

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial,

Toronto, April 22.

Dry Goods—Business never was so active at this period as at present. Some departments have had to get extra help. A number of western buyers are here this week. Values are firm. Country roads breaking up is interfering with travelling.

Hardware—Business is large and a number of spring orders are coming. Prices are firm. The most important change is an advance of 15c in barbed wire, which is now selling at \$2.90. Some, however, ask \$3.05. Wire nails are firmer. Coil chain 40c per 100 lbs. higher and bar iron 5c dearer, white zinc has advanced 75c to \$1 per 100 lbs. Turpentine is 3c lower. Whiting 5c higher for large lots.

Grain—A good trade is doing in general groceries. All refined sugars have advanced 5c this week. Granulated is quoted here at \$1.65. Canned goods are weaker. Corn is lower, holders shading to 95c for large lots, who a short time ago asked \$1. Tomatoes spot, 85 to 90c, futures offered at 70 to 75c. Coffee is firmer. Tea in good demand owing to talk of duty. Currants are firmer. Selected Valencia raisins advanced to 53-4c at Liverpool.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Grain deliveries are light. Ontario wheat is a cent lower at 67c for cars at country points. Manitoba wheat is 1-2c lower at 84 1-2c, grinding in transit. Oatmeal has advanced 20c on quotations of a week ago. Creamery butter is down 1-2c. Tallow is firmer at 4 1-2c. Unwashed wool has declined. Canada mess pork is up 50c to \$18.50 to \$14. Prices are as follows:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.10; Manitoba bakers, \$3.90; Ontario straight roller, \$3.20 per barrel, Toronto freights.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 67c for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, 84 1-2c grinding in transit, and 82 1-2c North Bay.

Oats—White, 32c for cars at country points.

Barley—No. 1, 41 to 42c at country points for car lots.

Milfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$15 per ton, bran, \$12 per ton at country points.

Oatmeal—\$3.80 in bags per barrel, and \$3.50 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—New laid, 12c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 17 1-2 to 18 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice 11c.

Hides—Green, 81-4c for No. 1, and 7 1-4c for No. 2. Cured hides, 83-4c.

Sheepskins and lambskins, 75c to \$1; calfskins, 8 and 10c; tallow, 41-2c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 13 to 14c; unwashed, 8 to 8 1-2c.

Beans—\$1 to \$1.10 per bushel for hand picked.

Dressed hogs—\$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs for car lots of mixed weights.

Dried apples—41-2 to 5c for round lots; evaporated, 9 to 9 1-2c.

Honey—5 1-2 to 6c in bulk; tins, 6 to 7c; sections \$1.25 to \$1.40.

Poultry—Turkeys, 11 to 12c; chickens, 40 to 70c a pair; geese, 6 to 7c.

Seeds—Red clover, \$3 to \$3.25, alsike, \$3 to \$4, timothy, \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel, cleaned seeds ex-warehouse, 50c advance on these prices.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 18.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 40 carloads, including 300 sheep and lambs and 400 hogs.

Export cattle—Heavy exporters were quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.80, and \$1.90 for choice selections per 100 lbs. Export bulls \$3.75 to \$3.90.

Butchers cattle—Prices were unchanged from Friday with a good demand, good to choice selections sold at \$1.25. Medium and common in liberal supply at \$3 to \$3.75.

Stockers and feeders—Choice heavy stockers quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.75. Feeders firm at \$3.90 per cwt.

Sheep—Steady at \$3.50. Grain fed yearlings were quoted 25c lower at \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs. Spring lambs \$2 to \$5 each. Bucks \$2.75 to \$3.

Hogs—Prices for choice were 1-8c higher, other quotations unchanged. Choice selections \$1.50, light \$1, thick fat \$3.75, sows \$3, stags \$2 per 100 lbs.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, April 21.

Receipts of live stocks at the markets to-day were 30 carloads of all kinds, including 800 hogs.

Choice export cattle ruled firmer on Friday at \$1.50 to \$1.60 per hundred-weight. Heavy stockers were also firmer at \$3.25 to \$3.85. Yearling sheep were 5 to 10c dearer than on Tuesday. Choice bacon hogs remained unchanged at \$4.50.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 22.

Oats are strong at 36c, which is an advance of 1-2c on the inside figure of a week ago. Flour and meal are dull. Feed firm at an advance of 50c on bran, and \$1.50 on shorts. Eggs have dropped 3 to 4c, and creamery butter is 1 to 1 1-4c lower. Cheese stronger. Potatoes are very scarce and 5 to 10c higher. Other lines unchanged. Prices are:

Oats—No. 2 white, 36c May.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.70 to \$3.85; Manitoba patents, \$4 to \$4.15.

Milfeed—Bran, \$16 to \$16.50 per ton; shorts, \$18, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 81-2c; No. 2, 71-2c. No. 3, 61-2c, calfskin, 8 to 10c; sheepskins, 75 to 80c; lamb-skins, 10c, tallow, 31-4 to 33-4c.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 13c per dozen.

Butter—Fresh dairy, 13 to 14 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery—Tubs, 16 3-4 to 17c.

Cheese—Choice western, 11 to 11 1-2c. Fadder cheese, 10 to 10 1-4c.

Beans—95c to \$1.00 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—In car lots, 75 to 80c.

Pressed Meat—Western fresh dressed beef, hinds, 7 to 9c; fores, 4 to 5 1-2c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lambs, 9 to 10c per pound.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, April 18.

Receipts of cattle at the semi-weekly market at the East End abattoir yesterday were 500 cattle, 60 sheep and lambs.

The cattle offered included 200 left over from last Thursday. The quality was good, but the market was slow. Choice cattle sold at 43-4c to 5c, good at 41 to 41 1-2c; fair at 31-2 to 33-4c,

and common at 21-2c to 31-4c. Sheep were scarce, and sold at 4c, and yearlings at 41-2 to 5c. Spring lambs \$2.50 to \$5 each. Hogs sold at \$1.40 to \$1.60 on cars, at the St. Charles market.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, April 21.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday receipts of cattle were 325 head, sheep and lambs 60c.

The market was firm and trading fair. Best beef cattle 11-2 to 5c, fair to good 33-4 to 41-4c, other grades 21-2 to 31 2c. Sheep 4 to 5c. Spring lambs, \$2.50 to \$5 each. Hogs, 41-2c off cars.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Business is quiet and steady. The only change is an advance of 5c at the refineries on sugars.

Granulated sugar quoted at \$5.00 per 100 pounds at refineries, yellows, \$3.90 to \$4.30, molasses, 81c in car lots syrups, 13-1 to 21-4c as to quality. Valencia raisins, 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia layers, 61-2c, currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8 to 10c. Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c. Rice, Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 53-4c, standard B., 33-4 to 4c.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 21.—Cheese is quoted at 5s 6d for both white and colored.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, April 21.—Cattle steady. Steers, 11 1-4 to 12 1-4c, which was 1-1c better than a week ago. Sheep 1c lower at 12 to 13c per pound.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, April 21.—Beet weaker. April and May being 1d lower at 10 1-2d.

MANITOBA WHEAT STOCKS.

There were 3,441,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on April 17. Receipts were 130,000 bushels and shipments 18,000 bushels. Increase for the week 112,000 bushels. A year ago receipts were 5,200 bushels, and shipments 3,200 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 836,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,514,000 bushels, three years ago 3,893,000 bushels, four years ago 930,000 bushels, and 2,338,000 five years ago.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 10,100,000 bushels, compared with about 3,200,000 bushels a year ago, 6,000,000 bushels two years ago and 3,000,000 three years ago, and 3,000,000 bushels four years ago.

WINNIPEG WHEAT INSPECTION.

Returns for last week reported 253 cars of wheat inspected—compare with 257 cars the previous week— which graded as follows: 1 hard, 67 cars; 2 hard, 9; 1 northern, 60; 2 northern 1; 3 northern, 5; 1 spring, 13 rejected, 6, no grade, 92 cars. The quality averaged about the same as for the previous week and showed a large amount of damp or no grade grain.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 21.—Wheat, spot firm. No. 1 red northern Duluth 6s 4 1-2d,