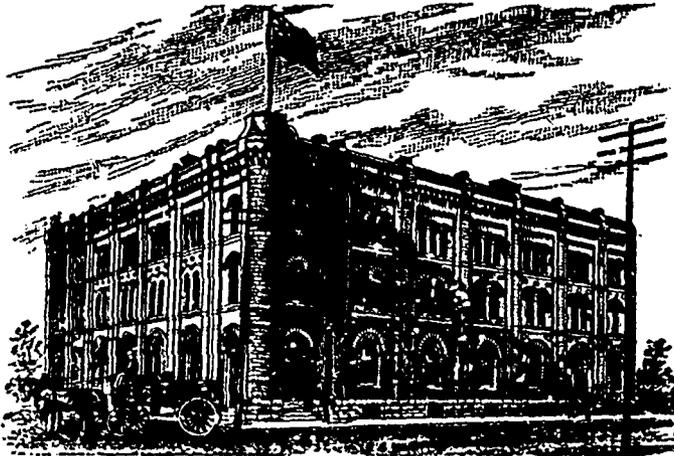


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Flour.—City strong bakers have sold at \$5 and Manitoba straight bakers at \$4.60 to \$4.75. In straight rollers there is no particular change stocks here being large with some Western millers anxious to sell. There have been sales of car lots of straight rollers at \$4.60 to \$4.70, but American straight rollers have been offered at equal to \$4.50 here in bond. A short time ago they were offered at \$4.45.

Oatmeal, etc.—The market is dull and prices are unchanged as follows:—Granulated and rolled oats \$4.55 to \$4.65 per bbl, and \$2.20 to \$2.25 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal \$4.50 to \$4.55 per bbl, and bags \$2.17½ to \$2.20. Pot barley \$4. Pearl barley No. 1 \$7.25 per bbl, \$3.75 per half bbl.

Millfeed.—The market for bran continues firm on account of scarcity, with sales reported of car lots at \$17, and we quote broken lots, \$17.50 to \$18. Shorts are firm at \$19 to \$20, and moultrie at \$23 to \$27 as to grade and quantity.

Oats.—No. 2 whit-Ontario oats are quoted at 36 to 37c per 34 lbs. There has been a fair demand west for through shipment to England, and prices there are firmer owing to a drop in freight rates.

Barley.—There is very little change in this market although there has been some enquiry in the west for shipment to the United States, and sales have been made for Buffalo account. Here prices are unchanged at 45 to 50c for feed barley, and 53 to 63c for malting grades.

Dressed hogs.—Sales of car lots have been effected at \$5.60 to \$5.65 per 100 lbs, small jobbing lots bringing a little more money. Sales are reported in the West at \$5.20 to \$5.25 f.o.b. for this market.

Pork, lard, etc.—Canada short cut mess pork, per bbl, \$14.75 to \$15; mess pork, American, per bbl, \$14 to \$14.25; extra mess beef, per bbl, \$14.50 to \$15; hams, city cured, per lb, 10½ to 11c; lard, pure in pails, per lb, 8½ to 9½c; do., compound, in pails, per lb, 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb, 9½ to 10c; shoulders, per lb., 8¼c.

Cheese.—The market remains very firm, with further business in finest western at 11 to 11½c but most holders refuse to sell under 11½c. A strong feature in the situation is the comparatively small stocks in Liverpool, which are only 105,000 boxes against 168,000 boxes a year ago, and when it is considered that the English make is undoubtedly short, one need not be at all surprised at the strength of the situation.

Butter.—Eastern townships has changed hands in round lots at 18 to 19c while choice selected in single tubs has brought 20 to 21c. In western there is said to be some enquiry with business at 16 to 17c for choice selected. The sale of a round lot of medium western was reported at 14c. We quote creamery 23 to 24c, Eastern Townships and Morrisburg 18 to 20c and western 14 to 17c.

Eggs.—Held fresh stock sells at from 18 to 20c for good to choice.

Dressed poultry.—Turkeys at 9 to 10c, chickens at 8c per lb, but mixed lots of

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chickens and old hens have sold at 6½ to 7c. A number of old held over stock that had been frozen and thawed, were pushed off at 3 to 5c per lb. The market has been glutted with geese, some of which have sold as low as 3c per lb. Choice fresh lots, however, have sold at 5½ to 6c per lb. Ducks are quoted at 7½ to 8½c.

Hides—Calfskins have again declined another cent. Lambskins remain unchanged with the commencement of the new month, but are coming in very slowly. We quote:—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners, also paying 4c more; lambskins, 80c; calfskins, 5c.

Groceries.—The coffee market is strong, and advices from foreign markets are very firm, with quite an upward tendency. Local prices can hardly be said to have advanced, but are decidedly firm. We quote:—Rio, 18 to 20c; Java, 26 to 30c; Mocha, 27 to 30c; Jamaica, 18 to 20c; Maracaiho, 23 to 25c. There is a decided scarcity of Canadian syrups, especially low grades which can hardly be got at all. Although there is plenty of low grade U.S. syrup, which is being offered at 2c, it does not meet with general favor, as the flavor is too rank and sulphurous; in fact some wholesale houses will not handle it at all. Medium bright Canadian syrup is 2½ to 3c. In molasses, prime Barbadoes is worth 35 to 40c, though some old and tart is selling a good bit below these figures. The dried fruit market is not very active but the feeling generally is firm. Valencias of ordinary kind are worth 5c, No. 1 off stalk fetch 5½ to 6c; layers are 6½ to 7c. The market is quite bare of Malagas. Patras currants are about 5½ to 6c; and Vostizzas, in cases are 7½ to 8c; walnuts are cheaper than usual and we quote:—Grenobles, 12½ to 13c; Bordeaux, 10½ to 11c; Ivicas, 12 to 13c and Tarragonas, 14 to 15c. Yellow sugars of low grade here have been put up a sixteenth, but bright yellows and granulated are unchanged. We quote: Granulated, 4½c; ye' lows, low grades, 3 7/16 to 3¾c; bright yellow, 4½c at the refineries.—Trade Bulletin, Jan. 8.

The Spanish West Indies will admit Canadian producers on the same terms as accorded to the United States; the recent reciprocity treaty with that country, until the expiry of the present treaty with Great Britain, which ceases on July 1st next. This treaty contained a "most favored nation's clause," consequently the Spanish Islands cannot discriminate against British goods until the treaty expires.