

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

During last week the demand for all lines of grain was small, and the market ruled quiet, but prices were maintained. Some business was done in Manitoba feed wheat, rejected and feed barley for shipment from Fort William, but the trade in oats was slow, as buyers seem to have filled their wants for the time being. On spot there was a steady demand for car lots and sales of No. 2 Canadian western were made at 78c, No. 3 C.W. at 76½c, extra No. 1 feed at 76½c, No. 1 feed at 75c to 75½c, No. 2 feed at 73c, and Ontario No. 2 white at 71½c to 72c per bushel ex store. Ontario malting barley stood at \$1.31, Manitoba tough No. 3 barley at \$1.29, tough No. 4 at \$1.26, and feed at \$1.25. There was a good demand for American corn, but owing to the small offerings in the Chicago market buyers found it difficult to fill their requirements, and only purchases of a few cars were made for shipment. The large receipts of oats from the West, which caused local stocks to increase by over 1,000,000 bushels as compared with the previous week was the main feature of interest during the week.

Grains:	per bushel.
Spring Wheat Northern No. 1	2.21
Do., No. 2	2.18
Do., No. 3	2.15
Do., No. 4	2.08
Do., No. 5	1.96
Do., No. 6	1.87
Feed	1.80
Oats:	
No. 2 C.W.	0.67%
Do., No. 3, C.W.	0.65%
Do., Extra No. 1 feed	0.63%
Do., No. 2 feed	0.61%
Barley:	
No. 2 C. W.	1.20½
No. 4 C. W.	1.16
Rejected	1.10
Flax:	
No. 1 N. W. C.	3.10
No. 2 C. W.	3.03
No. 3 C. W.	2.92

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

	Wk end. Wk end. Same Date		
	Oct. 27.	Nov. 3.	Last Year.
No. 1 Hard	12	9	.....
No. 1 Northern	2,476	2,405	.....
No. 2 Northern	1,459	1,357	.....
No. 3 Northern	744	789	.....
No. 4 Wheat	271	265	.....
No. 5 Wheat	151	121	.....
No. 6 Wheat	98	91	.....
Feed Wheat	45	26	.....
Rejected	148	135	.....
No. Grade	47	127	.....
Winter	3	4	.....
Special	..	..	.....
Totals	5,631	5,271	5,563
Oats	845	735	1,184
Barley	269	268	322
Flax	98	156	155

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

The receipts of grain and flour in Montreal for the week ending November 3rd, were:

Wheat, bushels	423,884
Oats, bushels	233,880
Barley, bushels	65,980
Rye, bushels	1,071
Flour, sacks	14,452
Hay, bales	7,568
Straw, bales	375

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:—

	Nov. 3,	Oct. 27,	Nov. 4,
	1917.	1917.	1916.
Wheat, bush	3,209,347	3,531,867	2,746,457
Corn, bush	22,413	23,327	452,392
Peas, bush	1,135	1,243	.....
Oats, bush	1,246,102	178,000	5,037,114
Barley, bush	336,773	267,859	477,754
Rye, bush	9,771	3,201	40,504
Flax, bush	.....	6,614	19,422
Flour, sacks	44,050	52,067	35,507

LOCAL FLOUR.

The demand for Spring wheat flour for local and country consumption was good throughout the week, and a large number of orders for straight and mixed car lots for immediate and near-by shipment were received daily. No changes in price took place.

MILLFEED AND ROLLED OATS.

A heavy demand for shorts was the feature of the market last week. Sales of straight car lots were made at \$42 per ton. Other grades were also in demand, and millers say that they have been obliged to reduce the quantity of heavy feed in mixed car lots to 100 to 150 bags. The market is active and firm with bran selling at \$35, shorts at \$40 to \$42, and middlings at \$48 to \$50 per ton including bags.

The tone of the market for rolled oats remained firm, and a good steady trade was done. Supplies are none too large, and the demand is brisk.

Flour:	per barrel.
First patents	11.60
Second patents	11.10
Strong clears	10.90
Cereals:	
Rolled Oats, 90 lb. bag	4.10 4.25
Feed:	per ton.
Bran	35.00
Shorts	40.00 42.00
Middlings	48.00 50.00
Moullie, pure grain grades	55.00 56.00

THE PRICE OF GRAIN.

"It is hereby ordered by the Board of Grain Supervisors for Canada that the price per bushel of wheat of the following grades from November 1st, 1917, until August 13, 1918, both dates inclusive, shall be: No. 4 wheat, \$2.08; No. 5 wheat, \$1.96; No. 6 wheat, \$1.87. These prices are basis in store at public terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur."

SUGAR FAMINE THREATENED.

Raw sugar used to make alcohol.

Montréalers are face to face with a sugar famine! All but one of the sugar refineries in Eastern Canada have been closed down, wholesalers are getting at the most a tenth of their requirements, while retailers and the consuming public in many cases are absolutely unable to get a pound of sugar. For weeks there have been reports from the United States that the sugar situation in New York and other eastern parts was acute, but until recently this did not affect Canada. Now there is an acute shortage in this part of the Dominion, with no relief in sight until the new crop comes into the market some weeks hence.

One reason for the shortage is due to the quantities of sugar which are being made into alcohol. Statistics show that in the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1917, some 28,000,000 pounds of sugar were used up in our distilleries. To-day Canada has prohibition in every province but Quebec, yet the distillers and other makers of alcoholic beverages in this province are allowed to consume the nation's sugar, manufacturing it into alcohol and ship it to the parts of the country where prohibition is in force. It is pointed out by those most closely in touch with the situation that this is an economic waste, and a war measure should be put into effect by Food Controller Hanna prohibiting the conversion of sugar into alcohol. 28,000,000 pounds consumed in the manufacture of alcohol out of total importations of 800,000,000 pounds, is unnecessary and unjustified. If these 28,000,000 pounds were available for consumption as food no shortage would exist.

Wholesalers and refiners state that the probabilities are that we will be allowed to import less sugar in the coming year than we imported last year. If such were the case it looks as if it will become necessary at once to prohibit the manufacture of sugar into alcohol.

An interesting feature of the market last week was the reduction of 10c per 100 lbs. by the Atlantic Sugar Refinery.

	100 lbs.
Atlantic Sugar Company, extra granulated sugars	8.90
Acadia Sugar Refinery, extra granulated	9.00
Dominion Sugar Co., Ltd., crystal granulated	9.00
Special icing, barrels	9.20
Diamond icing	9.20
Yellow, No. 1	8.60
Yellow, No. 2 (or Golden)	8.50
Yellow No. 3	8.40
Powdered, barrels	10.10

Paris lumps, barrels	9.60
Paris lumps (boxes) 100 lbs.	9.70
Crystal diamonds, barrels	9.60
Crystal diamonds (boxes 100 lbs.)	9.70
Assorted tea cubes, boxes	9.60
Cut loaf (50-lb. boxes)	9.90
Cut loaf (25-lb. boxes)	10.10

For deliveries in Montreal City district add 5c to above refinery price if purchased through wholesalers. For 50-lb. and 25-lb. bags add 10c per 100 lbs.; for 20-lb. bags add 15c per 100 lbs.; for 10-lb. bags add 20c per 100 lbs.; for 5-lb. cartons add 25c per 100 lbs., and for 2-lb. cartons add 30c per 100 lbs. Granulated and yellow sugar may be had in barrels at 5c over above prices. Fancy sugars make a corresponding increase when put up in small packages.

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