

Toronto Markets.

Flour—Continues quiet and without change. A bid of \$2.45 was made for extra, with sellers at \$2.65.

Millfeed—Dull and fully a dollar lower. Early there was a sale of bran at \$12, Toronto freights, for shipment east, but later one went through at \$10.80. On spot \$13.50 to \$14.00, is asked for bran and \$15.50 to 16 for shorts.

Wheat—Was firmer with a better export and milling demand for both Manitoba and Ontario. During the last couple of days nearly all the No. 2 hard lying at Owen Sound and Midland brought there by outside steamers and not carrying through freights, have changed hands at 77 to 78c; in all there appears to have been about 40,000 bus. There is very little Manitoba wheat coming forward and higher bids are being made. No. 1 hard can be bought to arrive North Bay at 85c. No. 2 hard sold at 83c lake and rail west, and it offered to arrive at 84c North Bay; round lots of May have had bids for them equal 85c North Bay. No. 3 hard offered to arrive North Bay at 76c. No. 1 frosted at 67c and No. 2 at 57c.

Barley—Dull, with sellers of No. 2 at 40c outside. Fed in demand at 35c outside.

Oats—Higher and scarcer, especially on spot where the market advanced to 35c for track, and there were sales to arrive at 34 and 34½c outside; white were sold at 31c and mixed at 30c.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$1.30 to 4.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.90 to 4.25; Ontario patents, \$3.25 to 3.50; straight roller, \$2.95 to 3.20; extra, \$2.60 to 2.70; low grades per bag, \$1.00 to 1.25. Bran—\$13 to 14. Shorts—\$14 to 15. Wheat—west and north points)—White, 67 to 69c; spring, 62 to 64; red winter, 66 to 68c; goose, 61 to 62; spring Midland, 63 to 65c; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 85 to 86; No. 2 hard, 83 to 84c; No. 3 hard, 74 to 76c; No. 1 frosted, 63 to 65c; peas (outside) 57½ to 59c. Barley (outside)—No. 1, 43 to 44; No. 2, 39½ to 40; No. 3 extra, 36 to 37c; No. 3, 32 to 34c; No. 4, 30-crowed, 54 pounds, averaging about No. 3 extra in color (outside), 35 to 40c. Rye (outside) 50 to 52c. Buckwheat (outside) 50c. Oats, 34 to 35c.

Potatoes—Irregular; cars of Ontario potatoes on track here are probably worth 75c, but in the absence of transactions quotations are hard to get. Local dealers are asking 95c per bag for small lots.

Beans—There is a good enquiry, but chiefly for small lots, which sell at \$1.35 to 1.55 per bus according to quality.

Eggs—Receipts fair and market steady; commission men were asking 11½c for case lots of strictly fresh eggs to-day.

Dried Apples—Hardly any demand reported and prices are easy; job lots sell at about 5c, and dealers take farmers' offerings at 4½c.

Produce—Dressed meats, per lb. — Beef, forecs, 4½ to 5½c; hinds, 7½ to 8c; veal, 8 to 9½c mutton, 7c to 8c; lamb, 9 to 10c. Hay—Timothy, on track, \$9.50 to \$10. Straw, \$5.60 to 6.00. Hides—Cured, 5½ to 5¾c; green, No. 1, cows, 4½c. Skins—Sheepskins—\$1 to 1.35; calf, 5 to 7c. Hops—Canadian, 1892 crop, 15 to 19c; yearlings, 14 to 16c. Honey—Extracted, 8 to 9½c; sections, 13 to 14c. Potatoes, per bag—Out of store, 90c; on track, 75c per bag. Poultry—chickens, per pair, 60 to 75c; geese, per lb., 8 to 8½c; ducks, per pair, 60 to 75c; turkeys, 13 to 14c per lb.

Dressed Hogs—The market was firm with a good demand for dressed hogs. Packers took all offered at \$7.60 to 7.75, but they did not get many.

Cured Meats—Mess pork, Canadian, \$20 to \$20.50; short cut, \$21 to \$21.25; bacon, long clear, per lb, 10½ to 10¾c; lard, Canadian, tierces, 12½ to 12¾c; tubs and pails, 13 to 13½c; compound do, 10 to 11½c. Smoked meats,—Hams, per

lb, 13c; bellies, per lb., 13½c; rolls, per lb, 10½ to 10¾c; backs, per lb, 12 to 12½c.

Butter—Receipts were not large to-day, and the local market was steady. The supply still consists mainly of large rolls, which sell at 18 to 19½ for very choice grades, and 15 to 17c for common to good. Quotations are:—Butter, Good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 18 to 20c; extra choice, 20 to 21c; medium do, 16 to 18c; large rolls, extra to choice, 18 to 19c; good to choice do., 16 to 18c; medium, 15 to 16c; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 21 to 25c; rolls, 26 to 27c; cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 11 to 11½c; summer makes, 10½ to 11c.

Cattle—Prices for choice butchers' stock under an improved local demand were about ½c higher than at the first of the week. Several loads of picked butchers' stock brought 4 to 4½c per lb. Common to good cattle sold from 2½ to 3½c. About half a dozen loads were taken for outside places. There is nothing doing in export cattle. Exporters will start buying next week it is said.

Sheep and Lambs—Trade was quiet owing to the light offerings. Good sheep sold at \$6.00 to 7.50 per head, and yearling lambs brought 5½ to 6c per lb. The latter were scarce and of poor quality.

Calves—About 125 were here. The demand was fair, and a found sale at prices ranging from \$2 to 7 per head.

Hogs—Receipts were very large, about 1,720 hogs altogether being offered. Prices were again higher owing to the keen competition between two local firms. Values ranged from \$6.50 to 7.10 per cwt for hogs weighed off cars. On lot of 76 choice hogs averaging 173 lbs sold at 6½c per lb. The market was excited, and closed firm with nearly all the offerings sold.—*Empire*, April 28.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Coffees—The outside markets have recovered considerably from the recent drop, and are now characterized by an upward tendency. Advices from New York state that good Rio grades are scarce and hard to obtain, and command higher prices. The declines have been altogether in the lower grades, and these have regained more than one-half what they lost. On Monday the market in New York was about ½c above that of Saturday. During the decline last week futures dropped 65 points, and spot ½c a pound. The local market is still bare of good coffees, and prices are unchanged. We quote: Rio 20½ to 22c; East Indian, 27 to 30c; South American, 21 to 23c; Moch, 26 to 30c; Santos, 21 to 22c.

Dried Fruit—A slightly improved enquiry is reported in this line, but it is not much to boast about. No special feature has developed, and prices rule steady. Valencia raisins are meeting with a little better demand, that is for the better grades. Prices remain as before. The ruling price for good off-stalk fruit is around 5c, with medium going at 4c, fine at 6c, and selects in 23 lb boxes at 7c. We quote layers at 7 to 7½c in boxes. Demand is fair for currants. There are no changes, and nothing special to note beyond the foot that outside advices would indicate a short crop next season and the consequent higher prices. There is very little good fruit here. Finest Vostizkas sell at 9 to 9½c in cases, Patras at 6½ to 7c and Provincials at 5½ to 6½c in barrels and half barrels respectively. A few cases of prunes are going out at 7½ to 8½c for Bosnias in cases.

Nuts—Demand in this line is light. Brazil nuts are firm at 11 to 11½c a pound. Sicily shelled almonds have advanced and we quote 32 to 35c a pound; unshelled sell at 16 to 17c. Peanut are unchanged at 13 to 14c for roasted and 11 to 12½c for green.

Rice and Spices—The demand is still

light for rice, buyers holding off in anticipation of lower prices when the next crop arrives, which will probably be in another month; 3½c is still the idea for ordinary. Whole ginger is quoted at 20 to 25c, pure white pepper at 20 to 28c, and pure black at 14 to 16c.

Sugar—Prices are fractionally higher than a week ago, and the market is strong at the advance. Granulated sells at 5½ to 5¾c, but the outside figure is the price most quoted. In yellows the range is 4½c for dark, 4½c for medium, 4½c for bright and 4½c for cream.

Syrups and Molasses—Syrups are not by any means moving fast, but prices are steady at 2 to 3½c in barrels and half barrels. Molasses quiet, with New Orleans selling in barrels and half barrels at 30 to 32c.

Teas—A slight improvement has developed in the demand during the past few days. The increase is principally in Ceylons, Indians and Assams. There has been some enquiry during the past few days from the States for low and medium, and samples have, in response, been forwarded. The next six weeks or two months are expected to be marked by considerable activity. A few days ago Mr. Dallas, who represents Muorlyan, Heeman & Co., of Yokohama, the largest shippers of Japan teas, received advices stating that the season will open about same time as last year, possibly a week later, the weather not being so favorable as expected at first. The first teas are high priced, and the second crop of medium and fine won't arrive here for the next three months, and then only in small quantities.

Dried Apples—Continue dull and easy. Most jobbers are not inclined to pay more than 4 to 4½c, while the selling price ranges from 4½ to 5c.

Evaporated Apples—Not much doing. Small lots are selling at 9 to 9½c, and probably this price would be paid for car lots, that being the only kind that seems to be wanted.

Canned goods—Some improvement has developed in this line during the week, and a good healthy sorting up trade is being done. Tomatoes are meeting with more enquiry, and there is less disposition to sell at lower prices. This increased demand is likely to be maintained for some time, being as it now is on the eve of the opening of navigation. The demand is for the better brands selling at 95c to \$1.00, but we quote the range at from 85c to \$1.00. Reports have just been received here stating that recent shipments made to Liverpool have netted a better profit than could be obtained here for five and ten case lots. The price netted is said to be equal to 93c here. In consequence of this a Toronto house has decided to send another carload. Peas are also in better demand than a week ago, and prices range as before at from 85c to \$1 for ordinary and \$1.45 for sifted. Corn is in decidedly better request than a week ago, and while there has been no advance in prices they are firm at 85c to \$1 for ordinary and \$1.25 for extra, the principal demand being for the dollar goods. Beans quiet and unchanged at 90c to \$1. Salmon is in active demand considering the time of the year. This applies more particularly to the better class of fish, ranging in prices from \$1.55 to 1.65 for talls, and \$1.70 to 1.80 in flats. Of course, lower goods are to be obtained, and a light pink can be got around \$1.30. As the present demand is likely to continue a hardening of prices is expected shortly, on account of the lightness of stocks. In lobster the demand is active for the better grades: \$2 to 2.10 for talls and \$2.50 for flats is about the idea. There is not much doing in sardines, and prices are unchanged. Peaches remain much as before at \$2.10 to 2.25 for 2's and at \$3.25 to 3.75 for 3's. The demand that sprung up a couple of weeks ago for peaches continues brisk at \$1.45 to 1.55. A good many canned apples are being exported, and that keeps stocks light and prices firm. Local demand for this line is light and prices are unchanged at 85c to \$1 for 3's, and \$2 to 2.25 for gallons. Demand for other fruits is slack.