

ing, liberal exports, fears of European complications in Turkey, etc. Corn has also improved some, and oats are a trifle higher. Exports of wheat, flour included, from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 8,566,326 bushels, against 3,709,000 bushels last week, and as compared with 2,583,000 bushels in the like week of 1895. There has been a heavy increase in wheat exports from the Pacific coast this week, as compared with last, but a falling of in shipments from Atlantic ports. While we hardly hope for a very strong upward movement until after the United States elections, the situation is not without encouraging features.

**WHEAT—Local Situation**—There has been very little movement in new wheat yet, owing to the cool, damp weather, which has delayed threshing during the past two weeks. With the equinoctial date over, better weather is expected next week, and a few bright days would start a large movement of the new crop. Inspection returns at Winnipeg show a good average quality so far. Some frosted samples have been shown, but no cars which graded frosted have been received yet and only one or two cars of rejected have shown up so far in the new crop. There were large shipments of old wheat from Fort William last week, at a freight rate of about 50 to Montreal and 1½ to Buffalo. Interior stocks increased considerably. Stocks at Fort William on Sept. 12, were 1,651,000 bushels. There has not been much business doing, but prices have been firm. No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, has been held at 62 to 63½c, the outside price being asked yesterday for old wheat, and about 62c for new. No. 2 hard rules 4c under No. 1, and No. 3 hard 8c under No. 2. No. 1 Northern about 2c under No. 1 hard. In Manitoba country markets prices are irregular, from 45c to 46c being the price paid for No. 1 hard at most points.

**FLOUR**—There is no change in flour. Manitoba flours are held steady here and in eastern markets. Jobbing prices are \$1.75 to \$1.80 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 93 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.80 to \$1.85; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

**MILLSTUFFS**—City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. These prices do not include sacks. Large orders have been filled at \$9 and \$8 per ton.

**OATS**—Oats continue very low in the States, the price at Chicago this week ruling at between 15 and 16c per bushel for No. 2. Here, however, the feeling has been quite strong, owing to the light crop and poor quality of the new crop. Holders of old oats are very firm, and there has been a considerable demand for old, as they were much superior to the new crop, the latter being very light and chaffy. A number of cars have been sold here for the local trade at prices ranging from 18½ to 20c per bushel, local freights paid, and holders are now asking 19 to 20c on track here, or 11 to 14c for car lots in the country. These prices, however cannot be obtained for shipping, as prices have declined, while they have advanced here, so that local prices are above a shipping basis. The advance is purely local, owing to the firm feeling caused by the poor crop.

**BARLEY**—Nominal. No business of any kind reported.

**FLAX SEED**—No business doing yet. Considerable late flax has not ripened, owing to the cool damp weather, and the aggregate crop will be a small one. The price for flax seed at Chicago holds at about 65c per bushel,

compared with 99c a year ago and \$1.45 two years ago.

**GROUND FEED**. Prices range from \$9 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

**OATMEAL**—The following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, 80 lb sacks, \$1 35; 40 lb sacks, 70c, 20 lb sacks 86½c; Granulated and standard meal, 98 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

**OIL CAKE**—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

**BUTTER**—While the local feeling has been firm for butter, Eastern markets have been dull and inclined to weakness. Some of the top figures paid to factories here for creamery have been within a fraction of prices at Montreal, 17c having been paid here, compared with about 17½c at Montreal. The feeling continues firm here and 16 to 17c has been paid for creamery, while some of the factories are holding for 19 to 20c. Dairy butter holds steady and as stocks have not accumulated here prices are fairly firm. We quote 8 to 10c for round lots of dairy, as to quality, the top price only for fancy, sweet goods. Small lots are selling at 11 to 12c.

**CHEESE**—A strong speculative movement has been felt in Eastern cheese markets, and comparatively high prices have been paid. At the last market at Belleville, Ontario, 9 to 9½c was bid and 9 3-16c was bid at Ingersoll, showing a further advance of ½c. We quote July cheese at 6½c, Aug. 6½ to 7, fancy late make 7½c. Eastern cheese markets have been firm.

**EGGS**—Prices are higher, 1 to 2c more being paid for round lots, and we quote 11 to 12c for round lots here.

**LARD**—Prices are: Pure \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.00 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.25.

**CURED MEATS**—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; 40c, backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7½c shoulders, 7½c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6½c per lb; shoulders, 6½c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$18.50; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 5c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Prices are easier for everything. The general price for beef is 4½c, and a good deal is selling at 4c. Mutton is ½c lower, 6c being the general price. Lamb 1c lower. We quote city dressed beef at 4½ to 5c, mutton, 6c; dressed lambs, 7c. City dressed hogs 5c; country dressed 4½c; Veal, at 5c to 6½c.

**POULTRY**—Chickens hold at 40 to 45 cents per pair as to quality. Spring chickens 50 to 40c per pair. Turkeys bring 9 to 10c per lb. live weight. Ducks and geese, 10c dressed weight. Wild ducks, 20 to 30 per pair.

**HIDES**—The recent strong tone in the hide markets has made local buyers somewhat bullish, and there has been quite a scramble for hides. Higher prices have been paid. Prices advanced generally to 4c here and this price was said to have been paid in the country, for some lots. The market is generally firm, and the tendency is toward a further advance. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 8c; No. 3, 2c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb.; dekins 10 to 20c each; kips 3 to 4c; sheep-

skins 10 to 20c lambskins, 10 to 25c; Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

**WOOL**—About 7c is usually the top offered here for unwashed fleeces, but for good to fancy lots ½ to ¾ more could be obtained. One lot sold on tender at 7½c, but another went at 6½ at the same time.

**TALLOW**—We quote No. 1 rendered, 8c per lb., and under grades 2 to 2½c.

**SENECA ROOT**—About 15c per lb is the usual price for fine, well dried and clean root, and bulby and dirty 12 to 13c. Offerings light.

**HAY**—Dull and easy at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—A good many have been shipped this week. Gordon & Ironside have forwarded 1575 head of cattle since Sept. 11, and will have another train load in to-day. The Cochrane ranch had in two train loads to-day, which will go east at once, and Kippen had in a train load to-day to ship east. Prices are lower, owing to the poor Liverpool markets this week. We quote butcher's cattle at 2 to 2½c, fancy cattle and exporters 2½ to 3c.

**SHEEP**—The local market is weaker for sheep, mutton having declined again here. Butchers quote 2½ to 2¾c for sheep and 3c to 3½ for lambs, but there are not many moving. The export market for sheep is very bad, prices having declined heavily this week at Liverpool.

**HOGS**—Prices are the same as last week. Good bacon stock weighing 150 to 300 pounds 9½c. Sows and heavy hogs 2½ to 2¾c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2½c, off cars here.

#### Late Business Items.

Donald McIvor, is opening a grocery store at Rat Portage.

J. B. Henderson, dry goods, Carberry, is adding groceries to his business.

Mrs. George Ambler has opened a grocery store at Qu'Appelle.

D. J. Young has left for Regina says the Calgary Herald to complete arrangements with P. Lamont and R. Martin, two Regina business men, for the organization of a joint stock company having for its object the extension of their respective drug and stationery businesses into the Kootenay country.

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