

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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CATTLE.—There has been but a moderate supply of beasts at the Cattle Market since Tuesday. A few cars of medium cattle have arrived. On Thursday a lot of 150 lambs and a dozen sheep were sold at \$3.50 a head all round.

PROVISIONS.—Very little change since our last. Butter.—There has still been no movement here in shipping lots, as buyers' and sellers' views have continued to be apart, though we should say that their differences are decreasing. Holders would have sold selections at 18c., and round lots at 16c. to 16 1/2c., which is a concession on their previous demands, but buyers have steadily refused to pay over 16 1/2c. to 17c. for selections, and have not manifested much inclination to take round lots at all, or at best not over 15c. Thus there has been no movement all week, but as stocks in the country have now become fairly large a change is not improbable. Very choice dairy for the local market has been scarce, steady, and wanted at 18c. to 19c., but for inferior qualities there has been no sale at any price.

CHEESE.—Scarcely any change has occurred; small lots have sold at 11 1/2c. to 12c. for choice, and 10c. for creamery skim. At Ingersoll on Tuesday markets were firm, and 10 1/2c. paid. Eggs.—Receipts have been increasing, the demand slackening, and prices weakening, with round lots not sure to bring over 17c. at the close. Pork.—Selling quietly but steadily in small lots at \$25, with cubs or half-cubs obtainable at \$24.50, but none selling. Bacon.—Scarcely any change can be noted. A steady but quiet sale of tons and cases has been carried on at 13 1/2c. for long clear, and 12 1/2c. for Cumberland; round lots of long clear nominal at 13c. Rolls selling usually at 15c., bellies very scarce, and sometimes 16 1/2c. to 17c. asked for small lots, but bellies and backs have sold at 15c. all round. Hams.—A steady demand at steady prices has been maintained; sales large, but usually in small lots, which have brought 16c. for canvassed, but round lots obtainable at 15 1/2c., smoked scarce and quiet at 15c. to 15 1/2c., and pickled held at 14c. Lard.—The only movement is that in small lots, which have sold at 15c. to 16c. for tinnets and pails. Potatoes.—Nothing doing in car lots, but farmers' offerings have sold readily at \$2 to \$2.25 per barrel, and single barrels sometimes at \$2.50.

HAY.—Pressed quiet, and values much as before, at \$13 to \$13.50 for cars. Receipts on the street have been very small, as is usual at harvesting time. All offered has been readily taken at \$10 to \$13 for new, and \$14 to \$15 for old.

STRAW.—The supply has been very small, and decidedly insufficient; prices firm at \$8 to \$10 for oat and rye in sheaves.

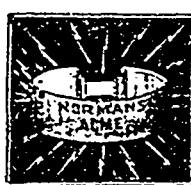
GRAIN AND FLOUR.—There has been a sustained dullness in the Flour market. There is no extra offered for sale. A transaction is reported of a sale of 500 bbls superior at \$5.50, outside, at equal to Toronto freights. There is no outlook for advance. There has been very little movement in Wheat, and transactions have hardly represented the state of the market. Sales are only to millers. Quotations would be fair at \$1.14 for No. 2 fall, and \$1.17 for No. 2 spring. The demand is pressing for Oats, and prices beyond anything known. Oats have sold at 53c. on the track, and are quoted at 54c. There are light stocks of Peas everywhere, and in Toronto the quantity is trifling. Holders ask 88c. for No. 2, and 90c. for No. 1. There is no demand for Rye, and stocks are light. Prices are not quoted. There is nothing doing in Corn, and prices nominal, about 90c. There is not much Oatmeal in store, and there is no demand, quoted at, for car lots, \$5.10 to \$5.20. The demand for Cornmeal is not heavy, and the price is unchanged; \$4.25 for car lots. For Bran there is a moderate demand, and the outside price would be \$12.50. There is nothing said of Barley. The stock in store on Monday was 4,432 bushels.

HIDES AND WOOL, ETC.—Hides.—Prices still without change, but strong, and the feeling is decidedly in favour of an early advance. Cured selling at 8 1/2c. for ordinary to 8 3/4c. for selections. Stocks light. Lambs and Pelts.—Also unchanged. Country lots, of which there are but few coming in, range from 40c. to 50c. City slaughter are fetching 60c., at which they are likely to stand for some time. A good many are now offering. Tallow.—Still wanted at 8 1/2c. Little now offering. The scarcity is unusual. Wool.—In fleece no sales or purchases by dealers of any consequence are reported. Large quantities are held by country dealers, but they ask from 21c. to 23c., while there

is no disposition to pay them over 20c. The representative of one of the largest mills in the States, says the Globe, and formerly probably the largest consumer of our Canadian wool, was in town for a few hours this week. Though only likely to want a small quantity in any event, the prices he found current here prevented his making any offers so far as can be learned, it being a pretty well-ascertained fact that similar wool can be laid down from England at a price considerably below anything a Canadian dealer could supply and make any profit. The surplus of such wool as ours is greater in proportion in England than here, and there is, so far as can be seen, no prospect of any advance. From factories the demand for medium and fine wools is very good, and the aggregate of sales for the past week is large. Stocks are lower, if anything, than usual.

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