

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$2.85 to \$3, common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.50 per keg, 8 to 4 inch, \$3.80 keg, 2½ inch, \$4.09 keg, 2 inch, \$4.38 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box, No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box, No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

HORSE SHOES.—Per keg, \$4.50 to \$4.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$4.75 to \$5.

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 per 100-lb, white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, 5½c; yellow ocre, 2½c, golden ocre, 4c; Venetian, red, French, 3½c, Venetian, red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots ½ per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c, English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 90c per lb.; less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 18 to 20c.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50, No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and include cost of cans.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$4.00; benzine, per case, \$4.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.00; plasterer's hair, 90c. per bale; putty, per lb., 2½c. for less than barrels; barrels, per lb., 2½c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.65 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 63c; boiled, per gal., 66c in barrels.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 60c; less than barrels, per gallon, 65c.

OILS.—Range about as follows. Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 38 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c, neatsfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c, pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows. Silver star, 24½c; crescent, 27½c; oleophene, 29½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 3½c for cocene and 30c for sunlight.

LUMBER.—There is no movement yet, but manufacturers are preparing for the spring trade. Some planers have been put in operation at the Lake of the Woods mills, and the new sash and door factory of the Ontario and Western Lumber Co. will soon be completed and ready for operation. No definite word has been received here regarding the proposed formation of an association to take in all the Pacific coast mills, though it was rumored this week that the association had been completed. If the association goes into effect it will no doubt mean higher prices for lumber there, and this in turn will advance British Columbia lumber in this market. Lumber has been sold by the coast mills at wonderfully low prices for the past few years,

and something is needed to put the business on a better paying foundation.

RAW FURS.—It is now getting late to ship furs in time for the next London sales, which open on March 16. The March sale is the most important of the year and as goods not sold then will have to be held a long time, it is usually thought desirable to get all the furs shipped in time for these sales that it is possible to do. The following quotations give the range of prices here. The prices cover the range from small to large skins size color and condition being considered though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on account of being killed out of season.

Badger	80 15 to 80 60
Bear, black or brown	5 00 to 26 00
Bear, yearlings	2 00 to 8 00
Bear, grizzly	5 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large	5 50 to 7 50
" medium	3 00 to 4 50
" small	50 00 to 2 50
" cubs	25 to 60
" castors, per lb	2 50 to 5 50
Fisher	3 00 to 8 00
Fox, cross	2 00 to 15 00
" kitt	10 to 40
" red	25 to 1 50
" silver	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	1 50 to 2 50
" medium	1 00 to 2 00
" small	75 to 1 25
Marten dark	1 00 to 4 50
" Pale or Brown	1 00 to 3 50
" Light pale,	75 to 1 75
Mink	50 to 1 50
Musquash, winter	03 to 07
Otter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 80
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 2 75
" prairie	25 to 75
Wolverine	1 00 to 4 00

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—GENERAL SITUATION.—Wheat has been weaker this week and prices have averaged lower. Large receipts of spring wheat in the Northwest States, easier cables on some days, small decrease in stocks, etc., have contributed to this feeling. The decline, however has not been heavy. Shipments from all exporting countries last week reached 7,000,000 bushels, Argentine shipments showing a heavy increase.

WHEAT.—LOCAL SITUATION.—The easier feeling in leading markets exerted a depressing influence upon the local trade. As Manitoba country markets have been decidedly above a parity with leading United States markets, the decline this week at Chicago and elsewhere was particularly depressing here. Still, prices in Manitoba country markets, to farmers, were well maintained all the week on the basis of 50c per bushel for No. 1 hard at 18 and 19 cent freight rate points, and 1c lower at 20 cent freight rate points to Lake Superior ports. These prices are really based on speculative ideas, as they are above actual values at the moment, based on prices in importing markets. Farmers have been marketing very little wheat this week, but this could be accounted for by the cold, rough weather which has prevailed, aside from the tendency to hold which has been evident all winter so far. It is to be hoped the weather will be favorable for marketing grain for the balance of the winter, to enable farmers to market the large supply they still have on hand. With rough weather and consequent bad roads, the farmers would be unable to market their grain until after seeding was completed. There is a considerable movement of wheat from Fort William elevators to Montreal, thus relieving the elevators there sufficiently to enable them to keep taking in wheat from the west. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended Feb. 8 were 174,481 bushels; shipments 181,-

547 bushels; in store 8,617,000 bushels. Receipts for the corresponding week a year ago were 21,857 bushels, shipments 8,911 bushels, and in store 890,000 bushels. Stocks in store two years ago 1,991,000 bushels. Owing to shipments from Fort William to Montreal and small marketings by farmers, stocks at lake ports and west have decreased slightly. It is expected that a drop of about 2 to 8c will go into effect in Manitoba country markets on Monday.

FLOUR.—A further advance in Manitoba flour of 15c on patents and 10c on bakers per barrel, was reported from Montreal on Saturday last, but there has been no further change here. Sales by millers here are now made at \$1.85 to \$1.90 for patents and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.35 to \$1.45; XXXX \$1.20 to \$1.25, delivered. Brands of country mills are offered at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS.—City mills are selling at \$9 per ton for bran and \$11 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots.

OATS.—The market has continued firmer, owing to light deliveries by farmers, and higher prices east, where there has been further fractional advances. At Manitoba country points, for shipment east, cars are worth from 12 to 14½c, as to quality and freight rate. In the Winnipeg market dealers are paying 16 to 17c for farmers loads, per bushel of 3½ pounds.

BARLEY.—Barley seems almost unsalable. Car lots at Manitoba country points quoted at 14 to 16c, as to quality and freight rates for from feed grade up to No. 3, but there is very little demand from any quarter. Winnipeg street market at about 17c for feed barley, per bushel of 48 pounds, and 20 to 21c for malting samples.

WHEAT.—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.

GROUND FEED. Prices range from \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is selling at about \$1.25 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers. An advance of 10c per barrel was reported from Montreal on Tuesday on all grades of Ontario meal.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake has declined to \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

FLAX SEED.—Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets are about 60c per bushel.

BUTTER.—No change in butter to report this week. We quote good to choice dairy tubs at 12 to 14c per lb, and lower grades at 8 to 11c. Good rolls 9 to 11c, but as high as 12 to 14c has been paid for fancy boxes of small rolls or bricks of uniform size, color and quality. Ordinary lots of assorted rolls are very slow and harder to move than good tubs.

CHEESE.—Cheese is jobbing here in small lots at 9½ to 10c for large and 10½ to 11c for small sizes.

EGGS.—Dealers are paying 18 to 19c this week for receipt of good fresh stock. So far receipts have been better quality than in former years at this season the evil practice of mixing old held stock with fresh not being so noticeable this year.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure, \$1.80 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound.

CURED MEATS.—Hog products are firm. Smoked meats are quoted Hams, assorted sizes, 11c, breakfast bacon, bellies, 11½c; do., backs, 10½c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 6½c.