

## TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, May 21.

**Dry Goods**—The wholesale dry goods trade is less active, but there is larger buying of wholens and values are very firm. There is much more cash buying than usual.

**Groceries**—Hog products are dearer and stocks small, importations from the States will be necessary. Long clear bacon is 1-4c higher. Tierce hard 3-8c higher. Rice is scarce, and dealers cannot get supplies. The mills have advanced B 20c. per 100 lbs, and a higher market is expected. In canned goods tomatoes are advancing. Peas weak, and 25c lower.

**Hardware**—Trade improving. Harvest tools for the west in active demand. There is still a difficulty in getting sufficient spades, shovels and barb wire for immediate shipment to meet the demand. Metals, good demand and firm. Brass tubing has advanced. Shot is dearer. The discount has been reduced from 10 to 7 1-2 per cent. Cordage will likely advance again soon. Some sizes of wire nails are scarce.

## TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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The grain trade is now dull. Manitoba flour is 10c to 15c per barrel lower. Oats 1-2c lower. Butter is weak and stocks are accumulating. Hog products are in light supply and very firm. It is said it will be necessary to import from the States, though receipts of hogs are now large.

**Flour**—Manitoba patent, \$6.85 to \$6.90; bakers, \$6.35 to \$6.40. Ontario straight roller, \$5.25 in barrel.

**Wheat**—Ontario wheat, \$1.07 to \$1.10 for cars at country points. No. 1 hard, Sarnia, \$1.45.

**Oats**—White, 34 to 34 1-2c for cars at country points.

**Peas**—60c per bushel.

**Milfeed**—Shorts, \$12 to \$13 per ton; at country points. Bran, \$10.50.

**Oatmeal**—\$4.30 per barrel for car lots and \$4.20 in bags.

**Eggs**—10c.

**Butter**, dairy—Large rolls, 11c; tubs, 11 1-2c; creamery, tub, 16 1-2.

**Hides**—No. 1 green, 8c; cured 8 1-2c; sheepskins 90c to \$1.35 for fresh killed calfskins, 8 to 9c; tallow 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

**Dried apples**—Easier, 3 to 4c; 9 to 10c.

**Honey**—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk.

**Beans**—\$5 to 90c per bushel.

**Wool**—New washed 16c, unwashed 11c.

**Seed**—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per bushel. Red clover, \$3 to \$4 per bush.

**Maple syrup**—65 per gallon.

## TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

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Toronto, May 17.

Offerings to-day were 91 carloads, including 150 sheep and lambs and 2,000 hogs. The total receipts last week were 4,611 cattle, 409 sheep and lambs, 7,279 hogs. Export cattle were slow and the market easier. Prices ruled from \$4.20 to \$4.40 per cwt. Butchers' cattle easier; best sold at \$3.90 to \$4; some fancy bringing \$4.20 per cwt. Medium to good cattle bring 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c, and inferior and bulls and cows at \$3 to \$3.30 per cwt. Shipping bulls wanted at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Stockers and feeders in fair demand and all sold for Buffalo at

\$3.65 to \$3.90 per cwt. Sheep and lambs, steady, yearlings 5 1-2c to 6c. Sheep 3c to 3 1-2c for both export and butchers; rams 3c; spring lambs \$3 to \$4 each. Milch cows \$23 to \$40 each. Good cows wanted. Hogs unchanged, but tendency easier. Choice bacon hogs sold at \$5 to \$5.10; light and heavy fat, \$4.60 to \$4.75, sows, \$3 to \$3.25; stags, \$2.

## FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

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Toronto, May 20.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 100 carloads including 3,000 hogs. Receipts are the heaviest on record. Export cattle were steady at Tuesday's prices. Scarcity of ocean freight operating to reduce buying demand. Butchers' cattle were easier, 4c being the top price paid to-day. Stockers were in active demand for the States, where prices are higher owing to the war. Hogs firm at Tuesday's prices.

## MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

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Turpentine continues to fluctuate in price. The inside range has been reduced 1c this week. Cement is in active demand at firm prices. Canada plates and tin plates are firm and higher in British markets.

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c, red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; turpentine, 47 to 48c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90. I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4, iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80, ingot tin, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2. Cement, English brands, \$2.25 to \$2.35, Germany, \$2.30 to \$2.45, and Belgium, \$1.80 to \$2 per barrel, ex-wharf.

## MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Rice has been advanced 20c per 100 lbs. by the mills here, and jobbers' prices are 1-4c higher. Molasses continues very strong and some look for further advances.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 1-2c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 3-16c; yellows, 3 5-8 to 4 1-8c; molasses 30 to 31; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2 as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c. Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 5 1-4c, B., 3 3-4c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 85 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

## MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Montreal, May 17.

To the Editor of The Commercial. Receipts at the Last End abattoir market yesterday were 700 cattle, 306 sheep and lambs, and 350 calves. The demand for good to choice shipping cattle was good and about 200 head were taken at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c. Choice sold at 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; good at 3 3-4c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3 1-2c; common at 2 1-4c to 2 3-4c. Sheep were taken by local buyers at 3 1-2

to 4 1-2c, and spring lambs \$2 to \$4 each.

## THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, May 20.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday the market was quiet on account of holiday. Shipments for export this week were: Cattle, 3,754 head; sheep, 64. Offerings yesterday were 350 cattle, 500 calves, 400 sheep and lambs.

**Cattle**—Choice, 4 1-4c to 4 1-2c; good, 3 3-4 to 4c; fair 3 to 3 1-2c.

**Sheep**—Shippers, 3 1-2 to 4c; culls, 3c. Spring lambs, \$2.25 to \$4 each.

**Hogs**—\$5 per 100 lbs.

## MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Oats are 1 1-2c to 2c lower compared with a week ago. Manitoba flour is 20c to 30c per barrel lower on the outside quotation and prices are still irregular. Oatmeal 10c lower per bag on the outside quotation of a week ago. Eggs range 1-2c lower. Dairy butter 1c lower, creamery butter 1-4c lower. Cheese 3-4c lower. Beans are firm at \$1 to \$1.15 per bushel. Export demand for cheese very dull. Country cheese market 1-2c to 3-4c lower this week. Some fair export sales of flower are going through.

Receipts for the week were: Wheat 204,159 bushels, oats 338,900 bushels, flour 81,255 barrels, meat \$75 barrels, butter 6,521 packages, cheese 9,506 boxes, eggs 5,557 cases. Shipments were: Corn, 1,073,000 bushels, oats 414,700 bushels, wheat 268,000 bushels, flour 17,783 sacks, meal 2,420 sacks, butter 1,517 boxes, cheese 4,865 boxes.

Oats—38 1-2 to 39c per bushel for No. 2 white delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.50 to \$6.80. Manitoba patents, \$6.30 to \$7.10.

Milfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton, shorts, \$16, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$2.10 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 8c; calfskins 10c; sheepskins \$1; tallow 3 to 3 1-4c.

Eggs—Fresh 9 to 10c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy 14 to 15c.

Butter—Creamery 16 1-4 to 16 3-4c.

Cheese—7 1-4 to 7 1-2c.

Potatoes—70 to 75c per bag.

Maple syrup—Barrels, 4 3-4 to 5c lb.; tins, 45 to 50c; in wood, 4 1-2 to 5c lb.; sugar 6 to 6 1-4c.

## Western Business Items.

Barre Bros. Co., Ltd., jewellers, Winnipeg, are selling out their stock by retail auction.

V. H. G. G. Pickering, banker, Minnedosa, has admitted Ernest B. Saltwell into partnership.

Harrington & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have sold out their Nelson, B. C. branch business to Morrison & Caldwell.

Tenders are asked for the remodeling of the Imperial Bank block, Winnipeg. Also for a bridge across Bunn's creek, Kildonan, near the city.

Geo. M. Aikman, representing E. L. Drewry, Winnipeg, has returned from his spring trip through the Kootenay district. He reports that West Kootenay is recovering from the late depression.

The Klondike and the Bay Horse hotels, Winnipeg, have been refused licenses by the commissioners; also the house of Geo. Hughes, Stony Mountain. Further licenses are under consideration.