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BRITISH MARKET.

London, Aug. 25.—The prospective dearthness in the price of bread is causing uneasiness here. Already some of the London bakers have put on an extra half penny per loaf. It is expected the rest will quickly follow their example. On exchange yesterday wheat was from five pence to six pence dearer than a week ago, but fall flour is four pence dearer on the week. The official report which is not given to extravagant flights of fancy, describes the market as "excited." Such a phrase from such a source is significant.

The corn market at Liverpool on Tuesday was marked by great excitement, values rapidly moving upward. Eight shillings per 100 pounds passed during the session. American cablegrams of a disappointing character caused a slight reaction toward the close, but the final rates showed a very substantial raise on the day for spot parcels, a tremendous quantity exchanging hands on a further advance from 3d to 4d per cental established. To Saturday stocks in warehouse Liverpool showed a decrease of 7000 tons.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Aug. 27.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot quiet; demand poor; holders offer freely. Corn—Spot firm. Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern spring 8s 1d to 8s 2d; No. 2 red western winter 8s 1d to 8s 1d. Corn—Spot American mixed new 3s 4d; do. old 3s 4d. Receipts of wheat during the past three days: 276,000 centals, all American. Receipts of American corn during the past three days: 233,600 centals. Closing—Corn—American mixed spot new steady at 3s 4d; old mixed 3s 5d; Sept. 3s 4d; Oct. 3s 4d. Wheat—No. 2 red western winter dull at 7s 6d; No. 1 red northern spring dull at 8s 2d.

STEEL WORKERS REDUCED.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—The Illinois Steel company has signed the amalgamated scale and the big mills of Chicago, Milwaukee and Joliet start up after nearly two months of idleness. The amalgamated scale provides for 15, and 10 per cent reduction in wages of the steel and iron workers respectively.

Liverpool, Aug. 25.—Cattle are steady at 10 to 11 cents. Sheep are higher: current price is 11 to 12c.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The cabinet decided this morning there was no ground at cereals.

The Price Current says: Cool weather and insufficient moisture is preventing reasonable progress of late corn, and crops will likely be somewhat short of total wheat yield will probably not be over 540,000,000 bushels, giving 175,000,000 bushels for export. The Canadian surplus will be 25,000,000 more. The Orange Judd Farmer estimates the European shortage, compared with the average, as follows: Wheat, 300,000,000 bushels; rye, 325,000,000 bushels. The French premier estimates the French crop to be 240,000,000 bushels, against 344,000,000 bushels last year.

British Columbia Markets.

[All quotations unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

By Wire to THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, August 28, 1897.

Butter has again advanced sharply, going up 8c on Monday. Flour is up 50c. New local oats are now coming in, and prices are lower. Potatoes have declined \$2.00 to \$4.00 per ton.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 10@17c; Manitoba creamery, 24 to 25c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17c.

Cheese—Manitoba 10½ to 11c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13½c; breakfast bacon 13½c; backs 11c; long clear 10c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides 10½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per lb, in pails and tubs 8½@9c lb.

Fish—Founders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 10c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolichans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; sockeye, 4½c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$12.00 per ton; onions 1½c lb; cabbage 1½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.00 @ 4.25; bananas \$2.75 per bunch; cucumbers, 6 doz. box \$1.25; peas, 30 lb crate \$1.70; Pineapples, doz. \$2.00; plums, 20 lb boxes, 30@40c; peaches, \$1.00; Grapes, \$1.50 box; Melons, \$3.00 per dozen.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2-45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22½ pound sacks \$2.90; 10-7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6.50; strong bakers, \$6.25; Oregon jobbers price \$6.00. Grain—Oats, new, 18@20 per ton.

Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef 7@7½c; mutton 7@7½c; Australian mutton, 5c; pork, 7½@8½c; veal 7@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$4.00 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$3.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.00 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.00 @ \$2.75.

Poultry—Chickens \$4.00@4.50 a doz. spring chickens, \$3.00; ducks, \$3.50.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 18c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 18c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C. 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb. Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; 2 gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice 28c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.