

Toronto Markets.

Flour—Steadier, with more enquiry. Bids of equal to \$3.50 were made for straight roller Toronto freights and of \$3.25 for extra. The tone of the market has improved materially this week.

Millfeed—Local and eastern demand is dull, but there were several enquiries from the States. In one instance \$10.30 was bid for bran, Toronto freights, for export and \$11.00 asked.

Wheat—Firm, with more enquiry. Some white was purchased at 75c straight north and west. Later there were buyers of white at that price. Red offered at that price. Spring held at 73c north and west. Manitoba wheat held higher. No. 1 hard offered at 95c lake and rail. No. 2 hard sold at 85c Montreal lake and rail: 80c was asked afloat Port Arthur. No. 3 hard nominal at 72 to 73c lake and rail.

Barley—An enquiry was reported but the prices talked of was too low to tempt holders to part with any of their stock.

Oats—Dearer on export account but locally they were unchanged. There were sales on track at 31c for white and mixed. White sold north and west at 29 and 30c for export.

Grain and flour—Car prices are. Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$1.80 to \$4.90; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.25 to \$4.40; Ontario patents, \$3.90 to \$4.10: straight roller, \$3.50 to \$3.75; extra, \$3.20 to \$3.25; low grades, per bag, \$1 to \$1.50. Bran—\$11.50 to \$12. Shorts \$13 to \$14. Wheat—straight west and north points)—White, 74 to 75c; spring, 72 to 73c; red winter, 74 to 75c: goose, 61 to 62c; No. 1 hard, N.B., \$1.01; No. 2 hard lake and rail, 82 to 83c; No. 3 hard, 72 to 73c; No. 1 regular, 59 to 60c. Peas—58 to 59c. Barley—No. 1, 52 to 54c; No. 2, 48 to 49c. No. 3 extra, 45c; No. 3, 42 to 43c; two rowed, 54 lbs averaging about No. 3 extra in color, outside, 45 to 50c. Corn—55c. Buckwheat—Nominal. Rye—Nominal. Oats—31 to 32c.

Apples, dried—Dull. Dealers are jobbing small lots at 4 to 4½c; evaporated are held at 6 to 6½c.

Beans—Quiet. Small lots sell out of store at \$1.10 to \$1.20 per bush.

Eggs—Market easy with heavy receipts. Firsts sold to day at 10 to 10½c and seconds at 9c.

Hides, etc.—Steady. Cured sold at 5c; green 4c; No. 2 at 3½c; No. 3 at 2½c. Skins—Receipts fair; prices steady; lambskins sell at 40c; pelts 25c; calfskins 5 to 7c for city inspected.

Tallow—Offerings liberal, prices easy. Rendered is taken at 5c and rough at 2c. Dealers sell round lots of the former at 5½ to 5¾c.

Wool—Quiet; offerings of new continue heavy. New combing is taken at 17c; new clothing 20c. Pulled wools dull, supers sell at 22 to 22½c; extras 25½ to 26½c; pulled combing 18c.

Meats—The demand for long clear is dull, but what little business was done to-day appears to have been chiefly on an 8c basis for small lots. Smoked meats sold well at 11c for hams and bacon and 9c for rolls. (Quotations are Mess pork, United States \$13 to \$14; do American or Canadian (new) \$14.75 to \$15.50; short cut \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear per lb 7 to 8c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails 9½ to 9c; compound do 7 to 9c. Smoked Meats—Hams per lb (new) 10½ to 11c; bellies per lb 10½ to 11c; rolls per lb 8½ to 9c; backs per lb 10½ to 11c.

Butter—Receipts are moderate, and the market keeps well cleaned up, with an active demand. Good to choice grades of tubs and pails, store packed butter, sell at 12 to 13c, and common at 11 to 12c. Dairy tubs are being offered more liberally; they sell at 14 to 15c for the best selected, with lower grades held at from 3½c up. Creamery tubs have an active enquiry, selling at from 21 to 23c.

Cheese—Quiet. Good stock was offered here to-day in 50-box lots at 8½ to 8¾c. Dealers are jobbing at 9½ to 9¾c.

Cattle—A few loads of extra choice picked shipping steers were reported sold at 1 to 2c higher than on Tuesday, but most of the cattle offered changed hands at about the prices paid on Tuesday, viz., 4½ to 1½ for good and 4½ to 5c for choice. Shippers were apparently buying with the sole idea of filling space, as cables from Great Britain showed little or no improvement and Montreal sent up a bad report of trade there last night. Local butchers appeared to be well supplied, although there was apparently no difficulty in selling the best cattle, some very choice stall fed lots bringing high figures. Grass fed cattle were weak, at about 3½c per lb for good to choice, and 3½c for extra choice loads. Inferior stuff sold from 2½c up. A few loads of extra choice stall fed cattle were reported sold at 4 to 4½c per lb.

Sheep and lambs—The run was heavy and prices were again weak; export sheep sold at 3½ to 4c per lb choice lots, and occasionally bringing as high as 4½c per lb. A large number of spring lambs were offered; these sold at \$2.75 to \$4 per head.

Stocks—Trade quiet, prices ranging at from 3½ to 3¾c per lb for anything good. One lot of seven, averaging 1,000 lbs, sold at 3½c per lb.

Hogs—A few loads of extra choice hogs sold at \$5.60 per cwt, weighed off car. This we believe was the top price paid to-day. Good loads sold at \$5 to \$5.30 per cwt, and common and rough at \$4 to \$5.25 per cwt, an occasional sale being reported, however, as high as \$5 per cwt. All were wanted and the market closed firm.—*Empire*, July 16.

Montreal Market.

Flour—The only new feature worth noticing in the flour trade is the demand for flour for Newfoundland, sales being reported of about 4,000 to 5,000 bls of straight trollers at \$3.90 to \$4.00, as to brand. In strong bakers it is reported that choice City strong bakers has been sold at \$4.40. In fact, one dealer said that it was not so much a matter of price as of getting rid of the flour. Manitoba strong bakers has been placed at \$4.00 to \$4.30. Extra has changed hands at \$3.20 to \$3.25 for good sized lots. In bag flour sales of extra have transpired at \$1.45 to \$1.50, straight rollers at \$1.95 to \$2.00, superfine at 1.30 to \$1.35, and fine at \$1.15 to 1.20.

Oatmeal—Prices would be materially shaded for round lots. We quote rolled and granulated \$1.00 to \$1.05, Standard \$3.90 to \$3.95. In bags, granulated \$2.00 to \$2.05, and standard \$1.90 to \$1.95.

Wheat—Now that the new crop promises to be a good one, farmers are becoming more anxious to sell, and business in red and white winter have taken place west of Toronto at 72c to 74c f.a.b. No. 2 hard Manitoba is still quoted at 86c to 88c, but there is no export demand at these figures. No. 1 regular is quoted at 63c to 65c, No. 2 at 53c to 55c, and No. 3 at 43c to 45c.

Oats—A few sales have been put through since our last on the basis of 3½c per 34 lbs. afloat for No. 2, and 33c to 33½c for No. 3. The new crop is looking well in most districts in this province.

Ran—Sales of car lots have transpired at \$11.50 on track, and we quote \$11.50 to \$12.50, the latter figure for broken lots. Shorts \$13.50 to \$14.50, middlings \$15.00 to \$15.50, and moultrie \$16.00 to \$20.00, as to grade.

Barley—The export enquiry has fallen off, and business is less active. Last sales were reported at 40c to 42c for good feeding qualities, inferior grades 35c to 33c. Malting barley is quoted at 48c to 55c, the sale being reported of two cars at 52c, said to be of good malting description.

Butter—An easier feeling obtains in creamery butter, although there is as yet no material change in values, which we quote from 19c to 19½c, as to quality. Eastern Townships dairy

sells to the city trade at 17c to 18c, a lot of choice Morrisburg bringing the outside figures. In Western, prices range all the way from 13½c to 15c. The export demand is not by any means brisk, although a few lots are going over.

Cheese—The market, although decidedly easier, has not given way as much as was expected, the cheese going out by this week's steamers costing 8½c to 9c for finest Western colored, 8c to 8½c for finest French colored, 8c to 8½c for finest Western white, and 8½c to 9c for finest French white. Underpriced goods have sold at 8c to 8½c. At present low prices, the consumption is naturally increased, and the general opinion in the trade is that prices will not go to 8c for finest. There is a good cable enquiry, but at prices that holders are not inclined to accept.

Eggs—There has been an improved enquiry for export, and sales have been made in this market by cable at f.o.b. price here for Liverpool and a c.i.f. price there. The local demand, however, is rather slow with sales of good candled stock at 11c, but choice shipping eggs are quoted firm at 11c a dozen. Several shipments are going forward this week to England. *Trade Bulletin*, July 15.

Wool Markets.

Brook Street—New York report says The markets are now fairly supplied with all grades, and buyers are about able to obtain what they want. Prices, however, are not in their favor as heretofore. The supply of Montana and Michigan wools is not as large as it generally is at this season. From other states wool is coming forward rapidly. The London sales closed Thursday. About 18,000 bales are said to have been bought for this country. The advance on all wools suitable for this country was maintained to the close. Manufacturers are buying freely of Australian wools. Dealers have not yet advanced prices, though they are lower here than in London. With the wool bought at London the supply here will not be large, and holders are well satisfied with the situation and more confident of an advance. Fleeces are in better demand, and sales are quite large. Manufacturers are finding that these wools are put up better than they have been for several years. They are, therefore, willing to pay better prices. Unwashed and unmerchantable wool is selling well. Combing wools are said to be in better demand. Large sales of Texas wools are again reported. Fine medium territories are active, and prices are high and firm. Pulled wools are still rather quiet, but dealers have only light stocks and are firm in their demands. The receipts of lambs' wool will soon show a large increase, and then trade will be better. There is more doing in carpet wools, particularly in Cordova wool.

Annual Meeting Victoria Board of Trade.

The Victoria, (British Columbia), board of trade held its annual general meeting Friday afternoon, July 8. The annual report is quite exhaustive, dealing largely with facts and statistics recorded from time to time in these columns.

The following portion of the report is almost precisely on the lines of *THE COMMERCIAL*'s suggestions from time to time: "The short pack of salmon, followed by exceptionally low prices, the peremptory closing of Behring Sea in the middle of the hunting season of 1891, the collapse of the South American lumber markets and the slackness of the Californian coal trade have all combined to injuriously affect the trade of the year under review. However, notwithstanding these adverse conditions, it is satisfactory to add that the customs returns for the province exceeded those of the previous year, which were the most favorable on record. The action of the Federal Government in disregarding the almost universal de-