

FLOUR AND MILLFEED.

Prices advanced yesterday, the feeling of the market being quite firm, and a steady trade has been done in spring wheat grades due to the embargoes which have existed up till lately. Stocks have become depleted and dealers are anxious to cover up the shortage before the country roads break up. Orders for car lots are being given and trade is brisk. Local dealers express the opinion that if wheat continues advancing, flour will in all probability move upwards again. Buyers of winter wheat flour are well supplied and the trade therefore is dull.

The market in feeds is firm and while supplies have been moving in a little more plentifully, the demand is keen and stocks have not time to accumulate. Bran has advanced slightly, but other lines remain unchanged.

Prices follow:

Flour:	per 98-lb. bag.
First patents	5.05
Second patents	4.80
Strong Bakers	4.70
Feed Flour	2.90
Winter wheat flour, 90 per cent	4.10 4.25

Cereals:

Rolled Oats, 90 lb. bag	3.35 3.45
Oatmeal, 98-lb. bag	3.80
Rolled wheat 100-lb. bbl.	3.60
Bag	4.95
Rye flour, 98-lb. bag	3.75 4.00

Feeds:

	Per ton.
Bran	36.00 38.00
Shorts	39.00 40.00
Middlings	41.00 42.00
Moullie, pure grain grades	48.00 50.00
Do., mixed	45.00
Barley feed	46.00
Crushed Oats	46.00
Oatfeed	46.00
Hay, No. 2	13.00

An extra charge of 30c is made for flour in barrels.

LIVE STOCK.

MONTREAL: Offerings at the live stock markets during the past week were 650 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 1,770 hogs and 1,550 calves. This is a decrease in all lines, except calves, compared with last week when offerings were 755 cattle, 155 sheep, 2,525 hogs and 1,350 calves. On account of the continued small supplies which are coming forward, and which are far from being able to fill the requirements prices continue firm and while changes are not very noticeable, the tendency is towards higher prices. A feature of the market was the keen demand for calves, with a consequent firmness of price. There is a strong demand from packers for hogs and the market is firm.

TORONTO: Trade was brisk due to light cattle runs and strong demand for offerings of good quality. An unexpected strength showed in the hog market owing to the fact that this week's run was only about one half of last week's. Prices, therefore, advanced 50c and the market closed firm. Last week's receipts were 4,358 cattle, 180 sheep and lambs, 8,700 hogs and 919 calves.

Comparative quotations follow:

	Per cwt.		
	Montreal.	Toronto.	Toronto.
Heavy steers	11.00	11.25	10.75 11.50
Choice butchers	10.50	10.50	10.50 11.00
Do., good	9.75	9.40	10.40
Do., medium	8.75	9.00	8.50 9.00
Do., common	8.25	8.50	7.40 8.00
Butcher cows, choice	8.75	9.00	8.50 9.50
Do., medium	7.75	8.00	7.80 8.25
Do., common	7.25	7.75	6.50 7.00
Butcher bulls, choice	9.75	10.00	9.75 10.50
Do., good	9.25	9.50	8.25 9.00
Do., medium	8.00	8.00	7.25 8.00
Canners	5.50	6.50	5.00 5.25
Sheep, ewes	9.75	10.00	10.25 11.00
Bucks	9.25	9.50	8.50 9.50
Lambs	13.75	14.25	14.50 15.00
Calves,			
Milkfed, choice, extra	18.00	20.00	13.50 14.50
Do., good	12.00	15.00	10.00 11.50
Do., hayfed, choice	6.50	6.00	7.00
Do., common	5.00		
Hogs, choice	16.25	16.50	16.00
Do., Heavy weights	15.75	16.00	15.50 15.75
Sows	13.25	14.00	13.00 13.75

DRIED FRUITS & NUTS.

The market in dried fruit is steady, and prices remain firm. If anything, Lent has helped sales, and although European shipping is at a standstill, California products are coming forward to fill the demand, even if not as plentifully as they are required. A shortage in dried apples still continues, but prices remain unchanged as yet. The market for raisins, currants and prunes is good, with normal supplies except in the case of small prunes, which are hard to secure. Candied peels are quiet.

There is a better demand for nuts of all kinds reported, and the price of peanuts advanced this week. The reason for this is that these nuts are being used for oil making purposes, and a consumption shortage is the result. It is not anticipated that prices will drop for some time. Brazil nuts and pecans are scarce.

Current prices follow:

Dried Fruits:

Candied Peels—

Citron	0.27
Lemon	0.24
Orange	0.25

Currants—

Filiatras, fine, loose, cleaned	0.17 0.18
Do., packages, cleaned	0.20 0.22
Dates—Loose Hallowee	0.09 0.11
Ford's Choicest	0.11 0.12 1/2
Figs—California bricks	0.09 0.11
Do., fancy tables	0.16
Spanish, mato	2.25 2.40
Prunes—California	0.10 0.13 1/2
Santa Clara	0.09 0.12 1/2

Raisins—

Malaga, table box of 22 lbs., 33-crown cluster, \$2.80; 4-crown cluster	3.75
Muscateles, (loose), 2-crown	0.10 1/2
Muscateles, loose, 3-crown, lb.	0.11
Muscateles, 4-crown, lb.	0.11 1/2
Cal. seedless, 16 oz.	0.12 1/2
Choice seeded, 16 oz. pkgs.	0.12
Valencias, 4-crown layers	0.11

Evaporated Fruits:

Apples, choice, winter, 25-lb. boxes	0.11 1/2 0.12 1/2
Apples, choice winter, 50-lb. boxes	0.11 1/2 0.12 1/2
Apricots (old crop)	0.18 0.19
Slabs	0.19
Choice, 25's, faced, new crop	0.22
Peaches, choice	0.11 1/2 0.13
Pears, choice	0.15

Nuts:

Almonds, Tarragona	0.20 0.21
Do., shelled	0.39 0.41
Brazils (1916 crop)	0.21 0.22
Pilberts (Sicily)	0.16 0.20
Hickory Nuts	0.09 0.09 1/2
Peanuts	0.10 1/2 0.14 1/2
Pecans	0.20 0.23
Do., "Paper shell," large	0.40
Do., shelled	0.70 0.75
Walnuts, Grenoble	0.18
Do., Market	0.13 0.16
Do., Shelled	0.44 0.46

SUGAR.

United States raw sugar markets have been exhibiting great strength during the past few days, and in sympathy the local refined market advanced 20c. per 100 lbs. on Saturday. Dealers report a steady demand and business for the season is good.

Current prices are as follows:

Extra granulated, bags, 100 lbs.	7.60
Do., Wallaceburg, bags, 100 lbs.	7.50
Do., Gunnies, 5-20s	7.75
Bright Coffee, barrels	7.45
No. 1 yellow, bags, 100 lbs.	7.20
Dark yellow, bags	7.10
Extra ground, barrels	7.80
Do., boxes, 50 lbs.	8.00
Do., cartons, 50-1 lbs.	8.05
Powdered—	
Do., boxes, 50 lbs.	7.90
Do., cartons, 50-2 lbs.	8.60
Paris lumps, cartons, 20-5's	8.85
Tea blocks and assorted tea cubes—	
Half barrels and boxes, 100 lbs.	8.20

WINNIPEG GRAIN INSPECTIONS.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the past two weeks ending March 23 and March 16th, respectively, were as follows:

	Week Mar. 23.	Week Mar. 16.
No. 1 northern	86	86
No. 2 northern	312	325
No. 3 northern	251	308
No. 4 northern	135	141
No. 5 northern	61	72
No. 6 northern	41	49
Feed wheat	68	69
Rejected	35	29
No grade	1,013	1,314
No. 4 special	37	38
No. 5 special	57	57
No. 6 special	34	33
Winter wheat	0	1
Totals	2,146	2,522
Same date last year	3,932	
Oats	953	1,014
Same date last year	886	
Barley	82	91
Same date last year	161	
Flax	110	136
Same date last year	107	

MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Receipts of the principal commodities at Montreal for the past two weeks follow:

	— Week ending —	
	March 24.	March 17.
Wheat, bushels	272,307	349,123
Oats, bushels	238,603	120,309
Barley, bushels	14,261	23,439
Flour, sacks	39,927	49,774
Hay, bales	11,402	11,650
Corn, bushels	989	4,109
Flax	16,153	10,083
Peas, bushels	322
Straw, bales	180
Butter, packages	2,317	4,002
Cheese, boxes	1,278	4,753
Eggs, cases	6,581	7,935

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Prices are a little easier this week in grain, due to the bad effect on the demand which is caused by poor country roads. Western offers continue good and a feature of the week was the steady call for Manitoba wheat. The local stocks of grain are accumulating because the outward movement is much slower than the inward.

The Chicago market has all week tended towards higher levels, strike rumors at the beginning of the week and news that some thirty merchant ships were on their way from Holland to America to carry cargoes later, all had the effect of lifting prices.

Oats quotations ranged upwards due to light receipts. Corn soared to a new high record level on depressing news from Argentina. Freight conditions are improving all the time and dealers are experiencing less difficulty in keeping up to the demand.

The cash grain situation is as follows:

Grains:	per bushel.
Spring Wheat Manitoba No. 1	2.02
Do., No. 2	1.88
Do., No. 3	1.82
Do., No. 4	1.83
Winter Wheat Ontario, No. 2	1.73 1.80
Oats:	
No. 2 C. W.	0.76 0.77
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.74 0.75
Do., Extra No. 1 feed	0.74 0.75
Do., No. 1 feed	0.73 0.74
Do., No. 2 feed	0.73
Ontario Oats, No. 2, white	0.71 1/2 0.72
Do., No. 3	0.72
Barley, No. 4 C. W., Rejected	1.20
Do., feed	1.04
Corn, American, ex-track	1.30 1.35

LOCAL STOCKS IN STORE.

The stocks of grain in store here for the past two week-ends and for March 25th, 1916, are shown by the following table:

	Mar. 24.	Mar. 17.	Mar. 25.
Wheat, bushels	422,233	566,986	682,356
Corn, bushels	12,773	11,351	11,443
Peas, bushels	1,535	1,033	161
Oats, bushels	1,448,809	1,554,826	1,236,176
Barley, bushels	93,108	87,766	139,661
Rye, bushels	26,132	23,679	31,069
Buckwheat, bushels	2,410	3,426	5,668
Flour, sacks	23,385	34,379	53,966

DAIRYING IN MANITOBA.

1916 was a very satisfactory one in the annals of Manitoba dairy trade. The crop report of the Department of Agriculture shows the total value of dairy products marketed within the province during the year to have been almost four and one-half million dollars, the value being placed at \$4,482,288. This shows an increase over last year of more than 16 1/2 per cent. Part of this increase in value arises from the higher level of prices, and part of it from the greater amount of dairy products produced. The growth in creamery production is particularly gratifying, the 1916 creamery butter make totalling 6,574,510 pounds, showing a growth in quantity of almost 13 per cent, as well as two cents higher selling price. The price quoted this year is 31 cents, which is worked out on the known figures for several representative creameries at country points, and does not consider the city retail figures, at which much of the butter of the centralized creameries is sold. Cheese making shows an increase in volume of over 21 per cent, with 20 per cent of a boost in price.