

## LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: A weaker feeling was reported in the cattle market at the Monday's sales, and a consequent decline of 25c to 50c per cwt. The demand has slackened off considerably owing to curtailed consumption of meat, due to warmer weather, and the high prices asked for beef. Although supplies coming forward have shown no increase they have been more than sufficient to fill all requirements. Local stock has been supplemented by the arrival of several carloads from Winnipeg and certain Ontario points. At the Wednesday's sale prices remained unchanged at Monday's level. The demand was very fair.

The hog market stiffened up last week in sympathy with higher prices ruling at other Canadian centres, and Montreal showed an advance of 25c per 100 lbs. Supplies were ample to meet the demand with an especially active trade in selected stock.

The calf market was firm with a good demand for both domestic and United States account. Sheep are reported firm, but larger supplies of lambs coming forward are causing easier prices, declines being noted at both Monday's and Wednesday's sales.

TORONTO: The live stock market held very firm at both sales last week, as supplies coming forward were not very large. Hogs were stronger, advancing 10c to 15c on Wednesday. Small meats were all active at firm prices.

Quotations for round lots were as follows:—  
Per cwt.

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Butcher steers, best	9.25	9.50	9.30	9.90
Do., good	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.10
Do., fair	8.15	8.35	8.40	8.60
Do., medium	7.50	7.75	8.00	8.25
Do., rough	6.75	8.00	7.50	8.00
Butcher bulls, best	9.25	9.50	7.75	8.50
Do., good	6.75	8.00	7.00	8.00
Do., medium	5.50	6.50	7.00	7.50
Canning bulls	3.75	4.50	6.00	6.50
Butcher cows, best	6.75	8.50	7.75	8.50
Do., good	5.50	6.50	7.25	7.75
Do., medium	3.75	4.50	6.50	7.22
Do., common	5.00	5.00	5.75	6.50
Sheep	8.00	9.00	8.50	10.50
Spring lambs, each	4.50	6.50	8.00	12.00
Hogs, selects, weighed				
off cars	11.50	11.75	10.90	11.00
Do., roughs and mixed				
lots	11.00	11.25	10.15	.....
Do., common	9.75	10.00	.....	.....
Calves, choice	8.50	9.25	9.00	12.50
Do., medium	7.50	8.00	7.50	9.50

## PROVISIONS.

The live hog market is firm throughout the country, although prices have advanced and declined during the past week. This fluctuation, however, has not been sufficient to alter the situation. The dressed hog market continues steady with a good trade passing. Lard shows no change.

Current prices are as follows:

	Per lb.
Hams:—	
Smoked hams, 8-14 lbs.	0.24
Do., 14-20 lbs.	0.24
Do., 20-25 lbs.	0.23
Do., over 25 lbs.	0.23
Bacon:—	
Breakfast	0.24
Windsor Bacon, selected	0.27
Windsor Bacon, Boneless	0.29
Barrel Pork:—	Per bbl.
Short cut pork	33.50
Clear Fat Pork, 40-50	33.00
Clear Fat Pork	33.50
Clear Fat Pork, 30-40	33.50
Mess Pork	32.00
Bean Pork, Canadian	27.00
Barrel Beef—	
Plate Beef, 200 lbs.	24.00
Pure Lard—	pound.
Tierces	0.17
Tubs	0.17½
Pails	3.50
Tins	3.40
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.18
Prints	0.18½
Compound Lard:—	
Western Grades:	
Tierces	0.14½
Tubs	0.14½
Tins	2.80
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.15
Prints	0.15½
Cooked meats:—	
Roast shoulders pork	0.30
Roast ham, boneless	0.34
Cooked hams, rind off	0.34
Head cheese	0.09
Stuffed pork tongues	0.30
Blood pudding	0.09½
White pudding	0.08
English Brawn	0.11

## DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

The dried fruit market is very dull, the chief feature being an advance in currants of one cent a pound, due to poor crop prospects and shipping difficulties. It is said that the lack of sulphur for spraying pest-ridden vines is largely responsible for the advance in price. New York quotes 13c to 13½c which is practically double last year's prices, while the trade talks of higher figures still. The struggle between the packers and growers of apricots continues. A normal crop of apricots runs at about 25,000 tons, but last year's was down to 18,000 tons. Prospects for this year are for only about 10,000 tons. In face of this the growers feel they have the situation in their own hands, and that they will be able to force prices up to a level of \$60.00 a ton. The Canadian market for apricots is so limited that it is not likely that higher prices will have any particular effect. Brazil nuts show an advance. A consignment which arrived in New York on the SS. France on Friday last was quoted at 11c per pound for large washed nuts, being a full three cents per pound advance over earlier shipments. Dates remain very firm, with a strong demand. Sicily filberts are scarce.

Current quotations follow:

Apples, choice winter, 60 lbs. boxes	0.09
Apricots	0.14
Peaches, choice	0.08
Candied citron peel	0.24
Candied lemon peel	0.20
Candied orange peel	0.19
Currants, loose cleaned	0.12½
Currants, carton cleaned	0.13
Dates, loose Hallowee	0.09½
Dates, Fards choicest	0.12½
Do., Carton pkg.	0.09
Figs, 8 Crown, 12 lb. boxes, per lb.	0.12
Do., California bricks	0.09
Prunes, Santa Clara, 60-70's	0.09½
Raisins, 4 Crown	0.09½
Do., 3 Crown	0.08½
Do., Muscatels	0.09
Do., California seedless	0.12½

## FISH AND OYSTERS.

Salmon will soon be cheaper than ever before, and will be especially plentiful during the next week or ten days. In fact, salmon has never been sold at such low prices as at present, and dealers are advised to stock up accordingly. Quite a demand for flounders is reported from the Atlantic Coast, which promises to be a new feature of the fish trade. Prices of this commodity are low and quality excellent. A good trade can be worked up in filleted flounders if dealers offer them to the public in an attractive form. Haddock and cod are in good supply and prices have declined in consequence. A car of halibut is expected this week from the Pacific Coast. Owing to the stormy weather prices have advanced to 15c. Buck and roe shad and mackerel are all lower in price. A big run of the latter fish is expected any day in our own waters, which will tend to lower the market. Referring to lake fish, there is a good supply of dore, white fish and pike, but lake trout has been in short supply during the past week, but dealers look for better receipts from now on. This week there are three fish days, being the three ember days, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, therefore there ought to be a good demand for fish of all kinds.

Current quotations follow:

Fresh:—	
Haddock, per lb.	0.04½
Steak Codfish, per lb.	0.05½
Brook Trout	0.27
Carp, per lb.	0.08
Lobsters, live, per lb.	0.20
Salmon, Gaspe	0.14
Salmon, Red, Dressed, Spring and Headless, per lb.	0.16
Halibut, medium, per lb.	0.15
Herrings, medium, each	0.02
Whitefish, per lb.	0.12
Pike, per lb.	0.50
Shad fish, each, roe	0.08
Shad, busk	0.30
Perch, dressed, per lb.	0.10
Bullheads, dressed, per lb.	0.11
Fresh Mackerel, per lb.	0.12
Gaspereaux, each	0.01½
Oysters:—	
Standard Solid Meats—No water.	
No. 5 Can, containing 3 wine gals.	1.70
Ordinary Do., Selects, per Imp. gallon	1.70
Shell Oysters, Cape Cods in large barrels	12.00
Shell Clams, do.	8.00

## FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

The flour market is exceptionally dull, as there has been no change in the wheat market during the past week. Saturday showed a sharp decline, however, as fluctuations have been within very narrow limits, as influenced by the weather or the crop prospects. Some export inquiries are reported, but the bids were too low to result in any business. Domestic and country demand is of a hand to mouth character, and without feature. Reports from Ontario are to the effect that offerings of winter wheat flour are coming in more freely than last week. Prices are firmly maintained in Montreal, however, but dealers are predicting an easier market at slightly lower prices in the near future.

As foretold in our last report there is a general decline in the millfeed market, owing to an overgrowth of grass throughout the country. Cattle are now everywhere turned out into the pasture. However, prospects still depend entirely on the weather, for if we have a dry month of June this moist grass certainly would wither up and farmers would be obliged to turn to millfeed to keep the cows well nourished. The demand for millfeed continues to be fair at reduced prices. Millers are now catching up with their orders, which have been considerable over-booked all along.

Current quotations follow:

	Montreal.		Toronto.	
Flour:—				
First patents, per				
bbl. in bags	6.70	6.70	6.90	
Second patents, do.	6.20	6.20	6.40	
Strong clears, do.	6.00	6.10	5.80	6.20
30c per bbl. more in wood.				
Winter wheat flour—				
Fancy Patents	6.00	.....	.....	.....
90 per cent in wood	5.30	5.40	4.40	4.50
90 per cent in bags	2.40	2.50	.....	.....
Cereals:—				
Cornmeal, yellow, in				
per bag, 98 lbs.	2.50	.....	2.50	.....
Rolled oats, per bbl.,				
in wood	5.10	5.20	.....	.....
per bag, 90 lbs.	2.40	2.45	.....	2.65
Rolled wheat, 100 lb.				
bbl.	4.00	.....	3.25	.....
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	2.65	2.80	.....	2.80
Graham flour, 98 lb.	.....	.....	.....	2.75
Barley pot., 98 lbs.	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs.	4.50	4.20	4.40	.....
Whole wheat flour, 98				
lbs.	.....	.....	3.00	.....
Feeds:—				
Middlings, per ton	28.00	30.00	25.00	26.00
Bran, per ton	22.00	23.00	24.00	.....
Shorts, per ton	25.00	.....	26.00	.....
Feed flour, per ton	.....	1.70	1.75	.....
Moullie, pure grain				
grades, per ton	35.00	37.00	.....	.....
Do., mixed	30.00	32.00	.....	.....
Barley feed, per ton	32.00	.....	.....	.....
Do., meal, per ton	35.00	.....	.....	.....
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.	1.75	.....	.....	.....
Reground oatmeal feed,				
per ton	19.00	.....	.....	.....

## BALED HAY.

The Government advises that unless hay is forthcoming in larger quantities the Montreal hay pressing plant will be closed down, and at the same time it is claimed that ample supplies are on hand. Owing to the splendid outlook for the new crop, it is quite certain that farmers will clean up their barns, and while present prices are firmly maintained there is a possibility that they may decline to lower levels later in the month. The demand continues good in the Montreal market, but supplies on spot are somewhat scarce on account of small deliveries from the interior. Carlot sales are reported at unchanged prices:

No. 1 hay	21.50	22.00
No. 2 extra good	21.00	.....
No. 2 hay	20.00	20.50
No. 3 hay	19.00	19.50
Clover, mixed, per ton, ex track	18.00	.....

## NEW ELEVATOR AT PORT ARTHUR.

An agreement is being prepared between the Grain Growers' Grain company of Winnipeg and the city of Port Arthur whereby the company will erect a 300,000 bushel elevator on the north water front.

This will be a hospital elevator to replace the one burned about two months ago. It will be a thoroughly up-to-date building with the latest machinery. The difficulty with the old house was that it could only be used for all rail shipments. The new one will be on the water front and will be able to handle both water and rail shipments.