

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 15.
Offerings to-day were 35 carloads. These include 250 sheep and lambs, 500 hogs.

Cattle—Very little enquiry for export cattle, at 3 1-4 to 4 1-4c. Bulls 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c and 3 3-4 for extra fine. Stockers in good demand at 3 1-4 to 3 5-8c. Fair demand in good butcher cattle, but other grades were slow and weak. The best loads sold at from 3 1-2 to 3 7-8c.

Sheep—Sheep were worth 3 to 3 1-2c; bucks, 3c; good demand. Lambs ensue at 5 to 5 3-8c. A few choice a, shade more.

Hogs—The best price paid to-day was \$4.90 per 100 pounds; for light hogs \$4.62 1-2 was the top figure, and for heavy hogs \$4.50. Sows 3c and stags 2c per pound.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Toronto, March 18.

Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 41 carloads, including 1,100 hogs. United States buyers are picking up cattle throughout western Ontario for export, but farmers are holding for higher prices in many cases. Butchers cattle were firm at the market to-day, and choice export were 1-4c higher, touching 4 1-2c. Best butchers were also 1-4c higher at 4c. Hogs were 1-4c lower. Prices were as follows:

Export cattle	3.75 to 4.50
Butchers' choice cattle	3.50 to 4.00
Butchers' good cattle	3.00 to 3.25
Butchers' common to medium	2.75 to 3.00
Bulls	2.75 to 3.60
Feeders	3.50 to 3.75
Stockers	3.00 to 3.50
Export sheep	3.25 to 3.50
Butchers' sheep	3.00 to 3.40
Lambs	5.00 to 5.35
Choice bacon hogs	4.60 to 4.70
Light hogs	4.40 to 4.45
Thick fat hogs	4.25 to 4.30
Storos	4.20 to 4.25
Sows	2.75 to 3.00
Stags	1.75 to 2.00

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Owing to bad roads, grain deliveries have been light. Oats are 1-2c lower. Wheat lower. Oatmeal 5c lower. Ontario flour 10c lower per barrel. Hogs products in active demand, and long clear bacon firmer.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.55; bakers, \$5.05; Ontario straight roller, \$3.90 to \$4.

Wheat—Ontario wheat 84 to 85c. No. 1 hard North Bay \$1.09 to \$1.10. Oats—White, 29c, mixed 28 1-2c.

Barley—Quite at 40c for No. 2; 37 to 38c for No. 3 extra, and 30 to 35c for feed.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$14 to \$14.50 per ton; bran \$12 to \$12.50 per ton.

Oatmeal—\$3.65 per barrel for car lots.

Eggs—12 to 12 1-2c.
Butter, dairy—Tubs, choice 17 to 18c medium 13 to 15c. Creamery, tubs, 20c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 8 1-2c, the latter for steers; cured 9c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.30 for fresh killed; tallow, 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c.

Dried apples—Easter, 4 to 4 1-2c; evaporated, 9 1-2c.

Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—70 to 90c per bushel.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.25 per 100 lbs. Wool—Fleece 20 1-2c. Pulled, savers, 22 to 23c; extras, 19 1-2 to 21 1-2c.

Seed—Timothy, \$1 to \$1.90 per bushel.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.
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Dry Goods—Wholesale dry goods is less active than last week and there are fewer buyers in the market. Summer goods are in increased demand. Values of imported goods are strong. Silks and ribbons firm at the recent advance. Some of the mills are so busy they are refusing orders for ladies underwear. Payments are good and failures fewer.

Groceries—The market is duller. Sugars are slow, owing to large imports of German granulated. Good demand here for Japan teas for sales, and five thousand packages sold.

Hardware—This branch is much improved. Coppered and brass wire will hereafter be sold on net list. There is cutting in wire nails. Sisal rope is 1-4c higher. Metals in better demand, sheet tin advanced 1-8c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

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Montreal, March 19.

The market has been steady this week. Business good. Cable advices on molasses are strong, a large demand being reported, in excess of supply.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 4 3-8c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 4 1-10; yellow, 3 1-2 to 3 7-8c. Molasses 2 1/2 to 30c; granulated, 4 1-8c. Molasses, 2 1/2 to 30c; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2c as to quality; Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 9 to 10c; Mocha, 18 to 20c; Java, 17 to 20; rice, Crystal Japan, 5c, B. 3 1-2c. Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.25; corn, 85 to 95c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, March 19.

Business has been fairly active and prices steady. Quotations are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linsed oil raw, 46 to 47c; boiled, 49 to 50; turpentine 57; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3 25 to \$3.75, Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4, putty in bulk, \$1 65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Oats are easier, being quoted 1-2c lower than a week ago. Flour has been reduced 5c on the outside range. Millfeed active and firm. Eggs are in large supply, and 1c lower. Cheese dull and 1-4c lower. Dressed hogs 1-4c lower. Butter firm.

Oats—3 1-2 to 3 4c per bushel for No. 2 white spot, and 3 1-4 to 3 5 for May delivery.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.00, Manitoba patents, \$5.30.

Millfeed—Bran, \$15.00 to \$15.50 per ton; shorts, \$17.00 to \$17.50, including sacks.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.90 to \$1.95 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Fresh, 13 to 14c per dozen.

Butter—Dairy, 17 1-2 to 18 1-2.

Butter—Creamery, 19 to 21c.

Cheese—7 1-2 to 7 3-4c.

Dressed hogs—\$6 to \$6.25 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 8 1-2 to 4 1-2c; hinds, 5 1-2 to 7 1-2c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 7 to 8c; mutton, 6 to 7c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
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Receipts at the East End Abattoir market yesterday were 400 cattle, 85 sheep and lambs and 25 calves. Cattle were in excess of the requirements and 100 head were left over. Buying was limited owing to the large amount of dressed beef that is being shipped to this market from western points. Choice cattle sold at 4c to 4 1-4c, good at 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c, and common to fair, at 2 1-2 to 3c. Sheep were firm. Old sheep sold at 3 1-2c, yearlings at 5c, and lambs \$3 to \$5 each.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards, yesterday, the receipts were 100 cattle and 300 hogs. The demands for hogs was good and prices were steady at 5c to 5 1-4c per lb. live weight.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, March 18.

Cattle—Choice 4 to 4 1-4; fair to good, 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c; common, 2 1-2 to 3c.

Sheep—3 1-2c per lb; yearlings 5c.

Hogs—5 to 5 1-4c.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

David Irwin, of Neepawa, will open a general store at Souris, Man.

Mrs. Barber is retiring from the hotel business at Neepawa, Man.

Cashman, Orillia, Ont., is opening in dry goods at Mine Centre, Ont.,

J. E. Glennie is opening in the implement business at McDonald, Man.

A. M. Rutland, from England, will establish mineral water works at Wabigoon.

R. L. Hood has enlarged his store at Oak Lake, Man., and has added dry goods to his stock.

N. Holmes has purchased the business lately carried on by H. Eurdman, of McGregor, Man., general dealer.

D. B. Macleod has been appointed agent at Winnipeg for the J. I. Case threshers. Two members of this company were in the city this week arranging to open a branch here.

The general stock of the estate of Drummond & Spratt, of Minnedosa, was sold at the office of the assignee, Donald Fraser, in Winnipeg, on Tuesday, and brought 70 1-2 cents on the lot, which is considered a good figure. The stock was purchased by J. K. McLennan, of McLennan & Williams.

Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, have had a very handsome hanger prepared, showing sample colors of "Elephant" paints, for which they are wholesale agents here. The Grand Jewel furnace is also displayed. The Hanger is set off with attractive rural and other scenes.

Donald Fraser & Co., Winnipeg, have issued a neat card circular, announcing the opening of the fall and winter trade for 1898-99, in the clothing branch.

D. E. Fraser, of James Hall & Co., Winnipeg, has left for the east on his annual purchasing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gurney, of Toronto, were in Winnipeg this week, returning from the Pacific coast. Mr. Gurney is the head of the large stove foundry of that name.

G. N. Hastings, superintendent of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, left Winnipeg on Wednesday for the east. Mr. Hastings will be joined by Mrs. Hastings in Ontario, and together they will make a prolonged tour in Europe.