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Montreal Markets.

Flour—The demand for flour is has fallen off during the past few days, owing probably to the easier condition of the market, buyers who were asking for firm offers for July shipment to Newfoundland having entirely withdrawn from the market. The lowest price at which Western mills will sell straight rollers on track Montreal is \$3.40, and rather than sell lower they say they will keep it, as the impression is that prices cannot go lower. Manitoba ground and city strong bakers are selling at all kinds of prices from \$3.90 to \$4.15, sales being reported at both figures. Medium grades have sold as low as \$3.30 and \$3.50. Regarding the export trade some further engagements of freight have been made for Liverpool and Glasgow.

Oatmeal—The market for rolled oats and granulated is firmer and higher, Western millers now asking \$4.20 to \$4.25 laid down here on track for best brands, while second brands are offered at \$4.10 per bbl. 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—Under an improved demand for bran both here and in the west, prices have ruled firmer, and holders are asking \$15 with sales at that figure on track. Shorts are also very scarce, with sales reported in the West at equal to \$18 here, and we quote \$18. Moullie is quiet but firm at \$20 to \$22.

Wheat—The market is easier and lower in sympathy with outside markets, No. 2 Manitoba hard being freely offered at 74c, and we quote the same grade ask at here at 82c, which is lower than last week's quotation. Advices from points west of Toronto report easier prices all round.

Oats—During the past few days there has been a somewhat easier feeling, and the extreme figure of last week are not now obtainable. Still sales have been made this week at 38½c per 34 lbs afloat for No. 2 white.

Barley—The market is quiet and steady, with several sales reported of feed barley at 41 to 42c. No. 3 extra is quoted at 44 to 45c. Malting barley is quoted at 48 to 53c.

Pork, Lard—The strength of the market has been emphasized by a further advance of 50c to \$1 per bbl., sales of good sized lots having been made at \$22.50, and we quote \$22.50 to \$23.00. In lard the market is steady, with sales of compound at \$2 to 2.20 per pail of 20 lbs as to quality, while sales have been made as low as \$1.90 and \$1.95. Pure leaf lard has been sold at \$2.40 to 2.50 per pail. In smoked meats there is rather a quiet feeling at the moment although prices are firm all round. Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$22.50 to 23.00; Canada clear mess, per bbl, \$21.00 to 21.50. mess pork, Chicago; new, per bbl, \$25 to 25.50; extra mess

beef, per bbl, \$14.00 to 15.50; hams, city cured, per lb, 12½ to 13½c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 12 to 12½c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb 9½ to 11c; bacon, per lb, 11½ to 12½c; shoulders, 10½ to 11c.

Butter—The butter market is weak and prices are lower and, as we stated last week, gradually dropping to the summer basis. There is every probability of a heavy make of creamery, and if factory men hold above an export basis instead of selling at market prices at stated intervals, they will make a great mistake. Today 20c is the top figure that would be paid for new creamery in quantities, while 21c of course might be had for single tubs. The American country markets along the frontier have dropped 3c to 4c per pound during the past week. A fair quotation for creamery for this market is 19c to 20c and for dairy 16c to 18c. Of course 1c per pound more might be got for single selected tubs. Rolls are in too large supply, and sales have been made of Western at 15c to 16c.

Cheese—The tendency of the market towards lower prices has taken more definite shape, sales having been made of two thousand boxes of Western white and colored at 9½c to 10c for shipment by this week's steamers, which is a decline of ½c for finest Western since this day week. The market on the other side is dull and drooping, the copious rainfalls in England having put an altogether different construction on the outlook there, and cable limits have been reduced. There is every prospect of a heavy make, and the shortage at the beginning of the season will no doubt soon be made up. French cheese at the boat sold at 9½c to 9c.

Eggs—The market continues steady under a good enquiry, with sales at 11½c to 11c, a few round lots having sold at 11c, and a few single cases of choice at 12c. Some grocers have been retailing at 12½c. Pickling is pretty well finished here, and dealers in the West are beginning to offer in car lots, which shows that they are about through with pickling also. A lot of about 200 cases went forward on the "Labrador" to Liverpool, but shippers here say there is no money shipping to the English market yet.

Wool—The market continues firm; sales of Cape are reported at 14½ to 15½c, and as high as 16½c for desirable lots. Scoured wool is steady at from 29 to 39c as to quality. Northwest wool keeps in small supply, at 11½ to 13c. We quote: Cape, 14½ to 16½; Scoured B.A. wool, 29 to 39c; Canadian fleeco, 19 to 22c, and Northwest wool, 12 to 13c as to grade.

Hides, etc.—Dealers say they have sold scarcely anything since the Chicago agent established himself in Quebec, as he can sell Chicago buff hides laid down in Quebec at 5c and a fraction under. The question now is what do they propose to do about it? Come down and meet the Chicago men's prices or relinquish the Quebec trade? The latter they

cannot afford to lose, and consequently the former course will no doubt be decided on. In this market dealers are paying 5½c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 1 heavy steers. To tanners they are selling at 5½c for No. 1, and 7c for heavy steers. 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*, May 26.

Trade Returns.

The trade reports for ten months ending April 30 show an increase of seven and a half millions in the imports compared with the corresponding periods of last year. At this rate the aggregate trade of the current fiscal year should exceed that of the previous twelve months by nearly fifteen millions of dollars, notwithstanding that last year trade was ten millions in excess of the returns for the best commercial period judged by figures that Canada has seen since confederation. The imports of the Dominion during April amounted to \$9,389,900, an increase of \$1,414,600 compared with the returns for April, 1892. For ten months of the current fiscal year ended April 30th, the imports were \$97,312,740, a comparative increase of \$7,436,594, compared with the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The exports for April, \$3,959,562, show an increase of \$271,291, while the exports for ten months, \$93,537,602, show an increase of \$4,101,805. The duty collected during the ten months ending April 30th amounted to \$17,516,102, an increase of \$1,457,380, compared with last year.

Dakota Crops Badly Damaged.

A report from Jamestown, N. D., dated May 24, says:—The last two days have confirmed fears of extensive damage to spring wheat in this region and the entire northwest by the tremendous wind storms of May 18, 19 and 20. The wind blew at a velocity of from sixty to seventy miles an hour, and uncovered grain in a great many localities. Late sown grain suffered particularly. The weather bureau at Bismarck has reports from correspondents in nearly every county of the State, and with few exceptions all reports show more or less damage from the wind. It was the severest storm that has occurred at this time of the year for years past. The wind blew down mills, wrecked outbuildings and demolished fences. The air was filled with blinding dust from plowed fields. At first no estimate regarding damaged crops could be made. The past few days has determined the extent, which is greater than supposed. Much grain will be rescued. Sargent county reported leaves and buds on trees withered under the blast. Sprouted grain was whipped badly also.