

for in cut nails. In the United States nails have advanced very fast lately.

**LUMBER.**—There is a fair amount of business doing. The cutting of prices at Brandon, which was in a fair way to terminate ten days ago, has broken out again worse than ever. Wholesale dealers have lost heavily in Brandon in years past, owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the trade there, and it looks as though some one will be liable to lose again, as a war of cutting prices cannot go on long without causing some one to suffer, and it is not always the dealers themselves who are engaged in the war who have to meet the losses. Very often the loss falls back upon the wholesale trade. Lumber is said to be offering in Brandon now at the lowest prices ever heard of in Manitoba, and farmers are coming from 50 to 60 miles around Brandon to buy their lumber.

**WHEAT.**—Wheat has kept quiet and rather easier on most days this week, though there has not been any very important decline in prices. The holiday in the United States this week, together with the usual mid-summer dullness, are features tending to make a quiet market. Threshing returns in Missouri show a better yield than was expected from that state, and the spring wheat crop is very promising. It is natural to look for rather quiet markets at this season, and since wheat dropped back to the vicinity of 70c at Chicago, the markets have been uneventful.

**WHEAT LOCALLY.**—In Manitoba wheat is very quiet and quite weak. It is just what might have been expected that prices should be weak here. Manitoba wheat was forced up 15 to 20c per bushel above its natural position. Now attention is directed toward the new crop, and before new wheat moves prices will drop back to their natural position, to a parity with United States markets. This decline has already set in. No one would buy Manitoba wheat now at prices so far above an export basis as were quoted a short time ago; and no one is buying, the only possible business being an occasional car or two to meet immediate requirements of millers, and even the millers are taking scarcely anything at present. To come down to an export basis, Manitoba wheat would be worth not far from 70c per bushel afloat Fort William, this week, or about 55 cents at Manitoba country points to farmers, allowing for freight and cost of handling, and of course prices will have to come to an export basis before new wheat moves, though the value may be materially changed before that time. At present, however, the little wheat available is still held above an export basis, though there is next to nothing doing, and we quote at 83 to 85c afloat Fort William, in fact we might quote 80 to 85c as the nominal range of values.

Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal, amount to 2,007,000 this week, against 1,934,000 bushels last week, 1,850,000 in the corresponding week a year ago.

**FLOUR.**—There is no further change and the feeling is rather easy. Sales by millers here are made at \$2.25 for patents and \$2.05 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs, delivered to city retail dealers. Second bakers, \$1.65 to \$1.80, XXXX about \$1.40 to \$1.50 per sack, according to brand. These are net cash prices, the nominal quotation being 5c higher.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—The quotation to the local trade is \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices range from \$19 to \$21 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

**OATMEAL.**—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged here at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades.

**OATS.**—The feeling in oats is rather easy. Prices are also easy in the eastern Canada markets, where they show further declines. We quote 33 to 33½c for cars here, per bushel of 31 pounds for feed grade.

**Barley.**—Held at 40 to 42c per bushel of 48 pounds, for feed quality.

**FLAX SEED.**—Dull at about \$1.50 per bushel in a retail way.

**OIL CAKE.**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

**FEED WHEAT.**—Feed wheat is very scarce and brings 80 to 90c per bushel readily.

**BUTTER.**—The markets generally show no improvement in the outlook for butter. The make in Manitoba and the Territories is large this year, as is shown not only by receipts, but by the very large demand for butter tubs, the demand for these being in excess of the supply all the season. There is no butter selling here and no one is buying, so that any quotations given are of little value. All the dairy sent here is coming in on consignment. Country dealers are paying about 8c per lb., which is fully as much as the situation warrants. We quote dairy at 8 to 10c here and creamery about 15c. A party who is interested in the butter trade has suggested that the local government should purchase a few lots of selected Manitoba dairy and send it east, to try and start a shipping movement, something like the Dominion government did last spring with eastern winter creamery. Heretofore Manitoba dairy sent East has been culls and low grade or off-flavor stuff, the best qualities having been reserved for western trade. We note a considerable reduction in freight rates eastward on dairy products in another column.

**CHEESE.**—It is evident this year that the make of Manitoba cheese will be in excess of western requirements, and an outlet will have to be found eastward for the surplus. This is a new feature of the Manitoba cheese trade, and it will be very interesting to learn how the first shipment sent east will be received. It will be received undoubtedly with considerable interest in the east, when it will be closely inspected and subject to keen criticism. It is therefore desirable that the first lots sent east should be of uniform good quality. J. Y. Griffin & Co., produce dealers, Winnipeg, will send a car of cheese east in a few days, and for this purpose they are taking good lots carefully put up. They are buying some outright and other lots are being sent to them to forward on commission, the shippers taking chances with them. They may have another car to go forward a little later. We quote 6 to 6½c at the factories for Manitoba cheese as to the quality. Prices at the Ontario country cheese markets this week were a shade easier, 8½ to 8¾ covering the range of bids at most markets.

**EGGS.**—Prices are the same as last week. Dealers are offering 8c and selling at 9½ to 10.

**LARD.**—Prices are a little easier. We quote Pure, \$1.85 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

**CURED MEATS.**—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs: 11½; picnic hams, 9½; short spiced rolls, 7½; long rolls, 7½; shoulders, 8c; smoked long clear, 10c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb; shoulders, 7c; backs, 9½c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ½c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00

clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$18.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**VEGETABLES.**—Old potatoes are easier. They sold as high as 60c early this week, but dropped to 45 to 50c later. A few new potatoes are offered. New native vegetables are increasing in variety. Prices are: Potatoes, 45 to 50c per bushel; new 3 to 4c per lb. Greenstuff, per dozen bunches is quoted as follows: Rhubarb 15c; lettuce 5 to 8c; onions 15c, asparagus, 40 to 60c; radishes 5 to 8c; beets, carrots, turnips, 25c per dozen bunches; spinach, per lb. 1 to 2c; new cabbage, \$2.25 per crate of 50 lbs; cucumbers 50c per dozen; cauliflower, 40 to 75c per dozen as to size, southern onions, 4c per lb. Green peas in pod \$1.75 per bushel.

**POULTRY.**—Prices are the same. Chickens 40 to 45c per pair. Turkeys 8c per lb live weight. No ducks or geese selling.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Prices continue easier all around. Beef and mutton are rather lower. The top price of mutton is ½c lower than we quoted a week ago. The top price of beef is the same but less is selling at the top price. We quote beef at 5 to 6c, as to quality, with a lower tendency; mutton 7 to 7½c, also with a lower tendency; lamb 8 to 9c; pork 5½ to 6c; veal 4 to 6c.

**HIDES.**—There is no change in the local market. Dry hides have advanced again at New York and packer hides have made another slight advance at Chicago. Other classes of hides have not changed in any of the big markets for some time, and while the position is still strong, it is the belief that the top price has been reached. The strong feature is the fact that the demand from tanners keeps the supply closely cleaned up everywhere. We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green cured, 7½c for No. 1 cows, 6½ for No. 2, and 5½c for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 7½c, No. 2 Steers, 6½c; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 8c per lb. Deacons, 25 to 40c each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, full wool, 60 to 75c each, as to size, etc. Clips, 10 to 15c each. Lambskins, 15 to 20c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL.**—The higher prices which dealers have been paying for wool this year, as compared with a year ago, is beginning to have an effect upon the large wool markets. The markets in the United States have been rather excited of late, with large sales and higher prices on some grades. An average advance of 1c was reported from Boston recently. Territory grades and imported wools sold freely there. The usual quotation in this market is 9 to 10c for unwashed Manitoba fleece, as to quality, but we have heard of about 10½c being paid for lots put up for sale by tender.

**SENECA ROOT.**—Buyers quote 16 to 18c as to quality, but we learn that between 19 and 20c has been bid for some choice lots, put up for sale by tender. Receipts are quite large and it appears a lot of root will be dug, notwithstanding the low prices ruling. It was thought earlier that on account of low prices the crop would be a light one, as diggers would not exert themselves, but receipts lately are up to the big crop of last year.

**HAY.**—We quote prairie baled at \$1 to \$1.50 per ton for car lots on track here.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**CATTLE.**—Grass cattle are now getting into good condition, both on the western ranges and in Manitoba. Exports are increasing and will keep on increasing. The offer-