

Montreal Grocery Market.

Sugar is moving out in a manner fairly satisfactory to the refiners, the demand being fully up to the average for this season of the year. There is considerable talk about wholesale cutting; but of course both refiners deny that they are selling under quotations, which are 3 3-16 to 3 1/2 for yellows, and 4 1/2 for granulated.

Syrups are dull and neglected, but the French houses are still cutting in the price of molasses, sales of single puncheons being reported at 30 1/2c. One of the large French houses took possession of a cargo of Barbadoes to-day, which costs them 32 1/2c, so that it will be seen that the present retail price means a heavy loss. The movement is fairly good.

All Japan teas worth from 16 to 22c are moving well. Stocks here are light and the offerings will, it is expected, be below last year. The falling off will be principally in low grades, the pick of which will be small owing to the unsatisfactory manner in which they turned out last year. Blacks are dull and unchanged.

A steady movement is reported in coffee at firm figures. The New York market is reported strong, and advices from primary markets are generally stiff. We quote Rios 18 to 20c, Java 23 to 25c, Mocha 24 to 25c, Jamaica 19c to 21c, Maracaibo 22 1/2 to 23c, and Santos 17 1/2 to 19c.

A fair movement is reported in rice at the following prices: Standard, \$4.00 to \$4.20; Japan, \$4.50 to \$5; Patna, \$5 to \$5.50, and Carolina, \$7 to \$8.

The green fruit market is in good condition. The auction sales have had a good effect on the market and all arrivals are moving out freely. Green apples are becoming more plentiful and sell at \$3 to \$4 per barrel and 60c per basket. There are practically no oranges on the market, but other lines are offering in sufficient quantities to meet all requirements. We quote: Canadian pears, 50 to 75c per bushel; Canadian peaches, \$1 per basket; California pears, \$4 to \$4.50; California peaches, \$2.25 to \$2.50; California plums, \$2.75 to \$3, and California grapes, \$3.25 per box; good lemons, \$5 to \$6; common do, \$3.50 to \$4.50; Malta onions, \$1 per hamper; Egyptian do, 2 1/2c per lb; raspberries, 90c to \$1 per pail; blackberries, 13c per quart; bananas, \$1 to \$1.50 per bunch; water-melons, 20 to 35c each.

The local market is bare of raisins and currants, and the trade is anxiously looking for Valencia. A recent cable quotes 16 1/2 for off stock fall shipment f.o.b. The crop promises to be a good one, a great deal now depends on how it is gathered.—*Gazette* Aug. 12.

Toronto Grain and Produce Markets.

Millfeed—Efforts are being made to establish values on bran, which are \$1 to \$1.50 apart. On call to-day a car sold east at \$9.50 f.o.b. At the same time bids were reported of \$10.50 middle freights and \$11.10 Toronto freights.

Wheat—Dull, with very few enquiries. There were sales of choice white at 75c on the Northern. White and red was generally held at 77c straight, but without sales. Midland spring offered at 75c in odd cars and at 74c in lots. Manitoba wheats quiet. No. 1 hard held at 97c Montreal freights lake and rail: For No. 3 hard there were several enquiries at 76c all rail North Bay, with sellers at 79c.

Oats—were easier. Local sales were made at 33 1/2 and 34c. A lot of \$10,000 bush, sold west at 31c.

Grain and flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$4.80 to \$4.90; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.25 to \$4.40; Ontario patents, \$3.90 to \$4.10; straight roller, \$3.65 to \$3.75; extra, \$3.20 to \$3.25; low grades, per bag, \$1 to \$1.50. Bran—\$11.50 to \$12.00. Shorts—\$13 to \$14. Wheat—'straight west and north points)—White, 76 1/2 to 78 1/2c; spring, 71 to 72c; red winter, 76 to 77c; goose, 63 to 64c; No. 1 hard, lake and rail, 93 to 95c; No. 2 hard, 86 to 87c; No. 3 hard, 75 to 76c;

No. 1 regular, 59 to 60c. Peas—No. 2, 64 to 65c; Barley—No. 1, 52 to 54c; No. 2, 48 to 49c; No. 3 extra, 45c; No. 3, 42 to 43c; two-rowed, 54 lbs averaging about No. 3 extra in color, (outside, 45 to 50c. Corn—56c. Buckwheat—Nominal. Rye—Nominal. Oats—33 to 34c.

Apples, dried—Quiet, but steady. Small jobbing lots are held at 4 1/2c. Evaporated are unchanged and slow at 6 1/2 to 7c.

Beans—Steady. Dealers are asking \$1.25 to \$1.30 for small lots c.i.f. store.

Eggs—Receipts were larger and prices ruled easier. Most commission houses are selling at 11 1/2c, although early in the day 12c was asked.

Hay, etc.—Fair demand at steady prices. New baled sells on spot at \$9; old at \$10 to \$10.50. Straw—The demand is good at \$6.50 \$7 for car lots on track here.

Hides, etc.—Unchanged. Cured in car lots sell at 5c; green are quoted at 4 1/2c; No. 2 at 3 1/2c; No. 3 at 2 1/2c. Skins—Lambskins and pelts sell at 45c; calfskins at 6 to 7c for city inspected.

Honey—Dull. New extracted sells at 7 to 9c in a jobbing way.

Hops—Stocks of '91 Canadian hops held here are light; they sell at 20 to 22c. Yearlings are nominal.

Dressed meats—Trade quiet; prices easy. We quote: 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c; beef, fores, 3 to 4 1/2c; hinds 7 to 8 1/2c; mutton 6 to 7c; veal 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c per lb by the carcass.

Poultry—Slightly easier, although a fair demand is reported. Turkeys sell at 10 to 12c per lb; chickens at 50 to 55c, and ducks at 50 to 65c per pair.

Potatoes—Dull and easy. They sell in lots at 80c to \$1 per bbl. Dealers are asking \$1.25 per bbl in small lots.

Tallow—Easy. Rendered sells at 5c; rough at 2c. Dealers ask 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c for rendered in trade lots.

Wool—Unchanged and quiet. New clothing sells at 19 to 20c; fleece at 17c. Supers are held at 22c; extras 25 to 26c, and pulled combing at 18c.

Butter—The market was unchanged and steady, all offerings being absorbed by an active local demand. Several lots of choice selected dairy in tubs sold to-day at 16c; fair to good grades are held at 14 to 15c. The supply of roll butter is light; the best large rolls sell at 14 to 15c. Store packed tub butter was steady at yesterday's quotations, viz., 14 to 15c for choice and 11 1/2 to 12 1/2c for common grades.

Cheese—Firm. Dealers are holding small lots at 9 1/2 to 10c.

Provisions—The demand for provisions was fairly active. Prices were steady to firm. Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$15 to \$16; short cut, \$16.50 to \$17; bacon, long clear, per lb, 7 1/2 to 8c; lard, Canadian, tubs and pails, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c; compound, do, 7 to 9c. Smoked meats—Hams, per lb, 11 1/2c; bellies, per lb, 12 1/2c; rolls, per lb, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c; backs, per lb, 11 1/2 to 12c.—*Empire*, Aug. 12.

Toronto Hardware Markets.

No sales of Scotch pig iron are reported. In this interim between the spring and the fall trade consumers are not placing orders freely. The prices of Scotch irons have to be lower for business to make headway. It is expected they will be lower. That leads to reserve in ordering, and the low freights obtainable in winter make it less of an object than it used to be for buyers to purchase for delivery before St. Lawrence navigation closes. The prices now quoted are \$21.70 to \$22 for Summerlee, \$21.25 for Gartsherrie, \$20 to \$20.25 for Carnbrae. United States brands have also had quiet week of it. Same Canadian Siemens is reported to have sold at \$21.50. In bar iron there is no change, 2c being the inside price for round lots. Sheet steel has been in considerable request. Several cars of pig lead at about \$3.10 have been sold. Some round lots of spelter are also among the week's considerable transactions.

Tin keeps up the see-saw movement in its price, latest purchases reported at the Straits being made at a lower price than any quoted since the break, while shipments from New York to London have firmed the prices on this side of the water. Copper is a shade firmer outside. Sales of coke tin plates have been more numerous than usual on this market.

Iron hardware trade is rather quiet. Iron pipe is scarce and enquiries for it are frequent. Some large lots of bright wire for trimmers' use have been sold. Copper-steel wire for mattresses has been also in request. Orders for guns and ammunition are good. Shovels, particularly for the North-west and the coast, have had a good week's call.

Antimony—Cookson's, per lb 13 1/2 to 14c—other makes, per lb, 13 to 13 1/2c.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 56 and 58-lb ingots, per lb 24 to 24 1/2c; astraits, 100-lb ingots 24 to 25c; strip 24 to 25c.

Copper—Ingot 13 to 13 1/2c; sheet 16 to 18c.

Lead—Bar 4 1/2 to 5c; pig 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c; sheet, per roll \$4.75 to \$5.25; shot, Can. dis. 12 1/2 per cent.

Zinc—Sheet 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c; zinc, spelter 4 1/2c do; mestic; imported, 5 1/2c; solder, hf and hf, 18 to 19c.

Brass—Sheet 21 to 23c.

Iron—Bar, ordinary \$2.00 to \$2.10; bar, refined, 2.60; Swedes, 1 in. or over, \$4 to \$4.25; Lowmoor 5 1/2 to 6; hoops, coopers, \$2.60 to \$2.65; do band \$2.50 to \$2.60; tank plates \$2 to \$2.25; boiler rivets, best \$4.50; sheet, 10 to 20 gauge \$2.75 to \$3; 22 to 24 do \$2.75 to \$3; 26 do \$3 to \$3.25; 28 do \$3.50 to \$3.75; Russia, sheet, per lb 10 to 12c.

Galvanized iron—16 to 24 gauge 5 to 5 1/2c; 26 do 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; 28 do 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.

Iron wire—Market bright and annealed. Nos. 1 to 16 net list, from stock, 12 1/2 per cent. discount from Montreal; for Hamilton or Toronto add 10c per 100 lbs; market tinned, per lb, 4 1/2 to 5c; galvanized fence, same discounts as bright and annealed; barbed wire, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; coiled chain, 1/2 in., 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; 3/4 in., 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; 1 in., 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; 1 1/4 in., 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; 1 1/2 in., 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; 1 3/4 in., 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; 2 in., 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c; iron pipe, off list, 60 to 62 1/2 per cent. discount; galv. off list, 35 to 37 1/2 per cent. discount; boiler tubes, 2 in., 13; do, 3 in., 18 1/2c.

Steel—Cast, 13 to 14c; boiler plate 1/2 in., \$2.30; 5-16 do, \$2.25; 3/4 do, \$2.25; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Nails—American list basis, \$2.30 f.o.b. Toronto and Hamilton; brads, mouldings and wire, 75 per cent. off the new list.

Horse nails—Can. dis. 60 off for C. and 60 and 5 off for P.B. and M.

Horse shoes—Per kog, \$3.60.

Canada plates—Blaine, \$2.80 to \$2.90; other, \$2.90 to \$3.10.

Tin plates—IC coke, \$3.65 to \$3.75, IC charcoal, \$4.25 to \$4.50; IX charcoal, \$4.25 to \$5.50; IXX charcoal, \$6.25 to \$6.50; DC charcoal, \$4 to \$4.25.

Gunpowder—Can blasting, per keg, \$2.50 to \$2.75; can sporting, FF, \$5; can sporting, FFF, \$5.25; can rifle, \$7.25.

Rope—Manilla, 11 1/2c basis; sisal, 9 1/2c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$7 to \$12.

Glass—Fourth quality star. 1st break, \$1.35 to \$1.40. 2nd do, \$1.50; 3rd do, \$3.50; 4th do, \$3.60; 5th do, \$3.90.

For old material we quote dealers paying prices as follows: No. 1 heavy scrap, 65 to 70c per 100 lbs; stove cast scrap, 40 to 45c; burnt cast scrap, 15 to 20c; No. 1 wrought iron, 60 to 65c; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 20 to 30c; new scrap copper, 8 1/2c; heavy scrap copper, 9 1/2c; old copper bottoms, 8c; light scrap brass, 5 1/2c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 7 1/2c; heavy red scrap brass, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c; scrap lead, 2c; scrap zinc, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c; scrap rubber, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c; country mixed rags, 80 to 85 per 100 lbs; clean, dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; ploughshares, 60 to 65c; railroad iron, 65 to 75c; malleable scrap, 25c.—*Empire*.