

## TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 31.

Dry Goods—Travellers returning report great prospects for the spring trade. Values are firm. British makers ask 1-8c advance for repeat orders of Victoria lawns. Cotton goods are very firm, and likely to advance.

Hardware—Less active, but prices are generally firm. Wire nails are decidedly firmer. Manufacturers and jobbers are asking 5c advance. Copper is 1-2c dearer. Turpentine has again advanced going up yesterday 3c to 6c, making a total advance of 12c within a month. Metals are firm and prices have a tendency to improve.

Groceries—Trade quiet. Canned goods are firmer again. It is reported that parties have been trying to buy for export all the tomatoes and corn in sight here. Peas are quoted at 75c up. Tomatoes are now held at 90c. Corn 90 to 95c to packers.

## TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

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Toronto, Dec. 27.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 8 car loads, including 20 sheep and lambs and 300 hogs.

Prices for cattle and sheep remained unchanged from Friday, with the exception of thick fat hogs, which were quoted at 13c per cwt. higher. Very few butchers or drovers on the market. The few cattle in the pens were at no time in urgent demand, on account of the butchers having in big supplies of Christmas beef.

Cattle—Export cattle were quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.40 per cwt.; butchers at \$1.75 to \$1.25 for choice and \$2.75 to \$3.25 for common. Light bulls were worth \$2 to \$2.15, feeders \$3.50 to \$3.75; stockers \$3 to \$3.40.

Sheep and lambs—Sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50, lambs, spring, \$3.50 to \$4.10. Hogs—Choice bacon hogs, per cwt., \$1.25, high, \$1; thick fats, \$1 to \$1.13, sows, \$3.25.

## FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

Receipts of live stock at the market to-day were 10 car loads of all kinds, including 100 sheep and lambs and 400 hogs.

Trading was slow. Hogs were weaker. Thick fats sold 25c lower at \$3.75. Other prices remained at Tuesday's figures.

## TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Toronto, Dec. 31.

Trading in grain was more active and some export sales have been made. Ontario wheat is 1 1-2 to 3 1-2c higher and Manitoba 1-2c higher. Flour is firm and Manitoba bakers 5c dearer. Dressed hogs are 10c lower than a week ago. Oats are 1 to 1 1-2c higher, barley 1-2c higher; bran 50c higher, linseed eggs 1 to 2c lower, dairy butter 1-2 to 1c lower, turkeys 1 1-2c lower and geese 1 to 1 1-2c lower. Prices are:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.15; Manitoba bakers, \$3.90, Ontario straight roller, \$3.45 to \$3.50 per barrel Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario red winter wheat 70 to 71c, white 71 to 72c for cars at country points. No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, 80 1-2 and 77 1-2c Midland.

Oats—White, 25 1-2 to 2 1-2c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 47 1-2c at country points; No. 2, 45 1-2c.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$16 per ton at country points. Bran \$12 to 12 50 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.30 in bags per barrel and \$3.50 in wood for car lots.

Eggs—Fresh, 17 to 18c; new laid 20 to 22c. Lincol, 14 to 15c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13 1-2c for choice fresh goods, creamery, tubs, 19 to 20c.

Cheese—10c for choice late fall make.

Hides—No. 1 green, \$1-2c, cured, 9 1-4c, sheepskins and lambskins, 60 to 75c; calfskins, 8 to 10c; tallow, 3 to 3 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—75 cents to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Dressed hogs—4.90 to \$5.15 per 100 pounds for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—5 to 5 1-2c for round lots; evaporated 8 to 8 1-4c.

Honey—Round lots 6 to 7c.

Poultry—Turkeys 7 to 8c, chickens 25 to 30c, geese 5 to 6c.

## MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 31.

Compared with last week there have been several advances in prices. Oats are up 1 to 1 1-2c, cheese is 1-8 to 1-4c higher, beans, 5c, potatoes 2 1-2 to 5c and ducks 1-2c higher, while chickens have declined 1-2c. Oatmeal is strong at the price given, and so also are eggs, cheese and hides. The estimated stock of fall makes here is 125,000 to 150,000 boxes. There is a brisk demand for car lots of poultry. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 32 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are. Manitoba strong bakers, \$4 to \$4.10; Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40.

Milfeed—Bran, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton; shorts 15, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 9c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 7c; calfskins, 8c to 10c; sheepskins, 40c to 50c; lambskins, 70c. Tallow, 3 1-2 to 4c.

Eggs—Fresh laid, 25 to 30 per dozen; candled stock, 16c per dozen.

Butter—Choice, fresh dairy, 16 to 18c. rolls 13 1-2 to 15 1-2c; held stock, 13 to 15c.

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

Cheese—Choice western, 10 to 10 1-4c; eastern, 9 3-4 to 10c.

Beans—90c to \$1 per bushel as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 55 to 57 1-2c.

Poultry—Dressed turkeys, 9 to 10c; ducks, 7 1-2 to 8c; geese, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c; chickens, 6 1-2 to 7c.

Dressed meats—Western, fresh dressed beef, hinds, 5 to 7c, fores, 3 to 5c. Choice abattoir hogs sold at \$5.75, country dressed, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Mutton, 5 1-2c, lamb, 6 1-2 to 7c.

## MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal Dec. 31.

Turpentine is very firm. There are no other features in this market. Trade is quiet and prices unchanged as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c. red lead in kegs, 4 1-2c; linseed oil, raw, 49 to 50c, boiled, 62 to 53c, turpentine, 61c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin

plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe 4 to 4 1-4c; putty in bulk, \$1.65; tin bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 20c Cement, English brands, \$3.30 to \$3.40 Germany, \$2.45 to \$2.55, and Belgium \$1.85 to \$1.95 per barrel, ex-wharf. Rope, sisal 10 to 10 1-2c Manila, 11 1-2 to 12 1-2c for 7-16 size and larger.

## MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Montreal Dec. 31.

The only change to note in this market is a further reduction of 5c on granulated sugar, yellows remain unchanged. This is due to local weakness. Generally speaking trade is quiet and price are as follows.

Granulated sugar lower at \$4.10 per 100 lbs. at refineries; yellows \$3.70 to \$4.20, molasses 31c in car lots, syrups 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality, Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c.

## MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

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Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 300 head and 350 sheep and lambs. The last cattle sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c, and the general run at 3 to 4c. Sheep 3c, and lambs 4 to 4 1-2c per pound. Hogs sold at from \$1.25 to \$1.35 per 100 pounds.

Monday being a holiday no business was done.

## CHEESE MARKETS.

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Live, per lb, Dec. 30.—Cheese, white, 49s; colored, 49s. This is an advance of 1s 6d over last week's prices.

## LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

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Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Cattle dull and steady. Quoted at 10 to 11c.

## SUGAR.

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London, Dec. 30.—Sugar steadier. Beet firmer at 9s 6 3-4d.

## FORT WILLIAM STOCKS.

There were 1,250,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 24, an increase of about 350,000 bushels from the previous weekly statement.

## MANITOBA COUNTRY MARKETS.

Wheat has had a higher tendency in country markets, and the average price paid to farmers for choice hard wheat has been about 5 1-4c, with 2 hard and 1 northern 3c less. Prices, however, vary considerably at different points, as high as 60c having been paid for a time at one point. The quantity of damp wheat offering is increasing and the drying plants will be taxed to their utmost capacity to handle it all before warm weather sets in. Damp wheat should of course be marketed before soft weather sets in, or it will become a total loss.

Money and Risks, of Toronto, risks the holiday season by indulging in a fancy cover in red and gold and a number of special features inside.