

## Montreal Markets.

**Flour**—The firm tenor of the market noted last week is maintained to such an extent as to prevent business. Ontario millers refuse to contract ahead, unless they are taking place for prompt delivery. A number of millers, however, will not offer their flour at current prices, one miller refusing to entertain any bids for straight rollers under \$3.50 f.o.b. Actual sales of straight roller flour have been made since our last issue at \$3.15 f.o.b. west of Toronto, and straight rollers may be quoted in this market at \$3.60 to \$3.75. Still, some of our dealers state positively that they have been unable to make sales at the advance others are quoting. The Lake of the Woods Milling com., it is said, advanced the price of strong bakers' 15c per bbl. yesterday; but W. W. Oatvie was putting out the same description of flour at old prices. There is therefore a decided difference of opinion as to whether the advance in prices is warranted. One thing is very certain, and that is that since Ontario millers have put up their prices United States millers have shipped a great deal of flour into Newfoundland, sales of American straight roller having been made at \$3.80 c.i.f. St. John's, N. F. The fact that speculators have bought up considerable flour in Ontario which is being held off the market for higher prices, does not lessen the actual supply but rather tends to increase it. Prices are quoted as follows: Patent, spring, \$1.25 to \$1.35; patent, winter, \$1.10 to \$1.25; straight roller, \$3.60 to \$3.75; extra, \$3.10 to \$3.25; superfine, \$1.70 to \$2.90; fine, \$2.35 to \$2.50; city strong bakers, \$4 to \$4.15; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$4.10; Ontario bags—extra, \$1.40 to \$1.50; straight rollers, \$1.80 to \$2.00; superfine, \$1.30 to \$1.45; fine, \$1.10 to \$1.20.

**Oatmeal**—The market is about as last quoted, there being still an irregularity in the prices quoted by different western mills. The demand is running chiefly on rolled oats, which are now largely used in place of granulated. Car lots of rolled have been offered on track here at from \$3.50 to \$3.90, and the lower priced are said to be as good as the higher priced. In a jobbing way prices are quoted as follows:—Rolled and granulated \$4.00 to \$4.05; standard \$3.80 to \$3.95. In bags, granulated \$2.00 to \$2.05, and standard \$1.90 to \$1.95.

**Mill Feed**—The market is firm for bran, which has sold at \$13.50 to \$14, sales having been made in car lots at \$12 in Toronto. Shorts are steady \$14.50 to \$15.50, and moultie \$19 to \$22.

**Wheat**—The advance seems to have checked the export business both for prompt and spring shipment. No. 2 hard Manitoba is now quoted at 70 to 72½c at Port Arthur, although buyers here claim to have bought at 68½c and 69c at that point very recently. White and red winter wheat has been sold West of Toronto at 65c to 66c being an advance of 3c per bushel from bottom prices. No. 2 hard is quoted here at \$3 to 3½c.

**Oats**—The market is steady, and 32½ per 34 lbs have been got for car lots of No. 2 white. Two cars of mixed oats were placed at 31c per 34 lbs. There is a little scarcity reported in the West, with sales west of Toronto at 27½c to 28c.

**Barley**—A better demand is reported in the West with sales of No. 1 at 47 to 48c, and of No. 2 at 41c, a number of lots of 5,000 to 10,000 bushels having been disposed of. Here prices are steady at 49c to 56c for malting grades and at 39c to 43c for feed.

**Seeds**—A few sales have transpired of timothy at \$3.25 per bus of 45 lbs, and western is quoted at \$2.75 to \$2.80 per bushel. Red clover is steady at \$7.50 to \$8.00 per bushel of 60 lbs, alike \$8.40 to \$8.50 per bus. Flax seed remained steady at \$1.00 to \$1.25 per bushel.

**PORK, LARD, ETC**—The market is firm for Canada short cut mess pork, with sales at \$21 to \$22.00 per bbl., while Chicago regular mess pork at to day's prices in the West could not

be sold here at less than \$23.00. The Chicago market has declined 75c to \$1.00 per bbl, but this can have no effect upon the market here, as we did not follow the fall advance in Chicago. Lard is firm at \$2.00 to \$2.05 for compound in 20 lb pail, and at \$2.30 to \$2.50 for pure leaf lard. Smoked meats are strong with sales of hams at 13½c to 14c for small selected and 12½c to 13c for large. Bacon meats with good enquiry at 12c to 12½c.

**Dressed Hogs**—The market remains firm, with sales of car lots at \$8.80 to 8.90 per 100 lbs; but there is a less excited feeling than was noticed a week or so ago. As we before stated, packers dare not take hold at these high prices and consequently at the present time there is little or no barreling going on in this market.

**Butter**—The English export demand is believed to be pretty well over, and judging from the stocks of creamery held in this city and in the country, we do not think there need be any fear of a famine between now and the new make. The United States market is taking a few lots. Choice dairy butter, it is true, is getting scarce; but there is ample creamery to take its place. Jobbing sales of finest creamery have been made at 23 to 24c, but it is a question if over 22½c would be paid for a lot of 100 tubs. Quite a lot of November and December butter was turned out at the factories, and it seems to us that the local demand will have to be supplied from creamery grades. We quote:—Creamery choice fat, 22 to 22½c; creamery, good to fine, 21 to 21½c; eastern townships dairy, choice fat, 20½ to 21c; eastern townships dairy, good, 20c; Morristown and Brockville, 19c to 21c; western, 17c to 19c. About 1 to 2c may be added to above prices for choice selections of single tubs. Retail Butter—Receipts have fallen off somewhat, and the demand holds good at 17 to 18c for western, and at 19 to 20c for Morristown, in baskets.

**Cheese**—Actual sales have established an advance of fully ½c on the week for both finest and undergrades, sales of the former having taken place at 11½c, and of the latter at 11 to 11½c. Prices in England continue to move up gradually but persistently, the public cable having crept up to 55s 6d, which is still 2s 6d to 3s under actual sales of finest cheese in Liverpool. During the past week about 10,000 boxes of cheese have been sold on this market, at within range of above quotations; and the stocks left over in this city are now estimated at 30,000 to 40,000 boxes.

**Eggs**—Lined sold at 21 to 22c, held fresh 22 to 24c, and boiling at 30c and upwards.

**Hides**—Receipts of hides are light, and are all readily absorbed, chiefly for account of Quebec tanners, who are paying 5½, 4½ and 3½c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, an occasional lot of selected No. 1 bringing 5½c. Dealers are paying 5c, 4c and 3c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, respectively, although it is said one or two dealers are paying in some instances a fraction more. Chicago packers steers are quoted at 8c to 8½c, in car lots laid down here. Calfskins are firm at 6c to 7c, and lambskins are quoted at 55c to \$1, as to amount of wool.—Trade Bulletin, Jan. 20.

## Toronto Markets.

**Flour**—Was dull and lower. Five cars straight roller were bought at \$3 Toronto freights; one car choice branded sold at \$3.33, and \$3.27 was bid for several cars more.

**Millfeed**—Bran is worth \$12 here and shorts \$13. There were purchases west at \$12.20 for shorts Toronto freights east.

**Wheat**—Quiet and easier. White and red were each bought at 65c straight north and west. Spring is worth 62 to 63c on the Midland, and a couple of cents less on the Northern and west. Goose quiet at 58 to 59c. No. 2 hard offered at 52½c lake and rail, and 52c was bid; North Bay offered at 53c for 10,000 bushels. No. 3 hard steady, with a sale at 75c.

**Barley**—Firm, with a good enquiry wanted

at 47c, but it was reported that more than that had been paid. No. 2 was bought west and east at 42c, and a round lot sold at 43½c east. No. 3 extra steady at 36 to 37c.

**Oats**—Firm, with a good demand at 30½ to 31c here. Manitoba sold at 39c North Bay for light mixed. White offered at 29c on the Midland, and there were sales north and west at 27½ to 28½c.

**Grain and Flour**—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.75 to \$3.90 Ontario patents, \$3.2 to \$3.50; straight roller, \$3.15 to \$3.30; extra, \$2.60 to \$2.70; low grades per bag, \$1 to \$1.25. Bran—\$12.00. Shorts—\$13.00 to \$15.00. Wheat—west and north points)—White, 65 to 66c; spring, 61 to 62c; red winter, 64½ to 65c; goose, 58 to 60c; spring Midland, 63 to 64c; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 83 to 84c; No. 2 hard, 82c; No. 3 hard, 74 to 76c; No. 1 frosted, 62 to 63c; peas (outside) 56 to 58c. Barley (outside)—No. 1, 47 to 48c; No. 2, 41 to 42c; No. 3 extra, 36 to 37c; No. 3, 30 to 31c; two-rowed, 54 pounds, averaging about No. 3, extra in color (outside), 35 to 40c. Rye (outside)—No. 1 to 1½. Oats—33 to 31c.

**Butter**—The market has been firm all week owing to the light receipts. Dairy tub butter is still scarce; choice quotations bring 19 to 20c; good 16 to 18c, and medium 14 to 16c. A consignment of creamery butter was received this week by a commission house; tubs are held at 25c and rolls at 26 to 27c. Most of the trading this week has been in large rolls which sell at 17 to 18c for choice and 14 to 16c for common to good grades. There is some enquiry for low grade butter by outside dealers, but very little to be had. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 16 to 18c; extra choice 18½ to 20c; medium do, 14 to 16c; large rolls, good to choice, 16 to 18c; medium do, 13 to 14c; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 24 to 25c. rolls 26 to 27c. Cheese.—Choice colored, jobbing at 11 to 12c.

**Cattle**—Tuesday's prices generally ruled, although they were much firmer, owing to the light offering. For one or two small picked lots of exceptionally fine heaves ½c per lb higher was paid, but these sales do not represent the ruling quotations. Rogers & Hainigan are buying again for Montreal, and picked up three loads good butcher's cattle, averaging 1,650 lbs, at 3½c per lb. A couple of dealers from Montreal were also present, and their purchases amounted to four or five loads. Two loads were also taken for Hamilton. The market was pretty well cleaned up by noon, prices being firm to the close. The prospects are considered good for firm markets next week. There was only a moderate enquiry for stockers and very few in to meet the demand. One load was picked up this week for the Waterloo distillery at prices ranging from 3½ to 3¾c per lb.

**Sheep and lambs**—A few under 200 were offered, most of which were lambs. Sheep were generally bunched in with lambs, and sold at \$3.50 to \$5 per head. The local demand was good to-day, especially for lambs. There was no outside demand reported. A few sales were: 19 mixed sheep and lambs at \$4 per head; 49 do sheep and lambs at \$4.30 per head; 82 do sheep and lambs at \$4.60 per head; 20 lambs at \$4.65 per head.

**Hogs**—The prices paid to-day were the highest for years. For the best straight fat hogs \$6.85 per cwt. off car, was paid generally, and a couple of small lots of extra choice animals were reported sold at \$7. All kinds of hogs are wanted on this market at present. Notwithstanding the good prices paid at the beginning of the week, the receipts to-day were exceedingly light, not quite 300 hogs being placed on the market. Store hogs were taken at \$6.25 to \$6.50 per cwt, and roughs at \$6 to \$6.25. One lot of 31 hogs, averaging 130 lbs, sold at \$6.55 per cwt, and another bunch of 61, averaging 250 lbs, brought the same figure.