

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 30.

Dry goods—Travellers are off the road this week, and business is dull. The Christmas trade has been the largest for years, sales in some lines showing 25 to 50 per cent increase. Prospects for spring trade are good. Crepons have been selling freely, also plain cloths in blocked colors.

Hardware—Quiet owing to holidays. Pocket cutlery is 5 to 10 per cent dearer. Rope halters have advanced 10 per cent. Britannia metal spoons and all plated knives and forks are 10 to 15 per cent higher. Twisted tug and trace chains are dearer and are now 40 to 50 per cent higher than a year ago. Trowels of United States make are higher. A new list on sand paper shows an advance of 50 cents to \$3 per ream. Emery paper has also advanced. Enterpriso goods are 10 per cent dearer. Englished tin lined glue pots are 15 per cent higher. Canadian twine and hemp cordage have advanced. Tin and copper are unsettled, pig tin selling at 32 to 33c, and ingot at 20 to 21c.

Groceries—Dull after large holiday sales. Canned goods remain quiet and unchanged. Tomatoes now quoted at 95c to \$1.00. Corn \$1.05 to \$1.10. Peas quoted from 80c upwards. Stocks of nuts are small and prices firmer. Dates are firmer at 5 1-2c. Hallowee and Sais quoted at 4 1-2 to 5c. Figs are stronger.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Grain deliveries are light. Millers are getting no orders and are not buying wheat. Ontario winter is 1-2c lower at 65c; Manitoba wheat is steady. Oats are 1-2c lower. Millfeed, 50c higher. Dressed hogs, 5c per 100 pounds dearer. Poultry weak and lower. Prices are as follows:

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 to \$2.85 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 65c; No. 1 hard, 78c, grinding in transit.

Oats—New oats, 21 1-2 to 26c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 38c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14.50 to \$15 ton; bran, \$12.50 to \$13 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Fresh, 18c; held fresh, 15 to 16c, new laid, 23 to 24c; No. 1 hmed, 16c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—12c to 12 1-2c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured hides, 10 1-2 to 11c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to \$1; calfskins, 10 and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-2c.

Wool—Washed fleeco, 18 to 20c; unwashed, 10 to 12c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 to 9c.

Honey—Bulk, 9 to 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 20 to 40c per pair; turkeys, 7 to 8c per pound; geese, 5 1-2 to 6c; ducks, 40 to 60c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, 15 to \$5.20 per 100 pounds for car lots, mixed weights.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 26.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were only about ten carloads and these were mostly sheep. Coming directly after Xmas, with butchers' stocked heavily, there was no demand. Prices were nominally unchanged.

Cattle—Export, \$4.50 to \$5; butchers \$2.50 to \$4.50, as to quality. Stocker, \$2.25 to \$3.25.

Sheep—\$3 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

Lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Hogs—Choice, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Light, \$4 to \$4.25; heavy, \$3.75 to \$4.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 29.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 75 cattle, 400 sheep and lambs, and 700 hogs.

The market was dull and receipts small. Cattle and sheep remained unchanged. Hogs ruled 1-8c lower than on Tuesday.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 26.

The regular semi-weekly market was not held yesterday, being Xmas holiday.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 29.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 400 cattle, 350 sheep and lambs, and 800 hogs.

The cattle market was dull. Some fine animals from Manitoba brought 4 3-4c. Other cattle were mostly poor stock. Best brought 4c, others 3 to 3 1-2c. Sheep sold at 3c. Lambs were well cleaned out at 4 to 4 1-4c. Hogs sold at \$4.25 per 100 pounds off cars.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 30.

Flour, grain and meal are unchanged and all are in fair local demand. Hides are steady. Eggs firm. Butter quiet and firm. The market for cheese is confined to narrow limits and few sales are reported. Beans and potatoes are steady. Turkeys are 1-2c easier and chickens 1-2c higher. Quotations are:

Oats—50 1-2c in store.

Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10 1-2c; No. 2, 9 1-2c; No. 3 8 1-2c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c. No. 2, 9c; lambskins 55c; tallow 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 22 to 24c; candied, 17 1-2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 17 to 18c. Butter—Choice creamery, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—Finest, 12 to 12 1-4c.

Beans—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes—47 1-2c per bag on track. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1-2 to

10c; ducks, 8 to 8 1-2c; geese, 6c chickens, 7 to 8c.

Dressed Meats—Beef, jobbing lots, front quarters, 3 to 5c per pound, hind quarters, 5 to 7c; lamb, 7c, mutton, 5c; hogs, 5 1-2c; round lots meat 3-5 to 1-2c less.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

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Montreal, Dec. 30.

Hardware paints and oils are firm and trade quiet.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Montreal, Dec. 30.

Trade in groceries has been active and there is a keen demand for dried fruits. There have been large importations of United States sugars owing to advance in freight rates, which goes into effect on all United States lines January 1.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, Dec. 29.

Cattle quiet at 11 1-4 to 12 1-2c estimated dressed weight.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

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Liverpool, Dec. 29.

Cheese remains steady at 37s to 59s for both white and colored.

SUGAR.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 29.

Beet sugar quiet; December sold at 9s 3d.

TORONTO MONEY MARKET.

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Toronto, Dec. 30.

The money market here is easier but rates are not lower. Some bankers favor making a minimum trade discount rate of 6 1-2 per cent, but the majority are opposed and the bulk of the business is being done at 6 per cent.

RUBBER MANUFACTURING BOOMING.

"The remarkable growth of the rubber business since the beginning of the year has been so quiet that many have not been aware of its proportions," says the India Rubber World.

"To begin with, there are few of the old established concerns but what have been forced to make some sort of addition either to plant or equipment, and most of them have been running on full time. In addition to this, there have been incorporated since the first of January some forty concerns for the manufacture of rubber goods. Most of these are in the line of either mechanical rubber goods or tires; next in importance come the rubber shoe incorporations, then a few rubber clothing companies and a sprinkling of specialty concerns. A variety of reasons are to be given for this remarkable growth, prominent among them is of course the general excellence of business in all lines. The next reason, perhaps, is that the rubber trade at last is beginning to feel and respond to the export impulse that is being so marvellously exploited by other lines. Then too, there are the new and varied uses to which rubber is constantly being put."