

Freight Rates.

Charters are reported at 11-8c per bushel for corn from Chicago to Buffalo, and the rate on corn from Chicago to Kingston is 21-2c, equal to 41-2c through to Montreal. From Fort William to Montreal wheat 6c. Chicago to Prescott corn 212c to 23-4c, and on wheat 3c. From Kingston to Montreal 21-4c wheat, and 2c corn.

Regarding ocean freights the Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The chief feature in grain freights is the demand for August-September space and away into October. We quote rates for heavy grain as follows: Glasgow and Liverpool at 1s 10 1/2d to 2s, and for London and Bristol 2s to 2s 3d. Sack flour 8s 6d Liverpool, 10s to 12s 6d London, 9s to 10s Glasgow, and 12s 6d Bristol. Butter and cheese 20s Liverpool and London, 25s Bristol and Glasgow, with 10s extra for refrigeration room. Cattle engagements have transpired at 45s Glasgow, 45s 6d to 47s 6d Liverpool, 40s to 45s London, and 45s Bristol.

The Dominion Express company announce a reduction in rates on butter, eggs and dressed poultry from points in Manitoba and the Territories to Kootenay points. The old rate was \$5 per 100 pounds, which has been reduced to \$3.50, except to Rossland, which is \$4 per 100 pounds.

The Canadian Pacific railway has issued a new tariff on singles and lumber from British Columbia via coast points to Montreal and common points. The new rate is 65 cents per hundred pounds.

At a recent meeting of the council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade it was reported that a complaint had been made to the council by a member of the board that a practical discrimination against Winnipeg existed on merchandise brought to Fort William or Duluth by the independent steamboat lines on Lake Superior; and that this discrimination did not apply to points west of Winnipeg, but to this city only. A committee was appointed to inquire into the matter and report the facts of the case to the council.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Advises from Liverpool report a firm and advancing market for Sultana raisins.

A cable from Amsterdam reported the batch sale of Java coffee at 1-1c above valuation with good ordinary Java at 46 3/4c.

A Toronto report says: Canned goods are in good demand. Peas, the stocks of which are small, are very firm and higher prices are expected for the line.

During the past week says the Montreal Gazette, there has been considerable activity, excitement and strength attached to the tea market, and prices have advanced 1c to 2c per lb. on all grades. This is due to the fact that the enquiry referred to last week from New York and Chicago prices, owing to the prospective rise of 10c per lb. on all teas has resulted in a very extensive business here, and the market is now comparatively bare of all desirable grades. The stock of teas now in Canada is very light, and the market is in a position to receive now crops. A sale of 1,300 half chests of Japan was made on New York account at 16c, and an offer from the buyer of 10c was made for 2,500

half chests of blacks, but the holder is firm at 11c. Another sale of 1,200 half chests of Japan was made on New York account at 15c to 17c. Besides the above other sales of small lots have been made aggregating between 2,000 to 3,000 packages. All the teas that showed a loss 11-2c per lb. to holders a week ago have been disposed of at a profit.

A cable report says: The market for Coryons is strong and much excited. Teas that sold at \$22.50 per picul last year, are this season quoted at \$35.

The demand for rice is steadily improving and as new importations have come to hand the market is now relieved of the scarcity recently noted.

The Hardware Trade.

A Toronto report says: Tacks, both list and discount, have been changed. Screws and bolts are also lower. Owing to reduction in the tariff wire nails and barbed wire have not been made to any large extent, consequently orders cannot all be executed with any degree of promptness. In metals business has been better and prices have been ruling firm.

The arrivals of fuel supplies of lincseed oil at Montreal, has weakened that market, and prices have declined 1c per gallon, round lots of raw offering at 41c, and boiled at 44c. With a somewhat improved market in England, however, no further reduction is looked for.

Owing to increased arrivals at shipping points, there has been a weaker feeling in the Montreal turpentine market, and prices have decline 1c per gal on, with recent sales of single barrels at 43c and five barrel lots at 42c.

Cordage continues unsettled in eastern markets, and prices are irregular. The higher prices in England for white lead gives a firm tone to the market.

Shellac has declined 1c at Montreal to 24c for pale orange, in car lots.

Hides, Wool, etc.

Bradstreets says of the United States wool market: The demand for domestic wool has fallen off largely, and the tone is weaker under a slow trade. Fleeces are in small supply and light demand. Territory wools are in slow demand, and concessions have to be made to attract buyers. Dealers hold fairly steady, and, consequently, do not sell. Foreign wools are being taken quite freely, both in delivery of previous sales to arrive and on new transactions. The price is based on the cost to import, and continues attractive to buyers, who look for a considerable advance if a duty is put on wool.

Hides have advanced 1c at Montreal to 8c for No. 1, owing to local competition. In some cases up to 9c has been bid for No. 1 hides.

Hides are quoted firm at Toronto at 71-2c for green, and 8c for cured, in car lots. Sheepskins \$1.25 to \$1.35 for the best. Tallow was weak at 23-4c to 3c for good to choice rendered.

The Toronto Globe says: The wool market is in a most unsatisfactory state of uncertainty owing to the delay in the passage of the tariff bill at Washington. This is very disappointing at this season to all interested in Canadian wools. Dealers do not know what value to place on the wool since they are not in a position to

judge of the future of the United States market for Canadian wools and will not be in a position to fix values till after the passage of the tariff by the United States congress. In the meantime, they will be working it in the dark, and any purchases of new wool prior to the passage of the tariff bill over there must be on a speculative basis. The passage of the tariff may be delayed for another month. Washed fleeces is quoted at 13 to 13 1/2c.

A report from Chicago says: "The packers have yielded. Native steer hides were let go at 81-4c and 71-4c for heavy and light, although at least two of the big cattle slaughterers were demanding 9c up to the time of making the sale. March and April Colorado steer hides were sold at 7c, but later a lot of late April salting brought 71-4c, because of better condition. Texas steer hides are firm and no concessions were granted. About 4,000 changed hands at 81-4c for the heavy, light and extreme light weights. Heavy native cowhides were moved at 81-4c—a concession of 1-4c—but the light weight selection was held steady at 83-4c.

The Live Stock Trade.

At London on May 17 the market was strong, and prices advanced 1-2c per lb. at which a firm trade was done owing to light offering. Choice States cattle sold at 121-2c, Canadians at 111-2c, and Argentines at 101-2c. The market for sheep was also stronger, and prices were 1-2c higher at 13c. On the other hand the Liverpool market for cattle was weak, and prices declined 1c, choice Canadian cattle being quoted at 101-2c.

At the East End Abattoir market, Montreal, on May 17, dealers stated that 41-2c could have been realized for choice stock, but such were scarce. Good cattle sold at 4c to 41-4c, and choice would have brought 43-8c to 41-2c. Fair stock sold at 31-2c to 33-4c, common at 3c to 31-4c, and inferior at 21-4 to 23-4c per lb. live weight. Shippers picked up all the sheep suitable for shipment at 4c per lb. live weight, and butchers paid from \$3 to \$5 each. Spring lambs were in good demand at \$2.50 to each \$5 each.

At the Point St. Charles market, Montreal, on May 17, cattle changed hands at 31-2c to 33-4c per lb. for loads. The demand for export cattle was good, and for the class of stock offered shippers paid 4c to 41-2c per lb., but would pay 43-4c and probably 5c for really choice heavy steers and heifers. The receipts of live hogs were small, and sales were made at \$5.35 to \$5.45 per 100 lbs. live weight.

ALBERTA.

The general stock of P. Beaupre, of Gleichen, will be offered for sale at auction in Winnipeg on May 25, by the official assignee. The stock amounts to \$5,000, book accounts, \$4,800, live stock, \$4,500; real estate, \$5,960.

The vote at Edmonton on the by-law to empower the council to issue debentures giving a bonus of \$25,000 for the construction of a bridge over the Saskatchewan river, resulted in the by-law being carried by a vote of 69 to 3.