

## FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

The feature of the flour market during the past week has been the strong feeling which exists owing to the continued upward tendency of the Winnipeg wheat market. No further advance has taken place, but there is a probability of another rise in the very near future unless wheat prices react. There has been an advance of 42½c in the May wheat option since the 6th of last September, and nearly 14 cents since the beginning of the new year, and this, therefore, has necessitated advances totalling \$1.45 a barrel in flour since the beginning of the new crop year (beginning September). Exporters are now asking between 45s. and 46s. per sack for export patents, February-March shipment, and this foreigners are not inclined to pay with a consequence that there was no trade done for export account during the past week. The local and outside trade has been only fair, as buyers are waiting in hopes of news which will break the wheat market, and cause a decline in flour prices. Exports from the ports of St. John, N.B., and Portland, Me., that have arrived on the other side for the week of January 26, 1916, amounted to 19,800 sacks, as compared with 19,549 sacks for the same period last year.

The feeling in the market for millfeed is very firm owing to the advances in flour, and that the supply is no more than the Canadian demand. Enquiries are being received from the United States market for supplies, but little business can be accepted from this quarter, and sellers are not inclined to take any future business.

The stronger feeling in the market for the raw material has caused a very strong tone in the market for rolled oats at the recent advance.

There is much complaint being heard from local hay dealers over the embargo, and the high prices being paid by the Government, as they say that these prices are hard to meet, and the large amount which is coming forward for the former is working hardships for them, as freight room is scarce, and storage room likewise. Poorer grades are not selling well. The amount of local trade passing is not large, and the market is quiet.

## Spring Wheat Flour:

	Montreal.	Toronto.
First patents, per bbls. in bags .....	7.30	7.20 7.40
Seconds patents, do. ....	6.80	6.70 6.90
Strong clears do. ....	6.60	6.50 6.70
30c per bbl more in wood.		
Winter wheat flour—		
Fancy Patents .....	6.05	6.30
90 per cent. in wood .....	5.55	5.80 4.90 5.10
90 per cent in bags .....	2.80	2.90
Cereals:—		
Cornmeal, yellow, in bags, 98 lbs. ....	2.25	2.45 2.25 2.50
Rolls oats, per bbl. ....		
in wood .....	5.50	5.55
per bag .....	2.60	2.70 2.75
Rolls wheat, 100 lb bbl. ....		4.00 3.30 3.50
Rye flour, 98 lbs. bag .....	2.65	2.80 3.00
Graham flour, 98 lb. ....		3.25
Barley pot., 98 lbs. ....	3.00	
Barley, pearl, 98 lbs. ....	4.50	4.00 5.00
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs. ....		3.25
Baled Hay—		
No. 1 per ton .....	21.00	17.50 18.50
Extra Good, No. 2 do .....	20.50	15.00 16.00
No. 2 per ton .....	20.00	13.00 14.00
No. 3 per ton .....	18.50	
Millfeeds:—		
Bran, per ton .....	24.00	24.00 26.00
Shorts, per ton .....	26.00	26.00 26.00
Middlings, per ton .....	28.00 30.00	26.00 28.00
Feed flour, per ton .....	35.00	
Moullie, pure grain grades, per ton .....	33.00	
Do., mixed .....	31.00	
Moullie prices includes bags.		

## PROVISIONS.

There has been a strong undertone to the market for live hogs the past week, and while on Monday the top prices paid for a few loads was \$10.50, there was a little further spread on Tuesday, when some buyers paid as high as \$10.60 per cwt., weighed off cars. The reason of the higher prices was not on account of smaller supplies, but was due to the rivalry among buyers to obtain the "cream" of the offerings. Packers are still sending their buyers to the country to purchase hogs, and they report that they are having no particular trouble in buying the proper quality, and that farmers are willing to take the prevailing prices. There has been no change in the prices of dressed stock, as the mild weather has caused the demand to decrease, and therefore sales are being made of abattoir fresh killed at \$14.00 to \$14.50, and country dressed light weights at \$13 to \$13.35 per cwt.

A good trade is passing in cured and smoked meats, as the demand is good for domestic and foreign account. Prices are holding at a firm level. The imports of bacon into the United Kingdom from Canada and the United States for the year of 1915 was the largest on record. The London Grocers' Gazette, in its annual review of the smoked meat trade for the year of 1915, says: In spite of the fact that there has been practically an entire absence of Russian supplies, and that Dutch bacon has been off the market, while Danish shows a serious falling off, it is remarkable to note that the total quantity of bacon imported into the United Kingdom during 1915 far exceeds that of any previous year. Canada and the United States are responsible for this, as the following figures for eleven months of the year testify:

	1913.	1914.	1915.
	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Denmark .....	2,113,460	2,469,440	1,923,714
United States .....	1,650,116	1,347,998	3,225,127
Canada .....	228,889	296,516	804,806
Other countries .....	431,048	504,464	66,372

Total .....

The feature of the market for lard has been the stronger feeling which exists for compound grades, due to the continued advance of cotton seed oil. On September 1, 1915, the price of this oil was 35c, on October 1st, 45c, on November 1st, 50c, on December 1st, 53c, on January 1st, 56c, and at this writing it is quoted at 62 cents. These advances have all been due to the heavy export demand from the United States to German agents, who have used huge quantities of the same during the last year.

## Current prices:—

Hams:—	Per lb.
Smoked hams, 8-12 lbs. ....	0.20½
Do., 12-20 lbs. ....	0.20½
Do., 20-30 lbs. ....	0.17
Do., over 30 lbs. ....	0.16
Large boneless hams .....	0.18
Smoked rolls .....	0.17
Bacon:—	
Boneless Bacon .....	0.23
Windsor Bacon .....	0.23
Windsor Bacon, Boneless .....	0.26
Green Wiltshires .....	0.18½
Barrel Pork:—	Per bbl.
Short cut pork .....	29.00
Half Barrel .....	15.00
Clear Fat Pork, 30-40 .....	30.50
Clear Fat Pork, 40-50 .....	30.00
Clear Fat Pork, 20-35 .....	27.50
Mess Pork .....	24.50
Barrel Beef:—	
Mess Beef .....	20.00
Plate Beef .....	24.00
Pure Lard:—	pound.
Tierces .....	0.14½
Tubs .....	0.14½
Pails .....	3.00
Tins .....	2.90
Cases, 3, 5, 10's .....	0.15½
Prints .....	0.16
Compound Lard:—	
Western Grades:—	
Tierces .....	0.12½
Tubs .....	0.12½
Pails .....	2.60
Tins .....	2.50
Cases, 3, 5, 10's .....	0.13½
Prints .....	0.14
Quebec Grades:—	
Tierces .....	0.12½
Tubs .....	0.12½
Pails .....	2.60
Tins .....	2.50
Cases, 3, 5, 10's .....	0.13½
Prints .....	0.14
Cooked meats:—	
Roast shoulders pork .....	0.28
Roast legs of pork .....	0.28
Cooked hams, rind off .....	0.29
Head cheese, 1's, dozen .....	0.95
Do., 6's .....	0.08
Jellied pork tongues .....	0.26
Blood pudding .....	0.07
White pudding .....	0.08
Jellied beef tongues .....	0.26
Beef hams, tongues .....	0.20
Pressed beef .....	0.25

## CORN EXCHANGE ELECTIONS.

The following have been elected as officers of the Montreal Corn Exchange Association by acclamation, for the ensuing year:

President—Thos. Williamson.  
Treasurer—T. H. Reeves.  
Committee of Management—A. Geo. Burton, C. B. Esdaile, E. S. Jaques, J. R. Binning, Paul B. Earle, H. D. Dwyer, Jos. Quintal.  
Chairman of Board of Review—James Carruthers.  
Board of Review—Edgar Judge, Alex. McFee, A. P. Stuart, A. G. Thomson, W. I. Gear.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

There is a very strong feeling in the fruit market for No. 1 apples, Fameuse and other fancy grades being scarce. The continued bad weather in California causes small shipments of oranges, and the small supplies on spot and coming forward only allows of wholesalers selling to the trade for actual needs, and few round orders are filled up. The result is a very strong feeling in the local market, and navel oranges have shown a further advance of 25 cents a box. Lemons are holding very firm, but there is no further advance. Other fruits have shown no further advance except Cape Cod cranberries, which are scarce.

In the vegetable market the advances continue. Onions are still rising, and the prices are about whatever wholesalers can get, if they have any supplies at all. Canadian and Bermuda parsley are both scarce, and the former is selling at a 20 cent advance, while the latter has doubled, and is now quoted at \$1.35. Artichokes are up 25 cents. Southern lettuce is still being offered in quantities, and the result has been a drop of 50 cents per box in the Boston variety. Other offerings are steady.

## Fruit.

Apples:—	
Fameuse, No. 1's .....	7.00
McIntosh Reds .....	6.00
Starks .....	5.00
Spys .....	5.00 6.50
Ben Davis .....	4.00 4.50
Russets .....	4.50 5.00
Greenings .....	4.50
Baldwins .....	4.00 4.50
Bananas, bunches .....	2.00 2.25
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl. ....	12.00 12.50
Cranberries, Nova Scotia, bbl. ....	8.50 9.00
Grapefruit, 46-54-64-80-96 .....	2.50 4.00
Grapes, Malaga, heavy weight, bbl. ....	7.00 9.00
Lemons:—	
California .....	4.00 4.25
Verdelis .....	4.50
Messina, 300 size, box .....	4.00 4.50
Oranges:—	
Navel .....	4.25
Jamaica, 196-200-216 .....	2.25
Porto Rico, 1266-150-250-28 .....	2.40
Mexican .....	2.25
Pineapples, 18-24 and 30-36 .....	4.50
Strawberries, Florida, box .....	0.50
Vegetables.	
Artichokes, bag .....	1.50
Beets, bag .....	1.00
Beans, wax, N.Y., per basket .....	7.00
Beans, green, N.Y., per basket .....	7.00
Brussel sprouts, qt. ....	0.14
Cabbage, Montreal, per bbl. ....	1.00
Cabbage, red, dozen .....	0.40
Carrots, bag .....	0.50 0.75
Cauliflower, crate .....	3.75
Cauliflower, Canadian, doz. ....	1.00 1.50
Celery, Cal., crate .....	6.75 7.00
Celery, Montreal, doz. ....	0.50 0.75
Celery, roots, doz. ....	0.50
Cucumbers, fancy, Boston, doz. ....	2.50
Egg plant, N.Y., doz. ....	2.00 2.50
Garlic .....	0.30
Horse radish .....	0.20
Leeks, bunch .....	0.15 0.20
Head lettuce, Boston, box .....	2.00
Curly lettuce, box, doz. ....	2.50
Lettuce, Florida, head, hamper .....	2.75
Mint, dozen .....	0.60
Mushrooms, 4-lb. basket .....	2.00 2.50
Oyster plant, dozen .....	0.50
Onions:—	
Montreal, 75 lb. bag .....	4.00
Spanish, crate .....	5.50
Parsnips, bag .....	0.75 1.00
Parsley, Canadian, doz. bunches .....	0.60
Parsley, Bermuda .....	1.35
Potatoes:—	
New Brunswick, 80 lbs., bag .....	2.00
Sweet, hamper .....	1.75 2.00
Spinach, New York, bbl. ....	3.00
Turnips, bag .....	0.50 1.00
Tomatoes, hothouse, lb. ....	0.30 0.35
Tomatoes, Cuban, crate .....	0.30 0.35
Watercress, Boston, hothouse, doz. ....	0.75
Do., Canadian .....	0.40

## MONTREAL DAIRY RECEIPTS.

The receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ended January 29, 1916, as compared with a week and a year previous, were:

	Butter, Cheese,
	pkgs. boxes.
Week ending Jan. 29, 1916 .....	676 1,040
Week ending Jan. 22, 1916 .....	977 669
Week ending Jan. 30, 1915 .....	1,221 75
Total receipts May 1st, 1915, to date .....	395,067 1,992,696
Total receipts corr. period last year .....	381,027 1,529,433