

said to be held in bond at Eastern Canadian markets, but this may be shipped out again to New England points. Prices to the local trade here have declined and are now quoted: Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers, \$2.70; XXXX, \$2.00; superfine, \$1.60.

MILLSTUFFS

Unchangeable in price bran being still quoted at \$12 and shorts \$14 per ton. Ground feed, \$22 per ton.

BARLEY.

There is a little offering and grain dealers are taking it from farmers at outside provincial points at 25 to 30c. The feeling is very dull.

OATS.

On the market about 26 to 27c was the range for ordinary feed oats, paid for loads, to farmers. As high as 28c was paid for choice, for milling. Farmers' deliveries have been about equal to the local demand, and no car lot transactions here are reported.

OATMEAL.

No change reported, prices are: Standard, \$2.50; granulated, \$2.65; rolled, \$3.

CHEESE.

Holds very quiet, and jobbing lots are still offered as low as 10½c, with some holding at 11c for choice.

BUTTER.

The feeling was if anything a little easier. Receipts are not large, but there is a large supply of medium to poor grades, selling at from 12 to 18c. The pick of receipts being from 20 to 22c, but very little comes up to the requirements.

EGGS.

Limed are about out of the market. Some few country fresh occasionally arrive, but they are not of very good quality and sell in case lots at 25c. Fresh Minnesota eggs of very good quality are being imported, and sell at 27c.

LARD.

Chicago quoted at \$2.50. Home packed is preferred by the city trade and brings \$2.55 to \$2.60 in 20 lb pails.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are steady. Dry salt, 11½ to 12c; rolls, 14 to 14½c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15c; hams, 15c; pork sausage, 10c lb; bologna sausage, 9c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

Country dressed beef is now offered freely, and the price for sides ranges from 4 to 5½ cts, with poor stuff selling considerably lower than these prices. City dressed beef sides quoted at 5 to 6c. Dressed hogs are not offered freely. Packers are offering 7½c for round lots, but for a few odd hogs, of choice quality, packers and butchers occasionally from 7½ to 8c. Mutton is quoted steady at 10 to 10c for imported.

POULTRY.

Prices hold up well. Chickens bring 10 to 11c; ducks and geese, 11½ to 12½c; turkeys, 13½ to 14½c. The turkeys and geese in the market are mostly imported from the east. Drawn bring the top prices, with undrawn about 1c lower per pound.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are firmer and worth 25 to 30 cts. per bushel, the latter price being usually paid for loads on the market. Other prices are: Turnips, 25c per bushel; onions, \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, \$6 to \$7 per 100; carrots, 60c per bushel; beets, 50c per bushel; celery, 50 to 75c per dozen bunches.

Grain and Milling.

D. H. McMillan & Co. have completed a grain elevator capable of holding 25,000 bushels, at Indian Head, Assa.

The last wheat charter of the season at Duluth, was made at 4c. as against 5c the week before, and about 6½c a year ago.

The machinery for the mill at Duck Lake, Saskatchewan Territory, is now en route to that place.

Tobias & Co. have commenced buying flax seed at Morden, Man., and they have already shipped several carloads to Minneapolis. The price to farmers has been advanced to 90 cents per bushel.

As far as can be ascertained, says the *Birtle Observer*, the municipality of Birtle is opposed to taking stock in the flour mill proposed to be erected by the Birtle milling company in Birtle next year. This will have the effect of preventing the town taking any action in the matter of granting a bonus.

It is reported at Neepawa, Man., that David Moore will make an offer to the adjoining municipalities to build a first class roller flour mill there, of a capacity of 100 bbls per day, if the municipalities give a bonus of say \$6,000, and the town of Neepawa exemption from taxation for 20 years.

It is announced that St. Albans, Vt., has been chosen as the flour distributing centre for New England. The Minneapolis flour men co-operating with the Central Vermont and Canada Atlantic railroads, are building two immense warehouses for storage purposes. A supply of 20,000 barrels can be kept there ready for Eastern buyers.

Rogers' elevator at Clearwater, Man., was burned last week. It contained about 13,000 bushels of grain, a portion of which was saved. The fire originated in the engine room. Loss on building \$7,000, and on grain \$8,000. Total insurance amounts to \$10,000, the risks being held as follows:—Citizens Insurance Co., \$2,000 on contents; London and Glasgow Insurance Co., \$4,000 on contents; Quebec Insurance Co., \$4,000 on building.

The flour receipts and shipments at Duluth for the year show a good increase over those of 1887. Receipts by all roads so far have been 1,724,693 barrels against 1,335,396 bbls. in 1887. Shipments have been 1,720,396 bbls, against 1,322,715 bbls. The increase is thus 389,297 bbls in receipts and 397,681 bbls in shipments. All the flour came from Minneapolis except about 100,000 bbls, brought by the Northern Pacific road from small mills in the interior. In wheat and flour reduced to wheat, Duluth has handled in the crop year of 1887-8 over 24,000,000 bushels.

At the last meeting of the town council of Calgary, a communication was read submitting a proposition from Mr. Prince, of the Eau Claire Lumber Co., to build a flouring mill of such capacity as the needs of the district required, provided the town would use its influence to obtain for the company from the Dominion Government a title in fee simple to the lands now leased by this company and the Bow River Islands adjacent, also the privilege to dam the Bow River, and exemption from taxation on the flouring mill, for 28 years. The council heartily approved of the project. As the Bow River is not navigable, no doubt the Government will grant the privileges asked.

The sale of the bankrupt grocery stock of Fraser & Co., Winnipeg, has been further postponed to Dec. 20.

Dairy Matters.

An effort is being made to establish a cheese factory at Neepawa, Man., and correspondence with an Ontario cheese manufacturer has been opened.

A meeting was held recently at Broadview, Assa., to ascertain the prospects of establishing a cheese factory. A committee was appointed to look into the matter.

The *Calgary Tribune* says:—In the early part of the season farmers were despondent because they could not get more than 25 cents per pound for their butter, and many said that before they would make butter for such a small price as that, they would let the calves run with the cows and thus get rid of a great deal of hard work, and some of them actually did so, and the consequence is that Calgary has again to import butter for local consumption. Had they gone to work and packed butter last summer, they might now have been realizing 35c for it." Calgary farmers may not want the earth, but they evidently want an enormous price for their butter, when they will not sell at 25 cents per pound. The western farmer has big ideas, but he may yet learn to make butter and sell it at a good deal less than 25 cents per pound, and find it a very profitable business too.

The following circular has been issued by W. Wagner, president of the Manitoba Dairymen's Association:—The annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairymen's Association is becoming a meeting of importance, as the dairying interests have in the past two years developed largely. Dairying ranks next in importance to the growth of wheat as a means of adding to the wealth of the farming community, and how to increase our dairy produce in quality, price and product is a question for the Association to consider. Our opportunities for successful dairying are unsurpassed by any country, and our position midway between the Atlantic and Pacific places us in a most favorable position for marketing our product, and the climatic difficulties do not affect this important industry. Every part of the province is deeply interested in the object of the Association and the directors bespeak for the forthcoming annual meeting a large attendance of those interested in the welfare of the province in this particular branch of its agriculture. An effort should be made by every municipality to be represented as well as by those directly interested in order to obtain and disseminate information that will enable every district to pursue an intelligent course in promoting the manufacture of butter and cheese of a uniform and good quality, that we may establish for Manitoba dairy produce the high character it already possesses for its wheat. Arrangements will be made with the various railway companies for a reduced fare to enable as many farmers as possible to attend and enroll themselves as members of the Association. The meeting will be held in the board of trade rooms at Winnipeg, on Tuesday, 18th December, commencing at 7 p.m.

The Brandon banks have advanced the interest rate on deposits to four per cent.

The Brandon *Sun* has been considerably enlarged of late. The *Sun* is one of the leading weekly journals of Manitoba.