

Pork Packing in the West.

The Cincinnati Price Current reports hog packing at principal points in the west as follows. "The movement of hogs has been liberal the past week, although not equal to the large marketing for corresponding time last year. The western packing indicates a total of 510,000, compared with 390,000 the preceding week, and 595,000 the corresponding week a year ago. From November 1 to date the total number of hogs packed is 1,215,000, against 1,250,000 last year. Prices have changed moderately toward a lower position, and at the close the average is about 10 cents per 100 pounds lower than a week ago, or about \$3.50 as the general average for active markets, ranging up to \$3.65 to \$3.70. The average price a year ago was about 4.50."

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—The flour market has been less active, and as regards straight rollers an easier feeling has set in, with sales reported at points west of Toronto at \$3.10, which shows a further drop of 10c per bbl. Here there have been sales on track at \$4.45, but later business, it is said, has been done at \$3.40. For delivery in small lots \$3.50 to \$3.60 has been obtained. Regarding Manitoba strong bakers flour, sales are reported at \$3.80 to \$3.90 for best brands, according to size of lot.

Oatmeal.—Car lots have been laid down here at \$3 to \$3.05; and smaller lots have been delivered in store at about the same figures. In a jobbing way regular rates are quoted as follows: In bags, rolled and granulated are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.55, and standard at \$1.50 to \$1.55. Pot barley \$1.25 in bbls. and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—The market is steady, with sales of Manitoba bran in bags at \$14.50, bags included, and we quote \$14 to \$14.50, with broken lots at \$15. Shorts \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Oats.—The market is steady, despite the easier feeling noted in the west. Sales of car lots of white oats having taken place at \$1 to \$1.30 per 34 lbs. in store.

Barley.—There is firmer feeling in barley, with sales of malting barley reported at 52½ to 55c, about 10,000 bushels reported at this range. Feed barley is quoted at 40 to 41c.

Pork.—The market for mess pork is quiet in sympathy with the continued decline in Chicago. A fair quantity of hams have been sent forward recently to the English market. Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$14.50 to \$15; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$13.50 to \$14; Hams, per lb., 9 to 10c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 8½ to 9c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6½ to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 9 to 10c; Shoulders, per lb., 7½ to 8½c.

Dressed Hogs.—Receipts continue to increase and the market is quiet, and we quote \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs.

Butter.—The market is quiet, but at the decline shippers seem a little more inclined to take hold. The make of October and November has been large, and the winter creameries will soon commence making. Eastern Townships fall ends may be quoted at 19c for quantities, while Western dairy is quiet at 14 to 15c, smaller lots bringing more money. Creamery, Oct. and Nov., 21 to 22c; earlier makes 19 to 20c; Eastern Townships 17 to 19c; Western 14 to 15c. There is a fair demand for roll butter, receipts of which are increasing. Sales were reported yesterday of large rolls neatly packed in cases at 15c. a lot of 5 tubs small rolls at 17½c and another lot at 18c.

Eggs.—Sales of choice candled stock have been placed at 14 to 15c, as to size of lot, with seconds quoted at 11½ to 12½c. Montreal limed have changed hands at 15c, as to

quality. New laid are scarce and quoted at 20 to 22c.

Honey.—Extracted is quoted at 8 to 9c for 1895 stocks, and honey in comb 12 to 13c.

Bald Hay.—Market firm. No. 2 shipping hay is quoted here at \$11 to \$11.50, and No. 1 straight timothy \$12 to \$12.50. At country points \$10.50 to \$11 is quoted for No. 2 and \$11.50 to \$12 for No. 1.

Dressed Poultry.—There was quite a rush for fine turkeys, which were disposed of at 8 to 8½c, while a few cases of large fancy birds brought 9c. Nice young dry-picked chickens sold at 6½ to 7c, but old hens only realized 5 to 5½c. A lot of 8 cases of very fine large geese was placed at 6½c, while good stock sold at 5½ to 6c, and old at 4½c. Ducks 7 to 8c.

Hides.—The market continues quiet, with dealers paying 6c for No. 1 light, the same as last week. Light hides 6c for No. 1, 5c for No. 2, and 4c for No. 3; Heavy hides 6 cents; Calfskins 6c; Lambskins 60c.—Trade Bulletin, Nov. 22.

Dressed Poultry.

It seems necessary to again draw the attention of shippers and handlers of dressed poultry to the need of exercising greater care in handling poultry, as lots are being received here which sell at a low price on account of improper handling. Following are directions for handling poultry: Abstain from feeding poultry before killing. Poultry, especially turkeys, should be killed by bleeding in the neck, and pluck clean while the body is warm. Do not scald the birds. This is very important. This process is readily detected by the buyers, who will not pay within one or two cents per lb. of the price they will give for dry-picked fowl. Cut off the head and feet and tie them up plump to keep them in good shape, with the wings and legs tied in. Before packing poultry should be thoroughly dry and cold; if packed with the animal heat in they will spoil. Sort poultry carefully and pack birds of the same quality together. Do not mix geese, chickens, etc., together. Pack neatly in clean cases. Line the cases with clean paper, but do not use straw in packing, and never wrap the birds in paper; pack as closely as possible and fill the packages full to prevent shifting. Mark each case with weights, gross, tare and nett. All birds should be drawn. Birds with their crops full of grain present a disgusting spectacle.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The sweater which has taken such a strong hold in the knit goods business is still in considerable demand. For the spring some very large ranges are shown. The leading colors appear to be navy, brown, cardinal and black, while cream is not so good.

Flannellette is a material which is being made in increased quantities every year and is having a large sale everywhere. Some of the new designs are very attractive. There is more variety in coloring this season than ever.

The novelties in prints for next spring's trade are very numerous. Among them may be seen an imitation of crepons in stripes, with floral designs. These lines are very effective and there will be a large trade done in them. Another is a sateen in fancy stripes and also the plain black and white stripes.

Plain and worsted dress goods are not meeting with a good demand this year. The demand running more to mohair and combination mohair fabrics.

Silk armure taffeta is a novelty in dress goods for spring. This fabric is of medium weight and has a small check design, the silk being dyed a different color from the other

threads and is used as a decoration. This novelty is one of color and contrast. Sicilians, a coarser make than the ordinary mohair, and approaching the canvas class of goods, are selling well, and will, from present indications, have a fair share of the mohair business. Silk and wool plaids are favorably spoken of among foreign agents for spring, and quite a few orders have been placed on them at moderate prices, the designs being the clan Tartan with the silk overchecks.—Toronto Globe dry goods report.

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