

### TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 16.

**Dry Goods**—Demand better owing to snow and cold weather. Canadian staples are strong at last week's advance. Canadian cotton hosiery has advanced again, making 12 1-2 per cent advance since September. General belief among wholesalers is that foreign and Canadian woollen goods have not yet seen the end of the advances.

**Hardware**—Business is larger than last year, a good many orders for barbed wire, galvanized and plain wire are being booked for spring. Wire nails are in better demand and prices tend upwards. Canadian wrought iron washers are dearer, the discount now being 25 per cent. Crosscut saws S. and D. handles have advanced. United States cleavers are 20 per cent. higher. United States alarm bells advanced 10 per cent. Some lines of English cutlery have advanced 10 per cent. Quotations on horse blankets have been withdrawn. Meats are in fair demand. Pig tin is 2c lower at 33c; Canada plate has advanced 25 cents. Belgian glass markets are advancing rapidly and prices here are expected to go up.

**Groceries**—In good demand, holiday lines being active. Coffees are firm. Canned goods are firm. Jobbers think they will be dear, especially tomatoes which are now \$1.00, and corn which is 85c to 90c. Valencia raisins are firm at 7c for selects in round lots.

### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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**Grain deliveries** are small and the market steady. Ontario wheat is 1-2c lower. Flour is meeting with a better export demand and is firmer. Poultry is lower. Butter is in good demand and receipts are small. Eggs in liberal supply and the market has weakened. Wool is 1 to 2c higher. Dressed hogs are 5c higher.

**Four**—Manitoba patent, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 to \$2.85 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

**Wheat**—Ontario winter wheat, 65c to 65 1-2c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 64 1-2 to 65c; No. 1 hard, 77 1-2 to 78c, grinding in transit.

**Oats**—New oats, 25 to 26 1-2c at country points for car lots.

**Barley**—No. 2, 38c, country points. **Millfeed**—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton; bran, \$11.50 to \$12.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

**Outmeal**—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

**Eggs**—Choice fresh, 18c, No. 1 limes, 15 1-2c.

**Butter**—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c, creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

**Cheese**—12c for job lots to the local trade.

**Hides**—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured hides, 10 to 11c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to 81; calfskins, 10 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-4c.

**Wool**—Washed fleeces, 18 to 20c; unwashed, 10 to 12c.

**Beans**—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

**Dried Apples**—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

**Poultry**—Chickens, 25 to 35c per pair, turkeys, 7 to 7 1-2c per pound; geese, 5 to 5 1-2c.

**Potatoes**—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

**Hogs**—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.30 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET

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Toronto, Dec. 12

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 900 head of cattle, 300 sheep and lambs, and 2,500 hogs.

**Export cattle**—Prices for good heavy cattle about \$1.75 per cwt. and \$4.15 to \$4.40 for light cattle, a few choice sold for \$5.

**Export bulls**—\$1 to \$4.25 per cwt. for heavy, and \$3.25 to \$3.75 for lighter weights.

**Butcher's cattle**—A few fancy heifers for the Christmas trade sold as high as \$5 per cwt.; average choice heifers, \$4.50; good mixed lots \$3.50 to \$4 and common and inferior \$2.50 per cwt. upward.

**Feeders**—Heavy feeders scarce at \$3.50 to \$4. per cwt., the latter for a choice few. Light feeders \$3.25 to \$3.40.

**Sheep and lambs**—Lambs were easier, selling at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. Export ewes \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

**Hogs**—Market unchanged at \$4.37 1-2 for picked lots of 160 to 200 lbs. Thick and light fats sold at \$4 per cwt.

### FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 15.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 800 cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs, and 1,500 hogs.

**Export cattle** firm at \$1.90 top price. Export bulls sold 1-4c higher at 4 1-2c best price. Butcher's cattle about 2 1-2 to 4 1-2c per pound. Feeders easier at \$3.25 to \$3.80 per 100 lbs. Lambs easier at \$3.50 to \$4. Hogs firm and unchanged from Tuesday.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

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Montreal, Dec. 12.

At the East End abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 500 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

There was an active demand for the best cattle. Good cattle sold at 33-3 to 4c per lb., and common stock at 21-4c to 31-4c per lb. Prime veals 5c to 6c per lb.; good calves 3c to 4c per lb. Good lambs sold at 41-4c to 41-2c per lb., and the others at 31-4c to 4c do. Fat hogs sold at \$4.15 to \$4.55 per lbs. for straight lots weighed off the cars.

### THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 15.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 800 cattle and 500 sheep and lambs.

Better stock offered and the butchers' demand was active. Best steers brought 41-4 to 43-4c, fair to good, 31-2 to 4c; other grades, 21-2 to 3c. Good sheep brought 3c from United States buyers, and lambs sold at 4 to 4 1-4c. Hogs sold at 41-4c off cars.

### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Montreal, Dec. 16.

Flour, grain and food are fairly active and steady. Hides are firm. Eggs in good local demand and selects are worth 2c more than a week ago. Butter is firmly held. Choice Calry in rolls is worth 18 to 19c, an advance of 1c. Choice creamery is also higher. Cheese is quiet and firmly held. Potatoes are a shade firmer at 47 1-2c. Cold weather has improved the demand for poultry, and turkeys are 1-2c higher.

**Oats**—36 1-2c in store. **Flour**—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$1.00 to \$4.15.

**Millfeed**—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

**Outmeal**—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

**Hides**—No. 1 green city hides, 10 1-2c. No. 2 9 1-2c. No. 3 8 1-2c, calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins \$5c; tallow 4 to 4 1-2c.

**Eggs**—Strictly fresh, 22 to 24c. Second grade, 17 1-2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

**Butter**—Choice fresh dairy, 18 to 19c. **Butter**—Choice creamery, 21 1-2 to 22c.

**Cheese**—Western fine, 12 1-2 to 12 3-4c, eastern, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c.

**Beans**—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

**Potatoes**—47 1-2c per bag on track.

**Dressed Poultry**—Turkeys 9 to 9 1-2c; ducks, 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c; geese, 6c; chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.

### MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

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Montreal, Dec. 16.

Hardware is quiet, but very strong. Paints and oils are quiet. Turpentine is easier at 75c. Linseed oil, raw, quoted at 62c and boiled at 65c.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Montreal, Dec. 16.

The market is quiet and firm with no change in prices. Holiday trade has been active.

### LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

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Liverpool, Dec. 15.

Quotations are strong at 57s 6d to 58s for white and colored.

### LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

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Liverpool, Dec. 15.

Cattle steady at 10 1-2 to 12c; estimated dressed weight.

### SUGAR.

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London, Dec. 15.—Beet steady and 3-4 to 1d higher; December 9s 3d; January, 9s 4d.

### Western Business Items.

P. A. McBean has opened a general store at Greenway, Man.

R. Ehrlich, general store, Chortiz, has associated to Thomas Ryan, of Winnipeg.

The Calgary Printing Co., Calgary, Alberta is applying for incorporation.

M. Spencer, merchant, Cardstone, Alberta, has admitted one Lee into partnership.

Park, Scott Co., wall paper, Winnipeg have dissolved, N. B. Scott retiring.

J. E. Douglas, general store, L. d. c. Alberta, has admitted a brother into partnership.

The estate of Mrs. L. J. Corbett, dry goods and groceries, Dauphin, Man., is advertised for sale on Dec. 21.

A. L. Hastings, flour and feed industry Head, Assa., is admitting J. W. Hastings into partnership. Style, J. W. & A. L. Hastings.

The estate of E. Chamberlain, lumber, St. Boniface, Man., is succeeded by Joseph Chamberlain, who is adding general merchandise.