

of the season in western Manitoba, though west and south there was snow two or three times previous to this date. There is still some grain in stock, mostly oats, except where farmers have allowed their wheat to remain in stock for the purpose of threshing without stacking. To say the very least, this is a slovenly way of farming, and some of these people deserve to lose their crops. The scarcity of help has of course delayed stacking and threshing very seriously. Prices have been rather easier, but there is no material change from a week ago. Highest quotations at country points ranged all the way from 70 to 80c per bushel for best samples, but 76 to 77c was usually about the top price paid at most points to farmers. The average price in Manitoba country markets to farmers, was not far from 75c per bushel, supposed to be for No. 1 hard, but this often means No. 2 hard and better. A feature of the week was the sinking of the steamer *Sovereign* in lake Superior, bound from Fort William to Buffalo with a cargo of 20,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat. The steamer sprung a leak and sank in deep water.

FLOUR.

Millers are having a steady demand at about last prices. Old wheat flours are reported firmer in the east. Local jobbing quotations in small lots are as follows, per 100 pounds for standard qualities: Patent, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; second bakers', \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.30.

MILLSTUFF.

Prices are holding up well, and quotations reported a week ago still hold good, though lower values are looked for. Bran is still selling in less than car lots at \$12, and shorts at \$14 per ton.

FEED.

Feed is obtainable lower, about \$18 per ton being the price now asked for good qualities, in less than car lots.

MEALS.

Oatmeal is again quotable lower in this market. Some eastern oatmeal has been coming in, and the local product has now been put down to a price which will effectually shut out eastern meal from this market. Oatmeal in Ontario markets has been selling at very low and irregular prices, and there appears to have been considerable cutting in values there, but latest advices reported an advancing tendency in the east, some quoting as much as 20c per barrel above the bottom prices reached lately. The same day, however, that prices were reported higher at Toronto, Montreal quoted lower. We quote Winnipeg prices on oatmeal 5 to 15c lower. Prices are: Oil cake, in bags, \$21.50 a ton; oil cake meal, in ton lots, sacked, \$26; in bulk, \$25; oatmeal, standard, \$2.25; granulated, \$2.35 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.35 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3; fine, do., in 50 pound sacks, \$3 per sack. Split peas, \$2.40 to \$2.50, per 100 pounds. Beans, \$1.90 to \$2 per bushel.

OATS.

Prices were again lower in this market, farmers' offerings here being taken at 21c. to 23c. per bushel of 34 pounds. Some dealers were not paying over 21c. and were able to get what they required, while others paid 22 and sometimes 23c. A couple of cars were offered on track at 22c., and later at 21c., but were slow sale, as farmers' deliveries are about equal to local requirements. Choice milling oats brought much better prices, such qualities having sold as high as 28c., and quotable mostly at 25c. to 27c. here. There is considerable complaint about oats being light weight, even milling oats cleaning out from 10 to 15 per cent. of light stuff. Oats are much firmer in the east, prob-

ably owing to the good export movement, and prices there have advanced several cents from the bottom, Montreal and Toronto quoting 34c to 35c per bushel. About 20c per bushel was the usual quotation to farmers in Manitoba country markets. No eastern shipping business has been done in Manitoba oats, beyond north shore points, and some few cars have gone to British Columbia. If the export demand keeps up, prices may reach a figure east which will admit of reasonable prices here for shipment.

BARLEY.

Very little doing in this grain, and outlook gloomy for good prices. Malting samples are taken for local brewing purposes at 28c to 30c. per 48 pounds, and feed qualities about 25c. At country points 20c per bushel of 48 pounds is generally the most that is being paid to farmers.

BUTTER.

The butter market continues decidedly firm, and in some instances better prices have been obtained. For all choice butter there is a ready market, but for medium and fair qualities the demand as usual is slack. From what can be learned it appears that country dealers are holding second and lower qualities too high. Better prices have been realized here for western shipment, on account of the good prices obtained in eastern Canada markets, which come into competition with Winnipeg for the far western trade. A round lot of choice sold for the coast trade as 18c per pound, but this was picked butter and of better quality than what is generally considered here as choice dairy. Locally, good to choice dairy is selling at 17 to 18c as to quality. A small quantity of creamery is selling, and quoted locally at 25 cents per pound.

CHEESE.

The cheese situation is rather mixed, though jobbing prices are strong, and a further advance is probable. On the other hand sales by factories have been reported at easier prices. Sales by factories were reported as high as 10c delivered here, to wholesale dealers, which would necessitate a jobbing price of about 11c per pound, in small lots. Now that dealers have become stocked up, factories have found slower sale for their product, and have been offering lower. We quote dealers selling at 10c for large, to 11c for small sizes.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are:—Dry salt long clear bacon, 10 to 10½c; smoked long clear, 10½c. to 11c; spiced rolls, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13c; smoked hams, 14c; mess pork, \$16 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per lb.; German, do., 9c per lb. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at firm prices. We quote: \$2.40 per 20 lb pail for pure. Compound held at \$1.85 to \$2 per pail.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Nicely dressed, choice spring chickens, have brought as high as 12½c, and we quote 10 to 12½c, or 35 to 50c per pair. Hens worth about the same per pair, or 8 to 10c per pound. Turkeys, 9 to 10c, live weight. Ducks and geese about the same, with offerings all around becoming more plentiful and prices tending easier. Wild ducks plentiful at 20 to 35c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS.

There is no change to note in prices and condition of supply and demand. A few country hogs have been offered, and taken at 7 to 7½c per pound. City dressed pork at 8c per pound. Beef steady at 5 to 5½c for good to choice. Mutton and lamb, city dressed, steady at 11c. Veal has sold from 5 to 8c as to quality, the lower price for very heavy calves. About 7c is the usual price for fairly good, young veal.

HAY.

Hay has been weak and lower, under heavy offerings, especially of pressed in car lots. We quote pressed \$6 to \$7.50 per ton, as to quality.

Loose, by the load on the market \$3 to \$5 per ton.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are offering freely, and are usually held for 25c per bushel, for farmers' offerings on the street market, though they have sold from this price down to 20c per bushel. Cabbage are firmer. Following are the prices at which city dealers buy on the market: Potatoes, 25c per bushel; carrots 30 to 35c per bushel; beets, 25 to 30c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 1¾ lb; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 20 to 75c per dozen; celery, 25c dozen; citron, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen; squash, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen; pumpkins, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen; onions, 2 to 2½c per pound; horseradish, 8c lb. Dealers are selling eastern tomatoes at 50 to 85c per 20 pound basket; green tomatoes, 4c per pound. Sweet potatoes, \$8 per barrel.

EGGS.

Receipts of fresh have been very light of late and have not been obtainable at all a considerable portion of the time. Stocks of lined have now been drawn upon, and these have sold at 18 to 19c per dozen. Fresh quotable at 20c to 21c per dozen. Eastern fresh could be laid down here to sell about 19c, but the demand above local supplies is hardly largely enough to warrant shipments in here from the east.

Manitoba Wheat Items.

The *Morden Monitor* of Thursday last says: "The price of wheat ranges from 75 to 80c., according to quality. The wheat market is gradually assuming enormous proportions. The quantity of wheat being marketed is now rising daily. 10,000 bushels per day is about the average, and a prominent grain buyer estimates that in three weeks from now 20,000 bushels per day will be reached. The quality of the wheat marketed at this point is considered to be mostly all No. 1 hard and free from frost. Although the elevators are crowded daily, the surrounding prairie is covered with wheat stacks, and the cry for threshers still continue. The quantity already marketed from Morden up to to-day is 135,000 bushels, which is ahead of the best previous years."

The *Brandon Times* of last week has the following crop items: "John Bradley, of Daly, was in the city yesterday. He claims having threshed from his crops 7,000 bushels of wheat and 2,500 of oats.—It will astonish some of our eastern readers in Ontario to learn that a Mr. Anderson who came to this province just two years ago from Wingham, Ont., bought five sections of land in the vicinity of Melita, and had 10,000 bushels of grain this year.—Peter Leitch, of Whitewood, was in the city yesterday. He has already threshed over 7,000 bushels of wheat."

Threshing outfits are scarce. A man from Balder was in Winnipeg last week, trying to find some one who would take a threshing outfit to that place. Failing in this, he purchased a machine himself.

John Mallabar, a Brandon grocer, was held up by crooks on his way home last week, but nothing was secured from him, though he had considerable cash in a pocket.

Mr. Fader, of E. Fader & Co., fish shippers, Vancouver, B. C., was in Winnipeg last week, on his way home. He has been east with a car of fresh B. C. halibut and salmon, which was the first full car of fresh fish ever sent east from the province.