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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, March 21st.

The recent spring weather has had an excellent effect upon the retail trade of the city. It is hardly time to make purchases of spring goods for immediate wear, but many orders—such as millinery—are being placed so that the goods may be available when wanted. Retailers are beginning to display their spring goods, and in the course of a few weeks it is expected that the demand for them will become active.

The movement in metals of all kinds is being held back greatly by the car situation, and many of the trade are in despair over the situation. Nothing can be done in the matter and the trade is beginning to accept the situation philosophically. The advisability of advancing the price of nails was lately discussed by the Hardware Association, but no action was taken in the matter.

The grocery market is fairly active. Teas of all kinds are firm in price, and sugars are in good demand at a basis of \$4.30 for standard granulated. Hides are firm at the advance noted last week, and although there is a moderate local demand there is very little demand for export.

Fish.—The supply of fish for next week will be ample. The arrivals have been large this week. We quote:—Whitefish, \$7 per barrel; Labrador herrings, \$5 per barrel; finnan haddie, 10c. per lb.; kippered herrings, ocean brand, \$1.25 per box; Digby herrings, per bundle, 60c. per bundle; Halifax fish cakes, 2 dozen, 1 lb. each, \$2.40 per case; Acadia, 2-lb. boxes, \$2.16 per crate; shredded cod, 90c. per dozen; pilot cod, 1 pound blocks, 5½c. per lb.; Bluenose cod, 6½c. per lb.; fletched cod, 100 lb. boxes, \$5.50 per case.

Fruit.—The trade is looking for a good demand for fancy stuff, such as strawberries, cucumbers, lettuce, spinach, etc. The Florida season is nearly over. Pineapples are more in demand, and will soon be dropping in price. There is a strong demand for oranges, which are now arriving under refrigeration. The lemon market is strong. The California celery market is easier, and the stock is of only fair condition. Heavy arrivals of bananas are expected next week, and orders for Dutch sett onions are now being shipped. There is quite a scarcity of onions both domestic and Spanish. We quote:—Valencia oranges, \$4 and \$4.50; bronco brand navel, \$3.25 and \$3.40 per box; sunshine brand navel, \$3 and \$3.25 per box. Lemons, home guard brand, \$3; kicking brand, \$2.75 per box. California celery, sizes 6, 7, and 8 dozen, \$6 per crate. Bananas, Jamaicas, crated, \$1.25.

Groceries.—Prices are high in all lines, although business is fairly quiet. Sugars are holding their own, and dried fruits remain firm with a good demand. French Castile soap has advanced in price something like one cent per pound. This is a very large rise. The consumption of this soap in Canada is larger than that of any other. Olives are used in its preparation, and possibly the recent advance in olives has led to the increased price of the soap.

Hides and Skins.—Business is in a very stagnant condition. The market has remained at 12½c. for some three or four weeks now. Until the tanners are compelled to buy, there will not be any basis on which to figure. Everything at present is nominal. The leather market is very good. Prices of country hides are likely to drop on account of the

quality. We quote:—Inspected hides, No. 1, 10½c.; No. 2, 9½c.; No. 3, 8½c.; country cured, 9c.; country frozen, 8c.; sheepskins, \$1.50 to \$1.65; calfskins are 1c. higher; cities, 13c., countries, 11 to 12c.

Provisions.—The egg market although much higher for a few days during the latter part of last week, has dropped again. Supplies are coming in much more freely, and American eggs are being imported in large quantities. Supplies of butter, while not sufficient to meet the call, are somewhat larger than last week. The demand is excellent. Supplies of creamery are a little more plentiful, but a rise in prices is not anticipated. We quote:—New laid eggs, 21 to 22c.; separator prints, 25 to 27c.; farmer's ordinary, 23 to 24c.; large roll, 23½ to 24c.; tubs, 21 to 22c.; creamery prints, 27 to 30c.; lard, tubs, 12¼ to 12½c.; pails, 12¾c.; compounds, 8 to 11c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, March 27th, 1907.

Butter.—There is a further advance in the price of butter, owing to the constantly decreasing stocks. Demand is excellent, and will probably be still greater just before Easter. New stock will not start to come in till next month, although just a little has been received, selling around 29c. Canadian butter, returned from England, is selling at 25 to 26½c. About 1,000 more packages are expected to arrive. Choice October butter is selling at 27 to 28c.

Cheese.—There is some curiosity as to the figure at which the market for foddors will open. Some think it will be at 12c. and others say 12½c. As to old stocks held here, these have grown now very light, and holders are asking 13¾c. for them, although it would be difficult for them to get more than 13½c., and many, in all probability, would accept that figure.

Eggs.—Nothing but new laid stock can now be found. The market continues firm, and there is an active demand for everything offered. Prices range around 24c., though they sometimes fall below that figure, and sometimes climb above it. As Easter approaches, it is just possible that the market will advance further. The supply is not as large as merchants would like to see it. There is no doubt that good prices will be paid all season.

Grain.—The only thing moving in quantities worth noting, is oats, which is selling at 43½ to 44c. for No. 2, store, 42½ to 43 for No. 3, and 41½ to 42 for No. 4.

Hay.—The market shows very little alteration, though the tone is firm. Prices are \$13.50 to \$14 for No. 1 timothy, \$11.50 to \$12.50 for No. 2, \$10.50 to \$11.50 for clover mixed, and \$10 to \$11 for clover.

Hayseed.—Dealers are putting out alsike and clover once more. They quote \$13 to \$16 per 100 lbs. for alsike, f.o.b. Montreal; \$15.50 to \$17.50 for red clover, and \$14 to \$20 for white. Timothy has begun to come in at last, and dealers are offering \$1.75 to \$2.75 per bushel of 48 lbs. for it, in the country.

Maple Syrup.—First shipments will be received this week. It is thought they will bring around 7c. per pound, or 90c. per gallon. The weather has been quite favorable for the sap, although there has been a number of gloomy days.

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