

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—Millers west of Toronto write to the effect that, owing to the scarcity of wheat caused by farmers refusing to deliver, they have had to pay an advance of 2 to 8c per bushel for what they could get, and hence they ought to receive at least 10c per barrel more for their flour. There have been actual sales of Ontario straight rollers this week at \$3.05 on track here for all new wheat flour. For half old and new wheat \$3.12½ to \$3.15 on track here, and for all old wheat flour \$3.25 on track. About 10 to 15c may be added to these prices for the jobbing trade. Several sales of straight roller have been made at the mills west of Toronto for Quebec and the Lower Province trade at equal to \$3 to \$3.05 here, said to be new wheat flour. Very little Ontario has been going to Newfoundland, as United States flour seems to supply that market.

Oatmeal.—In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.85, and standard at \$1.70 to \$1.80. Pot barley \$1.25 in bbls. and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50

Bran, etc.—During the past week there has been a fair inquiry for bran, with sales of car lots at \$14.75 to \$14.50 and \$14.25, and we quote \$14.25 to \$14.75. Shorts have been placed at \$16 to \$17.50 as to grade.

Oats.—Prices on the easy side, the sale of 6,000 bushels being reported at 30½c and a car at 30¾c. Mixed oats are quoted at 28c to 28¾c. A large crop has been harvested in Quebec.

Barley.—Malting barley is quoted at 52 to 55c; feed 46 to 47c.

Pork, Lard, etc.—Owing to the decline in the price of pork in Chicago, regular mess pork has been brought in from that city at about \$19.25 laid down here. Shipments of bacon continue to be made by local curers to the English market: Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$15.50 to \$16.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$14 to \$14.50; Hams, per lb., 9 to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 8¾c to 9½c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6¾ to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 9 to 11c; Shoulders, per lb., 8 to 8½c.

Butter.—Sales have been made of September creamery at 17½ to 18c in the country, and sales are also reported at these figures delivered here, while some factories are holding for higher prices for their September goods. They did the same thing last year and instead of getting 21 to 22c as they could have done, they held on till the English demand fell off, and they eventually sold a good deal of it at 10 to 14c last spring. Eastern Townships selected have sold at 15 to 15½c in lots. Western dairy 13 to 14c.

Cheese.—There has been a decidedly better feeling since our last report under which prices have increased ½ to ¾c per lb.; and at the advance considerable business has transpired in the country, 20,000 boxes of August, September and October cheese having been contracted in the Belleville section at 8c. The Quebec cheese sold at the boat on Monday at 7½ to 7¾c. Sales on this market have been made of finest Western at 8 to 8½c, about 2,000 boxes being placed at these figures. Although some English houses have gone in for finest fall goods at 8c at the factory, others have been loth to follow. Of course, it is possible they may be able to buy cheaper later on; but we are of opinion they will pay more money, as they have not taken into consideration the shrinkage in the fall make. It is estimated that at the close of the present season the shipments from Montreal and United States ports will show a deficit of 400,000 boxes.

Eggs.—The market is firmer and holders have been enabled to secure fully ½ to ¾c more, sales of choice candled stock being re-

ported at 11½ to 11¾c, and in small lots at 12 to 12½c.

Hides.—There is no change this week, the market remaining steady with demand and supply about equal. Calfskins have declined 1c in this market and are now quoted at 7c. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides 8½c for No. 1, 7½c for No. 2, and 6½c for No. 3; Heavy hides 8½ to 9c; Calfskins 7c; Lambskins 45c.—Trade Bulletin, Sept. 27.

Mr. Bawlf Scores One.

It is one of the grievances of Manitoba millers, as they allege, that Ontario millers place flour on the Eastern markets, branded as Manitoba flour, which contains very little if any Manitoba wheat. This the western millers claim subjects them to an unfair competition and at the same time injures the reputation of Manitoba flour by having soft wheat flours branded as Manitoban. At the recent meeting at the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, when the standards board was present, Mr. Bawlf, the Winnipeg grain man, told a little story which illustrated this matter and at the same time caused a hearty laugh, much to the discomfiture of the representatives of the Ontario millers who were present. The discussion was waxing hot on the question of mixing scoured wheat with the regular grades. Mr. Watts, secretary of the Ontario millers' association, had the floor. Of course he opposed mixing strongly and stated that the Manitoba scoured wheat which had been purchased by Ontario millers had not given satisfactory results.

Mr. Bawlf here interrupted by asking Mr. Watts if they did not put this scoured wheat flour on the Eastern markets as the product of the choicest Manitoba wheat.

Mr. Watts said that this scoured wheat had been ground into low grade flour for export.

Again Mr. Bawlf interposed: "Are you quite sure of that?"

Mr. Watts positively assured the meeting that not one bushel of this scoured wheat flour had ever been put on the eastern markets as Manitoba product.

"Well," said Mr. Bawlf, "I was down to Ontario a short time ago, and I called on an old friend of mine there who is a miller. I found him busy turning out about 200 barrels of flour per day. I noticed that all the bags about the mill, both full and empty, were branded 'Manitoba flour.' Finally I said to the miller, 'John, how is it you are not giving me any more orders for Manitoba wheat?' He replied that he had given me the order for the last car of Manitoba wheat he had used. 'But I said, that was away last March. You must have used a pile of Manitoba wheat since then.' 'No' said the miller, 'I have not used any since then.' 'Why,' I replied 'you don't seem to have anything around your mill but bags branded Manitoba flour.' To this the miller said that he had nothing to do with the brands. The bags were sent him from the dealers in Montreal and he simply filled them with flour."

Great laughter followed this little episode, the inference being that if Eastern wheat flour was put on the market branded Manitoba flour, in the way described by Mr. Bawlf, that very likely the scoured wheat flour went on the market in much the same way, Mr. Watts' positive assurances to the contrary notwithstanding.

At any rate the little diversion was enjoyed immensely by the meeting, with the exception of course of the representative of the Ontario millers.

J. Y. Griffin, the Winnipeg packer, who has lately returned from Ontario, says that the crops in that province are turning out much better than was expected. The people

got unnecessarily alarmed about the drouth and thus the impression was sent abroad that the crops were a great deal worse than they really were. One thing he noticed was the great increase in the corn area, and it is a good crop too. Ontario is getting to be quite a corn country, and in connection with this the hog industry is also growing extensively there.

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