

Montreal Markets.

Flour—The drop in the price of wheat has taken the stiffness out of the flour market again. At the beginning of the week, the sale of about 2,000 to 3,000 barrels of straight rollers was made for Newfoundland account. Western millers were asking \$3.05 to \$3.10 for car lots on track here, but yesterday one or two millers offered straight rollers at \$3 here. In strong bakers' flour it was reported that millers had advanced prices to 10c per barrel, but it is said that bakers have been able to buy at less money. The flour market is again somewhat unsettled owing to the above causes, and holders who were inclined to withdraw offerings are now more anxious to effect sales. Patent, spring, \$3.05 to 3.75; Ontario patent, \$3.25 to 3.60; straight roller, \$3.05 to 3.20; extra, \$2.75 to 3.00; superfine, \$2.50 to 2.75; fine, \$2.20 to 2.50; city strong bakers, \$3.50 to 3.65; Manitoba bakers, \$3.35 to \$3.60; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.40 to 1.45; straight rollers, \$1.55 to 1.00; superfine, \$1.25 to 1.35; fine, \$1.05 to 1.15.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats can be had at \$3.10 per barrel on track. In a jobbing way we quote: Rolled and granulated, \$4.20 to \$4.35; standard, \$3.05 to \$4.15. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.10 to 2.15, and standard at \$1.95 to \$2.

Bran, etc.—The market was very firm early owing to the scarcity, \$18.50 being offered western millers on track here. Bran is now offered more freely at lower prices, car lots at \$18.25 on track, and shorts at \$18.50.

Wheat—Prices here are purely nominal at 70 to 80c for No. 1 hard.

Barley—The last sales made for account of Montreal brewers were at 50 to 51c for No. 1. Feed barley is steady at 44 to 45c.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 white have sold at 40c and 40½c per 34 pounds. No export enquiry.

Cured Meats—A fair business has transpired in Canadian short cut with sales at \$15 to 15.75 as to quantity. Compound lard is quiet, with a few sales reported at \$2.42½ to 2.45 in car lots and at \$2.47½ to 2.50 in smaller quantities. Sales of heavy hams made at 10c, and smaller at 10½ to 11c. Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$15 to 15.75; Canada, clear mess, per bbl, \$14.75 to 15; extra mess beef, per bbl, \$12.25 to 12.50; plate beef, per bbl, \$10.25 to 10.50; hams, per lb, 9½ to 11c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 10 to 11c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb, 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb, 11 to 12c; shoulders, per lb, 8½ to 9c.

Butter—Sales of townships dairy have taken place at 21 to 24c as to quality. Fresh creamery sells at 25 to 27c as to quality. Western dairy, 10 to 21c. Western rolls are selling at 20 to 21c.

Cheese—The few lots of new cheese arriving are moving off to the local trade at 11c.

Eggs—Sales have been made in this market at 10½ to 11c, and a few single cases of fine large stock have brought 11 to 11½c, but 11c is considered an outside price for round lots.

Maple Products—Sales have been made at 55 to 60c in cane, and at 4 to 5c in wood, for syrup, according to size of lot. There has been a fair demand for sugar, with business at 6 to 7c, one fine lot of small bricks selling at 7½c for western shipment.

Apples—We quote No. 1, \$5 to 6.50; No. 2, \$4 to 4.50; No. 3, \$3.50 to 4.00.

Onions—Are not in much demand, and prices still remain firm at \$2.25 to 2.50 per barrel.

Potatoes—Slow sales, the market being overstocked. We quote 45 to 50 per bag on track, and 10c extra for jobbing lots.

Wool—Prices on the other side are higher, and it is impossible to lay the goods down here to be sold at present prices. There is a great deal of United States scoured wool finding its

way into Canada and greatly affecting this market. Owing to the light stocks held in first hands the wool dealers are not pushing sales, although about 200 bales of Cape have been sold at an average of 14c. We quote prices as follows:—Greasy cape, 14 to 15½c; Canadian fleece, 17 to 20c; B A. scoured, 26 to 34c. In pulled wool, 20 to 21½c is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 25; Northwest wool, 11 to 12c.

Hides—The market is still very unsettled, owing to the fight in progress between certain dealers, who have run the price of No. 1 light up on each other to 4c, although the ruling rate is 3½c. Those dealers who are paying 4c are doing business at a loss, as they can only get that figure from tanners, after the trouble, interest and expense of handling, etc. Heavy steers have sold at 5 to 6c, and bulls at 3 to 4c; calfskins are coming in more freely, and selling at 6c, although more money has been paid in some instances. Lambskins are more plentiful, and sales of several lots are reported at 15c. Sheepskins are exchanged at 75 to 80c. We quote prices as follows: Nos. 1, 2 and 3 light hides to tanners, 4, 3 and 2c, and to dealers 3½, 2½ and 1½c. Heavy steers 4½ to 6c; calfskins, 6c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins, 10 to 15c. —Trade Bulletin, April 13.

Montreal Grocery Trade.

The feature of this trade has been the easy tone to the sugar market, and prices for granulated have declined 1 16c, notwithstanding the fact that cables on the raw articles during the week have been firmer and note an advance of 1½d over last week's cable, quoting 12½ 7½d. The demand on spot for refined has improved and a more active business transacted, sales of round lots of granulated having transpired at 4½c, and small quantities at 4 5 16c, and yellows at from 3½ to 3¾c as to quality at the factory. In New York the market has ruled steady for refined at 4 1 16c.

The demand for syrup has been good and the market has been more active, with a larger volume of business doing at 1½ to 1¾c for ordinary, and 2 for bright stock. In regard to American stock, it has been all cleaned up, and since the duty has been put on it shuts this article out of this market.

A very fair business has been accomplished in molasses, there being a good demand for car lots, and sales have transpired at 31c and at 32c for smaller quantities. The above prices are for new Barbadoes to arrive. Present advices up to date report that three or four cargoes have already left and will arrive here about June 1.

The tea market has shown signs of more activity during the past week, and a fair volume of business is reported. The demand principally has been for Japans and Congos, and sales of some fair-sized lots have been made. One lot of 50 packages of Congos sold at 11c. The prospects at present for this branch of the trade are more encouraging, as it is stated that stocks in country dealers' hands are small and a number of orders have been received of late.

There has been no change in the situation of the rice market, the demand good at firm prices. We quote: Standard, \$3.50 to 3.75, Japan, \$3.75 to 4.25, and Patna, \$4.25 to 4.75.

There has been no change in the position of Valencia raisins. Under light supplies prices are firmly held, but the movement is small. Ordinary off stalk have sold at 4½c, and both selected and layers are growing scarcer every day, the former ruling very firm at 5½ to 6c, and the latter 6 to 6½c.

The movement in dried currants has been small, and stocks are much diminished. Prices are unchanged at 3½c in brls, 3¾c in half brls, and 4c in cases.

There have been some arrivals of prunes, but the scarcity noted last week is still a feature. Values in consequence are firm at 5½c.

Figs are rather a slow sale, with supplies ample for present requirements at 4½ to 5c.

Dates are quiet and unchanged at 4½ to 5c.

There has been a moderate business in nuts. Sicily filberts sell at 8½c, and almonds, ex steamship Taragona, 11½ to 12c. Grenoble walnuts are steady at 10 to 11½, and Bordeaux 7 to 8c. Shelled walnuts are not plentiful, moving at 16 to 18c, and almonds are steady at 23 to 25c. Cocoanuts are selling at \$3.50 to 4 per hundred.—Gazette, April 13.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Pig iron is dull and prices are unchanged. We quote Summerlee and equal brands of Scotch at \$19 to 19 50; Carnbroe, etc., \$18; and Ferrona and Siemens, \$16.50 to 17.00.

The unsettled feeling that we noted last week still rules the bar iron market. The nominal figure is still \$1.75, but in consequence of reported lower offers, equivalent to considerable cut for round quantities, buyers are undecided how to act, and business is restricted. The tariff uncertainty is, of course, another factor.

There is no change in sheet iron, which we quote at \$2.40 to 2.60. Hoops and bands are quiet, and have been moved in a small way at \$2.30. Galvanized sheets are quiet on spot and there is little doing for importation. We quote 4½ to 5c for ordinary brands and the usual difference for other descriptions.

Lower offers for spring delivery are spoken of on coke tin plates, but the fact has not induced much business. In fact buyers are pretty well supplied for the spring and early summer in this connection. In one case one sales agent alone has some 10,000 boxes of tin and galvanized plates on the way, on the first two vessels from Bristol. We quote:—Cokes, \$3 to 3.25 and charcoal \$2.40 to 2.15.

Advices on Canada plate continue weak, recent quotations by cable being ¼ the ton lower. Spot prices are the same at \$2.40 to 2.45. Torne plates are quiet and nominal at \$7 to 7.25.

Copper has ruled lower during the week, sales being reported at 10c in some cases, which is a decline of ½c per pound, but for ordinary business prices are not notably changed.

The firmness in spelter, noted during the past fortnight, is fully maintained, and prices are advanced still further to \$4.50 to 4.75. There is no change in antimony, which is quoted at 10½ to 12c. Transactions in pig lead are noted at steady values, viz.: \$2.75 to 3. Sheet zinc is unchanged at \$5 to 5.25.

In general hardware there has been a fair movement in assorted jobbing lots of shelf goods, such as cutlery, bolts, green wire cloth, chain, etc. A feature is the unsettled feeling in nails, which are nominally quoted on the basis of \$1.90 for steel cut nails, but it is claimed that western makers are offering in certain quantities at a cut of 10c on this price.

Cement values are unchanged at \$2.05 to 2.15 for English brands, and \$1.90 to 2.00 for Belgian. In firebricks a good trade is reported in small lots at \$18.50 to 22.50 per 1,000, as to brand.

In turpentine the feeling is easy, but no further change in values has taken place. We quote:—Turpentine, 48c; resins, \$2.50 to 5.00, as to brand, coal tar, \$3.25 to 3.75; cotton waste, 5 to 7c for colored and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½c, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage, sisal, at 7½c for 7 16 and upwards, and 14c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 10c for 7-16 and upwards, and 10½c for smaller sizes.

There was no change in petroleum, the demand being slow at steady prices. We quote: Canadian refined at 11½c in shed in Montreal, for round lots, and 12c for small quantities. American petroleum, 16c in car lots, 16½c in 10-barrel lots, 16½c in 5 barrel lots, and 17½c for single barrels, net cash; American benzine, 23 to 25c; Canadian benzine, 10½c. Petroleum, 12½c Montreal.—Gazette, April 13.