

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Feb. 23.

Dry Goods—Quite active. Some lines of plain grey and bleached cottons are held slightly higher, as jobbers now having to repeat, pay full mill prices. There are big preparations for spring millinery openings on March 4.

Hardware—Trade is better. Most orders coming in are for future delivery. New list on wrought iron spikes. Screen doors and windows have advanced 10 to 15 per cent. Steel rope is 4c dearer, now 11½ base. Wholesale dealers in plumbing supplies have come to agreement and advanced good lines as enamelled baths, closets, range boilers, coming away with cutting. Metals are in fair inquiry. White lead declined has 17½ per cent. Canned vegetables unsettled. Tomatoes 80 to 85c; peas and corn 75 to 80c. Yellow sugars were reduced yesterday 10c per cwt. on high grades, making No. 1 now \$18.50, and 1½c on low grades. Granulated is unchanged. Shelled walnuts are 1½ to 2c higher in primary markets.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Grain deliveries are larger. Ontario wheat dull and lower. No. 1 hard is ½c lower. Ontario flour is easier. Oats dull and easier. Dairy butter in rolls is offering freely at steady prices. Creamery is steady. Receipts of new laid eggs are larger. Offerings of poultry are small. Potatoes are 2c lower. Hides 4c lower.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$4.25; Manitoba bakers, \$4.00 for carlots at Toronto; Ontario patent, \$2.55 to \$2.60 per barrel for 90 per cent. patents, middle freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65c for red and white, Ontario spring, 65c. No. 1 hard, 18½c; No. 2 hard, 18c and No. 3, 8½c, grinding in transit.

Oats—No. 1 white, 22½c east; 2 white, 21c, middle freights. Barley—10½ to 11c for No. 3 extra at country points west.

Milled—Shorts \$14.50 to \$15.00 per ton for cars west; bran, \$13.50 to \$14.00.

Oatmeal—\$1.25 for cars of bags, and \$1.35 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track, \$9 to \$10.50 per ton.

Eggs—19 cents for fresh, in case lots; held lots, 15c. Hired, 12 to 14c.

Butter—Large rolls, 17 to 18c; pound rolls, 18 to 19c. Low grades, 10 to 17c. Creamery packages, 20 to 22½c; prints, 22 to 24c.

Cheese—10½ to 11c for job lots of full cheese.

Hides—7½c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 7½c, country hides, 7½c under these prices, calfskins, 9c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2, sheepskins, 90 to \$1.00 each; tallow, 5 to 6½c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 15 to 16c; unwashed, 9c.

Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.80 per bushel for handpicked, job lots.

Dried Apples—33½ to 4½c for round lots; evaporated, 3½c.

Honey—10 to 10½c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 30c to 30c per pair; turkeys, 11 to 12c per pound; ducks, 75 to \$1 per pair, geese 7c to 8c per pound.

Potatoes—31 to 32c per bushel for carlots.

Seeds—Alfalfa at \$5.50 to \$6.50, according to as ripe, and fancy lots are quoted a trifle higher; red clover is steady at \$6 to \$6.75, according to sample, timothy is nominal at \$1.75 to \$2.25, all these prices being per bushel at outside points.

keeping with the general inquiry for export cattle. Some fine heavy bulls were sold at prices ranging from \$4 to \$140. Quotations are unchanged at \$3.75 to \$1.50 for heavy and \$3 to \$3.75 for light.

Stocks—There was a fair demand but the supply was small. Prices ruled steady at \$2.50 to \$3.15 for best and \$1.75 to \$2.25 for seconds.

Sheep and Lambs—The run was small and trade was good. Everything was cleaned up and prices were well maintained at \$3.00 to \$3.50 per cwt. for export ewes, and \$2.50 to \$4 each for butchers' sheep.

Hogs—Prices have advanced in keeping with the upward tendency of the market and quotations are 25c per cwt higher. Selected hogs of 160 to 200 pounds natural weight are worth \$6.75 per cwt, while lights and fats are selling at \$11.25. Carlots of mixed weights are quoted at \$11.50 to \$16.00 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 23.

Receipts at the semi-weekly markets yesterday were 60 cars, including 500 sheep and lambs, and 1,000 hogs.

Market generally dull. Export cattle a shade lower for best. Export now 1c. Butchers' fancy cattle scarce. Picked lots \$4.15 to \$4.50. Common plentiful and slow at \$2 to \$3.15. Export bulls easier at \$3.75 to \$4.25. Feeders quiet. Stockers dull. Sheep and lambs quiet. Export ewes in fair demand at \$3 to \$4.75. Grain—fed lambs firm at \$4 to \$4.75. Hogs—firm. Choice bacon now \$7.75, a 1d light fat, \$6.25.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

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Montreal, Feb. 23.

Wheat is quiet and steady. Oats active and stronger. Sale of 10,000 bushels No. 2 oats about May at 34½c, and another 10,000 bushels lot realized 34c. Barley is 1½c dearer. Manitoba flour is firmer and in fair demand.

Oatmeal active and firm. Feed in good demand for export. Cheese quiet and easier. The cheese damaged in recent fire were sold by auction on Thursday, 2,500 realizing 4½c, and remainder 4 to 7c.

The Liverpool cable reports a sale by auction of 10,000 at 9½ to 10c. Butter is quiet and lower. Manitoba dairy ½c lower. Receipts of eggs are small and demand good. New laid have advanced slightly. Hides steady.

Potatoes fairly active. Poultry at fair demand and supply small. Eggs active and firm. Hogs active and strong. Prices have advanced 30c. Carlots of Manitobas have sold at \$5.50. Holders now ask \$5.75.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 70½ to 71c for May delivery aloft.

Barley—50c for No. 2, prompt shipment.

Oats—No. 1 oats are offering at 35 to 37½c. No. 2 at 34 to 34½c, spot oats 31½ to 32c.

Flour—In fair demand. Manitoba patent, \$4.60. Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.10 to \$4.20; straight rollers, \$3.30 to \$3.40.

Rolls oatmeal—\$1.35 to \$3.40 per barrel, and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for bags.

Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$17. shorts, \$18. Baled Hay—Choice, \$10.50 to \$11. No. 2, \$9.50 to \$10.

Cheese—Finest, 9½ to 10½c. Butter—Finest creamery, 22½ to 23c; second, 21 to 21½c; dairy, 16½ to 17½c. Manitoba dairy, 16½.

Eggs—Prices firm. New laid, 22 to 24c; choice cold storage stock, 13½ to 15c; culls, 10½ to 11½c. Montreal limed, 15½ to 16c; western limed, 14½ to 15c.

Maple Syrup—5½ to 7c in wood; this, 50 to 75c; sugar, 7 to 8c.

Honey—White clover, comb, 13½ to 14½c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 12c; extracted, 7 to 8c.

Hides—No. 1, 7½ to 8c. No. 2, 6½ to 7c. No. 3, 5½ to 6c. calfskins, 8 and 9c; lambskins, 10c for good fresh skins.

Potatoes—Carlots, 42½ to 45c; broken lots, 50 to 55c.

Poultry—Turkeys, 8c to 10c; chickens, 8 to 10c; fowls, 4 to 6c; ducks, 7 to 9c; geese, 5 to 7c.

Game—Partridge, firsts, 70c a pair; seconds, 45¢ 50¢; deer, carcasses, 4½¢ 5¢ per pound.

Meats—Beef hinds, 5c to 8c; fore, 3 to 5c; veal, 4 to 8½c; lamb, 6½ to 7c; mutton, 4½ to 5½c; hogs, carlots \$2.25 to \$2.00.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 19.

At the East End abattoir yesterday

receipts of cattle were 350 head, sheep and lambs 50 head.

Although the supply of cattle was smaller than it has been for some time past, yet the demand was slow and trade quiet. This was due chiefly to the fact that desirable grades were rather scarce and holders of such demanded higher prices which buyers did not feel disposed to pay and held off until holders decided to accept old rates which they did towards noon and some sales of choice were made at 1½c to 4½c, good at 3½ to 4½c; fair at 3 to 3½c, common at 2½ to 2¾c; and inferior at 1½ to 2c per lb. The trade in sheep was quiet on account of the light offerings and prices ruled steady at 3c to 3½c per lb. The market for lambs was stronger and prices were higher with a good demand at 4c to 5c per lb. Receipts of live hogs were small, for which the demand was good and prices were firm 6½ to 6¾c per lb. for straight lots.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 22.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir on Thursday were 500 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

Although receipts of cattle were larger than on Monday, yet they did not have depressing effect upon values. In fact, buyers reported the feeling very stiff for best. The demand was good for such, but common and inferior stock sold slow and some were left over. Choice steers brought 4½ to 5½c, good 3½ to 4½c, fair 3 to 3½c, and lower grades 1½ to 2½c per pound. The market for sheep and lambs was firm but trade was quiet owing to small offerings. Sheep sold at 3½ to 3¾c and lambs at 4½ to 4¾c per pound. The market for live hogs was stronger, owing to continued small receipts and show an advance of 25c per 100 pounds since Monday. The demand was good and sales of selected lots were made at 6½ to 7c per pound.

According to private cables from Glasgow this week trade in Canadian cattle was not altogether satisfactory in fact some shippers stated that if they got out even on their shipments they would be satisfied.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE.

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Montreal, Feb. 23.

Sugars are quiet. Low grade molasses have declined 1c and range now from \$3.80 to \$4.15. Granulated is steady. Molasses—active and strong. Sales now crop at 14c. First cost now 1½c and firm at that. Five hundred puncheons of old sold at 32 to 35c. New offerings to arrive at 3½c. Canned salmon is firm and tending higher. Vegetables are active in the jobbing trade. Spices in good demand. Valencia raisins firm.

Sugar, granulated, \$1.65 per 100 lbs y-lows, \$1.80 to \$4.15, molasses, 32 to 34c. Valencia raisins, off stalk, 7c; fine, 7½c; selected, 8c; layers, 8½c; currants, 8½ to 10c; canned goods, tomatoes, 55 to 57½c, peas, 80 to 90c, corn, 55 to 60c; salmon, 55 to 57½c per case; Japan tea, old crop 14½ to 16½c, new crop, 16 to 22c; Ceylons, 11½ to 22c for good to choice; Congous, 11 to 15c; greens, 15 to 18c.

Provisions—Unchanged. Lard active. White lard has declined. Quotations are: Pork, \$19 to \$21; lard, pure, 10½ to 11½c; hams, 13 to 14c; bacon, 14 to 15c.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 22.

The cattle market is steady and ½c higher. Quotations range from 11½ to 13c per pound, dressed weights, sheep, 12 to 14c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Feb. 22.

Cheese quoted 6d lower at 5½ to 5½a bid.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Feb. 22.

Beet sugar is ¼d lower at 1½d for February.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Feb. 18.—The trade in cattle was weaker and prices show a decline of ½c compared with a week ago, with sales of choice States at 13c. American sheep sold at 13½c.

Liverpool, Feb. 18.—This market was also weaker for Canadian cattle and

prices ¼c lower, with sales of choice at 12c. Sheep sold at 14c.

HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS.

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Toronto, Feb. 23.

Dressed hogs are scarce, and here are selling at \$7.75 to \$8.00 asking. Hog products are very firmly held at unchanged prices. Lard is firm. For quotations see Toronto grocery elsewhere in this issue.

Pure Bred Cattle Breeders' Meet.

Proceedings of the Pure Bred Cattle Breeders' association commenced Wednesday with the enrollment of members; and after reading the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly adopted, the president, George Steg, of Glenboro, then addressed the meeting. He said, whilst the last season was the worst this province had experienced for many years, the cattle industry had not suffered. Referring briefly to the work of the association the president said that the association was formed in 1890, and had a membership of 30, whilst last year the membership was 88. The speaker then reviewed trade conditions and the prospects of the live stock industry.

The secretary then tendered his report and financial statement, which was duly adopted.

A resolution to leave out, "and the Northwest" from the name of the association was adopted; also a resolution that the secretary-treasurer in future be elected by the directors instead of by the members.

The election of officers followed. Andrew Graham, of Fomeroy, being elected president; F. W. Brown, 1st vice-president, J. E. Marples, of Delano, 2nd vice-president, Directors—Shorthorn, J. G. Barron, of Horsford, J. A. Chapman, of Beresford, Polled Angus, John Traquair, of Galloway, Wm. Martin, of Ayrshire, Thos. McCarty, of additional directors—Messrs. Washington, James and Style, Auditors—Messrs. Waugh and McKellar. Representatives to the fair board—Winnipeg, James Bray; Brandon, Wm. Chalmers; Portage la Prairie, F. W. Brown; Carberry, J. G. Barron; Neepawa, G. S. McGregor; Bois-Sevaine, W. Ryan; Deloraine, J. Benton; Rockwood, W. James; Gladstone, H. R. Keyes; Carman, Mr. Henderson, Killarney, R. McLennan; Cypress River, Mr. Connors; Holland, R. J. Stewart; McGregor, Jas. Muir; Manitou, John S. Robson; Kildonan, H. O. Ayerst; Glenboro, Geo. Steel, M. P. P.

A resolution was adopted acknowledging the courteous treatment by the railroad companies last year in meeting some of the demands of a delegation from this association.

The representatives on last year's fair boards handed in their reports which were read and duly adopted.

Provincial auction sales were then brought up, and after considerable discussion a motion was carried to dispense with government aid in connection with auction sales. A similar motion to that passed at the Swiss and Sheep Breeders' association in regard to the establishment of an agricultural college for Manitoba was unanimously adopted.

The remainder of the convention's proceedings were of an educational nature. In the evening it amalgamated with the gathering of sheep and swine breeders. A report of the proceedings at the joint meeting is given elsewhere in this issue. A point overlooked in the report of that meeting is that referring to tuberculous tests.

Hon. Thos. Greenway spoke in regard to tuberculous and took objection to the tuberculin test. He said the plan now adopted was not the one that was going to cure the evil—that anybody with a herd of cattle would like to get any animals affected with tuberculous out of his herd. There was some discussion on this point and finally a resolution was passed disapproving of the regulations in regard to the tuberculin test and advocating the abolishment of the system.

The Commercial Men.

J. M. Newton, traveller for Green-shields, Son & Co., of Montreal, left on Friday for the east.

Gas O'Shaughnessy, traveller for the Savanah Lumber Company of Savannah, Ontario, was in Winnipeg this week.