

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—The market is dull and prices are irregular, sales of straight roller flour having sold in this market at a wider range, all the way from \$3.25 to \$3.50 on track here, and a dealer who was asked for an explanation of such a wide range replied that the lower price was on new wheat flour and the higher for old wheat flour, the old commanding a big premium over the new. This flour is delivered in smaller lots at \$3.85 to \$3.65. There is also a wide range of prices in Manitoba strong bakers' flour, best brands being quoted at \$1, while very good grades have sold at \$3.65 to \$3.75, and it is said that \$1 has been shaded for round lots of best brands. A better inquiry has been experienced for spring wheat flour for export and about 10,000 sacks have been placed for the United Kingdom.

Oatmeal.—In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.90 to \$1.95, and standard at \$1.75 to \$1.85. Pot barley \$1.25 in bbls. and \$2 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—The market for bran is lower with sales at \$15.50 to \$16, sales having been made at both figures. Shorts are steady at \$17.50 to \$19.00. Moullie sells slowly at \$20 to \$22.50 as to grade.

Oats.—There is a fair inquiry for old oats, with sales reported in car lots at 8½¢; but new are offered to arrive at 32¢.

Barley.—A number of samples of new barley have been received from Ontario during the past week, most of which were badly stained. Food barley will therefore no doubt be plentiful and malting grades scarce. Feed is quoted at 47 to 48¢ and malting at 55 to 60¢.

Butter.—Shippers are willing to pay 17½¢ for late made creamery delivered here but factorymen want 18¢ at the factory. It is reported that one or two purchases have been made this week for export, but the price did not transpire. The last sales reported to us were made at 17½ to 17¾¢ here. Eastern Townships dairy have been placed here at 15½ to 16¢ and western dairy is quoted at 18 to 14¢, the latter for good selections.

Cheese.—The cheese market has passed through another unsatisfactory week, although during the past few days there have been quite a number of cheese bought at the low price ruling, several thousand boxes having changed hands at 6½¢ to 7½¢, the latter figure representing very good Quebec cheese and the former underpriced Eastern Townships. At the boat 7½¢ was bid, but holders refused to accept that figure, and put them into cold storage. What with the shrinkage in the milk and the closing of quite a number of factories owing to unremunerative prices it looks as though the fall make would be short. Prices have dropped ½¢ on the week.

Eggs.—A lot sold at 11¢ and 80 cases at 10½¢; but we question if the latter figure would be accepted to-day. Single cases of choice candled stock would bring ½ to 1¢ more.

Wool.—The wool market continues active at firm prices, quite a few small lots of greasy cape changed at 14 to 15½¢; Canadian fleeco continues to be bought for United States account at 23½¢. Prices here remain firm as follows: Greasy Cape 18½ to 15½¢; Natal 15 to 16½¢; Canadian fleeco 20 to 23¢; Buenos Ayressoured 26 to 32¢. In Canada pulled wool 20 to 21½¢ is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 26¢; Northwest wool 12 to 15¢; British Columbia 9 to 11¢.

Hides.—Lambskins have advanced 10 to 45¢ each. We quote prices here as follows: Light hides 8½¢ for No. 1, 7½¢ for No. 2, and 6½¢ for No. 3; to tanners 9½ to 10¢ for No. 1; heavy hides 8½ to 9½¢; calfskins 8¢; lambskins 45¢.—Trade Bulletin, September 6.

Flax Culture.

J. A. Donaldson, of Toronto, makes the following reference to flax in a private letter to The Commercial: I have been looking for an item occasionally in The Commercial on flax culture, a branch of Canadian industry I look upon as most important, now that wheat is so low in price, while flax seed is much higher in price, say nothing of the value of the fibre, which is quite equal in value to the seed with us in Ontario.

I feel a pride in having been instrumental in bringing this valuable branch of industry under the notice of the agriculturalists of the Dominion as far back as 1864, and while the Mennonites were passing through my hands as emigration agent, I advised them to take some flax seed with them and you will now be aware of the great progress they have made in this direction. Mr Livingston of the county of Waterloo who carries on the most extensive flax works on the continent, informed me a short time ago he had from the Mennonites 160,000 bushels of seed the year before last, and last year over 100,000 bushels.

Early this spring in company with John Lowe, Deputy Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, he visited these works and he was so taken with what he saw he ordered his manager on his farm near your city to put in 160 acres and would have extended the order to 300 acres but the seed was not to be had. This I believe has turned out to be an abundant crop as well as all other crops you are blessed with this season.

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