

MONTREAL GROCERY TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, March 30.
 Sugar active and unchanged. Molasses steady. Large trade is doing Barbadoes at island, at 10c. Valais raisins 1c lower. Off stalk is at 5 to 5½c, fine at 6c; selected 6½c, and layers at 7c. Demand for dried vegetables is good. Teas are quiet and firm. The steamship Jacota sailed from Messina direct to Montreal with a cargo of 67,000 packages of oranges and lemons and the steamship Bellona is now loading at Messina. The steamship Tiverton sailed from Sorrento March 27 direct for here, with a cargo consisting of 20,000 boxes of Messina lemons, 2,500 Messina oranges, 1,300 Sorrento fruit, principally oranges. Quotations here are as follows:

Sugar, granulated, \$1.45 per 100 lbs.; yellows, \$3.60 to \$4.25; molasses, jobbing at 34 to 35c. Valencia raisins, off stalk, 5 to 5½c; fine, 6c; selected 6½c; layers, 7c. Currants, 8½c to 9c; canned goods, tomatoes, 85 to 87½c; peas, 80 to 85c; corn, 85 to 90c; salmon, \$8 to \$6.75 per case; Japan teas, old crop 14½ to 16½; new crop, 16 to 22c; Ceylons, 11½ to 22c for good to choice; Congous, 11 to 15c; greens, 15 to 18c.

OCEAN GRAIN FREIGHT RATES.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, March 30.
 Ocean grain freights are quiet due to low rates from Boston and New York, as compared with those asked here. Tone of the market is very steady with considerable May space offering. Manchester, Antwerp, Hamburg and Leith freight all engaged for May. Rates to Liverpool is 4½d to 1s 6d, London 2s 1½d; Glasgow, 1s 10d; Avonmouth, 2s 1½d, May; Manchester, 1s 7½d, June; Antwerp, 2s 1½d, June; Hamburg, 2s 3d, June; Leith, 2s 6d, June; Dublin and Belfast, 2s to 2s ½d, May; Aberdeen, 3s; Cardiff, 2s.

ADDITIONAL TENDERS.

Scaled tenders addressed to the chairman of the market, license and health committee, Winnipeg, for the collection of night soil and garbage from the whole city or portions thereof, will be received up to 3:30 p. m., on Tuesday, April 2.

Scaled tenders, addressed to W. H. Shillinglaw, Brandon, will be received up to noon of April 13, for the erection of a Presbyterian church in Moose Jaw. Building to be solid brick, with a seating capacity of 600.

Tenders are wanted for painting the German Lutheran Trinity church, Winnipeg.

SEED OATS.

The results of the germinated tests of seed oats which have been made recently under the direction of the officials of the department of agriculture, were made public Friday. They show that Manitoba and Ontario grain is much superior in germinating qualities than that from the Territories. Following are the percentages of germination: Shoal Lake, Man., 83; Pilot Mound, 91; Ontario, 90. Alberta samples—Edmonton, A. 17; 11; 12; Lacombe 23; Innisfail, 12; Calgary, 40; Holland, 43; Penhold, 8; Leduc, 43; Wetaskiwin, 40.

The samples were sown March 21. The first sample to appear above the ground was that of the Shoal Lake oats, on March 21. All samples were counted on March 21 with the above results.

The figures represent the number of plants which had appeared above the ground on that date; where the germination was good the growth of the plants was vigorous; where germination was weak the growth was weak.

Samples were also given to Mr. Alston, but were not sown until the 23rd inst. These samples are not far enough advanced to give report, though the seed from Shoal Lake, Pilot Mound and Ontario is well up, showing a proportion of germination similar to the above report, while only a few grains from the other districts are showing.

It is only necessary to say that it would be folly for farmers to sow oats that will not germinate. No doubt partial crop failures in the past have in many cases been on account of the poor seed sown. Farmers should at once test all kinds of seed to be sown this year.

CHICAGO MARKET REVIEW.

Watson & Co.'s telegraphic review of the markets of Friday reads as follows:

Chicago, March 29.—Wheat was dull but firm. The strength in corn being the principal sustaining factor, although late an improvement in export demand helped prices; 354,000 bu. reported taken. Covering by shorts and lack of commission house trade were the features. The weather continues favorable. Primary receipts

were over last year's. Liverpool was steady. Continental markets were unchanged. Argentine shipments were lighter at 1,300,000 bu. Clearances for the day were about 600,000 bu. and for the week 4,494,000 bu. World's shipments will be in the neighborhood of 7,500,000 bu. Cash people report a better inquiry for wheat, 81,000 bu. sold here. The market continues narrow and featureless, but maintains a firm tone. With the resumption of quotations and the activity in corn, the chances are in favor of better prices, especially so if crop conditions change.

There was a further advance in corn to-day and a new price recorded, May and July selling at 44 cents. At opening the leading long interest was a seller, but on an effort on the part of the bear leaders to cover they turned buyers and prices advanced sharply. There was scattered profit taking from time to time by commission houses, but there was enough new outside trade to absorb these offerings. From the action of the market we believe there is still a large short interest outstanding, the situation daily growing stronger, and we look for still higher prices. Bids sent to the country last night were 3-4c higher than any yet submitted, but acceptances were very small. Primary receipts aggregated only 329,000 bu. Clearances for the week were 3,256,000 bu. Argentine shipments, 88,000. Today's receipts were 211 cars, with 230 estimated for to-morrow.

Oats were active and very strong. Cash sales for shipment and exports this week amounting to 2,000,000 bu., started general buying of futures by both shippers and shorts, the strength in corn was also a factor. Local bulls were aggressive and added heavily to their long lines. July oats were not as strong as May, but were heavily bought for outside account. Today's carlots were 211, with 285 estimated for to-morrow.

Under rather free realizing sales by May longs in pork and ribs, provisions ruled easy early. Packers supported the market at the decline, and on the rally that followed causing a strong closing at substantial gains all around, except for pork. There was an improvement in the cash demand for meats and the trade in lard was good. Estimated, 17,000 hogs for to-morrow.

CLOSING PRICES.

Friday's markets closed as follows: Minneapolis—May, 74 5-8; July, 76 1-4b; puts, 71 1-2 to 5-8; calls, 74 5-8b; curb, 74 1-2a to 5-8.

New York—May, 81a; July, 81 1-4. Duluth—May, 76 5-8a to 3-4; July, 78 3-4b; No. 1 hard, 76 5-8; No. 1 Nor., 74 5-8.

Chicago—March, 75 1-8 to 1-4; May, 76 1-4; July, 76 5-8a; May corn, 43 7-8a; May oats, 25 3-4b; May pork, \$15.30a; May lard, \$8.07 1-2a to 10; May ribs, \$8.00.

Liverpool closed unchanged to 1-8d higher. Liverpool closed, May, 6s. 1d., July, 6s. 1d.

Paris closed unchanged. Antwerp closed unchanged. Berlin closed 1-8c higher. Buda Pesth closed 7-8c lower.

Primary receipts, 553,000; last year, 484,000.

Primary shipments, 319,000; last year, 323,000.

Clearances, wheat and flour, 576,000; corn, 467,000.

A witty clergyman in Brooklyn of Irish birth, has lived so long in the country as to be to all intents and purposes an American. His own view of the matter he expressed at a church dinner the other night, when he responded to the toast of good-fellowship. "I'm a good American," he declared gravely. "I'm even a better one than any of you native-born. I had a suit of clothes when I came into this country, and you didn't even bring that much."

The position which the Pierpont Morgan organization holds with reference to the business and political world is discussed by Mr. John Brisson Walker in the April Cosmopolitan under the title, "The World's Greatest Revolution. Familiar with the business world and a student of affairs, Mr. Walker has, while approving of the general idea of concentration which makes for good organization and public economy, drawn a picture of the power now exercised which will be a surprise to the great majority who have not given this subject thoughtful attention.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, March 29.—Wheat, May opened 76½, high 76½, low 75½, close 75½c a. Corn, May opened 41¾, high 42½, low 41¾, close 42½c. Oats, May opened 25½, high 25½, low 25, close 25½c a. Pork, May opened \$15.35, high \$15.75, low \$15.35, close \$15.70. Lard, May opened \$7.85, high \$7.90, low \$7.85, close \$7.92.

Chicago, March 28.—Wheat, May opened 75½, high 76½, low 75½, close 75½c a. Corn, May opened 42½, high 42½, low 42½, close 42½c. Oats, May opened 25½, high 25½, low 25, close 25½c a. Pork, May opened \$15.80, high \$15.80, low \$15.70, close \$15.70. Lard, May opened \$8.05, high \$8.07½, low \$8.02½, close \$8.07½. Flax, cash \$1.55.

Chicago, March 27.—Wheat, May opened 75½, high 76, low 75½, close 75½c a. Corn, May opened 42½, high 42½, low 42½, close 42½c. Oats, May opened 25½, high 25½, low 25, close 25½c a. Pork, May opened \$15.72, high \$15.75, low \$15.60, close \$15.72. Lard, May opened \$8.05, close \$8.05c (\$8.07 Flax, May close \$1.54½ a.

Chicago, March 26.—Wheat, May opened 75½, high 76, low 75½, close 75½c a. Corn, May opened 42½, high 42½, low 42½, close 42½c. Oats, May opened 25½, high 25½, low 25, close 25½c a. Pork, May opened \$15.70, high \$15.70, low \$15.47, close \$15.47. Lard, May opened \$8.07, close \$8.02. Ribs, May opened \$8, close \$7.92.

Chicago, March 25.—Wheat, May opened 75½, high 76½, low 75½, close 76½c a. Corn, May opened 42½, high 44, low 42½, close 43½c a. Oats, May opened 25½, high 25½, low 25, close 25½c a. Lard, May opened \$7.77, close \$8.07c (\$8.10 Pork, May opened \$15.50, high \$15.95, low \$15.10, close \$15.30. Ribs, May opened \$7.85, close \$8.

Chicago, March 30.—May wheat opened at 76½ and ranged from 76c to 76½c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—March 75½c, April 75½c, May 76½c.

Corn—March 43½c, April 44½c, May 46½c.

Oats—March 26½c, April 26½c, May 26½c.

Pork—March \$15.35, May \$15.50.

Lard—March \$8.32, May \$8.22.

Ribs—March \$8.12, May \$8.12.

A week ago May wheat closed at 76 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 68 5-8c; two years ago at 72 3-4c, three years ago at \$1.05; four years ago at 70 3-8c; five years ago at 61 3-4c, six years ago at 55 1-4c.

New York Wheat.

New York, March 25.—Wheat, May open 80½ b, high 80½, low 80½, close 80½c b.

New York, March 26.—Wheat, May open 80½½, high 80½ b, low 80½, close 80½c bld.

New York, March 27.—Wheat, May open 80½ b, high 80½, low 80½, close 80½c b.

New York, March 28.—Wheat, May open 80½½, high 80½ b, low 80½, close 80½c a.

New York, March 29.—Wheat, May open 80½, high 81, low 80½, close 81c a.

New York, March 30.—Wheat closed at 81c for May option.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, March 25.—Wheat, May opened 74½, high 74½, low 74½, close 74½c.

Minneapolis, March 26.—Wheat, May opened 74½, high 74½, low 74, close 74½c.

Minneapolis, March 27.—Wheat, May opened 74½½, high 74½, low 74 b, close 74½c.

Minneapolis, March 28.—Wheat, May opened 74½ b, high 74½, low 74½, close 74½c.

Minneapolis, March 29.—Wheat, May opened 74½, high 74½, low 74½, close 74½c.

Minneapolis, March 30.—Wheat closed at 74½c for May option. Cash No. 1 hard wheat closed at 74½; No. 1 northern at 75½c.

Duluth Wheat.

Duluth, March 25.—Wheat, May open at 76½ b, high 76½, low 76½, close 76½c. Flax, cash \$1.53 b. No. 1 hard 76½ c. No. 1 northern 74½c.

Duluth, March 26.—Wheat, May opened 76½ a, high 76½, low 76, close 76c. No. 1 hard 76c. No. 1 northern 74c.

Duluth, March 27.—Wheat, May open at 76 b, high 76½, low 75½, close 76c. No. 1 hard 76½c. No. 1 northern 74½c.

Duluth, March 28.—Wheat, May opened 76½, high 76½, low 76½, close 76½c. No. 1 hard 76½c. No. 1 northern 74½c.

Duluth, March 29.—Wheat, May opened 76½, high 76½, low 76½, close 76½c. No. 1 hard 76½c. No. 1 northern 74½c.

Duluth, March 30.—May option closed at 76½c for No. 1 northern wheat. Cash No. 1 hard closed to-day at 76½c and cash No. 1 northern at 74½c.

A week ago May option closed at 76 1-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 67c; two years ago at 71 3-4c; three years ago at 78 3-4c; four years ago at 71c; five years ago at 62 7-8c; six years ago at 60 7-8c.

Snider Bros. will open a store at Kawende, Man.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT PRICES.

The market closed dull and inactive at 68½c for No. 3 hard, Fort William.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 29.—Closing. Wheat, spot firm, No. 2 red western winter 6s 6d. No. 1 northern spring 6s 5½d. No. 1 Call corn 6s 3½d. futures quiet; May 6s 1d, July 6s 1d.

Liverpool, March 30.—Wheat closed to-day ½c to ¾c higher at 6s 1½d per cental for May wheat.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, March 29.—4 p.m.—Consols for money 95 11½; do for the account 95 15½. Atchison 62½, C. P. R. 95½, St. Paul 150½, Illinois Central 140, L. and N. 102½, U. S. pdl. 87½, N. Y. C. 150½, Erie 30½, Pennsylvania 78½, Reading 18, Br. 1st pdl. 70½, N. Y. C. pdl. 95½, G. T. L. 88½, Amersden 94.

Free Seed Wheat.

Collector of Customs Scott has received the following circular of instructions from Ottawa authorizing the free admission of seed wheat into Manitoba and the Northwest Territories from March 25 to June 1, 1901.

Under the authority of an order-in-council, passed in March, 1901, wheat for use as seed by bona fide farmers in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories may be imported into Canada without customs duty until June 1, 1901, subject to the following conditions, viz.:

1. A declaration in the form of "A" herein, to be written on the face of the customs entry, shall be subscribed and attested to by the importer of the seed wheat.

2. Certificates in the form of "B" herein, signed by each bona fide farmer of Manitoba or the Northwest Territories ordering the wheat for seed, shall be annexed to the customs free entry of the wheat, or the importer's claim for refund of duty in the event of duty being paid by the importer after this date (March 25, 1901), and before obtaining the farmers' certificates.

Form "A" Importer's declaration on entry.—1. The undersigned importer of the seed wheat described in this entry do solemnly declare that the said wheat is imported in good faith for use wholly as seed in Manitoba this year by bona fide farmers, whose certificates are hereto annexed.

(Importer's signature).

Form "B" Farmer's certificate.

Form "B" Farmer's certificate. Referring to seed wheat for importation by . . . during this season, I, the undersigned farmer, do solemnly declare that . . . I declare thereof are for my use and will be used wholly in good faith by me during this year as seed in Manitoba or Northwest Territories, and that I am a bona fide farmer, residing at . . .

Dated . . . 1901

Witness,

Farmer's signature,

Collectors and sub-collectors of customs are requested to use their best endeavors to ensure that wheat admitted free under the above provisions shall be for use only as seed by bona fide farmers in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories.

NOTES.

The Imperial Bank of Canada has subscribed \$100 for a grain prize in the coming Winnipeg Industrial exhibition.

One of the Armour's has succeeded in running a corner in the Chicago pork market. If the scheme works he will make \$1,000,000 at least.

W. W. Colpitts, assistant to Mr. Tie, construction agent of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, and formerly chief clerk to 'ne president, has been appointed assistant to the chief engineer in charge of the construction of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad with headquarters at Kansas City. This is a new road 1,400 miles in length, in course of construction from Kansas City to the Gulf of Mexico.

Doctor—Why have you deducted a quarter from my bill?
 Patient—That is for the six cigars you broke when you thumped my chest.—Ohio State Journal.

WANTED—Capable, reliable person in every country to represent large company of solid financial reputation, \$306 salary per year, payable weekly; \$3 per day absolutely sure and all expenses; straight, bona fide, definite salary, no commission; paid each Saturday and expense money advanced each week. STANDARD HOUSE 334 Dearborn St., Chicago.