

Grain and Milling News.

Oats advanced 1-4c at Montreal on Monday, with sales at 28c in store.

Ontario grades of flour were quoted 10 to 15c lower at Montreal on Monday, at \$4 to \$4.25, for winter wheat patents.

Mr. Preston, manager of the Stratford Mill Building company, of Stratford, Ont., returned east last week from a western trip.

The market for rolled oats at Montreal is stronger and prices advanced 5 to 10c per barrel early in the week, with sales at \$3 per barrel and at \$1.45 per bag.

Twenty-two contracts for the erection of new elevators have already been reported this season, and this number will be added to considerably before the season closes.

The Arrow Milling company, of Erie, Man., have made a contract with Stuart & Harper, of Winnipeg, to overhaul and improve their mill. A new Universal bolter will be put in, to take the place of the present reel system.

Harrison Bros. have finally let the contract for the erection of a 75-barrel flour mill at Holmfeld, Man. Stuart & Harper, of Winnipeg, who represent the Stratford Mill Building company, have the contract. The mill will be ready for the new crop.

The Farmers' elevator at Glenboro has been sold to Mr. Campbell, of Carleton Place, for \$4,700. The elevator at the same place, formerly owned by Smith & Co., has been sold to the Northwest Elevator Co., of Winnipeg, who are remodeling and enlarging its capacity to about 30,000 bushels. J. W. Courance is also building an elevator at Glenboro.

There has been an active enquiry for oats for export to England, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, and sales of considerable quantities have been made during the past few days at 27c to 27 1/2c in store, and at 27 1/2c to 28c afloat. The London market is firmer and 1 1/2d to 3d higher, which has stimulated the market and compelled buyers to pay advanced figures. Some holders, however, have withdrawn their oats from the market, and will not offer anything below 30c, which price is considered too high as yet.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The sales of package teas are increasing all the time.

Pork advanced 50c per barrel at Montreal last week, to \$14 per barrel.

Advises from Halifax state that the catch of lobster this season has been the shortest ever known, and seems to be about all in. Spot prices on canned lobster have advanced to \$2.60 for bulk.

A Montreal report says: A weaker market has developed in canned salmon, prices having declined 25c per case, as a sale reported here of 500 cases at \$3.50 f.o.b. coast. This figure shows a decline of \$1 per case, as compared with the opening price last year, which was \$4.50 per case f.o.b. coast. The impression is that values will not be any lower.

A New York report says: Samples of the new crop of Formosa and Congo received by the Steamship City of Rio Janeiro and

negotiations were opened on several invoices. Revised quotations for tea show a reduction of 1-2c per lb. on Moyune and common Amoy and Foochow and about 1c per lb. for India and Ceylon.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says: The rumor of the arrangement for the distribution of the new pack of salmon in domestic markets includes prices for 1897, which are given at 92 1/2c to 95c for red, or about 81-2c less than the opening figures last year. Prominent handlers of red Alaska salmon have been looking for a price of 90c. Spot Alaska salmon has been moving out slowly, the more so as the competition with Columbia River fish has been keener than ever before, the latter being offered to consumers at unprecedentedly low prices. While \$1.07 1/2 less the regular discount is quoted on the spot it is intimated that some holders might shade this down to \$1.05 on a firm offer for a round lot.

Dairy Trade Items.

At London, Ont., on July 3, forty-two cheese factories offered 8,136 boxes June; sales, 1,280 boxes at 8c, 2,460 at 8 1/16c, 825 at 8 1/8c.

A Vancouver telegram says that a shipment of sixty tons of butter had arrived from New York in refrigerator cars and will be forwarded to Sydney by the steamer Warrimoo. This shows the occasional peculiarities of commerce. Australia being a butter-exporting country.

The Montreal Gazette says, the cheese market was weak—in fact, demoralized—to-day, July 5, as the transactions at the wharf in Quebec cheese attest. There were 7,000 of these received by boat and rail, and they were sold at a ruling of 7 1/2c, which is a decline of 3-4c per pound and over, compared with the price paid a week ago. Butter was also easier, but prices unchanged.

The Montreal Gazette, of July 3, says: The butter market rules firm and if stocks continue as light as they are prices may go higher. Demand, in fact, is in excess of the supply and 17 1/2c is easily obtainable for finest creamery. The London trade want their goods in boxes, while Glasgow, which has been, if anything, this season, a heavier buyer, wants 70-lb tubs which are scarce. Butter producers might have both these facts in mind and regulate their packages accordingly.

The Live Stock Trade.

A cable from Liverpool quoted choice States cattle at 11c; choice Canadian at 11c, and sheep at 10c.

The following live stock shipments are reported from country points. W. J. Hamilton, Neepawa; one car of hogs to Winnipeg, Simpson Bros., Virden, four cars of cattle eastward.

At London on July 5, there were heavy supplies of cattle, and this with hot weather had a depressing effect upon the live stock trade. Prices for Canadian cattle and sheep declined 1-2c per lb., and United States were 3-4c lower. Choice states steers sold at 10 3/4c; choice Canadian sheep at 10c, and Argentine at 9 1/2c.

The Montreal Gazette of July 5 says: The feature of the live stock trade has been the fact that local Canadian

shippers during the past two weeks have been buying their cattle in Chicago, as they state the quality is much better than our, and prices are no higher, and the rate of freight from the above point is just the same as from Toronto.

At the Point St Charles market, Montreal, on July 5, some fifty head of cattle were picked out at 43-8c per lb. for export account. There were 200 live hogs offered, and in sympathy with the recent decline in the Toronto market prices ruled lower at \$5.10 per 100 lbs., with only a fair demand.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on July 5, choice cattle were scarce, as the bulk of the receipts consisted of grass-fed stock and it is yet too early in the season to get any choice heaves of such stock. The feeling generally was firm and prices fully maintained. There was no demand from exporters to speak of. A few small bunches were picked up at 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c. Choice butchers' stock sold at 4 1/2c to 4 1/4c, good at 3 3/4c to 4c, fair at 3c to 3 1/2c, and common at 2 1/2c to 2 3/4c per lb. live weight. The demand for choice sheep for shipment was good and all the suitable stock met with a ready sale at 3 1/2c to 3 3/4c, while, for common to good, butchers paid 3c to 3 1/4c per lb. live weight.

LONDON JUNE FUR SALE.

C. M. Lampson & Co. offered at their June sale the following articles: Raccoon 90,000, muskrat 300,000, skunk 140,000, red fox 5,200, gray fox 10,000, white fox 3,000, Japanese fox 23,000, Japanese Marten 8,600, Japanese sable 1,000, civet cat 4,800, opossum 62,000, mink 57,000, marten 7,500, otter 1,500, beaver 500, bear 1,000, wolf 7,000, wildcat 1,200, real chinchilla 1,600, bastard chinchilla 25,000, dry hair seals 2,100, nutria 10,000, Thibet lamb, 3,000, wombat 6,500, wallaby 26,000, kangaroo 8,000, Australian opossum 24,000, 1,300 salted fur seals and sundries.

The following sold the same as in March, 1897: Wolverine, Australian opossum, wombat, grizzly and Russian bear, baum marten, stone marten, Japanese marten, Russian and Japanese sable, Thibet lamb, and real chinchilla.

Salted fur seals, sundry sorts, sold the same as in December, 1896.

The following articles declined as compared with March, 1897: Raccoon, 5, gray fox 5, white fox 25, Japanese fox 15, wolf 20, otter 10, opossum 20, dry hair seal 10, wallaby 10, kangaroo 10, badger 15, skunk 12 1/2c, civet cat 15, brown bear 10, mink 15, wildcat 20, house cat 7 1/2c and bastard chinchilla 12 1/2c per cent.

Winter and black muskrat sold the same as in January, 1897, and fall muskrat 5 per cent. higher and beaver 5 per cent higher than in January, 1897.

The following advanced as compared with March, 1897: Red fox 10, marten 7 1/2c, and black bear, owing to small quantity, 20 per cent.—New York Fur Trade Review.

Voting on the by-law to authorize the city of Brandon to aid by loan of \$5,000 in the establishment of a felt factory, took place on Wednesday last and was carried. Senkbell & Merner are the proprietors of the proposed industry.