheets, 3c per lb. dearer. Smooth steel wire, 5c per cwt. dearer. The discount on fine steel wire is now 25 per cent. at factory points.

Groceries—More active. American granulated sugar is selling here at 1c below Canadian prices, which is unsettling trade. Teas are in good demand and firm. California prunes are 1c dearer.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

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Toronto, Feb. 21.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 77 car loads, including 150 sheep and lambs and 1,800 hogs.

Export cattle—The offerings were large. Heavy exporters were quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.85 and \$5 per cwt for choice selections. Heavy bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.

Butchers' cattle—Prices unchanged. Fair demand for choice at \$4 to \$4.25 for choice selections. The supply of common cattle was heavy. Prices ruled at \$3. to \$3.75.

Stockers—Heavy stockers sold at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Feeders, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep for export and butchers use sold at \$3 to \$3.25. Lamb, were in ample supply at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Bucks \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Hogs—Offerings were heavy and the demand was good, everything being cleared out early. The market for choice remained firm, while light were a little weaker. Choice \$4.50 light, \$4 to \$4.15 thick fat, \$3.57 1-2. Sows, 3 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 24.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 44 car loads of all kinds, including 100 sheep and lambs and 1,400 hogs.

Heavy export cattle were 15c per 100 lb. higher than on Tuesday, the best selling at \$5.15 per 100 lbs. Choice butchers' cattle were also higher the best selling at \$4.35 per 100 lbs. Heavy bulls were 25c higher at \$1.75 to \$4.25. Sheep were 25c per 100 lb. higher than on Tuesday. Other lines the same as Tuesday.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

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Grain deliveries are still small. Manitoba wheat is firmer. Exporters re-

duced the price of by 2c yesterday. There is a large export demand for oats, and 100,000 bushels have been bought for export this week by local dealers, in consequence of which prices have advanced 1c. Oatmeal on the other hand is 10c lower, car lots in barrels offering at \$3.60. New laid eggs are still scarce and firm. Dressed hogs continue firm. They are up 5c this week. Shorts are \$1 per ton higher.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20, Manitoba bakers, \$3.75 to \$4; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per bbl. Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 69 to 70c for cars at country points. No 1 h. 79c Midland, and \$2.1-2c to \$3c North Bay.

Oats—White, 30c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 4c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton; bran \$12 to \$14 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.50 in bags per barrel and \$3.60 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 21c. Lined, 14 to 15c; held fresh, 12 1-2 to 13c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 11 to 13 1-2c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Hides—Cows, green, 81-2c; green steers, 9c; cured hides, 91-2c; sheepskins and lambskins, 80 to 90c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 4 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15c.
Beans—\$1.10 per bushel for hand picked, and 80 to 95c for ordinary quality.

Dressed hogs—\$5.05 per 100 lbs for cars lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c for round lots, evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Honey—6 to 6 1-2c in bulk; sections \$1 to \$1.20.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c for frozen, chickens, 40 to 60c a pair; geese, 6 to 7c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$1.50 to \$1.75; a-sike, \$3.50 to \$4.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

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Montreal, Feb. 21.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 500 head, and 75 sheep and lambs.

Cattle held fairly firm. Choice sold at 13-4 to 5c, good at 4 to 11-2c, fair: 1 31-2 to 33-4c and common at 21-2 to 31-4c. Sheep were firm at 31-4 to 31-2c and lambs at 41-4 to 13-4c. At the Grand Trunk stock yards there was a fair supply of hogs offered which sold at 41-2c per pound live weight, weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 21.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 600 head, sheep and lambs, 40.

Prices on Thursday remained unchanged at Monday's quotations and no important features were noted. There was a fair demand for all kinds of live stock.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 25.

The only change to note this week is a reduction of 10c in the price of strong bakers' flour, and of 5 to 10c on Manitoba patents. Oats are strongly held. Receipts of potatoes have been larger and prices remain steady. Poultry and dressed meats are quiet. Eggs and butter are firm and steady.

Oats—No. 2 white 32 to 32 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.80 to \$3.90; Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran \$14 to \$14.50 per ton, shorts, \$15.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag. **Hides**—No. 1 green city hides, 9 to 9 1-2c, No. 2, 8 to 8 1-2c; No. 3, 7 to 7 1-2c; calfskins, 8 to 9c; sheepskins, 60 to 70c; lambskins, 70 to 75c; tallow, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh candled, 15 to 16c per dozen as to quality.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 1-2 to 15c; rolls, 14 to 15c; held stock, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 to 20 1-2c; tubs, 19 1-2 to 20c.

Cheese—Choice western 10c; eastern, 9 3-4c.

Beans—\$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 1-2 to 11c; ducks, 7 to 9c; geese, 4 to 6c; chickens, 7 to 8c.

Dressed meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c; fores, 3 to 4 1-2c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$6. country dressed, \$5.15 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c; lambs, 6 1-2 to 7c.

WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week report 251 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows. Extra hard, 1 car, 1 hard, 37 cars; 2 hard, 6; 3 hard, 2; 1 northern, 39; 2 northern, 13; 3 northern, 1; 1 spring, 4; 1 white fine, 1; frosted, 1; rejected, 6; no grade, 140.

MANITOBA WHEAT STOCKS.

There were 2,274,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Feb. 18. Receipts for the week were 223,000 bushels and shipments were 40,000 bushels. Increase 183,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,450,000 bushels, compared with about 4,925,000 bushels a year ago.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 24.—The stock market opened irregular. Atchison 24 1-8; Burlington 145 to 145 3-4; Louisville 66 1-2; Leather preferred 72; Manhattan 113; Missouri Pacific 67 1-8; Brooklyn Transit 96; Northern Pacific 53 1-2, do. preferred 79 7-8; Rock Island 120 1-4; Seagr 135 1-2 to 136; St. Paul 131 5 8; Southern preferred 50 3-8; Tobacco 188 to 190; Union Pacific 48 7-8; do. preferred 80 3-4; Federal Steel 50 3-4; do. preferred 58; Western Union 95 1-8.

Noon—Money on call nominally at 2 1-2 to 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 2 3-4 to 3 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firmer at \$4.86 1-2 to 3-4 for demand, and at \$4.84 to 1-4 for sixty days. Posted rates \$4.84 1-2 to \$4.85 and at \$4.86 1-2 to \$4.87. Commercial bills \$4.83 to 1-2. Silver certificates, nominally 59 1-2 to 60 1-2. Bar silver 59 1-2. Mexican dollars 47 1-4. Government bonds steady.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial. London, Feb. 24.—Market firmer. Beet February option 9s. 9d. March 9s. 9d. This shows an advance of 3d to 4d. on the week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Cattle firm and 1-2c higher. Quoted at 12 to 13c, estimated dressed weight.