

### Montreal Markets.

**Flour** The local market rules quiet and prices are somewhat unsettled. Enquiries are being received for spring patents for Glasgow and Liverpool while London and Newfoundland are asking for lower grades. Several thousand sacks of spring wheat patents have been sold within the past few days on the basis of 30s 61 to 31s c i. f. Glasgow and Liverpool, on a 10s freight. Business has also been done in low grades on a 12s 61 freight to London. The sale of a round lot of straight rollers on spot is said to have been put through at \$4 90. We quote prices as follows: Patent, winter, \$5 15 to 5 35; patent, spring, \$5 50 to 5 75; straight roller, \$4.90 to 5.00; extra, \$4.50 to 4.70; superfine, \$4.00 to 4.35; Manitoba bakers, \$5.15 to 5.50.

**Mill Feed** Sales have been made in car lots at \$15 00 for bran, on track; shorts are scarce and have sold at \$20.

**Oatmeal** The market is quiet and prices are irregular, the sale being reported of a round lot, standard, in bags, at equal to \$5.75 per barrel. Jobbing lots, however, are still selling at the following prices: Rolled oats, \$6.00 per barrel and \$2.95 per bag; granulated, \$6.00 per barrel and \$2.95 per bag; Standard, \$5.90 per barrel and \$2 90 per bag; fine, \$5 90 per barrel and \$2 90 per bag. Gold dust, \$4 25 to 4.50 per barrel; split peas, \$4.25 per barrel.

**Oats**—There has been a good enquiry for No. 2 Ontario oats and sales of several cars have been made at 56 to 56½c, with sales of Quebec at 54c.

**Butter**—A good deal of creamery butter has been going into cold storage instead of going upon the market at current prices. A round lot of creamery was sold at 18½c, but holders generally are asking higher prices. In Eastern Townships sales have been made at 16 to 17c and western at 14½ to 15c; a few lots of the latter being taken for the English trade.

**Cheese**—The market has ruled very quiet during the week, and prices may be quoted at 5½ to 5½c for finest white, and 5½ to 5½c for finest colored. Liverpool has dropped to 42s 6d.

**Eggs**—Sales are reported at 12½ to 13c and single cases of choice candled at 13½c.

**Sugar**—The demand for refined sugar has been so exceedingly brisk, that refiners have decided to take no more orders until they have executed those already booked, and some dealers who have given in their orders complain that they cannot get delivery of their goods before Saturday or Monday next. Besides, some large speculative orders of 1,000 barrels which was booked immediately after the duty was taken off of raw, have not yet been filled. The fact is as stated in the *Trade Bulletin* before the change in the tariff was announced, namely, that the country was bare of sugar, and now every one wants to buy, and the natural consequence is that some one will have to wait. The capacity of both our refineries is pushed to its utmost limit, and no doubt every one will soon be served. Our impression is, however, that the lowering of the price will stimulate the demand to such an enormous extent that the refiners will have all they can do for some time to come, in order to satisfy the requirements of the country. This week the price of granulated has been advanced ½c per pound, to 4½c while the lowest price at which low grade yellows

can be bought is 3½c and up to 4½c for choice brights. At the advance considerable sales have transpired and more business could have been done had the refiners chosen to take more orders.

**Ocean and Lake Freights**—A few days ago about 45,000 bushels of grain was chartered for Liverpool at 2s and yesterday 2s 3d was paid. Charters of heavy grain have been made from Chicago to Montreal at 5 to 5½c per bushel and a large quantity was chartered from Port Arthur and Duluth through to Montreal at 5½c per bushel.

**Money**—Money on call continues plentiful and with rates a shade lower at 4 to 4½. Commercial paper 6 to 7. *Trade Bulletin*, July 10.

### The Apple Crop.

The *Toronto Globe* speaks of the Ontario apple crop as follows: In some sections there will be a very fair crop of apples, and in others a very small one, while on the whole the crop of winter apples will be less than the average this year. Possibly the fall apples will show an average crop. Baldwins appear to have suffered the most and will make a very poor showing this year. Spies will be little better. Of fall apples greenings show up better than any other kind. It looks now, while we may have more apples to export than we had last year, that we will not have an average crop for export. The cause is uncertain. They did not show very large in blossom this year, but this does not appear to be any very certain criterion of the size of the prospective yield. Last year there was the largest show of blossoms we ever had and it was followed by the smallest crop. In the west—Essex and Huron—the prospects of a large crop are particularly good.

At London, Ont., on July 4, twenty-nine factories offered 5,932 boxes of cheese; sales, 180 boxes at 8½c; 96 boxes at 8½c; 570 boxes at 8½c, 280 boxes at 8 11 16c.

A typographical error occurred in the reference to M. Laing & Son, wholesale produce, of Montreal, in a late issue of this journal. The correction is that the firm has dissolved, and the business is continued by Peter, J. D., and Jas. N. Laing, under the same style as formerly.

A telegram from Ottawa recently said Foster had agreed to consider the representation of the brewers, who requested this afternoon that malt now taxed two cents per pound be restored to the old rate of one cent. The deputation pointed out that the reduced consumption of barley under the recent enactment would injure farmers. Foster, in the budget, estimated that the doubling of the duty would increase the revenue half a million.

Since the duty has been taken off raw sugars says the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*, it is stated that refiners will be able to manufacture a superior class of syrup at such low figures that molasses will be superadded to a great extent by the former article. For instance, it is contended by some in the trade that refiners will be able to turn out a first class syrup at 1½c per lb less money, which at 14 lbs to the gallon means 21c. "but," says our informant, "suppose we take it at 15c per gallon less, syrups will be selling at considerably less money than molasses." If there is anything in this, the supply of molasses may be ample after all.

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