

**TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.**

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 9.

Dry goods—Colder weather has caused a more active demand for heavy goods this week. The movement of holiday goods is large. Spring orders are also increasing. Values are firm. There are advances to report on Dominion mills sheetings of 1-4 to 1-2c per yard. Also the same advance on flannellets, gingham, napped sheetings, donlms, awnings, cottonades, tickings, shirtings, Galateas, Oxford, cotton blankets, and springs. Most large retailers have already placed their orders, and the advance will only affect repeats for next season's trade. Canadian turkey linings and colored reeds are 1-4c to 1-2c per yard higher. Colored cotton flannels 1-2c yard higher.

Hardware—All reasonable lines are active and prices are firm all round. Smooth steel wire is 10c per 100 lbs. higher and is now quoted at \$3.45 base. Factory milk cans have advanced 10 per cent. Discount now 40 per cent. Wire nails are firm and may advance soon. An agreement is being made by Canadian jobbers on barbed wire. Soft pine is 5 to 10 per cent dearer. Shot has advanced forty to fifty per cent. Ordinary is now quoted at \$5.25 here and chilled \$5.50. Metals are firm. Scrap copper 1-2c to 1c lower. Agricultural scrap is 5c higher at 70c.

Groceries are more active and values are steady. Sugars are quiet at Monday's decline. Coffees are firm. Teas easier. Molasses stronger. Canned goods firmer. Corn 5 to 10c dearer. Tomatoes 95c to \$1. Peas 30c and upward. Nuts firmer on probability of shortage of supplies.

**TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**

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Grain deliveries are small, owing to low prices. Farmers will not sell freely at present prices. Ontario wheat is steady. Oats are easier. Dressed hogs are firmer, as the colder weather is enabling country shippers to hold stocks longer.

Four—Manitoba patents, \$4.20; Manitoba bakers, \$3.70; Ontario straight roller, \$2.80 per barrel for carlots at country mills.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 65c for cars at country points; Ontario spring, 64 to 65c; No. 1 hard, 77 1-2c, grinding in transit.

Oats—Now oats, 25 to 28c at country points for car lots.

Barley—No. 2, 38 to 39c, country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 ton, bran, \$12 to \$12.50 per ton for cars at country mills.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 in bags per barrel, and \$3.35 in wood for car lots, Toronto.

Eggs—Choice fresh, 18c; No. 1 hmed, 15 1-2c.

Butter—Dairy, tubs, choice fresh 17 to 18c, poor to medium, 10 to 16c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 21 1-2c.

Cheese—12c for job lots to the local trade.

Hides—9 1-2 for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 10c; cured cows, 10c. Sheepskins and lambskins, 75 to 90c; calfskins, 10c and 9c for No. 1 and No. 2; tallow, 5 to 5 1-4c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 17 to 18c; unwashed, 9 to 10c.

Beans—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel for hand picked.

Dried Apples—6 to 6 1-2c for round lots; evaporated, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Honey—9 to 10c in bulk.

Poultry—Chickens, 30c to 40c per

pair, turkeys, 8c to 9c per pound; geese, 5 1-2 to 6c.

Potatoes—Steady at 40c per bag for car lots.

Hogs—Dressed hogs, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds, the top price only for selected weights.

**TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 5.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 600 cattle, 510 sheep and lambs, and 2,720 hogs.

Export cattle—In fair demand and higher. Choice lots sold at \$4.50 to \$4.80 per cwt. and lighter cattle at \$4.15 to \$4.40 per cwt.

Butchers cattle—Trade active. Good butchers cattle sold at \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt; choice lots, at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt., and common to medium cattle from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Feeders—\$3.50 to \$3.80 per cwt; light weights, \$3.25 to \$3.40 per cwt.

Stockers—Stockers weighing 500 to 700 lbs. sold at \$2.25 to \$2.75 and 700 to 900 lbs., at \$3 to \$3.25.

Sheep and lambs—Trade brisk. Lambs ranged from \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt. and export ewes at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Hogs—Choice lots, weighing 160 to 200 lbs. natural weight, sold 1-8c higher at \$4.37 1-2 per cwt.; light fats advanced to \$4 per cwt.; heavy fats were steady at \$4 per cwt.

**FRIDAY'S MARKET.**

Toronto, Dec. 9.

At the semi-weekly market to-day receipts were 600 head of cattle, 2,300 sheep and lambs, and 1,300 hogs.

There was a better demand for butchers cattle, and fair to choice sold at \$3.50 to \$4.60 per 100 lbs. Stockers were 5c lower than on Tuesday. Hogs the same as at Tuesday's market.

**MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.**

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 5.

At the East End Abattoir market yesterday the offerings of live stock were 600 cattle and 1,100 sheep and lambs.

Demand good and an active trade was done. Prices were fully maintained. Good to choice stock were scarce, in fact there was none of the latter to be had, and the top price paid was 4 1-4c for a few head of fairly good stock. Fair cattle sold at 3 1-2c to 4c, and lower grades at from 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c per lb., live weight. Sheep met with a good demand from shippers, and all suitable stock was taken at 3c, while the culls sold at 2 1-4 to 2 3-4c. Lambs sold at 3 1-2 to 4c for good to choice, and 5 to 3 1-4c for common.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles a fair supply of hogs offered, for which there was a good demand, and prices ruled steady at 4c to 4 1-4c per lb., for straight lots weighed off cars.

The demand for freight space from winter ports was fair.

**THURSDAY'S MARKET.**

Montreal, Dec. 8.

At the East End Abattoir yesterday receipts were 500 cattle and 300 sheep and lambs.

The demand for cattle was brisk. No prime steers offered. The best to be had realized 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c; fair to good, 3 1-2 to 4c, and common grades 2 1-4 to 3c. Sheep and lambs remained unchanged from Monday. Hogs sold at 4 to 4 1-4c off cars.

**MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 9.

Oats steady and quiet with no change in prices. Flour fairly active and prices unchanged. Feed active. Oatmeal remains unchanged. Hides are stronger and 1-2c higher, stocks on hand being light. Eggs are in fair enquiry and candied stock is 1-2 to 1c lower. Butter is firmer at an advance of 1c. on both dairy and creamery. Cheese holds strong and 1-4c higher for western. Beans are 2 1-2c per bushel higher. Potatoes are active and easier at a straight quotation of 45c as against 45 to 50c a week ago. Poultry have improved and stocks are lighter. Chickens are 1c higher.

Oats—80 1-2c in store. Flour—Prices to the trade delivered are: Manitoba strong bakers, \$3.60 to \$3.70. Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.15.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14.75 to \$15.00 per ton; shorts, \$16.00 to \$17.00, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Roiled oats, \$3.50 per barrel on track and \$1.70 per sack.

Hides—No. 1 green city hides, 10 1-2c; No. 2, 9 1-2c, No. 3 8 1-2c; calfskins, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 9c; lambskins 85c; tallow 4 to 4 1-2c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 20 to 22c; candied, 17 1-2 to 19c; second grade, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Choice fresh dairy, 17 to 18c. Butter—Choice creamery, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—Western finest, 12 1-2 to 12 3-4c., eastern, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c.

Beans—\$1.42 1-2 to \$1.47 1-2 per bushel, as to quality.

Potatoes 45c per bag on track.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, \$1-2 to 9c; ducks 7 1-2 to 8c; geese, 6c; chickens, 7 to 8c per lb.

**MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.**

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A weaker feeling has developed in sugar. Refiners have reduced prices on all grades, 5c per 100 pounds, granulated now being quoted at \$4.40, and yellows at \$3.60 to \$4.20 per 100 pounds, as to quality at the factory. Decline is due to the competition of United States refiners chiefly at western Ontario points. Molasses and syrup are steady. Other lines of groceries are quiet and firm.

**MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.**

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Hardware, paints, oils and glass are firm and strong and prices unchanged.

**SUGAR.**

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London, Dec. 8.—Beet steady. December 8s 3-4d; January 9s 2 1-4d.

**LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.**

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Liverpool, Dec. 8.

Quotations are strong at 57s 6d to 58s for white and colored.

The Russell Banner, of Russell, Man., has issued a special harvest number which contains considerable information of value regarding the growth and progress of Russell county.

There was an advance of one per cent. in the Bank of England rate last week. This was not unexpected. The rate is now higher than it has been for many years. The advance did not make much impression on the prices of stocks.