

## Montreal Markets.

**Flour**—The market is much easier, and in order to make sales holders are compelled to shade prices. The nominal price of strong bakers is \$5, but we are informed that sales have been made to dealers at \$4.80 for well known city brands. In straight rollers there have been sales to dealers at \$4.50 to \$4.65, the latter figure representing choice brands, but the inside rate would of course have to be shaded in order to place a round quantity. In bag flour there have been sales of straight rollers at \$2.20 and of extra at \$2.

**Oatmeal**—There is no improvement in the market, the supply keeping much in excess of the demand. Prices are therefore in buyers favor, and we quote as follows.—Rolled oats granulated \$3.95 to \$4 per bbl., and in bags \$1.92½ to 1.95. Standard in bbls. \$3.85 to 3.90, and in bags \$1.85 to \$1.90. These figures, it is said have been shaded for round quantities.

**Mill feed**—Bran is quiet but steady with sales of car loads of Manitoba at \$15.00, Ontario bran being quoted at \$15.50, shorts, \$16.50 to \$17, and moultrie, \$23.00 to \$23.00 as to grade.

**Oats**—The market has ruled decidedly dull and weak, No. 2 white 33c per 34 lbs., and no grades 30 to 31c.

**Eggs**—The market has ruled a little firmer since our last report, with sales at 12 to 13c, but to day 12c is considered a top rate. Alivies from England are no better, and there is small encouragement to ship at the moment.

**Butter**—New western butter has been received during the week, sales of which have been made at 21c, and new eastern townships dairy at 21 to 22c, exceptionally choice pkgs. bringing 23c. Old butter is slow sale, creamery being quoted at 20 to 22c, townships 19 to 20c, and western 17 to 18c. There is a good enquiry for choice new creamery and dairy, the receipts of which are inadequate to supply the demand, but receipts will soon show a material increase, when lower prices may be looked for.

**Maple Products**—Syrup has commenced to come in very freely, prices have been realized ranging from 60 to 70c. Owing to the large supply to come forward; however, dealers look for lower prices. There has been a very heavy run of sap since last Friday, and much larger receipts are expected. A number of good sized lots of syrup are arriving, one lot of 250 gallons being offered at 5c per lb. The first few small lots brought 6c, but 5c is the top price now. The receipts of new sugar are as yet limited, and are quoted at 7c to 8c, old being quoted at 6c to 7c per pound.

**Apples**—The season is practically over now for car lots, although an occasional lot may be offered from the West. The only business is therefore in a jobbing way at \$3 to \$4 for fine to real fancy fruit, common qualities ranging from \$2 to \$2.50.

**Evaporated fruit**—There is still an easy feeling in the market for evaporated apples, and quotations range from 6 to 7½c per lb as to quantity and quality. Dried apples are quiet at 4½ to 5c per lb.

**Hides**—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners are paying ½c more; lambskins, 80c to \$1; calfskins, 6c.

**Leather**—Manufacturers' sole, No. 1, 17 to 19c; do, No. 2, 15 to 16c; waxed uppers, 22 to 24c, splits, Quebec, 11 to 12c, splits, Western, 15 to 19c.—*Trade Bulletin*, April 1.

## Dominion Illustrated Monthly for April.

The excellent work which characterized the contents of the first two numbers of the *Dominion Illustrated Monthly* is not only maintained but considerably improved in the April number just received. An appropriate Easter frontispiece, beautifully drawn, commences the issue, and is followed by the third instalment of Professor Robert's fascinating story of early Acad-

ian life "The Raid from Beausejour." Miss E. Pauline Johnson—the great authority on Indian lore—gives a very interesting account of "Indian Medicine Men"—a class of practitioners whose methods are little known to the general public. "Canadian Nurses in New York" is a well illustrated sketch from the pen of Mrs. S. M. Almon Hensley, giving details of the profession which is being resorted to by young *Canadiennes* to a very considerable extent. An article by Miss A. M. McLeod on "The Church of the Kaisers" is a very interesting one, dealing with a subject which has received no attention from the older and larger magazines; the views of prominent German churches will be entirely new to most readers. A biographical sketch (with portrait) of the late Goodridge Bliss Roberts is given, and is followed by an unusually powerful short story, "Garry of Garmitch Bridge," written by that brilliant young *litterateur* shortly before his death. The concluding instalment is given of "Curling in Canada," by James Hedley, and is, if possible, even more interesting and bright than the first part; portraits are given of the most prominent Canadian curlers. "Recollections of Charles Haddon Spurgeon" is a timely series of reminiscences of the great English divine, whose recent death has been so widely mourned; the article is from the pen of Rev. James Grant, of Toronto, formerly a student in Mr. Spurgeon's training college. Professor Roberts contrives the usual monthly instalment of "Modern Instances," a paper which will command the attention of all thoughtful readers.

The pictorial supplement this month is a reproduction of Duffenback's famous painting, "The Unwelcome Kiss," beautifully worked in colours. At the low price of the magazine, \$1.50 a year, we consider it the best value in a literary and artistic way offered in America, and heartily recommend it to our readers. Certainly no other magazine that has ever been published in Canada can compare with it for beauty and general excellence. Published by the Sabiston Litho. & Publishing Co., Montreal.

## Montreal Grocery Market.

There is not much doing in sugars at the moment, buyers holding off for the reduction in railroad charges after the 4th of April. The refiners are still rather independent in their views one refinery still holding granulated for 49-16c. The wholesale men are still fighting among themselves, but apparently not with the same vim as a few weeks ago. We quote granulated 4½c to 49-16c, yellows 3½ to 4½c.

There is not much doing in syrups, the market being still dull and quiet with prices unchanged at 1½ to 2½c. The grocers report a fairly enquiry for molasses in a jobbing way at 35c. Latest advices from Barbadoes quote 12c as the first cost, which is equal to 29c in Montreal; but we hear of the purchase of a lot of 200 puncheons at 11c. This is 2c to 3c lower than the quotations of a few weeks ago.

Low grade Japan teas continue in fair request. The stock in first hands here has been considerably reduced, some 700 packages changing hands during the week at 10c to 12c. As there will be no more of these teas received till next fall they are meeting with more favor. High grades Japan are scarce and much enquired after, but there is nothing doing in blacks.

The local rice trade is confined to a small movement among wholesale houses. Advices from primary points continue very strong. We quote standard, \$4 to \$4.10; Japan, \$4.50 to \$5; Patnas, \$4.10 to \$4.75, and Carolina, \$7 to \$8.

In dried fruit business continues quiet and values are nominally unchanged. We quote Valencia raisins from 4c to 4½c and 5c, according to quality, while currants run from 4½c to 5c. We quote Valencia, ordinary, 3½c to 4c, No. 1 off stalk, 4½c; layers, 6c to 6½c. Patras currants, 5c to 5½c; Vostizis, in case, 7½c to 8c; provincial currants, 4½c to 5½c.

Nuts were dull with a small jobbing trade. We quote.—Grenoble, 11½c to 12c, Tarragonas, 12½c to 13c; Bordeaux, 9c to 10c, and Ivica, 11½c to 12c.—*Gazette*.

## Home After Business Hours.

The road along which the man of business travels is not a macadamized one, nor does it ordinarily lead through pleasant scenes and by well springs of delight. On the contrary, it is a rough and rugged path, beset with "wait a bit" thorns, and full of pitfalls, which can only be avoided by the watchful care of circumspection. After every day's journey over this worse than any turnpike road the wayfarer needs something more than rest; he requires solace, and he deserves it. He is weary of the dull prose of life and athirst for the poetry. Happy is the husband who can find that solace and that poetry at home. Warm greetings from loving hearts, fond glances from bright eyes, the welcome shouts of children, and many thousand little arrangements for our comfort and enjoyment that silently tell of thoughtful and expectant love, the gentle ministrations that disencumber us in an old and easy seat before we are aware of it; these and like tokens of affection and sympathy constitute the poetry which reconciles us to the prose of life.

Think of this, ye wives and daughters of business men! Think of the toils, the anxieties, the mortifications and wear that fathers undergo to secure for you comfortable homes; and then compensate them for their trials by making them happy by their own firesides.—*E. change*.

## Manitoba Flour East.

J. E. Kirkpatrick, of Kirkpatrick & Cookson, commission merchants, Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg last week, and will spend two or three weeks in Manitoba, visiting different sections of the province. This firm is doing quite a trade in handling consignments of Manitoba flour and grain. In regard to flour, Mr. Kirkpatrick says they have experienced considerable trouble this year with the Manitoba product, on account of the quality being lower than last year's. He thinks that millers should not try to work up damaged wheat for domestic trade. In sections of Quebec there is a little demand for low grade flour, but the principal demand is for choice qualities. All the low grade wheat he thinks should be exported. Frosted wheat cannot be used without great danger of losing the trade. Mr. Kirkpatrick does not consider the outlook very bullish, and especially for oats and barley he does not see much hope for higher prices. Manitoba farmers do not take sufficient care with their oats, and the quality is not desirable for export. As for barley, he thinks that it would be far more profitable to feed it to live stock, than to sell the grain, and he wonders that Manitoba farmers do not go more into hogs and other stock to eat up coarse grains.

## Montreal Iron and Metal Market.

The iron market shows no change in the business on spot, but prospects are better than they were. In pig iron there is no change in spot prices, which we still quote \$21.50 for Summerlee and \$19.50 for Carnbee. In Great Britain there is no particular change in the regular market, but the speculative branch has shown more or less fluctuation. Bar iron does not show any activity and we quote \$2. Nails are about the same, but makers report more favorable indications. Scrap iron is without feature, the only sale being a small transaction in No. 1 wrought at \$17. Tin and copper are easy, the market on the latter having reacted somewhat from the position it occupied a week ago. Spot values are the same, however. Tin and terno plates furnish no feature, and Canada plates are nominally the same.—*Gazette*.