

about \$1.32 to \$1.33 for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, all the week. A couple of little sales were made at \$1.35 on Monday and Tuesday, and one round lot sale of 20,000 bushels was said to have gone through at \$1.34. It would have been impossible, however, to have sold any considerable quantity of wheat at above \$1.30 to \$1.32 at any time during the week. Yesterday there were sellers at \$1.32 1-2 to \$1.33, and a sale was put through at the half. In fact business was practically nil on some days. The farmers have exhausted their supplies held over until after sowing and country markets are about wound up until another crop moves. Receipts at Fort William last week were 179,000 bushels; shipments, 206,000; in store \$92,000.

**FLOUR**—The market has held steady at the inside quotations given a week ago. The market is rather quiet. Millers say that the price of flour is below a parity with the present prices of wheat and that they could not sell flour on the present basis if it were made from wheat bought now. We quote patent \$3.30, best bakers, \$3.10; second bakers \$2.75, and XXXX \$1.70 per sack of 48 lbs; 5c discount from these prices net cash.

**MILLFEED**—Quiet. We quote bran at \$12.00 and shorts \$14.00 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

**GROUND FEED**—Grain feed is quoted at \$27 to \$30 per ton as to quality. Ground corn \$20 per ton. These prices show a sharp advance.

**OATMEAL**—It would cost about \$2.20 per sack to lay down rolled oats here in car lots, which would mean \$2.55 for lots to retail dealers, but the market has not advanced to correspond with the advances east and south, and some jobbers are still selling at \$2.20. Prices must soon advance.

**CORN**—Car lots laid down here from the south, freight paid, would cost about 47c to 48c on the present basis of prices south, on track Winnipeg. We quote cars here at 48c to 50c per bushel of 56 pounds.

**BARLEY**—There is no barley moving. Nominal at 45 to 50c per bus. of 48 lbs.

**OATS**—As stated a week ago, there appears to be no oats in the country worth mentioning except what are held by one city grain company, and they are asking 47c per bushel of 54 pounds, on track here. A wire received by The Commercial this week from Vancouver, said that parties were buying up all the oats there, with a view to getting a corner in the grain.

**BEANS**—Beans have been advancing fast lately in the eastern markets, and are low held at about equal to \$1.25 per bushel for cars here, an advance of 15 to 25c per bushel. Some are asking equal to \$1.30 here. The war is the cause of the big advance in this line. Jobbers here have not advanced their prices to meet the advance outside and some are still quoting \$1.36 to the trade.

**BUTTER, creamery**—The creameries are now getting to work and there has been an increase in offerings, but the make is very light yet and only very small lots are offering. None of the factories have lots of any size to offer. About 15 to 18 1-2c has been paid at the factories for some purchases.

**BUTTER, dairy**—The offerings of dairy butter are still very small. This is owing to the dry weather. The grass has hardly made any start

yet, owing to the drouth and the make of butter is accordingly very small, especially as the farmers are out of feed. The great scarcity and high prices for feedstuffs, combined with a very backward season as regards the growth of grass, is greatly curtailing the make of dairy goods. Jobbers are selling dairy butter at 14 to 15c as to quality.

**EGGS**—Owing to demand from packers, prices have advanced 1c this week, and dealers and packers have been paying 10c net. Dealers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c in case lots.

**CHEESE**—The market has not opened yet, the quantity of new offered being very limited. A little old has been selling at 9 to 10c.

**DRESSED MEATS**—The market keeps firm for all kinds of fresh meats. We quote hogs 7 1-2c for country dressed and 8c for city dressed. Beef 6 1-2 to 7c for city dressed. Mutton 8c for cold storage stock and 9 to 10c for fresh dressed. Veal, 7 to 9c, as to quality.

**DRESSED POULTRY**—Good chickens will bring 60c to 70c per pair live, and turkeys 10c to 11c per pound live weight or 15c dressed.

**CURED MEATS AND LARD**—The market is very strong. Prices are continually advancing east and south. Short clear would cost over 9c to lay down here from the States at the prices quoted yesterday at Chicago. The local market holds at the advance quoted last week. Higher prices are looked for.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel, onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; imported Egyptian, 1 to 4 1-2c; cabbage, 2c per lb.; new cabbage, \$1 per crate; beets 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c. Green stuffs in onion, lettuce, radishes, etc., is offering at 15 to 25c dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb.; asparagus, 40 to 50c per dozen bunches.

**HAY**—Demand limited. A few cars have sold at \$11 to \$12 for baled here. A few cars have been brought in from the States, but the quality is very poor.

**HIDES**—The high tendency noted a week ago has developed into a general advance of 1-2c and 7c is now the established price. The market is firm and the demand is improving in the States. We quote green hides No. 1, 7c; kip, 6c to 7c; calf, 7 to 9c lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts, 40 to 80c as to size and quantity of wool; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

**WOOL**—Nominal and easy at 8 to 9c. The wool market in Ontario has opened at 15 to 16c for washed wool and 11c for unwashed, equal to 9c here for the last fleeces. Manitoba wool is worth about 1c less than Ontario wool, owing to the greater amount of dirt in the wool, which causes it to shrink more. Making this allowance, and also for freight, 9c is about the outside here on the basis of Ontario prices. The duty on long wools going into the United States is 12c per lb. and 11c on short or clothing wools. Manitoba wool would mostly take the 12c duty, and western range wools the 11c duty.

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

**SENECA ROOT**—Nominal and weak. No demand from consuming markets. Quoted 10 to 16c.

## LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—The market holds firm. While cattle are scarce this year the quality of those offering is good. This is no doubt owing to the fact that the fat cattle of valuable have mostly been fed by the more experienced feeders. Owing to the high price and scarcity of feed the general run of stock is too thin to offer at all, whereas if feed had been plentiful and cheap, there would have been a good many cattle fed by less experienced farmers, which though not prime, would be passable. Prices are quite firm. We quote 4 to 4 1-2c off cars here, and for choice cattle well up to 4 1-2c has been paid.

**SHEEP**—Sheep are scarce. None offering. We quote 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c off cars here, and a prime bunch would bring 5c.

**HOGS**—The market is firm at prices quoted last week. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at 5 1-4c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs. \$4.50 to \$5.00; heavy hogs over 300 lbs. \$3.25 to \$4.25, as to quality, live weight.

**COWS**—Milk cows are in good demand, and good cows will bring \$35 each. Of course there are cows and small heifers selling at \$20 upward as to quality for new milkers.

## British Cattle Markets.

London, May 16. — The trade in cattle to-day was moderate, but as supplies of Canadian and Argentine stock were limited the market for such was firmer and prices advanced 1-2c. Choice States cattle sold at 11 1-4c; choice Canadians at 11c; Argentine at 10c. Prices for Argentine sheep were 1-2c higher, choice selling at 11c.

Liverpool, May 16. — Choice United States cattle, 11 1-4c, choice Canadian, 10 1-2c.

## New Oatmeal Mills.

Mr. Dow, of Dow & Currie, oatmeal miller, of Pilot Mound, has been in Winnipeg this week with the object of purchasing a site for an oatmeal mill. Options have been secured on several properties, and it is the intention of the firm to establish a first-class mill here, in time for the next crop, with a capacity of about 200 barrels. Pot and pearl barley and package cereal goods of all kinds will be manufactured, thus adding another important industrial concern to the manufacturers of the city. Mr. Dow is thoroughly experienced in the oatmeal line, having been engaged in the business of building as well as operating mills. He built a number of the best mills in Ontario and has built several mills in the United States. The superior facilities afforded in the city both for buying the raw material and selling the manufactured product is the incentive for coming to Winnipeg.

## Saskatchewan.

Hilton Keith, Indian agent, has taken up his residence at Prince Albert, where he will open business in lumber.

It is alleged that a combine including the leading transportation companies of the Pacific coast cities have agreed to make the rate to Dawson, by the all water route via St. Michaels and the Yukon river, \$300 first and \$250 second.