

Iowa: Steers. Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 6c. No. 2, 5c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Dealers report a moderate to fair demand for their ware, and slow collections. Prices are quoted 1c higher. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices remain steady and unchanged as follows: Spanish sole, 30 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, \$5 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 65c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock; American oak sole, 55 to 60.

LUMBER.

The call from the city continues fairly active and in excess of the trade doing at the same time for two years back. Since the completion of seeding the demand from the country has improved and is expected to increase steadily.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

A better movement has again set in, but trade is still on the quiet side, the weather having been too wet to induce much of a demand. Quotations are as follows: turpentine 80c; linseed oil, raw 75c per gal., boiled 78c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.00 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl; Portland cement, \$5; white lead, genuine, 7.50; No 1 \$7.00; No 2, \$6.50 and window glass, first break, \$2.50.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

A good trade is reported in the demand for manufactured goods. In saddlery hardware and harness sundries there is only a light trade at present. Collections are slow.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

The immediate trade doing is of moderate proportion and not as brisk as last month, which is said to have been the best month for two years. Collections easy.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Scarcely any movement in this branch, and little business looked for until the new licenses have been granted. Quotations are: Gooderman & Wot's 5 year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.80; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6 Hennesy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port wine, \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry \$2.25 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$3.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.50 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Farmers have now concluded all their spring seeding and planting, and having put their premises in order are once more at liberty to give attention to other pursuits. Nothing more can now be done but to leave the fields of grain to nature to complete what has already been done under such favorable conditions. This being the case farmers have been giving their attention to hauling in grain once more, and during the past week a moderate quantity has been delivered at points throughout the province. Buyers have been replaced at some points from which they were withdrawn during seeding time. The weather has continued most favorable for the growing crops, and parties who have lately returned from trips throughout the country give glowing accounts of the condition of the crops. Along the railways the prairie is now covered with waving grain. Prices have held steady in all grains. Provisions have been in better demand and at firm prices.

WHEAT.

Deliveries by farmers at provincial points have been fairly large for the season, and now that spring work is over, it is likely that the balance of the surplus wheat in the country will be marketed within the next few weeks. Some shipments of No. 3 damaged wheat have been made and the demand for this quality has been greater. The wheat in store at Lake Superior ports has been moving out rapidly since the opening of navigation, and stocks have now been considerably reduced. Elevators and warehouses throughout the province have also been well emptied of stocks held before the commencement of seeding. Prices have been very steady during the week. At provincial points a good sample of hard wheat would bring about 65c. On track here prices are as follows: No. 1 hard, 78c; No. 2 75c; No. 1 northern, 75c; No. 2 70c; No. 3 60c.

FLOUR.

The export flour market continues very quiet. A deputation of millers waited on traffic manager Kerr, in regard to the tariff on flour via the lakes, which is 11 cents higher this year than last season, while the tariff on wheat remains the same. The millers claimed that they had been buying wheat and manufacturing flour with the expectation of shipping at the same rates as last year, and that on this account they had paid higher prices for wheat than they otherwise would have done. With the low prices prevailing in the east for flour, they would be compelled to close down unless the old rates were restored. The difference in the tariff on wheat and flour practically amounted to a discrimination in favor of eastern millers to that extent. It is understood that the rates on flour will be reduced 5c, or within 3c of the wheat tariff. In the meantime a number of the mills, both city and provincial, have either closed down or are running on half time, and production has therefore been greatly curtailed. Prices here for small lots are unchanged as follows: patents, 2.45; strong bakers, \$2.15; XXXX \$1.70, and superfine \$1.10 to \$1.20.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

Steady and unchanged at \$10.25 for bran and \$11.25 for shorts.

EGGS.

Receipts still come to hand liberally and prices have been easy. Consignments will not now bring over \$ to 9c.

OATMEAL.

Prices remain steady and unchanged at \$2.25 for standard and \$2.50 for granulated.

POTATOES.

Offerings continue fairly liberal and prices about the same as previous quotations, at 25 to 30c.

CHEESE.

Receipts continue to come to hand more freely and the supply is now in excess of the demand. Prices have gradually declined and at the close of the week consignments would not bring over 9 to 10c. Another drop to 8c is expected.

BUTTER.

Early in the week prices held the same as reported for the previous week, but later more liberal receipts depressed the market and prices fell away to 17 to 18c for choice rolls. The feeling continued easy and prices tended downward to the close, some lots of new rolls not bringing more than 15c.

OATS.

There has been very little doing. Car lots were not wanted and would not bring over 24 to 25c. Stocks in the city are quite large enough for all demands.

BARLEY.

There have been no transactions in this grain for some time, and it is doubtful if there is any quantity left in the country.

BACON.

There has been an improved demand at steady prices. Dry salt has sold at 8½ to 8¾c, smoked 9½ to 9¾c, rolls 11c, breakfast bacon 11½, old dry salt 7½c.

HAMS.

Have been in better demand, principally from the city trade, with prices firm at 12½ to 13c.

MESS PORK.

Easier and quiet at 14.50 to \$15.00.

MESS BEEF.

In very moderate demand and unchanged at \$15.50.

LARD.

No change to note in prices. Quotations are: \$2.10 per pail; or 9½c per lb for tierces.

DRESSED HOGS.

Offerings have been limited in extent and taken by butchers at 5½ to 6c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Hind quarters of beef are quoted at 9½ to 10c and full carcasses at 7 to 8c. Mutton is firm at 14c and veal higher at 16c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The local market has been comparatively dull, the past week, the weakness elsewhere causing our operators to move with caution, but toward the close there was a better feeling in certain circles, owing to a well defined impression that the heavy and continuous decline had reached a point where a considerable reaction is to be expected. Nothing very definite has developed, however, to strengthen this impression. It may be said that the heavy decrease in the visible was to a great extent unexpected, but if it had any effect on prices, it was a depressing one. As a bull argument it came too late to have effect. Estimates which sound wild are being made on the next decrease, but should it reach the top figures published, its effect is problematical, owing to the conservatism everywhere displayed. The times are undoubtedly ripe for a sudden turn and a moderately large upward movement, but the