

# THE MARKETS

Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc  
in Trade Centres.

Toronto, March 24.—Wheat—The market is quiet, with fair offerings. No. 2 red winter and white quoted at 69¢ to 70¢ middle freights. No. 2 spring nominal at 70¢ on Midland, and No. 2 goose at 66¢ on Midland. Manitoba wheat steady; No. 1 hard, 87¢ all rail, grinding in transit; No. 1 Northern, 85¢; all rail, grinding in transit; No. 1 hard, 86¢; No. 1 North Bay; No. 1 Northern, 84¢; North Bay; Oats—Market is steady, with No. 2 white quoted at 30¢ middle freights, and at 30¢, high freights; No. 1 white, 32¢. Barley—Trade is quiet, with No. 3 extra quoted at 46¢ to 48¢, middle freights, and No. 3 at 43¢ to 43¢, middle freight. Buckwheat—There is nothing doing, and prices nominal at 47¢ to 48¢ per cwt. Peas—No. 2 white is quoted at 63¢, high freights, and at 69¢ east. Corn—Market is very dull; Canadian yellow nominal at 45¢ west, and 50¢ here. No. 3 American yellow nominal at 51¢ outside Toronto. 14¢—Ninety per cent. patents unchanged, at \$2.67, middle freights, in buyers' sacks, for export. Straight rollers, in special brands, for domestic trade, quoted at \$3.20 to \$3.25 in bbls. Manitoba flour steady; No. 1, \$4.10, and seconds, \$3.90. Strong bakers' \$3.80 to \$3.90, bags included. Bran—Bran unchanged at \$1.7¢ here. At outside points bran is quoted at \$16.50 to \$17, and shorts at \$18 to \$18.50. Manitoba bran in sacks, \$20, and shorts, \$21 here.

## COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Licorns—Trade is quiet, with medium \$1.65 to \$1.75 per bushel, and hand-picked, \$1.90 to \$2.00. Dried apples—Nothing doing, with prices nominal at 3¢ per lb. Evaporated 6 to 6½. Honey—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. Strained salts at 8 to 8½ per lb., and comb at \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Hay—Market is quiet at unchanged prices. Choice timothy, \$9.50 to \$10, on track; and mixed, \$8 to \$8.50.

Straw—The market is quiet, for car lots at \$9.50 to \$10 a ton.

Maple syrup—Five-gallon cans, \$1 a gallon; one-gallon cans, \$1.10, and half-gallon cans, 60¢.

Poultry—Offerings small, with prices firm. We quote: Fresh killed, dry-picked turkeys, 16¢ to 18¢; geese, 10 to 12¢ per lb.; ducks, \$1 to \$1.25; chickens (young), 5¢ to \$1; old hens, 60¢ to 70¢ per pair.

Potatoes—Market is steady, with fair offerings. Car lots are quoted at \$1 a bag, and small lots at \$1.20 to \$1.25.

## THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—The butter market continues firm, with moderate supplies. Demand is good for choice qualities. We quote: Selected, large tubs (fresh made), 16¢ to 18¢; choice large rolls, 18¢; finest 1-lb. pails, 18 to 19¢; creamy prunes, 21 to 22¢; solids (fresh made), 19 to 20¢; held, 18 to 18½.

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BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

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Minneapolis, March 24.—Wheat—May, 74¢; July, 74¢ to 74½; on track; No. 1 hard, 76¢; No. 1 Northern, 75¢; No. 2 Northern, 74¢. Flour—First, patients, \$3.75 to \$3.85; second, patients, \$3.65 to \$3.75; first clears, \$3.75; second clears, \$2 to \$2.50. Bran—In bulk, \$18.25.

## LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, March 24.—There was an active business transacted in both butchers' and export cattle at the Western Cattle Market to-day. Prices, however, did not improve, and the lightness of the receipts accounted for the activity in buying. Butchers were a little short of meat, and in some instances forced prices by competition a little above their normal basis to secure their supply. The arrivals were 48 cars, containing 637 cattle, 117 sheep, 1,800 hogs, and 44 calves.

In export cattle the range of prices was \$4.30 to \$4.60 per cwt. for choice to picked lots. Extra fine ones were worth something higher than the above. Lights were sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Butchers' cattle were quoted at \$4 to \$4.35 for the best, \$3.85 to \$3.65 for fair to medium, \$3.35 to \$3.65 for common to fair, and \$2.75 to \$3.10 for rough and inferior. Export cattle were worth from \$3.65 to \$4. Butchers' bulls were quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt. Stockers and feeders were worth \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt. and stockers, \$3 to \$3.65. Milk cows continued weak. The receipts were 6 or 7, and the prices \$25 to \$50.

Prices in sheep were steady and unchanged. There is a good demand for grain-fed ewes with few offering. Poor stuff did not sell briskly. We quote: Export ewes, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; bucks, \$3 to \$3.50; grain-fed ewes and wethers, \$5.60 to \$6; grain-fed bucks, \$5 to \$5.50; barnyard lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.

The market for calves was weak, and the prospects are for lower prices. We quote as follows: Calves, \$2 to \$10 each, and \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt.

The hog market was steady and unchanged.

The following is the range of quotations:

Importers' cattle—Per 100 lbs.

Choice ..... \$4.30 to \$4.60

Medium ..... 3.85 to 4.20

Light ..... 4.00 to 4.00

Bulls ..... 3.75 to 4.00

Butchers'—

Choice ..... 4.00 to 4.35

Medium ..... 3.40 to 4.00

Heifers ..... 3.50 to 3.90

Bucks ..... 3.00 to 3.50

Feeders ..... 2.50 to 3.10

Stockers ..... 3.00 to 3.65

Canners ..... 2.00 to 2.50

Sheep—

Lambs ..... 4.50 to 6.10

Ewes ..... 3.75 to 4.50

Bucks ..... 3.00 to 2.50

Calves, per 100 lbs ..... 4.50 to 6.00

Hogs—

Sows ..... 4.50 to 5.00

Stags ..... 2.00 to 4.00

Selects, 160 to 200 lbs ..... 6.50 to 8.00

Thick fats ..... 5.25 to 6.00

Lights ..... 5.25 to 6.00

DEPUTATIONS.

A deputation from the Sauli Ste. Marie Board of Trade asked the Government that permission be given to a new furniture factory at the Soo to cut hardwood and pine. It was suggested that each employee of the factory be given 160 acres of settlers' lands, on the usual terms, and that the factory, through these, be allowed to get the wood from the land. The Premier promised to give the request consideration.

A deputation from Victoria County saw the Government and requested that the law regarding traction engines be amended so that it will be applicable to engines used for threshing purposes or for road-making material.

IMMIGRATION.

The Government's Immigration Agent in England has cabled Director of Colonization Southworth that he is unable to say how many people will come to Ontario this year. A great difficulty, he says, is the poor steamboat accommodation.

Dressed oak spokes are much in demand in Wales, Madras, India, wants cheap jewelry of all kinds, cheap watches, and musical instruments. It is understood that several Dominion firms are working up this trade. From Adelaide, South Australia, comes a query about picture mouldings, Canadian butts, corsets, steel rails and wire netting. Windmills are wanted in South Australia. Such enquiries are daily increasing and offer first-class opportunities for the extension of Canadian trade.

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MAY PRESS CLAIM

United States Cannot Get Satisfaction From Sultan.

A despatch to the London Chronicle from Constantinople says: Numerous trade enquiries have been received lately by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The demand for the Dominion's manufactures extends from Europe to Australia. Finland wants our flour, one having a particularly coarse ground, the so-called "granular" flour is desired. This is spoken of as a particularly good opening for the Canadian article, as there is at present no import duty.

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