

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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Farmers are still disposed to complain of a backward season, but apart from the damage done by caterpillars all through the district the country looks well. The movement in groceries is fair and little variation is to be noted in values. A cargo of paddy has just arrived from Rangoon for the rice milling company. Manufacturers of boots and shoes are not over-busy and the local demand for leather is still somewhat slow, but values are steadily held. The harbor is more than usually thronged with ocean-going steamers and grain men report that export figures for May are by far the biggest in the record of the port. Notwithstanding the immense sums expended the past few years for harbor extensions and improvements, shipping men still complain of the insufficiency of docking facilities. Remittances continue the subject of general complaint.

APPLES.—Market quiet, prices unchanged. We quote Russets No. 1, \$6.50; No. 2, \$5.50; Spys, No. 1, \$6.50; No. 2, \$5.50; Ben Davis, No. 1, \$5.00.

BEANS.—This market holds the same, business steady, with sales of three pound pickers at \$1.55 to \$1.75 per bushel in car lots ex. track.

BACON AND HAMS.—There is no change in prices in the local market for smoked cured hams, but there is a good steady demand. We quote as follows:—Medium weight hams, 19½ to 20c; breakfast bacon, 21c to 22c; Liverpool: Hams, short cut 14 to 16 lbs., 76s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 70s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 67s. 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 66s.; long clear middles, light 28 to 34 lbs., 72.; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 71s. 6d.; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 57s. American refined, 56s. 6d.

BRAN AND FEED GRAIN.—A steady feeling prevails in the local market. We quote as follows:—Bran \$17.00 per ton; shorts \$19.00, per ton; middling, \$22.00, per ton. The market for moullie is quiet, and prices steady. Mixed moullie, \$26.00 to \$28.00; pure grain moullie, \$30.00 to \$32.00. There is a fair volume of business being done in rolled oats and market is firm, with sales at \$4.45 per barrel in wood and at \$2.10 per bag in in jute. The cornmeal market is weak and prices have declined 25c per barrel, sell at \$3.50 per barrel in wood and at \$1.05 per bag.

BUTTER.—There is a fair amount of business being done, but demand from outside sources is quiet. We quote:—Fine Creamery, 24¼c to 25c. Finest Creamery, 25½c to 25¾c; second grades, 24¼c to 24½c. Dairy butter, 22c to 23c.

CHEESE.—We quote Canadian finish white new 58s. 6d. and colored, new 58s. 6d. Finest Western white, 12c to 12½c; Finest Western Colored, 11¼c to 12c; Finest Eastern White, 11¼c; Finest Colored, 11¾c.

EGGS.—The market is steady and prices firm on account of small supply coming forward. Selected, 23c; fresh, 22c.; No. 1 stock, 18c.; No. 2 stock, 17c.

DRY GOODS.—The half-yearly balances of the large dry goods houses show a volume of spring sales well up to the figure of last year, but general anticipations are not very favorable as to fall trade. Sorting business is on the quiet side. Knitting mills seem to be catching up with orders and are now making fairly free deliveries of fall underwear, while the cotton mills are also making liberal shipments:—In Liverpool, Cotton, spot, moderate business prices steady; American middling, fair, 7.39d; good middling, 7.05d; middling, 6.81d; low middling, 6.65; good ordinary, 6.23d; ordinary, 5.89d. Futures closed quiet and steady; June, 6.61; June and July, 6.54½; July and August, 6.53d; August and September, 6.44d;

September and October, 6.32½d; October and November, 6.22; November and December, 6.22d; December and January, 6.21; January and February, 6.21d; February and March, 6.22d; March and April, 6.23d; April and May, 6.24; May and June, 6.25d.

FLOUR.—A strong feeling prevails in the market for spring Wheat flour this is due to the upward tendency of prices for wheat in Winnipeg. There is a fairly active business being done and a good demand in the country and local markets. With sales of first patents at \$5.60 and seconds at \$5.10 per barrel in bags. Trade in winter wheat flour is quiet but prices firm at \$5.25 for choice patents and at \$4.75 to \$4.85 for straight rollers per barrel in wood.

GRAIN.—There is no improvement in the volume of business in grain, but a fair inquiry for Manitoba oats and barley. The local market business is very quiet in all lines of course grains owing to the fact that buyers seemed to be well supplied at present and the demand is limited. No.2 C. W. being quoted at 41c to 41½c; Extra No. 1 feed at 41c No. 1 feed oats at 40c per bushel Exstore. No. 1 Northern, 99¼c; No. 2 Northern, 96¼c; No. 3 Northern, 92¼c; No. 4 Northern, 86¾c; No. 5 Northern, 77½c; No. 6 Northern, 72½c; oats, No. 2 C.W. 35¼c; No. 3 C.W. 33½c; No. 1 extra feed, 34c; No. 1 33¼c; No. 2 feed, 30½c; Barley, No. 3, 47¼c; No. 4, 46½c; rejected, 43c; feed 43c; Flax No. 1, N. W.C. \$1.15½; No. 2, C.W. \$1.13½; No. 3, C.W. \$1.03.

GREEN AND DRIED FRUITS.—Our quotations are as follows:—Finest Florida oranges, 126, 176 and 200 sizes, \$5.00 to \$5.50. Mexican, 150, 210 and 250 sizes, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Valencia, 714 size, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 420 size, \$5.00; Navel oranges, 126, 176 and 216 sizes, \$5.50. Lemons, New Verdille, 300's \$4.00. Bananas, Jamaicas, packed, \$2.25. Grapefruit, \$4.50 per box. Cocoanuts, \$5.00 per bag. Sultana Raisins, finest cleaned, per lb., 8c; fancy cleaned, per lb., 8c; finest cleaned, in 1 lb. cartoons, per lb., 9c; Onsotts cleaned, California, 60 lb. boxes, 9c.; Currants: Fine Filiatras, Greek cleaned, half cases, per lb., 6c; do brls., per lb., 6c; do., 1 lb. cartons, per lb., 6c. Peels, Drained: Lemon in 112 lb. kegs, per lb., 9c; orange, per lb., 10c; citron, per lb., 15c. Dates: Hallowii in boxes of 80 lbs., per lb., 4c; Sari, in boxes of 80 lbs., per lb., 4c.—Figs: Naturels, bags of 28 and 56 lbs., per lb., 4c.

GROCERIES.—Maple syrup is selling at 85c to 90c per tin, in three quart tins, and at 7c to 8c per lb., in wood. A quiet trade is being done in Maple sugar at 11c to 12c per lb. We quote:—Apricot, packed in 11 lb. tins, \$9.00 per case; almond past, genuine, 33c per lb.; assorted, fruits, glace, best French, 38c per lb.; Angeliqe fruits, glace, best French, 38c per lb.; cherries, glace, best French, 25c per lb.; ginger, finest Cheelong, in bags, 224 lbs., \$25.75 per keg. The flour market prices are a little higher and a fairly active business is being done. Raw sugar firm, muscovado, 2.83c to 2.85c; Centrifugal, 3.33c to 3.36c; molasses sugar, 2.58c to 2.65c; refined sugar firm.

HONEY.—Prices are unchanged, and market quiet. We quote as follows:—Clover, white honey, 16c to 17; dark grades, 14c to 15½c; white extracted, 11½c to 12c; buckwheat honey, 8c to 9c.

HAY.—Our quotations are as follows:—\$13.00 to \$13.50 for No. 1 hay; \$12.00 to \$12.50 for No. 2 extra good; \$11.50 to \$12.00 for No. 2 hay \$11.00 to \$11.50.

HOPS.—Are quiet, common choice 1912, 14c to 19c; 1911, 9c to 14c. In London—Pacific Coast £4 10s. to £5 10s.

HIDES.—This market is steady and prices about same. We quote:—City butcher, hides, green, flat, 12½c per lb; inspected, No. 1, 13c; No. 2, 12c. Country hides, flat cured, 13c; part cured, 12¼c to 12½c; Green