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Montreal Wholesale Prices

No. 2. cars in store, 39c.; No. 3, 38c. to 384c.

Oats are now selling afloat, for May, 40c. being reported

bid to-day; No. 2 oats, low freights, west, for ex-

port, 32c.; No. 2 peas, 64 c.; rye, 52c.; No. 2

barley, 46c.; No. 3 extra barley, \$45c.; No. 3, 44c.

their prices, owing to the good demand and continued

strength of the wheat market. Ontarios are also

higher and firm. Patents are \$5.25; strong bakers',

\$4.95; winter wheat patents, \$4.80 to \$4.75;

straight rollers, \$4.25 to \$4.35; straight rollers, in

toba bran, in bags, \$19 to \$20; shorts, \$21 per ton;

Ontario bran, in bulk, \$17 to \$17.50; shorts, \$19.50

to \$20; mouille, \$26 to \$27 per ton, as to quality.

and prices are temporarily firmer. No. 1, \$9 to \$10;

No. 2, \$8 to \$8.50; clover, mixed, \$7 to \$7.50;

ing asked for bags, and \$4.50 for barrels, on track.

clover, \$6.50 to \$7 per ton, in car lots.

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Feed-Bran and shorts are firm at advance; Mani-

Rolled Oats.-The market holds very firm, \$2.15 be-

Hay.-Owing to bad weather, deliveries are light,

Beans.—Choice primes, \$1.45 per bush.; \$1.40 in

Provisions.—Fresh-killed abattoir hogs, \$7.75;

Eggs.-New-laid, 40c.; candled selected, 34c. to

Butter - Winter creamery, 19 tc. to 20c.; full grass,

Cheese.—Ontario, 11c. to 11½c.; townships, 10½c.

Poultry.—Turkeys, 13c. to 14c.; ducks, 12c. to

13c.; chickens, 12c.; fowls, 8c. to 9c.; geese, 9c.

 Peas, bush.
 66

 Buckwheat, bush.
 46
 to
 48

Alsike, fancy 5.75 to 6.00 Red, choice 5.50 to 65.80

 Red, fancy
 6.00 to 6.20

 Red, good, No. 2
 5.00 to 5.40

 Timothy seed
 1.00 to 1.50

 Spring ducks, per pair
 1.50 to
 2.00

 Turkeys, per lb.
 16 to
 18

Mutton, light, cwt. ...... 7.00 to 8.00

Dressed hogs, cwt. ...... 6.25 to 7.00

21c.; western dairy, 15c. to 15½c.; rolls, 16c. to

country-dressed hogs, \$6.75 to \$7; live hogs, \$5.50.

35c.; limed, 30c. to 32c.; refrigerator, 30c

Hay, mixed, \$7.50 to \$8 per ton.

Retail prices, Toronto street market:

Wheat, red, bush. .....\$0.91

Wheat, white, bush. ..... 90

Beans, hand-picked ...... 1.65

Rye, bush. ...... 58

Straw, loose, per ton ...... 6.00

Eggs, new-laid .....

Flour.-Both the large Manitoba mills advanced

Grain.-Oats-Still firmer, owing to the scarcity;

## Horse Market.

Continued storms and delays in shipping has seriously interfered with the arrangements of consignors. Business at "The Repository," Toronto, during the week was steady, and every animal offered was sold, prices being fair. The regular sales on Tuesday and Friday were well attended, and many Northwest and Ontario farmers and dealers bought excellent value in blocky general-purpose pairs. One hundred and sixtythree horses were sold during the week, nearly all by

auction. The following were the prevailing prices: Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hands....\$150.00 to \$225.00 Single cobs and carriage horses, 15

to 16.1 hands ...... 140.00 to  $\ensuremath{\text{250.00}}$ Matched pairs carriage horses, 15

to 16.1 hands ....... 350.00 to 550.00 Delivery horses, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. 125.00 to 160.00 General-purpose and express horses,

1,200 to 1,350 lbs. ...... 140.00 to 185.00 Draft horses, 1,350 to 1,750 lbs.... 130.00 to 225.00 Serviceable second-hand workers ... 40.00 to 75.00 Serviceable second-hand drivers...... 50.00 to 100.00

### Chicago Markets.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$4 to \$5.75; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$4; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.15; canners, \$1.60 to \$2.60.

Hogs-Mixed and butchers', \$5.15 to \$5.50; good to choice heavy, \$5.40 to \$5.55; rough heavy, \$5.10 Potatoes.—Per 90-lb. bag, 75c.; 60c. to 65c. in to \$5.40; light, \$4.65 to \$5.20; bulk of sales, \$5.15 to \$5.40.

Sheep-Good to choice wethers, \$4 to \$4.60; fair to choice mixed, \$3.50 to \$4.25; western sheep, \$4.20to \$5.10; native lambs, \$4 to \$5.75.

#### Buffalo Markets.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—Prime steers, \$5 to \$5.25; shipping, \$4.40 to \$4.80; butchers', \$3.75 to \$4.85; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.

Veals. \$6.25 to \$8.25.

Hogs-Heavy, \$5.75 to \$5.80; few, \$5.85; mixed, \$5.55 to \$5.70; stags, \$3.25 to \$3.75.

Sheep and Lambs-Lambs, \$5 to \$6.70; yearlings, \$5.25 to \$5.75; wethers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; ewes, \$4.50 to \$4.60; sheep, mixed, \$2.50 to \$4.65.

## British Cattle Markets.

London.-Live cattle, steady at 10 c. to 11 c. per lb. for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10c. to 11c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8c. to 8 c. per lb. Sheep, 11c. to 11 c. per lb.; lambs, 14c. to 14 c., dressed weight.

## Shift in the E. Maybee Co.

The partnership existing between Ellsworth Maybee, Joseph Wilson and William Murby, trading under the name of E. Maybee & Co., live-stock dealers, Western Cattle Market, Toronto, was terminated January 31st, by the retirement of William Murby. The firm will now be known as Maybee & Wilson, and have secured the services of Mr. Wm. Crealock, well known to the Yards, and will transact business at both markets. was read and endorsed by the meeting.

### Institute Meeting at Belmont.

Messrs. T. H. Race, Mitchell, and T. H. Mason, Straffordville, institute delegates, held successful meetings in the Masonic Hall, at Belmont, Ont., on the 15th inst. In spite of severe weather and bad roads the sessions were well attended.

Speaking of the aim of Farmers' Institutes, Mr. Race said that he who toils without knowledge, toils without happiness, and it is he who gets least of life. The farmer is improving everything on the farm, and needs to give particular attention to what he carries under his hat. All the assets of the farm are secondary to the brain. Farmers to-day need no longer be "hewers of wood" and drawers of water. They are now equal and will soon be superior to any other class. Mr. Race urged the necessity of improved methods of fruit-growing. Apple orchards should be properly pruned, scraped and sprayed, and the ground cultivated. Co-operation in the sale of apples, he said, is sure to come, does, in fact, now exist in several places. The fruit is brought to common centers, graded, and sold under established brands. The main point is to have good varieties, and give proper attention to trees, fruits and sales.

Milk for Cheese Factories .- Mr. John Brodie, Mapleton, gave an address on the care of milk before it reaches the factory. There were three main points: First-The cows must be kept healthy by supplying ample quantities of wholesome food, pure water, and Second-The cans and pails must be kept scrupulously free from dirt and rust. Third-The milk must be kept clean by having the cows clean. It must also be cooled as soon as possible to 65° F., to check the growth of the bacilli which produce sour and tainted milk. Milk in the udder is practically sterile, and would keep sweet indefinitely. As soon as it is exposed to the air, it is subject to the action of the bacilli which produce lactic acid. These organisms grow best at a temperature of 90°, and their development is greatly checked by the milk being cooled. Taint in milk is caused by another species of bacillus. Now, the two will not thrive in the same milk at once. The more vigorous species exclude the other, hence tainted milk cannot sour. Mr. Brodie emphasized particularly the evil of putting warm fresh milk into cold. The bacilli in the latter are latent, as it were, waiting for the warm milk to raise the temperature, encourage their growth and sour the milk.

The Hog as a Moneymaker.-Mr. T. H. Mason, speaking on this subject, drew a sharp contrast between the old style of hog and the present. He said that the weight required at present is the most profitable weight to produce. The first hundred pounds is put on the most cheaply. The second costs more, but with cheap feed may give a profit. After the hog passes two hundred pounds he is fed at a loss. Speaking of breeding, he preferred light sows and moderate-sized litters. In feeding, he advocated giving the little pigs a good start on the sow. They thrive better if not weaned young. They should be given plenty of freedom and sunlight, clean bedding, and a proper amount of wholesome food. Prices at present are down, said Mr. Mason, but keep along a steady, even line of production, and when it rains porridge your bowls are right side up.

Farm Labor and Rural Delivery .- Two very important resolutions were passed unanimously and emphatically. The first to memorialize the Government that the labor organization is mistaken in its statement that farm help is plentiful in this country. The Government was requested to do all in its power to bring in the help for which all employers are so badly crippled. The other is to the effect that farmers insist on a daily mail delivery to their homes. Richard trade. They have fitted up offices at the Union Stock Gibson's letter, on page 196, "Farmer's Advocate,"

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