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THE COMMERCIAL MARKETS.

Giving Ranges of Prices in some of the More Important Branches of Trade; their Situation and Tendencies.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 6th.

Fish.—Although Easter is over, there is still a good demand for fish. We quote:—Whitefish, round, 7½c. per lb.; whitefish, dressed, 10c. per lb.; Trout, 10c. per lb.; tulibeas, 6c. per lb.; fresh haddock, 7c. per lb.; fresh cod, 8c. per lb.; salmon, 12c. per lb.; halibut, 12c. per lb.; bloaters, 75c. per lb.; flounders, 5c. per lb.; pickerel, 8c. per lb.; finnan haddie, 10c. per lb.; smelts, 8 and 12½c. per lb.; shredded cod, 90c. per dozen; bluenose cod, 6c. per lb.; Labrador herrings, \$4.75 per barrel; Digby herrings, 60c. per bundle; Halifax fish cakes, \$2.40 per case.

Fruit.—Several of the wholesale houses report, this Easter, the largest business in their history. The orange market is still strong, and there is a good demand for tancy stuff. We quote:—Oranges, navel bronco brands, \$3.25, \$3.50, and \$3.75 per box; navel, ruby brand, \$3.25, \$3.50, and \$3.75 per box, navels, banner brand, \$3 per box; blood, ½-boxes, \$2.25; Messina ovals, home guard brand, ½-boxes, \$2.25; Valencia, \$4 and \$4.75 per case; Mexican, \$2.25 and \$2.50 per per box. Pineapples, \$4.75 to \$5 per crate; bananas, \$1.75 to \$2 per bunch; lemons, home guard brand, \$3.50 per box; kicking brand, \$3.25 per box; California celery, \$6 per crate; fine old cabbage, \$2 per barrel; new cabbage, \$3.50 per crate; apples, spies, \$4.25 and \$3.25 per barrel; other varieties, \$3 per barrel.

Groceries.—In conversation with the manager of a navigation company, the Monetary Times was informed that navigation might open up by Monday week. If this proves to be correct, there will be more activity in the grocery trade. The sugar market is very strong. It would be advisable to carry good stocks of sugar, as the prospects are for an advance at any time. Dried fruits are selling very well, and there is a strong demand for canned goods. Low-priced tinned salmon cannot be delivered.

Hides and Skins.—Very few sales are taking place. When the tanners' supplies become exhausted they have to buy, but they are not buying at any great sacrifice. Dealers are not purchasing very cheap hides in the country. In fact, they are only buying when low prices allow. Good early stock will bring good prices. There is no likelihood of a panic, nor is there any indication of such an event. The dull condition is only temporary, and is due to tight money. Reports from both the United States and England are more hopeful. We quote:—Country hides, 7½ to 8½c.; sheepskins, \$1.60 to \$1.75.

Provisions.—The egg market has dropped to the bottom for a little while anyway. Supplies are somewhat lighter this week, and the demand is not very brisk. This is partially due to the reaction of the big Easter trade. Supplies of butter are very small, and the demand is exceptionally strong. There is no surplus stock, and not enough to cope with the demand. We quote:—New laid eggs, 17c.; separator prints, 25 to 27c.; farmer's ordinary, 24c.; large roll, 24c.; tubs, 21 to

22c.; creamery prints, 27 to 30c.; lard, tubs, 12¼ to 12½c.; pails, 12¾c.; compounds, 8 to 11c.

Tallow.—The situation remains about the same. The price ruling is about 5½ to 6½c.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 5th.

Butter.—This market is very interesting just now. The receipts of new-milk creamery are beginning to increase noticeably, and in another week they should be a considerable factor in breaking down prices. At the moment, dealers claim to be selling at 27 to 28c., according to quality and quantity, held creamery being 25 to 26c. for choicest, and 23 to 24c. for lower grades. There is very little held butter here, and from present appearances, dealers will have no difficulty in disposing of it all, before the new milk goods take possession of the market.

Cheese.—There is very little doing in any quality of cheese. There is a slight movement in old market cheese at 13½ to 14c., according to quality, while fodder makes have been offered at 13c. here. It is said that the latter is costing 12¾c. in the country.

Eggs.—The demand for eggs was very active at Easter, but a considerable quantity had apparently been held back in the country in expectation of higher prices. These were all rushed forward and the demand being insufficient to absorb them, prices experienced a sharp decline. From 23 or 24c. per dozen, the market quickly sagged to 17 and 18c., where prices are to-day. Dealers claim they are buying at 15c. in the country, and that they will buy at 14c. next week. They will begin to pickle when the cost here is 15c.

Hayseed.—There is an unusual demand for seed this year owing to the condition the meadows are in after the killing of a year ago. Prices are \$4.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs., Montreal; for timothy, according to quality; and \$15 to \$16 for alsike; \$15.50 to \$17.50 for red clover, and \$14 to \$20 for white clover.

Hides.—Sheep skins are still \$1 each; horse, \$2 for No. 2, and \$2.50 for No. 1. Beef hides are 10, 11, and 12c. per lb. for Nos. 3, 2, and 1, respectively, and calfskins, 13c. for No. 4, and 15c. for No. 1, per pound.

Maple Product.—The weather has not been very favorable for sap running this spring. The weather has improved and it looks just now as though there should be a free run. Meantime merchants claim they are selling syrup at 6¼c. per pound, or 85c. per gallon, and sugar at 10c. per pound.

Potatoes.—Their market is firmer, owing to lighter supplies. Mixed red and white stock is costing about 65c. per 90 lbs., on track, and white, 70 to 75c. It is being turned over again, on track, at about 3c. more, and bagged and delivered into store, in a jobbing way, at 10 to 15c. more.

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