

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE. Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 22.

Dry goods has been more active owing to cool weather. Values continue firm. The merchants cotton mills have advanced prices $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 per cent. One local house reports western business so far, fully equal to last year.

Hardware—Better demand. Sporting goods and fall specialties are more active. Bar iron is weaker. Hoop iron easier. Pig tin weaker. Turpentine 1c higher at 52c.

Groceries—Trade is more active. Lowest grade yellow sugars were advanced 10c yesterday. Others grades steady. Further advances on Valencia and Sultan raisins are cabled this week, equal to 1 to 2c. New Valencia, selected, are selling here at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Fine off stalk, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Currants are dearer, cables quote 20 shillings above opening price of the season. Filadelfia, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Patras 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Vostizias, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

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Grain deliveries have been larger, particularly of oats. New oats are light. Prices for oats are 1c lower. Ontario wheats have held steady. Manitoba wheats, 5c higher on the week. Flour firm and higher tendency. Some mills are asking higher for Manitoba grades. Provisions are firm and higher prices are expected for hog products. Most of the dairy butter now arriving is of poor quality and prices are lower. Eggs are $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher on the week. Beans are lower on the advent of the new crop. Cured hides were firmer.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$1.50; Manitoba bakers, \$1.25 for carlots at Toronto. Ontario patent, \$2.65 to \$2.85, as to brand, in buyers bags.

Wheat—Ontario new winter wheat, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for red and white west, Ontario spring 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c east. No. 1 hard, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, grinding in transit, Toronto and west, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Midland 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Oats—22 to 24c as to quality. No. 2 white, 23c on cars at Western Ontario points.

Barley—38 to 39c for No. 3 extra. Millfeed shorts, \$14 per ton for cars west; bran \$12 per ton.

Oatmeal \$3.10 in bags per barrel and \$3.20 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track, \$9 to \$9.50 per ton.

Eggs—14 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for best per doz.; seconds, 8c to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, in tubs, and pails, 13 to 14c, as to quality. Second grades, 14 to 15c creamery packages, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 22c, prints, 23c.

Cheese—11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for job lots.

Hides—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 8c; country hides 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c under these prices; calfskins, 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2, tallow, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 16c; unwashed, 10c.

Beans \$1.65 per bushel for hand picked; new medium, \$1.50.

Dried Apples—5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c for round lots evaporated, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 7c.

Honey—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 40 to 55c per pair. Turkeys, 10 to 12c per pound. Ducks, 65 to 85c per pair.

Potatoes—Potatoes, 50c per bushel for car lots.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Sept. 19

Receipts at the semi-weekly market yesterday were 700 cattle, 535 sheep and lambs and 730 hogs.

Export Cattle—Demand weak. Best cattle steady at \$1.60 to \$5 per cwt. and \$4.25 to \$4.50 for light stock. The average price for good cattle was \$1.65 to \$1.80.

Butchers' Cattle—Prices firm owing to light offerings. The best sold at \$4.35 to \$4.50 by the head and ranged from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c upward as to grade.

Feeders—Good demand at \$1.25 to \$1.25.

Stockers—Were a trifle easier and prices quoted lower at \$2.50 to \$3.00 for steers; heifers, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Feeding Bulls—Fair demand for bulls for the byres at \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Milk Cows—Sold at \$30 to \$47 a head. Good cows are scarce and in demand.

Sheep and Lambs—Good demand at steady prices. Export ewes, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per lb; butchers' sheep, \$3 to \$1 per head; lambs, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.

Hogs—Advanced 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per cwt. to

\$6.25 per cwt. for selections of 160 to 200 lbs. natural weight, and \$5.50 per cwt for lights and fats.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, Sept. 22.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts were 63 cars of cattle, 2,000 head of sheep and lambs, and 2,000 hogs.

Export cattle were lower, at \$1.70 to \$1.80 for choice. Butchers' cattle in fair demand for good cattle, at \$1 to \$1.60. Poor stock were slow sale. Feeders and stockers steady. Lambs easier at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs. Hogs and sheep unchanged at Tuesday's quotations.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 22.

The grain market has been quiet. Wheat is 1c higher than a week ago. Oats have declined $\frac{1}{2}$ c on the week. Flour is active and prices steady. Straight roller brands have sold lower again this week. Oatmeal is easier, \$3.30 now being the outside quotation. Feed firm and in active demand. Hay active. Cheese has been quieter this week and rather easier in tone. Quotations are about $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower than a week ago. Butter is quiet and steady at the same price quoted a week ago. Eggs have been firm and are now 1 to 2c higher on the week. Hides active and firm. Honey is 1c lower. Prices are quoted as follows—

Wheat—Demand slow. Wheat 1 cent higher on the week. No. 1 spring wheat, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

Barley—17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

Oats— $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower on the week at 29 to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, float.

Flour—In fair demand. Manitoba patent, \$1.50. Manitoba strong bakers, \$1 to \$1.20. Ontario winter wheat patents, \$3.75 to \$4, straight rollers, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Roled Oatmeal—\$3.25 to \$3.30 per barrel, and \$1.57 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$1.60 for bags.

Feed—Market is active and firm, with supplies light. Manitoba bran, bags, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, 18.

Baled Hay—The demand is good, at firm prices. Choice, \$9.50 to \$10; No. 2, \$8.50 to \$9.

Cheese—Western makes rule at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, eastern at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, Quebec, 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Butter—Finest creamery, 20 to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; seconds, 19 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; dairy, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

Eggs—Prices firm and 1c to 2c higher on the week. Fresh, 18 to 20c, candled, 15 to 16c, culls, 10 to 12c.

Maple syrup—Quiet at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c in wood, tins, 50c to 60c.

Honey—Lower. White clover, comb, 11 to 12c; extracted, 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Hides—Firm. No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 7c; No. 3, 6c. calfskins, 9c and 7c, lamb-skins, 10 to 60c each.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 18.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 600 cattle and 500 sheep and lambs.

Choice cattle were very scarce. There was a moderate supply of good stock and too many poor quality; some of the latter being held over. Good cattle were in demand, at steady prices. Hogs sold readily. Good cattle sold at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, fair at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c, common at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, and inferior at 2c to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. The trade in sheep was quiet on account of the small offerings, and prices ruled steady. Good stock sold at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and common at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c per lb. The demand for lambs was good, and sales were made freely at 4c to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb. At the Grand Trunk yards there were a fair number of hogs offered. Straight lots of medium weight sold at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c and heavy fat at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb, weighed off cars.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 21.

At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle, 700 sheep, 500 lambs and 200 hogs.

The tone of the cattle market was quiet and prices generally easier. Prices for cattle were: Choice, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, good, 4c to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, fair 3c to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, common, 2c to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Sheep in good demand and firmer, at 3c to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Lambs easier at 4c to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Hogs, heavy, 5c to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; light fat, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 6c. Glasgow cables firmer for cattle and prices higher.

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 22.

Syrups steady. Sugar easier. Yellows are 5c lower per 100 lbs, but granulated unchanged at last week's prices. Molasses quiet. Canned salmon has advanced sharply. Lower grades are about \$1.20 per case higher and other grades 75c to \$1 higher. Dried fruits continue active and firm, and the market is quite excited for raisins and currants. Valencia are cabled 2s 6d higher. Denias cabled 2s. Montreal prices $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher on the week. Teas are more active. Japans are quoted at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20c.

Prices are: Sugar, granulated, \$3.20 per 100 lbs; yellows, \$4.40 to \$5.00, molasses, 40 to 41c. Valencia raisins, fine off stalk, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; selected, 8c, layers, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; canned goods, tomatoes, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; peas, 75 to 80c; corn, 50 to 60c; salmon, \$6 to \$6.75 per case. Japan teas, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20c.

Provisions—The market for hog products is very firm. Barrel pork is \$1 higher. Lard is up 1c per lb. Quotations are: Pork, \$19 to \$21; lard, pure, 10 to 11c, hams, 12 to 14c; bacon, 11 to 14c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 22.

The hardware trade has been fairly active this week and prices steady. White lead is 25c lower. Cement active and firm. Quotations are as follows—

Pig iron, summerlee, No. 1, \$24 to \$24.50, Nova Scotia, \$23 to \$23.50, bar iron, \$1.70 to \$1.80; tin plates, cokes, \$3.85 to \$4.00; charcoal, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian plates, \$2.80 to \$2.90;terne plates, \$7.50 to \$8.00; Ingot tin, 22 to 33c, copper, 18 to 19c; lead, \$4.15 to \$4.25, linseed oil, raw, 70 to 80c; bolted, 82 to 83c; seal oil, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 50c, turpentine, 57 to 58c, cement, German, \$2.40 to \$2.60; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; Belgian, \$1.80 to \$2.00; Canadian, \$2.10 to \$2.25; white lead, standard, \$6.50.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Sept. 21.

Cattle steady at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c dressed weight, which is the same as quoted a week ago.. Sheep, 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

London, Sept. 21.

Beet sugar is quoted at 11s 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d for September, and 10s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d for October option. These prices show an advance of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d on the week for September.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Sept. 21.

Cheese, 52s 6d for white and 53s 6d for colored. This is the same as quoted a week ago.

BRUCKVILLE CHEESE MARKET. Bruckville, Sept. 20.

Cheese sold to-day at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for white and 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ c for colored, which is $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher than the price quoted one week ago. Market excited.

ONTARIO CHEESE MARKETS.

Ingersoll, Ont., Sept. 18.—Only two lots of first week September, 225 boxes boarded to-day, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c bid but refused, salesmen looking for higher prices.

Campbellford, Ont., Sept. 18.—1,130 boxes were boarded. Sales made at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

At a special meeting of the Chicago board of trade on the 14th a resolution authorizing the president and the secretary to execute contracts with the Exchange Telegraph Company was adopted. The first of these contracts provides for the completion of a comprehensive telegraph system, connecting the important exchange centres, on or before December 31, 1901, upon completion of which line the Exchange Telegraph Company is to have the exclusive telegraph space in the exchange hall and board of trade building in Chicago. The second contract covers the dissemination of board of trade quotations throughout territory covered by the lines of the Exchange Telegraph Company with the exception of the city of Chicago.

Movements of Business Men.

W. H. Hutchinson, manager of the Fairchild Co., left this week for a trip west.

W. P. Inalls, president of the Simcoe Canning Co., of Simcoe, Ont., was in Winnipeg last week.

M. Metcalfe, who is connected with the grain trade at Montreal, was in Winnipeg last week.

R. A. Lister and his son are visiting the local branch of R. A. Lister & Co., in Winnipeg.

M. T. Hunter, managing director of the Wendigo Gold Mining Co., was in Winnipeg this week purchasing supplies.

W. E. Cavanaugh, manager for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, at Winnipeg, is on a business trip west.

A. R. Stacey, of Port Hammond, B. C., has been in Winnipeg during the past few days looking into the prospects for fruit trade. He represents R. L. Curd & Co.

T. W. Morris, of Racine, Wis., superintendent of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co., was in Winnipeg this week. He will make a trip through the west to look into the prospects.

C. C. Chipman, commissioner of the Hudson's Bay company, returned to Winnipeg on Wednesday. He has been on an official visit to the company's posts in the Cumberland district, from Prince Albert down the River Saskatchewan to Grand Rapids, Lake Winnipeg.

J. R. Grant, financial manager at Winnipeg of the Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada, arrived in the city on Tuesday, the 11th, after a trip to Europe and the Old Country, extending since the 14th of April. Mr. Grant thoroughly enjoyed his pleasant vacation, and seems to have missed nothing worth seeing on his lengthy and circuitous tour.

Geo. Hague, general manager of the Merchants bank, was in Winnipeg for a few days this week, having returned from a trip up the M. & N. W. as far as Russell. He says that although much damage has been done the already light crop, as a result of the recent rains, yet the farmers are looking forward to a more than ordinary crop next year.

W. E. Cox, son of Senator Cox, Toronto, and assistant general manager of the Canada Life Assurance Co., is on a business trip in the west. Mr. Cox says that his company is loaning money freely in this country, notwithstanding the bad reports regarding the crops, and are cultivating a large and rapidly increasing business. The directors had the utmost confidence in the country, the best proof of which was the freedom with which they had been putting out money to loan.

Archib G. Watson, manager of the Watson Mfg. Co.'s business at Winnipeg, has returned from an extended business trip through the west, covering the C. P. R. main line to Calgary and the Edmonton branch. On the main line he reports general business slow, but the very heavy crops in Northern Alberta makes better times there. The crops on the C. & E. road are the finest ever grown there, but have been damaged by storms.

J. D. Balfour, of the Balfour Machinery Company, Winnipeg, returned this week from an extended trip throughout Eastern Canada and the United States. While away he visited the Toronto Industrial fair. His trip was chiefly of a business nature and in this connection he visited all the chief implement manufacturers of Ontario as well as Racine, La-crosse, and Minneapolis. He found business much better in Eastern Canada than in Manitoba, and this applies also to the States. Business in Michigan and neighboring states was good, while in Minnesota and the Dakotas the people were feeling the affect of the partial failure of the crops.

At Wednesday's meeting of the Dominion cabinet Thanksgiving Day was fixed for Thursday, October 15, which is earlier than usual.

The recent assignment of the Montreal Cold Storage and Freezing Co. has involved three other produce firms in the crash. These are Alex. D. McGillivray, Chas. Langlois & Co., and the Croll & McCulloch Co., and their liabilities are expected to total close to the million mark.