

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.

Dry Goods—Orders are fairly numerous but the weather is interfering with trade. Low grade cottons are scarce. Canadian mills being behind on deliveries. Linens are very firm. One repeat order for here was refused this week, except at 12½ per cent. advance, which was gladly paid.

Hardware—Business is brisker in sheet and heavy lines. Prices of screws, bar iron, and iron pipe show an advancing tendency. Canada plates are easier. Copper is firmer.

Groceries—Trade is better. Sugars are selling more freely in expectation of an advance. Canned vegetables are in better demand and steady. Peas and tomatoes are quoted at 75 to 80c and corn at 70 to 80c. Indian Ceylon teas are firmer.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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Grain deliveries have been light owing to bad roads. Wheat is firmer at 67c for red and white, an advance of 1½c over quotations of early in the week. On a low freight rate to New York 68½c has been bid. Manitoba wheat is steady. Oats are firmer at an advance of ½c. The export demand for flour is slow. Butter receipts have been liberal. Dairy shows an easier feeling and dealers expect lower prices. Creamery is steadier. Eggs are scarce and dearer. Potatoes 1 to 2c lower. Poultry receipts light. Choice young fat chickens are selling at 60 to 70c.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$4.20. Manitoba bakers, \$3.90 for carlots at Toronto. Ontario patent, \$2.58 per barrel for 90 per cent. patents, middle freight.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, 67c middle freight, for red and white; Ontario spring, 68½ to 69c. No. 1 hard, 68½c; No. 2 hard, 65c; No. 3, 61½c, grinding in transit.

Oats—No. 1 white, 39c east, 2 white, 28½c, middle freight.

Barley—42c for No. 3 extra at country points west.

Millfeeds—Shorts, \$15.50 per ton for cars west, bran, \$14.50.

Oatmeal—\$3.25 for cars of bags, and \$3.35 in wood for carlots, Toronto.

Hay—Carlots on track \$9 to \$10.50 per ton.

Eggs—13 to 13½c for fresh, in case lots.

Butter—Large rolls, 15½c; pound rolls, 15½ to 16½c, low grades, 12 to 14c; creamery packages, 19 to 20c; prints, 21 to 22c.

Cheese—10 to 11c for job lots of full cheese.

Hides—6½c for No. 1 cows; No. 1 heavy steers, 7½c; country hides, ½c under these prices, calfskins, 9c for No. 1, and 8c for No. 2; sheepskins, \$1.00 each; tallow, 5c to 5½c.

Wool—Washed fleece, 14 to 15c unwashed, 9c.

Beans—\$1.00 to \$1.70 per bushel for handpicked, job lots.

Dried Apples—3½ to 4½c for round lots, evaporated, 5½c.

Honey—10 to 10½c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, 50 to 80c per pair; turkeys, 11 to 12c per pound; ducks, 75 to \$1 per pair; geese 7c to 8c per pound.

Potatoes—28c per bushel for carlots.

Seeds—Alsike at \$6.70 to \$8.50, according to sample, red clover is steady at \$6.75 to \$7.80, according to sample, timothy is nominal at \$2.40.

HOGS AND HOG PRODUCTS.

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Hog products are in good demand and firm in sympathy with Tuesday's advance in live hogs. Lard is firmer.

Dressed hogs are steady on the street at \$7.75 to \$8.25. Carlots continue scarce and light are quoted nominally at \$7.75 on track here.

Pork—Canada short cut, \$20 heavy mess, \$19; shoulder mess, \$18.50 to \$17.

Smoked and dry salted meats—Long clearings and cases, 10c; breakfast bacon, 14c; hams, 12½ to 13c; rolls, 10½ to 11c; shoulders, 10 to 10½c; backs, 14c to 15c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces 10½c, tubs, 10½c, and pails 10½c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

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Receipts at the stock yards yesterday were 51 carloads including 1478 cattle, 210 sheep and lambs, and 680 hogs.

Export Cattle—The export trade is only moderately active, and prices barely maintained, except for really prime stuff, and for the latter up to 5c per pound is paid, while for light to good shippers the price ranges from 4½ to 4¾c per pound.

Butchers' Cattle—The price of butcher cattle was well maintained in spite of the larger receipts. The best selections sold from 4 to 4½c per lb; good to choice cattle sold at from 3½ to 4c per lb, and ordinary to medium at from 3 to 3½c per lb. For inferior butcher cattle there is a slightly downward tendency.

Stockers—We had a light supply of stockers here; prices were easy and the enquiry slow at 2½ to 3½c.

Lambs—There was a good market for grain-fed lambs, which sold at from 4½ to 5c, and for extra choice a fraction over five was several times paid.

Sheep—Good export sheep are worth from 3 to 3½c per lb.

Hogs—Hogs have advanced. Choice are now quoted at 6½ to 6¾c, light at 6c and heavies 6c.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Receipts at the semi-weekly markets yesterday were 39 cars, including 700 sheep and lambs, 1,200 hogs.

Export cattle were unchanged and firm. Butchers' cattle, supply fine eastern stuff, large and liberal offerings caused an easier feeling. Finest lots brought \$1.50; choice \$3.80 to \$4.25. Good export bulls brought \$4.50. Lambs were dearer. Good grain fed lambs sold at \$4.50 to \$5.25 per cwt. For good lambs \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt. was paid. Hogs steady at Tuesday's prices.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

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At the East End abattoir yesterday receipts were 450 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs.

There was no important change in the market for cattle. The supply was a trifle larger than on Thursday last, but this was offset by the increase in the demand, consequently trade was active, and prices ruled fairly firm. Choice steers sold at 4½ to 4¾c, good at 4 to 4½c, fair at 3½ to 3¾c, and common at 2½ to 3c per pound. The trade in sheep and lambs was quiet on account of the small offerings. Sheep sold at 3½ to 4c, and lambs at 4½ to 5c per pound. The demand for spring lambs was fair, and sales were made at \$4 to \$5.00 each. Receipts of live hogs were small, for which the demand was good, and prices were firmer at 6½c per pound, weighed off cars.

Ocean freight space was in good demand. London space is worth 50s.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Receipts of live stock at the East End abattoir on Thursday were 500 cattle and 50 sheep and lambs, and 15 spring lambs.

There being only two more market days before Easter some of the most enterprising dealers thought they would steal a march on the trade to some extent, and brought forward some fancy stock for the Easter trade and as there were quite a few buyers from Ottawa, Quebec and other nearby towns for the purpose of buying their Easter supplies, there was a very fair demand for the above stock. The demand from local butchers for such was slow, as they were held for higher prices than buyers felt disposed to pay. The result was that most of the extra choice and fancy stock was held over. The trade in ordinary cattle was firm, but buyers as a rule only took sufficient to fill actual wants. One pair of fancy steers, weighing 3,100 pounds, sold at 6c per pound, and one extra heavy bull was held at 6½c. The bulk of the sales of extra choice cattle were made at 5c to 5½c per pound. Choice stock, 4½ to 4¾c, good, 4 to 4½c, lower grades, 2½ to 3½c. In sheep and lambs trade was quiet on account of the small offerings. Prices ruled firm. Sheep sold, 3½ to 4c, and lambs, 4½ to 5c per pound. Spring lambs met a good demand at \$3.50 to \$5.00 each. Receipts of live hogs were small, and as the competition between buyers for the same was keen the tone of the market was stronger, and prices advanced ½c per pound, with sales of straight lots weighed off cars, at 6½ to 6¾c per pound.

The C. P. R. land sales have been much larger to date than for the same period last year.

MONTREAL GRAIN & PRODUCE.

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The grain trade is quiet, offerings being small and prices firmly held. Oats are stronger. Barley has advanced 1c. Flour is quiet and steady. Oatmeal is 5c higher. Feed scarce and firm. Demand for hay is good and prices firm. Cheese is moving quietly. Butter is weak and ½c lower. Eggs stronger and 1c higher. Receipts of eggs are small and demand active. Potatoes are fairly active and steady. Onions firm. Meats quiet.

Wheat—No. 1 spring wheat, 70½ to 71c for May delivery afloat.

Barley—Sales No. 2 afloat May at 49½c.

Oats—No. 1 oats are offering at 34½ to 35c; No. 2, 34c to 34½c afloat, May, and 32½c for spot car lots.

Flour—In fair demand and firm. Manitoba patent, \$4.30, Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.00; straight rollers, \$3.30 to \$3.40.

Oatmeal—\$3.40 to \$3.45 per barrel.

Feed—Market firm, good demand. Manitoba bran, bags, \$18, shorts, \$19.

Baled Hay—Choice, \$10.50 to \$11; No. 2, \$9.50 to \$10.

Cheese—White, 9½ to 9¾c; colored, 9½ to 9¾c.

Butter—Finest creamery, 21½c; seconds, 18½ to 19c, dairy 14½ to 15½c.

Manitoba dairy, 13½ to 14c.

Fresh Eggs—14c to 15c.

Maple Syrup—6½ to 7c in wood, tins, 50 to 75c; sugar, 7 to 8c.

Honey—White clover, comb, 13½ to 14½c; buckwheat comb, 10 to 12c; extracted, 7 to 8c.

Hides—No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6 cents; No. 3, 5 cents; calfskins, 8 and 6c; lambskins, 10c for good fresh skins.

Vegetables—Potatoes, carlots, 38 to 40c; onions, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel.

Poultry—Turkeys, 8c to 10c; chickens, 8 to 10c; fowls, 4 to 6c; ducks, 7 to 9c; geese, 5 to 7c.

Meats—Beef hinds, 5c to 8c; fores, 3 to 5c; veal, 3 to 7c; lambs, 3c to 5c; mutton, 3 to 4½c.

MONTREAL HOG AND HOG PRODUCTS MARKET.

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Receipts of dressed hogs have been small and prices are firmer. Fresh killed are quoted at \$8.75 to \$9.00 for best weights. Manitoba frozen, \$8.65 to \$8.70; Ontario, \$8 to \$8.25. The demand for hams and bacon is improving. Lard is firm and pork quiet.

Quotations are: Pork, \$19 to \$21; lard, pure, 11½ to 12½c; hams, 13 to 14c; bacon, 14 to 15c.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

London, March 25.—A much stronger feeling has developed in the market during the past week and prices show an advance of 1c, choice States cattle selling to-day at 13½c. American sheep were firm, and unchanged at 15c.

Liverpool, March 25.—The market for Canadian cattle was strong and prices show an advance of ½c. The trade was firm and choice stock sold at 12½c. There was no sheep on the market.

GLASGOW CATTLE MARKET.

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According to cable advices from Glasgow the lead in United States and Canadian cattle was somewhat firmer, as compared with a week ago, and shippers stated the prices realized would leave a balance on the right side.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

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London, March 29.

March sugar is quoted steady at 9s 7½d.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 29.

The cattle market is higher. Quotations range from 12 to 13½c per pound, dressed weights.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Liverpool, March 29.

Cheese quoted at 4½ to 6d to 4s for both white and colored.

The first call of 12½ per cent. of the subscribed stock of the new United States steel trust has been made and involves a cash transfer of \$25,000,000.

SEEDING STARTING.

The Massey-Harris Co., Winnipeg, received a letter from Stirling, Southern Alberta, dated March 22, saying that seeding and plowing was in "blast" in that section. In the eastern sections of the prairie region no seeding has been done yet, but the weather, which has been very fine, is quite mild to-day and no doubt seeding will commence next week in some parts at least of Manitoba.

THE WOOL SALES.

London, March 29.—The offerings at the wool auction sales to-day amounted to 10,076 bales. The offerings were of good quality and purchasing is general. America bought good greasy at top prices, paying from 10d to 1s 4½d. Scoureds were bought freely from France and Germany. Cross-breds were in good demand at steady prices. Cape of Good Hope and Natal were taken by the home trade and the continent. Following are the sales:

New South Wales—500 bales; greasy 4d to 9½d.

Queensland—300 bales; scoured, 10½d to 1s 5d; greasy, 11l.

Victoria—500 bales, scoured, 5½d to 1s 3d; greasy, 6d to 6½d.

South Australia—400 bales; greasy 5d to 9d.

West Australia—300 bales; greasy 5½ to 8½d.

New Zealand—3,000 bales, scoured 6d to 1s 2d; greasy, 3d to 9½d.

Cape of Good Hope and Natal—1,200 bales, greasy, 4½d to 6½d.

Buenos Ayres—100 bales, greasy 4½d to 5d.

Italian—100 bales; greasy, 4d to 6½d.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

The Manitoba legislature was prorogued yesterday.

Jos. Rinn has purchased R. McKinney's stock of lumber at Elm Creek, Man.

T. D. M. Osborne will open a steam-fitting business on 9th street, Brandon, Man.

A new paper, the Maple Leaf, will make its appearance at Gilbert Plains, Man., next week.

W. F. Hartwell, of Wawanesa, Man. has opened a branch general store at Swan Lake, Man.

D. C. Fleming, butcher, Shoal Lake, Man., has sold out to James Bailey and W. S. Hayes.

Geo. Hunt is erecting an implement warehouse in Bagot, Man., and will handle Cockshutt implements.

The Manitoba Farmers' Hedge and Wire Fence Co. has opened an office in the Fleming block, Brandon, Man.

A. M. Fraser & Co., sash and door manufacturers, Indian Head, Assn., are opening a branch shop at Rosethorn, Sask.

A. Johnson and Geo. Gorley have purchased the house of Amos Hicks, Nipaw, Man., and are having it fitted up for a hardware store.

Frost & Wood have commenced work on their new implement warehouse, at Gilbert Plains, Man. G. R. Gordon will act as their agent.

Geo. N. Hart has purchased the tailor shop and business of G. J. Muirman, at Portage la Prairie, Man., and will take over the business on April 1.

After several years uncertainty, the sliding between Regina and Lunenburg on the Prince Albert railway, has been definitely christened Condie, the name Wascana having been abandoned.

The general stock of Norman Holmes, of McGregor, Man., will be sold by auction in Winnipeg, on April 9, at the offices of Newton & Davidson. Stock amounts to \$10,110, including shop fixtures and chattels. Book accounts, \$1,433.

The annual meeting of the United Butter and Cheese Manufacturers' association was held last week. The output of butter for the past year amounted to 49,817 pounds. J. R. Mitchell was elected president; J. S. Dickson vice-president and W. H. Thompson secretary-treasurer.

The Moosehorn board of trade has been re-organized. Following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, W. Millar; vice-president, Sherb. Murphy; sec.-treasurer, A. White; executive—O. Neff, J. McCurdy, E. L. Elwood, J. McGuire, W. Pennington, A. H. Smith, R. D. McNaughton, J. Anderson, R. A. Pease, Geo. Campbell, Dr. McLoughry and E. A. McLorg.