

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 6.

Dry Goods—The best week for spring trade yet experienced, sorting orders are numerous; the hot weather has stimulated the demand for light dress goods. Remittances are much improved. Values are firm. Bradford makers have withdrawn prices for serges, repeats for many lines of fall dress goods would cost 10 to 20 per cent more than first orders.

Hardware—Active. Large shipments west this week. Values continue to advance. Lameled ware and tinners' trimmings are 10 per cent higher. Fire pans, stovepipes, sheet iron pans, fire shovels, frying pans, steel spiders are all dearer. Glass is firmer and likely to advance. Green wire cloth is firmer, and there is difficulty in getting tng supplies. There is a great scarcity of harvest and garden tools, particularly rakes, hoes and certain brands of forks. Various lines of steel goods are dearer. Sleigh shoe and tire steel is now \$2.50. Pig tin is higher at 29 1-2 to 30c. Plain sheet copper has advanced to 24c. Hot water heaters have advanced, the discount now being 30 per cent. Antiracite coal is 25c lower. White lead is likely to advance.

Groceries—The feature of the week is an advance of 10c per 100 pounds on all refined sugars. Standard granulated is now \$4.78, Toronto, against \$4.53 a month ago. Canned vegetables, fruits and prunes are selling better. Peaches in threes are 15c dearer. Tomatoes are steadier at 85c to 90c. Canada barrel salt is 5c lower. Cocoanuts are 50c dearer. Long clear bacon, hams and rolls are 1-4c firmer, breakfast bacon and Canada heavy mess 1-2c firmer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Deliveries of grain are light. Dress-cloth hogs are 10c dearer. Straight roller flour is slightly easier. No. 1 hard wheat is 1-2c lower. Barley is firmer at 41 to 42c. Creamery butter is 1-2c lower. Cheese is easier at 10 to 11c. The market for washed fleece wool is expected to open at 13 to 14c. New unwashed is beginning to arrive. Prices are:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$3.80 to \$4. Manitoba bakers, \$3.50 to \$3.80. Ontario straight roller, \$3.10 to \$3.15 per barrel for car lots, Toronto freight rates.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 68c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard 85c, grinding in transit, and 83c North Bay.

Oats—White, 32c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 41 to 42c at country points for car lots.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton, bran, \$12 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.80 in bags per barrel, and \$3.90 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 11 to 11 1-2c.

Butter—Dairy, fresh, large roll, 10 to 11c creamery, tubs, 17 to 17 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice, 10 to 11c.

Hides—Green 81-4c for No. 1, and 7 1-4c for No. 2. Cured hides, 83-4c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 4 1-2c.

Wool—The market for washed fleece is expected to open at 13 to 14c. New unwashed is beginning to arrive and

dealers are paying 8 to 8 1-2c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5.35 to \$5.60 per 100 pounds.

Dried apples—4 1-2 to 5c for round lots; evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Maple syrup—90 to \$1 per gallon in tins, imperial measure.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6 1-2c in bulk; tins, 6 to 7 1-2c, sections, \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 1 1-2c, chickens, 10 to 70c a pair.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.25; alsike, \$3 to \$4; timothy, \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel, cleaned seeds (x-warehouse), 50c advance on these prices.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

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Toronto, May 2.

Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day were 65 carloads of all kinds, including 1,400 hogs and 50 sheep and lambs.

Export cattle—Heavy exporters sold at \$4.70 to \$4.85, light \$4 to \$4.50. Heavy bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.

Butchers' cattle—The movement was very lively. Choice stock was in moderate supply and easily sold at prices ranging from \$4.40 to \$4.65 per cwt. Medium and common grades in heavy supply at lower prices or \$3 to \$4 per cwt.

Stockers—Prices were firmer, choice being quoted 25c per cwt higher at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Stock bulls, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Sheep and lambs—Prices steady. Gram-fed yearlings, \$3 to \$5.60. Spring lambs \$2 to \$5 each.

Hogs—Market steady. Choice sections \$4.50 per cwt. Light fetched \$4 per cwt and thick fat were steady at \$3.75 per cwt.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 5.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 60 carloads, including 700 hogs.

Export cattle were dull, owing to the difficulty of securing ocean freight space. Choice exporters were dearer at 4 1-2 to 5c. Hogs firm. Light 1-8c dearer at \$4.12 1-2. Thick fat \$4.10. Sheep unchanged.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, May 6.

Oats are firmer. Flour quiet and export demand light. Feed is weaker and prices 50c lower. Eggs in active demand. Butter quiet and export inquiry light. Creamery 1-2c lower. Potatoes are offering more liberally. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 36 3-4 to 37c afloat.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.80, Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.10.

Bran, \$16 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2 71-2c; No. 3, 61-2c; calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lambskins and clips, 10c, tallow, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 10 1-2 to 11c per dozen.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, tubs, 16 to 16 1-2c.

Cheese—Old, 10 3-4 to 11c; fodder cheese, 9 1-2 to 9 3-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 70c on track.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Montreal, May 6.

Groceries steady. Sugars are strong and prices advanced 10c at the refineries. Prices are:

Gram hotel sugar quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.65 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, 54-00 to \$1.40 molasses, 31 to 32c, syrups, 13-4 to 2 1-4c, as to quality. Valencia raisins, 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c, currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c. Rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c, standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c; canned corn, 90 to 95c; peas, 75 to 80c; tomatoes, 82 1-2 to 85c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

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Hardware paints and oils are all active and firm. Prices unchanged from last week.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

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Montreal, May 2.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 400 cattle, 50 sheep and lambs.

The demand for cattle was good, and the market firm. Choice cattle sold at 5c to 5 1-4c, good at 4 1-4c to 4 3-4c; fair at 3 1-2c to 4c, and lower grades at 2 1-2c to 3 1-4c per lb., live weight. Sheep dull at 4c and yearlings 4 3-4c to 5 1-2c per lb.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 5.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 400 head.

The cattle market was slow but steady. Prices were the same all around as on Monday. Very few sheep and lambs were offered.

SUGAR.

London, May 5.—Beet weaker, May is quoted at 11s. 4 1-2d and June 11s. 5 1-4d, which is 5 1-4d higher than a week ago.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

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Liverpool, May 5.—Cattle 1-2c higher than the day before. Canadian steers, 11 to 11 3-4c per lb. Sheep 1-2c dearer at 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

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Liverpool, May 5.—Cheese is quoted at 5 1-8 6d for both white and colored, which is the same as a week ago. There was a drop of 6d during the week, which was recovered later.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, May 5.—Wheat, spot firm. Spot, No. 2 red western winter firm at 6s 11 1-2d.

The Philadelphia Commercial Museum announces that there will be held next autumn in Philadelphia under its auspices an international commercial congress in connection with the National Exposition of American Manufacturers. Delegates are expected to be in attendance from all parts of the world to discuss international trade questions.

Jobbers are complaining of delays in receiving goods owing to a scarcity of cars in the east. One manufacturer, who has orders for ten cars of goods for Winnipeg, has written his agent here to the effect that he was unable to ship goods owing to scarcity of cars. He said that on the day he wrote they were fully twenty-five cars short of their requirements.