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#### THE PROVISION MARKETS.

##### TORONTO.

The market for dressed hogs has advanced 25 to 50c. per 100 lb. owing to the good demand that has lately sprung up for them. The receipts are small. Hind-quarters of beef are down 50c. to \$1 per 100 lb., and all kinds of beef are active. The live hog market is 12½c. easier than last week owing to a slight decline on the English market. The arrivals are free and the buying fairly active. We quote: Dressed hogs, \$9.25 to \$9.75; beef carcasses, \$6.50 to \$8.00 per 100 lb.; hind quarters, \$7.50 to \$9.00 per 100 lb.; front quarters, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per 100 lb.; veal, 8 to 9c. per lb., and lambs, 7 to 8c. Select live hogs are worth \$7.12½ and fat and lights, \$6.87½ per 100 lb. Choice export cattle are worth \$5.25 to \$5.75 per 100 lb., and lights, \$4.25 to \$5.

Business in all lines of provisions is active, and stocks of cured meats are getting light. In view of the heavy demand for lard that has recently sprung up the market for it is strong. Quotations follows: Long clear bacon, 11 to 11½c.; smoked breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15c.; roll, 12 to 12½c.; medium hams, 13½ to 14c.; large hams, 12½ to 13c.; shoulder hams, 11 to 11½c., and backs, 14½ to 15c.; Canadian heavy mess pork, \$21.50; short cut, \$23.50 to \$24; lard, in tierces, 10¾ to 11c. per lb.; tubs, 11 to 11¼c., and pails, 11¼ to 11½c.; compounds, 8¾ to 10¼c.; plate beef, \$15 per 200 lb. bbl.

##### MONTREAL.

Trade in provisions continued to be fairly satisfactory during the week. In smoked meats business is up to the average for this season of the year. Lard is in some demand, both pure and compound moving fairly well, and at unchanged prices. It is reported that on account of a large quantity of American pork being put on this market that a very little Canadian short cut mess pork has appeared on the market.

In dressed hogs there has been an advance of 25c., and the market is firm at the new figure. A fair jobbing trade is doing in fresh-killed abattoir dressed hogs, there being a good demand from butchers for



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