

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 11.

Dry Goods—More active. The week's business equals exhibition week. Many buyers are here. Swiss spot muslin and Swiss lace curtains have advanced 25 per cent. Cottons are firmer.

Hardware—Brisker and more buyers are in the market. Western orders are larger. Halter, dog and trace chains are 25 per cent higher and eave troughs 15 per cent dearer. Bicycle sundries are firm and there is some likelihood of an advance on account of dearer raw materials. Loaded shills have been advanced 10 per cent by Canadian makers. The discounts on milk can trimmings have been changed to 25 and 10. Bolts and iron pipe are dearer. Scrap copper is 1 to 2c dearer, lead 1-4c dearer, zinc 1-2c dearer, rubber 1c dearer, and hog rings are up 25 per cent. Linseed oil and turpentine are each 1c up.

Groceries—United States sugars are still underselling. The domestic market is easy and less active. New York and Chicago have been large purchasers of teas here, thus reducing stocks. Many grades here are 2c dearer than a week ago. There is a better demand for canned fruits on account of the expectation of late arrival of southern fruits owing to frost. Corn is 5c dearer at 95c to \$1.00.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 7.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 50 carloads, including 300 sheep and lambs, and 700 hogs. The feature of the market was the small supply of common grades, which met with a good demand. The supply of export cattle was about equal to the demand and prices steady. Heavy exporters quoted at \$1.50 to 55 per cwt. There was an active trade in butcher's cattle, the demand being good. Prices were a little firmer, choice being quoted 15c per cwt. higher at \$3.75 to \$4.25 and \$1.35 per cwt. for selections. Common, \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. Offerings of Canadian stockers for Buffalo were a little heavier and prices unchanged, heavy stockers being quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt and feeders \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Choice lambs fetched \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. Sheep for export and butchers' use brought \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt. Prices for choice hogs were firmer, being quoted at \$1.37 1-2 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 10.

Receipts of live stocks at the market to-day were 50 carloads of all kinds, including 150 sheep and lambs and 600 hogs.

Choice butchers' cattle are firmer at \$1.50, which is the top price. Hogs were firm at Tuesday's prices. Other lines unchanged.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 11.

Flour is easy. Wheat is about 1c lower, oats 1-2 to 1c higher, barley 1 to 2c higher. Millfeed is up \$1 per ton, and oatmeal is 10c per sack higher. Cheese is 1-2c higher. Dairy butter, 1-2c lower. Receipts of fresh eggs are now liberal and prices have

made a big drop of 8c per dozen on new laid. Beans are higher.

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$1.20. Manitoba bakers, \$3.75 to \$4; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 to \$3.25 per bbl. Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 68 1-2 for cars at country points. No. 1 hard 79c, Midland, and 83 to 81c, North Bay.

Oats—White, 31 to 32c. for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 47 to 48c, and 44c for No. 2 at country points for car lots. Millfeed—Shorts, \$15.50 to \$17 per ton; bran, \$14 to \$15 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.60 in bags per barrel, and \$3.70 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—New laid, 13 1-2c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 11 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Hides—Cows, green, 81-2c; green steers, 9c; cured hides, 9 1-4c; sheepskins and lambskins, 50c to \$1; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 4 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 1-2c.

Beans—\$1.10 to \$1.25 per bushel for hand pick.

Dressed hogs—\$1.85 to \$1.95 per 100 lbs. for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1-2c for round lots, evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6c in bulk; sections, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Poultry—Turkeys, 9c to 12c for frozen; chickens, 25 to 40c a pair; geese, 6 to 7c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3.50 to \$3.75; alsike, \$3.50 to \$4.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 11.

No changes in prices of staples.

Granulated sugar quoted at \$4.30 per 100 pounds at refineries yellows, \$3.75 to \$4.15. molasses, 31c in car lots syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c as to quality; Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 9 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c; standard B, 33-4 to 4c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 7.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 300 head, and 100 sheep and lambs.

The supply of cattle was small for the season. Some buying for export account was done at 43-4 to 5c per lb. Good cattle sold at 41-4c to 41-2c, fair at 31-2 to 4c, and lower grades at from 21-2 to 31-4c per lb. live weight. Sheep brought 31-4 to 31-2c, and lambs 41-2 to 5c per lb. live weight. The demand for live hogs was fair at 41-4 to 41-2c per lb. weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 10.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 400 head, sheep and lambs, 40. Best cattle ruled on Thursday at 41-2 to 5c; fair to good, 31-2 to 41-4c; other grades, 21-2 to 3c. Sheep ruled at 31-4 to 33-4c and lambs 41-2 to 5c. Hogs ranged at 4.20 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 11.

Oats are very strong at an advance of 1c. Flour is quiet. Feed firmer at an advance of 50c on bran and \$1 on shorts. Hides are 1-2c lower. Receipts of eggs are increasing and prices

dropping daily. Cheese is 1-4c higher on better expert enquiry. Receipts of potatoes are heavier. Poultry is dull and lower. Dressed meats are about 1c higher all round, except dressed hogs. Oatmeal is 5c per sack higher.

Oats—No. 2 white 34 1-2 to 35c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.50, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton, shorts, \$16.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.80 to \$1.5 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8 to 10c, sheepskins 60 to 70c; lambskins, 70 to 75c, tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh 14 to 15c per dozen as to quality.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 14 to 14 1-2c, rolls, 14 to 16c; held stock, 12 to 13c.

Butter—Creamery, boxes, 20 to 20 1-4c, tubs, 19 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice western, 10 1-4 to 10 1-2; eastern, 11 to 10 21-4c.

Beans—55c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 53 to 55c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10c; ducks, 6 to 8c; geese, 3 to 4c; chickens 6 to 8c.

Dressed meats—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 8c; fores, 3 to 5c. Abattoir hogs in jobbing lots sold at \$5.75, country dressed, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 7 to 8c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 11.—The market is very strong and prices are continually tending upward. While lead, government standard, is now quoted at \$5.57 1-2 and No. 1 \$5.50.

WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week report 29 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: Extra hard, 1 car; 1 hard, 75 cars; 2 hard, 8; 3 hard, 2; 1 northern, 62; 2 northern, 16; 3 northern, 1; 1 spring, 6; 1 white fye, 4; 2 white fye, 1; 1 Ladoga, 4; rejected, 8, no grade, 111 cars.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 10.—Cattle 1-4c lower. Quoted at 11 1-2 to 12 1-4c, estimated dressed weight.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, March 10.—Market dull. Beet, firm; March option, 9s, 11 1-4d April, 9s, 11 1-4d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 10.—Cheese is quoted at 51s for both white and colored, an advance of 2s this week.

DAMP AND TOUGH WHEAT.

Reports from Fort William this week say that it is now expected that the damp and tough wheat will be dried in time to be saved, before so weather sets in. The amount of damp wheat going forward, however, continues large. Grain dealers are greatly depressed on account of the large quantity of wheat which was bought from farmers for sound grain, which has been classed "no grade" by the inspectors, thereby meaning that it is too damp to be taken into store. The loss to the trade on this account will be very heavy.