

## Montreal Grocery Market.

Since our last there has been a decided change for the better in all primary markets for both raw and refined sugar. In London beet has ruled strong, and prices show an advance of 2 1/2 to 3d since this day week. The market in New York for refined is somewhat excited and strong, with a steady upward tendency. Prices to-day scoring a further advance of 1/4c for granulated, it now being \$1.85 per 100 lbs. net. This is due principally to the active demand and the fact that refiners are at least a week behind productions on many grades, and the market is becoming heavily oversold, and in consequence of which refiners in some cases yesterday practically refused to consider further demands. The New York market for raw sugar is also strong and sales of 96 test centrifugal were made at 3 5/16c. Two additional cargoes of raw were secured by Canadian buyers yesterday. The talk of the refiners taking extensive holdings from bond had nothing back of it, since they had only about 11,000 tons held that way the rest of their supplies having been in hand, duty paid. But they have made a big hole in their holdings lately as they have depended upon them chiefly in connection with their direct imports for their moltings. Some idea of the extent of the consumption of raw can be had from the estimates that are being made that within a week at least 350,000 barrels refined sugar have been taken upon this market. There has been no actual change in the quotation of the local market up to the time of writing. The feeling in sympathy with the above strong news is firmer, and from present indications higher prices in the near future would not be any great surprise to the trade at large. The demand has improved considerably during the past week, and a fairly active business is reported. It is stated that refiners in some cases have refused to sell, except for immediate wants. Granulated is firmly held at 4c to 4 1/2c, and yellows at 4 1/2 to 3 3/4c as to quality, at the factory.

The demand for syrups does not improve any, and the market, in consequence, continues quiet and steady at 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 c per lb., as to quality, at the factory.

Although cables from the Island quote the cost of Barbadoes molasses at 8c, buyers state that it is impossible to buy at this price, as an importer cabled an order to buy 100 puncheons at 8c, and at the same time asked for a price for 1,500 more. The reply to this was that it could not be filled at day, and the buyer has not received any further information since. The spot market is very quiet, and we do not hear of any transactions. Choice Barbadoes is scarce and runs at 28c, but there is considerable mixed stock offering, for which prices are irregular. There is no change in the rice market, the market being limited and business quiet. We quote: Crystal Japan, \$5 to \$5 25; standard B \$4 50; Patna, \$4 50 to \$5 25; Indica, \$3 75 to \$4 75; choice Bermuda, Java kinds \$4 25.

Outside of a small jobbing trade in spices there is nothing new to note, values being unchanged. We quote: Black pepper 8 to 9, white 11 to 11c, Jamaica ginger, 20 to 25, cloves, 7 1/2 to 10c, and nutmegs, 60 to 90c. Business in coffee continues as quiet as ever, and the market is without any feature. We quote: Maracibo, 17 1/2 to 18c; Santos, 16 to 16c; Rio, 15 to 16c; and Mocha 24 to

The situation of the tea market is unchanged, and although business has been comparatively quiet during the past two or three weeks, holders show no disposition to make concessions in order to force sales, as the best of most grades at present are claimed to be lighter than for some years past. The general opinion is that they will all be sold before the next crop comes around.

The tone of the market in consequence is firm and values are fully maintained.—Gazette, March 19.

## New United States Tariff Changes.

Following are some of the proposed duties in the new United States tariff bill, now before congress, of special interest to Canada.

Barley, 30 cents per bushel of 48 pounds.  
Barley malt, 45 cents per bushel of 31 pounds.

Barley, pearled, patent or hulled, 2 cents pound.

Barley, 15 cents per bushel of 48 pounds.

Corn or maize 15 cents per bushel of 56 pounds.

Corneal, 20 cents per bushel of 48 pounds.  
Macaroni vermicelli and all similar preparations, 2 cents pound.

Oats, 15 cents per bushel.

Oatmeal, 1 cent per pound.

Rice, cleaned, 2c pound, uncleaned 1 1/2 cent pound, paddy 3c pound, rice flour rice meal and rice broken, which will pass through a sieve, known commercially as No. 12 wire sieve, 4c pound.

Rye, 10c per bushel.

Rye flour, 4c lb.

Wheat, 25c per bushel.

Wheat flour, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Beans, 40c per bushel of 60 lbs.; beans, peas and mushrooms, prepared or preserved, in tins, jars, bottles or otherwise, 40 per cent. ad valorem, broom corn, \$8 per ton.

Cabbages, 8c each.

Cider, 5c gallon.

Garden seeds and other seeds, not specially provided for in this act, 20 per cent. ad valorem.

Vegetables of all kinds, prepared or preserved, including pickles and sauces of all kinds, not specially provided for in this act, 45 per cent. ad valorem.

Vegetables, fresh, 25 per cent.

Straw, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Hay, \$1 ton; honey, 20c per gallon; hops, 15c lb.

Onions, 40c per bushel.

Peas, green, in bulk or in barrels, sacks or similar packages, 40c per bushel of 60 lbs.; peas, dried, 20c per bushel; split peas, 50c per bushel of 60 lbs.; peas in cartoons, papers or other small packages, 1c lb.

Plants, trees, shrubs and vines of all kinds, commonly known as nursery stock, not specially provided for in this act, 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Potatoes, 25c per bushel of 60 lbs.

Apples, green or ripe, 25c bushel, apples dried, desiccated, evaporated or prepared in any manner and not otherwise provided for in this act, 2c lb.

Grapes and peaches 2 1/2c lb. plums and prunes, 2c lb.

Plums, prunes figs raisins and other dried grapes, including Zante currants, 3c lb.

Fruits preserved in their own juices, 30 per cent. ad valorem, orange peel and lemon peel preserved or candied, 2c lb.

Horses and mules, \$20 per head, Provided that horses valued at \$50 and over shall pay a duty of 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Cattle more than one year old \$5 per head, valued at over \$20 a head, 25 per cent. ad valorem; one year old and less, \$2 per head.

Hogs, \$1.50 per head.

Sheep, one year old or more, \$1.50 per head; less than one year old, 75 cents per head.

All other live animals, not specially provided for in this act, 20 per cent. ad valorem.

Butter and substitutes therefor, 6c lb.

Cheese, 6c lb.

Milk, fresh, 5c per gallon.

Milk, preserved or condensed, including weight of package, 8c per lb.; sugar of milk, 8c per lb.

Eggs, 5c per dozen, egg yolk of, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Bacon and hams, 5c per lb.

Beef, mutton and pork, 2c per lb.

Meats of all kinds, prepared or preserved, not specially provided for in this act, 25 per cent. ad valorem.

Extract of meat, all not specially provided for in this act, 35c lb.; fluid extract of meat, 15c lb., and no separate or additional duty shall be collected on such coverings unless as such they are suitable and apparently designed for use other than in the importation of meat extracts.

Lard, 2c lb.

Poultry, live, 3c lb.; dressed, 5c lb.

Tallow 1c lb., wool grease, including that known commercially as degrease, or crown wool grease 3c lb.

Fish, pickled in barrels or half barrels mackerel or salmon packed or salted 1c lb., fish smoked, dried salted pickled frozen, packed in ice or otherwise prepared for preservation, and fresh fish not specially provided for in this act 3c lb.

Herrings pickled or salted 3c lb., herrings, fresh, 3c lb.

Fish, in cans or packages made of tin or other material except anchovies and sardines and fish packed in any other manner, not specially enumerated or provided for in this act, 30 per cent., ad valorem, cans or packages, made of tin or other metal, containing shellfish, admitted free of duty, not exceeding one quart in contents shall be subject to a duty of 8c dozen, cans or packages, and when exceeding one quart, shall be subject to an additional duty of 1c dozen for each additional half quart or fractional part thereof.

## Silver.

A continuous further decline has taken place in the silver market on the announcement that Japan's plans for the establishment of a gold currency are to be put into execution. As a consequence the London market fell since Saturday last from 29 1/2-16d, per ounce to 28 9/16d, the latter being the lowest price since March, 1895, while since the beginning of the present month the total decline has been 1 1/2d per ounce. The New York market kept pace with London, the commercial price declining from 63 3/4c to 62 1/4c. Silver prices on March 19 were London, 28 5/8d; New York, 62 3/4c.

## Boots and Shoes.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Manufacturers are shipping out their goods pretty lively in execution of their spring orders. It is now generally conceded that there is no escape from an advance in fall goods, the continued strength in the hide market and gradual stiffening in the price of leather making an advance in the price of fall orders imperative. The present steady upward course of the market for hides and leather is of quite a different nature to that of the temporary spurge of last year. Remittances are only fair for the season."

## Fruit at Auction.

At a trade auction sale of fruit at Montreal recently, the following prices were realized: Apples Baldwin sold at \$1.55 to \$1.80, Kings at \$1.80, Spies at \$1.55 to \$1.85, Russets at \$1.70 to \$1.75, Greenings at \$1.65 to \$1.75, Splits at \$1.75. Mann at \$1.85, California oranges at \$2.30 to \$3 per box, Valencia oranges at \$2.10 per box, cranberries at 40c to 55c per barrel, and lemons at \$1.50 per box.