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The Montreal Markets

A good volume of business is reported, as there have been some good orders received from Newfoundland; but Ohio straight roller seems to take the place of Ontario brands for that market. Good Ontario straight roller brands are offered at \$2.80 laid down here on track, and in some instances we learn that western millers have offered to shade that figure in order to effect sales; but Ohio brands are offered at lower figures still. Advices from the west state that millers in some sections west of Toronto are getting all the wheat they want delivered at the mills at 50c, while in other districts 51 to 52c is being paid. These low prices, of course, help to put the millers in a better position, and considering the profitable prices that rule for feed stuffs, there is a chance for them to make something. Some sack flour continues to go forward at very low freight rates. Manitoba Strong bakers is being delivered to city buyers as cheaply as ever. We quote: Patent, spring, \$3.40 to \$3.50; Ontario patent, \$3.05 to \$3.20; straight roller, \$2.80 to \$3; extra, \$2.40 to \$2.60; superfine, \$2.15 to \$2.35; city strong bakers, \$3.30 to \$3.40; Manitoba bakers, \$3.15 to \$3.40; Ontario bags, extra, \$1.30 to \$1.40; straight rollers, \$1.45 to \$1.52½.

Oatmeal.—Prices lean in favor of buyers. Trade is rather dull. We quote as follows:—Rolled and granulated, \$1.35 to \$1.45; standard, \$1.35. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.15 to \$2.20, and standard at \$2.10 to \$2.15. Fancy brands of both granulated and rolled are selling at higher prices. Pot barley is quoted at \$3.75 in bbls., and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.40 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—Bran continues scarce, so scarce, in fact, that millers find it often helps them to make a sale of flour. Sales of car loads of bran have transpired at \$15.50 to \$15. Shorts are equally scarce and difficult to get with prices ranging all the way from \$17.50 to \$20 as to grade. Mouille is quoted at \$20 to \$21 as to quality.

Wheat.—The local market rules dull in the absence of spot business, and values are of course nominal. Upper Canada red winter wheat is quoted here at 60 to 61c, but those figures are not obtainable for export. In the west red winter has been bought at 50 to 52c as to position. Manitoba wheat quoted here No. 1 hard nominal at 60 to 70c, and No. 2, 67 to 68c.

Oats.—Firm feeling in oats, and sales have been made at 31c per 34 lbs. No. 2 white are offered at 25c in the west, which can be laid down here on the export rate at 31c.

Barley.—Feed barley is firm at 46 to 47c. Malting barley is quiet but firm at 50 to 55c.

Pork, lard, etc.—The market for hog products is very firm. Lard is also firm in sympathy with the western advance, and sales of compound are reported in this market at \$1.50 per pail. Smoked meats are steady and prices have an advancing tendency. We quote prices as follows: Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$18.50 to \$20.50; Chicago short cut mess, per bbl., \$19.50 to \$20; extra mess beef, per bbl., \$12.50 to \$13; plate beef, per bbl., \$16.25 to \$16.50; hams, per lb., 10c to 10½c; lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 9½ to 10c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 7½ to 7¾c; bacon, per lb., 10 to 11c; shoulder, per lb., 8½ to 9c.

Butter.—There has been a little more doing in creamery in the country, but chiefly on account of local dealers who have paid 19½c to 20c for choice late made. Several lots of creamery have been bought in the west, one lot being taken for the Pacific coast. We quote: Creamery, per lb., 19 to 20c; Eastern townships dairy, 16 to 18c; Western, 14 to 16c. Add 1c to above for single packages of selected.

Cheese.—Buyers have been as eager as ever to secure a portion of the September and October make, although they have had to pay 10½ to 11c for finest Western in order to appease their anxiety. Since our last issue about 50,000 to 60,000 boxes have been contracted in the west at 10½ to 11c for August, September and October. The drought scare has no doubt had a good deal to do with the active buying, but we do not think the shrinkage in the make will be as great as expected, present high prices being a big inducement to turn out the goods by hook or by crook. Finest western, colored, 10½ to 11c; do, white, 10½ to 10¾c; finest Quebec, colored, 10½ to 10¾c; do, white, 10½c; under grades, 9½ to 10½c.

Eggs.—The market is firmer, sales reported at 10c for round lots, and at 10½ to 11c for jobbing lots to the retail trade, the latter price for fancy fresh stock. For western stock, however, 10c is the top figure. The receipts from Prince Edward Island have about ceased.

Apples.—Owing to the light receipts of apples, prices have advanced about 50c per barrel. The demand continues good at the following prices: Duchess, \$2 to 2.50 per barrel, fall apples \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel, and baskets 30c.

Hides.—Sales of car lots have been made this week to Quebec tanners at 4½c for No. 1, but the regular price paid by dealers is 4c; although 4½ to 4¾c has been paid by the fighters. Calfskins have been all bought up and the market is bare again. The price paid was in the vicinity of 50c per skin. Dealers are still paying 5c per lb. Lambskins are firmer and may be quoted at 45c.

Wool.—Cables just received state that there is an advance of 5 to 10 per cent. in the English markets, and that business is confined to very narrow limits in anticipation of the approaching London auction sales, which take place on the 18th inst. Prices here have also advanced 5 to 10 per cent., several small lots having changed hands at 14 to 16c. Some United States buyers have been around looking for Canadian wool, and the result has been that some of the firms in the west where the greater portion of this wool has been held, are said to have cleared from \$20,000 to \$50,000, by large shipments to the United States since the new duty came into force. We quote prices as follows: Greasy Cape, 14 to 16c; Canadian fleece, 17 to 20c; B.A. scoured, 26 to 32c. In pulled wool, 20 to 21½c is quoted for suppers, extra 23 to 26c; Northwest wool, 11 to 12c.—Trade Bulletin, Sept. 7.

Montreal Grocery Market.

The sugar market on spot is firm and values are well maintained. The demand has been good, especially for bright yellow, of which stocks are pretty well exhausted, in fact, one refinery is completely sold out for the present. Granulated has sold freely at 4½c and yellows at 3½ to 3¾c as to quality, at the factory.

The demand for syrups continues good and the market rules fairly active and steady with a good business doing. Stocks are not large and it would not be surprising to see prices higher in the near future. Bright grades have changed hands freely at 2 to 2½c, and dark at 1 to 1½c per lb at the factory. We quote round lots, ex-store at 27½c; car lots at 29c; and single puncheons at 30c.

The demand for rice has been good and the market is active and firm in sympathy with advances from primary points. We quote standards \$3.45 to \$3.70; Japan, \$3.95 to \$4.25, and Patna \$4.25 to \$4.75.

The stock of tea in first hands on spot is not large, for which the demand is good and the market rules active with a large volume of business doing at firmer prices. Private cables from Shanghai, China, state that P.D. Gunpowders are scarce and in big demand, and that values are 8c per lb. higher this season, as compared with last year. Private cables from Japan are also strong and note a further advance in prices, and as there is a possibility of considerable shortage in the crop a very firm market may be expected for the balance of the season. In New York holders are realizing 1½ to 1½c per lb. more for their tea than they can obtain here.

In coffee business has been rather quiet during the past week, but the tone is firm and values are well maintained. We quote: Maracabo, 18½c to 21c; Rio, 19c to 21c;