

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—There is very little doing in straight rollers, which are held at \$3.25 to \$3.80 f.o.b. in Ontario points, but what actual business has been done has been on a basis of \$3.10 to \$3.15 f.o.b. at Ontario points. Sales in this market have been made within the past two days at \$3.55 in 25 bbl. lots in store, while other sales are reported at \$3.60 in store. There can be no doubt that Ontario millers should get \$3.25 to \$3.31 at their mills to show them a profit, considering the high prices they are compelled to pay for their wheat, from 71 to 75c being paid by them, according to position.

Oatmeal.—In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.61 to \$1.65, and standard at \$1.50 to \$1.55. Put barley 4.25 in barrels and \$2 in bags and split peas \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—A fair demand is reported for Ontario, with sales at \$15. A few lots of Manitoba bran are on the way, and we quote \$15 to \$15.50. Shorts \$16 to \$17.50 as to grade.

Oats.—The market is firmer, with sales of car lots at 81c per 34 lbs. for No. 2, and 30 to 30½c for No. 3 and mixed.

Barley.—There has been some business in malting barley at from 50 to 52c; but sprouting samples are very scarce. Feed barley is quoted at 41 to 42c.

Dressed Hogs.—Receivers have been free sellers at \$5.50 to \$5.75 in jobbing lots. Car lots are quoted at \$5.25.

Butter.—The sale of the last half of October made of a creamery was made this week at 23½c and another lot at 23½c. Holders are asking 24c for the last half of their October make, with buyers offering 23½c. Choice Eastern Townships fall ends are wanted at 19 to 20c and in fact 21c has been obtained for small jobbing lots. Finest western dairy is worth 15 to 16c, with 16½c obtained for choice selections. Rolls have sold at 16 to 18c in boxes and tubs.

Cheese.—During the past week about 12,000 boxes have been sold on this market at 9½ to 9¾c for Western and at 8 to 9c for cold storage goods.

Eggs.—Held fresh stock ordinary has sold at 13 to 13½c and choice candled at 14 to 15c, the latter being a top figure. Montreal lined eggs are selling at 14½ to 15c for fine stock.

Honey.—Old extracted 5 to 6c per lb. New 7 to 9c per lb in tins, as to quality. Comb honey 10 to 12c.

Dressed Poultry.—Turkeys, nice fresh killed stock, at 8 to 8½c. Some small birds were sold at 7 to 7½c. Chickens have brought 7c and old hens 5 to 6c, geese 6 to 6½c and ducks 7½ to 8c.

Hides.—Dealers are still paying 6c for No. 1 light hides; but unless the demand improves, dealers say they will have to put down the price to 5c. We quote prices as follows: Light hides, 6c for No. 1, 5c for No. 2, and 4c for No. 3; Heavy hides 7 to 7½ cents; Calfskins 6c, Lambskins 60c.

Potatoes.—Receipts are large and low prices have to be accepted. Five cars of potatoes from New Brunswick were offered at 20c per bag, and refused, the quality not being very desirable. On track good Early Rose, Hebron and Chili can be had 85c by the car load. Poor lots are quoted at 20 to 25c.—Trade Bulletin, Nov. 8.

Loss of Grain & goes.

The present season has been a disastrous one on the lake for the insurance companies, and several Manitoba grain cargoes have been lost. We previously noted the loss of the cargo of the steamer W. B. Hall, bound from Fort William to Midland with 27,500 bushels of wheat. The most of the cargo

had to be thrown overboard in order to get the vessel of a reef.

Later the steamer Missoula, bound from Fort William to Buffalo with 60,000 bushels of wheat, shipped by J. K. McLennan of Winnipeg and consigned to New York parties, foundered and the cargo and boat were lost. The boat belonged to Cleveland parties. The steam barge City of Owen Sound and schooner J. G. Worts, loaded with Manitoba wheat shipped from Fort William to Kingston, are also reported grounded and filled with water. The Winnipeg shippers do not lose anything on any of the cargoes as they were all insured for 10 per cent. above cost.

Grain and Milling Notes.

An item published lately in eastern papers says: The board of examiners that fixed the flour standards at Montreal last week decided that millers could use 40 to 50 per cent of No. 1 Northern wheat to make the standard of Ontario straight roller flour. The millers say this action was made necessary by the Ontario farmers refusing to sell wheat at prices equal to what is asked in the outside markets, and that it will mean that Ontario millers can do with eight to ten million bushels less of Ontario wheat than heretofore, and that they will use more Manitoba wheat. The Commercial may explain that while No. 1 Northern would make a stronger flour than the eastern wheat, it would make a darker color. The board of examiners have therefore probably increased the strength and reduced the color of Ontario straight roller flour, so as to admit a larger admixture of Manitoba wheat.

Gariopy & Chenier are preparing to buy grain extensively this season at Edmonton, Alberta. They are erecting a grain warehouse capable of storing 20,000 bushels of grain.

Crowe & Co., Winnipeg, have received a letter from a large firm of Ontario millers, expressing great satisfaction with the Manitoba wheat used by them this season. The wheat, they say is first class, and is grinding even better, if that were possible, than last years' wheat.

The British wheat crop is of unusually fine quality this year, though not a heavy yield, and the home grain is in good demand for milling.

The new elevator at Prescott, Ontario, has started receiving grain, and will provide a little more storage room in Ontario for Manitoba wheat, where storage space is in great demand, all elevators being full.

Several cargoes of grain bound for Montreal, were reported hung up at the Corn wall canal on account of low water. The grain was intended for export via Montreal, and the delay is very unfortunate, as the early closing of navigation at Montreal may prevent the exportation of the grain this year.

Our Correspondence Column.

H. S.—The Commercial has already referred on two occasions to the shipment of Manitoba hay to Ontario, and each time we explained that hay could not be shipped from here to Eastern Canada points at a profit, at prices then ruling in the east. The situation has not improved any since then, but rather the contrary, as winter rates are now in effect. Hay could not be handled by the lake and rail route, as there is no space now available for it, all space being taken up by the grain and package trade. To ship hay all rail is out of the question, as the freight and expenses would amount to about as much as the hay would be worth at say Toronto. Our prairie hay would not sell within probably \$2 per ton of the price quoted for good timothy in that market, which is \$18 to \$14 per ton.

S. Coulter, flour and feed store, Viridon, has sold out to D. Fraser.

Receipts of hogs at Chicago last month says the National Stockman paper were unexpectedly heavy; in fact the largest on record for October, and the quality was about the worst on record, the receipts consisting largely of small pigs and unfinished stock. In the presence of plenty of cheap corn this is a remarkable showing. The only explanation for this condition is found in the presence and fear of disease; and the above facts indicate that its ravages have been much more extensive than is generally supposed.

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