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DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

The market for drugs and chemicals is generally firm in tone, characterized by advances in many lines such as cascara, acid benzoic, mercurials, castor oil, caffeine chloroform, etc. The price of alcohol has been raised by Canadian distilleries as a result of the increased cost of the raw materials. The unexpected movements in quinine upwards and in salicylates downwards are outstanding features in the market. Norwegian cod liver oil still remains prohibitive. The Newfoundland refined is much cheaper, but this is now showing signs of an, upward movement.

Cream Tartar .

Crystals, per lb.45c Powdered, per lb. ...49c

Epsom Salts

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Peroxide of Hydrogen

1/4-lb, bottle \$1.25-\$1.50

¹/₂-'b. bottle . \$2.00-\$2.50 1-lb. bottle . \$3.50-\$4.00

Potash Bicarb, p. 15. .\$2.20-\$2.35

Bichrome, per 1b ...60c

Permanganate, p. lb.\$3.50

Carbonate, p = 1b.\$1.75 Chlorate, per 1b.....75c

Saltpetre

Crystals, per lb.....30c Granular, per lb....30c

Soda

Bicarb, per lb 41/2c

Caustic, stick 50.60

Bichrom, per lb.....60c Benzoate, per lb. \$13.50

Acetate, per lb35c Nitrate, per lb.25c

tins, doz... ...\$2.00

White, per lb. . . 29c

Sal, per lb. 3½c

Sugar of Lead

Sulphur

Sub3% c

Roll 31/2 c

Phosphate Gran. 1b.

Flour, per lb....

Caustic, per lb.. Sal Ammoniac

Mercury ...

...\$6.35

Dozen.

..\$1.85

...25c

..3c

Current quotations are as follows:

Acetone

Acetone, per... 50c Alum Lump, per 1b..... ...11c

Powdered, per lb. 13c Burnt, per lb..... .25c

Alumnia Sulph Technical, per lb....35c

Iron free, per lb....50c Ammonia Aqua

..15c Fort. per lb.. . Ammonia Carb

Per lb.25c

Oxide, per 1b.... ..\$1.00 Sulph pwd., per 1b...35c Arsenic

White, per lb..... ...12c Arsenic of Lead

Paste, per Ib..18c Powdered, per Ib....20c Barium

Chloride, per lb.....55c Blue Vitrol, per lb..25c

Borax Pwd., bbl., per lb....11c

Crystals, bags, lb.11½c Crystals, bbl., lb..10½c Calcium\$2.65 -

Peroxide\$2.65 -Sulphate, Precip......50c Chloride of Lime

Drums, per lb......8c Barrels, per lb....10c Cases, of 1-lb. Tins.13c

1/2-lb. Tins..14c ¹/₄-lb. Tins15c Camphor

per lb.-... ...\$1.10 Cobalt

Metal, oz. 60c Oxide, 1b..... \$1.95 Sulphate \$1.15

MONTREAL PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Receipts of the principal commodities at Montreal for the past two weeks follows: end.

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	Dec. 9.	Dec. 2.
Wheat, bushels	649,089	491,989
Oats, bushels	695,566	281,318
Barley, bushels	14,990	22,763
Flour, barrels	23,076	30,368
Eggs, cases	1,568	3,846
Butter, packages	3,988	6,551
Cheese, boxes	12,080	12,121
Potatoes, bags	1,766	1,973
Hay, bales	42,858	53,543

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

WHEAT: After a week of fluctuation dependent mainly on the demand from foreign buyers, the markets closed to-day 2 cents higher for Chicago, and 6 cents for Winnipeg than last Monday, Chicago closing at \$1.64% for December, and Winnipeg at \$1.82%. At the beginning of the week the price of wheat climbed steadily as a result of heavy buying on the part of the Allied and other Covernments, as obviously a decline of 25c a bushel had been too tempting for European buyers to ignore, even though war risk insurance rates on the ocean had risen about as high for neutral vessels as for belligerents. Definite assurance that President Wilson would directly oppose any embargo on foodstuffs was also a bull factor. On Friday the conditions in the wheat market.were reversed, owing to a lack of buying on the part of the Allies, and the prospects of a diplomatic crisis between the United States and Germany over the submarine question.

Some authorities believe that America is the logical market for supplying Europe with wheat, and while it was estimated that Australia has about 77,-000,000 bushels of wheat available for export and reports have been current to the effect that a fleet of steamers has been sent to that country to move wheat, owing to the long haul it is believed that the countries abroad will continue to buy wheat here as long as prices are reasonable. It is also stated that ships will be withdrawn from the Argentine trade, presumably for trips between North America and Europe, and that the sale of wheat in Argentina would be prohibited unless at above a fixed minimum price.

Efforts are being made abroad to supply vessels move wheat from America and the tonnage situation may be relieved materially within the next week and if this takes place the congestion at the seaboard will be overcome and consequently railroad embargoes can be lifted.

As far as the Montreal market is concerned, business in the past week has been done through the Wheat Exporting Company representing the English and Allied Governments. Trade has been very quiet.

COARSE GRAINS: In oats the export demand is lifeless, because Canadian prices are above the parity of American oats and also on account of the scarcity of ocean freight space. The domestic trade in the eastern provinces has been good, particularly in Ontario where the crop is very short. Altogether the home trade is unusually satisfactory for this time of the year. Trading in corn is interrupted by the scarcity of empty cars in the United States, and on this account is sparingly offered. Country elevators are full of corn that cannot be shipped as most of what is loaded out is delayed in transit. The demand is good. Some export business is being done in barley, and a couple of cargoes have been sold for January shipment to Europe. More could be sold if the ocean space could be obtained. There is no activity in rye.

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GRAIN AT THE HEAD OF LAKES.

Fort William, Dec. 9th, 1916. Statement of stocks in store in terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur on December 8th, 1916, with receipts and shipments during the week. Oats. Barley. Flax. Elevator. Wheat. C. P. R. 1,740,622 825,518 130,250 321,633 45,857 129,198 Empire 772,589 102,640 152,359 12.262 Consolidated. .. 938,228 149,942 24,945 Ogilvies 918,263 Western 721,885 153,244 11,232 147,812 743.826 49.649 G. G. G. Co. . . 909,498 Fort William . 646,471 293,845 20,457 21,700 Eastern. .. . 715,431 481,437 22,446 G. T. P. .. 1,836,800 1,395,910 76.432 52,980 1,389,461 272.084 79,088 Can. Nor. . . . 2,117,741 Horn & Co. G't. 1,026,175 128.057 470,106 64,22397,392 Can. Govt. Horn 238,075 104,313 40,116 Thunder Bay .. 631,359 378,155 48,432 34,050 Total. 13,213,141 6,859,756 818,392 792.921 A Year Ago .. 7,912,862 3,311,935 907,270 575,892 Receipts .. . 6,786,563 2,488,438 365,186 377.528 Ship-Lake . . 5,929,182 1,787,783 456,983 493.546 60.1521.2644,146 Ship-Rail . . 163,968 Stocks by Grade. Oats. Wheat. One Hard..... 18,747 Three Nor..... 1,604,452 3 C. W..... 857,521 No Four.....1,314,721 Ex 1 Fd.....1,099,984