

Toronto Grocery Market

General business has been very satisfactory, as far as volume is concerned, this week. Sugars, if anything, have the call. In a few instances houses have done more in low grade Japan teas and currants, the stocks of which are in the hands of a few. Payments are moderately good.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—While jobbers are not getting more than cost price on most orders for sugar, there is a steadier feeling this week, as one of the leading cutters has instructed his travellers to ask 40 for car lots. There seems to be but little doing under 33; for yellows and 43c for granulated. Raws quiet with a few sales of Jamaica at 33c. Syrups weak at 20c up. Molasses in fair demand at 38 to 42c for Porto Rico in barrels. New Orleans are selling freely at 48 to 55c. Sugars—Granulated, 43 to 43c; Paris lump, boxes, 51c; extra ground, bbls, 53 to 61c powdered, bbls, 48 to 49c; refined, dark to bright, 31 to 40; Demarara 43c; Trinidad 31c to 33c; Barbadoes 33 to 35c. Syrups—D. 2 to 24c; M. 24 to 33c; B. 23 to 24c; V.B. 24 to 28c; E.V.B. 28 to 29c; ex. super. 24 to 24c; XX 24 to 30c; XXX and special 3 to 33c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls 30 to 40c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals 30 to 40c; inferior low grades 25 to 28c.

Teas and Coffees—The local market is quiet, a few deals are on in lines. In Japans there is not much doing. Spot stocks are light; shippers seem to have been waiting for lower freights. A vessel is loading there now at a very low figure. Latest cables report the market active but no higher, and put the settlements at 25,000 piculs less than last year. Congous quiet. Hysons scarce and firm. Prices are: Rios 17 to 20c; Jamaica 19 to 20c; Java 25 to 31c; Mocha 23 to 30c; Porto Rico 23 to 25c.

Dried Fruit—New Valencia raisins were offered to-day for shipment from Denia next week; the opening price to the retail trade will probably be 7c or less; spot Valentias are moving at 4 to 4 1/2c for off-stalk for ordinary, and 5 to 5 1/2 for choice, and are firm at that. London layers offer \$1.50, and black baskets \$2.50. Currants firmer on spot, with a light supply; cases are held 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c, and 4 1/2 to 5c for bbls. New crop prunes promise to be very dear; new are expected to cost 7 1/2 to 8c in cases. The London Grocers' Gazette says: "The rainy weather continued for two or three days, inflicting considerable damage. This, together with the injury previously caused by the blight, is variously estimated at a loss of from 10 to 40 per cent (according to district) of the growing crop. It is very probable that the first arrival of the new fruit will be considerably later this year than of late, as, owing to the undue haste shown in the past to ship the fruit, much of it has come to hand in a very immature condition. To remedy this, the Greek government propose to prohibit the exportation before the 23rd of August, so that the first shipment will, in that case, not arrive before the 10th of September, or quite ten days later than usual. The market continues firm at steady prices, with a small demand for f.o.b. home and export. Quotations are as follows: Provincial, cases, 16s 6d to 17s; half cases, 17s to 19s; Patras, 20 to 27s; Gulf 24 to 33s; Island, 18 to 26s; Vostizza, 27 to 33s. "Currants—barrels, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c; do fancy 6c; half-barrels 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c; Vostizza cases 6 1/2 to 9c; Patras, bbls 5 to 5 1/2c; cases 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c. Raisins—Valentias 4 to 5c; layers 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c; Sultanas 9 to 13c; London layers \$2.50 to \$2.75. Figs—Elemeles, 10 lbs and up, 11 to 16c; Malaga, 56-lb bags 5 to 5 1/2c; natural, bags 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c. Dates—Hallowes 5 to 5 1/2c. Prunes—Cases 5 to 6 1/2c; hds 4 to 4 1/2c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona 13 1/2 to 15c; Ivica 14 to 15c; do shelled, Valencia 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily 10 1/2 to 11c; walnuts, Grenoble 14c, Bordeaux 11 to 12c.

Canned Goods—The retail trade are placing orders very slowly for new canned goods to arrive. The past season's experience has not

been satisfactory as prices did not advance as was expected. Jobbers ask \$1 to \$1.05 for equal quantities of corn, peas and tomatoes, and \$1.10 for fancy. Fruits are dull and no futures appear to be selling. Salmon continues strong at \$1.50 up. Some future horse shoes sold at \$1.50 to \$1.55, and other brands at \$1.45. Lobsters firm. Crown and similar brands held at \$2 to \$2.15. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.70 to \$1.85; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.45 to \$1.60; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.75 to \$2.25; mackerel \$1 to \$1.25; finnan haddie, \$1.40 to \$1.50; sardines, French 1's, 10c; sardines, French 1's, 17c; sardines, American 1's, 6 to 8c; sardines American 1's, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, \$1 to \$1.10; corn, 2's, 9 1/2 to \$1.05; peas, 2's, \$1.05 to \$1.25; beans 90c to \$1; pumpkins 75 to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.10 to \$2.25; apples, gals, \$1.75 to \$2.00; 3's 35c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.35 to \$3.25; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to \$1.75; 3's \$2.65; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; 3's \$1.75 to \$2.10.

Spices, Rice, etc.—Rice, bags 3 1/2 to 4c; do off grades 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c; do Patna 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c; do Japan 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c; sago 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c; tapioca 4 1/2 to 5c; pepper, black 1 1/2 to 12c; do white 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica 18 to 20c; cloves 10 to 15c; allspice 10 to 12c; nutmeg 9 1/2 to \$1.10; cream tar 28 to 35c.

Peels—The market is quiet and unchanged at 16 to 17c for lemon, 16 1/2 to 18c for orange and 25 to 28c for citron.—*Empire*, August 12.

Montreal Market.

Flour—There is still an export trade in progress both on English and Newfoundland account, but orders are being filled at very low prices, a leading miller stating that they were the lowest he ever remembered. Sales of straight rollers have been made on the basis of \$3.85 here for Ontario and United States brands; but it is said they would not stand inspection. Ontario millers will not deliver good straight rollers on track here at under \$3.90, while \$3.95 to \$4 is asked for choice. Sales of straight rollers have transpired at \$4 to \$4.15 to the local trade delivered. Extra has been placed at \$3.25 to \$3.50 as to size of lot and quality, a round lot changing hands at \$3.35 yesterday. In spring wheat flour there have been sales of choice brands of strong bakers at \$4.35 to \$4.40, and a very good lot of strong bakers ground in Manitoba was sold at \$4.25. United States flour is being shipped at this port for export to England and Newfoundland.

Oatmeal—The market has ruled very quiet during the week, and prices have been without any material change. We quote: Rolled and granulated \$4.05 to \$4.10; standard \$3.95 to \$4. In bags, granulated \$2 to \$2.05, and standard \$1.90 to \$1.95. For round lot lower prices might be accepted.

Mill Feed—The market is quiet but steady at \$13 in car lots, smaller lots being quoted at \$13.50. Shorts \$14.50 to \$15, and moultrie \$16.50 to \$21 as to grade.

Wheat—Most shipments from this port are on through bills, and in the absence of spot transactions prices here are more or less nominal, and we quote No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat \$5 to 8 7/8c. No. 1 regular is quiet at 61 to 63. Some very fine samples of new Ontario winter wheat have been received and some very ordinary ones, but the majority are excellent. Ontario red winter wheat is quoted at \$2 to \$4c.

Oats—Sales reported at 36; per 34 pounds for No. 2 in store. A round lot of No. 2 was sold at 35 1/2c and another lot at 35c. The yield of oats promises to be large, and holders are inclined to sell wherever a good offer is made.

Barley—The sale of a round lot of good feed barley was made at 39c and we quote at 39 to 42c, malting grades being quoted at 48 to 55c as to quality. There has been more inquiry for export.

Butter—There can be no doubt that the price of creamery butter has been hoisted be-

yond a shipping basis, as high as 21 and 21 1/2c having been paid in the country for certain factories; but shippers point blank refuse to follow the market any further, at least for the present, and it is impossible to realize in this market to day the high figures that have been paid in the country. Still, holders are firm in their views and will not shade prices. Stocks of creamery butter in cold storage are large and are not going out as freely as they come in. The sale of a good sized lot of Eastern Townships was made at 18 1/2c, said to be a very fine lot, and we quote 16 1/2 to 18 1/2c, with a fraction more obtainable for single selected tubs. In western than market is steady, and sales have transpired at 16 to 16 1/2c, one lot of choice selected bringing 17c. We quote 15 to 16 1/2c as to quality.

Cheese—The market continues very firm all round, and prices have taken a further upward trend, finest western going out by this week's steamers costing 9 1/2c to 9 3/4c while underpriced goods have cost 9 to 9 1/2c. The offerings at the boat on Monday last, consisting of French cheese, were all snapped at 9 1/2c, among which it is said were some very ordinary goods. Contracting has commenced at 10 to 10 1/2c for September and October, which does not portend a break in prices. The Liverpool public cable has moved up another 1s to 46; 6d, and the situation has a strong look all round, notwithstanding the large amount put into cold storage in this city.

Eggs—The market remains firm, with sales all the way from 11 1/2 to 12c and 12 1/2c, the latter figure being for strictly choice shipping stock. Shipments are still going forward.

Wool—Business continues about the same as for some time past, local sales being principally of a jobbing character, and manufacturers buying only as they need the raw material. At the same time merchants are fully persuaded that the advance is permanent for some time, and consequently they are not anxious sellers. We quote: Easy cape, 15 to 17c; B.A. scored, 33 to 33 1/2; Northwest, 15 to 16c.

Hides—Hide men are still paying according to the pressure the butchers can bring to bear on them, and prices are nominal. No. 1, 4 1/2c; No. 2, 3 1/2c; No. 3, 2 1/2c; tanners are paying one cent more; lambskins, 40 to 50c; clips, 30c; calfskins, 5c.—*Trade Bulletin*, August 11.

Toronto Leather Prices.

There is some call for stock from eastern buyers, but locally the trade is very dull and flat. Shipments are steadily being made of sole leather to England. Prices are steady but unchanged. Prices are: Sole leather, medium heavy, per lb, 23 to 25c; Spanish No. 1, per lb, 23 to 25c; Spanish No. 2, per lb, 21 to 23; Spanish No. 3, per lb, 18 to 20c; calfskin, Canadian light, 65 to 70c; calfskin, Canadian medium, 70 to 73c; calfskin, Canadian heavy, 65 to 70c; calfskin, French, \$1.05 to \$1.30; upper, light, medium, 30 to 33c; splits, 15 to 23c; harness, prime, 15 to 18 lbs, 24 to 26c; harness, light, per lb, 22 to 24c; buff, 14 to 16c; pebble, 14 to 15c; oak harness, American, 45 to 50c; oak harness, English backs, 65 to 70c; oak bridle and shirrings, English, 75 to 80c; cordovan vamps, No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6; cordovan vamps, No. 2, \$5 to \$5.50; cordovan goloshes, 11 to 12c; cordovan sides, No. 1, 16c; cordovan sides, No. 2, 13c; cordovan sides, No. 3, 11 to 12c; oak cup soles, \$4.50 to \$8; hemlock taps, \$3 to \$3 7/8; cod oil per gal, 45 to 50c; degreas, per lb, 4 1/2 to 5c; japonica, per lb, 6 to 6 1/2c; oak extract, 4c; hemlock extract, 3c; lampblack, 20 to 30c; sumac, per ton, \$65 to \$70; roundings, white oak, 10 to 25c; roundings, black, 18 to 20c; roundings, hemlock, 15c.—*Empire*.

Western buyers, says the Toronto *Empire*, appear to be interested in future canned goods. Several telegrams were received this week asking for quotations on leading staples. It is probable the presence of one or more Ontario packers up there may have excited them.