

Toronto Grocery Market.

The grocery trade has been rather more active this week, and a better feeling generally prevails. Prices on some lines of dried fruits have improved, but sugars are as unprofitable and unsatisfactory to handle as before. There has been a movement on the part of some jobbers to bring the trade together again on prices, so that a profit can be made on sugars. They are not likely to meet with much encouragement, if any at all. Some of the larger houses say they "will not go into any such arrangement at present," which probably means that they will endeavor to make business unprofitable for a year or two to those who cut prices when the sugar agreement was in force. Payments have been rather more satisfactory; in fact very few complaints are heard. Travellers and country merchants report an excellent crop outlook and most encouraging trade prospects.

Sugars—Granulated, 4½ to 4¼: Paris lump, boxes, 5c; extra ground, bbls, 5 to 5¼ powdered, bbls, 4½ to 4¼; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4¼; Demarara 4½ to 4¼; Trinidad 3¼; Barbadoes 3¼. Syrup—D. 2 to 2¼; M. 2¼ to 2½; B. 2½ to 2¾; V. B. 2½ to 2¾; E. V. B. 2½ to 2¾; ex. super. 2½ to 2¾; A. A. 2½ to 3c. XXX and special 3 to 3¼. Molasses—West Indian, bbls 30 to 40c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals 30 to 40c; inferior low grades 25 to 28c.

TEAS AND COFFEES—Jobbers are doing a fair business in teas. The market is without new feature. Only a few new Japans have come to hand, and they are all high priced—30 to 40c—and buyers are waiting the later shipments, which bring lower grades. Only a few new are seller, and these are taken for assortment and not to stock up with. Coffees are more plentiful, but the demand is quiet. There is fair movement at 17½ to 19c for Rios; 23 to 26c for Porto Rico and 28 to 30c for Mocha. Prices are: Rios 17½ to 20c; Jamaica 19 to 20c; Java 25 to 30c; Mocha 28 to 30c; Porto Rico 23 to 26c.

Dried Fruits—This market presents a much better tone than any other grocery staple. Prices on raisins, currants and prunes have improved. In Valencia the range is still a wide one to include the different qualities, but the same value is not now obtainable; sales are being made at 3½ to 5c according to quality. A round lot of C. Morands sold on the street at 4c. Currants are firm at 3½ to 5c in barrels. Prunes are getting into smaller compass and jobbers are running out of stock; the cases range from 5½ to 7½. Currants—Bbls 4½ to 5¼; do fancy 6c; half-bbls 5½ to 5¾; Vostizza, cases, 6½ to 9c; Patras, bbls, 5 to 5¼; caser 5½ to 5¾. Raisins—Valencia 3½ to 5c; layers 7 to 7½; do old off stalk, per box 75c to \$1; Sultanas 9 to 13c; London layers \$2.50 to \$2.75. Figs—Elenes, 10 lbs and up, 11 to 16c; Malaga, 56-lb bags, 5 to 5¼; natural, bags, 4½ to 5¼. Dates—Hallowee, 5 to 5¼. Prunes—Cases 5½ to 7½; casks 4½ to 4¾; kegs 5¼. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 13½ to 15c; Ivica 14 to 15c; do shelled, Valencia, 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenoble, 14c; Bordeaux, 11 to 12c.

Canned Goods—Vegetables unchanged. Tomatoes are plentiful, but peas and to some extent corn are getting scarce, with every probability that when the new pack is ready there will remain very few in jobbers' hands. There are now none whatever held by packers. Demand for fruits is dull and prices continue easy. Fish steady with salmon firmer. Some houses are asking \$1.45 to \$1.50 for "Horseshoe" salmon, an advance of 5c. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.70; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.30 to \$1.50; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.90 to \$2.25; mackerel \$1 to \$1.10; sardines, French ½'s, 40c; sardines, French ¾'s, 17c; sardines, American ¾'s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American ½'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, \$1 to \$1.10; corn, 2's, 9½ to \$1.05; peas, 2's, \$1.05 to \$1.25; beans 90c to \$1; pumpkins 75 to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.10 to \$2.25; apples, gala, \$1.85

to \$2.10; 3's \$0 to 90c; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.55 to \$3.25; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to \$1.75; 3's \$2.05; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; 3's \$1.75 to \$2.10.

Spices, Rice, etc.—Spices quiet and unchanged. Rice firm. Rice, bags, 3½ to 4c; do. off grades, 3½ to 3¾; do. Parna, 4½ to 5½; do. Japan, 4½ to 5½; sago 3½ to 4¼; tapioca 4½ to 5c; pepper, black, 11½ to 12c; do. white, 18 to 25c. ginger, Jamaica, 18 to 20c; cloves 10 to 15c; allspice 10 to 12c; nutmegs 90c to \$1.10; cream tartar 28 to 35c.

Peels—Lemon scarce and firmer, but the range of quotations is unchanged at 16 to 18c for lemon, 16½ to 18c for orange and 25 to 28c for citron.—*Empire*, June 17.

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Millfeed—Quiet and easy. There were sellers of bran outside at \$10.25 Toronto freights, with buyers at \$10. On track to arrive \$12 was asked, with buyers at \$11.25.

Wheat—The demand continues dull, though the feeling was not so depressed as yesterday, and prices were rather steadier. A few cars of winter were taken by millers on a low rate of freight at 80c straight north and west. Spring was weak, being offered at 75c straight north and west and 78c on the Midland. Manitoba wheat slow, with only an occasional enquiry from millers. There was a demand for No. 1 hard at \$1.02 North Bay, with sellers at \$1.04 to arrive there; for the latter \$1.03 was bid North Bay. No. 2 hard wanted at 92c North Bay, with sellers to arrive at 95c. No. 3 hard wanted at 87c North Bay, but there is none there. No. 1 regular offered to arrive North Bay at 70c, with buyers at 69c.

Oats—Are offering freely, but the demand is light. Sales on track were made at 33½ to 34c for mixed, and 34 to 34½ for white. On call a car offered on track at 34c with buyers at 33c. White offered on the Midland at 32c. There were buyers of white north and west at 29½c.

Grain and flour—Car prices are: Flour Manitoba patents, \$4.95 to \$5.00; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.45 to \$4.60; Ontario patents, \$1 to \$1.25; straight roller, \$3.55 to \$3.80; extra, \$3.40 to \$3.60; low grades, per bag, \$1 to \$1.50. Bran—\$11.50 to \$12. Shorts \$13.00 to \$14.00. Wheat, straight, west and north points—white, 79 to 80c; spring, 75 to 78c; red winter, 79 to 80c; goose, 69 to 70c; No. 1 hard, N.B. \$1.03; No. 2 hard, lake and rail, 83 to 91c; No. 3 hard, 80 to 81c; No. 1 regular, 72 to 73c; No. 2 regular, 62 to 63c; Peas—No. 2, 59½ to 61½. Barley—No. 1, 52 to 54c; No. 2, 48 to 49c; No. 3, extra, 45c; No. 3, 42 to 43c; two-rowed, 54 lbs, averaging about No. 3 extra in color (outside), 45 to 55c. Corn—52 to 53c. Buckwheat—51 to 53c. Rye—Nominal. Oats—33½ to 34½c.

Apples, dried—Unchanged and quiet. Dealers are jobbing at 4 to 4½c. Evaporated continue dull and easy at 6½ to 7c, lots of 5 boxes having been sold to-day at the inside figure.

Beans—Inactive. Dealers sell small lots at \$1 to \$1.15 per bush. Offerings are taken at 80 to 90c per bush.

Eggs—The market was firmer to-day at 10½ to 11c. Receipts are light and a good demand for the time of the year is reported.

Hides, etc.—Quiet; prices unchanged. Cured sell at 5c; green at 4½c; No. 2 at 3½c, No. 3 at 2½c. Skins—Snoepskins are scarce; they sell at \$1.25 to \$1.50; lambskins are steady at 20 to 35c; calfskins sell at 5 to 7c for city in specie.

Honey—Unchanged and slow. Comb sells at 11c to 12c; extracted at 8 to 9c to the trade.

Tallow—Receipts fair; prices easy. Dealers pay 2c for rough, 5c for the rendered. They are asking 5½c for the latter.

Wool—Unchanged and quiet. Supers, 22 to 22½c; extra, 26 to 26½c; pulled combing, 18c; new wool 16 to 17c.

Butter—The market is slightly firmer under

lighter arrivals. One or two lots of very choice large rolls sold to-day at 13½c; the price for this class of butter ranges from 12½c up to this figure, with common grades held at 11 to 11½c. Tubs are coming in more freely, and in fact comprise the bulk of the receipts. They are held at from 12 to 15c.

Cheese—Quiet and easy. No transactions were reported to-day, but stock could no doubt have been obtained at yesterday's figures, viz. 8½ to 8¾c; dealers are jobbing at 9¾c to 10c.

Provisions—Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$13.00 to \$14.00; do, American or Canadian (new), \$15.00 to \$15.50; short cut, \$16.00 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per pound, 7½ to 7¾c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9½ to 10½c; compound do, 7 to 9c. Smoked meats—Hams, per pound (new), 10 to 10½c; bellies, 10 to 10½c; rolls, 8½ to 8¾c; backs, 10 to 10½c.

Cattle—With one of the heaviest runs of cattle we have had this season and the uncertainty regarding space, and the rates pertaining thereto, which is causing some uneasiness to several of the large local export dealers, a slightly depressed market in this line was not altogether unexpected to-day. Some extra choice shipping cattle, it is true, sold at close on to the top figures of Tuesday, but most of the offerings changed hands at or under 5c per pound. A. J. Thomson bought 350 choice shipping steers at from 4½ to 5c; and Rogers & Halligan 25 or 30 loads at about the same figures. In butchers' cattle the change was not so noticeable, owing to a poor demand. The best choice stall-fed heifers and steers sold at 4 to 4½c per pound; good to choice, do, 3½ to 3¾c, and common to fair, at 3 to 3½c per pound. Among the sales reported to-day were: 20 choice butchers, averaging 950 pounds, at 4½c per pound; 21, do, averaging 920 pounds, at 3¾c per pound; 15, do, averaging 1,030 pounds, 4c; 10, do, averaging 900 pounds, at 3½c per pound; 133 export, averaging 1320 pounds, at 5c per pound; 22, do, averaging 1300 pounds, at 4¾c per pound; 21, do, averaging 1250 pounds, at 4½c per pound.

Stockers—The enquiry was fair for the moderate offerings. The best heavy stockers sold at 4 to 4½c, and common light animals at 3½ to 3¾c. Thomas Crawford bought one or two loads at a shade over 4c per pound.

Sheep and Lambs—Trade was necessarily restricted by the very light supply, as less than 90 were placed on the market. Spring lambs sold at \$4 to \$4.50 per head; yearlings, 4 to 4½c per pound clipped.

Hogs—We had over 1,000 hogs here to-day, and it was only natural to expect a weaker market and a decline in prices. Fat heavy hogs were slow at about any figure. Stores sold fairly well at \$4.50 per cwt. The best price paid to-day was 5c off car, which was for an exceptionally fine load of picked animals.—*Empire*, June 20.

Montreal Iron and Metals Market.

The iron market showed little change on spot during the week, but cable advices indicate a trifle lower tendency on makers' brands. Business has been confined to jobbing sales of Cambroo and Eglinton at \$17.50 to \$18.50, Summerlee being held at \$19.

Scrap iron is unchanged; wrought, \$16, and cast \$13 to \$14.

Tin plates are unchanged, but if the boom in ingot tin is maintained the natural result should be an advance in plates. At present holders are firm at \$3.30 to \$3.50 for coke and \$4.25 for charcoal.

Copper shows a lower tendency, and although quotations are not actually changed, recent lots have been offered as low as 12½c, with no business. We quote in a regular way, 13 to 14c.

Tin is in the hands of speculators, and they are pushing up prices all around. Recent cables quote an advance of \$2, and local holders are very firm.—*Gazette*, June 18.