

Barley—Was rather firmer with more enquiry. Holders were not inclined to quote. Bids of 44c were made for No. 3 Extra and 42c for No. 2. A purchase of No. 3 extra was reported at 45c.

Oats—Firmer with holders asking higher prices. There were sales of mixed at 33, 33½ and 34c on spot. Outside mixed sold at 29½ and 30c, and white at 30c on C. R. with a 12½c export freight, and at 31c with a 9c freight to Montreal.

Grain and flour—Car prices, Manitoba patents, \$4.95 to 5.15, Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.45 to 4.70, Ontario patents, \$4.00 to 4.25, straight roller, \$3.65 to 3.90, extra, \$3.50 to 3.80; low grades per bag \$1 to 1.50. Bran—\$12.50 to \$13. Shorts—\$14.50 to \$15.50. Wheat, straight, north and west point White, 81 to 82c, spring, 78 to 80c, red winter, 81 to 82; goose, 71 to 72c. No. 1 hard, A.B. \$1 to \$1.01, No. 2 hard, lake and rail. 91 to 93; No. 3 hard, 81 to 83c; No. 1 regular, 72 to 73c; No. 2 regular, 62 to 63c. Peas—No. 2, 60c to 62c. Barley—No. 1, 52 to 54; No. 2, 48 to 49c; No. 3 extra, 45c; No. 3, 42 to 43c; two-rowed, 54 lbs, averaging about No. 3 extra in color (outside), 45 to 55c. Corn—50 to 51c. Bukowheat—51 to 53c. Rye—Nominal. Oats—32½ to 34c.

Cured Meats—Quotations are:—Mess pork, United States, \$13 to \$14; do, American or Canadian (new), \$15 to \$15.50; short cut, \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per lb. 7½ to 7¾; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9½ to 10½; com pound do, 7 to 9c. Smoked meats—Hams per lb. (now), 10½ to 11c; bellies, per lb, 10 to 11c; rolls, per lb, 8½ to 8¾c; backs, per lb, 10½ to 11½c.

Butter—Receipts are light to-day, but the market is still heavily supplied, principally with large rolls, and the feeling is easy. Round lots sell at 12 to 13 for good to choice, and 11 to 11½ for medium grades. Tubs sell at 12 to 12½ for store packed, and 13 to 14c for choice.

Cheese—Quiet but steady. Track offerings of good colored stock are held at 9½c, while local commission houses are jobbing at 10 to 10½c. Fall makes are scarce. Some demand is reported at 11 to 11½c.

Apples, dried—Dull. No large lots are moving. Dealers are jobbing small lots at 4 to 4½c. Evaporated are also quiet and unchanged, selling at 7c in single boxes.

Eggs—The market was unchanged, and quiet to-day, 10½ still being the running price.

Hides etc.—Trade is quiet with no change to note in values. Cured sell at 5; green, 4½c; No. 2, at 3½c; No. 3 at 2½c. Skins—Offerings light; prices steady. Lambskins, sell at 20 to 25c; sheepskins \$1.25 to \$1.50; calfskins, 5 to 7c for city inspected.

Tallow—Weak under heavy receipts. Rendered is taken at 5c, and local dealers are selling at 5½ to 5¾c. Rough sells at 2c.

Wool—There is little or no improvement to note in the wool trade, which keeps very quiet. Combing sells at 18 to 18½c; super-pulled, 22 to 22½c; extra-pulled, 26 to 26½c.

Produce—Beans, per bush., trade lots, 90c to \$1; out of store, \$1 to \$1.15. Dressed meats, per lb—Beefs, fore, 4 to 5c; hinds, 7 to 8c; veal, 6 to 7c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 7½ to 10½c. Hay—Timothy, on track, \$13 to \$13.50, No. 2, \$10.50. Straw, \$6.50 to \$6.75 in car lots. Hops—Canadian, 1891 crop, 22 to 24c. Yearlings, 16 to 17c. Honey—Extracted, 8 to 9c; combs, 11 to 12c. Onions—Native, per bbl, \$2.50 to \$3 out of store. Potatoes—Per bag, on track, 28 to 30c, out of store, 34 to 37c; turnips, on track, 10 to 12c per bush. Poultry—Chickens, per pair, 60 to 80c; ducks, 50 to 85; geese, per lb, 8 to 10c; turkeys, 13 to 14c.

Cattle—Export cattle again composed the larger part of the offerings and were off again in price. A few choice loads of fine shipping steers sold at 5c per pound, but this could

hardly be taken as a fair quotation, as it was only in exceptional cases that exporters were willing to pay this figure, most of the sales being at 4½c, with 4¾c the top. A number of good loads sold at a shade lower than the inside price. Butchers' cattle were unchanged. A few extra choice picked loads were reported sold at 4½c, but most of the offerings changed hands at from 3½ to 3¾c per pound.

Milch cows and springers—The good demand Tuesday brought out liberal offerings to day, and the enquiry being less active, a decline in prices of about \$2 per head took place all round. One lot of 13 fairly good fresh calved milchers sold at \$34 per head, and \$40 was apparently an outside price.

Stockers—Easier. The offerings were liberal and trade ruled rather dull. Extra choice stockers, almost good enough for shipping, sold at 4½c, but most of the day's sales were 3½ to 3¾c, with a few good loads changing hands at 4c per pound.

Sheep and lambs—Spring lambs found considerable enquiry at \$2.50 to \$4.50 per head. One bunch of 30 sold at \$4.12½ per head. Only a few export sheep came in, but there was little or no enquiry for them. Yearlings sold at 5½ to 5¾c per pound.

Hogs—The run was heavy again to-day and prices ruled easy, the general tone of the market being unimproved. As high as \$5.20 per cwt. was paid for one or two few choice lots of hogs to-day, but the ruling prices were 4½ to 5c for good loads. Stores sold at 4½ to 1½c per pound.—*Empire*, June 4.

Toronto Grocery Market.

The month just closed has been an unsatisfactory one in the wholesale grocery trade, while the volume of business may have been fully up to the average the profits have not been. Competition, in sugar chiefly, but in other staples also has been keen. This has induced many of the wholesale houses to go more extensively into specialties in fancy groceries and to work on brands which none of their competitors have. These are being extensively advertised and pushed in other ways, and to some extent make up for the short profits on many staples. Payments have been only fair.

SUGARS, SYRUPS AND MOLASSES.

Sugars are slow. Granulated is selling at 4½c with occasional business at less money. Yellows range from 3½ to 4½c. Rather more raws are offered and a fair amount of business has been done in choice Barbados in barrels, at 3½ to 3¾. Granulated, 4½ to 4¾; Paris lump, boxes, 5c; extra ground, bbls, 5 to 5½c; powdered, bbls, 4½ to 4¾c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Demerara, 4½ to 4¾c; Trinidad, 3½c; Barbados, 3¾c.

Syrups—D., 2 to 2½c; M., 2½ to 2¾c; B., 2½ to 2¾c; V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; E.V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; ex super, 2½ to 2¾c; X.N., 2½ to 3c; X.N.X., and special, 3 to 3½c.

Molasses—West Indian, bbls, 30 to 40c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centric fugals, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 25 to 25c.

TEAS AND COFFEES.

The higher cables on low grade Indians, Ceylons and Congous and the scarcity and better demand for Japans in Canada and the States the past few days have imparted a healthier feeling and a stronger tone to the tea market than it has experienced for some time. There has been a more active demand for all kinds of low-priced teas. Japans at 18 to 20c have sold freely, and as already reported, low grades which have been neglected for some time have been worked off at better prices. Some houses are already advertising new Japans to arrive at the end of the week. Backs are quiet; jobbers find it difficult to get a tea to sell under 13c, but at 15c they can give excellent value. Low grade Young Hysons are scarce and firm, but very little demand is heard for them. The trade that usually handles them seems to be running

on Japans, which give better value. Coffees are steady and without change. New Porto Rio offered at 20c. Prices are: Rika, 17½ to 20c; Jamaica, 18 to 20c; Java, 25 to 30c; Mocha, 20 to 33c; Porto Rio, 25 to 28c.

DRIED FRUITS.

Raisins are firmly held. Valencias rule at 3½ to 5c for off stalk, and 6 to 6½c for layers. Sultanah, quiet. Malaga fruit is about nominal, with hardly any here excepting a few boxes of London layers and black baskets. Currants are flat. Prunes are selling fairly well in cases at 5½c up, but hogheads are slow at 4½c. Currants—Bbls, 4½ to 5½c, do, fancy, 6c, half bbls, 5½ to 6½c; Vostizza, cases, 6½ to 9c; Patras, bbls, 5 to 5½c; cases, 5½c to 5¾c. Raisins—Valencias, 3½ to 5c; layers, 7 to 7½c, raisins, old, off stalk, per box, 75 to \$1.00, Sultanah, 9 to 13c; London layers, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Figs—Elenes, 10 lbs and up, 11 to 16c, Malaga, 56 lb bags, 5 to 5½, natural, bags, 4½ to 5½c. Dates—Hallowell, 5 to 5½c. Prunes—cases, 52 to 7½c; casks, 4½ to 4¾c; kegs, 5½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 13½ to 15c; livers, 11 to 15c; do, shelled, Valencia, 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; walnuts, Grenoble, 14; Bordeaux, 11 to 12c.

CANNED GOODS.

A fair business is being done in corn, peas and tomatoes at steady prices. Other vegetables are also selling fairly well, excepting pumpkins which are weak at 95c to \$1 for 3's. About future vegetables there is not much news. Packers have been endeavoring to place a few lots, but buyers are somewhat indifferent, believing that they can do better later, when the goods have been put up. Fruits, weak. They are offering at lower prices. A packer sold 1,000 cases assorted this week on private terms, but they are understood to be as much as 25 to 40c per dozen lower on some goods than any previous quotation. Packers themselves have been endeavoring to place fruits with the retail trade. Fish, quiet and without change. Fish—Salmon 1's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.70; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.30 to \$1.45; lobsters, Clover Leaf, \$2.95; lobsters, other 1's, \$1.90 to \$2.25; mackerel, \$1 to \$1.10; sardines, French, 1's, 40c; sardines, French, ½'s, 17c; sardines, American, ½'s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American, ¼'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, \$1 to \$1.10; corn, 2's, 97½c to \$1.05; peas, 2's, \$1.05 to \$1.25; beans, 90c to \$1; pumpkins, 75c to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.10 to \$2.25; apples, gala, \$1.85 to \$2.10; 3's, 80c to 90c; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; do, 3's, \$2.85 to \$3.25; plums, 2's, 1.40 to \$1.75; 3's, \$2.65; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; 3's, \$1.75 to \$2.10.

SPICES, RICE, ETC.

Spices quiet and unchanged. Rice firm with an upward tendency, but cutting prevents any advance. Rice, bags, 3½ to 4c; do, of grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½; sago, 3½ to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 5c; pepper, black, 11½ to 12c; do, white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 18 to 20c; cloves, 10 to 15c; allspice, 10 to 12c; nutmegs, 90c to \$1.10; cream tartar, 28 to 35c.

PERLS.

Dull and unchanged at 16 to 18c for lemon, 16½ to 18c for orange and 25 to 28c for citron.

Trade Bulletin: The combine in colored cottons being absolute, manufacturers have advanced prices 4c per yard in some lines, or 20 per cent, and this in the face of the heavy reduction in the price of the raw article. "What an abominable shame that this combine should squeeze the public in this manner," said a prominent dealer in the wholesale trade a day or two ago.

The party from Michigan who arrived in Winnipeg last week, make the second delegation this season to Manitoba, from that state. If they are pleased with the country here, they and their friends will no doubt make their future homes with us.