

PROVISIONS.

The prices of all pork products are ruling high at present, with no expectation of a drop in price. There has been a heavy export demand, with good local business passing.

Current prices are as follows:

Hams:—		Per lb.
Smoked hams, 8-14 lbs.	.....	0.23½
Do., 14-20 lbs.	.....	0.23½
Do., 20-25 lbs.	.....	0.23½
Do., over 30 lbs.	.....	0.19
Large boneless hams	.....	0.23½
Bacon:—		
Roll Boneless Bacon	.....	0.26
Windsor Bacon, selected	.....	0.27
Windsor Bacon, Boneless	.....	0.29
Barrel Pork:—		Per bbl.
Short cut pork	.....	32.00
Clear Fat Pork, 30-40	.....	35.00
Clear Fat Pork, 40-50	.....	33.00
Clear Fat Pork, 20-35	.....	30.00
Mess Pork	.....	29.50
Bean Pork, Canadian	.....	24.50
Barrel Beef:—		
Plate Beef, 200 lbs.	.....	24.00
Pure Lard—		pound.
Tierces	.....	0.15½
Tubs	.....	0.16¾
Pails	.....	3.40
Tins	.....	3.30
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	.....	0.17½
Prints	.....	0.17¾
Compound Lard:—		
Western Grades:—		
Tierces	.....	0.14
Tubs	.....	0.14
Pails	.....	2.85
Tins	.....	2.75
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	.....	0.14¾
Prints	.....	0.14¾
Cooked meats:—		
Roast shoulders pork	.....	0.30
Roast ham, boneless	.....	0.32
Cooked hams, rind off	.....	0.33
Head cheese	.....	0.09
Jellied pork tongues	.....	0.30
Blood pudding	.....	0.09
White pudding	.....	0.08½
Jellied beef tongues	.....	0.28
English brown	.....	0.11

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	April 22, 1916.	April 15, 1916.	April 24, 1915.
Wheat, bus.	1,367,615	1,014,143	371,986
Corn, bus.	7,721	9,716	100,779
Oats, bus.	2,050,274	1,472,313	645,797
Barley, bus.	98,050	105,560	147,436
Rye, bus.	39,328	38,178	14,720
Buckwheat, bu.	4,805	4,805	12,271
Flour, sacks	69,712	50,305	73,093

NORTH AMERICAN GRAIN EXPORTS.

Bradstreet's figures of the week's wheat and flour exports from the United States and Canada, compared with previous years, are as follows, in bushels:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
Apr. 20	8,644,165	9,722,502	2,764,910
Apr. 13	8,731,409	7,114,709	2,805,681
Apr. 6	8,402,205	7,311,464	2,479,230
Mar. 30	8,306,854	10,110,252	2,653,433
Mar. 23	10,389,253	6,826,078	2,780,352
Mar. 16	9,765,236	6,277,903	4,480,101
Mar. 9	9,645,381	7,793,442	3,764,208
Mar. 2	8,199,193	8,432,806	3,576,737

Wheat exports in this week in 1916 were 3,494,924 bushels; in 1915, 3,169,514 bushels; in 1914, 1,769,878 bushels, and in 1910, 1,289,272 bushels.

Bradstreet's figures for the week's corn exports, compared as follows, in bushels:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
Apr. 20	925,418	1,725,101	28,604
Apr. 13	684,207	1,931,202	25,975
Apr. 6	965,098	3,081,466	22,420
Mar. 30	899,444	1,998,711	85,847
Mar. 23	1,389,772	1,407,228	134,301
Mar. 16	1,319,242	1,688,707	69,445
Mar. 9	379,272	1,414,475	95,697
Mar. 2	469,652	2,615,633	60,833

ORDERING EQUIPMENT.

Philadelphia and Reading Railway has ordered 26 locomotives from the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Twenty of the engines will be of the Mikado type and six of the Mallet type. They will cost about \$1,000,000.

FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

Business continues very slow in the flour market, the trade buying only in small lots to fill actual wants. The mills are generally taking advantage of the slackness to overhaul their plants, although contract business is still on hand. Ontario reports state that little wheat is now coming forward, but that the mills are well supplied to meet the slow demand offering. Prices are steady and unchanged.

Millfeed continues in good demand from all sources, and as the supplies are low prices are very firm. There is no actual change to report, however. The market for rolled oats is quiet, and prices are unchanged.

	Montreal.	Toronto.
First patents, per bbl., in bags	6.60	6.50 6.70
Second patents, do.	6.10	6.00 6.20
Strong clears, do.	5.90	5.80 6.00
30c per bbl. more in wood.		
Winter wheat flour—		
Fancy Patents	5.85 6.10	.....
90 per cent in wood	5.60 5.80	4.40 4.30
90 per cent in bags	2.70 2.75	.....
Cereals:—		
Cornmeal, yellow, in per bag, 98 lbs.	2.75	2.50
Rollled oats, per bbl., in wood	5.00 5.10	.....
per bag, 90 lbs.	2.35 2.40	2.65
Rollled wheat, 100 lb. bbl.	4.00	3.00
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	2.65 2.80	2.80
Graham flour, 98 lb.	.....	3.25
Barley pot., 98 lbs.	3.00	.....
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs.	4.50	4.70 4.90
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs.	.....	3.25
Middlings, per ton	28.00 30.00	26.00 27.00
Bran, per ton	24.00	24.00 25.00
Shorts, per ton	26.00	26.00
Feed flour, per ton	35.00	.....
Feed flour, bag	1.60	1.70
Moullie, pure grain grades, per ton	33.00	.....
Do., mixed	31.00	.....
Barley feed, per ton	32.00	.....
Do., meal, per ton	35.00	.....
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.	1.75	.....
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton	19.00	.....

WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended April 22, 1916, compared with the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago were as follows:

	Apr. 22, 1916.	Apr. 15, 1916.	Apr. 24, 1915.
No. 1 Hard	1	.....	.....
No. 1 Northern	1,221	1,120	.....
No. 2 Northern	546	605	.....
No. 3 Northern	309	387	.....
No. 4 Northern	165	172	.....
No. 5 Northern	59	60	.....
No. 6 Northern	15	27	.....
Other grades	189	277	.....
Winter grades	10	6	.....
Total	2,525	2,878	930
Flax	735	872	235
Oats	62	63	47
Barley	80	81	47

GRAIN EXPORTS.

The following are the exports of grain from the Ports of Portland and St. John, N.B., that have arrived at their destination week ending April 20, 1916.

	Wheat, bush.	Flour, bush.
London	120,000	.....
Manchester	250,000	.....
Avonmouth	219,000	.....
Rotterdam	195,224	.....
Barrow	170,000	.....
South Africa	.....	35,231
	954,224	35,231

REFINED SUGAR AGAIN UP.

The sugar market remains in a very strong position in sympathy with the continued advance of the raw article in New York, which has forced up refined sugar in this market. Another 10c per 100 lbs. to \$7.70 for extra granulated in bags and \$7.75 in bbls. This makes an advance of \$1.15 per 100 lbs since the beginning of the year and \$1.10 advance over prices a year ago.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

There has been a great deal of extra business passing owing to the Easter and Jewish holiday trade during the past week. Only one carload of strawberries arrived on the market, which caused a general scramble to get the fruit while it lasted. It was sold at auction at unusually high prices, with the result that the quoted price has risen from 12c to 15c, to 17c to 18c, and even higher. High prices have been ruling in bananas, bunches of 7 hands selling at \$1.00, and 9 hands at \$2.00 to \$2.25. There is no change to note in oranges, prices ranging from \$2 to \$4.00. Grapefruit is strong and active, the best brands selling at \$3.75 to \$4.25. Pineapples are arriving on the market in carload lots, and are selling at \$3.75 to \$5.00, according to size.

The scarcity of green beans on the New York market is expected to advance Montreal prices from the present price of \$4.50 to \$5.00 to even as high as \$9 to \$10 per basket. Red onions are practically over, giving place to Texas and Egyptians, of which the early shipments will be very high in price. Lettuce has been very high over Easter, selling at 7c to 8c per lb. The tomato market is climbing up in response to very light shipments from Florida. Only 50 carloads are being shipped instead of the usual 200 to 500 carloads per day.

Current quotations follow:—

Apples:—		
Starks	.....	5.00
Spys	.....	6.00 7.00
Ben Davis	.....	3.00 3.25
Russells	.....	6.00 6.50
Baldwins	.....	4.50 5.00
Bananas, bunches	.....	2.00 2.50
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl.	12.00	14.00
Cranberries, Nova Scotia, bbl.	8.50	9.00
Grapefruit, 46-54-64-80-96	3.75	4.25
Grapes, Malaga, heavyweight, bbl.	8.00	10.00
Lemons:—		
California	.....	3.00
Messina, 300 size, box	.....	3.00
Oranges:—		
Navel, Californias, 176-200-216	.....	4.00
126	.....	3.25
80-96	.....	2.50
Jamaica, 196-200-216	.....	2.50
Porto Rico, 126-150-250-286	.....	2.75
Pineapples, 18-24 and 30-36	4.50	5.00
Strawberries, Louisiana, box	0.17	0.18
Vegetables:—		
Artichokes, bag	.....	1.50
Beets, bag	.....	1.50
Beans, wax, N.Y., per basket	4.50	5.50
Beans, green, N.Y., per basket	4.50	5.50
Cabbage, Montreal, per bbl.	.....	2.00
Cabbage, red, dozen	.....	0.40
Do., New American	.....	3.00
Cauliflower, hampers	.....	4.00
Do., New American	.....	3.50
Cauliflower, crate, singles	.....	3.50
Celery, Florida, crate	.....	3.25
Cucumbers, fancy, Boston, doz.	.....	2.50
Garlic, per lb.	.....	0.30
Horse radish	.....	0.14
Leeks, bunch	.....	0.30
Curly lettuce, box, doz.	.....	2.50
Mint, dozen	.....	0.60
Mushrooms, 4-lb basket	.....	2.50
Oyster plant, dozen	.....	1.00 1.25
Onions:—		
Reds, 100 lb. bags	.....	3.75 4.00
Spanish, case	.....	6.50
Do., crates	.....	3.25
Parsnips	.....	1.00 1.25
Potatoes:—		
New Brunswick, 80 lbs., bags	.....	1.90
Sweet, hamper	.....	1.75 2.00
Radishes, doz.	.....	0.40
Rhubarb, lb.	.....	0.10
Spinach, New York, bbl.	.....	3.25 3.50
Turnips, bag	.....	0.90
Tomatoes, hothouse, lb.	.....	0.30 0.35
Tomatoes, Florida, doz.	.....	3.25
Do., choice	.....	2.75
Watercress, Boston, hothouse, doz.	.....	0.75

GRAIN AT HEAD OF LAKES.

Dr. Magill, chairman of the Board of Grain Commissioners, in a recent interview stated that there would be more work regarding the handling of grain at Fort William this season than ever before. "The elevators are full to overflowing, with over 40,000,000 bushels of grain, excluding the hospital elevators. The terminal elevator capacity at the head of the lakes is 40,600,000 bushels and the stocks in store exceed this total. There are still 100,000,000 bushels of wheat to be marketed by the farmers and there are 45,000,000 bushels actually on the farms not moved out of the bins. All this grain has to be moved east; the elevators have to be emptied of their contents, and all this grain has to come down here and be sent on to the east. There is a much larger volume of grain to be moved than there ever has been before and there will be more work in this respect than ever before in the history of these two cities," said the chairman.

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