

ing the latter part of July has disappeared this week and matters are now in as slow a state. The quietness extends to every department of the trade, and is in fact a general quiet down. A trifling decline in iron piping and shot are the only changes in prices, which are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½.

#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Matters are rather slow in this branch but showing signs of improvement. Prices still stand: Spanish sole, 30 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada calf \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z Lip, \$5 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 65c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock American oak sole, 45 to 60.

#### LUMBER.

In this trade there has been a moderate state of activity during the week, but there has been no extra demand for stuff since our last report. The quiet state of other branches of trade affects this one somewhat, and the building operations here and in adjacent towns are not far enough advanced to make any considerable demand for finishing stock. Dealers look forward to quite a heavy business being done this season yet.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

There has been a big lull in this branch since our last report, and the little ripple then noted has died away. There are no changes in quotations which are in a great measure nominal. Prices are as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 65c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, 7.00; No 1 \$6.50; No 2 \$5.00 and window glass, first break, \$2.40.

#### SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

There has been a moderate business doing in this branch made up of a miscellaneous lot of demands from all parts of the country. Business is no better than it was when we last reported, and collections are still slow.

#### STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business in these goods have been fair, but without any special feature to mark it. Collections are reported rather slow.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

There has been a little movement for the better in this branch, but matters are by no means active yet. Prices are very little changed and quotations are as follows: Gooderham & Worsley's 5 year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3.00; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50 Henney, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port

wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.45; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Henney's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

#### WOOL.

There has been considerable wool coming to market during this week, but there are signs of a falling off. Prices are unchanged as follows: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c; cotted and broken, washed, 10c unwashed 8c; Southdown, washed, 16 to 18c; unwashed, and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 22c.

## THE MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The grain movement reached a complete halt during the past week, and dealers have had plenty of leisure to prospect on the coming crop. So far as can be learned, there has not been a sale of any consequence in the city during the week. There is as yet no new barley, and old is not wanted at any price. Oats from the old crop are still plentiful, but neither holders nor buyers are at all anxious to do business until the results of the harvest can be more definitely foreshadowed. The situation is much the same in wheat. Millers and other buyers have made up their minds that the new crop is going to greatly excel the old in quality, and they are careless about making purchases now. Those who have good quality old wheat on hand are perfectly satisfied about the prospect of prices in the future, and express their opinion that all they hold will be wanted to mix with the new crop, until the latter have matured properly. With these independent feelings on all sides there has been no sales to report, and the only holders eager to sell are the few holding damaged wheat, which is not wanted at any price. The sales of flour have also been light for the local trade, and there has been somewhat of a lull in exports. In provisions the feeling has been quiet. Meats have been firm and in some instances higher, while dairy products have shown a little better feeling. The weather has now tapered down, so that there is a general improvement in the condition of butter coming to market, and city dealers have shown a disposition to buy and store in the city for the fall and winter trade. Now that harvest has fairly commenced receipts have begun to fall off, and a firmer feeling is noticeable, which will doubtless strengthen as this month progresses. The demand for local purposes, however, is not heavy enough to warrant any appreciable advance in prices, and the surplus will not allow of carloads for export being secured until after harvest.

#### WHEAT.

The less said about this grain the better and clearer will be the actual report of the week. It is yet too early to fix prices for the new crop, but from the general expressions of millers and buyers No. 1 hard is likely to start in at from 60 to 65c. This, however, depends entirely upon the state of eastern markets during the next two or three weeks. Should prices

there go up a little, the rise will be even more marked here. The prices by grade here are purely nominal as follows: No. 1 hard, 70c; No. 2, 65c; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2, 60c; No. 3, 55c.

#### FLOUR.

Mills have been turning out very little during the week, and although the local trade has been quiet, and exports checked for a time, stocks have been on the decrease. Patents are scarce and superfine not too plentiful. Only the medium grades are abundant now. Quotations are unchanged as follows: patents, \$2.60 strong bakers, \$2.00; XXXX \$1.50, and superfine, \$1. Prices are for broken lots, delivered in the city or f.o.b.

#### BRAN AND SHORTS.

The local demand has fallen off a little, and some car lots have been shipped east. Stocks are light and prices hold steady at \$9 a ton for bran and \$10 for shorts.

#### OATMEAL.

There is yet no change to report in prices. The business done has been light both for local and export.

#### OATS.

There have been no sales of any consequence during the week, and no disposition to do business either on the part of holders or buyers. The latter offer 25c for car lots, and the former hold for 30c, and it is not at all likely that the 5c in dispute will be bridged over until the results of the present harvest are known.

#### BARLEY.

The business of the week has been confined to displaying samples rubbed out with the hand from the new crop. Some of these were really fine in quality, and none of a very low quality. No prices are fixed as yet.

#### POTATOES.

Natives are still on the increase, but are not yet plentiful enough to meet the retail demand. Imported have sold at \$3 to \$3.25 a bbl, but no wholesale quotations for natives can yet be had.

#### CHEESE.

The demand has been light and prices have been without change. Quotations are: prime 10½ to 11c; medium 9½ to 10c.

#### EGGS.

Receipts are falling off, but the demand has been only moderate; about 12c has been the general quotation, but 13c has been asked in some instances.

#### BUTTER.

The cessation of the heated term, and continued cooler weather has been telling on the condition of the receipts from the country, and the stock of low grades is not increasing. Receipts are lightening somewhat, and there are no exports reported. Prices are firmer if not higher. Choice tubs are worth 12c, with 13c for some gilt edge. Medium to good range from 9 to 11c. There is no demand for lower grades, and scarcely any offered.

#### BACON.

Prices have not changed since our last report, but the feeling has been decidedly firm. Quotations are: dry salt 6 to 9½c; smoked 10½ to 11½c; rolls 11 to 11½c; breakfast 12 to 12½c.

#### HAMS.

Sales have not been heavy, but prices have been shaping upwards. Plain smoked are held at 14½ to 15c, and canvassed at 15c.

#### MESS ROPE.

Scarcely any sales reported, and no changes in prices. Quotations are \$15 to \$15.50.

#### LARD.

Demand light and prices steady at \$2 to \$2.25 for pails.

#### DRESSED HOGS.

There is still no movement of any consequence reported. The few received have been taken by butchers.