

week; 1,781,000 bus. in the week one year ago, 2,254,000 bus. in the week two years ago, and 3,834,000 bus. three years ago.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION—Local prices have been irregular, in sympathy with the situation in leading markets. After the bulge on Saturday last, prices were higher here and sales were made at 62c for No. 1 hard, Fort William float basis, and it is reported that one small lot of a few cars was put through as high as 63c. After the collapse in outside markets very little business was done here and the price is not much more than nominal to-day at about 59c afloat Fort William for No. 1 hard. No. 1 frosted about 51c and No. 2 about 46c. In Manitoba country markets, prices have been irregular. As high as 47c was paid at some points for No. 1 hard, but the general price to-day is 42 to 43c, to farmers, for No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard, 3c less than No. 1 and No. 3 hard 4 to 5c less than No. 2.

FLOUR—Prices are unchanged. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.75 to \$1.80 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.80 to \$1.85; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS—City mills are still selling at \$8 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots.

OATS—About 12½ to 13c is the top price which could be paid for car lots, at country points, per bushel of 34 pounds, to ship, for the best quality, on an average through freight rate. For the local market dealers pay 18c to farmers, per bushel, and car lots, local freights paid, are offered at 17 to 19c as to grade.

BARLEY—Car lots on through freights, nominal at 18 to 15c per bushel of 48 pounds, as there is no business doing.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is nominal at 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.

GROUND FEED. Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATMEAL—The following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, 80 lb sacks, \$1.35; 40 lb sacks, 70c; 20 lb sacks 36½c; Granulated and standard meal, 98 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

OIL CAKE—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

FLAX SEED—There is no business doing in flax seed, and the quotation is nominal at 60 to 65c. Sales of choice cleaned seed have been made in a retail way, for seed purposes, at 70c to \$1.

BUTTER—The butter market is not in a very satisfactory shape. There are fairly large receipts of dairy butter, but there is no demand for it at present. Western markets are now pretty well loaded up with Manitoba dairy and prices are declining. In the Winnipeg market there is now scarcely any demand, as retail dealers are now being supplied by farmers and are not taking anything from commission houses worth mentioning. The local jobbing quotation for fresh selected dairy butter is 11c, but this price is almost purely nominal in the absence of business. Receipts of butter are simply going into storage, and later, when creamery begins to move eastward, stocks of dairy will also be shipped out. This would indicate that country buyers will require to exercise care in taking butter, to come out even, and they will have to buy low, at about 7 to 8c to be safe. Some creamery is being taken for the

western trade, but most of the factories are holding higher than can be obtained for the goods. Up to 14c has been paid for creamery, to factories, but this is more than could be paid to ship east. In fact, a jobbing sale of creamery was reported at 14½c here, which would not net over about 12c at the factory, deducting local freight and commission.

CHEESE—From 6½ to 7c has been paid for new cheese, to ship west. A few small lots have been taken at 7c, but buyers are not keen, and it would be hard to dispose of any large quantity at these quotations, as these prices could not be paid to ship east, and western markets of course can only take a limited quantity. As soon as the supply is in excess of the western demand prices will be lower. At Ingersoll, Ontario, on Tuesday, 6½ to 6½c was paid, and other markets about the same. At the weekly market day at Belleville there were sales at 6½ to 6½c. The grass is good here and the Manitoba make of both butter and cheese should be large. New goods both in cheese and creamery butter are favorable spoken of as to quality.

EGGS—Supply liberal and prices easy at 7c net for receipts. Dealers are jobbing at 8c. Retail dealers in the city are selling as low as 3 doz. for 25c, which indicates a weak market. Eggs are very low in the States. A Winnipeg dealer, who was in Dakota the other day, said they were selling at 5c per dozen at Neche, Dakota.

LARD—Prices are: Pure \$1.80 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound; cases of 80, one lb. tins, \$3.60.

CURED MEATS—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below or ¼c for parchment paper wrapping. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes; 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½c cents; Fancy clear, 8½c cents; smoked jowls, 5½c cents. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb; shoulders, 6c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$18.00; clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS—We quote city dressed beef steady at 5 to 5½c. Fresh mutton is easier at 8 to 8½c. City dressed hog, 5½c; country dressed 5c. Veal, easier at 5½c to 6c.

POULTRY—Chickens are easier at 60 to 65c per pair as to quality. Turkeys would bring 10c per lb live weight, if they could be had, but none offering. No ducks or geese obtainable, and no game offering.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have sold at 15 to 20c per bushel on the street market. A good many potatoes have been destroyed in the pits by wet weather. The plant is now offered at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 pounds.

HIDES—The situation is about the same as last week. 4½c is the general price for hides, but in special cases 5c has been paid, owing to the reason previously noted. We quote: Green city hides, No. 1, 4½c to 5c; No. 2, 3½c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 and 6c per lb.; dekins 15 to 20c each; kips 4 to 5c; sheep 50 to 65c; shearlings, 5 to 10c; lambskins, 10c; Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25; tallow 8½ to 10c rendered and 2c rough.

WOOL—Some buyers are indifferent about taking wool at present prices, in view of the very weak markets in the United States and east. The Toronto market quotes unwashed wool at 10 to 11c. Here, however, as high as 9½c was paid this week for a lot or two of choice, light clean wool, and a good lot sold

on bid at 9½c, but the general price for ordinary unwashed fleeces is 8½ to 9c, while lots have been bought as low as 7c for fairly good wool, and 5c for heavy merino. Chaffy, burry or dirty lots at the usual reduction.

SENECA ROOT—Market weak. A little new root has come in, and when well dried has brought about 14c. The market is hardly established yet, but the outlook would indicate very low prices this season, ranging probably between 12 and 15c per lb, owing to the large stocks of old root held everywhere, where the commodity is handled.

HAY—The price holds at about \$7.50 to \$8 per ton on track here for baled prairie.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There has been nothing doing in export cattle this week at the yards here, the season for shipping stall fed animals being over and grass cattle will not be fit to ship for some time. A large number of Manitoba stocker cattle have been shipped west to the ranges within a few weeks. For butcher's cattle 3c is about the top price for good steers and heifers, good cows 2½c and common down to 2c.

HOGS—Steady at 3½c for good packing hogs off cars here averaging 150 to 300 pounds, heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3c, as to quality; stags 1½ to 3c.

SHEEP—Quiet and easy. The local market this spring has been supplied mostly with western range sheep, which, however, have not been in really good condition, being too thin as a rule; but they are improving all the time. We quote 3½ to 3½c off cars here for good butcher's sheep.

HORSES—An occasional car of horses arrives from the East. There is a good demand for delivery and general purpose horses. Western horses have sold at lower prices.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain—No. 2 oats, per 84 lbs., 27 to 27½; barley, feed, 84 to 85c.

Flour—Winter wheat, \$3.90 to \$4.10, spring wheat, patents, \$3.80 to \$4; straight roller, \$4.65 to \$3.75; straight roller, bag, \$1.70 to \$1.80; extra bags, \$1.40 to \$1.55, Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.90 to \$3.75.

Oatmeal—Standard, brls., \$2.90 to \$3; granulated, brls. \$3 to \$3.10; rolled oats, brls. \$2.70 to \$2.75; rolled wheat, per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to \$2.50.

Feed—Bran, \$11 to \$12; shorts \$12 to \$13.

Cheese—The activity in cheese continues and higher prices were paid in the country to-day. On the other hand the public cable declined a shilling on both white and colored, while the majority of shippers protested that they could only afford to pay 6½c. It all depends, therefore whether the move on this side will be strong enough to force the up-turn. Spot values are difficult to quote, but yesterday's range of 6½ to 6½c may be repeated as a fair one.

Butter—The best price on spot is 16c, which is being paid by local jobbers, a lot of stock which arrived at the wharf yesterday selling at that figure. The shipping demand is very indifferent.—Gazette, June 10.

Mining Investments.

Mining properties in Western Canada are attracting much attention of late abroad. The Commercial has had several communications this week from the United States, in regard to Western Canada mining matters. One of these is from the Manhattan Investor & Securities Co., Limited, of New York, who offer to promote companies or sell mining properties, when those offered will stand investigation. The company also makes a specialty of placing street and other railway bonds.