

Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$20 per ton in sacks.

**FLAX SEED.**—No new seed offering. On Friday at Chicago flax seed sold at 90½ to 92½c per bushel. There prices are much lower than a year ago, when flax sold at \$1.45 to \$1.50 at Chicago. A week ago the price was at 93 to 99½c for September delivery.

**BUTTER.**—The situation is rather easier, export markets being dull and draggy, but there is no material change in prices. Dealers are paying 8c to 8½c for fair to good round lots of dairy, and a choice round lot would, perhaps, bring 9c per lb. Small or single tub lots are selling at 10c to 12c for good to choice selections. Creamery is about the same, and we quote 1½c to 1½½c as to quality.

**CHEESE.**—Cheese is easier here, in consequence of the generally dull week feeling in the east. One wire from Montreal said that 7c was the top there for best Manitoba cheese, and 17c to 17½c for finest Manitoba creamery butter. Here 6c per lb. is now about the outside in cheese, and dealers are trying to buy a shade, under 6c, though a fine lot would bring the top. Already we hear of one or two Manitoba factories closing down. In Ontario prices have been easier, some country markets this week being ½c to ¾c lower again. At Belleville on Tuesday bids were 7½c to 7¾c, and 7¾c was the highest offered at some market. Quebec cheese at Montreal sold at 7c to 7½c.

**EGGS.**—Buyers are paying 11c, and selling candled stock at 12c to 13c. Receipts were fairly large. We heard of one round lot selling at 10c and another at 10½c.

**LARD.**—Prices are the same. We quote Pure, \$1.80 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 19 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

**CURED MEATS.**—Hams have been advanced ½c, but other lines are about the same, except back bacon, which is lower. Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½c; do backs, 10½c; picnic hams, 9½c; short spiced rolls, 7½c; long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 8c; smoked long clear, 10c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb; shoulders, 7c; backs, 9½c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ¾c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00; clear mess \$16.00; short cut, \$18.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**VEGETABLES.**—Prices are: Potatoes, slow sale at 20 per bushel. A few have sold as low as 15c per bushel. Green stuff, including all roots, onions, etc. per doz. bunches is quoted at 5 to 8c all around; cabbage 15 to 25c per dozen; cucumbers 7 to 15c per dozen; cauliflower 30 to 5½c per dozen, as to size; green peas, in pod, 30c per bushel; celery 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; green beans 1 to 1½c per lb.; rhubarb 10 to 12½c per dozen bunches; onions, 75c per bushel, or 1½c per lb.; turnips 20c per bushel; corn, 7 to 8c per dozen ears. Native tomatoes 4c per lb. and eastern tomatoes 9c to \$1.10 per basket.

**POULTRY.**—No change in prices. Chickens 10 to 15c per pair; spring chickens, 35 to 40c per pair; turkeys 8 to 9c per lb. live weight. Ducks 10c dressed. Wild ducks 20 to 30c per pair.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Prices are unchanged for beef. We quote beef at 1 to 5c, as to quality. Good beef is selling at 5c, mutton easier at 6 to 6½c, mostly going at 6½c; lamb, 6½ to 7c; pork 5½ to 6c, veal, 5 to 5½c.

**HIDES.**—There is considerable talk of an easier feeling in hides. Prices have been

shaded in some markets, both in Canada and the United States and there appears to be a feeling that the "boom" which has held out so long in hides is going to subside. We quote: Hides. Winnipeg inspection green, 7½c for No. 1 cows, 6½ for No. 2, and 5½ for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 7½c, No. 2 Steers, 6½c; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 8c per lb. Deacons, 25 to 40c each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, recent kill, 30 to 35c. Lambskins, 30 to 35c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough. is slow sale, and the general feeling is easier.

**WOOL.**—We quote 10 to 11½c as to quality for unwashed Manitoba fleece. Markets abroad are quiet but firm. The advance in London since the close of the last sale has been about 5 per cent on merinoes and 10 per cent on crossbred, and holders in the United States are not generally disposed to sell below this advance.

**SENECA ROOT.**—Root is dull and very slow sale in central markets. About 18c is the usual price for small lots of dry root, and up to 19c for choice, fine bright root.

**HAY.**—Loose hay on the street market is selling at \$3 to \$4 per ton. We quote new baled prairie at \$5 on track here.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—A fairly large export business has been done this week. The first train to go east this week was from Yorkton, on the Manitoba Northwestern, and it was rated one of the finest lots of domestic cattle handled here this season. There were 318 head and Gordon & Ironsides were the shippers. That firm also shipped the following lots this week besides the one just mentioned: On Monday 250 head of Manitoba cattle, gathered up from various sections; on Tuesday two trains of 718 head, 350 of these coming from Battleford district, via the Prince Albert branch, and the rest mostly from the Canadian Pacific Railway main line from Moosomin and points westward to Whitewood and Qu'Appelle; on Wednesday 1 train of 361, 110 of these being butchers' cattle; on Thursday 169 head, 13 of which were butchers, making 1875 head in all. They have further shipments for to-day. John Wake shipped a lot of about 275 head off the Manitoba Northwestern, and from the same line Almack & Lees had another train of about 300 head. Price and Skelton sent forward a lot from Battleford, and Mr. Rybold shipped a few cars off Maple Creek range cattle, making shipments aggregating about 2750 for the week. Prices are about steady. About 2½c is the top price that would be paid for loads of butchers' cattle here, and we quote 2½ to 2½c. A few picked might bring 2½. Export cattle 3 to 3½c.

**HOGS.**—Very slow. None offering. One car shipped east by John Wake. Nominal at 4 to 4½c off cars here.

**SHEEP.**—Gordon & Ironsides shipped two lots for export, one of 1,037 head and one of 1,340 head, all C. A. C. Co's range sheep, except 160 from Prince Albert branch, 160 from Virden, Man. We quote sheep easy at 3c off cars here, with a tendency to buy under this price.

At Toronto, September 10, export cattle were easier at 3 to 3½c for medium and bulls and 4 to 4½c for choice. One load touched \$1.40. Butchers cattle were easy at 2 to 3c for common to good, and from 3c upward to 3½c for good extra picked cattle. Sheep and lambs were weak, lambs selling at 3 to 3½c per lb., or \$2 to \$2.25 per head. Export sheep 3½ to 3½c per lb., bucks 3c. Hogs weak and lower, best touched \$1.80 to \$1.40, off cars; stores \$1; heavy fat \$1.10 to \$1.15.

At Chicago, on Sept. 13, bulls sold at 1½c

to 2½c per lb; cows, 1½c to 8c; choice cattle, 4½c to 5½c. Sheep were 25c higher per head; western range stock selling at \$2.50 to \$3.50; lambs, \$3 to \$3.80. Hogs were 5c to 10c per 100 lbs. higher, mixed lots selling at \$1 to \$1.50 per 100 lbs; packers sold at \$3.85 to \$4.10, and shipping hogs at \$1.20 to \$1.50.

#### Mixing Wheat

The agitation which was so sharp last season regarding mixing scoured wheat at Fort William with the regular grades seems to be working up to fever heat again. The Toronto board of trade, according to telegraphic report, has passed a resolution demanding the immediate prohibition of mixing. The Ontario millers' association has also passed a very strong resolution denouncing mixing. This association, it will be remembered, was the first to make a formal demand for the stoppage of mixing. Really as regards this matter, a great big hub-bub is being raised about a comparatively trifling matter, and opposition papers are making a political question of it, as the matter is one which rests with the Dominion government. The action of the Winnipeg grain trade is one of indifference. If mixing is stopped they will simply buy smutty wheat at a lower price, while the result will never be felt so far as it will affect the higher grades. The people to suffer will be the farmers who grow smutty wheat and those who grow choice grain will not gain or lose anything, all this agitation to the contrary notwithstanding.

#### Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending September 12, were \$935,519 balances, \$187,491. For the previous week clearings were \$793,483. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$741,297. For the month of August clearings were \$3,937,730, as compared with \$3,695,874 for August last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Aug. 29.	Sept. 5.
Montreal...	\$ 9,819,427	\$9,017,662
Toronto...	4,678,179	5,028,092
Halifax...	1,027,354	910,194
Winnipeg...	833,622	773,483
Hamilton...	498,600	512,974
Total	\$16,907,182	\$16,336,805

#### The Live Stock Trade.

A carload of horses has arrived from Ontario for the Lake of the Woods Milling company to be used in running their elevators.

At Liverpool on September 9, a weaker feeling prevailed and prices declined ½ to ¾c per lb. as compared with last Monday. London was in about the same condition, choice Canadian steers were quoted at 11c at both markets. Sheep were very weak and values dropped 1c to 1½c per lb., best being quoted at both markets at 12c.

At the Point St Charles market at Montreal on Sept 9 the market was easier with little demand and large supply. Two loads of butchers' cattle were sold at prices ranging from 2c to 3c per lb. live weight, and the balance were forwarded to the East End market. The receipts of sheep were large on export account, and some lots were purchased at 3½c to 3½c per lb. live weight. Lambs sold at 3½c per lb. live weight. The offerings of live hogs were small, only 140 on the market, but the feeling was weaker and values were 25c per 100 lbs. lower, at \$1.75 to \$5.