

**THE PRODUCE MARKET.**

**T**HE general quiet of past weeks has remained unbroken, as the causes of stagnation previously noted continue to operate. The mild weather, and freedom from storms, which it was hoped would have enabled the Railways to move some of the arrearages of freight, have brought no material relief; and the outcry for cars from every quarter continues loud and bitter.

**FLOUR.**—As the proximate breaking up of the country roads causes dealers at a distance to lay in stocks, we have to note an increased demand, which the limited arrivals have been inadequate to supply; prices therefore have continued, slowly but steadily, to improve. There is also some demand for Boston, as conveyance can be obtained, which has given rather more confidence in prices. All desirable brands of Super have found eager purchasers on arrival, at rates ranging from \$4.35 to \$4.50; strictly choice and strong alone commanding outside figures. The lower grades, if offered, would meet good enquiry at full rates; but as there are none of these offering, prices are nominal. Fancy and Extra, though not materially affected, bring some advance on former prices. We note sales of Fancy at \$4.50 to \$4.60, and Extra at \$4.70 to \$4.80. **Bag Flour.**—Lack of wheat and low water in the Canal, prevent the local mills turning out any quantity; and with small receipts from abroad, there has been an unusual dearth of this description, and anything offered has been eagerly picked up at improving prices. Latest sales of Choice have been at \$2.50 per 112 lbs.; and of other descriptions down to \$2.35, according to sample.

**WHEAT.**—Arrivals are very trifling, and being still direct to Millers, there are no transactions on which to base quotations. U. C. Spring if offered would bring 97c. to 98c.

**COARSE GRAINS.**—We quote *Oats*, 32c. to 34c. per 32 lbs.; *Pease*, 70c. to 75c. per 60 lbs.; and *Barley* 60c. to 65c. per 48lbs.; but, in the absence of wholesale transactions, prices are mostly nominal.

**PORK.**—The stock of all kinds continues small and almost entirely in the hands of the large dealers; transactions are therefore trifling, and prices very firm.

**DRESSED HOGS.**—The receipts are mostly of a very light average, which has somewhat overstocked the market with that description, and prices are slightly in favor of buyers. In view of the advancing stage of the season and the fear of a thaw, holders have been willing to meet the views of buyers at a reduction of about twelve and a half cents, at which a considerable portion of the accumulations has been cleared off. Heavy weights, say of 250 lbs. and upwards, from their scarcity, command full previous rates; the market for all kinds closing firm at present prices. We quote \$6.75 to \$7.25 for averages of 150 to 200 lbs., and \$7.25 to \$7.50 for heavy.

**LARD.**—The stock is very light, and nothing of consequence coming forward—owing to the recent advance in Britain, choice parcels are enquired for, and would sell at full rates, say from 11c. to 12c.

**TALLOW.**—Is also very scarce and wanted; for Prime quality an advance on late rates could be obtained.

**BUTTER.**—Continues unchanged. The depression in all the United States markets, where prices have gradually settled down to a point below the rates nominally quoted here, has prevented buyers from venturing on any transaction beyond small parcels for immediate consumption. The knowledge that several parcels, hitherto held back in the country, are now anxiously seeking a market, has created some uneasiness on the part of holders, who had been till now firm; this, added to the urgency of consignors that their parcels should be realized without delay, has induced the acceptance of an approximation to prices recently ruling, in the few cases where purchasers have offered. The market consequently closes unsettled. Strictly choice alone commanding former prices.

**ASHES.**—Pots are slightly easier; firsts are quoted \$5.32½ to \$5.35; Inferiors scarce, and wanted at \$5.70. Pearls—very few coming forward; demand and prices unchanged.

**Ashes.**  
Pots have been steady throughout the week, ranging from \$5.35 to \$5.40, being a slight decline on last week's quotations. They are steady now at these prices: Pearls are nominal at \$5.45 to \$5.50; and receipts of this description very light, stocks of Pearls increasing heavily.

In store, 1st March, 1865..... 2270 .. 1472  
Shipments, 1st January to 1st March 3580 .. 454

**KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.'S PRODUCE AND LEATHER PRICES CURRENT.**

No. 23 ST. NICHOLAS STREET, MONTREAL, 2nd March, 1865.

**FLOUR.**—The market for Superfine and Bag Flour is now quite bare, and the limited arrivals per Grand Trunk Railroad are eagerly watched by our dealers, who, feeling the want of stocks, and realizing that the limited supplies are likely to continue during the winter months, buy eagerly at advanced prices all they can secure. The ruling prices at which sales have taken place, were \$4.40, \$4.45, \$4.50; and exceptional sales of favorite Brands at \$4.55 and \$4.60. Bag Flour opened in the early part of the week at \$2.45; but has since sold freely on the spot and to arrive, at \$2.50 to \$2.55 per 112 lbs. Nothing offering in lower grades.

Superior extra.....	\$4 80 to \$5 00	per brl.
Extra.....	4 75 to 4 85	"
Fancy.....	4 50 to 4 65	"
Superfine No. 1.....	4 40 to 4 50	"
Superfine No. 2.....	4 10 to 4 15	"
Fine.....	3 75 to 3 85	"
Middlings.....	3 25 to 3 65	"
Pollards.....	2 95 to 3 15	"

**OATMEAL.**—Very dull, but without quotable change, say \$4.75 to \$5.00 per brl. of 200 lbs.

**WHEAT.**—Receipts still continue mainly for city millers. Quotations unchanged. Upper Canada Spring nominal at 97c. to 98c. per 60 lbs.

**COARSE GRAINS.**—Are without any material change. Transactions principally of a retail character, direct with the farmers.

Oats.....	35c. to 37½c.	per 32 lbs.
Peas.....	80c. to 85c.	per 66 lbs.
Barley.....	65c. to 75c.	per 50 lbs.

**ASHES.**—The market has been less active during the week for both sorts; and prices are slightly lower. Inferiors are scarce and in active demand at our quotations.

Pots, 1st Sort.....	\$5.32½ to \$5.37½	per 100 lbs.
Inferiors.....	5.60 to 5.70	"
Pearls.....	5.45 to 5.50	"

**PORK.**—Transactions have been principally of a retail character. Our quotations of last week remain unchanged.

Mess.....	\$19.75 to \$20.00	per brl of 200lbs.
Prime Mess.....	15.00 to 15.00	"
Prime.....	14.50 to 15.00	"

**LARD.**—In active demand at 10½c. to 11½c. per lb.

**TALLOW.**—Selling in small lots at 8c. to 8½c. per lb.

**HAMS.**—The market is now nearly bare of both descriptions. We quote plain Uncanned at 11c. to 12c., and Canned and Sugar Cured at 12c. to 13c.

**BUTTER.**—The market still continues depressed, with large stocks of ordinary, which are quite unsaleable. Extra Choice is scarce, and commands our full prices for shipment or city consumption.

Choice Dairy.....	17c. to 20c.	per lb.
Medium.....	15c. to 19c.	"
Storepacked.....	14c. to 16c.	"

**SEEDS.**—Very little of any kind has come forward yet, though a good active demand exists for both Timothy and Clover; the former we quote at \$2.25 to \$2.75 per 45 lbs., and the latter nominal at 13c. to 16c. Flax Seed, \$1.30 to \$1.40 per 56 lbs.

**PETROLEUM.**—Transactions are limited to retail sales, at for Canada Refined, 30c. to 35c. per gallon.

**LEATHER.**—The market is still without any material change. Harness of prime quality and heavy average is still in active demand. Slaughter Sole is in better supply and less easy of sale, but without quotable change in price. Waxed Upper is still a drug on the market, and prices are more or less nominal. Waxed Calf Skins are still very dull of sale, the heavier weights only being enquired for.

Spanish Sole No. 1.....	17c. to 18c.
" No. 2.....	15c. to 16c.
Slaughter Sole No. 1.....	17c. to 18c.
" No. 2.....	15c. to 16c.
Waxed Upper.....	25c. to 27c.
" Calf (light).....	45c. to 55c.
" (heavy).....	60c. to 70c.
Grained Upper.....	27c. to 30c.
Splits.....	20c. to 25c.
Sheepskins, Dressed.....	20c. to 30c.
Rough Leather.....	16c. to 18c.

KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.

**AKIN & KIRKPATRICK'S MONTREAL PRICE CURRENT.**

Thursday Evening, March 2, 1865.

FLOUR—Superior Extra.....	\$4 80 to \$5 00
Extra.....	4 70 to 4 80
Fancy.....	4 50 to 4 60
Superfine.....	4 35 to 4 50
Superfine No. 2.....	4 00 to 4 20
Fine.....	3 75 to 3 90
BAG FLOUR—per 112 lbs. Medium	2 40 to 2 45
Choice and Strong.....	2 45 to 2 50
OATMEAL—per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 75 to 5 00
WHEAT—per 60 lbs. U. C. Spring	0 97 to 0 98
U. C. White Winter.....	0 00 to 0 00
PEASE—per 60 lbs.....	0 75 to 0 80
BARLEY—per 48 lbs.....	0 60 to 0 65
OATS—per 32 lbs.....	0 32 to 0 34
PORK—Mess.....	20 00 to 20 50
Prime Mess.....	14 50 to 15 00
Prime.....	14 00 to 14 50
DRESSED HOGS—Per 100 lbs.....	0 75 to 7 50
LARD, per lb.....	0 11 to 0 12
TALLOW—per lb.....	0 08 to 0 08½
BUTTER—per lb.....	0 14 to 0 15
Medium.....	0 15 to 0 16
Choice.....	0 17 to 0 18
CHEESE—per lb.....	0 00 to 0 00
ASHES—per 100 lbs. Pots—1st sorts.....	5 32½ to 5 35
" Inferiors.....	5 70 to 0 00
Pearls, 1st sort.....	5 45 to 5 50
" Inferiors.....	5 50 to 0 00

We have to note another week of restricted trade, owing mainly to the causes previously operating. Arrivals have been fitful, some days being moderate, and again, on the usual small scale. Consignees are outraged at the protracted and harassing delays, both on account of their general damage to business, and the serious disturbance to financial arrangements.

**FLOUR.**—The local demand has been somewhat stimulated by country dealers requiring to lay in stock against the breaking up of the winter roads, and with arrivals considerably below the requirements, prices have steadily improved. Desirable brands of superfine are actively competed for at \$4.40 to \$4.50, while even ordinary, and such as usually drags, have been taken, in the absence of better, at their relative worth. Fancy and extra, though not materially affected, have been helped by the general improvement, and we note an improved inquiry at an advance of about ten cents on the week. The lower grades continue scarce; and while prices are nominal in the absence of sales, full rates would be given for anything offered.—**Bag Flour.** But little is produced by the City mills, owing to want of wheat and low water in the canal, and with only moderate arrivals from abroad, the general supply has been quite inadequate to the somewhat large demand, and everything offered has been eagerly picked up at advanced rates. Most choice samples bring \$2.50, and inferior down to \$2.40.

**WHEAT.**—In the absence of sales, we quote U. C. Spring 97c. to 98c. The few cars brought forward have as usual been direct to millers.

**COARSE GRAINS.** of the various descriptions, may be quoted nominal, as no wholesale transactions have transpired.

**PORK.**—The stock of all kinds is light, and being for the most part, in the hands of those well able to hold, prices remain very firm.

**DRESSED HOGS.**—For some time past, the bulk of the receipts have been of a very light average, and for such, the demand being restricted to market use, is necessarily limited. Prices being somewhat above the ideas of shippers to Boston, stock had begun to accumulate. Holders have, however, shown a disposition to meet the views of buyers, and large sales have resulted, at a reduction of 10c. to 15c. on rates lately asked.

**LARD.**—The advancing rates in Britain have caused a demand here. There is no stock of consequence; and prime parcels would meet ready sale.

**TALLOW.**—Is scarce. Manufacturers being in want of good quality, full prices would be realized for early arrivals.

**BUTTER.**—We have to report another week of great inactivity. The knowledge of several large parcels, hitherto held back, being about to be placed on the market, has deterred buyers from operating to any extent, and the sales of the week are only of a retail character, with the exception of a few parcels pressed at low and irregular prices. The Boston and New York markets, instead of affording us the relief anticipated, are at this moment below the rates quoted here.

**ASHES.**—Both Pots and Pearls are in moderate demand, at a slight reduction from last week's quotations. AKIN & KIRKPATRICK.

**THOS. HOBSON & CO.'S PRODUCE CIRCULAR**

Thursday Evening March 2, 1865.

Flour, Superior extra.....	\$4 80 to \$5 00
Extra.....	4 60 to 4 75
Fancy.....	4 45 to 4 55
Superfine.....	4 35 to 4 45
Do. No. 2.....	4 10 to 4 15
Fine.....	3 60 to 3 70
Bag Flour, per 112 lbs.....	2 45 to 2 50
Oatmeal, per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 60 to 5 00
Pork—Mess.....	19 50 to 20 00
Prime Mess.....	15 00 to 15 50
Prime.....	15 00
Hams, uncovered per lb.....	0 10 to 0 12
Bacon.....	0 8 to 0 10
Shoulders.....	0 7 to 0 8
Lard, Western.....	
City rendered.....	0 10½ to 0 11
Tallow.....	0 8 to 0 8½
Butter—Ordinary per lb.....	0 15 to 0 16
Medium.....	0 16½ to 0 17½
Dairy.....	0 18½ to 0 20
Ashes, per 100 lbs. Pots, 1sts.....	5 35 to 5 37½
Inferiors.....	5 50
Pearls.....	5 50 to 5 55
Inferiors.....	5 50 to 5 55
Seeds, Timothy, per 45 lbs.....	2 25 to 2 50
Clover.....	

**FLOUR.**—The arrivals are still very light, in consequence of the difficulty of getting freight forward, and we have again to note an improvement in price, strong brands of Super bringing outside rates, in one or two instances a little over that figure. We notice sales of Extra \$4.80; Bag Flour sells at from \$2.45 to \$2.50 per 112 lbs. Sales yesterday of about 1000 bags at \$2.50.

**PORK.**—Market quiet. Small sales of prime at \$14.50 to \$15; Mess \$20. Cut Meats very dull; Uncovered Hams bring about 11 cents per lb.

**LARD.**—City rendered is sold at 10½c. to 11c. per lb; Western Lard in Tierces is in the hands of one or two holders, at prices considerably over our quotations; we do not hear of any sales. Tallow is very scarce, and the demand good, sales could be made at outside rates for fair lots.

**BUTTER.**—Throughout the week the market has been very dull, but now that Lent has commenced, there is a better feeling, and a few good sales have been made at our lowest figure; and though we cannot give higher quotations, yet we have actual sales to report, and have on the whole a decidedly better market. There is no really fine parcels offering, and the demand is confined chiefly to the city trade.

**ASHES.**—1st Pots dull; good demand for Inferiors. **SEEDS.**—No Clover offering; Timothy worth about \$2.25 to \$2.50 per bushel of 45 lbs.

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