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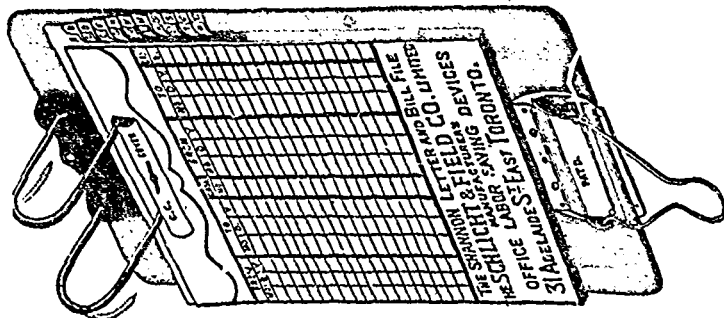
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Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—The firmer feeling quoted by us last week has been lost, and western millers are offering car lots of straight roller at \$1.05 to \$1.10 on track here, resales of which are reported at \$1.15 to \$1.20 delivered. A lot of 1,000 bbls. of straight roller was sold in the west yesterday for shipment to St. John, N. B. at equal to \$1.05 here. Several good sized lots of strong bakers were placed recently at \$4.35, and one buyer says he can buy at less money. Spring patent \$1.60 to \$1.75; winter patent \$1.50; straight roller \$4.05 to \$4.20; city strong bakers \$1.85; Manitoba bakers \$1.25 to \$1.35; Ontario bags—extra \$1.90 to \$2.00; straight rollers, bags, \$2.05 to \$2.10.

Oatmeal.—The market is quiet and western millers have lowered prices considerably in order to make sales of car lots. There is a fair jobbing demand and we quote prices as follows: Rolled and granulated \$4.05 to \$4.10; standard \$4.00 and \$4.05. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.95 to \$2.00 and standard at \$1.90 to \$1.95. Pot barley \$4.25 in bbls. and \$2.00 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

Bran and Shorts.—Bran is scarce, and quoted firm at \$17 to \$18. Shorts are firm at \$19.50 to \$21 as to quality.

Oats.—No. 2 white reported at 40½ to 41c. Regarding Manitoba mixed, the sale of a lot is reported as low as 85½c.

Barley.—Prices are nominally quoted at 56 to 58 for malting and 53 to 51c for feed.

Cured Meats.—Hams continues to rule very low, and considered the cheapest article on the list. Exports of bacon continue to increase in answer to the improvement in the English market. Canada short cut pork, per bbl, \$16.50 to \$17.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl, \$15 to \$15.50; hams, per lb, 10 to 11c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb, 9 to 9½c; lard compound, in pails, per lb, 6½ to 7c; bacon, per lb, 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb, 8½c.

Butter.—The market has ruled easier for export and 17½ is the highest price that has been paid during the week by shippers; but local dealers have paid 17½c likewise. Holders of late July, however, are asking more money. Creamery, finest July, 17½ to 18c, creamery, fair to good, 16½ to 17c, townships 14½ to 16c; Morrisburg 13 to 15c; western 13 to 14c.

Cheese.—The sale of about 800 boxes of Monalea combination took place this week at 7½c, and we quote 7½ to 8c for good to choice. Finest Ontario 8 to 8½c; eastern townships 7½c. French 7½ to 7¾c, undergrades 7 to 7½c.

Eggs.—Business reported at 11½ to 12c for candied stock.

Hides.—Dealers are still paying 8½c. The demand for the Quebec trade, however, is not

as urgent as it was, and but for the clearance of stocks by United States buyers, we should have accumulations here. As it is, however, the market is very bare of hides, and values are well maintained. We quote prices as follows: Light hides 8½c for No. 1, 7½c for No. 2, and 6½c for No. 3. Heavy hides 8½ to 9½c; calfskins 8c; lamb-skins 80 to 85c; clips 20c.

Wool.—A party in town is buying all the Canadian fleeces he can lay his hands on at 23½c, for United States account. Prices here remain firm as follows: Greasy Cape 19½ to 15½c; Natal 15 to 16½c; Canadian fleeces 20 to 23c; Buenos Ayres scoured 25 to 32c. In Canada pulled wool 20 to 21½c is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 26c; Northwest wool 12 to 15c; British Columbia 9c to 11c.—Trade Bulletin, August 3.

A Great Canal.

The Philadelphia Press says: "If contracts are kept the great canal which is to connect Lake Michigan with the Mississippi river will be finished in 1896, and one of the greatest projects of modern times will be brought to completion. The enterprise was suggested many years ago and a number of plans were proposed, but it is only in recent years that it was undertaken seriously. It has been pushed with vigor, however, the improvement in dredging machines and in blasting methods enabling rapid progress to be made. It will serve not only as a ship canal, but as a drainage channel for Chicago's sewerage. There are in reality two canals, one extending westward from Chicago to La Salle on the Illinois river, where it is met by another canal, which extends eastward from Rock Island on the Mississippi river.

"With the completion of these canals in sight the problem of supplying them with water is much discussed. The canal running eastward from Rock Island will draw its supply from the Mississippi river, but as this water flows into the Illinois river and so is returned to the Mississippi river a few miles north of St. Louis, no harm to the navigation of the Mississippi river is anticipated. The same confidence is not felt in respect to the source from which the canal running westward from Chicago will draw its water supply. This supply must come from Lake Michigan. The canal is 160 feet wide at the bottom, where it is cut through rock, and 200 feet wide through earth cuttings, and it is intended to furnish a depth of 18 feet of water, although its full capacity may not at first be utilized.

"The quantity of water necessary to supply the canal at first it is calculated will be 300,000 gallons a minute, and as it must all be drawn from Lake Michigan, the extent to which it will lower the level of that body of water and all the other lakes also is a matter of grave moment. Some engineers estimate

that there will be a general lowering of three inches in all the lakes, while others estimate that five or six and even nine inches is nearer the quantity that will flow off. If such a material lowering of the lake levels takes place it may disastrously affect commerce especially in dry years. Many harbors now having a sufficient depth of water for the largest lake vessels would be shallowed, and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers would not be navigable for heavy draft vessels. It is calculated also that the water now running over the Niagara Falls would be diminished by 5 per cent. at once and ultimately by 10 per cent.

Branding Dairy Packages.

Every factory, says Mr. McDonald, dairy superintendent for Manitoba, should have a distinct brand. The words "Manitoba" and "Canada" should both be incorporated in the brand somewhat as follows:

MANITOBA.
Fresh Made Creamery
Butter.
Manufactured by Dasher
& Co.,
Daisyfield Creamery.
CANADA.

The brand should be stencilled on the side of the package and not on the cover, as on the latter place it is apt to become obliterated. The weight should be stencilled (not pencilled) on the side of the tub on the right side of the brand, giving gross weight, tare and net weight. Pencil marks are sure to rub out on the journey. The brand for cheese can be about the same as that for butter with the necessary changes. The brand should be stencilled on the side of the box in the hollow part just where the box is joined. The word "Canadian" or "Manitoba" should be branded on the cheese a day or so after it is taken from the press. It is a great advantage to use the word "Canadian," as Canadian cheese is acknowledged to be superior to that produced in any other country. The fact that England gets 60 per cent of all the cheese she uses from Canada shows the superiority of the article and the advantage of using the word "Canadian."

There was a binder twine shortages cars in Minnesota and Dakota, but it is thought there will now be enough to go around.

The Canadian Pacific railway company's farm laborers' excursion will leave Ontario for the west on the 13th and 20th of Aug. The company is also arranging for two farmers' excursions to leave Ontario August 27 and September 3.