

dom than from any other country since last summer. In 1891 the April decrease in the world's available supply of wheat was 5,260,000 bushels and in 1893, 6,200,000 bushels, but in 1892 it was 17,700,000.

WHEAT LOCALLY.—The local situation has been very strong, owing to the very limited quantity of wheat held and the demand from millers. Prices for Manitoba wheat in Ontario have continued to advance sharply. The idea of values here appears to be about 40 higher than a week ago, though there is not enough business doing to confirm close prices. May wheat is quoted at about 77 to 77½c, afloat Fort William, for No. 1 hard, delivery latter part of May or June. The weather has been favorable for the growing Manitoba crop, good rains having been experienced throughout the country.

FLOUR.—Another hoist was given to flour yesterday. Prices were advanced locally 5c per 100 pounds, by millers, and in Eastern Canada markets there have been further advances of about 10c per barrel. This second advance was expected as there has been a heavy demand at very firm prices. Minneapolis millers advanced prices 20c this week. Sales by millers here are made at \$2.00 for patents and \$1.80 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs., delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash in 30 days. A further advance is expected early next week.

MILLSTUFFS.—The quotation to the local trade is \$12 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are steady, and range from \$17 to \$19 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged 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.—There is no change in local quotations. We quote 30 to 32c for cars on track here. Holders ask 31 to 32c for cars here usually.

BARLEY.—No business doing. We quote about 40c per bushel for feed grade.

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

BUTTER.—The local market is much the same. Advices from Eastern Canada speak of large receipts and increasing depression in prices. Another car of held Manitoba dairy is going forward to Montreal. We quote 10 to 12c for new dairy in the Winnipeg market.

EGGS.—Prices hold the same as a week ago. Dealers are selling in case lots at 8½c, and paying 7 to 7½c net for receipts from the country.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12; do backs, 11c; picnic hams, 9½c; short spiced rolls, 8c long rolls, 8½c; shoulders, 9c; smoked long clear, 9½c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 8½c per lb.; shoulders, 7½c; backs, 9½c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ¾c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$17.00 clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$17.50; 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.

LARD.—We quote: Pure, \$1.85 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.60 for 60-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

POULTRY.—Held, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices.

Chickens 8c, turkeys 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c. About 1 to 2c per pound higher would be paid for nice fresh birds, or 65 to 70c per pair for live chickens.

DRESSED MEATS.—The price of beef held this week at 6c for good city dressed, but wholesale butchers talk of advancing to 6½c, and there is a probability of an advance the first of next week. In fact, one butcher said he would not sell any more choice beef at 6c. Good fresh mutton holds at 10c. Wholesale butchers get 6c for dressed hogs and say they will advance prices to 6½c at once. Veal is worth 5 to 6c.

HIDES.—The hide market continues very firm everywhere, especially for light hides which continue very scarce. Buff hides have sold as high as 8c at Montreal to tanners. As there is an actual scarcity of supplies and tanner are active buyers, the outlook appears favorable for high prices for some time to come. We reported last week, on the strength of a telegram, that hides had advanced 2c in the United States within ten days. This appears to have been a mistake, as trade papers to hand show only a shade higher prices on some classes, Chicago light hides being still quoted at 8 to 8½c for No. 1. At New York, however, there was a sharp advance in imported dry hides. We quote: Hides Winnipeg inspection, green, 4½c for No. 1 cows, 3½c for No. 2, and 2½c for No. 3, and 5½c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 4½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Cured, hides 5 to 5½c. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6c per lb. Kips 4 to 5c. Sheep skins, 35 to 60c each, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—We quote 9 to 10c for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

SENECA ROOT.—Indications continue for low prices on the new crop, and 20c is looked upon as likely to be the outside price this season.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are: Potatoes, 30 to 40c per bushel for farmers loads; cabbage, 5c per lb for good to 2c for poor stock; carrots, 60 to 75c per bushel; beets, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.; rhubarb, \$2 to \$2.25 per box of about 45 pounds. Egyptian onions, \$5 per 100 pounds.

HAY.—Still very dull. Prairie baled is quoted at \$4 per ton on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—About 300 head of cattle were received at the stock yard here this week. The principal business transacted was the lot of cattle shipped in by Mullins & Wilson on Saturday and Sunday last, consisting of about 240 head. This entire lot was bought by Gordon & Ironside and 214 head of them were shipped eastward on Monday for export, while a few stockers among them were sent to the country to feed up. One car of cattle received by Gordon & Ironside this week came from the Lake Dauphin country. The 214 head noted above were the only cattle sent east, the balance being local butchers' and stocker animals. Gordon & Ironside will have a shipment about the 10th of this month. They are figuring on about three train loads for that date. Wallace & Motheral, of Southern Manitoba, are expected in with a trainload of export cattle tomorrow. They are loading at Cartwright, Clearwater and vicinity. The range of prices here appears to be from, 3½ to 4c according to quality, for butchers' and export cattle.

HOGS.—About 300 hogs were handled at the yards here this week. Of these 350 were brought in by Mullins & Wilson, and were sold to Gordon & Ironside, who re-sold them mostly to J. Y. Griffin & Co. for their packing house here. Local butchers got the balance of the lot. One car of hogs came in

from Indian Head, and other odd lots from other points. Three cars of hogs were shipped on Sunday from here by Christie & Fares for Vancouver, B. C., for a packer there. There were no eastern shipments. One hog received weighed 630 pounds. We quote hogs, off cars here, at 4½c for good average lots to 4½c for selected packers.

SHEEP.—One car of sheep only came in this week for Mr. Bond, for the local market, bought at Emerson from Christie & Fares. This is the only load of sheep in for about three weeks. We quote sheep at 4½ to 5c off cars here.

At the half weekly market at Toronto on April 30, cattle were slightly firmer. Choice butchers' were selling at from 4 to 4½c per lb, one or two lots going at a fraction above the highest figure. Medium to good butchers' sold at from 3½ to 3¾c per lb., common cattle, 2½ to 3c per lb. Buying for export was quiet for the lack of cattle on sale and prices were 4½ to 5½c per lb. Hogs were weaker, being off about ½c per lb. Choice long lean hogs sold for 5 to 5½c per lb, weighed off the cars. Sheep and lambs were firmer. Good grain fed yearlings fetch 5½ to 5¾c per lb. Spring lambs sell at from \$3 to \$4 each.

New Fire Insurance Co.

A meeting of the promoters of the new local fire insurance was held Wednesday afternoon in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, when the sub-committee appointed to canvass the city to ascertain what support such a company would be likely to receive from the mercantile community, presented their report. The report was to the effect that the time was ripe for the establishment of a strong company in which the public would have confidence and recommended that the charter of the Canadian Fire and Live Stock Insurance Company be secured at once and stock books opened. The report was adopted and a committee was appointed to negotiate with the directors of the C. F. and L. S. Insurance company for the acquirement of the charter of that concern. It was announced that stock to the amount of \$190,000 had already been subscribed and that there would be no difficulty in securing \$200,000 in the city. The stock books were opened and nearly all the gentlemen present inscribed their names on the list, some of them for very considerable sums. It is the intention of the promoters to invite merchants and others in Portage la Prairie and Brandon, and other provincial towns to become stockholders in order to make the company as representative as possible. After some legal details connected with the acquirement of the charter have been settled, a board of directors and officers will be elected. At the outset the operations of the company will be confined to Manitoba, but later, business will be extended throughout the territory, extending from Port Arthur to the Pacific coast.

We have been requested by the Stovel Company to give an expression of opinion regarding their pocket directory, a publication issued by them monthly, the May number of which is now before us; otherwise we should scarcely have taken notice of "the directory." The publishers are certainly to be commended for the faithful manner in which they have copied "Waghorn's Guide," another monthly publication, which has become indispensable to the business public. Had they attempted anything original, we might not be able to give even this commendation, but they certainly have made an unnecessary duplication of a very useful periodical, upon which they have not made any improvement. If "Waghorn's Guide" should cease publication, "the directory" might prove a passable substitute, but until that takes place, its usefulness is known only to its publishers.