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Items About Trade.

Apples were worth \$2.50 to \$4 per bushel at Toronto last week, and firm.

There is a good demand at Montreal for fresh eggs at 19½ to 19½c and limed at 17 to 18c.

Dairy butter was quoted at 7 to 10c for poor and 16 to 18c for good at Toronto last week. Choicest creamery butter 22c.

Hides are again lower at Toronto, cured being offered at 7½c in round lots, mixed. Green hides were quoted at 7c for No. 1 cows, and 8c for No. 1 steers. Fleeced wool was worth 16 to 22c.

At Brockville, Ont., on Oct. 23, offerings on the cheese board were 13,000 boxes white, and 3,000 boxes colored cheese; 10c was offered for both white and colored, but no one accepted. Salesmen want 10½c.

Following were jobbing prices for sugar at Toronto: Granulated, 1 to 15 bbls, 7½c; Granulated, 15 bbls and over 7c; Paris lump, 7½c; extra ground, bbls, 8½; extra ground, boxes or less than bbls, 8½c; powdered, bbls, 7½c; powdered, less than bbls, 7½c; refined, dark to bright, 5½ to 6½c; raw, 5½ to 5½c; Demerara, 7c.

The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says: "The easier market in hides reported last week has developed into a decline of 1c per lb, sales of No. 1 cured having been made at 8c to tanners. Dealers are paying here 7c, 6c and 5c for No. 1, 2 and 3. The New York market has declined 2c on dry hides during the past six weeks, best River Platte stock being down to 14c, calfskins are quiet here at 7c per lb, and lambskins 70c to 85c each."

The Montreal *Bulletin* of Oct. 24 says: "The production of nails has been considerably curtailed, and the increased competition on the part of buyers has forced up prices 15c per keg, 10d being now quoted at \$2.60 for small quantities, and we quote \$2.50 to \$2.60

Metals are quiet and prices are somewhat easier, Ingot tin being quoted at 24 to 24½c and copper at 16 to 16½c."

At Montreal choice brands of white lead are quoted at \$6.25 to \$6.75; No. 1, 5.25 to 5.50; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.00 to \$4.25; dry white lead, 0 to 6½c and red do, 4½c. Glass is firm at \$1.50 for first break and \$1.60 for second break per 50 feet, and \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 100 feet. Linseed at 67 to 70c for raw and 71 to 73c for boiled. Castor oil 11 to 12c. Newfoundland cod oil, 38 to 40c, and Nova Scotia, 36 to 37c. Steam refined seal at 52½c to 55c for jobbing and small lots. Cod liver oil, 50 to 55c for Newfoundland and 80 to 85c for Norway.

Produce quotations at Toronto last week were: Eggs, candled, 19 to 20; potatoes 45c per bag on track; choice held at 50c; chickens in box lots 45c per pair, and small quantities 55c; ducks sold at 60c; geese 6½c per lb., and turkeys 11 to 12c lb; beans, \$1.65 to \$1.80 bushel; hops, 1898 crop, 9 to 10c; hops, 1899 crop, 18 to 20c; hops, 1890 crop, 30 to 40c; dried apples, 8 to 9c; evaporated apples, 13 to 14c; hay, \$9 to \$9.50; straw, \$5.50 to \$6; sheepskins, 85c; hides, green, No. 1, 7 to 8c; wool, 20c; onions, per 100, \$2 to \$2.25.

The Toronto *Empire* has the following to say about canned salmon: "The strong advices from the coast and the higher prices asked by large holders of canned salmon have led to a demand from jobbers who did not buy excepting for immediate wants. One house to-day reported a bid of 2½c more on a car lot than the price asked for retailers' lots a couple of weeks ago. Prices of the latter now range from \$1.30 up. At the coast most holders are asking 12½c per dozen advance."

The Toronto *Empire* of Oct. 25 quotes grain and flour as follows: Wheat—Quiet. 60 pound fall sold at 96c. Goose at 31c. Manitoba wheats steady. No. 2 hard sold at \$1.11 prompt delivery. Barley—Firm and in demand.

Some feed barley sold at 49c. For No. 3 extra 53c was bid. Oats—Dull and weak at 39 to 39½c for mixed. Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.85 to \$6; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.60 to \$5.65; Ontario patents, \$4.50 to \$4.60; straight roller, \$4.30 to \$4.40; extra, \$4.10 to \$4.15; low grades, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Bran—\$1.3; middlings, \$16 to \$18.

The Toronto *Empire* says of the dried fruit market; "Valencia raisins were held quite stiffly on the strength of New York telegrams reporting an advance of ½c there; on spot off stalk are jobbing at 6½ to 6½c for prime to choice; select 8 to 8½c and layers 9 to 9½c. Sultanias firmer, at 16, 17 and 18c for fine to extra. Stocks of Malagas are light, a few London layers are going at \$3.25 and black baskets at \$4. Currants have made an advance of 2s 6d abroad: on spot barrels are jobbing at 5½ to 6½c but a bid of 6c was refused for a round lot; ordinary Vostizias, in cases, sold at 8½c and extra choice at 10½ to 11c. Dates dull at 4½c Figs steady."

Nanaimo's Progress.

In speaking of the extension of the coal mining industry in the district of Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, the Nanaimo Free Press says:—

"Nanaimo is essentially a coal mining community, and the product of coal is the heart that sets and keeps in circulation the business blood in the city and district, hence the opening of a new mine or the energetic prosecution of the mines already opened is of material import to all who are inclined to invest in this city or vicinity. The record of the past five years has been the energetic prosecution of the coal product, followed by a corresponding improvement in the auxiliary industries in the city. During that period has been seen the accomplishment of a water works system, gas works, electric lighting, telephone system, tanning company, sash and door factory, and