

Montreal Markets.

Flour—The market is quiet, and prices about as last quoted. The fact that millers are free purchasers of wheat at these low values would seem to indicate that they know a good investment when it is offered them, for it can scarcely be conceived that prices will keep down at their present low ebb much longer. There is no new business to report on Newfoundland account, as merchants there are so excited over the coming elections that they have no time to attend to the transactions of fresh business. There are still a few lots being shipped to England, but it is said there is little profit in them. A fair local and near by business is reported. Patent spring, \$3.85 to 4.10; patent winter, \$3.45 to 3.85; straight roller, \$3.10 to 3.25; extra, \$2.80 to 3.00; superfine, \$2.60 to 2.70; fine, \$2.20 to 2.35; city strong bakers, \$3.55 to 3.65; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to 3.65; Ontario bags, extra, \$1.40 to 1.50; straight rollers, \$1.50 to 1.55; superfine, \$1.25 to 1.40; fine, \$1.10 to 1.20.

Oatmeal—Granulated in car lots is quoted at \$4 to 4.05 on track, according to brand, and rolled oats are quoted at \$3.95 to 4.00 in car lots on track. In a jobbing way prices here are quoted as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.15 to 4.25; standard, \$3.75 to 4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2 to 2.05 and standard at \$1.80 to 1.90.

Feed—Bran has become a scarce article again, as western millers can get more for it at their mills than in shipping it to this market. One buyer stated yesterday that he would pay \$14.50 for car lots, but that they were not to be had. We quote \$14.50 to 15.00. Shorts meet with good enquiry, with sales at \$16.00 to 16.50. Moullie unchanged at \$19.50 to 22.00 as to grade.

Wheat—No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat has been laid down here at 69c; and we quote prices here nominally at 71 to 73. Canada red and white winter wheat is offered at 69c, but no bids were forthcoming.

Oats—The market remains quiet, with sales at 34½ and 35c for export, and at 36 to 36½ for local account. Advices from country points say that very few oats are being delivered. Still, the feeling is in favor of buyers.

Barley—The United States is taking a fair quantity of Canadian barley, but it nets the farmers a low figure. Last sales of malting barley in this market were reported at 51c. Feed barley is quoted at 41 to 41½c.

Pork, Lard, &c.—The stock of Canada short cut mess pork has been so completely exhausted that the supply is not anything like equal to the demand, and prices still hold firmly between \$24 and 25. It is not a little strange that 5 to 10 bbl lots have brought \$25, while single barrels have in some instances sold at \$24 and \$24.50, which looks like an irregularity. Lard still sells at a wide range, sales of compound being reported \$1.60 to 1.75 per pail of 20 lbs. There is a fair enquiry for smoked meats, with sales of sugar-cured hams in round lots at 12½ to 13c as to average weight. Bacon also meets with fair enquiry at within range of quotations. Canada short cut pork, per barrel, \$24 to \$25; Canada clear mess, per barrel, \$22 to \$23; Chicago clear mess, per barrel, \$22.50 to \$23; hams, per pound, 12 to 14; lard, pure, in pails, per pound, 11½ to 12½c; lard, compound, in pails, per pound, 8 to 9c; bacon, per pound, 11½ to 12½c; shoulders, 10½ to 11c.

Dressed Hogs—The market is firm under light receipts, sales being reported since Monday of several good sized bunches at \$8.25 to 8.50.

Butter—Lacking the support of shippers, the butter market has assumed an easier tone during the past week, and creamery is not worth as much by ½c per lb as it was a week or ten days ago, shippers refusing to pay over 21½c for choice late made goods. In dairy there is

a fair enquiry from the local jobbing trade, with sales of eastern townships at 19½ to 20c in lots of 30 to 50 tubs. Western dairy is held at 19½c, one lot of selected selling at that price; but it is said the offer would not be repeated, and we quote 18 to 19½c. For single tubs of selected 1c per lb may be added to the above.

Cheese—Holders on this side appear to be confident that in view of the comparatively small stocks left in Canada, Englishmen will manifest more anxiety to buy later on. If the make in this province is large, it will be more than offset by the curtailed production both east and west of Toronto. The few lots that have come upon the market of late have been secured at a decline of about ½c. Finest western colored 11½ to 11½c, finest western white, 11½ to 11½c; finest Quebec, 10½ to 11c; under-pressed, 10 to 10½; Liverpool cable, 55c.

Eggs—The market has ruled firmer during the week, with sales of round lots of fresh at 15½c and single cases at 16c; choice large eggs bringing 17c the single case.

Dressed Poultry—A few odd cases of geese and turkeys have been received, the former selling at 6½ to 6½c per lb, and the latter at 8 to 9c.

Apples—Sales have transpired of about 2,500 bbls during the last few days at \$2.75 to 3.25 in round lots. These consist of winter varieties. A lot of 100 bbls comprising Baldwins, spics and russets brought \$2.75; a lot of 112 bbls of No. 2 sold at \$2; and a lot of 60 bbls of No. 2 at same price. We quote \$2 to 3.25.

Wool—Canadian fleece is selling in the west at 17 to 18c, f.o.b., at points west of Toronto. Here it is quoted at 18 to 19c. Canadian pulled wool is quoted at 20 to 22c for supers, a round lot being offered on this market at the inside figure. Extra is quoted at 23 to 26c. Northwest wool ranges from 11 to 14½c as to grade.

Hides—A fair seasonable business is passing in light hides, Quebec tanners absorbing stocks as soon as they arrive on the basis of 4½c for No. 1, and at this price the market is steady. Heavy hides have sold at 6½c in small lots; but 6½ would be accepted for round parcels. In calfskins there is nothing coming in, and prices are purely nominal. There is a good enquiry for sheepskins, which have sold in good sized lots at 65 to 70c. We quote as follows: Nos 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners 4½, 3½ and 2½c, and to dealers 4, 3 and 2c for Nos 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 7c, lambskins 65 to 70c. — *Trade Bulletin*, Nov. 3.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—There was another general decline in prices to day, New York, Montreal, and the local market all dropping ½c. A decline of ½c took place in bright yellows, which are now quoted at 4½ to 5c. Syrups are lower in sympathy.

Sugars—Granulated, 5½ to 5½c; Paris lumps, boxes, 6 to 6½c; extra good, bbls, 6c; powdered, bbls, 5½ to 5½c, refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; and brights, 4½ to 5c.

Syrups, per gal. imperial of 14 lbs.—Dark, 22 to 26c; medium, 28 to 32c; bright, 32 to 35c; extra bright, 36 to 38c; extra, very bright, 40 to 42c; special brights, 45 to 48c.

Molasses—West India, bbls, 28 to 35c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugal, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 23 to 25c per gallon.

Teas and Coffees—Teas continue to move freely, low and medium grades being most in demand. New Congous are selling well at from 14 to 19c for low grades. Tea dust and fannings are in comparatively poor demand this season owing to the good value shown in low grades.

The only feature in coffee is the continued scarcity of green Rio, which is now quoted at 24 to 25c. Prices are:—Green Rio, 24 to 25c. Roasted coffees—Rio, pure, 25c; choice, 26c; fancy, 26½c; extras, 27c; Maracabos, 30c;

Jamaicas, 28c; Javas 31½c for imperial; Java, old Government, 32½ to 34½; private growth standard Java, 36c; Mochas, pure, 33c; genuine Arabian Mochas, 36c.

Dried Fruit—Both raisins and currants of the new crop have been selling freely. First shipments have been nearly all disposed of, and the goods now due via the Picalons have been sold into pretty well. Some old fruit is still on the market, and is offering at bargain prices. A large quantity of new Malaga fruit will be on the market next week. Quotations are:—Raisins Valencia, 4½ to 5c for off stalk; 5 to 5½c for fine off stalk; 5½ to 6c for selected, and \$1 per 28 lb box for old fruit; layers, new crop, 6 to 7c; Sultanas, old, 6½ to 8c; London layers, old, \$1.25 per 22 lb box, and now, \$2.45 per 22 lb box; black baskets, old, \$2 per box, and now, \$3.25 to 3.40; blue baskets, old, \$2.25 a box, and now, \$4 a box; connoisseur clusters, now, \$3.20 to 3.40 per box; extra desserts, \$1 per box; quarter flats, \$1.40 per box; extra dessert quarter flats, \$1.50; prunes, fine Bordeaux, 5 to 6c. Figs—Comarc, 30 lb tins, 5 to 6c.

Canned Goods—The situation remains about the same. Canned salmon is in lighter demand, but peas, corn and tomatoes are selling freely. Packers are holding prices firm, but holders of old stocks have been breaking under market prices. We hear of a sale of tomatoes having been made within the past few days around 75c. This, of course, is quite below market quotations and below pickers' figures. When old stocks are worked off a little more prices are expected to get steadier. Quotations are:—Fish—Salmon, 1's tall, \$1.20 to 1.40; and flats, horse-shoe, \$1.50; lob ter, imperial crown flats, \$2.50, mackerel, \$1.00; finnan haddie, \$1.35 to 1.50; sardines, French ½'s, 9½ to 13c; sardines, French ¾'s, 16 to 23c; sardines, American ½'s, 5½ to 8c; sardines, American ¾'s, 9 to 12c. Fruit and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85 to 90c; corn, 3's, 80 to 90c; peas, 2's, 85c to \$1.45; beans, 35 to 95c; pumpkins, 80 to 95c; strawberries and raspberries 2's, \$1.75 to 2.10; apples, gala, \$2.25; 3's 95c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.80 to 2; peaches, 3's, \$2.90 to 3; plums, 2's, \$1.65 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.85; pears, 2's, \$1.45 to 1.80; 3's, \$2.60 to 2.75.

Rice and Spices—Rice—Bags, 3½ to 3½c; do., off grades, \$3.15 to 3.25; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5½c; whole pepper, black, 11½ to 16c, do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 20 to 25c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 80c to \$1.10; cream of tartar, 28 to 35c. — *Empire*, Nov. 3.

Fish and Oils Prices at Montreal.

Pickled Fish—Genuine Labrador herring, it is said, will be a scarce article this year, owing to the failure of the catch, and prices are quoted at \$5 to 5.25. Shore herring are quoted at \$4 to 4.50, and Cape Breton \$5. Green cod, \$4.50 to 5.00 for No. 1, and dry cod about the same prices.

Oils—There is an easier feeling in cod oil, Newfoundland being difficult to sell at above 35c for round lots. Steam refined seal oil is very quiet, and prices would have to be shaded in order to effect sales, and we quote 41 to 42c. Cod liver oil is slow sale, and prices are quoted at 45 to 50c for old, and 55 to 60c for new. Norwegian 70 to 80c.

Dried Fish—Boneless cod, 6 to 6½c per lb, and ordinary dried fish at 4½ to 5c. Smoked herring, 12 to 15c per box. Yarmouth bloaters \$1.25 per box of 60 fish; new haddies, 6½ to 7½c.

Canned Fish—Lobsters, \$6 per case for tails, and \$8.50 to 9.00 for flats. Mackerel, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Fresh Fish—Haddock has been scarce, and holders have managed to get 4c per lb wholesale. British Columbia salmon has sold at 13c per lb; whitefish sold at 7c per lb. — *Trade Bulletin*, Nov. 3.