

**Toronto Grain and Produce Market.**

**Wheat.**—Holders of red and white Ontario wheat are asking 87c. and 88c north and west points, but millers are holding off and only taking sufficient to meet immediate requirements. An eastern miller has just got in 20,000 bushels of United States red winter, bought from a Chicago firm at 67½ c.i.f. in bond, which at their mill east will cost them 80c. A year ago Ontario red and white wheat was selling at 57 and 58c Ontario points. Manitoba wheat is higher. A car of No. 1 hard, all rail, Montreal freights, actually sold to-day at \$1.01, but this was an exceptional case, and does not represent the market. Holders afloat Fort William are asking 87c, and there is very little offering. No. 1 hard is quoted at 95c lake and rail Montreal freights and 93c Toronto and west.

**Flour.**—The market is firm in sympathy with the advance in wheat. Straight roller is quoted at \$1.10 Toronto freights and \$4 is freely bid for it Toronto freights and middle freights west. Manitoba flour is very firm at the advance reported this week.

**Milled.**—Is in fair demand and steady. Shorts are quoted at \$17 and bran at \$13 west.

**Barley.**—Cars of feed are quoted outside at 46c and No. 1 for malting at 48c to 49c east.

**Oats.**—There is a good demand for oats and the market is firmer. Five cars of white sold north and west freights to-day at 36½c, and 37c was quoted for white middle freights west. A car of white on the track here sold at 40c.

**Butter.**—The receipts of fresh made large rolls and dairy tub are not sufficient. There is a good demand and the market is steady for the best large rolls at 12 to 18c, and 12c for fresh, choice, dairy tubs. Low grade tubs are quoted at 3 to 6c. Creamery is easy at 17 to 18c for rolls and 16 to 17c for tubs.

**Eggs.**—There is a good demand and the market is steady at 10 to 10½c.

**Hides.**—Buyers are holding off and watching the situation and in the meantime are only buying from hand to mouth. The market is steady at 7c for cars of cured and 6c for green. Sheepskins are in good demand and firm at 90c to \$1.10; country skins are steady at 50 to 75c. Calfskins are in fair demand and firmer at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2. Tallow is dull and weaker; local dealers are offering 4½c for lots and asking 5½c.

**Wool.**—The feature of the week has been the offering of some new clip wool by the farmers in this market which is earlier than usual. A few bales were offered and they sold to a local dealer at 17c washed. Several lots of unwashed have also been received here and sold at 11 to 12c. Clothing is quoted at 17c.

**Wheat Prices in England.**

The London Miller reviews the course of wheat prices in British wheat markets as follows:

The month's trade began with slow markets. Liverpool, on the 2nd, barely realised former terms for wheat. London, on the 3rd, while, nominally unchanged, was really rather lower; an arrangement about top price flour practically reduced the quotation to 2½s nett, and even then the finest American patents at 2½s to 2½s 6d were severe competitors. On the 4th, Birmingham was firm, but Manchester was exceedingly slow. The country markets on the 6th were firm, but slow. Liverpool, on the 9th, was against holders, and trade adjourned for the Easter vacation without there being any change for the better in prices at any market. After Easter there was an awakening. London, on the 17th, was decidedly firmer, the American advices being strong, and Continental demand good. On the 19th, at Liverpool, American wheat was held for 2d per cental more money

than just before Easter. The country markets of the 20th were 1s dearer for English wheat in some instances, 6d dearer in all. Mark Lane, on the 22nd, was fully 6d dearer for all sorts of wheat, 2½s 9d was made for good Canadian, and 2½s for South Australian. Flour advanced 6d per sack. On the 23rd, Liverpool was in seller's favour, ½s 1½d per cental being made for No. 1 Californian, and 6s for No. 2 Red Winter. On the 24th, Glasgow was fully 6d dearer, both for wheat and flour; and Edinburgh was in agreement with the Western port. On the 26th, Mark Lane was well attended, and a good business was done at 8d advance on wheat and flour beyond the terms of the 22nd. On the 27th, practically all the country markets were 1s per qr dearer for wheat. On the 29th, English wheat at Mark Lane was 1s dearer, though the ridiculous "average" of 19s 11d was published. Few, indeed, were the samples obtainable under a guinea, and Dornbusch's List actually quotes no wheat obtainable under 22s per qr. Foreign wheat was 1s dearer, with a preference given by buyers to American sorts. Flour advanced to 27s for top price, to 22s 6d for London Whites, to 20s for good town households, to 19s for French and Norfolk, and to 23s 6d for the finest American Patents. At Liverpool, on the last day of the month, value was in sellers' favour at previous full advance.

**Winnipeg Board of Trade.**

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held on Tuesday afternoon. A communication was read from Hon. T. M. Daly regarding the quarantine now imposed on settlers cattle arriving in the country. Mr. Daly has taken the matter up with the department of agriculture, and he will communicate the result to the board.

A committee of the board who have been investigating the possibility of starting tanneries in Manitoba to convert the hides now exported in a raw state into leather for export reported to the council that they had secured a considerable amount of information bearing on this subject and advised that a circular embodying this information be printed and distributed to interested parties in Eastern Canada and the United States, and that some advertisements also relating to the matter be placed in leading leather trade journals. The committee were authorized to carry out these suggestions.

A committee reported that it was expected an arrangement with the Canadian Pacific railway to allow passengers to travel on freight trains on certain conditions would shortly be announced.

It was resolved to take steps at once to secure a copy of the report of the freight rates commission, so that, if the press notices regarding it are correct, a protest will be sent from the board against the terms of the report.

A committee was appointed to outline the objectionable clauses recognized by the council in the proposed insolvency law and forward the same to the Manitoba members asking them to support the board's contention.

A discussion took place regarding the extreme desirability of having a cattle market for Winnipeg to enable country shippers of single car lots to send in their stock for certain stated market days, when the large eastern buyers could compete, and thus give the highest prices that the export values would permit. A committee was appointed to make inquiries regarding this important subject and report to a later meeting of the council.

**Interesting Legal Decisions.**

In the case against Goldstaub, of Plum Coulee, Man., the prisoner was found guilty of fraudulently concealing goods taken from his store during a fire, with the object of ob-

taining from the insurance companies the insurance monies upon such goods, as if they had been destroyed by fire, and of then keeping the goods for his own use. Sentence was deferred pending the argument of a reserved case before the full court. The question submitted being, was Goldstaub under the circumstances guilty of an offence as charged under the statute, the section being a new one. Judgments were delivered by the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Dubuc and Mr Justice Bain that the question must be answered in the affirmative and the conviction be sustained. Goldstaub is out on bail and will now have to appear on the 4th June for sentence.

**Montreal Leather Markets.**

Full steam is still on in leather, and every week seems to develop an additional advance in prices, No. 2 manufacturers sole being up to 23c, a rise of 2c upon actual sales a week ago. A lot of 2,000 sides of Texas sole leather was sold at 19c, an advance of 1½c. In black leather the upward tendency of values is strong. Ontario splits that could have been bought last week at 22c being now firm at 23c and we quote 23 to 26c, a cent higher than last week. We quote prices as follows.—No. 2 manufacturers' sole 23c, jobbers 24 to 26c, slaughter sole 21 to 26c, waxed uppers 28 to 35c; grain 12 to 14c; bull 14 to 15c; splits 53 to 26c for Ontario and 20c for Quebec, pebble 14c to 15c, glove 13 to 11c.—Trade Bulletin.

A party went into a general store the other day in a Manitoba village, relates a country paper, and ordered a bill of goods, among other things half a pound of tobacco. The merchant was a-out parcelling up the goods when the purchaser remarked that he would take a couple of the plugs of tobacco in his pocket and would call for the goods when he had transacted some business at a neighboring store. He took the tobacco and disappeared and it is needless to say he has not yet returned.

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