

Toronto Grain and Produce Markets.

Wheat.—The demand is slow and the market is easier. A car of white sld outside yesterday at 85c. and later buyers here quoted 83½ to 81c for red and white west. To-day millers are offering 81 to 82c. Manitoba wheat is easier at 92c for No. 1 hard grinding in transit Sarnia, and 90c for No. 2 hard: No. 1 hard is quoted Toronto and west at 91c and No. 2 hard at 89c.

Flour.—The demand is slow and prices are about steady. Gals of straight roller are quoted west at \$1 to \$1.15. Manitoba flour is steady.

Millfeed.—Is dull at \$9.50 for shorts west and \$8.50 for bran.

Oats.—Dull and easy at 20 to 21c in car lots at country points, with buyers offering 1c lower.

Dressed Hogs.—The unfavorable weather has caused a marked decline in prices. Light hogs range up to \$1.75, and heavy down to \$1.25. There is no prospect of any change for the better at present.—Globe, Nov. 25.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain.—No. 2 oats, 24½ to 26½; malting barley, 46½ to 47½; barley, feed, 8½c.

Flour.—There continues to be a good export demand for flour, and the Lake of the Woods Milling company made another sale to-day of 2,000 sacks on London account for shipment via St. John, and 4,009 barrels for Australia. The local demand is only fair at present for Manitoba grades, while Ontario dealers state that sales are slow and trade of a hand to mouth character. Winter wheat, 4.90 to \$5.10; spring wheat, patents, 5.20 to \$5.30; straight roller, 4.4 to \$4.65; straight roller, bags, 2.10 to \$2.25; extra bags, 1.75 to \$1.85; Manitoba strong bakers, 4.50 to \$5.

Oatmeal.—The tone of the oatmeal market is stronger and prices have advanced 15 to 20c per barrel owing to the small off-rings. Standard, brls, \$3.50 to 3.60; granulated, brs, \$3.60 to 3.70; rolled oats, brs, \$1.50 to 3.60; rolled oats, per bag, \$1.75 to 1.85.

Feed.—Bran, \$9.50 to 10.50; shorts, \$11 to \$12.

Cheese.—The market was very quiet, with finest Ontario October goods held at 10c.

Butter.—In butter business was quiet, and the tone continues easy, with holders of finest creamery in boxes asking 19c, and in tubs at 18½ to 18¾c.

Eggs.—New laid sold at 20 to 22c, choice candied and Montreal lined at 14 to 14½c. Western lined at 13 to 14c, and culls at 8 to 10c per dozen.

Poultry.—Turkeys sold at 8 to 9c; duck, 7½ to 8c; chickens, 6 to 6½c, and geese, 5 to 6c per lb.

Dressed Hogs.—Demand is fair at \$1.75 to \$5 per 100 lbs.—Gazette, Nov. 25.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 19 says: "The butter market is certainly easier, for the stubborn refusal of shippers to dictate at the fancy figures asked has convinced factory-men that they are not obtainable. As they still have practically all of their October make yet to dispose of they are freer sellers than they were, and we heard of offers to-day at 19½c, but shippers will only concede the even figure, 19c. Salesmen, therefore, have either to accept it or try and peddle their stock around to local jobbers, who are paying a fraction or so more when the goods suit them."

C. C. Macdonald, Manitoba Dairy inspector, has selected the Henderson block in Winnipeg as the place where the coming session of the

dairy school will be held. The opening will take place on Jan. 5.

At Woodstock, Ont., on November 18, at the cheese board there was one of the largest offerings in the history of the board, no less than 7,571 boxes of October cheese and belated ones on being for sale. There were no sales: the highest bids were 9½c for October, and 9½c for November. The sellers are holding for 10c and the buyers seem quite indifferent. Very few of the Oxford county factories have closed down yet; even smallest factories are manufacturing every other day, and will likely do so until the end of the month. It appears probable that there will be a large fall make, and this is doubtless responsible for the stagnant state of the market.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 23 says: Actual business is cheese is unaltered. Current trades on spot and over the cables are, however, still confined to undergrades. Butter presents a still easier feeling and salesmen offered creamery in boxes at 19c, and tubs at 18½ to 18¾c, and buyers are indifferent at the decline.

The minister of agriculture has sent a circular to dairymen's associations, creamery associations, farmers' sheep and cattle breeders' and poultry and pig stock associations suggesting that they discuss the question of tariff revision and either forward resolutions adopted at meetings or name a committee to meet a committee of the government.

A meeting was held at Moosemin, Assa., recently, to take steps to organize a creamery.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14
Extra Man. sld	7	27	60	16	21
No. 1 hard.....	375	315	395	178	109
No. 2 hard.....	12	121	111	83	79
No. 3 hard.....	34	61	62	45	63
No. 1 North'n.....	26	13	11	10	12
No. 2 North'n.....	2	4	2	5	9
No. 3 North'n.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white type	2	3	1	0	4
No. 2 white type	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	2	1	2	2	1
No. 2 Spring.....	0	2	0	0	0
No. 1 frost'd.....	11	12	18	34	17
No. 2 frost'd.....	3	9	15	33	33
No. 3 frost'd.....	7	1	4	3	7
No. 1 Rejected.....	11	9	11	6	7
No. 2 Rejected.....	8	7	10	4	9
No. 3 Rejected.....	0	2	3	6	1
Condemned.....	0	3	1	1	0
Total.....	610	691	611	430	461
Same week last year.....	426	355	221	401	306

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

The Live Stock Markets.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 24 says: The live stock export season for 1896 is now closed, the steamship Gerona sailing on Sunday morning for London with 455 head of cattle.

At London on Nov. 23 the cattle trade was more depressed than on the last market day and prices showed a decline of ½c to 1c per lb. The supply was excessive and the demand was slow. The market was dull at 10½c for choice States, and at 8c to 9c for choice Canadians. Sheep were steady at 10c.

At the East End Abattoir market at Montreal on Nov. 23, the supply of cattle was large but prices were steady. Prime beefs sold at 8½c; good to choice, 8c to 8½c; common to fair, 2½c to 2¾c; and inferior, 1½c to

2c per lb. The demand for sheep was fair and prices were unchanged at 2½c per lb. Lamb: met with an active demand and values were firm at 8½c to 9c per lb. for choice and at 8c to 8½c for fair to good. At the Point St. Charles market Montreal, on the same day there were 800 hogs offered which met with a good demand at \$3.75 to \$4 per 100 lbs. live weight.

At Toronto on Nov. 24 the cattle market was dull at 2 to 3c for the general run, and a few head of picked sold at 8½ to 8¾c. Export sheep brought \$2.70 to \$2.80 per 100 lbs. Lamb: 8 to 8½c per lb. Butchers' sheep dull at \$2.50 to \$2.75 each. Hogs were steady at 8½ to 8¾c for choice bacon, heavy 8½c, sows 2½ to 3c, stags 2c.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matter.

The Chicago Trade Bulletin says: The rate on flour and grain from Chicago to New York is 20c, on corn 15c, and on provisions 80c per 100 lbs. Ocean rates are lower at 8½c to 4d from New York to Liverpool owing to increased offerings of tramp steamers. The rate from Chicago to Liverpool was 15.60 to 17.70c per bu on wheat and 15.60 to 17.45 on corn. Flour is 33 to 34c per 100 lbs and provisions 5½ to 5¾c. The lake and rail rate to New England on corn is 9½c, and oats 6½c. The New York lake and rail rate is 7½c on corn and 5½c on oats. Lake rates are steady at 2½c for wheat, 1½c for corn and 1½c for oats to Buffalo.

Excise Duties.

The annual report of the inland revenue department of Canada is out. The accrued revenue for the year ending 30th of June last, was \$3,011,086, compared with \$7,912,097 for the previous year, and \$8,411,495 for 1894. There were 4,382,210 gallons of spirits manufactured at various distilleries during the year, and the total quantity handled in bond and otherwise was 4,681,371 gallons. There was placed in warehouses during the year 4,479,249 gallons. Total quantity on which duty was collected was 2,413,058 gallons, the amount of duty being \$1,011,587, compared with 2,510,300 gallons in 1895, with a duty of \$3,901,579. This included license fees. Duty on tobacco, snuff and cigars was \$2,351,393, compared with \$3,859,811 in 1895. The annual consumption per head of the above mentioned articles as follows: Spirits, .623, compared with .696 in 1895; beer, 8.528 compared with 8.471 in 1895; wine, .073, compared with .090 the year previous; tobacco, 2.120, compared with 2.168 in 1895.

Alberta.

The Edmonton Board of Trade will ask for a general reduction of 50 per cent. in freight rates on farm products from Edmonton to the Kootenay, British Columbia country.

It is reported that Mr. C. Mickle of Birtle, M. P. P., has been appointed provincial secretary in the Manitoba government. Mr. Mickle is one of the most worthy members of the local house.

A telegram from Vancouver says that the Gold Range Development company, composed of some of the wealthiest and most responsible men of Vancouver, has bought the body of gold ore known as the Philip's Arm Quartz Mining claims, situated close to Vancouver.

The Duluth Commercial Record of Monday last says: "Vessel engagements are large enough for this week to indicate shipments of about 2,250,000 bushels of wheat and 500,000 bushels of coarse grains. There is nothing being done in the way of new charters, although a boat coming in unchartered could probably get a load at around 2½ to 3 cents."