

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, August 9th, 1906.

Drugs and Chemicals.—There is no change in the position of drugs on the local market. Prices keep steady to firm. Prospects for continued normal conditions are bright. Opium and quinine retain their comparative firmness.

Dry Goods.—No very great briskness characterizes the wholesale dry goods houses just now, but this is to be expected at a season when throughout the country farmers are engaged in harvesting operations and merchants are calculating their chances of disposing of large stocks. Great interest is being taken in millinery and the large buyers report prospects excellent for a phenomenal turnover in their line. The consumers want quality rather than cheapness and this is affecting the trade advantageously. Dress Goods of domestic manufacture have been in increasing demand and travelers concur that the needs of their customers in this branch were never more voluminous, nor more varied. The staple lines of woollens and cottons preserve their firmness to the full. Spring price lists will be issued within a few days. Payments have been good.

Flour and Grain.—Bids for ninety per cent. patents have dropped a further 5c., and usually are no more than \$2.85 in buyers' covers, outside points. Business is very dull in sympathy with the feeling reported from Liverpool. For Manitoba flour prices are unsettled, though, as yet, no reduction has been made in values. Bran is scarce and consequently firm, at \$13.50 to \$14.50, and shorts also rather scarce at \$17.50. For wheat, prices have dropped to 72 to 73c. for winter, 70 to 71 for new spring, 83 to 84c. for Manitoba No. 1 hard (8th inst.) 80 to 81c. for No. 1 North, 77 to 78c. for No. 2. Business is by no means active. Barley is quoted the same as last week at 48 to 50c. for No. 2. Oats are unsettled, 36 to 37c. being the prevailing rate. Peas at 82c., corn at 59 to 60c., and buckwheat at 48 to 50c. are nominal. Rye sells at 60 to 65c.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Supplies of fruit on Tuesday, this week, were excessive on account of the holiday, and prices were easier as a result, especially raspberries and tomatoes. However, the supply was cleared up pretty well, the demand being good. We quote: Cherries, small basket, 40c. to 65c.; cherries, large basket, 90c. to \$1.25; raspberries, 8c. to 9c.; lawsons, per quart, 7c. to 8c.; black currants, \$1.15 to \$1.25; gooseberries, basket, 75c. to \$1.20; blueberries, basket, \$1.25 to \$1.35; black raspberries, quart, 8c. to 10c.; peaches, Canadian, basket, 25c. to 75c.; bananas, bunch, firsts \$1.85 to \$2; bananas, eights, \$1.25 to \$1.35; lemons, Messinas, \$4; do, Verdillas, \$5; oranges, oval half-box, \$3; summer oranges, 150s, per box, \$5; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$4; pineapples, Floridas, case \$3.50; watermelons, each, 25c. to 35c.; cantaloupes, crate, \$2 to \$3; cucumbers, Canadian, 40c. to 50c.; tomatoes, Canadian, 30c. to 45c.; onions, Egyptian, sack, 100 lbs., \$1.75 to \$2; Spanish onions, cases \$3.25; new potatoes, per bush, 65c. to 75c.; green apples, per basket, 20c. to 35c.; yellow beans, basket, 15c. to 20c.

Groceries.—Sugar has advanced in New York. They are strong here in sympathy, but have made no change. We quote 4.25 for ex. gran.; 3.88 for No. 1 yellow. Other lines of general groceries are in active demand from both city and country districts. Teas and coffees have made no appreciable changes in price, and a fair trade is doing with no features worth comment. Canned goods, vegetables and fruits are for the most part strongly held. Dried fruits are in seasonable request. Castile soap has advanced 2c.

Live Stock.—Live stock has been a slow seller on the Toronto markets this week. Receipts have been heavy and the demand poor. Quality of offerings also has been poor. The prevailing price for butchers is \$4.25 to \$4.45, with many lots going for less. Exporters were not wanted. Feeders and stockers were in slow demand. The country seems to be overstocked with cattle, and of generally speaking not over-good grade. Sheep and lambs retain some degree of firmness.

Hides.—The market seems to be recovering a more normal condition, selling at 12½c. for steers and cows, and 11c. for country cured. Calfskins are held at 13 to 14c. for No. 1.

Provisions.—Prices for butter are very firm owing to light receipts. Pound rolls are 18 to 20c.; large, 17 to 18c. with less for anything not choicest. Cheese is unchanged. Eggs are steady to firm at 19 to 20c. per doz. Smoked meats are in brisk demand at old figures. Poultry is coming in in small quantities, and sells readily at 12 to 13c. for live chickens, 15 to 16c. for dressed, and 9 to 10 for live hens.

Seeds.—Interest is beginning to be taken in alsike and other seeds, but it is too early as yet to quote probable prices.

Wool.—No change in the situation. Unwashed sells at 17 to 18c., washed 26 to 27c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, August 9th, 1906.

Dairy Products.—The exports of butter and cheese for the last week showed a material falling off as compared with the week preceding, which is hard to account for, unless it be that the higher values prevailing have affected business. Cheese has more than recovered from the decline of a fortnight ago, and fine Ontario makes are quoted at 12 to 12½c., with fine Easterns ranging from 11½ to 11¾c. Butter is also firm at 22½ to 22¾c. for finest creamery, and 21¾ to 22¼ for good to fine. Shipments of cheese last week aggregated 68,434 boxes, and of butter 15,743 packages.

Flour, Grain, etc.—The present demand for flour is light, but prices are fairly steady notwithstanding the late weakness in wheat. We quote: Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$4.50 to \$4.70; strong bakers, \$3.90 to \$4.20. Rolled oats, quiet at \$2.10 to \$2.25 per bag; cornmeal, \$1.40 to \$1.45. Millfeed is in active request, and we quote: Manitoba bran in bags, \$17.50 to \$18; shorts, \$20 to \$21; moulie, \$22 to \$25. The feature in the grain market is the continued weakness in oats; No. 2 white are quoted at 39 to 39½c., and No. 3 at 38 to 38½c.

Dry Goods.—Matters are still quiet in this line, and many travellers are still on vacation. Payments on the 4th were well met for the season, some leading houses reporting 80 per cent. of customers' paper as being paid. Nothing new is reported in values.

Groceries.—Latest cables from Patras report a very firm currant market, with quotations on the basis of 17s. for fine Filiatras, September shipment. Opening prices for new Valencia raisins have not yet been fixed, but it is established that they will rule high, and in some quarters it is anticipated that laid-down cost will be about a cent more than a year ago. Grenoble walnuts are quoted at 107 francs, equal to a laid-down cost of about 12½c. per pound. Shelled nuts of all kinds rule very strong, particularly shelled almonds. The sugar market shows much firmness; a second advance of ten cents was reported from New York yesterday, and a revision of prices by local refiners is looked for momentarily. Molasses appears to be easier in a wholesale way, and it is said a round lot of straight Barbadoes could be bought at 25 cents. Canned peas and beans, new pack, are now being delivered, the combination price being 85c.

Hides.—Receipts of beef hides are now very light, and values are firm. Dealers buy No. 1 at 12½c., and quote usual advance to tanners. Calfskins are steady at 15c. for No. 1, and lambskins at 50c. each.

Metals and Hardware.—Ingot tin again shows a strong upward movement, and is quoted at 44 to 44½c. The late marked shortage in antimony is now fairly relieved, and quotations have declined to 25 to 25½c. Lead is steady at \$4.35 to \$4.45; sheet ditto, \$5.25 to \$5.50; copper, 21 to 21½c., a large lot might be shaded; spelter, 6¾ to 7c.; sheet zinc, 7¾ to 8c. Quotations for pig iron are unchanged at \$21.50 for Summerlee, and \$18.25 for No. 3 Middlesboro, ex-wharf; domestic brands, \$20.50 to \$21. Bars are steady at \$2 to \$2.05, and iron pipe at \$4.38 for inch. In plates, sheets, etc., there is nothing new.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Business is seasonably dull, but the outlook for fall trade is good. Turpentine is firmer by 1¼c. at producing points, and the local quotation is advanced to 84 to 85c. for ordinary lots. Linseed oil is about steady at 54 to 55c. for boiled; raw, 3c. less. Fish oils move slowly; Gaspe cod oil is quoted at 32 to 35c., and steam-refined seal at 40 to 45c. as to lot. Castor oil is firm at 8 to 11c., according to grade and lot. Leads, putty and glass remain as quoted last week.

Provisions.—Abattoir fresh-killed hogs are rather easier than a week ago at \$11 per cental, but cured meats are firm in price, and local packers report good demand. We quote: Heavy Canada mess pork, \$22.50 to \$23, in barrels; selected ditto, \$23.50 to \$24; hams, 14½ to 16c., as to size; Wiltshire bacon, 14½ to 15c.; boneless breakfast bacon, 16½ to 17c.; pure lard, 11¾ to 13c., as to package; compound ditto, 8 to 8½c.

Wool.—Business is almost stagnant. The only recent transactions reported are a few small sales of Capes at 20 to 23c. B.A. crossbreds are quoted at 35 to 38c., and fine merinos at 38 to 42c. Domestic fleece is quoted at 28 to 29c., and pulled at 30c.

Montreal customs receipts for July were \$1,118,615, compared with \$1,105,134 last year, an increase of \$82,880.

The Dominion Government has given a contract for a \$84,000 turning basin at Welland to Hogan & Co., Ottawa.

British Board of Trade figures show that during the year ending June 30th last British emigrants to Canada numbered 77,144 from England, 19,509 from Scotland, and 3,867 from Ireland. Scotland tops the list with one in every 230, and emigration from that country has increased 100 per cent. in three years.

TRADE

The following were Canadian trade receive Offices, 17 Victoria Street, London, E. C. North of England of brick and tile firm, manufacture of a new cladding of manufacturing of New Zealand firm, Colombo (Ceylon) general, ed in tea, cocoa, cinnamon, plumbago, rubber, etc., firm request names of exporters, waste, and cereals. special laundry and other, fast firm is open to reproduction of oatmeal and similar, turing stoves, grates, and touch with importers.

Pictures have been exhibited, Toronto, by the Corporation of and Albert Museum, L. George Drummond.

Dealers complain of to city markets. Reduction, way, would seem to follow of the competition among cases where the product stick, but he will find it his product.

WEST INDIA

sail from Halifax every alternate Indies and Demerara, and on de Cuba and Kingston, Jamaica. Special discounts allowed view to extending trade relations.

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BUSINESS EMBARK

Manitoba:

Culross.—P. Anderson, Sued several times during C. H. Newton, Winnipeg estate. **Winnipeg.**—Jam clothing, shoes, etc. Li Began business a y Abramovich & Son, general signed to C. H. Newton extension last April.

Quebec:

Hull.—J. Adelard Rachabilities under \$1,000. Beaudoin, grocer. Demment made by Joseph Archambault & Fils, sale of assignment made son.—Louis Aumais, an absentee, and insolvent instituted by Laporte, Mabilities, \$3,000; assets, a J. A. Plourde, grocer, as Desmarteace; liabilities, a Joseph Tasse Cigar Co. mises recently attached tion for a winding-up order incorporated, June, 1902; direct liabilities, \$9,000; \$45,000. **Sault a la Lacoutine,** groceries and abilities, \$1,600. **St. J. Gaudet,** general store. Jo in charge of estate pro **Jerome.**—Zoel Charron Liabilities about \$1,000.

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