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Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—The sharp advance in the price of wheat has created a much better feeling in flour, and Ontario millers were asking 10c per bbl. more to-day, a lot of straight roller selling at \$3.85 f.o.b. at the mill that could have been bought at \$3.75 f.o.b. the day previous. It is also said that no more choice strong bakers can be had at \$4.85 and that \$4.50 is now asked. In any event western millers are much firmer in their ideas, and have withdrawn most of their offers. Spring patent \$4.60 to \$4.75; winter patent \$4.50; straight roller \$4.15 to \$4.25; city strong bakers \$4.35 to \$4.50; Manitoba bakers \$4.25 to \$4.50; Ontario bags—extra \$1.90 to \$2.00; straight rollers, bags, \$2.05 to \$2.10.

Oatmeal.—Prices are easier, sales of rolled oats having been made as low as \$1.05 in a small jobbing way. One buyer stated that he bought as low as \$1.00. We quote as follows. Rolled and granulated \$1.05 to \$1.10; standard \$4.00 and \$4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.95 to \$2.00 and standard at \$1.90 to \$1.95. Pot barley \$4.25 in bbls. and \$2.00 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—The market remains firm, although there is very little change in prices, and we quote \$17.00 to \$17.50 for Ontario. Shorts are quoted at \$19.50 to \$20.50.

Oats.—Sales of single car lots in store have sold at 40¢ to 41¢. It would be difficult to get over 40¢ for a round quantity.

Barley.—Last sales of malting barley were made at 55 to 58¢ and feed is quoted at 53 to 54¢.

Cured Meats.—Owing to a better feeling in England and higher prices there, shipments of Canadian bacon are beginning to find their way again to that market. We quote, Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$16.50 to \$17.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl, \$15 to \$15.50; hams, per lb, 10 to 11¢; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 9 to 9½¢; lard compound, in pails, per lb, 6½ to 7¢; bacon, per lb, 10 to 11¢; shoulders, per lb, 8½¢.

Butter.—The butter market is firm, as local buyers seem to be taking hold, and quite a lot of creamery has changed hands on their account, sales being reported of fresh July goods at 17½ to 17¾¢; but some holders are refusing to sell under 18¢. Shippers claim that their limits will not allow them to exceed 17¾¢ for the freshest July creamery. Eastern townships dairy has sold at 14½ to 15½¢, the latter for fine selected. In western dairy the market is quiet, as this class of butter is not in much demand. Holders west of Toronto are asking 12 to 12½¢ f.o.b., and one round lot is said to have been placed at 18¢ laid down here.

Cheese.—The cheese market has been more active in the country, and it is said that 60,000 to 80,000 boxes have been purchased within the past few days at 7½ to 8½¢. The Quebec cheese at the boat sold at 7½ to 7¾¢ on Monday.

Eggs.—The egg market remains firm without much change in values, round lots of candled stock having been placed at 11 to 11½¢, and single cases at 12 to 12½¢.

Maple Products.—The market is steady. Sugar is quoted at 6½ to 7½¢, and old 5 to 6¢. Syrup 4½ to 5¢ per lb. in wood and at 50 to 60¢ per gallon, in tins.

Wool.—The wool market this week has been very active, all transactions being made at from 5 per cent to 7½ per cent advance on last week's prices. Prices here remain firm as follows: Greasy Cape 18½ to 15½¢; Canadian fleece 20 to 23¢; Buenos Ayres scoured 26 to 32¢. In Canada pulled wool 20 to 21½¢ is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 26¢, Northwest wool 12 to 15¢, British Columbia 9¢ to 11¢.

Hides.—The market for hides remains firm, 8½¢ being still paid by dealers for No. 1 light. Deliveries are all pretty well disposed of as they come in. Recent advices report a great scarcity in Toronto, Hamilton and other Ontario points, where United States buyers are taking all they can find at 9¢, 9½¢ and 10¢ in the rough. A Montreal tanner is in England at the present time, where he has been able to pick up hides at prices that will admit of his laying them down here at much lower rates than it would cost to buy in this market. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides 8½¢ for No. 1, 7½¢ for No. 2, and 6½¢ for No. 3. Heavy hides 8½ to 9½¢; calfskins 8¢; lambskins 30¢; clips 20¢.

Hay.—Considerable business has been done in baled hay, some very good sales having transpired for New York account, sales of about 500 tons of No. 2 being reported at \$17.00 to \$19.50, laid down in New York, duty paid. Seven carloads were also sold for a point west of Toronto at \$14 delivered there. The sale was made of a barge load of No. 1 hay at Sorel at \$12.00. Yesterday 200 tons of No. 2 were purchased at country points for Montreal account at \$9.50 to \$10.00. The United States and Ontario will no doubt want the great bulk of the surplus crop of this province. England is not in the swim as her prices have again receded during the past week. In fact, we know of a shipper here who, rather than fill his ocean freight contracts from New York, paid \$2.00 per ton to have them cancelled, and then he cleared \$2.00 per ton by selling the hay in New York. England will have to advance 10s to 12s per ton if she wants our hay, but between now and next spring she may become a buyer.—Trade Bulletin, July 27.

A Mysterious Story.

The following strange report regarding a well-known wholesale man, comes from Montreal:

Andrew Boyd, of the defunct firm of Boyd, Gillies & Co., wholesale stationers, will not be brought back to Canada from England as stated in the despatches some days ago. It is safe to say Boyd will never again set foot in this country. It will be remembered that during the closing days of the late session of parliament, Boyd's customs frauds when head of the firm of Boyd, Ryrie & Campbell, were warmly discussed. That would have been sufficient to scare him out of the country, but it now transpires that shortly after the recent fire in the Boyd, Gillies & Co. warehouse, Boyd confessed to the insurance people and Crown Prosecutor Quinn that he was in the hands of a desperate gang of hro bugs. He gave the information which led to the arrest of Haynes and Jenkins on a charge of incendiarism and which implicates several well-known firms in the city. For doing so he received a promise that he would not be prosecuted and immediately left the country on the steamship Mariposa, never to return. A third man named Clark has been under lock and key for a week as a material witness. Sensational arrests are expected shortly.

The Eastern Hay Crop.

The hay crop in Glengarry county, Ontario, is large and of good quality, a considerable portion of which has been housed and stacked in splendid condition. In Lancaster, Ont., the yield on some farms has been something phenomenal, instances having been furnished us where 4 tons per acre have been gathered. In sections around Montreal, a good portion of the crop has been secured in excellent condition, and it is safe to say that this province will produce one of the best ever known, although it may not be quite as large as the extra heavy one of 1894. Western Ontario will unquestionably have a short crop necessitating heavy drafts from Quebec and Eastern Ontario.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Silver.

The London silver market has been flat and lower, the quotation for bars declining from 30½d per ounce to 30 5-16d. This is thought to be due to disappointment of speculators with the results of the Chinese indemnity and loans, the prospect that any large part of the payments to Japan will be in silver becoming smaller all the time. New York more fully followed the London quotations. Silver prices on July 26 were: London 30 5-16d; New York 66½¢.—Bradstreets.