

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour is again quoted lower for patents. Mill stuff is held firm. Corn, slightly lower; oats, 1 to 1-4c lower; feed barley, 1-2c higher; butter, 1 to 2c lower; poultry higher, all round.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$4.95 to \$5.05, second patents, \$4.80 to \$4.95.

Millfeed—Shorts, in bulk, \$8.00 to \$8.25; bran in bulk, \$8.00 to \$8.25; corn feed, \$10.00 to \$11.00 per ton.

Corn—Quoted 25c to 25 1-4c for No. 4 25 1-4c for No. 3, 25 1-2c for No. 3 yellow per bushel of 56 pounds.

Oats—Held at 22 1-2 for No. 3 white and 22 1-4 to 22 1-2c for No. 3 per bushel 32 lbs.

Barley—Feed quoted at 24 to 24 1-2c.

Flaxseed—\$1.16 for No. 1 per bush.

Eggs—15 to 15 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases; cold storage, 11c. Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2 to 10c; fair to good, 7 1-2 to 8c.

Butter—Creamery 19 to 20 1-2, seconds, 15 to 16c; dairy, 12 to 19c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 8c, hogs, 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c for heavy and 4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots, mixed, 38 to 40c; choice, named varieties, 43 to 50c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6 to 8 1-2c; old fowls, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 7 to 10c; ducks, 7 to 8 1-2c; geese, 7 to 8c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, January 8.

Oats are quoted 1-4c higher, though reports from Ontario say country deliveries have increased and are large. Flour is easier and Manitoba brands are 5 to 10c lower. Hides are easier. The outside price is less frequently paid. Butter rather firmer. Cheese held firm at outside prices. Dressed hogs are in good demand at 1-4c higher.

Oats—No. 2 white in car lots on local account, 27 1-2c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90, Manitoba patents, \$5.35 to \$5.40.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$11.50 per ton. Shorts, \$12.50.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Candled, 16 to 18c; new and, 21 to 22c.

Butter—Dairy, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Creamery, 19 to 19 1-2c.

Cheese—3 3-4c.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.50 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 3 to 4c; hinds, 5 1-2 to 7c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 6 1-2 to 7c, mutton, 5 to 6c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
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Montreal, January 8.

The live stock market has been very quiet since the Christmas demand was filled. Cattle and sheep are 1-4c lower on the outside range. Hogs, steady and firm.

Cattle—Choice, 4 1-4; fair to good, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—3 to 3 1-2c per lb.

Hogs—5 to 5 1-4c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
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Montreal, January 8.

Sugars hold at the advance of last week. Molasses has moved up another 1c. Rio coffee is 1-2c higher on the

inside price, 9c now being the inside range. Canned goods are firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, 43-8c at the refineries; yellows, 35-8 to 4c Molasses 28 to 29c. Syrups 13-4 to 21-2 as to quality. Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 51-2c. Valencia layers 6 1-2c. Currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c. as to brand. Coffee, Rio, 9c to 11c. Mocha and Java 20 to 24c.

Canned goods.—Tomatoes, \$1.20 to \$1.25, corn, 90c to \$1; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
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Montreal, January 8.

Business is quiet and prices steady. Quotations for staple lines are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 43c, boiled 46c; turpentine, 48 to 49c; bar iron, \$1.35 to \$1.45; 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, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.50; in bladders, \$1.65c; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE
MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 8.

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Flour—Manitoba flour, patent \$5.35; strong bakers, \$4.85.

Wheat—Ontario wheat, 88c; Manitoba wheat \$1.01 1-2 Toronto freights and 98 1-2 Sarnia.

Oats—No. 2 white 25c.

Barley—Quiet, at 32 to 33c for No. 2; 28c for No. 3 extra and 25c to 27c for feed.

Mill feed—Shorts \$10.50 to \$12 per ton; Bran, \$7.50 ton.

Eggs—New laid, 18c to 19c, fresh 16 to 16 1-2c; cold storage 14 to 15c; limed 13 to 14c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice, 15 to 16c; medium, 12 1-2 to 14c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 9c; cured, 9 1-2c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.05 for fresh killed.

Dried apples.—Firm at 5 to 5 1-2c; evaporated, 8 to 8 1-2c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 8c per lb. in bulk.

Beans—75 to 80c per bushel.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, January 8.

Business is active. Payments on paper maturing on the fourth the best for several years. United States printed goods are coming in here, and underselling Canadians. Canadian ginghams will be advanced ten per cent. Hattersmakers have advanced prices, and boot and shoe manufacturers talk of advance in prices.

Dressed hogs are 25 cents higher, and as a result of the high price of cured hog product here, round lots of short ribs are being imported from Chicago.

Groceries active. Tomatoes, 5 to 15 cents higher. Canned corn advanced 5 cents. Raisins five off stalk 1-2c up. Currants are dearer. Provincial have advanced 1-2c and other grades 1-4c.

Ontario wheat, 1c higher; corn, 1-2c higher. Peas, 2c higher.

Manufacturers of cut nails have fixed basis of oil count at 30, 40, 50 and 60 instead of 50 to 60 days, to make them comply with wire nails discount. The discount on tacks has been changed

to four months 3 per cent., instead of six months and 5 per cent.

Money firmer; call loans, 1-2 cent higher.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKETS.
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Toronto, Tuesday, Jan. 4, '98.

At the Western Cattle yards to-day, offerings were heavier, a fair amount of business being done. Total receipts at the two yards for 1897 were: Cattle, 185,103; sheep and lambs, 86,917; hogs, 209,610. There is much talk of the proposed change of the market site; most of the cattle men opposing any change.

Cattle—Export cattle, scarce, demand steady, 4 to 4 1-4. Butchers, demand improved, a few extra choice brought 4c, but 3c to 3 3-4c ruled, the latter for choice. Stockers, \$2.80 to \$3.25 per cwt., demand light; feeders not in demand.

Sheep—For shipping 3c to 3 1-4c, butchers \$3 to \$4 each; lambs, 4 3-4c. Trade quiet.

Hogs—An advance of 1-4c per lb. is noted to-day. Choice bacon hogs brought 5c off cars light, and thick fat hogs, \$4.40 to \$4.50 per cwt. Market is firm.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 8.

Receipts of cattle at the market yesterday were 36 carloads. Hogs advanced 1-4c to 5 1-8c for best bacon. Cattle and sheep steady.

Cattle—Export cattle brought 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c. Butchers cattle, 23-4 to 3 1-2c. Fat bulls, 3 to 3 1-2c; stockers, 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c; feeders, 3 to 3 1-2c; stock bulls, 2 to 2 1-2c.

Sheep—Export sheep, 3 to 3 1-2c per lb.; bucks, 2 1-2c; lambs, 4 1-2 to 4 7-8c.

Hogs—Hogs, best bacon, 5 1-8c lb, thick fat, 4 1-4c, and light fat, 4 1-4c per lb., weighed off cars.

BUSINESS AT TORONTO.

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Toronto, Jan. 7.—Travellers are now out on their routes again, business in spring lines is again quite active and quite a few liberal sized orders have been coming in this week. The payments on dry goods and other paper on the fourth were very satisfactory. The payments on Northwest paper falling due at the banks here were well met and on the whole the proportion of renewals asked for was considerably less than in January last year. A considerable number of travellers for eastern houses are preparing for trips to the Northwest and to the coast. A specialty is being made by a good many houses of goods especially suitable for mining camps and a big increase in the Northwest and Pacific coast trade is expected this year.

Stocks in the hands of retailers throughout Ontario are small and it is believed wholesale stocks which are now complete will be well broken into within the next six weeks. Values of dry goods are generally firm and stocks not being excessive price cutting is not likely to play any important feature in the season's trade.

The business in furs has been somewhat disappointing this season. The mild open weather which lasted till a few days before Christmas, kept back orders in this province and stocks have not been reduced as much as expected.

The woollen mills are still busy. Some of them are working overtime on Klondike orders for blankets.