

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Quiet and unchanged. Prices are now quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.30; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.50 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.40. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

Moving slowly. Ground feed is taking the place of oats very largely for feed. As much ground feed is now handled in a day or so as was formerly sold in a week, while the call for oats has proportionately increased. Seed oats are mostly wanted. Choice seed oats are held in 50 to 100 bushel lots at 43 to 50c per bushel, and on track at 45 to 47c. Ordinary feed oats are quoted on track at about 42c per bushel, with smaller lots from store held at 45c.

BUTTER.

The market remains very dull and no sales of any consequence have been learned of. Only a very light jobbing trade is doing, sales usually only amounting to from one to a few packages. 16c has been about the highest price realized for sales in this way, but this is now an outside quotation. Sales are made at 14 and 15c per pound for good dairy, with common and medium going at 10 to 12c. The bulk of sales appear to be made at about 14c. Some new rolls are occasionally offered, and these bring 15 to 16c. The quotations given for dairy tubs cannot be taken as a guide to the value of butter in quantities. Only a very limited quantity can be disposed of at the prices given, to the local trade only. Large lots of butter, if they are to be got rid of at all, will have to be disposed of at much lower prices for shipment. There seems, however, to be no move made to ship out surplus stock, which is decreasing in value every day. Eastern markets are now being supplied with considerable new butter, the winter having been very mild east, and at this late date it would be rather risky to ship our last year's butter east, unless it could be bought up at very low prices. Eastern markets are quoted very dull, and while there is some demand for choice at fair prices, common and medium grades are merely normal, there being no sales of such qualities. Fairly good stock is offering at Toronto at about 10 or 11c per pound. The bulk of our last year's butter would now grade only common to medium, and a very small portion would grade fair to good in eastern markets, where there is more strict regard to quality than here. It can therefore be seen that the balance of stocks held here will have to be moved out at low prices, if it is to go at all, and the sooner the better. Taking stocks all around, poor and good, it is doubtful if it could be handled at over 8 cents for shipment.

CHEESE.

Steady and slow at 14c per pound in jobbing lots.

LARD.

Lard is unchanged and is still held in 20 lb. pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are quoted as follows: Long clear dry salt bacon, 8½c; spiced rolls, 10 to 10½c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 12½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Poultry continues scarce. Chickens are in best demand, and would bring 10c for choice. Turkeys would be taken at 14c, and ducks and geese at 12c. Jobbing prices are from 1 to 2c per pound higher than these quotations, but hardly any obtainable.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are steady at 80c per bushel for lots sold from store offerings on the market by farmers have brought 75 to 80c. Prices are expected to be easier when the weather gets

warmer, as there will be less risk and cost in handling shipments. Onions were nearly out of the market, and new importations are quoted 1c per pound higher. Quotations are as follows: Carrots, \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions 4c per pound, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred pounds; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate; southern red, do, \$1 per 100 pounds.

HAY.

There has been an easier feeling in hay, due to large shipments from the south. Prices are 50c to \$1 per ton lower. Car loads on track were being turned over by dealers at \$12 to \$13 per ton, for pressed. There is considerable demand from country points, but freight rates make the price rather steep for shipment to country points. The freight rate on hay has been reduced 6c per 100 pounds. The rate from St. Paul or Minneapolis is now 21 cents per 100 pounds, against the old rate of 27 cents.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef is dull and unchanged and very little offered or wanted, as butchers are well supplied with frozen meat. Frozen beef nominal at about 5 to 5½c for good to choice. Hogs bring 6c, and few now offering, all being taken by butchers.

EGGS.

Unchanged at 22c per dozen, but the feeling easier, and if the mild weather holds out may be lower.

Montreal Stock Market.

following were quotations of leading stocks at Montreal on Friday:

| Banks. | Sellers. | Buyers. |
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| Bank of Montreal..... | 229½ | 225 |
| Ontario..... | 122 | 115 |
| Molson's..... | 164 | 160 |
| Toronto..... | 218 | 213 |
| Merchants..... | 113½ | 142 |
| Union..... | 96 | 90 |
| Commerce..... | 124½ | 124 |
| Miscellaneous. | | |
| Montreal Tel..... | 94½ | 94 |
| Rich. & Ont. Nav..... | 58 | 56½ |
| City Pass. Ry..... | 199 | 195 |
| Montreal Gas..... | 210½ | 210 |
| Canada N. W. Land Co..... | 83 | 80 |
| C. P. R. (Montreal)..... | 73½ | 73½ |
| C. P. R. (London)..... | — | 75 |
| Money—Time..... | 7 | — |
| Money—On call..... | 6 | — |

High Rubber Prices.

A New York telegram says: The rubber men at first decided to advance the prices of rubber goods ten per cent, but it is now stated that they afterwards resolved to make 15 per cent advance, as later advices show the shortage of the crop of crude rubber to be much greater than was supposed.

Cold Weather South.

The coldest weather of the winter throughout the south and east has been experienced during the first few days of this month. The winter up to the first of March has been very mild through the south, and crops were as far ahead in February as they should have been in April. On this account a great deal of alarm has been felt lest a cold spell might set in, as owing to the advanced nature of the crops, a turn of frosty weather would do great damage. The cold wave came as feared, the temperature going below freezing all over the south on March 2nd. The degree of cold is reported to have been severe even for mid winter. The fruit crop of Florida is reported to be "badly damaged, and will probably be a total loss in some sections."

A telegram from Savannah, Georgia, says:

"The first hard freeze of the winter occurred on March 2. Ice formed and vegetation was killed. The damage to truck crops can not be estimated yet. Light snows fell in the forenoon, the first for many years."

What damage has been done to winter wheat cannot yet be determined. Prime wires that the winter wheat crop has been seriously injured by the recent cold weather. Other reports are of a contradictory nature, and it will require a spell of warm weather to decide the matter. That some damage has been done to wheat is generally conceded, as the wheat is jointed and susceptible to injury from frost.

In Manitoba the coldest week of the winter was also experienced about the same time, but fortunately our crops were not sufficiently advanced to receive any damage from Jack Frost. Again the superiority of Manitoba over the south is shown.

Cutting Off Quotations.

At a special meeting of the Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Board of Trade of the city of Chicago, at its annual meeting held on the 13th day of January, 1890, passed a resolution that the directors be authorized at their discretion to discontinue the department of market reports; be it

Resolved, That after the 31st day of March, 1890, the department of market reports be discontinued and said department abolished; that after that date the collection and furnishing of market reports and quotations be entirely discontinued, and that the Board on that day abandon entirely the business of collecting and furnishing such market reports and quotations.

This means that after the end of the present month, official market quotations from the Chicago Board of Trade will not be obtainable.

A CABLE from London on Saturday says: "The Manitoba and Northwest Land corporation issued a prospectus to-day inviting applications for one hundred thousand shares at one pound each. The object of the corporation is to acquire from the Manitoba & Northwestern railway the land grants made and to be made by the Dominion Government for building the line. Duncan MacArthur, Winnipeg, is the only Canadian member of the board."

Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, western agents for A. W. Morris & Bros., manufacturers of binder twines, bags, etc., Montreal, have received word that the Montreal works will be put in operation again at once. Messrs. Morris & Bro. have made a satisfactory arrangement of their recent trouble, which it is understood includes the payment in full of all liabilities, the offer of the firm having been accepted.

The Badger Mining Company, Port Arthur, has declared a dividend, payable March 6th, of 25 cents per share on 50,000 shares or \$12,500 equal to five per cent. on its capitalization of \$250,000. This is the second dividend paid this year, the last being ten per cent. on January 15th.

The firm of Grant & Horn, produce and commission merchants, Winnipeg, has been somewhat changed in style by the admission of Mr. Bucknall into partnership. Hereafter the firm name will be Grant, Horn and Bucknall.

ANNABLE & Co., general merchants, Moose Jaw, Assa., have assigned to H. C. Buttell.