

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 26.

Dry Goods—Railway cut rates brought in large numbers of buyers this week, including many milliners, although millinery openings are not till Monday, Feb. 28. Wholesale houses report a large increase of business. Values in woollens and cottons are firm, orders placed four months ago cannot be repeated at same price now.

Hardware—The hardware trade is more active with a good demand for the Northwest. Rope has declined again steel 1-2c and manilla 1-1c lower. Last week there was an advance of 1-2c on rope, which has now been partially lost here. Bar iron is firmer. Turpentine advanced 1c.

Groceries—In this branch prices advancing under active speculative influences. Teas are very firm. Salmon is stronger. It is reported that the English pool has advanced canned salmon 6d.

Grain and produce—Grain more active and lower. Ontario wheat cent lower. Manitoba No. 1 hard 1c lower. Ontario flour 10c lower. Manitoba flour dull, steady. Barley higher. Oats cent lower. Hides weak. Wool cent dearer. Butter higher. New laid eggs cent easier.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

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The grain market is active and the prices are generally easier and lower. Manitoba flour dull. Ontario flour 10c lower. Barley higher. Hides are weaker and a decline is looked for. Wool 1c higher. Butter 1c higher. Eggs 1c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.50; bakers, \$5; Ontario straight roller, \$4.30.

Wheat—Ontario wheat 90c to 91c; Manitoba No. 1 hard, \$1.10, North Bay.

Oats—No. 2 white 30c. Barley—Quite at 43c for No. 2; 35c for No. 3 extra, and 29 to 30c for feed.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton; bran \$12 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.70 to \$3.80 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 17c; fresh 14 to 15c; lined, 14 to 15c.

Butter, dairy—Tubs, choice, 15 to 16c; medium, 12 1-2 to 14c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 9 1-2c, the latter or steers; cured, 9 3-4c; sheepskins, \$1.10 to \$1.25 for fresh killed; tallow, 23 1-4 to 31 1-2c.

Dried apples—Firm at 4 to 4 1-2c; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk.

Beans—75 to 90c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$6.20 per 100 lbs. for choice.

Wool—Fleece 21 to 21 1-2c. Pulled super, 20 to 22c; extras, 22 to 23c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Tuesday 22.

Offerings to-day were 43 carloads, including 8 cars left over from last Friday. These included 193 sheep and lambs, 450 hogs.

Export cattle were steady at 33 1-4c to 4 1-4c for good steers, and bulls which were weaker, sold at \$3 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Butchers' cattle were weaker at 3c to 3 3-4c.

Sheep and lambs were steady. Export sheep sold at 8c to 31 1-2c; bucks, 3c per pound, and lambs, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Milk cows and springers were steady at \$25 to \$45.

Hogs were firm at \$1.90 for singlers, \$1.65 for light, and \$1.50 for thick fat.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 25.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 50 carloads, including 1,200 hogs. Cattle were more active. Best hogs 10c higher. Other prices the same as at Tuesday's market. Prices per 100 pounds were as follows:

Export cattle	4.25 to 4.25
Butchers' choice cattle	3.50 to 3.75
Butchers, common to good	2.75 to 3.30
Bulls	2.75 to 3.50
Feeders	3.50 to 3.75
Stockers	3.00 to 3.25
Export sheep	3.25 to 3.50
Butchers' sheep	3.00 to 3.50
Lambs	5.25 to 5.50
Choice bacon hogs	4.90 to 5.00
Light hogs	4.60 to 4.65
Thick fat hogs	4.45 to 4.50
Stores	4.40 to 4.45
Sows	3.00 to 3.25
Stags	2.00 to 2.25

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 26.

Millfeed is in good demand and prices are 50c higher per ton. Oatmeal is 5 to 10c higher per sack. Oats fair export demand. Prices the same as a week ago. Flour irregular, with keen rivalry in Manitoba grades. Butter is firmer with a light supply of fancy goods. Both dairy and creamery are 1c higher for choicest qualities. Cheese dull and 1-1c lower.

Oats—Steady at 34 to 34 1-2c per bushel for No. 2 white.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.90 to \$1.95; Manitoba patents, \$5.35 to \$5.40.

Millfeed—Bran \$14.50 to \$15 per ton; shorts, \$16 to \$17, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.80 to \$1.85 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Cold storage, 12 to 13c per dozen; new laid, 19 to 20c.

Butter—Dairy, 15 to 17c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 20c.

Cheese—7 3-4 to 8c.

Dressed hogs—\$6.25 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 31 1-2 to 41 1-2c; hinds, 51 1-2 to 71 1-2c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 22.

Receipts at the East End Abattoir yesterday were 500 cattle, and fifty sheep and lambs. The feeling was steady and prices were not changed from last Thursday. Choice cattle sold at 41 1-4c; good at 33 1-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 31 1-2c; common at 21 1-2c to 23 1-4c, and inferior at 2c to 21 1-2c per lb., live weight. Sheep and lambs were unchanged at 31 1-4c to 31 1-2c for the former and at 4 1-2c to 5c for the latter.

It is stated that some of the leading exporters of the United States have had buyers through Ontario contracting for stall fed stock for spring shipment at 41 1-2c to 43 1-4c per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 25.

At yesterday's market prices were the same as on Monday.

Cattle—Choice 41 1-4; fair to good, 31 1-4 to 4c.

Sheep—3 to 31 1-2c per lb.; lambs, 4 1-2c to 5c.

Hogs—43 1-4c to 51 1-8c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 26.

Paints and oils are active and prices steady. Hardware quiet. No important changes in price this week. Linseed oil and turpentine are firm. Quotations are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 13 1-4c; linseed oil raw, 45 to 46c; boiled 18 to 49c, turpentine 50 to 51c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50, tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plate, \$5.15 to \$6.25; galvanised iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; spout in bulk, \$1.65, in bladders, 80; pigot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 26.

All sugars were advanced 1-8c on Wednesday, making the third advance within a few weeks. Canned goods are firm. The idle price on tomatoes is now \$1.25 dozen.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 17-16c; at the 1c mark, Canadian-German granulated, 41-8c, yellow, 311-16 to 37-8c; imported best granulated, 41-8c. Molasses, 23 to 30c; syrups, 2 to 21 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 81-2 to 10c; Mocha, 18 to 20c; Java, 17 to 20; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 31-2c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes \$1.25, corn, 90c to \$1; peas, 90c to \$1.

BUSINESS IN ONTARIO. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The election excitement is interfering somewhat with business and at the beginning of the week there was a heavy fall of snow, about the heaviest of the winter, blocking trains and preventing travellers from calling on customers so that the net result of the week's operations has been a smaller volume of business. The outlook, however, was never more promising. Next week general elections will be over, it is expected that the better sleighing in the country will largely increase the farmers' deliveries of grain which are now very small, and the millinery openings and the cut rates on the railway are expected to result in a large influx of buyers to this market. While the number of orders coming in here is smaller, the falling off is not disappointing for in many lines the jobbers are having some difficulty in getting lines from the mills which continue very busy. The stocks of Manitoba wheat in Ontario are very small the Ontario millers having held off in the expectation of getting the grain to mix with the Ontario sprouted winter wheat at lower prices. It is absolutely necessary to mix in hard wheat with the poorer grades of Ontario since some flour sold to old country buyers made altogether from Ontario white wheat has been thrown on the hands of home millers and money has been lost. It is said that since the winter set in bread made from wheat of this description will not rise but runs all over the ovens. Collections are now more satisfactory and more people are buying for cash than was the case a year ago.

J. A. Gilluly, of Morden, has purchased the hardware business at Arden. Man., which has been managed by S. W. Chambers for the past year.