

Toronto Markets.

Flour—Was dull, with very little enquiry. A car of straight roller was purchased at equal to \$1.25.

Mill feed—Firm and in demand. No bran offered. For a car of shorts \$15, Toronto freights.

Wheat—Steadier, with a more active demand. Standard winter was bought at 90 to 91c outside by millers. A round lot was bought for export at 93c straight; there were also purchases at 92c. A purchase of goosie was reported at 82c and one at 85c outside. No. 2 hard sold here at \$1.01 and outside at \$1.02. On call \$1.05 was bid for No. 1 hard with sellers at \$1.06, to arrive; No. 2 offered at \$1.03 North Bay, with sellers on spot at \$1.02; 99½c was bid to arrive with sellers at \$1.01; \$1.01 was bid on track.

Barley—In active demand, with prices higher. Several sales, chiefly No. 3 extra, were made for export, aggregating about 60,000 bushels; terms were private. Sales of small lots north and west points, were reported at 42 to 44c for No. 3; 46 to 47c for No. 3 extra, and 49½ to 50c for No. 2.

Oats—Firm, with sales at 35c on track and to arrive. North and west white sold at 32 and 33c.

Oatmeal—Demand good and prices firm at \$1.20 at the mills and \$1.30 on track. Business was done at less, however.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights)—Manitoba patents, \$5.30 to \$5.55; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5.10; Ontario patents, \$4.50 to \$4.90; straight roller, \$4.25 to \$4.30; extra, \$4.10 to \$4.15; low grades, per bag, \$1.25 to \$1.75. Bran—\$13.50 to \$14. Shorts—\$14 to \$16. Wheat—White, 95 to 97c; spring, 94 to 95c; red winter, 95 to 97c; goose, 84 to 85c; No. 1 hard, \$1.05 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 3 hard, 96 to 97c. Peas—No. 2, 65 to 67c. Barley—No. 1, 56 to 57c; No. 2, 53 to 54c; No. 3 extra, 51 to 53c; No. 3, 49 to 50c; two rowed, 54 lbs, average about No. 3 extra in color, 54 to 55c. Corn—70 to 71. Buckwheat—50 to 52c. Rye—91 to 92c. Oats—34 to 35c.

Dressed hogs—Were again in liberal supply and prices were about steady on a basis of \$5.50 for choice packing weights. Five cars were bought outside at \$5.30, equal to \$5.45 delivered at Toronto.

Cured meats—Quotations are: Mess pork, United States, \$13.75 to \$14; short cut, \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per lb, 7½ to 8c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 9½ to 10½c; compound do., 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, new, 11 to 11½c; bellies, per lb, 10½ to 11c; rolls, per lb, 8½ to 9c; backs, per lb, 10 to 11c; dressed hogs, \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt.

Produce—Quotations were: Beans—Per bushel, car lots, \$1.20 to \$1.30; out of store \$1.40 to \$1.50. Dressed meats, per lb—Beef, fores, 3½ to 5c; hinds, 5½ to 7½c; veal, 7 to 8c; mutton, 5½ to 6½c; lamb, 7 to 8c. Dried apples—Outside, 4c; on spot, 4½ to 5c; evaporated, outside, 6 to 6½c; on spot, 6½ to 7½c. Eggs—Fresh, 17 to 18c; pickled, 14 to 15c. Hay—Timothy, on track, \$11.50 to \$12. Hops—Canadian, 1891 crop, 16 to 19c. Honey—Extracted, 9 to 10c; comb, 12 to 16c. Onions—Native, per bbl, \$1.75 to \$2.25 out of store. Potatoes—Per bag on track, 40 to 43c; out of store, 50 to 55c; turnips, on track, 18c. Poultry—Chickens, per pair, 30 to 50c; ducks,

50 to 60c; geese, per lb, 5 to 6c; turkeys, 8 to 9c. Seeds—Alsike, prime to choice, \$5.50 to \$6; extra to fancy, \$6.25 to \$6.30.

Hides—Quotations are: Hides—Cured, 5c; green steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 1, 5c; do., steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 2, 4c; do., steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 3, 3c; do., cows, No. 1, 4½c; do., cows, No. 2, 3½c; do., cows, No. 3, 2½c. Skins—Pelts and lambskins, 85c; veal, 8 lbs and up, green, No. 1, 7c; do., 6 lbs and up, green, No. 2, 5c; do., 8 lbs and up, cured, 8 to 10c.

Wool—Fleeco, unwashed, 10 to 12c; rejects, 13 to 16c; combings, 18c; clothing, 20 to 21c; do., pure down, 22 to 24c; pulled, super, 22 to 23; do., extra, 26 to 28—*Empire*, Nov. 28th.

British Columbia.

J. S. Manson, tailor, Westminster, has assigned to A. Morrison.

A new blacksmith shop and plough factory is to be opened in South Westminster by one Fraser.

The legal firm of Blake & Meece, Vancouver, has been dissolved. Both continue on their own account.

John Craig, who came to Vancouver from Lethbridge, Alberta, has opened an undertaker's establishment.

Deacon & Sterratt, carriages, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership. A. H. Sterratt continues the business.

A by law granting \$50,000 towards a university at Victoria will be laid before the municipal voters on December 9th.

The eighth annual report of the Westminster board of trade has been published in pamphlet form. Several thousand copies will be distributed.

There is to be a new rice mill on the North Arm of the Fraser, on the land recently sold by H. V. Edmunds to a syndicate of Chinese capitalists.

The purchaser of the steam yacht *Casco*, which cost \$60,000 originally and was sold in San Francisco for \$6,500, is W. A. Dier of Victoria. The *Casco* will be fitted for a sealing cruise.

Thompson & King, consignees, commission brokers, etc., Victoria, have formed a partnership with J. L. Beckwith, of the same place, and will continue the business under the style of Beckwith, Thompson & King.

Muir & Boyd have opened an office at Vancouver as manufacturers' agents and representatives of Robert Mitchell & Co., brass founders of Montreal, Toronto and Baltimore, is now in the city and looking round for a suitable office, as a permanent agency will be established here.

The Vancouver *News Advertiser* says: The representative of the well known firm of James Robertson & Co. lead pipe manufacturers, of Montreal, Toronto and Baltimore, is now in the city and looking round for a suitable office, as a permanent agency will be established here.

The C.P.R. steamer, *Empress of China*, after one of the roughest trips on record, arrived on December 2 at Vancouver. Rough weather commenced soon after Yokohama was left astern, and continued with unabated fury for five days, during which the steamer was forced some hundred miles out of her course.

The new Victoria public market will be opened on December 15th. There are 58 stalls and

stores in it. A statement prepared by the market committee of the council shows an estimated revenue of \$9,888 and an expenditure (including interest and sinking fund) of \$8,836. The rents to be charged range from \$7.00 to \$60 per month according to the size of the stall or store.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A regular meeting of the council of the board of trade was held Tuesday afternoon. The question of the fisheries regulations in Manitoba having been discussed, the following were appointed a committee to secure all available information on the subject, and to report to the council as soon as possible: D. W. Buchanan, Capt. W. Robinson, Jas. Penrose, R. T. Riley and F. L. Drewry.

It was decided to open up correspondence with the president of the Duluth and Winnipeg railway company and with the Duluth Chamber of Commerce regarding the present position of the extension of this railway to the international boundary line.

The matter of the improvements of the St. Andrew's rapids was considered, and it was decided to again use every means to secure active operations in this very important work.

The subject of the board's holding an annual dinner having been brought before the council by a number of members, was favorably viewed by all present; but action was deferred till next meeting, it being understood that members of the council would discuss the project with members of the board.

British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express* of Nov. 30, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: English wheats declined 1s. Although the weather was dry the bulk of the samples offered were damp and of inferior quality. Foreign wheats also dropped 1s in consequence of the enormous arrivals. The stocks in port amount to 600,000 quarters in excess of the reserves of the same time last year. Until the plethora in the granaries is relieved higher prices are impossible. It is estimated that the wheat and flour on passage amount to a total of 3,000,000 quarters; cargoes on passage are 61 lower. Barley, oats and Indian corn have declined 6 to 9d. The business to-day was meagre. English wheats were 6d lower and were in poor sale at the declines; foreign wheats suffered the same reduction, although they were more firmly held; flour, oats, grinding barley and linseed dropped 3 to 6d.

Russell & Hurd have opened a new meat market at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

It is reported from Ottawa that the Dominion government have decided to construct a new canal on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, about forty miles above Montreal, in order to avoid the Cascade Rapids. Its estimated cost will be \$4,750,050. Tenders will be invited at an early date. As a result of the most careful observation and consideration a route has been planned which will give an inland canal more than thirteen miles in length constructed on the most direct lines obtainable with six locks and a guard lock. The lock will be of the dimensions adopted for the enlarged canals of the Dominion, namely, 270 feet long, 45 feet wide and depth sufficient for vessels drawing fourteen feet; width of the canal at the bottom 100 feet.