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Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Flour.—The flour market continues to gain strength both as regards spring and winter brands. A further advance of 10c has taken place in strong brands, best city brands being now quoted at \$1.35 and Hungarian patents \$1.50; and at the advance the demand has been fair. As regards straight roller flour it is difficult to quote exact values, as sales have been of similar brands at widely divergent figures. We know of sales on track here at \$1.05, and we also hear of sales at \$1.15 on track. Sales have likewise been made in broken lots \$1.20 to \$1.25 delivered, and some are asking \$1.25 on track. The whole situation is very strong, and it looks as though still higher prices were imminent. Spring, patent \$1.50; winter patent \$1.35 to \$1.50; straight roller \$1.10 to \$1.25; extra \$3.75 to \$3.90; city strong bakers \$1.35; Manitoba bakers \$1.20 to \$1.35; Ontario bags—extra \$1.80 to \$1.85; straight rollers, bags, \$1.95 to \$2.00.

Oatmeal.—The market is decidedly firmer in sympathy with the strong position of oats. and car lots of rolled oats, it is said, could not be bought under \$1.05 and \$1.10 laid down here on track. In a jobbing way prices are quoted as follows:—Rolled and granulated \$1.15 to \$1.20; standard \$1.10 to \$1.15. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.05 to \$2.10, and standard at \$1.95 to \$2.00. Pot barley \$3.75 in bbls. and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Bran, etc.—We hear of a sale at \$16.00; but the seller, it is said, could not repeat it. Shorts \$17.50 to \$18.50.

Wheat.—The market is very firm and gradually advancing. No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted at 88 to 90c, and No. 2 red winter is nominally quoted at 82 to 83c.

Oats.—The market is strong, further sales being reported of No. 2 white at 42 to 42½c, and some holders now ask 43c. The sale of a lot of mixed oats was made at 39c. Stocks in store are only about half what they were a year ago.

Barley.—Feed barley is quoted at 50 to 53c, a lot of 3,000 bushels being reported sold at 50c while other holders are asking 53c. Malting barley is quoted at 56 to 58c.

Pork, Lard, etc.—Prices are not as firm as they were. The sale of 50 bbls. of Canada short cut was made at \$17, which is a shading from former sales. Lard has sold at \$1.40 in pails for car lots. Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$17.50 to \$18.00; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$16 to \$17; Hams, per lb., 10 to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 9 to 9½c; lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 7 to 7½c; bacon, per lb., 10 to 11c; shoulders, per lb., 8½c.

Butter.—Under liberal receipts of creamery and dairy butter there is an easier feeling,

and choice creamery is offered freely at 15c in round lots to arrive, with sales in a jobbing way at 16c to 17c, the latter figure for single tubs of selected. New eastern townships dairy brings 14 to 15c in a jobbing way, and western 10 to 13c. In old butter the sale of a lot of Manitoba was made at 6c, and some can be bought at 5c up to 8c as to quality. Most of the old stuff is believed to have been worked off.

Eggs.—Prices are quoted at 10 to 10½c.

Cheese.—About 1,400 boxes of Quebec foder cheese were sold at 6½c, a few selling at a fraction over that figure. Sales west are reported at 6½ to 7c; but until full grass cheese are on the market prices will have no settled basis of value.

Maple Products.—The demand for syrup is slow at 4½ to 4¾c per lb., choice 5c. Tins 55 to 60c. Sugar 6 to 7c, and old 5 to 5½c.

Hides.—Sales have been made of No. 1 light to tanners at 9½c, some dealers holding stiff for 10c. The price to butchers is 8c for No. 1, although some are getting 8½c. A good demand is experienced for calfskins at 8c, the price paid to butchers. Dry hides are still on the upturn. We quote prices as follows:—Light hides, 8c for No. 1, 7c for No. 2 and 6c for No. 3; heavy hides 8 to 9c; calfskins 8c; lambskins 15c; sheepskins 7½; clips 10c.

Wool.—In the wool market business has been a little better this week, several hundred bales of Greasy Cape being placed on western account at 13 to 13½c and 11c. In Buenos Ayres scoured there have been a few sales made, but in very limited quantities, at 25 to 30c. In Canada pulled wool 20 to 21½c is quoted for supers, extra 23 to 26c; Northwest wool 11 to 12c; B. C. 9 to 11c.—Trade Bulletin, May 17.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Export cattle.—There was a decidedly dull tone to this trade to-day, caused by the recent low cables and a dearth of space. Quite a few cattle were left in the pens at the close. Some sales were: One car-load cattle, 1,350 lbs average, 4¾c per lb.; one carload cattle, 1,250 lbs. average, 4¾c per lb.; one carload cattle over 1,200 lbs. average, \$1.45 per cwt; one carload cattle, 1,400 lbs. average, 5c per lb., less \$1.00 per head; one carload cattle, 1,200 lbs. average, 4¾c per lb.; 32 cattle, nearly 1,400 lbs. average, 5c per lb., less \$1 per head.

Butchers' cattle.—There was a fairly firm tone, but prices did not improve any. Some of the common cattle sold as low as 3c per lb. The top figure paid was about \$1.30 per cwt., although one or two fancy lots were reported sold at 4¾c per lb. The range may be put at from 3¾c to 4¾c per lb., the latter for choice.

Stockers and feeders.—A few choice feeders were sold at prices ranging from 4c to 4½c per lb. This class of cattle is in a demand for farmers.

Sheep and lambs.—All kinds of butchers' sheep, including fat yearlings, sold for from \$5 to \$6 per head. Only extra heavy brought the latter figure. Spring lambs were steady at from \$2.50 to \$4 per head.

Hogs.—The market was dull and weak. Only the very best bacon hogs to-day touched \$1.75 per cwt. There was a heavy run of hogs to-day, which tended to keep the market down.—Globe, May 17.

Manitoba Tobacco.

No ordinary article of commerce is so costly as tobacco if the simplicity of production and cultivation is considered. Few articles, excepting spirits, carry so high a duty as tobacco. Cigars pay a customs tariff of about \$2.50 a pound, and ordinary tobacco about 50 cents a pound. Tobacco of excellent quality can be grown in Manitoba as easily as cabbages can be produced. The Mennonites, ever since they settled in the province, have grown their own tobacco, and with the quality they are quite satisfied. The French-Canadians who occupy a portion of the hill country north of the Pembina raise most excellent tobacco for their own use.

Early in the spring the seeds are placed in earth contained in boxes, which are kept within doors in a warm situation. When the season has advanced and danger from frost is no longer feared, the young plants are set out in the garden about four feet apart. The leaves soon become enormously large and the plant carries a red flower. When sufficiently matured the leaves are pulled from the stalks and allowed to wilt in the bud, and afterwards are placed in piles when a slight heating process takes place and gives a dark color to the tobacco. The leaves are further dried and are twisted into plugs or rolled into cigars. So large is the leaf of the tobacco plant that two or three cigars can be prepared from each.

A sample of manufactured tobacco, from plants grown in the garden of Mr. Bissett, of 6-12, is at this office and is pronounced by smokers to be superior to that which is imported.

The seed of the tobacco plant ripens readily in this province and a second growth of leaves can be obtained from the stalks, but is inferior to the first crop.—Pilot Mound Sentinel.

We have received a copy of a very useful cook book from Burrow, Stewart & Milne, of Hamilton, Ontario, who are the manufacturers of the celebrated Grand Jewel steel oven cook stoves.