

GROUND FEED.

Ground feed is held firm, the finest quality being quoted at \$27 to \$28 per ton for pure feed. Mixed qualities are sometimes obtainable lower.

OATS.

There was very little doing in the way of farmers deliveries. Prices are about the same as reported a week ago, about 18c per 31 lbs. being paid for the few loads offering. Dealers were selling jobbing lots at about 54 to 55.

BARLEY.

Worth locally about 45c and dealers selling at 50c per bushel for feed quality.

BUTTER.

There was a little more offering in new butter, but the article is still very scarce. Retail dealers in the city were paying 25 to 30c per pound to farmers, for nice new rolls and prints, and even as high as 35c has been paid in trade for choice. Dealers are selling at 18 to 22c for such as they have, but very poor quality for the money.

EGGS.

Dealers were getting a little better prices for sales in small lots, and such lots are quotable at 12½ to 13c per dozen. Packers are paying 11 and 11½, in large lots.

CURED MEATS.

Quotations are: Dry salt bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced hams, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c; smoked hams, 13c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per pound; Bologna, do., 9c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound.

LARD.

Pure lard held at \$2.20 for 20 pound package compound, \$1.90.

POULTRY AND GAME.

A few turkeys may be had at 17c; chickens, 15c, and geese, 11c or 67 to 89c per pair for chickens.

HIDES.

Offerings light and mostly confined to city butchers' stock. No. 1 cows are quoted here at 4½c, inspected, and No. 1 steers at 5c per pound; calfskins, 4 to 5½c per pound, the highest price for best quality for local tanning; sheep pelts have brought as high as \$1 each for extra long wool, while some are offering which are not worth over 25c each; average round lots are worth from 50 to 75c per skin.

VEGETABLES.

There has been no more buying of potatoes for shipment, but offerings are light, and prices keep up fairly well. Green stuff is becoming more plentiful. Potatoes bring 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 25 to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, about \$1 per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; cabbage, 7½c to \$1 per dozen, as to quality; Spanish onions, \$1.49 to \$1.50 per crate of 30 pounds net; common onions, \$6 per 100 pounds; lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; asparagus, \$1.50 per dozen; radishes, 50 to 60c per dozen; rhubarb, \$3.50 per 50 pound box; cucumbers, \$2 per dozen.

DRESSED MEATS.

Veal is very scarce and higher, 12c per pound being paid for choice, and poor quality has sold at 10c and over; mutton holds firm at 14c for choice city dressed; beef is plentiful at 6 to 7c per pound for good to choicest city dressed; country dressed, 5 to 6c; pork, 7½ to 8c.

Assiniboia.

Fred Campbell has opened a harness shop at Whitewood.

The first car of British Columbia sugar consigned to Moosomin was unloaded by Messrs. R. D. McNaughton & Co. on Tuesday.

H. N. Ruttan, city engineer of Winnipeg,

was in Regina recently making an examination of the drainage system with a view to making some improvements.

J. A. Pritchard & Co., general dealer, Wapella, is in the hands of the sheriff, and the stock will be sold at Moosomin, on May 9th. Pritchard has since assigned to C. H. Mahon & Co., Winnipeg.

The Ottawa hotel, Moose Jaw, has again changed hands, Holt having rented it for a term of six months. Jackson the former occupant, is retiring from the hotel business. The Queens hotel at the same place has been leased by T. E. McWilliams and is now open for business. Thos. Healy, Moose Jaw, has opened a confectionery store.

Captain Holmes, the colonization agent, who has been working in South Dakota for the past month, returned last week, and with him were twenty-four people from the locality of Aberdeen who intend settling in the Yorkton district. Later eighteen more South Dakotans arrived with seven cars of stock, including 90 head, followed by twenty one settlers with 52 head. These, with twenty-four settlers previously arrived with nine cars of stock, will all settle about Yorkton. The captain explained that the reason why Yorkton was selected for the settlement of these people was because they were assisted by the Canada Settlers' Loan Co., which was largely interested in the lands of that district.

Butter and Cheese Prices at Toronto.

Butter prices at Toronto the first of last week were: Dairy—Good to choice western, 19 to 22c; mediums, 14 to 17c; common and store packed, 5 to 10c; large rolls, 11 to 23c; pound rolls, 22 to 26c.

Cheese—New and late fall makes, 12 to 12½c; summer, 10 to 11c; skims, 8 to 9c.

Flying over the C.P.R.

A special train was dispatched east over the C.P.R. from Vancouver last week, with passengers from the steamship Empress of India and others. The train reached Winnipeg in 52½ hours, or 49 hours actual running time, delays having been made at some points to view the mountain scenery. The rate of 61 miles an hour was made over a portion of the prairie section. The time for the total distance of nearly 1,500 miles, makes one of the best runs on record, considering the nature of the country and length of the run.

Grain and Milling.

The Minnedosa mill has closed down until after seeding.

Thirty-four firms operate grain elevators in Chicago, giving employment to 510 men and 14 women.

D. G. McBean, of McBean Bros., Winnipeg, was married in Montreal recently to Miss Gardner.

P. Barclay, late of the Portage la Prairie oatmeal mill, has formed a partnership with Cahoon, of the High Bluff flour mill.

W. H. Fraser, of the Emerson, Manitoba, grist mill, has sold out to his brother Alex. and a Mr. Davis, and has gone to Duluth.

The material for the Ogilvie Milling Company's elevator at Carberry is now on the

ground and the building will be commenced about May 1st.

It was reported from Portage, Man., early last week, that nine-tenths of the wheat on the Plains was already reseeded. R. H. Smith had finished his farm of 510 acres.

The Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., mill has been closed for a short time for the purpose of overhauling. It is expected that the mill will be run full time until the new crop comes in.

Wheat of this year's growth, says the *Globe*, of Boissevain, Man., measuring 4½ inches, was left at the *Globe* office on the 18th of April, by Geo. Morton. It was sown on the 3rd of April, at Lake Max, a few miles south of Boissevain, to test the germinating powers of a sample of wheat.

The Winnipeg grain exchange has now on hand the question of erecting an exchange building in the city. The grain trade of Winnipeg is an important item. A large number of firms and individuals dealing in grain are located in the city, and their business places are scattered about the city. An exchange building would bring the various grain firms together, and would thus concentrate the business, to the advantage of the trade generally. The exchange would therefore be assured of a considerable revenue from the grain men alone, and any additional space in the building would undoubtedly be quickly taken up by other business men, providing the building is a good one, and the location good. A first class building, in a first class location, would undoubtedly prove a paying investment for the exchange from the start, whereas an inferior building in a poor location would not likely be as profitable. If the scheme is carried through, as doubtless it will, Winnipeg will likely be given a creditable grain exchange building.

F. F. Head, architect, of Portage la Prairie, Man., is preparing a number of plans for elevators at several places in the province. Among the proposed structures are: Addition to the Farmers' Elevator, Portage la Prairie, with a capacity of 50,000 bushels, increasing the total capacity to about 115,000 bushels; Farmers' Elevator, Rapid City, capacity 70,000 bushels; Farmers' Elevator, Neepawa, capacity 90,000 bushels; elevator at Austin for Walter Clifford, capacity 30,000 bushels; elevator at Indian Head for Lord Brassey, capacity 20,000 bushels.

In the Ontario Legislature the Commissioner of Crown Lands announced that the government in consequence of the opposition aroused by the royalty clause in its mining bill had decided to exempt iron ore from royalty for the present, and also not to impose a royalty on silver, nickel or copper until four years after the issue of the patents. He considered the present time most opportune for making regulations. If the opportunity were allowed to slip now it might never come again and these valuable lands would get into the hands of speculators as had been the case in the United States.

The clothing stock of L. R. Arnett, Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff on Thursday last, and brought 77c on the dollar. It is supposed to have been bought in, in the interest of the former owner.