

the crop will dribble out more slowly. Freight rates hold at 2c per bushel from Fort William to Buffalo, which is a low rate for the season. With favorable weather, stocks will be reduced pretty low before the close of navigation.

FLOUR—No change was reported in the flour market here. Reports from the east mention some good sized sales of Manitoba flour for export, and also speak of cutting in prices at Montreal. We quote patents, 2.55 per sack of 48 pounds; Strong Bakers, \$2.35, second bakers, \$1.80 and XXXX \$1.40. Prices to local dealers here less 5c per sack for net cash.

MILLFEED—The demand is good on local account, and owing to the high price of coarse grain, a large demand is expected throughout the season. Prices are firm. We quote \$9 for bran and \$11 per ton for shorts.

GROUND FEED—The feature of the market is the large quantity of imported corn feed now being consumed. More corn is now being fed in the city than other grain feeds, and at present prices the corn is by all odds the cheapest feed in the market. Pure grain feed is quoted at 20 to 22c for oats and barley, the outside price for rolled oat feed. Anything under \$20 per ton is inferior mixed mill feed. Corn feed is quoted at \$15 to \$17 per ton. Oil cake \$17 per ton.

OATMEAL—The home mills are being crowded out of the market by imported meal, owing to the unfair tariff discrimination in favor of importing oatmeal, as compared with the raw material. Imported rolled meal is being sold at \$1.55 to \$1.60 in round lots, and a considerable quantity is coming in from the south. Prices to retail dealers, \$1.80 per sack. See article on the oatmeal tariff on another page.

OATS—Oats have been increasingly scarce and higher prices are asked. Farmers' deliveries here have been light and \$4 to \$6 has been paid to farmers for such as have been offered, the quality averaging poor. Car lots have been held at about 38c, and even higher prices have been asked, but scarcely any business has been done. Corn is taking the place of oats here as a feed grain.

CORN—Corn is coming in freely from the south. It can be laid down here at 39 to 41c per bushel of 56 pounds, in car lots on track. This makes it a cheaper feed than oats, which are held at nearly as high a figure per bushel of 56 pounds. There is a considerable demand from country points also for corn for feed purposes.

BARLEY—Feed barley is quoted at 32 to 34c per bushel of 48 pounds. No cars are offering, but these prices are paid to farmers for loads. Up to 40c is being paid for malting barley here.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market—From 79 to 82c has been paid by millers to farmers, for wheat, delivered here, as to quality, fancy samples bringing the outside price.

FLAX SEED—There is scarcely anything marketing, and 60c is quoted to farmers in country markets.

BUTTER—Creamery, quiet and easy. We quote nominal at 20c for fresh creamery, but factories are about cleaned out.

BUTTER—Dairy—There has been rather an increase in offerings, but it is mostly held goods which is offered. The feeling is easier. We quote 14 to 15c for round lots, and only choice fresh goods would exceed 15c. Some rolls are coming, which sell at 17 to 18c as to quality on a commis-

sion basis, or 16 to 17c net to the shippers, for fresh stock.

CHEESE—Factories are cleared out and dealers have their stocks in for the winter. No business reported in round lots. One lot was reported offered, but it would hardly bring within 1c of what was paid a few weeks ago when the boom was on. No one wants cheese now, and it cannot be shipped with safety in frosty weather. Eastern cheese was offered to ship here this week, and cheese could be laid down from the east at lower prices than were paid for stocks held here, but as dealers are supplied and shipping would be risky, it is not wanted.

EGGS—Receipts are about nil now. Dealers are offering fresh cold storage stock at 18c and lined are offering at the same figure. The latter are probably about as good quality as much of the so-called fresh.

POULTRY—There is a good demand. As local supplies are not expected to be equal to the demand which will arise later on. Stocks are now on the way in from the east. Dressed chickens bring 8 to 9c per lb., and old fowl about 7c as to quality. Turkeys bring 11c to 12 1/2c, and geese and ducks 9c per lb. dressed.

GAME—Some very fine wild ducks are in the market, and held at 20c to 35c per pair. Buyers are paying 5c each for rabbits. Buck rabbits quoted at 40c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—Prices are about the same. Dressed hogs are offering fairly free, and are quoted at 5 to 5 1/2c as to quality, fancy weights bringing the outside price, and 5 to 5 1/2c for rough heavy hogs. Beef is steady at 4 to 4 1/2c as to quality. Mutton easy at 5 to 6c, and lamb 6 to 7c. Veal 5 to 6c. Liberal supplies of mutton offering.

HIDES—Unchanged. We quote No. 1 city hides, 7c; country hides, 6c; kip hides, 6 to 7c; calf, 7 to 8c lb; sheep and lambskins, 35 to 50c each; horse-hides 75c to \$1.25 each.

SENECA ROOT—Quoted at 18 to 20c.

LARD AND CURED MEATS—There is no change in these goods. See quotations on grocery list page.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes continued firm. Onions are somewhat scarce. Prices are: Potatoes, 35c to 40c per bushel, carrots 60c to 70c per bush., onions 2 to 3 1/2c per lb., celery 40c to 60c per dozen bunches, cabbage \$3 to \$4 per 100, beets 30c to 40c bushel.

WOOL—We quote 8 to 9 1/2c here for unwashed fleece, about nominal.

TALLOW—Quoted steady at 3 1/2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1/2c for other grades as to quality.

HAY—Held at \$6 to \$6.50 for cars on track here, or baled, or about \$5 to \$5.50 per ton at point of shipment.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The shipping season is wound up. This has been a record year in exports of fat cattle, as well as the first year in which an export trade in stocker cattle to the United States has assumed any great proportion. In consequence of the heavy exports of stocker cattle, the supply of fat cattle is certain to be light next year.

The shipment out of these stocker cattle is not noticed now, but it will be felt next year. Prices about same. Butchers' cattle steady at 2 to 2 1/2c as to quality. Good cows and heifers would bring up to 2 1/2c. Steers and export cattle, 2 1/4 to 3 1/4c. The improvement in British markets noted last week did not hold long, and

prices relapsed again this week to figures quoted before the advance.

SHEEP—The quotation is nominal and weak at 2 1/4c live weight. Lambs 2 3/4c to 3c. None offered and none wanted. Stocks heavy.

HOGS—There has been no change in prices here. Receipts are fairly liberal. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs., at \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.00; heavy hogs, over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$3.50, as to quality, live weight, off cars here.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour is 5c higher on the outside range. Corn 3-4c higher. Oats 3-4c higher. Eggs 1-2c lower. Creamery butter 1-2c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$4.95 to \$5.15; second patents, \$4.80 to \$5.00.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$7.50 to \$7.75; bran in bulk, \$7.25 to \$7.50; corn feed, \$9.75 to \$10.75 per ton.

Corn—Quoted at 24 1/2c for No. 4, 25 1/2c for No. 3, and 26c for No. 3 yellows.

Oats—Held at 21 3/4 to 22 1/2c for No. 3 and No. 3 white per bushel of fifty pounds.

Barley—Feed quoted at 24 1/2c. Flax seed—\$1.06 1/2 per bushel.

Eggs—14 1/2 to 15 1/2c for strictly fresh, the latter including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 9 to 10 1/2c fair to good, 7 1/2 to 8c.

Butter—Creamery, 20 1/2 to 22c; seconds, 17c to 18c; dairy, 12c to 20c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4c to 6c; lambs, 6c to 9c; hogs, 3 3/4 for heavy, and 4 to 4 1/2 to medium to choice.

Potatoes—Car lots, mixed 28 to 30c; choice, named varieties, 32 to 40c.

Poultry—Chickens 6c; old fowls, 4c 5c; turkeys, 7c to 10c; ducks, 9c; geese, 8c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 20.

Hides are firm and 1-2c higher. Flour lower. Fresh eggs 1c higher. Canned stock unchanged.

Oats—No. 2 white in store, 26 to 26 1/2c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90 to \$5.05; Manitoba patents, \$5.10 to \$5.45.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$11.50 per ton. Shorts, \$12.50.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.00 to \$1.70 per bag.

Hides—8 1/2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Candled, 13c; New laid, 17c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Nov. 20.

The feature of the live stock market is the scarcity of choice butchers' cattle, offerings being mostly common quality. Sheep early. Hogs unchanged.

Cattle—Export, 3c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 3 3/4c.

Sheep—2 1/2 to 2 3/4c per lb.

Hogs—4 to 4 1/2c.

Exports this week were as follows: Cattle, 2,236; sheep, 1,228; horses, 81.

LATE WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

Baird & Co. are opening a general store at Pilot Mound, Man.

J. T. Newberry is opening a grocery and feed store at Napinka, Man.

A. E. Walker, painter, has started business at Pilot Mound, Man.

E. F. Gester, lately with W. Brown & Co., Winnipeg, has accepted a position as representative here of the America Tobacco company.