

## GROUND FEED.

Good qualities of feed are held at \$15 to \$16 per ton.

## OATS.

Local prices in the Winnipeg market continue very strong, and there is still a further advance to report. Up to 32c per bushel of 34 pounds was freely paid for loads on the street by city dealers. High prices were also being paid in some Manitoba country markets, prices ranging at the various points from 25 to 30c per bushel.

## BUTTER.

Choice butter is none too plentiful, though the demand is not pressing. Prices are steady, and range from 12 to 20c per pound according to quality for such small lots as are taken by the city retail trade.

## CHEESE.

Jobbing at about 12c per pound, and slow sale.

## EGGS.

There has been an easier tendency in eggs, and if the weather continues mild prices are likely to be lower soon. Country eggs have been coming in fairly freely for the season. The quality this time of year is rather mixed, but they bring 20 to 22c per dozen according to condition.

## CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, ETC.

There is an easy tendency in prices, with goods being offered very low. We quote as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9 to 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 12c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½ to 14c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

## LARD.

Pure lard is held at \$2.20 per 20 pound pail, with compound lard at \$2 per pail.

## HIDES.

Very little movement of any kind. Round lots of frozen hides quoted at 3½ to 4c per pound here. Very few hides offering for inspection. Inspected cows quoted: No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Sheepskins are quoted at 50 to 75 cents each as to quality. Merino skins being worth 50 to 60 cents.

## VEGETABLES.

Nothing new in vegetables. Potatoes are held at about 30c per bushel. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 6c per bushel; parsnips, 1½c per pound; carrots, 6c to 7c per bushel; beets, 40c per bushel; cabbage, 40 to 60c per dozen; onions, 3 to 4c per pound; Spanish do., \$1.60 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 25 to 50c doz. heads.

## DRESSED POULTRY.

Quotations may be given as follows: Turkeys, 12 to 13c; geese, 9 to 10c; chickens, 8 to 10c per pound.

## DRESSED MEATS.

Pork continues easier, the forecast made in THE COMMERCIAL a few weeks ago having been fully realized. Packers are very slow buyers, on account of the low prices of cured stuff, as they say there is no margin of profit left in curing. Offerings of hogs have increased rather than decreased, and with a lighter demand for curing, prices tend downward. We quote dressed hogs at 6½ to 7½c per pound. Beef is quiet, with country frozen quotable at 2 to 4c per pound, as to quality. City dressed 5 to 6c for choice, the top price for unfrozen. Mutton quiet at 9 to 10c, heavy veal 5 to 6c.

## HAY.

Hay is offering largely in excess of demand, and is again quotable lower, baled on track being offered at \$6 per ton upward.

W. H. SMITH, representing Henry Smith, wholesale fancy goods, woodenware, etc., Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg last week on one of his western trips, and leaves this week for the west.

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Our market reports in the last issue would show the bulge in wheat on Saturday, Jan. 31, on which day Chicago advanced about 3c. On Monday, Feb. 2, prices opened ½ to ¾c lower, but the tendency was upward, and at the close wheat was ½ to ¾c higher than Saturday's close. Corn gained ¾c. Provisions were unchanged. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May	July
Wheat	90½	—	1.00½	96½
Corn	51½	—	53½	53½
Oats	44½	—	46½	43½
Pork	9.75	9.85	10.15	—
Lard	5.75	5.87½	6.07½	—
Short Ribs	4.70	4.85	5.12½	—

On Tuesday there was an easier tendency in wheat prices, and the close was ½ to ¾c lower, under free selling. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May	July
Wheat	95½	—	1.03	95½
Corn	51½	—	53½	53½
Oats	44½	—	46½	43½
Pork	9.70	9.80	10.10	—
Lard	5.75	5.82½	6.05	—
Short Ribs	4.65	4.80	5.10	—

Closing prices on Wednesday were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May	July
Wheat	95½	—	99½	95½
Corn	51½	52½	53½	53½
Oats	44½	—	46½	—
Pork	9.60	—	10.07½	—
Lard	5.72½	—	6.05	—
Short Ribs	4.67½	—	5.10	—

Wheat advanced ¾c on Thursday on crop scares and reported good cash demand, but became weak on realizing sales and closed ¾c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May	July
Wheat	95	—	99½	95½
Corn	51½	—	54	53½
Oats	—	—	46½	43½
Pork	9.80	9.90	10.20	—
Lard	5.75	5.85	6.03-7½	—
Short Ribs	4.77½	4.90	5.16	—

Wheat was weak on Friday. Closing prices were ¾c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May	July
Wheat	94½	—	93½	95½
Corn	51½	—	53½	53½
Oats	—	—	46½	43
Pork	9.60	9.75	10.03-7½	—
Lard	5.67½	5.80	6.00-2½	—
Short Ribs	4.67½	4.80	5.03-7½	—

## Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis on Saturday, February 7, wheat closed at 9½c per bushel for No. 1 northern, May option. This is 1½c lower than a week ago. February option closed at 9½c and July at 96c per bushel, on Saturday.

## Duluth Wheat Market.

Wheat did not keep up its record this week of an advance on Saturday, prices on this day being the lowest for the week. Prices were at the top on Monday, when No. 1 hard closed at 98c for February, and \$1.02½ for May delivery. On Saturday, Feb. 7, May wheat opened at \$1.00½ and closed at 99½c. February opened at 96½ and closed at 95c. These prices are 2½c lower than a week ago for May.

## Eastern Wheat and Flour Markets.

Prices at Toronto last week, at latest mail advices, were quoted as follows for car lots:—Flour—Manitoba patent \$5.20 to \$5.30; Manitoba strong bakers', \$4.80 to \$5; Ontario patents, \$4.30 to \$4.60; straight roller, \$4.15 to \$4.20; extra, \$3.75 to \$4; superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.40;

fine, \$3 to \$3.20; low grade, \$2.00 to \$2.75. Bran, \$17.00. Middlings, \$18 to \$19. Wheat—No. 2 white, 98; No. 2 spring 90 to 91c; No. 2 red winter, 98 to 99c; No. 2 hard, 99c to \$1.00; No. 3 hard, 90c; No. 2 northern 94c; No. 1 frosted, 85; No. 2 frosted, 71c. Barley—No. 1, 63c; No. 2, 58c; No. 3 extra, 54c; No. 3, 50 to 51c. Peas—No. 2, 66 to 68c; Oats, 41 to 46c.

## Furs.

Phillips, Politzer & Co. report as follows on the recent London fur sales: Beaver advanced 15, lynx 15, bears 30, mink 20, skunk 25, raccoon 7½, opossum, first 100; seconds 50 per cent.; gray fox, white fox and wolf unchanged; muskrat same as January; fur seals, Alaskas, 4,000 inferior quality, 17½ per cent. under prices of regular goods; Lobos Island seals same as last sale; North West Coast, large sizes advanced 7½, pups declined 7½ per cent.

The New York *Fur Trade Review* for February says: "The winter has thus far been remarkable for seasonable weather in nearly all parts of the world, not excepting sections where mild weather prevails as a rule; and in consequence the prices and prospects of all kinds of furs have been affected to a considerable extent. This result was observed at the London January sales, and we expect it to be further manifested at the succeeding sales in March, when supplies will be larger, enabling buyers to secure needed supplies and better selections. Reports from all parts of the country concur in the statement that dealers are compelled to pay higher prices, and that a good demand is everywhere experienced. Thus far collections have been about as large as during the season of 1890; but the high prices may result in an unusually large aggregate collection, and therefore proper prudence should be exercised in purchasing. Bear this in mind. The best articles for our market are skunk, mink, muskrat, beaver, good raccoon, otter, bear and large fine opossum."

Following are the quantities of furs offered at the recent London fur sales. The Hudson Bay Co. offered the following: Beaver, 63,419; musquash, 554,104; rabbit, 36,296. A year ago the company offered 71,552 beaver and 316,286 musquash. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s offering was made up of the following skins:—Beaver, 6,700; squirrel, 43,000; marten, 5,000; lynx, 1,300; fox, white, 4,090; wolverine, 170; wolf, 2,600; badger, 2,100; cat, common, 600; cat, house, 4,000; nutria, 1,000; fox, Japanese, 15,600; Australian opossum, 290,000; wallaby, 10,060; wombat, 4,000; silver gray rabbit, 15,000; emu, 14; emu eggs, 11; lyre tails, 130; bear, 3,500; muskrat, 710,000; mink, 55,000; fox, gray, 7,000; skunk, 105,000; raccoon, 175,000; American opossum, 85,000; chair sal, dry, 4,000; Alaska salted fur seals, 4,158; sundry, 13,900.

RAILWAY construction in Canada by provinces, during 1890 was as follows: British Columbia, 34 miles; Manitoba, 37; New Brunswick, 22; Northwest Territories, 316; Nova Scotia, 53; Ontario, 92; Quebec, 57. Total 651 miles.

THE Sixth Parliament of Canada has been dissolved. The nominations will take place on Thursday, February 26th, and the polling one week later—March 5th. The writs will be dated February 4th and be returnable April 25th.