

Yesterday there were buyers at 65c, and sellers at 65 1-2c, 1 hard Fort William, December delivery, but there was very little trading. May delivery was offered at 70c, 1 hard Fort William early in the day, but later 69 1-2c was asked. The spread between 1 hard 2 hard and 1 northern is now 3 1-2c per bushel. 3 hard 2 northern and 1 spring sell at 7c under 1 hard. There is practically nothing doing in tough or damp wheat, buyers for it being scarce, and prices quoted or offered are very irregular. Yesterday 55c was offered for tough 2 hard in store Port Arthur, and 51c for tough 2 northern, but only a few odd cars would find a buyer.

FLOUR—Prices are unchanged this week. The market is rather firmer. A fair demand is reported. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.45 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers, \$1.35 to \$1.45 for second bakers as to brand, and \$1.05 to \$1.15 for XXXX as to brand per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack is allowed for cash.

MILLFEED—Prices continue firm. There is a good demand, which continues to absorb the supply. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton delivered to city dealers.

GROUND FEED—The supply is not large. Prices vary from \$12 to \$19 a ton, as to quality. Good oat chop is quoted at \$18 to \$19 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$16 to \$17, and wheat mixtures, \$12 to \$14. A little local mill oil cake is now offering at \$23 per ton.

OATMEAL—Prices are the same. The supply is still very small and local millers have so far not been able to fill the demand. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.90 to retail dealers. Car lots have been quoted at about \$1.60 per sack on track here.

OATS—Deliveries of oats have been light at country points and prices have been firm, particularly for good milling samples. The most of the oats offering have been poor quality, in consequence of which comparatively high prices are being offered for good milling samples, 15 to 18c being paid for ordinary grades and as high as 20 to 25c for choice samples. At some country markets, per bushel of 54 pounds. In the Winnipeg market prices for car lots are about the same as last week, ranging from 24 to 26c as to quality, the latter price for good No. 2 white for milling purposes; and a couple of cents higher would be paid for No. 1 white. On the street market here 23 to 26c has been paid to farmers, as to quality, for loads, the usual price for feed oats being 24 to 25c. For milling oats 26 to 30c is offered as to quality, but there are scarcely any that will bring over 26c.

BARLEY—The market is weaker. From 25 to 30c was paid earlier here for feed barley, but now 26c to 27c is the best that is offered for feed qualities. These are prices to farmers. No car lot business is doing in feed barley. Maltine barley easier at 30 to 35c as to quality.

WHEAT—Local street market.—The mills are paying 52c here for No. 1 hard, delivered at the mills by farmers. There is an over supply of low grade wheat offering for chicken feed, etc., at 25 to 35c per bushel of 60 lbs.

FLAX SEED—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers.

CORN—A little corn is coming in from the States. Car lots on track here would cost about 40 to 41c per bushel of 56 lbs.

BUTTER—Creamery.—The market is

steady, at about the same prices as quoted last week. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

BUTTER—Dairy.—The market continues to have an easier tendency and holders are obliged to take lower prices than were paid a short time ago. Buyers are offering 13 1-2 to 14 1-2c here for lots, as to quality, and 15c is an outside quotation for choice goods.

CHEESE—The market is quoted the same as last week. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes.

EGGS—Held fresh, mostly Ontario stock, are selling at 18 to 20c as to quality, and lived at 16 to 17c. There are absolutely no fresh Manitoba eggs coming in. New laid only obtainable in a small way from producers at 35 to 40c per dozen.

POULTRY—Stocks of Christmas poultry are now in the market. Both Manitoba and Ontario turkeys are being offered in considerable quantities and the market is pretty well supplied, notwithstanding the active demand from other parts. One firm alone has three carloads of Ontario turkeys. Compared with previous years it is said that the quality of the poultry being offered is all that could be desired. We have heard of some poor stuff being offered by small trucking concerns. Jobbers' prices this week are unchanged as follows. Chickens, mixed lots, 8 to 9c per pound; straight lots spring chickens 1c more; turkeys, 16 to 12 1-2c, and ducks and geese, 8 to 10c.

GAME—Rabbits are plentiful at 8 1-2c each or 3 for 25c. Dealers will pay 20c per pair for pigeons.

DRESSED MEATS—Outside of the activity in Christmas meat the market is quiet. Farmers are bringing in a little frozen, but not nearly as much as in previous years at this season. A little farmers' pork and mutton is also offering. Hogs continue scarce, although a few have been picked up by packers. Importation of Ontario hogs are being made continually and at present quotations in the east these can be laid down in Winnipeg for about \$5.80 per cwt. The highest price offered for best Manitoba hogs is \$6.25. Prices in all lines are as follows: Beef ordinary unfrozen, 5c; choice 5 1-2c, extra Christmas beef, 6c; country frozen beef, 4 to 5c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7c; lamb, 7 1-2 to 8c; veal, 5 1-2 to 7c; pork, 5 3-4 to 6 1-4c, as to weight and quality.

VEGETABLES—What few potatoes are offering are selling at quotations given below. The vegetable market is very quiet and with the exception of an advance of about 10c on celery prices are unchanged. We quote as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel, turnips, 20 to 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel, celery, 40c per dozen; cabbage, 1 to 1 1-2c per pound as to quality; onions, 90c to \$1 per barrel; Spanish onions, \$2 per crate; pumpkins, 1 1-2 to 2c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 21c.

HIDES—Frozen hides are quoted at 6c here flat rate for all grades, 5 lbs. tare. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c. No. 2, 5 1-2c, No. 3 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 5c; deacon, skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 55c; horsehides 75c to \$1.50 each.

HAY—Baled is quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 on track here and loose on the street market at \$7 to \$8.50 as to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—With the exception of a few lots of fancy beef cattle for the Christmas market there has been no movement in live stock. One fine lot of these came in from Pilot Mound for a leading firm of butchers and other shipments from the western ranges made up the total. These latter are for the general holiday trade, and are selling at 6c dressed weight. Stocker cattle are nominal at 2 to 2 1-2.

HOGS—Practically there are none in the market. Quoted at 4 3-4 to 5c off cars, for selected weights.

SHEEP—Some fancy lots have been killed this week by the city butchers for their holiday trade. Otherwise the situation is unchanged. Prices nominal at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c off cars here. Lambs dull at 3 1-2 to 4c.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40. Those offering are not of the best quality.

HORSES—There has been no movement at all in horses, a shipment which was expected from the south having failed to arrive. It is estimated that not more than a dozen sales have been effected during the week in all the city stables. There is some demand for heavy horses for general purposes.

Grocery Trade Notes.

An advance in prices has been decided upon by the manufacturers of washboards of from 3 to 13 per cent.

The lower quotations on currants made early in the week do not seem to have stimulated the demand and the market closes dull.—New York Journal of Commerce.

Eastern importers have received their Grenoble walnuts. They are costing importers, 2 1-2c per pound more than they did last year, and 13 to 14c is the idea as to price to the retailer.

A cable received in Toronto recently noted a further advance of 1 1-2c per pound in the price of Valencia shelled almonds. This means an advance of 3c per pound. The new move came upon a bare market.

Willott & Gray says of sugar: "The contract with the refiners for the sugars produced on the Hawaiian Islands covers the crops of the years 1899, 1900 and 1901. Next year's crop is estimated at 250,000 tons, and of this about 100,000 tons will be shipped to the California refineries. The balance will go to the New York and Philadelphia refineries via San Francisco and Southern Pacific railroad and by rail around Cape Horn. A large number of ships have recently been chartered for this purpose and shipments will begin in January."

Northwest Ontario.

W. L. Hanna, confectionery, Fort William, have dissolved partnership.

W. Coates, barber, Rat Portage, is succeeded by Thos. Davison.

The Kennedy house at Wabigoon was burned on Friday, Dec. 9th. The building was valued at about \$4,000, and was insured for \$1,800 in the National company, and for a like amount with the Imperial Fire Insurance company. Thomas A. Kennedy was the owner.

The Lacombe Co-Operative association, Lacombe, Alberta, is applying for incorporation.