

GROUND FEED.—Prices are steady. Prices range from \$18 to \$17 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled out feed. Ordinary mixed mill feed is held at \$13 per ton.

FLAX SEED.—Nominal at about 50c per bushel.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake is still quoted at \$16 to \$17 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BEANS.—Round lots to jobbers held at about \$1.10 per bushel.

BUTTER.—Receipts of new rolls have increased somewhat, but so far there has been no accumulation and everything has been taken as fast as it arrives. Good prices have so far been secured, but any considerable increase in receipts would result in lower prices. Country dealers should ship promptly and secure present prices as long as they hold, as a liberal increase in receipts is liable to occur soon. Now rolls have been jobbing here at 15 to 18c as to quality, for good to choice, and medium quality at about 11 to 14c.

CHEESE.—The market is quite bare of stock. A lot of old cheese recently received from the country, sold off rapidly in small lots at 11c.

EGGS.—There were large receipts previous to Easter, and a lot were carried over to this week. It is said about 500 cases were carried over Easter. This week receipts have not been as large, but still they have been coming forward quite freely. Prices declined further this week 2 to 2½ cents, to 10c, and some sales were made at 9c. One cause of the weak market is the large number of persons and firms to whom shipments are made. If shipments were confined to the regular commission houses, the market would be steadier. But when shipments are made freely to both wholesale and retail grocers and others, it simply cuts the market all to pieces, as the number of persons who are eggs to sell is greatly increased and in the competition which ensues there is sure to be vigorous cutting of prices to make sales. Country merchants should not pay more than 7c, as the jobbing price will likely be at 8c here next week, or 8c net to shipper. The same remarks in regard to buying in the country, apply to butter. Country dealers should ship promptly, both butter and eggs, and watch the market closely to avoid loss, as prices are on the down grade. Even in the case of butter good prices are not secured, it is not safe to count on those for any length of time ahead. Butter will probably be safer to pack in tubs from the date, than to ship rolls.

PULTRY.—Prices are firm, as receipts are light. No ducks or geese offering. Following are prices: Chicken, 10c, turkey, 10c, geese, 10c, ducks, 10c.

GAME.—Wild geese are coming in and selling 50 to 65c each. Wavies, 30 to 40c; ducks, mallards, 30 to 35c per pair. Other kinds, 20 to 25c per pair.

MEAT.—Prices are: Pure \$1.70 for 20 lb., pails, and 1.75 for 30 lb. pails; pure leaf

lard in 8, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.00 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8 to 8½c.

CURED MEATS.—Prices are firm at the recent advance. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 10½ to 11c; do., backs, 9½ to 10c; short spiced rolls, 7½ to 8c; shoulders, 6½ to 7c smoked long clear, 8½ to 9c; Fancy clear, 8 to 8½c; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7½ to 8c per lb; shoulders, 5½c; boneless shoulders, 6½ to 7 cents; backs, 7½ to 8½ cents; barrel pork, clear mess, \$13.00 to \$13.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$13 to \$13.50; per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7½c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 35c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—Prices are firm all around and ruling at comparatively high figures. Even at present prices there is no money in beef for wholesale butchers, when the price of cattle is figured on. Beef is selling at 6 to 6½c, and 7c has been paid for a little fancy stuff, but 6½c is about the top. Matton is held at 10c for fresh and 8c for cold storage stock. Dressed hogs are higher, ranging from 5 to 6c, but the demand at these prices is only from butchers, receipts being limited. Veal 6 to 7c.

HIDES.—There is no change in hides; 7c is offered for No. 1 green city hides and 6c for No. 2 on inspection; calf, 8 to 15c lb., skins, 7 to 9c per lb.; dokins 10 to 20c each; kips, 6 to 7c; sheepskins range from 60c, to 75c according to quality. Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

WOOL.—The prospects are for low prices this season, it is said, owing to the tariff changes here and in the United States. Present outlook is about 6 to 8½c for unwashed fleece.

TALLOW.—Dealers are paying 8½c for No 1 extra and 2½ to 3c for undergrades. Rough tallow 2c.

SENECA ROOT.—A lot was bought recently by tender at 18½c. We quote 16 to 18c.

HAY.—The market is practically swamped with excessive offerings, both for loose and baled hay, and buyers can have it at their own prices. One shipper had in a few cars of baled hay which he could not sell at any price. Loads of loose hay have sold as low as \$1 per load.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are: Potatoes, 30 to 35c; Onions, 3c to 5c lb; carrots, 40c bushel; beets, 30c bushel; turnips, 20c; parsnips; 60 to 75c bushel; colery, 50c dozen; cabbage, 50 to 75c dozen. These are prices dealers buy at from market gardeners.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—Prices are steady, ranging from 3 to 4c for cattle off cars here, as to quality. For choice animals a fraction more has been paid, and 3½c has been paid for very ordinary butchers' stock.

SHEEP.—Prices are firm. For the local trade, they bring 4½ to 4¾c off cars here. No shipping doing in sheep.

HOGS.—Prices are steady, at prices quoted last week. We quote: Good bacon stock, weighing 150 to 300 pounds, 4½ to 4¾c. Sows and heavy hogs 2½ to 3¾c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2¾c, off cars here.

HORSES.—Quite a number of eastern horses have been disposed of here recently, and there is a fair demand. Prices range from \$150 to \$200 per team, for general purpose horses, up to moderately heavy farm teams.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

GRAIN.—There was some little excitement in the local grain market to-day and a decided strong feeling prevailed. There was a good enquiry for all kinds of grain, but the offerings were light, and the volume of business, in consequence, was not large. Oats advanced ½ to 1c per bushel, with sales in store at 21½c to 25c, and afloat May at 26c. Peas sold 1 to 2c per bushel higher at 49 to 50c in store. Rye was also 1c higher at 40 to 41c.

FLOUR.—The cutting in prices already referred to continues, especially in Manitoba grades, and it is reported that sales of choice brands of strong bakers were made at \$1.10. Millers, however, to-day stated that there was a decided improvement in the local demand, and an active business was done. We quote:— Winter wheat patents at \$1.25 to \$1.40; straight rollers at \$3.85 to \$1.00, and in bags, at \$1.85 to \$1.90 Manitoba strong bakers' choice, \$1.25 to \$1.40; outside brands, \$1 to \$1.10, and spring wheat patents at \$1.60 to \$1.70.

FEED.—Manitoba bran is quoted at \$12, and shorts at \$13 per ton, including bags. Ontario bran is held at \$12 and shorts at \$13 per ton in bulk.

OATMEAL.—Prices are about steady at \$2.70 to \$2.80 per barrel, and at \$1.35 to \$1.40 per bag for rolled oats.

HAY.—There was a firmer feeling in the hay market for No. 1, and prices show an advance of 50c per ton, with sales of car lots at \$10 to \$10.50, while No. 2 is unchanged at \$8 to \$8.50 per ton, on track.

CHEESE.—There were 300 boxes of fodder cheese offered to-day which met with ready buyers at 10½ to 10¾c.

BUTTER.—The receipts of fresh made creamery are steadily increasing and the market is easier, round lots to-day being offered freely at 18½c. The demand in a jobbing way was fair and prices ranged at 18½ to 19c. New dairy butter is selling at 16 to 16½c, and old creamery at 12 to 13c.

EGGS.—The market was weaker and prices declined ¾c per dozen, to 9 to 9½c.

Maple Sugar.—The demand for maple product continues fair and prices rule about steady. Syrup sold at 50c per small tin, 55 to 60c per large tin, and at 4½ to 4¾c per lb. in wood. Sugar brought 6½ to 7c per lb.

BEANS.—The market is dull at 55 to 60c in car lots, and at 65 to 70c in a jobbing way.