

Montreal Markets.

Flour—There is a good business passing in Manitoba strong bakers on local account at within range of quotations, and there is also a fair enquiry for export account. City strong bakers have also met with a good demand for city and outside account at steady prices, which, however, have a wide range, the same as all other grades. Straight rollers have been wanted at about last week's rates, and we quote \$3 10 to 3 20 in car lots on track, with higher prices paid for smaller quantities. There has been further business on Newfoundland account, chiefly in straight rollers on p. t., but said to be at low prices, the purchases being made direct from the mills. Patent spring, \$3 85 to 4 10; patent winter, \$3 45 to 3 85; straight roller, \$3 15 to 3 25; extra, \$2 80 to 3 00; superfine, \$2 50 to 2 70; fine, \$2 20 to 2 35; city strong bakers, \$3 55 to 3 65; Manitoba bakers, \$3 25 to 3 65; Ontario bags, extra, \$1 40 to 1 60; straight rollers, \$1 50 to 1 55; superfine, \$1 25 to 1 40; fine, \$1 10 to 1 20.

Oatmeal—The market continues to show signs of ease, car lots of rolled oats and granulated having been placed at \$3.95 per bbl, and we quote \$3.95 to 4.05. In jobbing lots we quote:—Rolled and granulated, \$4.10 to 4.25; standard, \$3.75 to 4. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2 to 2.05 and standard at \$1.80 to 1.90.

Feed—The market for bran is easier, and prices have sustained another drop, sales of car lots having been made at \$13.50 to 14 per ton. Shorts are quiet at \$15.50 to 16.50, and mouline at \$19.50 to 21.50 as to grade.

Wheat—One holder offers 50,000 bushels of No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat afloat Fort William at 61c. Canada red and white winter wheat is nominally quoted at 65 to 66c; No. 2 hard Manitoba is quoted at 71 to 72c.

Oats—The market is quiet but steady, with sales of car lots at 36 to 36½ p r 34 lbs for local account; but 35c is all that can be had for large quantities for export account. No. 3 has sold at 33½ and 34c.

Barley—Brewers are beginning to look around for desirable parcels, and a few lots have sold during the past week at prices ranging from 50 to 53c, and we quote 50 to 55c per 49 lbs. Feed barley is quoted at 41 to 43c. Barley is going from the west to the United States.

Cured Meats—Lard is selling at all kinds of prices, compound having been placed at \$1.60 to 1.70 per pail of 20 lbs, while choice kettle rendered has sold at \$2.40 to 2.50 per pail. Smoked meats are in fair demand at steady prices, a lot of 150 pieces of sugar cured hams averaging about 16 to 18 lbs selling at 12½c, and a lot of 50 hams averaging 14 lbs at 13c. Bacon is in fair request with sales at 11½ to 12c in round lots. Canada short cut pork, per barrel, \$24 to \$25; Canada clear mess, per barrel, \$22 to \$23; Chicago clear mess, per barrel, \$22.50 to \$23; hams, per pound, 12 to 14; lard, pure, in pails, per pound, 11½ to 12½c; lard, compound, in pails, per pound, 8 to 9c; bacon, per pound, 11½ to 12½c; shoulders, 10½ to 11c.

Dressed hogs—Good fresh hogs have sold at \$8.50. No car lots have as yet been received here.

Butter—September and October made creamery has changed hands at from 22 to 22½c at the factory. On this market they can only get these figures. It seems that most of September make of the finest creameries have been secured, and holders of October make who thought they should get at least 1c more than for their September goods are now willing to take less, and we quote 22 to 22½c, a fair range for late made creamery. In dairy butter there is no great surplus, most of the offerings being wanted for the local jobbing trade. A lot of 60 tubs of fine eastern townships fall butter was sold at 20½c, and a lot of good straight dairy sold at 19½c. Western dairy is steadily held, and late sales have been in favor of holders, sales of

200 packages being reported at 19½c for fine and 20c for selected, being ½c advance upon last week's sales.

Cheese—The French cheese which sold at the boat on Monday commanded 3c less than the week previous, the price paid being 11c. There are ready buyers of finest western Septembers and Octobers at 11½ to 11c, but holders ask 11½c. A large make of October goods may be expected, as prices have been eminently conducive thereto, while the weather has been all that could be desired.

Eggs—There is a general impression that after England has absorbed our available supplies there will be left none too many for the home consumption between now and next spring. Shipments of both fresh and picked lots continue to go forward every week. Grocers have paid 16c for single cases of choice candled stock, while round lots of good eggs have been placed at 14½ to 15c. Prices are higher in the west than here.

Apples—The demand for apples is good, winter fruit selling in a jobbing way at \$3.25 to 3.50; fall \$2 to 2.25; fancy Fameuse scarce at \$3 to 3.50; ordinary stock \$2 to 3. Car lots of winter stock have sold at \$2.75 to 3.

Potatoes—Are selling freely on track at 50 to 55c per bag. One lot of 2 cars of Early Rose and white mixed sold at 40c on track.

Hides—Quebec tanners take all the light hides of 60 pounds and downwards at 4½c for No. 1. Sales of heavy hides have been made at 6c, in round quantities and at 6½c for small lots. Calfskins nominally at 7c. In sheepskins there is still an unsettled feeling. Wool pullers are not, however, so anxious to buy, as they have had their credit extended to four months time, by parties in Ontario, and consequently sellers of skins have had to follow suit here. Prices are quoted at 60 to 65c per skin. We quote: Nos 1, 2 and 3 hides to tanners 4½, 3½ and 2½c, and to dealers 4, 3 and 2c for Nos 1, 2 and 3. Calfskins 7c, lambskins 60 to 65c.—*Trade Bulletin*, Oct. 27.

Montreal Grocery Market.

The sugar market does not show any change. There is still a scarcity of granulated, refiners being unable to turn out stock fast enough to fill orders. Yellows are also in good demand at unchanged prices.

The tea market is very dull. Dealers say they never knew business to be so slow, there being practically no demand. The only reason they can give for this is that buyers are afraid to come into the market, owing to the easier feeling at primary points.

There is not much doing in rice at the moment, and prices do not show any change. We quote: Japan standard, \$3.75; standard B, \$3.10; English style, \$3.20; choice Burmah, \$3.85; Japan crystal, \$4.25; Patna, \$4.25 to 5; Carolina, \$6.50 to 7.

The new feature in nuts has been the receipt of a small quantity of Tarragona almonds, which have met with a ready sale from first hands at 11½ to 12c. The quality is said to be very nice. A small quantity of shelled Jordan and Valencia almonds have also been received and are selling at 45c for the former and 23 to 24c for the latter. New Canadian chestnuts are moving at 9 to 10c.

There has been a fair volume of business in dried fruits, although, owing to the fact that the first arrivals have been almost all distributed, it is not quite so large as it was a week ago. Some low offers which have been made also on common grades of Valencia raisins has tended to check business, for traders receiving these offers do not stop to consider what quality they are, but want other goods as cheap. It is needless to state that they are not getting them, for the tone on good to primo brands of raisins is certainly firmer than it was a week ago. One of the largest holders here said to-day, "I am not a seller of

fine off stalk under 4½c in round lots, and after I have supplied my best customers, the buyers who claim to be indifferent will have to pay more if they want the fruit. They do not realize what kind of fruit is being offered them at 4c or they would not talk so much about it." The position of supplies, when it is a question of prompt delivery, certainly bears out the above remarks. The majority of the jobbing houses state that they will not allow themselves to be influenced by the low offers above mentioned. In consequence of this ordinary brands of off stalk Valencia raisins cannot be had under 4½c, and fine, 5 to 5½c. There are no selected off stalk to be had on spot at present, and quotations on them are nominal. Layers are firm at 6 to 6½c according to quality for jobbing business. Some of the early purchases of these are the cause of complaint, owing to their irregular quality. The top layer in the cases complained of is all that fancy paints, but when one goes deeper into the box the fruit, both in size and quality, is deficient.

There is no change in dried currants, the market ruling pretty steady. We quote 3½ in barrels, 3½ in half barrels, and 4c for good provincials, in round lots, the basis for jobbing business being about ½c advance on these prices.

A moderate quantity of new figs are expected to arrive ex Sardinian and some have already arrived ex Labrador. They have been selling at 11 to 11½c for prime and 15c for extra. Advices from the London market on these fruit are very firm, the supply there being very moderate.

Dates are scarce and firm at 6c, and old prunes are selling in a quiet way at 5½ to 6c.

Several carloads of red Alaska salmon are in transit by rail to New York at low rate of freight. Some good brands can be secured at \$1.07½ delivered, but \$1.10 is generally asked. Pink fish may be obtained, to arrive, at \$1 landed here.

Canned goods—Canned goods are very slow at the moment. There is a good supply of fruits and vegetables on hand, and little demand is noted for this season's pack. The wholesale men are evidently determined to make the packers carry their own stocks. Prices are: Lobsters, per case, \$8.50 to 7.00; mackerel, per doz, \$1 to 1.10; sardines, per case, \$8.50 to 9.50; salmon, per box, \$1.40 to 1.50; clams, 1-lb tin, per doz, \$2; oysters, 1 lb tins, per doz, \$1.40 to 1.45; New Brunswick sardines, per 100, \$5; tomatoes, Quebec, 85 to 90c; peaches, per doz, \$2 to 2.10; Bartlett pears, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$1.75 to 2; strawberries, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$2 to 2.25; pineapples, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$2.30 to 2.40; plums, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$1.25 to 1.75; corn, Erie and Aylmer, per doz, 90c to \$1; corn, Hoeggs, \$1.25 to 1.30; string beans, 2 lb tins, per doz, 85c to \$1; lima beans, 2-lb tins, per doz, \$1.65 to 1.75; marrowfat peas, 2 lb tins, per doz, 90c to \$1; Succotash, 2 lb tins, per doz, \$1.50 to 1.60; pumpkins, 3 lb tins, per doz, \$0 to 90c; jams, 1 lb pots, per doz, \$2 to 2.25; marmalade, per doz, \$2.15; Boston baked beans, per doz, \$1.50 to 2.00; pigs' feet, per doz, \$2.75; roast chicken, 1 lb tins, \$2.20; roast turkey, 1 lb tins, \$2.30; Canned beef, 1 lb tins, per doz., \$1.50; do, 2 lb tins, \$2.40 to 2.50; do., 4 lb tins, \$4.50; do., 6 lb tins, \$7.50; do., 14 lb tins, \$17.50; lunch tongue, 1 lb tins, per doz, \$3.20 to 3.25; do., 2 lb tins, \$5.50 to 5.75; ox tongue, in 1 lb tins, per doz, \$5.50 to 5.75; do., in 2 lb tins, \$7 to 7.25; do., in 2½ lb tins, \$8.40 to 8.50; fine English brawn, 1 lb tins, per doz, \$2.50, chipped dried beef, 1 lb tins, per doz, \$2.50; canned haddies, 2 s, 50 cans, \$5.—*Gazette*, Oct. 27.

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