

Montreal Markets.

Flour—There is no advance in the price of flour in this market, straight rollers being offered freely at \$4 65 and we hear of a lot of 500 barrels changing hands at \$4.60 for shipment to Quebec. Another lot of straight rollers was placed at \$4 02½, but some holders say they will not shade \$4.05.

Oatmeal, etc.—There is a firmer tendency in oatmeal owing to the upward movement in the price of oats. We quote: Granulated and rolled oats, \$4.15 to \$4 25 per barrel, and \$2.10 to \$2.15 per bag; standard and fine oatmeal, \$4 10 to \$4.15 per barrel, and bags \$2.00 to \$2.05. Pot barley \$4.15. Pearl barley No. 1, \$7.25 per barrel.

Mill Feed—Ontario bran \$14 to \$14.50 as to quality and quantity; shorts, \$16 to \$17; middlings, \$19 to \$20.

Wheat—Quite a number of sales have been made during the past few days west of Toronto at an advance of several cents, as letters from three Ontario millers from different points west of Toronto were received this morning stating that owing to the competition among exporters, they have had to pay 93 to 94c per bushel for red and white winter wheat. In this market Upper Canada spring and winter wheat is quoted at \$1.03 to \$1.04 and No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat, \$1.05 to \$1.07.

Oats—There is a good demand for both local and shipping account. Sales in car lots have been made at 35 to 36c for No. 2 white.

Barley—There has been considerable transactions in barley for export at about 1 to 2c per bushel above last week's figures, and it now quoted at 52 to 53c, with 67 to 62c for choice malting.

Dressed Hogs—One car has been sold at equal to \$5.75 per 100 pounds laid down here. Quite a few small lots have been received and picked up very readily at from \$5.30 to \$6 per 100 pounds, one lot selling as low as \$5.50. A day or two ago as high as \$6.25 was obtained for a nice light lot of butchers' stock, which shows a decline of 25c per 100 pounds.

Butter—Creamery is still quoted at 23 to 24c and some dealers it is said have gone above an export basis, the lot now going forward being on former orders. We quote creamery 22½ to 24c. Eastern Townships dairy 16 to 21c and western dairy 15 to 17c. Kamouraska have been sold at 16c with more offering at about 16½c.

Cheese—In this market a few sales have been made at 9½ to 9½c, with underpriced goods selling at 8½ to 9½c.

Dressed Poultry—One or two small cases of turkeys have sold at 8½ to 10c. Chickens are quoted at 5 to 7c, and geese at 5 to 6c.

Eggs—Lined selling at 15 to 16c and held stock at about the same figures. Selected fresh stock has sold at 17 to 18c. A good enquiry is noted for export.

Hides—The hide market is in a drooping condition. It is almost certain that next week will see lower prices, if the drop does not come into operation before the end of this week. The market is quiet although a lot of the old stock has been sold. Lambskins have advanced 5c. Hides, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners pay 1c more; lambskins, 75c; calfskins, 7c.

Sugar—The market for refined sugar is quiet but steady, further business being reported in gran-

ulated at 4½c per lb at refineries for western shipment, although it is thought prices might be shaded 1 16 to ¾c for a large quantity of say 500 or 1,000 barrels. A fair amount of business has transpired in yellows 3 7-16c being the inside figure, and sales aggregating about 750 barrels have been reported to us at 3 7-16c to 3½c for low grades. The finer qualities have sold at 3½c to 3¾c, and fancy brights at 4 to 4½c.

Dried Fruits—There has been quite a large turnover in Valencia raisins during the past week, one house having sold 12,000 to 15,000 boxes at 5½ to 5¾c for prime brands, and 5 to 5¾c for prime brands, and at 5c to 5½c for round lots of seconds ex the Avlona and Dracona. The market is therefore pretty well cleared of Valencia raisins in first hands at the above figures. There is still considerable enquiry at the old figures. Currants are firm, with sales at 5½ to 5¾c in barrels, and stocks are now reduced to moderate compass.—*Trade Bulletin*, Nov. 7.

The Canadian Egg Trade.

The Canadian egg trade with this country is undergoing rapid development. During the past few weeks consignments have been arriving very freely at Liverpool from Canadian ports, and before the season closes one Canadian exporter alone expects to have sent between thirty and thirty-five million eggs to the British markets. Prices have been very favorable during the past few weeks, so much so, that one consignment from Montreal has yielded a profit to the shipper of no less than £1,000. Eggs are, in fact, the most profitable item of Canadian export for the moment, and the packages are so solid, clean and well-sized, that the freight is much sought after by the steamship companies. A large proportion of the eggs naturally come from Ontario, whence, before Mr. McKinley came along with his import duty of five cents per dozen, close upon fifteen million dozen of eggs found their way each year into the United States; but farmers in other parts of Canada are beginning to realize the possibilities of the trade. Several shipments have come from Prince Edward Island, and so excellent has been their quality, that they have found a more profitable market even than those from Ontario and Middle Canada generally.

The quality of the whole Canadian export is, however, highly spoken of. It is admitted to exceed that of any foreign eggs, except, perhaps, the best French; and, seeing that eggs can be brought from Canada for 1d. less freight per dozen than from France, whereby the importer is able to sell some twelve Canadian eggs for a shilling as against ten French eggs, the Canadian import is rapidly displacing the poorer quality of continental eggs. The general outlook is, in fact, most encouraging, and Canadians may well congratulate themselves upon the fact. Let them also remember that equal zeal will probably yield equally good results in other departments of Anglo-Canadian trade. Fifteen years ago John Dyko, the Canadian government agent at Liverpool, pointed out in report after report the opening there was in England for the Canadian egg. His predictions are now being more than verified, and if Canadian farmers are wise they will pay more heed in future to the suggestions of those whose business it is to indicate these new channels of Trade.—*Canadian Gazette*, London England.

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