

Montreal Markets.

Flour—At prices ruling before the advance took place, any amount of business can be done; but holders are not anxious sellers and are not offering round quantities, and are only selling sufficient to supply the immediate wants of their customers, as a rule. Several thousand barrels, however, have been placed for Newfoundland account at an advance upon the bottom figures of two weeks ago. Straight rollers have been offered f.o.b. west of Toronto at \$2.60 and \$2.65, equal to \$2.85 and \$2.90 here, and we believe some business has been put through at those figures, but other millers are asking 10c more. A dealer stated to day that the best prices he could get were the asking ones which ruled before the advance in wheat took place. The market no doubt is much firmer, and should the rise in wheat prove permanent, higher values will soon be established all round. At the moment, however, it is difficult to establish any solid advance. Some new business has been done for export, a lot of 6,000 sacks of Manitoba patents having been placed on p.t., but said to be at a better figure than this market could afford to give. We quote:—Patent, spring, \$3.50 to 3.60; Ontario patent, \$3.25 to 3.40; straight roller \$2.90 to \$3.10; extra \$2.40 to 2.60; superfine, \$2.20 to 2.40; city strong bakers, \$3.35 to 3.50; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to 3.40; Ontario bags, extra, \$1.30 to 1.35; straight rollers, \$1.40 to 1.50.

Oatmeal—We quote: Rolled and granulated, \$1.25 to 4.35; standard, \$3.90 to 4.10. In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.20, and standard at \$1.90 to \$2.00. Fancy brands of both granulated and rolled are selling at higher prices.

Bran, etc.—Sales of car lots of bran are reported at \$17 on track. Shorts are scarce and hard to get at \$18.50 to 19. Moullie \$20 to 21.50 as to grade.

Wheat—No. 2 Ontario wheat is held here at 62 to 63c in store; but 56 to 57c is about all that can be got for export. No 1 Manitoba wheat is nominally quoted at 75 to 76c, although those prices are away above the export price.

Oats—The market is firm, with sales of car lots at 41c in store for No 2, some holders asking 42c per 34 lbs. No. 3, however has sold in car lots at 37½c.

Barley—In the west sales of No. 1 have been made at 45 to 46c for shipment to the States, one large lot being taken for Philadelphia. Feed barley has been sold at equal to 46c here, but at 45c it is said some can be had here. We quote malting grades at 50 to 55c.

Pork, Lard, etc.—The scarcity of Canada short cut mess pork is still a feature in the market, and holders of choice heavy brands are getting \$20 per bbl. Chicago short cut has sold at \$18 to 18.25. Thin brands of Canada short cut have sold at \$17.50 to \$18. Chicago regular mess would cost about \$17.25 laid down here. In compound lard there have been sales of car lots at \$1.42½ up to 1.50 for smaller lots. Smoked meats, hams, per pound, 10 to 11½c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 9½ to 10c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb, 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb, 11 to 12c; shoulders, per lb, 8½ to 9c.

Butter—The market is firmer, as those who wanted to buy have found out. Sales of late made creameries have transpired at 18½ to 19c at the factories, the purchasers being speculators, shippers and local dealers. It is said that as high as 19c was paid for a crack factory. In eastern townships dairy a fine lot of about 50 tubs was sold at 17c, and another lot at 17½c. Western has sold at 15 to 15½c for choice, and one lot was placed at 14c, but it was a mixed lot.

Cheese—Everyone expected lower prices this week, but offerings at country boards sold at stiff prices. The shipments this week, which will again be heavy, have cost 9½ to 9¾c for finest

western colored, and 9½ to 9¾c for finest western white, while Quebec cheese going out by this week's steamers cost 9 to 9½c.

Eggs—Sales have been made during the week at 4½ to 9c for round lots of fresh, and at 4 to 9½c for smaller lots. Shipments are going forward to England both from here and the west, but not in sufficient quantities to clean the market of the large supplies.

Hides—Tanners are still holding off, expecting to buy at lower prices, but as dealers do not feel like yielding trade is at a standstill. It is said that as high as 4c is still being paid in some instances for light; but there is no money in it, as tanners refuse to pay 3½c, although this is the figure paid by dealers as a rule. About 7,000 to 8,000 calfskins were sold to a New York shipper last week. The price paid was 45c per skin. Lambskins are steady at 20 to 25c each and clips at 15 to 20c. We quote light hides at 3½c for No 1, 3c for No 2 and 2½c for No 3. Heavy hides are quoted at 3½c to 5c; calf, 5c; buskins, 20 to 25c; and clips 15 to 20c.

Wool—We quote prices nominally as follows: Greasy Cape, 14 to 15½c; Canadian fleece, 17 to 20c; B A, scoured 26 to 34c. In pulled wool, 20 to 21½c is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 26c; Northwest wool, 11 to 12c.—Trade Bulletin, June 15.

Montreal Grocery Market

The demand for sugar has been active and a brisk business is reported; in fact, refiners are pretty closely sold up. The position of the market is very strong and values have an upward tendency in sympathy with the strong cable advices on the raw article. The advance of 1 16 to ½c on granulated is maintained, and sales have transpired at 4½c, but we quote 4½ to 4¾c. In yellows there has been no actual change, but values are firmly held, with a good demand at 3½ to 3¾c as to quality at the factory. In New York the price for granulated is firm at 4 1-16c. There has been a better demand for syrups, and one refiner has sold out, consequently the offerings are not so large and a better feeling prevails. Sales of bright grades have transpired at 2 to 2½c, and dark at 1½ to 1¾c.

There has been no important change in the molasses market since our last. Cables from the Island have been firm and quote 10c. The demand on spot has been good, and a fairly active business is reported at last week's quotations. Sales of car lots have been made at 29c, single puncheons at 30c, and round lots at 28c. Another cargo of 1,300 puncheons arrived this week.

The feature of the rice market is that cable advices report an advance of 3d on rough grades. On spot the price for standard has been reduced 5c, to \$3.45 to \$3.70, while the inside figure for Japan has been advanced 45c to \$3.95 to \$4.25. The demand continues good and millers report a good business. We quote: Standard \$3.45 to 3.70; Japan, \$3.95 to 4.25, and Patna, \$4.25 to 4.75.

The demand for teas has continued fair and a moderate amount of business is reported both on local and country account. Sales of some fair sized lots of Japans have taken place at 13 to 15c.

The demand for coffee has been fair and the market ruled moderately active and steady, with about an average business doing for this season. Further sales of Maracaibo are reported at 18½c on New York account. We quote: Java, 24 to 28; Mocha, 25 to 28; Maracaibo, 19 to 21c; Jamaica, 19 to 21c, and Rio, 18 to 21c.

Spices continue steady and unchanged. We quote: Singapore and Penang black pepper, 6 to 7½c; white pepper, 10 to 12½c; cloves, 7½ to 9c; cassia, 9 to 10c; nutmegs, 60 to 65 and 70 to 90c; Jamaica ginger, 15 to 18c.

A notable feature in the grocery market this week is the absolute scarcity of Valencia raisins. We have referred to the small stocks before,

and during the present week they have been entirely cleaned up of the small supply remaining, and wholesale grocers have found considerable difficulty in filling the wants of their customers. Enquiries in New York also reveal the fact that none can be had there, and cables to Great Britain have elicited responses that there are none to be had of any account. The best offer from this source is 16½d, which is equivalent to 4½c not cost laid down here for off stalk. Advices from Denia are also to the effect that until the new crop is offered no supplies are available, so it is quite likely that consumers will have to do without raisins, as the small remaining supplies cannot last long. In consequence of this condition of affairs, holders have advanced prices ½c. Round lots of off stock have changed hands at 4½c and small lots at 5c, and now the latter is the inside figure at which business is possible. There is no change in currants, which rule quiet and unchanged at 3½ to 4½c, according to quality. Stocks of prunes are very light also, and buyers have been unable in some cases to fill their wants. A carload which was offered from New York the other day was all disposed of on the basis of 5½ to 5¾c in round lots before it had started from New York.

There has been some inquiry for canned salmon during the past week, and a sale of 1,000 cases is reported at \$3.50 f.o.b. coast. Outside of this the market is as dull as ever, with no important feature to note. We quote: Lobsters at \$6 to 6.50 per case; sardines at \$3.50 to 9.50; salmon at \$1.15 to 1.30 per dozen; tomatoes at 30 to 35c per dozen; peaches at \$2 to 2.10 per dozen; corn at 85 to 90c per dozen; and marrowfat peas at 95 to 97c per dozen.—Gazette, June 15.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Business is dull and the movement of all is very slow for this season of the year. In tinned plates the feeling has been weak and prices have declined 85c to \$1.10, recent sales having transpired at \$6.10. Copper is firmer at 9½ to 10c. Pig iron rules easy, but in the absence of any large transactions prices are unchanged. We quote: Summerless pig iron, \$19.00; Eglington, \$18.00; Carnbro, \$18.00; Ferrona, \$17; Siemens, No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; wrought scrap No. 1, \$15 to 16; bar iron, \$2.70 to 1.75. Tin plates, cokes, \$2.95 to 3.10; 10 charcoal, \$3.35 to 3.65; Canada plates, \$2.25 to 2.30;terne plates, \$6.40; galvanized iron, 4½ to 5½c as to brand. Orford copper, 9½ to 10c; ingot tin, 15 to 19c; lead at \$2.60 to 2.75, and spelter at \$4.50 to 4.75; cut nails, \$1.80 to 1.85.

PAINTS, LEADS AND OILS.

Prices are unsettled, and will be as long as the cutting continues. A fair amount of business has been transacted in oils in a jobbing way, but we do not hear of any large sales being made. The feeling in linseed oil is very firm, and values have an upward tendency in sympathy with the recent advance of ½ to 1c per gallon in the English market. The market for seal oil is quiet, and as far as we can learn very little is doing in it for future delivery, as the general impression among dealers is that they will be able to buy just as cheap on the wharf here when it arrives as now, owing to the fact that there has been little or no speculating in it this season. On spot small lots of old have changed hands at 42½ to 45. Glass is moving fairly well at steady prices. We quote: Choice brands white lead Government standard, \$4.75; No 1, \$4.50; No 2, \$4.25; No 3 \$4; No 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½c; red lead, pure, 4½c; do No 1, 4c; zinc white pure, \$7.25; No 1, \$6.25; No 2, \$5.25; glass, \$1.25 first break; \$1.35 second break, per 50 feet; \$3.25 for first break per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 54 to 55c; boiled 57 to 58c; putty in bulk, \$1.85.

In English cement the feeling has been easier and prices have declined 5c per barrel, while Belgian brands have ruled steady at for-