

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 29.

Dry Goods—This has been the busiest week of spring trade. Large shipments are now being prepared for coast and western points that business being the best in years. Values are firm. A big advance has been made in Scotch crashes and towings. Higher prices were received to-day, from Bradford and Leeds for dress goods. Repeat orders will cost more.

Hardware—Active. Many new orders received for opening of navigation. Barbed wire has advanced 10c, revolving barrel churns are 15c dearer, soldering irons are up 25c, the price of cold blast lanterns has been fixed at \$7 per dozen, the price of smooth steel wire has advanced to \$2.80 at factory points. Brass is 15 per cent dearer, sheet being now 5 to 7 1-2c, hard rolled 2 1/2 to 25c, and tubing 25c. Zinc and spelter are 1-1/2c up, turpentine is 2c dearer, at 65c, horseshoes have advanced 30c to \$3.65, iron pipe is 25c to \$1.10 dearer, and hammers have also advanced.

Groceries—Increased movement. Sugars are dull, but steady. Quantities of United States refined are coming in owing to fears of advances in duty. Canned vegetables are in better demand, tomatoes selling lower at 77 1-2c. Currants are firm. Valencia raisins are firm for off stalk cleaned. California prunes are advised at 1-1/2c lower.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Grain is dull and deliveries light. Fall wheat and rye have been killed at a good many points and farmers are plowing it up. Manitoba flour is lower at \$3.80 to \$4.00 for patents' and \$3.50 to \$3.80 for bakers take and rail. Wheat has advanced 1 to 2c for Ontario winter wheat and Manitoba wheat is also higher by 1-2c. Eggs are 1c lower. Dressed hogs have advanced 25c. Hog products are firm, although lard is 1-1/2c lower in price. We quote:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4. Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80, Ontario straight roller, \$3.15 per barrel, Toronto freight rates.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 68 to 69c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 85 1-2c grinding in transit, and 8c North Bay.

Oats—White, 32c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 41c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton, bran, \$12 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.80 in bags per barrel, and \$3.90 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 11c.

Butter—Dairy, fresh, large roll, 10 to 11c; creamery, tubs, 17 1-2 to 18c.

Cheese—Cholce 11c.

Hides—Green, 81-1/2c for No. 1, and 7 1-2c for No. 2. Cured hides, 83-1/2c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 4 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 13 to 14c; unwashed, 8 to 8 1-2c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5.25 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds.

Hog products—Firm. Lard 1-1/2c off at 61-1/2 to 61-2c. Long, clear bacon, 63-1/2c, ton and case lots, 7c, breakfast bacon, 10 1-2 to 11c.

Dried apples—4 1-2 to 5c for round lots, evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Maple syrup—90 to 95c per gal. in tubs, imperial measure.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c in bulk; tubs, 6 to 7 1-2c; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12c; chickens, 40 to 70c a pair; geese, 7 to 8c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.25; alsike, \$3 to \$4; timothy, \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel, cleaned seeds ex-war-hous, 50c advance on these prices.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

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Toronto, April 25.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 35 carloads of all kinds, including 1,900 hogs and 150 sheep and lambs.

Export Cattle—There was no demand for heavy export cattle. This class were 15c per cwt. lower or \$1.50 to \$1.75 though offerings were fine quality. Lights were in ample supply at prices ranging from \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.

Butchers Cattle—The market was easier. Choice selections were in heavy supply and sold a shade lower at \$4 to \$4.40 per cwt. The demand for medium and common grades was slow at \$3 to \$3.75.

Stockers and feeders—Prices were firmer. Choice heavy stockers \$3.50 to \$4.15.

Sheep and Lambs—Prices unchanged from Friday. Sheep sold readily at \$3.50, spring lambs at \$2 to \$3 each; grain-fed yearlings firm at \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Hogs—Prices unchanged from Friday. Choice selections quoted at \$1.50 per cwt. Light \$1; thick fat \$3.75 per cwt. Sows \$3; stags, \$2 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 28.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 32 carloads, including 100 sheep and lambs and 800 hogs.

Export cattle were 10c dearer at \$1.50 to \$1.85 for choice heavy, and butchers cattle 20c dearer than on Tuesday at \$1 to \$1.60. Export sheep were 25c dearer than on Tuesday at \$3.75.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

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Montreal, April 25.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 300 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs.

Owing to the light offerings, the market for cattle was firmer, and all were picked up readily. Choice cattle were scarce and they sold readily at 5 1-4c. Good at 4 1-2 to 5c, and common down to 3c. Sheep sold at 4 to 4 1-4c. Yearlings 5c, spring lambs, \$2 to \$3 each. At the Point St. Charles market there were only 100 hogs offered, which sold at \$4.75 per 100 lbs, weighed off cars.

Ocean freights for May have all been taken at 25 to 30s London, and 32s 6d Glasgow.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 28.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 450 head, sheep and lambs, 120.

The market for cattle was slow, but prices were well maintained. Best cattle brought 4 1-2 to 5c, and fair to good 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c as to quality. Common sold down as low as 2 1-2c. Sheep sold at 4 1-2c, yearlings at 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c per lb, and lambs at \$2.50

to \$6 each. Hogs ranged at \$1.50 to \$4.65 per 100 lbs off cars.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Montreal, April 29.

Molasses is firm and 1c higher is being asked on small lots. Canned goods are in brisk demand. Round lots of corn sell at 87 1-2c.

Granulated sugar quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.55 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$3.90 to \$4.30, molasses, 31 to 32c, syrups, 13-1 to 2 1-4c, as to quality. Valencia raisins, 13-1 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c, currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c, standard B, 3 3-4 to 1c; canned corn, 90 to 95c, peas, 75 to 80c, tomatoes, 82 1-2 to 85c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Oats—No. 2 white, 36 1-2 May. Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong oakers, \$3.70 to \$3.85; Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$16 to \$16.50 per ton; shorts, \$18, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2 7 1-2c; No. 3, 6 1-2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins and clips, 10c, tallow, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 11c per dozen.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c. Butter—Creamery—Tubs, 16 1-2 to 17c.

Cheese—Choice western, 11 to 11 1-4c. Powder cheese, 10 to 10 1-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—in car lots, 75 to 80c. Dressed Mats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 7 to 9c; fores, 4 to 5 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lambs, 9 to 10c per pound.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

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Montreal, April 29.

Turpentine is 2c lower at 65 to 66c. Linseed oil is now quoted 1c higher at 50 to 51c for raw and 53 to 54c for kild. Rope has advanced to 11 to 11 1-2c for Manila.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

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Liverpool, April 28.—Cheese is quoted at 5 1/8 6d for both white and colored, which is a decline of 1s this week.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

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Liverpool, April 28.—Cattle 1-4 to 1-2 cent lower. Steers, 11 to 12c per lb. Sheep steady at 13 to 14c, which is 1c better than a week ago.

SUGAR.

London, April 28.—Beet firmer, April is quoted at 10s 11 1-4d and May 11s which is 1-2d better for May than a week ago.

LIVERPOOL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

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Montreal, April 28.—A private cable received from Liverpool yesterday reported the market weaker and noted a decline in prices, quoting choice States cattle at 11 1-4c.

In view of the scarcity and high price of bluestone, the new preparation known as formalin can be used for treating seed grain to prevent smut. It has given excellent results for this purpose.