

## Toronto Grocery Market

**Canned Goods.**—The Packers' Association will advance the price of tomatoes and corn 2½¢ per dozen Oct. 1. Tomatoes and corn have been slow at 85 to 9½¢. Extra sifted peas have been in good demand at \$1.45 to \$1.50, but ordinary kinds are quiet at 80 to 85¢. Receipts of New season's salmon are arriving more freely, while the demand on the other hand is scarcely as good as it was. Prices, however, continue firm at \$1.25 to \$1.35 for first-class red fish in tall tins, and \$1.55 to \$1.60 in flat tins. In lobsters there is a fair trade doing at \$1.85 to \$2 for tall, and \$2.30 to \$2.50 for flats. Canned fruits continue quiet at these quotations: Peaches, 33 to 3.25 for 3's, 2 to 2.25 for 2's; raspberries, \$1.65 to 1.80; strawberries, \$1.90 to 2.10; apples, 3's, \$1 to 1.10, gallons, \$2.65 to 2.80, and preserved fancy quarters at \$1.35 to 1.40. Canned meats and sardines are quiet.

**Coffees.**—Green Rio's are still scarce, and a fair business continues to be done in Maracaibo coffee in consequence. In New York the market for Brazil growths has been gaining gradually in tone all the week. No. 7 in particular being called for, a grade that is still exceedingly scarce and indifferently offered by those fortunate enough to hold it. Other qualities have been benefitted to some extent, and the low grades are now spoken of with greater favor, and the difference in value as compared with the standard is smaller than heretofore.

**Rice.**—There is still a good demand for fancy imported Japan rice. "B" rice is also moving fairly well, but medium grades are neglected. The market still rules strong. The present season is said to be the most satisfactory in regard to profits that the trade has experienced for a number of years. We quote: "B," 3½ to 3¾¢; extra Japan, 5½ to 5¾¢; imported Japan, 5¾ to 6¼¢; tapioca, 4¼ to 4½¢.

**Spices.**—European advices report higher prices in ginger cloves and pepper. There is no change here, but business has been more active than for some time. We quote: Pure black pepper, 12 to 14¢; pure white 20 to 28¢; pure Jamaica ginger, 25 to 27¢; cloves, 25 to 30¢; pure mixed spice, 25 to 30¢; cream of tartar, 20 to 25¢ per lb.

**Nuts.**—Business continues quiet and featureless, and will, of course, remain so until the new season's goods arrive. We quote: Brazil nuts, 11 to 11½ lb; Sicily shelled almonds, 25 to 26¢ a lb; Terragona almonds, 12½ to 14¢; peanuts 11 to 12¢ for roasted and 8 to 10¢ for green; coconuts, \$4.50 to \$5 per sack; Grenoble walnuts, 13 to 14¢, Marbot walnuts, 11 to 12¢; Bordeaux walnuts, 11 to 12¢; filberts, 9¾ to 10¾¢ for sack and 10½ to 11¢ for small lots; pecans, 10½ to 11¢.

**Sugar.**—The feature of the market this week is the scarcity of yellow sugars, the representatives of some of the refiners not having shown samples of these kinds for several days. Some of the wholesale houses are completely cleaned out in consequence. The scarcity, however, is only temporary, it being anticipated that by the end of the week fresh supplies will be on the spot. The demand for sugars shows a further easing off, but prices remain much as before. We quote granulated 4½ to 4¾¢, and yellows at \$3.45 up.

**Syrups and Molasses.**—Both syrups and molasses are quiet at unchanged prices. We quote: Molasses—New Orleans, barrels, 26 to 28¢; half-barrels, 30½ to 32¢; Barbadoes, barrels, 28 to 32¢; half-barrels, 30 to 34¢. Syrups.—Dark, 25¢; medium, 28 to 30¢; bright, 35 to 40¢; very bright, 45 to 50¢.

**Tea.**—The market continues brisk at firm prices, although nothing particularly new has developed. Young Hyson teas are this week receiving a large share of attention from re-

tailers at about 16 to 18¢ for low grade, 24 to 27¢ for medium, and 33 to 38¢ for high grades. Low grade China Congous at about 16 to 18¢ are also receiving a good deal of attention. Retailers are pretty well stocked up with Japan teas, and there is a temporary falling off in the demand in consequence, although there is still a good business doing, particularly in the medium kinds, at about 16 to 20¢. Indian and Ceylon teas are quiet but strong in price.

**Dried Fruit.**—The first direct shipment of Valencia raisins, new season's crop, arrived in Toronto last week, and they came upon a bare market, the few hundred boxes received via Liverpool a couple of weeks ago having been cleaned out. The idea as to price is 5½¢ to 6¢ for off-stalk, and 6½ to 7¢ for fine off-stalk. Demand is good. Quotations here are unchanged: Provincials, 3½ to 4¢ in barrels, half-barrels, 3¾ to 4¼¢; Filiatras, 4 to 4¼¢ in barrels, and 4½ to 5¢ in half-barrels; Patras, 5 to 5½¢ in barrels, 5¼ to 5¾¢ in half-barrels, 5 to 6¼¢ in cases; Vostizzas, 6½ to 7¼¢ in cases, 6¾ to 7¼¢ in half-cases. In Prunes business is still confined largely to a few odd cases of "B" brand. For the lower brands there is no enquiry. We quote: "A," 9¢; "B," 7 to 7¾¢; U's, 5¼ to 5½¢; bags, 3¾¢; casks, 4½ to 5¢.

**Evaporated apples.**—Offerings are gradually getting more liberal, and at the same time more varied, although 8¢ appears to be the ruling idea with the factories. Jobbers quote 8½¢.

**Dried apples.**—As far as offerings are concerned, the conditions are similar to those relating to evaporated apples. As to price, we hear of transactions in barrel lots at 6¢, but there is yet no well defined price basis.

**Salt.**—Trade is brisk with a good many car lots moving. We quote: Barrels, 9 to 95¢; coarse sacks, 58¢; fine sacks, 60¢; dairy, \$1.50; rock, \$1.0.—Canadian Grocer, Sept. 28.

## Toronto Live Stock Markets

**Export Cattle.**—Very dull; several loads were taken at 3¼ to 3½¢ per lb. The state of the British markets prevented any business here. One load of export cattle, averaging 1,150 lbs, sold at \$3.20 per cwt. Another load, averaging 1,200 lbs, sold at \$3.40 per cwt. Other sales were chiefly of small lots.

**Butchers' Cattle.**—Only choice stock sold with any readiness. Common cattle brought 2¼ to 2½¢ per lb; medium to good stock, 2½ to 2¾¢, and real good cattle, 3 to 3¼¢ per lb. A few loads of very choice cattle sold up to near 3½¢ per lb. The demand generally was dull and drovers were completely discouraged. Several drovers have had their stock here since last week. Very little stock was bought for Montreal. Too many northwest cattle have recently been sent to that market. The demand for feeders and stockers for the distillery was good at 2½ to 2¾¢, and sometimes 3¢ per lb.

**Sheep and Lambs.**—Demand active and steady prices. Good shipping sheep sold at \$3.75 per cwt.; one lot of 31, averaging 155 lbs, sold at this figure. Bucks sold at \$3 per cwt. Butchers' sheep were unchanged, \$2.50 to \$3 per head, and lambs sold at about \$2.25 to \$2.50 each.

**Hogs.**—Market weak with heavy supplies. Best bacon hogs sold at \$5 to \$5.10 per cwt., weighed off cars; stores at \$4.50 and sows at \$4 per cwt. Too many inferior hogs were offered.—Empire, Sept. 28.

The biscuit manufacturers of Toronto have reduced prices on sodas and some of the sweet biscuits, and 2¢ each on 3-lb packages. This is the first change made in two or three years.

## The Montreal Markets

**Flour.**—The market is simply demoralized as regards prices, as there are no recognized quotations, it being simply a matter of what can be got; and whenever millers or dealers get fair bids, even if they are below their ideas, they generally let them go. Last week we reported the sale of a round quantity of choice strong bakers at \$3.25 delivered in the city, but to-day that is the ruling figure, while for a round lot, that price would undoubtedly be shaded. Choice Manitoba patents have sold at \$3.35 to \$3.40, and Manitoba millers are offering strong bakers at \$3.10 on track here. Ontario straight rollers are lower than ever, and we hear of a sale of a lot of about 500 bbls for Newfoundland account at equal to \$2.60 here. Quebec buyers have taken a few lots at \$2.80 to \$2.85 laid down there for choice 90 per cent.

**Oatmeal.**—The market is quiet but steady, car lots of rolled and granulated being available at \$3.80 to \$3.85 per bbl. on track.

**Bran, Etc.**—The market for bran rules firmer at an advance of fully 50¢ over last week's quotations, sales of car lots being reported at \$16.25 and \$16.50, and buyers are not able to get all they want. Shorts are also scarce, with sales at \$17 to \$19, while moultrie cannot be had under \$21.50, and we quote \$21.50 to \$23.

**Wheat.**—No. 2 red winter wheat is quoted at 57 to 58¢, but prices are purely nominal.

**Oats.**—The market is firmer, with sales reported of 8 car loads for local account of 34 to 34½¢ for No. 2 mixed and white, with sales reported of No. 3 at 33½¢, a lot selling at 34¢ this morning.

**Barley.**—Sales of feed barley have been made from the west for Eastern Township points at equal to 48½¢ here, which is a pretty high price for feed. Some business in the west is reported in malting grades at 45¢ to 46¢ for No. 1.

**Pork, Lard etc.**—The market for mess pork is not quite as firm as it was, owing to the decline of prices in the west where they have fallen \$1.25 per bbl of late. We quote prices as follows:—Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$20 to 22.00; Chicago short cut mess, per bbl, \$19.00 to 20.00; extra mess beef, per bbl, \$10 to 10.50; plate beef, per bbl, \$14 to 14.50; hams, per lb, 11 to 11½¢; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 9½ to 10¢; lard, compound, in pails, per lb, 7½ to 7¾¢; bacon, per lb, 12½ to 13¢; shoulders, per lb, 9 to 9½¢.

**Butter.**—The sales of creamery reported in our last issue for Toronto account have been followed by further transactions in July goods at 18½ to 19¢, and it looks as if this demand was not satisfied, there being enquiries from other western points. The sale of a lot of about 100 tubs of choice August was reported at 19½¢. Western dairy is said to be quite scarce at points west of Toronto. September creamery is offered at 21 to 22¢, but there are said to be no buyers at those prices.

**Cheese.**—The quieter and easier feeling which manifested itself at Brockville last week has become more pronounced, the French cheese selling at the boat at the beginning of the week at 10¼ to 10¾¢ for September make, being a decline of ¼ to ½¢ on the week. This struck the keynote of the situation, which has since found a response in a decline of 6d to 1s in Liverpool, with a probable further shrinkage on both sides of the Atlantic. We give our prices a wider range as follows:—Finest western August colored, 10½ to 10¾¢; do, white, 10½ to 10¾¢; Finest Quebec colored, 10¾ to 10¾¢; do, white, 10½ to 10¾¢; Under grades, 9 to 10¢.

**Eggs.**—The market is firmer and fully ½¢ higher on the week, sales of round lots of fresh stock having been made at 12½¢ to 13½¢ as to size and quality, and single cases have sold at 13¢ to 14¢. Exports to England are falling off, while those to the United States are increasing.