

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—Straight rollers have sold at a decline of 5 to 10c since our last report, sales having been made at \$3.25 to \$3.39 in car lots on track laid down here, with sales in a jobbing way at \$3.40 to \$3.45 and \$3.50. Of course, special brands will exceed the outside rates. A few sales have transpired at points west of Toronto at \$2.90 to \$2.95 f.o.b. for shipment to Quebec and the Lower provinces. In strong bakers sales have been made at all sorts of prices, according to quality.

Oatmeal.—In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.55, and standard at \$1.45 to \$1.60. Put barley \$1.25 in bbls. and \$2 in bags, and spilt peas \$3.50.

Wheat.—Red and white winter wheat is selling in Ontario at 1c lower at 65 to 65c f.o.b.

Bran, etc.—Ontario bran has sold at \$ 5 in car lots, and Manitoba at \$14.50. Shorts are quiet at \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Oats.—A feature in the market is the increased receipts of oats and the probability of their continuance for a time. The market is easier with sales at 31c at the close of last week; but since then holders have had to make concessions, and recent sales have transpired at 30½c for No 2 white and at 29c, two cars selling at the latter figure for No. 3.

Barley.—The market for malting barley is firm at 53c to 55c and extra choice is held at 56c. Feed barley dull at 39 to 41c.

Cured Meats.—In lard there have been sales of round lots of compound as low as \$1.20 per pail of 20 lbs., while Canadian pure leaf lard has brought \$1.60 per pail. In smoked meats, good sized sales of hams and bacon have been made at 9c, and we quote 9 to 10c as to quantity. Cable advices quote a further decline in Canadian bacon in England. Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$13 to \$13.50, 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., 7 to 8c.

Dressed Hogs.—The receipts of hogs during the past week were again heavy, making a total of nearly 11,000 head during the past two weeks. Since our last report sales have been reported to us at \$1.60 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs., in car lots, as to average weight.

Dressed Poultry.—Receipts of dressed poultry are large and holders have had to shade prices, turkeys being reported at 7 to 7½c, as to quality. Nice young chickens have sold at 6½ to 7c, while old hens only brought 5 to 6c. Geese have changed hands at 4 to 6c, and ducks at 7 to 8c. Scalded poultry is not worth within 1 to 2c of dry-picked stock.

Butter.—The market remains dull and values rule in favor of buyers. The chances for an export outlet may be judged from the fact that exporters are unloading on this market at every opportunity, sales of several round lots of fine creamery being reported to us by shippers at 19 to 20½c. Eastern Townships dairy has sold at 16 to 18c as to quality, and Western at 15c, small jobbing lots of course bringing more money.

Eggs.—Choice candled stock sold at 14 to 15c, as to quantity, seconds being quoted at 12 to 12½c. Montreal limed eggs are dealt in at 14 to 15c.

Honey.—White honey continues scarce and is quoted at 9 to 9½c for 1895 extracted. Dark honey is plentiful at 7 to 8c, as to quality. White comb honey is quoted at 13 to 14c, and dark at 10 to 12c.

Beans.—The market is dull, choice hand-picked pea beans being quoted at \$1.05 to \$1.10 for round lots and \$1.15 to \$1.20 for smaller quantities. Common kinds are quoted at 85c to \$1.00 in a jobbing way.

Dressed Meats.—Farmers dressed beef sold at 4½ to 5½c for hind quarters and at 2½ to 3c

for fore quarters. Mutton carcasses 4½ to 6c, as to quality.

Hides.—The chief feature of the market is a further decline of ½c per lb. in the price of green hides, dealers now paying 5½c for No. 1 light.—Trade Bulletin, Dec 18,

Montreal Grocery Market.

The feature of the sugar market during the past week has been the firmer feeling which has prevailed, and prices for yellows have been advanced ½c per lb., on account of the light stock of these grades held by refiners, and as the factories are shut down at present there is no immediate prospect of an increase in supplies. There has been no change in granulated yet, but higher prices are anticipated in the near future. The improvement noted in the demand last week has continued, and a fairly active business is reported. We quote granulated in 250 barrel lots and upwards at 4½c, lots of 100 and 200 barrels at 4 3/8 16c, and smaller quantities at 4½c; yellows at 3½ to 3¾c, and creams at 3¾ to 3½c at the factory.

In syrup a fair business is reported, there being a better demand from the lumbering districts, and sales have taken place at 1½ to 2½c per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

There has been no change in the situation of the molasses market. The demand has been limited and business principally of a jobbing character at steady prices. We quote Barbadoes at 56 to 57c, and Porto Rico at 35c. Round lots of the latter offering at 31c.

The market for rice continues to rule fairly active and values show no change. The following quotations are what millers sell at: Japan, standard, \$4.25 to \$4.40; crystal Japan \$4.75 to \$5, standard B. \$3.45; English style \$3.30, Patna \$4.25 to \$5; and Carolina at \$6.50 to \$7.50.

A fairly active business is reported in spices, there being a good demand for small lots. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only. Penang black pepper, 6 to 7½c; white pepper 10 to 12½c; cloves 7½ to 9c; Cassia 8½ to 9½c, nutmegs 60 to 90c; and Jamaica ginger 15½ to 18½c.

The coffee market is without any change, business being slow and of a jobbing character. We quote.—Maracaibo 19 to 20c; Rio 18 to 18½c; Java 24 to 27c, Jamaica 17½ to 18½c; and Mocha 27½ to 30c.

Rather more business has been done in teas during the past few days, but sales have been principally in twenty-five and fifty package lots to fill immediate requirements. Tea dust has been well inquired for, and this article is now getting scarce and firmer at 5½ to 5¾c per lb.—Gazette, Dec. 14.

Cure for Dead Beats.

In Corea they may not be very highly civilized but their collection law seems to work well. A Japanese authority says the Korean law declares as follows: "One who owes money and at the promised time fails to pay it, whether the debt be to His Majesty the King, or to another person or persons, shall be beaten two or three times a month on the shin, and the punishment shall be continued until the debt is discharged. If a man die in debt his relations must pay that debt, or be beaten two or three times a month on the shin."

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