

**PROVISIONS.**

All lines of pork products are higher and dealers do not see any prospects for a lowering in the near future. Lard is, of course, up also. Hogs are scarce, and high, and if Canadian dealers had to buy in Chicago markets, they could not sell at present prices, as quotations here and on the American side are about the same. Lard is scarce and shortening continues to advance on account of the great scarcity of cotton seed oil.

Current prices are as follows:

<b>Hams:</b>	Per lb.
Smoked Hams, 8-14 lbs.	0.30
Do., 14-20 lbs.	0.29
Do., 20-25 lbs.	0.27
Do., over 25 lbs.	0.25
<b>Bacon:</b>	
Breakfast	0.31
Windsor Bacon, selected	0.31
Windsor Bacon, boneless	0.34
<b>Barrel Pork:</b>	Per bbl.
Short cut pork	\$48.00
Clear fat pork	50.00
Mess pork	46.00
Bean pork, American	46.00
Plate pork, 200-lbs.	44.00
<b>Pure Lard:</b>	Per lb.
Tubs	0.26 1/2
Pails	0.26 3/4
Tins	0.26 3/4
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.27 1/4
Prints	0.27 3/4
<b>Compound Lard, (Western Grades):</b>	
Tubs	0.19 3/4
Tins	0.20
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.20 3/4
Prints	0.21
<b>Cooked Meats:</b>	
Roast shoulder pork	0.38
Roast hams, boneless	0.42
Cooked hams, boneless	0.40
Cooked hams, rind off	0.41
Head cheese	0.14
English brawn	0.13

**SUGAR.**

Sugar is again to the fore as regards an advance in price and is selling at \$8.25 per 100 lbs. with a prospect of still enhanced values. The strength is attributed to the steady upward tendency of prices for raw sugar in the New York market and the reduced estimates of the Cuban crop.

Present prices follow:

Standard or fine, bags, 100-lbs.	Basis, \$ 8.25
Do., barrels	8.30
Do., gunnies, 5-20's	8.40
Do., gunnies, 10-10's	8.45
Do., cartons, 20-5's	8.50
Do., cartons, 50-2's	8.55
Light yellow, bags, 100-lbs.	7.85
Do., barrels	7.90
Brilliant yellow, bags, 100-lbs.	7.85
Do., barrels	7.90
Dark yellow, bags, 100-lbs.	7.65
Do., barrels	7.70
Extra ground (icing), barrels	8.45
Do., boxes, 50-lbs. bulk	8.65
Do., boxes, 25-lbs. bulk	8.85
Do., cartons, 50-ls.	9.75
Do., cartons, 20-ls.	10.00
Powdered, barrels	8.35
Do., boxes, 50-lbs. bulk	8.55
Do., boxes, 25-lbs. bulk	8.75
Do., cartons, 50-2's	9.25
Do., cartons, 25-2's	9.50

**FLOUR AND FEED.**

The spring wheat flour market jumped up another 40c on Saturday last, making in all an advance of \$1.10 for the past week. Winter wheat flour went up 50c last Monday. Both grades remain strong at the new figures and the market, while quiet is very firm. Trade is, of course, correspondingly small.

All lines of feed were marked up \$1.00 last week and the demand continued good in spite of the advance. Supplies in dealers hands are small and continue to be closely bought up. The market in rolled oats is very firm with a fair amount of trade.

Prices follow:

<b>Flour:</b>	per 98-lb. bag.
First patents	5.75
Second patents	5.50
Strong Bakers	5.40
Feed Flour	3.30
Winter wheat flour, 90 per cent	4.75 4.90
(An extra charge of 30c is made for flour bbls.)	
<b>Cereals:</b>	
Rollod Oats, 90 lb. bag	3.60 3.75
Oatmeal, 98-lb. bag	3.90
Rollod wheat, 100-lb. bbl.	3.65
Bag	4.35
Rye flour, 98-lb. bag	4.00 4.50
<b>Feeds:</b>	Per ton.
Bran	38.00
Shorts	40.00
Middlings	42.00
Moullie, pure grain grades	49.00
Do, mixed	44.00 45.00
Barley feed	46.00

Crushed Oats	46.00
Oatfeed	28.00 29.00
Hay, best grades	13.50 14.00
Do., No. 2 ordinary	13.00
Do., No. 3 Timothy	11.50
Clover, mixed	10.50

**LIVE STOCK.**

MONTREAL.—The offerings of live stock in Montreal for the past week were 375 cattle, 85 sheep and lambs, 1,975 hogs, and 3,400 calves, as compared with the receipts of the previous week, which amounted to 760 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 3,380 hogs, and 5,400 calves.

Trade in cattle was quiet, owing to the fact that buyers in general had sufficient supplies of beef on hand to do them till the end of the week. The demand was consequently limited, and although supplies were small, they proved ample to fill all requirements.

Calves are coming forward in steadily increased supplies and with limited consumption and demand, the market shows a weaker feeling, prices declining about \$1.00 per hundredweight.

Hogs remain in an exceptionally strong market, and prices advanced at the beginning of the week on an average of 45c. to 50c. per 100 lbs. over quotations of the week before. The advance was attributed to the small supply in sight, with a steady, keen demand from the packing houses.

Sheep and lambs are very quiet, with a dull market.

TORONTO.—Quotations which were strong at the beginning of the week fell of towards the latter part and cattle were taken up at prices ranging from 25c. to 35c. under those which were ruling earlier in the week. Hogs of course, have been the feature of the market, realizing prices hitherto unknown, selling for \$16.75 fed and watered. The sharp advance on the Chicago market helped to stimulate the advance here. The small meat trade was steady, but sales were slow. Choice veal calves realized \$14.00 to \$15.00. Sheep and lambs were scarce, the former selling at \$10.50 to \$11.50 for lights, the latter at \$14.50 to \$15.50 for choice yearlings, which spring lambs sold for \$8.00 to \$12.00.

The receipts during the week were 4,308 cattle, 715 sheep and lambs, 12,040 hogs, and 1,632 calves, as compared with the previous week's receipts of 4,136 cattle, 441 sheep and lambs, 8,820 hogs, and 1,736 calves.

Comparative quotations follow:

	Per cwt.	Montreal.	Toronto.
Heavy steers	11.50	12.00	11.25 12.00
Choice butchers	11.00	11.25	10.75 11.25
Do., good	9.75	10.00	10.25 10.50
Do., medium	8.75	9.00	9.75 10.25
Do., common	8.25	8.50	8.25 9.25
Butcher cows, choice	9.50	9.75	9.00 10.00
Do., medium	8.50	8.75	8.00 8.60
Do., common	7.50	7.75	7.00 7.50
Butcher bulls, choice	10.25	10.50	9.25 10.00
Do., good	9.75	10.00	8.25 9.00
Do., medium	8.50	8.75	7.25 8.00
Canners	5.50	6.50	5.00 5.75
Sheep, ewes	10.00	10.50	10.00 10.00
Bucks	9.50	9.75	8.50 10.00
Lambs, spring	12.00	14.00	13.00 15.00
Do., yearlings	13.00	15.00	14.50 15.00
Calves, milkfed	11.00	12.00	13.50 15.00
Do., hayfed, choice	6.50	6.50	6.00 7.00
Do., common	5.00	5.00	6.00 8.00
Hogs, choice	16.70	17.00	16.75
Do., heavy weights	16.50	16.50	16.00
Sows	14.70	15.00	15.25 15.50

**FISH MARKETS.**

The demand for fish is keeping up as good as can be expected after the Lenten Season. Prices are keeping at the same level as a general rule. Lobsters have been selling at more reasonable figures. Due to stormy weather, east and west, supplies have not been over-plentiful. There are two car-loads of fresh halibut in transit from the west, and a few haddock, market and steak cod from the east. The lake fisheries have not opened up yet to any extent, and quantities arriving are light and command high prices.

It is close season for pickerel until May 15th; for black bass until June 15th.

The trade in bulk and shell oysters is relatively good. The demand keeps up better than was anticipated, which may be accounted for by the cool weather prevailing. Prepared and salt fish are quiet and without any special features of note.

<b>Fresh Fish:</b>	per lb.
Pacific Halibut	0.19 0.20
Steak Cod	0.11 0.12
Market Cod	0.07 1/2 0.08
Haddock	0.09 0.10
Carp	0.12 0.13
Dore	0.18 0.20
Whitefish	0.15 0.16
Lake Trout	0.15 0.16

Pike	0.11	0.12
<b>Fresh Frozen Sea Fish</b>		
Halibut	0.16	0.18
Mackerel	0.09	0.10
Salmon, B. C. Red	0.13	0.15
Do., B. C. Pale	0.10	0.11
Salmon, Gaspe	0.17	0.18
Cod, steak	0.08 1/2	0.09
Haddock, fancy	0.07 1/2	0.08
Smelts, No. 1 and No. 1 large	0.15	0.20
Tommy Cods, bbl.	1.50	
Herring	0.05 1/2	0.06
<b>Fresh Frozen Lake Fish:</b>		
Lake Trout	0.14	0.15
Whitefish	0.14	0.15
Perch	0.10	0.11
Dore	0.12	0.13
Pike	0.09	0.10
Eels	0.10	0.10
<b>Smoked Fish:</b>		
Finnan Haddies	0.10	0.11
Finnan Haddies, Finest, Boned	0.13	
Finnan Haddie Fillets	0.15	0.16
Digby Herrings, per bundle of 5 boxes	1.00	
Smoked Boneless Herring, 10 lb box	1.40	
Kippers, 40s and 50s, per box	1.75	2.00
<b>Salted and Pickled Fish:</b>		
Herring (Labrador), per bbl.	9.00	
Salmon (Labrador), per bbl.	19.00	
Salmon (B. C. Red)	16.00	
Sea Trout, red and pale, per bbl.	15.00	
Green Cod, No. 1, per bbl.	14.00	
Mackerel, No. 1, per bbl.	21.00	
Salt Eels, per lb.	0.08	
Codfish (Skinless), (100-lb. box)	9.50	
Codfish (Boneless), Blocks, per lb.	0.10	
Codfish, Shredded, 12 lb. box	1.80	
Strip Cod, boxes, 30 lb., per lb.	0.15	
<b>Shellfish:</b>		
Lobsters, medium and large, lb.	0.30	
Prawns, Imperial gallon	3.00	
Shrimps, Imperial gallon	2.50	
Scallops	3.00	
Oysters, Selected, per gallon	2.00	
Oysters, Ordinary, per gallon	1.50	
Oysters, Malpeque, Choice, per bbl.	12.00	
Oysters, Malpeque, Shell, Ordinary, per bbl.	10.00	
Oysters, Cape Cod, Shell, per bbl.	10.00	
Clams, medium, per bbl.	12.00	

**THE GRAIN MARKETS.**

Business has been dull during the past week in cash grain and while prices continue in their present erratic state dealers declare that trade will be small. Prices are of course high and mounting by leaps and bounds in sympathy with Winnipeg and Chicago quotations. Some trade has been done with English importers including sales of American No. 3 mixed corn and Manitoba No. 4 barley at good prices.

Winnipeg markets show heavy trading during the past week and offerings were good except in the middle of the week when the supply seemed to fall off. Exporters were taking wheat at seaboard in the early part of the week and business on the whole was good considering the havoc one would expect from the steady advances in price.

Chicago experienced a break at the beginning of the week from the high prices which had prevailed but recovered and on Saturday closed with new high records, May wheat selling for \$2.32. There was a good demand for both export and milling and trade was brisk.

<b>Grains:</b>	Per bushel.
Spring wheat Manitoba, No. 1	\$2.45
Do., No. 2	2.40
Do., No. 3	2.10
Do., No. 4	2.25
Winter wheat Ontario, No. 2	1.80 1.82
<b>Oats:</b>	
No. 2 C. W.	0.81
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.76 0.79
Do., Extra No. 1 feed	0.72 1/2 0.75 1/2
Do., No. 2 feed	0.72 0.75
Ontario Oats, No. 2, white	0.71 1/2 0.72
Do., No. 3	0.72
Barley, No. 4 C. W., Rejected	1.20
Do., feed	1.06
Corn, American, ex-track	1.60

**CANADA'S VISIBLE SUPPLY.**

According to figures compiled last week after a careful survey of the situation and a computation of grain in elevators, it is estimated that there is still approximately 25,000,000 bushels of wheat in the Province of Alberta; that Saskatchewan has approximately 35,000,000 bushels on hand, and that Manitoba has approximately 12,000,000 bushels. In Port William and Port Arthur there are approximately 20,000,000 bushels, while in the rest of the Dominion there are approximately 10,000,000 bushels. The total for the Dominion, according to these figures, would be 102,000,000 bushels.

"Going to plant potatoes in your garden this year?" asked a Baltimore man of his friend, as reported in the American of the city. "I thought I would, but when I looked up the way to do it I found that potatoes have to be planted in hills, and our yard is perfectly flat."