

Montreal Markets.

Flour—The flour market has altered little since this day week, car lots of straight rollers being obtainable at \$2.95 to \$3 on track here, which prices are 10 to 15c better than the lowest rates a few weeks ago. Further business is reported in spring patents for English account. It is said that sales of straight rollers would not be repeated, and that \$3 is the lowest price that would be accepted. Regarding strong bakers, it is said that present low prices are due a great deal to the offerings of small Manitoba mills in lots of 2 to 4 cars, which are drawn against and must be sold to meet drafts. On the other hand, it is alleged that it is competition between the two local milling concerns that is keeping the price of strong bakers flour down to its present low level. There is no doubt that current rates are 15 to 20c below what they should be. We have just heard of the sale of a round lot choice straight rollers at \$3.00. A lot of red dog was sold west of Toronto at \$1.00 per bag f.o.b. We quote: Patent, spring, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Ontario patent, \$3.25 to 3.40; straight roller \$3.97½ to \$3.15; extra \$2.50 to 2.70; superfine, \$2.25 to 2.45; city strong bakers, \$3.40 to 3.50; Manitoba bakers, \$3.25 to 3.40; Ontario bags, extra, \$1.30 to 1.40; straight rollers, \$1.50 to 1.55.

Oatmeal—Rolled and granulated, \$1.25 to 1.35; standard, \$3.90 to 4.10. In bags granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.20, and standard at \$1.90 to \$2.00. Fancy brands of both granulated and rolled are selling at higher prices.

Bran, etc.—It is difficult to obtain car lots under \$16.50, and we quote \$16.50 to \$17.00. Shorts keep very scarce, and are firm at \$17.50 to 19.00 as to quantity and grade.

Wheat—We quote Manitoba No. 1 hard 70 to 71c for export, and for milling purposes in the West 75 to 76c. Red and white winter wheat has sold at 58 to 60c, and spring at 61 to 61½c.

Oats—Sales of No. 3 oats have transpired at 38c per 34 pounds in store, and No. 2 at 42c.

Barley—The market is firm. Here the market is steady at 45 to 46c for feed, and 50 to 53c for malting grades.

Butter—A considerable portion of the June make of this province has been bought up at from 19 to 19½c. One large lot was sold at 20c; but since then very little has been done, as it seems to have blocked business. Buyers all admit there is no market in England to day at the prices that have been paid for creamery; but the chances are it was never bought for present shipment but for a later market. As regards eastern township's dairy, farmers are holding most of their June make, although we hear of a few sales at 17 to 17½c. In western butter there is a large make of dairy going on, but holders are demanding high figures, and we hear of business at 14c west of Toronto, which is equal to 15c laid down here.

Cheese—Although there is an easier tone to the market here, with sales of finest Ontario at 9 to 9½c, transactions have taken place in the country at the same rates. About 7,500 boxes of Quebec goods sold at the beginning of the week at 8½ to 8½c, the ruling rate being 8½c. Several lots of finest Ontario were also placed at 9c, although 9 1-16c we know was paid for a lot of 1,000 boxes. One thing is very certain, namely, that the consumption of cheese in England must be enormous, when it is considered that the shipments from Montreal this season have so far been 75 per cent more than last year and still quite a lot has gone into store here and in the west. Under the circumstances, therefore it is remarkable that prices have been so well sustained. The cheese going out by this week's steamers cost from 9 to 9½c for finest Ontario and 8½ to 9c for finest Quebec.

Eggs—Holders have been able to command

an advance of fully ½c upon last week's figures, sales being made of round lots at 9 to 9½c, and single cases at 10c.

Hides—Dealers are paying 3½c for No. 1, although in a few special cases a higher rate has been paid. Heavy steers are quiet at 5 to 5½c. The season for calfskins is nearly over, and very few are now coming in, those coming in being taken by dealers at 5c per lb. No change is reported in lambskins, which are still quoted at 20c. We quote light hides at 3½c for No. 1, 3c for No. 2 and 2½c for No. 3. Heavy hides are quoted at 4½c to 5½c; calf, 5c; lambskins, 20 to 2½c; and clips 15 to 20c.

Wool—We quote prices nominally as follows:—Greasy Cape, 14 to 15½c; Canadian fleece, 17 to 20c; B.A. scoured, 26 to 31c. In pulled wool, 20 to 20½c is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 30c; Northwest wool 11 to 12c. Money is unaltered at 4 to 4½ per cent on call, and discounts on mercantile papers range from 6 to 7c per cent.—Trade Bulletin, June 29.

Montreal Grocery Market

The demand for sugars during the past week has been good and the market has ruled active, with a large volume of business doing. Granulated has sold in round lots at 4 3/16 to 4½c net cash. The stock of yellows is not large, one refinery keeping closely sold up owing to the active demand for these grades. Sales have transpired freely at 3½ to 3½c as to quality at the factory. In New York granulated advanced during the week to 4 3/16c, but since has eased off an ½c, and is now quoted at 4 1/16c. A private cable from London today reported the market for raws quiet and quoted beet at 12½d, which shows a decline of 1½d since last Thursday's quotations.

In syrups business has continued quiet with no important phase to note. We quote:—bright grades, 2 to 2½c, and dark at 1½ to 1½c.

The feature of the molasses market has been the stronger cable advices from the Islands which note an advance of 1c, now quoting 1½c. The demand on spot has fallen off some, and the market on the whole has ruled quiet with only a fair jobbing trade doing at steady prices. Large lots to the wholesale trade have been offered at 28c; car lots have sold from jobbers at 29c, and single puncheons at 30c.

The Rice market is without any new feature. The demand continues fair and prices rule steady. We quote standard \$3.45 to \$3.70, Japan \$3.95 to \$4.25, and Patna \$4.25 to \$4.75.

There has been nothing special to note in teas during the past week. Very few lots of new crop goods have as yet come to hand, in consequence of which large buyers are holding off, and little activity is anticipated until new goods arrive freely. A fair movement of business has been transacted in a jobbing way, but the market on the whole is quiet and steady. Wholesale grocers report trade generally slow and of a hand to mouth character.

A slight improvement in the demand for coffee is noted, and several fair sized lots have been placed of late, but dealers state that business is nothing like what it should be at this season of the year. Prices are steady and unchanged. We quote: Java, 24 to 28c; Mocha, 25 to 28c; Maracibo, 19 to 21c; Jamaica, 19 to 21c; and Rio, 18 to 21c.

Canned goods—In this branch of the trade the demand for all lines continues slow, and the market is dull and uninteresting. Latest mail advices from London in regard to salmon say: The demand has been satisfactory, and with, at last, the prospects of warm weather there has been a decidedly improved tendency. There have been no arrivals, nor are any expected until August. We quote:—Lobsters at \$6 to 6.50 per case; sardines at \$3.50 to 9.50; salmon at \$1.15 to 1.30 per dozen; tomatoes at 80 to 85c per dozen; peaches at \$2 to 2 10 per dozen; corn at 85 to 90c per dozen; and marrow-fat peas at 85 to 90c per dozen.—Gazette, June 29.

Montreal Paint and Oil Prices.

The cutting of prices in paints and leads still continues; consequently, the market is in a very unsettled state with little prospects of any change in the situation in the near future. There is an easier feeling in glass, but no change in values has taken place. Shells are firmer in sympathy with strong advices from abroad, and the indications are that values will advance in the near future. Paris green is very scarce, for which there is a good enquiry, and the prospects are that prices will go higher. The market for linseed oil is firm at quotations. Seal oil is quiet owing to the fact that buyers are holding off. There has been very little speculation in it this season so far and the general impression is that values will rule low. Small lots of old stock have changed hands at 40 to 42½c, and single barrels at 45c. Now is quoted at 35 to 37c in round lots, but we do not hear of any further transactions. We quote: Choice brands white lead Government standard, \$4.75; No. 1, \$4.50; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3 \$4; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½c; red lead, pure, 4½c; do No. 1, 4; zinc white pure, \$7.25; No. 1, \$6.25; No. 2, \$5.25; glass, \$1.25 first break; \$1.35 second break, per 50 feet; \$3.25 for first break per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 54 to 55c; boiled 57 to 58c; putty in bulk, \$1.85.

A feature of the market since our last has been the stronger feeling in resins, and prices have advanced 25c. Turpentine continues to rule firm at unchanged prices. We quote: Turpentine, 47 to 48c; rosins, \$2.75 to \$3.25, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cotton waste, 5 to 7c for colored and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½c, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage, sisal, at 7 to 7½c for 7 16 and upwards, and 1½c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 9½c for 7-16 and upwards, and 9½c for smaller sizes.

Cement—We quote spot prices at \$1.95 to 2.05 for English brands, and \$1.85 to 1.90 for Belgian; and to arrive, English brands \$1.95, and Belgian \$1.80 to 1.90. A fair amount of business has been transacted in firebricks, and prices are steady at \$15.50 to 19.50 per 1,000, as to brand. The arrivals for the past week were 35,600.—Gazette, June 29.

Dairy Instructions.

A further list of places has been named, which will be visited by one of the travelling dairy outfits, for the purpose of giving practical instruction in dairying. Following is the list:

Rapid City, Man., Wednesday and Thursday, July 18 and 19.

Bradwardine, Man., Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21.

Hamiota, Man., Monday and Tuesday, July 23 and 24.

Beulah, Man., Wednesday and Thursday, July 25 and 26.

Birtle, Man., Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28.

Russell, Man., Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and 31.

Ligenburg, N.W.T., Thursday and Friday, August 2 and 3.

Saltcoats, N.W.T., Monday and Tuesday, August 6 and 7.

Yorkton, N.W.T., Wednesday and Thursday, August 8 and 9.

A further list of places will be announced later on.

Said an exasperated father at the dinner table; "You children turn up your noses at everything on the table. When I was a boy I was glad to get enough dry bread to eat."

"I say, papa, you are having a much better time of it now you are living with us, ain't you?" remarked little Tommy.

The last issue of the monthly published by the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, contains a fine portrait of R. McDonald, of Winnipeg, manager for Manitoba and the West for the company.