

rate range around 30 to 31c. Brandon rate of freight. Street oats here are at 25 to 32c per bushel. 34c per bushel.

RAILFEED-Brewers are paying from 38 to 40c per bushel for malting grade on track. Malting feed merchants 34 to 36c either on track or at the feed mill.

HAY-Market is very weak owing to the demand for winter ton for choice baled. Loose hay on the street is worth about the same as baled.

ROLLED OATS-Prices have been dropping all week, owing to cutting by some in the trade. We quote 80 pound sacks, \$2.20; 40 lb. sacks are worth \$2.40; 20s, \$2.45; and 8s, \$2.70, with cover. Two pound packages with cover, \$3.70.

Quail and standard oatmeal is unchanged at \$2.75 per 98 pound sack.

POLTRY-Receipts are light and the market prices are as follows:—

Chickens, 7c to 8c per lb., dressed; ducks and geese, 3c per lb., turkeys, 11c per pound, dressed.

GAME-Rabbits are bringing 5c each for the ordinary kind. Jack rabbits, 7c.

BUTTER-Receipts—A few factories are shipping winter butter into the city, for which buyers are paying 21c net laid down here.

Butter is becoming reduced and really choice goods are not to be had. The country country shipper here is a pretty firm market for this grade. Prices range all the way from 21c to 22c per pound commission basis.

CHEESE-Jobbing houses are selling cheese at 11 to 11 1/2c per pound delivered to the trade.

EGGS-Eggs have been selling this week at 25 to 27c net per dozen in case lots. Pickled eggs are selling to the retail trade at 26c per dozen. The fresh gathered stock is worth 25c to 40c per dozen in a retail.

VEGETABLES-Receipts are light on account of the cold weather and there are no new features to note. Potatoes, 30 to 35c per bushel; delivered here. Beets, 45c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; cabbage, 13c to 15c per ton; lettuce, celery, 40 to 60c per dozen bunches; onions, 5c per pound.

MILK-Prices are steady. We quote: Beef, 6c; dressed, 6 to 7c per pound; country, 5c; veal, 6 to 8c; mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 7c; hogs, 7 1/2 to 8c.

HIDES-The market is steady at 15c to 16c per lb. No. 1 hides, 6c per lb.; delivered here. No. 2, 5c; No. 3, 4c; frozen hides, 5 1/2c per lb. with 5 lb. tare. Kips and calf, same price as hides; dekins, 25c to 30c; slunks, 5c to 10c; horse hides, 5c to 10c.

WOOL-Market nominal.
TALLOW-The local price for tallow is 4 1/2 to 5c per pound.

SENDA ROOT-Market nominal.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE-There is a good demand for butcher's cattle and the market is steady. Good stock is being delivered here. Common grades range from 3 to 3 1/2c. Suckers are worth \$14 to \$15 per head. Cows, 12 to 15c, and 8 to \$22 for two year olds.

SHEEP-There is no movement at present. The market is plentifully supplied with frozen mutton.

PIGS-The market is steady at 6 1/2c per pound for best weights but heavier weights bear weights better.

CATTLE-Receipts are moderate and there is a large demand.

MILK-Prices are steady. We quote: Milk, 5c; cream, 6c; butter, 7c; cheese, 8c; and in good demand at from 10 to 12c.

WHEAT-There is but a light demand for horses and the market is very quiet. Prices are very firm.

Advises from Chicago this week say that a steamship line from the Great Lakes to Quebec is to connect with ocean steamers there from Edinburgh. It is assured for the coming season.

Land Commissioner Griffin, of the province, left for Montreal on Friday for the purpose of attending to the headquarters matters of importance to be undertaken next summer in the north. It is thought that among other things the irrigation of the Athabasca district will be fully dealt with.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 4,115,092 bushels of wheat in store at Port William on Jan. 27, 1901, one year ago stocks in store at Port William were 1,640,000 bushels. Two years ago there were 3,132,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Port William, Port Arthur, Keweenaw, Winnipeg, and interior points are estimated approximately to be 2,075,000 bushels, compared with 1,485,000 bushels a year ago, 8,700,000 bushels two years ago, and 8,200,000 bushels three years ago.

Movements of Business Men.

Henry Bell, of the Consolidated Stationery Co., left on Thursday for Toronto.

J. C. Gibson, general manager of the Winnipeg Machinery and Supply Co., of Winnipeg, left Saturday for Toronto and other eastern cities on business.

W. A. Kavanaugh, late Winnipeg manager for the McCormick Harvesting Co. of Chicago, is opening a branch office in Winnipeg this week settling up his affairs here and arranging to move his family to Chicago.

Western Business Items.

J. Sallman has opened up a general store at Fort Crook, Alberta.

Geo. Edwards is opening a blacksmith shop at Kawenda, Man.

Hodgins & Edworthy, livery and draying, at Mandana, Assn., have dissolved partnership.

F. Holden has bought out the tents' furnishings department of T. M. Bryce's general store at Yellow Grass, Assn.

Varcoe & Williamson, proprietors of the Manitoba Pump Company, are dissolving partnership.

T. N. Williamson continues the business of Varcoe.

D. D. Mann, of Winnipeg, and the Canadian Northern Railway is now at the coast for the purpose of reporting on the proposed extension of the British Columbia government railroad to the extension of the Canadian Northern system.

A Minneapolis report on Thursday said: Joseph G. King, manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is in Minneapolis arranging for the purchase of material for the construction of another one million bushel elevator at Port William.

James Haxey, of Toronto, who is to be the manager of the new branch of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation at Winnipeg, was presented with a handsome drawing room clock by his fellow employees on the eve of his departure for Winnipeg. J. W. Burgess, who accompanied him to Winnipeg, was presented with a set of furs.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Crystal City Dairy Association was held on Saturday last.

The secretary's report was read and the creamery had done well during the past season. There had been about \$11,000 worth of butter sold and the patrons had received a good share of it. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Jas. E. Parr; vice-president, R. J. Duncan; directors, J. J. Ring, Frank Bell, H. S. Jory and J. P. Smith; auditor, T. C. Finn. It was decided to build a new creamery, and a meeting of the directors was called to consider ways and means.

Weather Conditions.

The weather has been cold all week and more like Manitoba winter than it was previous to the recent drop in temperature. The cold toward the end of last week. However with the exception of one or two days, it has not been so cold as the last days being bright and only moderately cold. A little snow has fallen, but not enough to make sleighing.

A Toronto report says: Canadian wool is now quoted at 28 cents in the United States. It is generally a little better than the reported rates. With the duty of 12 cents per pound, the cost of freight and packing and the ordinary profits of the trade, dealers do not feel inclined to pay more than 12 cents a pound, or 7 cents in the grease, for our local product.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—First patents, \$3.50 to \$4.10; seconds, \$3.00 to \$3.50, in sacks. Millstuffs—bran, buck, \$1.75 to \$1.85. Shorts, buck, \$1.45 to \$1.50 per ton.

Feed—Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, \$2.50 per ton. Ground feed, mixed corn and oats, \$2.25 to \$2.35 per ton.

Cornmeal—White \$2.70 to \$2.80, do yellow, \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.

Corn—No. 3, 55c; No. 4, 53 to 54c. Oats—No. 1, 41c per bushel of 32 lbs. as to grade.

Barley—Quoted 53 to 54c, as to grade. Flax Seed—No. 1 quoted at \$1.70 per bushel.

Hay—Timothy, \$11 to \$12 ton; prairie, 85 to 88 per ton as to quality. Butter—Creamery—Good to choice, 20 to 25c; seconds, 18 to 20c; dairy, good to choice, 18 to 21c; seconds, 16 to 18c lb.

Cheese—Fancy, 12c; choice, 9 to 10c; undergrades, 7 to 9c. Eggs—Slightly fresh, cases included, 20 1/2c doz.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 8 to 11c; geese, 9 to 11c; ducks, 10 to 11c; chickens, 5 to 6c; roosters, 4c.

Dressed Meats—Hogs, 1c for high; 6c, medium; 4c, low. Veal, 4 to 5c; mutton, 4 1/2 to 5c; lamb, 6 to 7c; butchered—Carrots potatoes, 70 to 80c; onions, \$1 to \$1.25 bushel.

Beans—Harden picked, \$2 to \$2.25 bushel. Apples—\$4.25 to \$5.00 per barrel as to quality and variety.

Hides and Pelts—Green salted heavy steers, over 50 lbs., No. 1, 9 1/2c; No. 2, 8 1/2c; cows, over 60 lbs., 25 to 40 lbs., 6 1/2 to 7c; Veal calf, 9 and 10 1/2. Green frozen hides, 3 to 1 1/2 under green salted.

British Live Stock Market.

London, Jan. 27.—There were no cattle offered at Deptford market today. Stated sheep sold at 11c to 11 1/2c. Saturday prices were: American lambs, 13 1/2c; sheep, 11 1/2c; and

Liverpool, Jan. 27.—The market was firm for cattle and sales of choice Canadian stock amounted to 12-12 1/2c. Sheep, prices were weak and show a decline of 1c as compared with a week ago, being made at 10 to 12c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. December option 1 1/2d. Jan. 31, 9d.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Jan. 31. Finest Canadian colored, September-October, 48s 6d to 49s 6d; white, 47s 6d to 48s 6d.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Jan. 31. Canadian cattle quoted 15c higher, at 12 to 13 1/2c per pound, estimated dressed weight.

The Commercial Men.

A. C. Beach, of Montreal, was in the city this week.

Mr. Lamont, of the Redding Shoe Manufacturing Co., has been on a trip to the factory at Yarmouth, N. S. He is expected back at once.

W. D. Ramsey, of Wm. Paterson & Sons, Brantford, was in the city a few days ago. He went west to visit his brother, John, and the western part of the Territories for his firm.

John Mackenzie, of Mackenzie Bros., Winnipeg, returned this week from a provincial trip. Gordon Mackenzie, of the same firm, expects to start on Monday to do the main line trip to Calgary and Edmonton.

Following were the commercial men who registered at the Lombard Hotel, Winnipeg this week: Geo. M. Newton, John Becker, Toronto; Ernest Cooper, Galt; H. W. Gourlay, Toronto; B. Trites, Toronto; E. K. Watson, Montreal; S. C. Campbell, Toronto; J. D. Chaplain, St. Catharines; Geo. Ruppel, Berlin; R. Watson, Toronto; Geo. Fowler, Sheldon, N. S.

The works of the James Smart Manufacturing Co. at Brockville, Ont., were damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,000 on Wednesday. They are fully covered by insurance.

Late Western Business Items.

Mr. Bates, of Carman, has opened a butcher shop at Miami, Man.

A general store is being opened at Dullington, Man., by Mr. Thom, formerly of Stonewall.

The Manitoba Steam Laundry, Brandon, has changed hands. The person purchased from Parkin Bros.

A dividend of 7 1/2 per cent. has been declared on the shares of the Cariboo McKinley Mining Company, payable March 1.

Cattlemen have been over the ranges of Alberta lately state the cattle are in fine condition.

Ed. Dyson, who is retiring from the Dyson-Gibson Co., Winnipeg, is presented with a travelling suit and letter case by the employees of the company.

The provincial government of Manitoba has decided to establish an immigration office in the city as a branch of the department of agriculture and immigration. The office will be situated on the east side of Main street, near Alexander.

The stock and fixtures of F. D. Peters, general merchants, Whitewater, Man., which were offered for sale by Newton & Davidson, was offered at auction on Thursday, but not sold.

Cattlemen have for many years enjoyed the privilege of riding on the Canadian Pacific railway free will this year be obliged to pay the regular fare from Montreal. Cattlemen heretofore have been allowed to transport different parts of the country.

Cattle for the purpose of buying. A. Laycock, local grain merchant at Foxwarren, Man., will erect a 5000 bushel elevator. Forty farmers of the neighborhood are each taking \$50 in stock, for which they receive six per cent. interest and a guarantee of storage room each year up to 1000 bushels.

The stockholders' option after a period of five years, Mr. Laycock provides the balance of the money and will operate the elevator when completed.

A large gang of workmen will be at work in a large grain and the structure will be completed and filled with grain before spring.

Speltz Market.

There is now a good market for speltz at Winnipeg among the grain and feed dealers, and these are regularly paying 75c per bushel for seed qualities, delivered here.

Land Sales.

The land sales of the Canadian Pacific Railway land department during January amounted to 109,846 acres for \$147,641.00. This is a large increase over the corresponding month of a year ago. For January, 1901, the sales amounted to 27,928 acres for \$36,725.24.

The land sales of the Canadian North-western Company were 14,715 acres for \$75,630.

Hides.

James McMillan, of Minneapolis, in their last catalogue, the receipts have been enormous, and while naturally lighter now are still large to expectations, prices of all classes of green salted hides have ruled on a high basis, and recently the tanquers are now heavily stocked.

Hides are poor, being long-haired, and many are thin and many are out of the market and there has been a decline, as will be noted in our quotations, and the market is weak. The heaviest decline has been in weight hides, now 60 pounds in weight. There was now a heavy decline in heavy green salted commanding high prices. Hides are still

The Chicago hide market dropped to 8c per pound for bulls last week.

New York, Jan. 30.—An advance in the price of copper was noted in the metal exchange to-day. The following prices are given as official:—

Lake copper, 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c per pound with 13c bid for future delivery; electrolytic copper, 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c; casters, 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c. United States Metal Selling Company had could be learned.