

Montreal Markets.

Flour.—We learn of sales at points west of Toronto for English account at prices which it is said show much better results than shipping to Montreal. In this market there have been sales of city strong bakers' at \$5 in good sized quantities, while smaller lots are quoted at \$5.10. The sale of a lot of Manitoba strong bakers' was made at \$4.50 but this was said to be a cut figure and we quote \$4.60 to \$5 as to size of lot. In straight rollers the sale is reported of two cars on private terms, but known to be under \$4.70. A car of extra was placed at \$4.20, but \$4.25 is said to be the regular inside quotation, and we quote \$4.25 to \$4.35.

Oatmeal.—The sale is reported of a lot of 75 bbls of standard oatmeal at \$4.40 laid down here. The market is quiet on the whole. Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.50 to \$4.65 per bbl, and \$2.25 to 2.75 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4.45 to \$4.75 per barrel, and bags \$2.15 to \$2.17. Pot barley \$4.00 Pearl barley No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel.

Mill feed—Bran continues firm at \$15.50 to \$16 in car lots, sales having been made at within that range. Shorts are quoted at \$17 to \$18, middlings at \$19 to \$20.

Wheat.—The wheat market is quiet and decidedly easy, with sales of Manitoba No. 2 hard in the west at \$1.01 Montreal freights, about 20 carloads being placed at that figure at different points along the line of the C.P.R. Sales of Upper Canada red and white winter wheat have been made in the west to millers at 90c. We quote prices here more or less nominal as follows: Manitoba No. 1 hard \$1.04 to \$1.05, No. 2 do. \$1.01 to \$1.02, No. 3 do. 95c, No. 1 northern \$1 to \$1.02, No. 2 do. 95c, No. 1 Regular 89c, No. 2 do. 83½c, No. 3 70 to 73c. We hear of sales of Manitoba wheat No. 1 regular at 83½c laid down in Boston.

Oats.—Car lots having sold at 35 to 36c for white. Farmers are said to be holding large quantities in expectation of higher prices later on.

Barley.—In barley there is a somewhat steadier feeling, sales of feed having been made at 50c, and we quote 50 to 60c as a fair range of all grades offered in this market, a very good lot of malting being sold for delivery here at 55c.

Dressed hogs.—The market has shown decided symptoms of weakness during the past few days, sales of car lots having been made on this market at \$5.60 per 100 lbs., while small bunches of 5 to 10 hogs have been sold to butchers at \$5.75, and we quote \$5.60 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs., as representing values here to-day based upon actual transactions. All advices from the west state that there is a large crop of hogs to be marketed but so far the weather has been very unfavorable for handling.

Dressed poultry.—Most of the receipts were worked off at 9 to 10c for turkeys, 9c for ducks, 7 to 8c for chickens and 6 to 7c for geese.

Butter.—The market has assumed a somewhat quieter tone, owing to the fact that prices advanced to a point which put a stop to the export trade, and 24c may now be considered an outside price for choice October make. Sales have been made during the week in the country at equal to 23½c laid down here, one lot of very fine being placed at 23½c at the factory. The range is therefore from 23 to 24c for fine to choice creamery. Eastern townships has changed hands at 18 to 21c as to quality, a very

fair lot being sold at the inside figure. Western ranges from 15 to 17c as to quality. We learn of some Western States creamery going through via Boston for English shipment on Montreal account.

Cheese.—The market is steady under a pretty fair cable enquiry, and sales of several thousand boxes have been made this week at 10½c for finest, but it is said that no more finest Western can be had under 11c, and we quote 10½ to 11c for finest Western, other qualities ranging from 9½ to 10½c. As New York is about ½ to ¾c per lb above this market, English orders should come this way. Regarding stocks, some of our exporters have already been putting on their figuring caps and from several of these sources we find that stocks west of Toronto are put down at 120,000 to 140,000 boxes, and east of Toronto including Montreal 100,000 to 120,000 boxes.

Eggs.—Lined are being worked off at 15 to 16c per doz., held fresh selling at 17 to 18c, and new laid at much higher figures. Shipments of eggs for the English market have gone forward during the week via Boston on a freight rate of 26s 3d per ton measurement. The demand for export is likely to continue, as prices on the other side have still an upward tendency.

Apples.—The market rules firm, car lots being quoted at \$3 to \$3.25 as to quality. Dried apples.—Quoted at 4 to 4½c per lb. as to quantity. Evaporated apples.—Quoted at 6 to 6½c per lb.

Hides.—The market has at last righted itself, the price having dropped to 4½c for No. 1, thus leaving the usual difference of a cent between tanners' and butchers' prices. Business is quiet. Lambskins have advanced 5 to 80c. We quote:—No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; No. 3, 2½c; tanners, are only paying 1c more; lambskins, 80c; calfskins, 7c.

Leather.—Business is still extremely flat, though merchants are looking forward patiently to the time when manufacturers will be compelled to make purchases to keep their machinery going. The market, however, is too heavily stocked and manufacturers are likely to buy for immediate wants only. The situation across the line is very similar. We quote:—Manufacturers sole, No. 1, 17 to 19c; No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed upper, 22 to 26c; splits, Quebec, 11 to 13c; splits, Western, 15 to 19c.

Groceries.—It is useless to attempt to disguise the fact that the market for both Japan and black teas occupies a very unenviable position. China teas were offered this week at 10c per lb. less than they were bought for a few months ago, but without effecting business, as buyers hope to do better in England a little later on. Japans are also difficult to move in any round quantities as retailers appear to be disinclined to anticipate their future wants, to any extent, consequently the distributing trade is limited to a small volume. Low and inferior grades of Japan have been offered at 10c with a sale at that figure. A lot of 150 pkgs was also reported of good medium at 17c, and quotations for this grade range from 17 to 18c. Fine is quoted at 19 to 22½c, and finest to choicest at 24 to 32c. Stocks of coffee are said to be scarce in first hands in this market, so that there are no sales in round lots of any importance to report owing to absence of offerings, except a few lots of Rio which are fetching 17 to 18c, and a lot of Santos which is offered at 17c. We quote Maracaibo 19½ to 20½c and Java and Mocha at 24 to 26c, of course smaller lots command more money.—*Trade Bulletin*, Dec. 4.

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