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Montreal Markets.

Flour—The past week has been even duller than that of the week previous, and prices are lower. Western millers have been in the city this week for the purpose of placing some flour, but dealers here say that no actual business was transacted, although lots of 1,000 bbls. were offered at very low figures. Straight roller flour is offered freely at \$3.35 laid down here on track, and one large lot was offered at \$3.32½. Dealers have sold at \$3.45 to \$3.55 delivered. There is no money in shipping to England, and consequently offerings from the west for delivery in this market are larger. Although at low prices, a fair business is reported on local account, as bakers have been compelled to replenish stocks. In strong bakers flour, choice city brands have been sold at \$3.90 to \$4 as to quantity, and some pretty good quality of Manitoba strong bakers has changed hands at \$3.75, with good medium selling at \$3.50 down to \$3.25 for common. Millers are evidently pushing sales, judging from the low prices that have been accepted during the past week.

Oatmeal—Oatmeal is very firm, the best brands of rolled oats and granulated being quoted firm at \$4.20 to \$4.25 per bbl. for first brands and \$4.10 to \$4.15 for seconds. In a jobbing way we quote prices as follows: Rolled and granulated, \$4.20 to 4.30; standard \$4.05 to 4.20. In bags, granulated and rolled, \$2.05 to 2.15, and standard, \$1.95 to \$2.10.

Mill Feed—Bran continues to maintain its firm position, sales being reported of car loads on track at \$15 to \$15.50, and shorts are quoted steady \$16.50 to \$17.

Wheat—Prices are lower all round on both sides of the Atlantic, and in this market, in order to make sales fully 2c lower prices would have to be accepted. No. 2 hard Manitoba is offered at 73c afloat Port William, but that figure cannot be realized. It is said by exporters that they could not pay over 71c to day at Port William nor over 81c afloat here.

Butter—The market for both creamery and dairy butter continues to lean towards ease, the sale of a lot of 50 pkgs. of choice creamery being made yesterday at 19½c for Newfoundland account, which is considered an outside figure for a round lot. A lot of 35 tubs of very fine, Eastern Townships dairy was also sold at 17½c. It is believed that the make of June creamery will be the heaviest ever known, judging from the number of new factories started and the magnificent prospect for pasturage. A fair quotation for creamery is 18½c to 19½c, and for Eastern Townships dairy 16½c to 18c, with possibly single selected tubs bringing a little more. Western is quiet at 15c to 16c.

Oats—The market keeps very firm, sales having transpired of about 30,000 bushels at 39c

in store, and 39½c afloat per 34 lbs for No. 2 white and mixed.

Barley—Feed barley is quiet, with last sales reported at 42c. No. 3 extra is quoted at 45c. Malting barley is quoted at 45 to 53c.

Meats—Regular mess pork advanced to \$23, but it has since receded to \$20.65. Inlard there is no change here, the lower grades of compound selling at \$1.90 to \$1.95 per pail and at \$2.20 for the best brands. Pure leaf lard is steady at \$2.45 to 2.50. In smoked meats there is little change, the sale of a lot of 100 hams being reported at 12½c, the average being on the heavy side. In other kinds the market is about as quoted a week ago.

Cheese—The feature of the market this week has been the active enquiry for full cream colored stock, which has sold at 9 11/16c, but owing to scarcity a number of orders had to go unfilled for this week's steamers. Sales of finest Western whites were made on this market at 9½ to 9½c, with finest French changing hands at 9½ to 9½c, and we quote French 9 to 9½c. We learn of some forward sales of finest Western colored at 45s 6d c. i. f. London for next week's shipment. Several thousand boxes have changed hands on this market at 9 to 9½c for French and at 9½ to 9½c Western white, and 9 11/16c to 9½c for finest Western colored.

Eggs—The market remains steady at 11½c, one or two round lots being reported at 11c. A few choice cases have sold at 12c. English buyers say that it is useless wasting money in cabling, as the market here is altogether too high for England.

Wool—The market continues firm although the mills are not buying to any extent. In Cape wool a few sales have transpired at 14½ to 15½c, as to grade, the inside figure being shaded for a not very desirable parcel. Scoured wool is quiet, but steady, and in North-west wool there is very little doing, owing to lightness of supplies. We quote: Cyp., 14½ to 16½; scoured B.A. wool, 20 to 39½; Canadian fleece, 19 to 21c, and Northwest wool, 12 to 13c as to grade.

Leather—The sale of a lot of 250 sides of No. 2 manufacturers sole was reported at 17c, and a smaller lot of No. 1 do, at 19c. Waxed upper is unchanged and quoted at 20 to 25c, and split at 11 to 19c. There is still a fair enquiry for Dongola and colored leather at steady prices.

Hides, etc.—The position of hides has undergone no very marked change during the week, the demand from tanners being exceedingly light. Prices are unchanged, although an easier feeling prevails, owing the accumulation of stocks in dealers' hands. Dealers are paying 5 to 5½c for No. 1 hides. We quote: Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners 5½, 4½ and 3½c, and to dealers 5 to 5½c, 4 to 4½c and 3 to 3½c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 8c; sheepskins, \$1.00 to 1.25,

and lambskins 20 to 25c. Clips 15c.—*Trade Bulletin*, June 2.

Montreal Grocery Trade Notes.

The local sugar market is fairly active, and while the general tone of the raw markets hold firm, there is no further advance in refined here. It is said that offers of 4½c from the Trusts for Cuba centrifugals have been refused, the holders asking 4½c. Local refiners are quoting granulated at 5 5/16c; but business is being done at 5½c, while the lowest yellows are at 4 5/16c.

Syrups are quiet, but firmly held at 1½c to 2c per lb.

The molasses market continues easy under heavy supplies. Three cargoes—nearly 2,000 puncheons—of Barbadoes have arrived this week, and there are several other cargoes close at hand. Sales are reported of 25 puncheon lots 30c. The price in the islands is unchanged at 12c.

The tea market is very quiet. No large transactions are reported, business being confined to a small jobbing movement. Low grades and medium Japans are receiving most attention.

A good distributive business is reported in rice at unchanged prices. We quote ordinary \$3.85 to \$4; Japan, \$4 to \$4.50; Patnas and Carolinas, \$4.50 to \$5.50.—*Gazette*, June 2.

Inspection of Oats.

After consideration of the memorial to the Government on the subject of grain inspection sent by three members of the Montreal Board of Examiners, requesting the Government "not to allow the Inspector to pass any oats that he was cognizant had been deliberately mixed with barley; but to inspect according to the provisions of the Act governing the inspection," the Hon. J. F. Wood, comptroller of inland revenue has rendered a decision to the effect that the standard of No. 2 oats as fixed at the beginning of the present session must not be interfered with, and that there was no valid reason for acting upon the request of the petitioners.

Latest advices from England state that notwithstanding the large arrivals, an advance of 1.16d has been established in castor oil. The continued advance in the price is owing to the short supply of seed, which has not yet been felt to its fullest extent. In this market castor oil is firm at 7 to 7½c per lb, with a firm market and decidedly upward tendency in prices.