

Dairy factories for creamery and in some cases 14c has been paid for fine goods. In dairy butter the market is nominal, so far as local business is concerned, as there is none doing, but we quote good to choice dairy at 7 to 9c, as to quality. The average quality of Manitoba creamery is spoken of favorably, though a large portion of a lot shipped to Montreal recently, was rejected and some of it was called trash, the shipper being offered only about the price for dairy goods. This, however, was a mixed car, and probably contained some of the earliest make.

CHEESE—There has been a slight improvement in Montreal quotations for cheese. Quotations from Montreal yesterday were 6½ to 7c for Ontario goods and 6½ to 6¾c for Quebec, this shows ½ to ¾c advance over a week ago, but the market was reported quiet at the advance. Locally there has been very little business done in cheese yet, purchases so far having been made for local or western trade at higher prices than could be paid for eastern shipment. A sale of a car lot was reported here this week at 5½c, which is considered a big price, and is regarded as fully ½c above the eastern basis of values. At Ingersoll, Ontario, on July 7, sales were at 6 11-16c to 6 13-16, and at the Belleville board the same day, 6½ and 7c was paid for both white and colored.

EGGS—Dealers are still paying 8c, and are jobbing at 9½ to 10c. All eggs require candling with considerable waste.

LARD—Prices are: Pure \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.90 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.25 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound; cases of 80, one lb. tins, \$3.50.

CURED MEATS—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below or ¾c for parchment paper wrapping. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; smoked jowls, 5½ cents. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb.; shoulders, 6c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$13.00; clear mess \$13.00; 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, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Mutton is 1c down from the top price of last week. We quote city dressed beef steady at 5 to 5½c. Fresh mutton, 8c. City dressed hogs, 5½c; country dressed 5c. Veal, easy at 5½c to 6½c.

POULTRY—Chickens hold at 40 cents to 50 cents per pair as to quality. Turkeys would bring 10c per lb live weight, if they could be had, but none offering. No other kinds offering.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have sold at 15c per bushel on the street market, and very slow at that. Pio plant is now offered at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 pounds.

HIDES—The tendency has been firmer on hides, and 5c has now become the established price, which is an advance of ½c from the general price of a week ago, though 5c has been paid in special cases for some time. One dealer has offered even 5½c this week. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 6 to 7c per lb.; dekins 15 to 20c each; kips 4 to 5c; sheep 50 to 65c; shearlings, 5 to 10c; lambkins, 10c; Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

TALLOW—We quote No. 1 rendered, 3½c per lb, and under grades 2½ to 3c. Tallow continues very low in the States, Chicago prices having declined recently to 3½c for prime packers tallow.

WOOL—Prices have been maintained well at the present series of London wool sales, but in the United States the political situation and particularly the silver agitation is demoralizing to the markets. Manufacturers will not buy while business is so dull with them. Bradstreets report says: "The manufactured goods market is dull and flat, and no one will buy wool simply because it is cheap, hence only a hand-to-mouth business prevails." Here the feeling is easy, and several of the buyers seem inclined to bid lower. The bulk of the wool coming in is being taken at between 8 and 9c, though 9½ has been paid in a few special cases. Fine, heavy wools or dirty and chaffy lots range at 5 to 8c as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—Some lots are coming in, and 15c per lb is about the top price paid for fine, well dried and clean root, and bulby and dirty 12 to 13c.

HAY—Very dull at about \$5.50 per ton for baled prairie on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—No export cattle in this week, but there will probably be some shipments of western range cattle next week. Local butchers cattle have been firm, on account of a scarcity of choice cattle, but there are plenty of unfinished grass cattle. The position is due to the fact that grain fed stock are about exhausted, and Manitoba grass cattle are not in good shape yet. The western range cattle are in better trim, but they are too heavy for this market for the warm weather trade. We quote best butchers, 8c; common to fair 2 to 2½c cattle.

HOGS—Very little doing, as packers are not buying, and the price is nominal at about 3½c off cars here for good packing hogs, averaging 150 to 300 pounds, heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3c, as to quality; stags 1½ to 3c.

SHEEP—The last load of western range sheep to arrive here was in good condition, but it was about the first really finished lot received so far this season, previous receipts having averaged thin, and some very poor loads have come in. Prices continue easier, and we quote 3½ to 3½c off cars here. Dressed mutton declined 1c this week, which influences the price of sheep. Lambs have been scarce this season and most of those offered have been rather poor quality. The very wet spring is said to have caused unusual mortality among lambs in the districts which supply the city in the early part of the season, early lambs coming mostly from the Red river and Mennonite settlements. Lambs bring \$3 to \$4 per head.

The Live Stock Trade.

The Winnipeg Live Stock Exchange, mention of which was made briefly in a recent number of The Commercial, has opened an office at 158 Princess st., adjoining the Grain Exchange building. The new organization is getting its affairs into shape, and the manager expects that they will make their first shipment about the end of the present month. The officers of the exchange are: A. J. McLean, formerly manager of the C. Y. ranch, near Lethbridge, Alberta, president, D. McDonald, of Winnipeg, vice-president, D. McGregor, secretary, Geo. Christie, of the firm of Christie and Fares of Emerson, manager. The directors in addition to the officers are: W. H. Fares, Andrew Wright and Mr. Bachute. The officers and directors are all practical stock men, and have been engaged in the cattle business previous to the formation of the exchange. There are some other parties who are stockholders, besides the officers and directors, and Messrs McLean and Wright are particularly familiar with the western range business. It will be the object of the exchange to handle live stock of all kinds on commission, for either the export, local or domestic trade.

At Liverpool on July 6 the continued heavy supplies of cattle and the hot weather had a depressing effect upon values, and the advance of ½c noted last week in prices for choice light steers was lost, sales being made at 9½c, while heavy cattle showed a decline of a full cent, being nominally quoted at 8 to 8½c, and even at these low prices were almost unsaleable. The sheep trade was firmer and top prices show an advance of 1c to 1½ to 12c. A private cable from Liverpool quoted choice Canadian steers at 9½c and stated that heavy were unquotable, with the prospects for the future bad.

At the Point St. Charles cattle market Montreal on July 6 live hogs declined 25c to 35c per 100 lbs. since this day week, due to the recent decline in values in the Toronto market and the increased receipts here. The offerings were 500 head, for which the demand was fair, and sales were made at \$3.90 to \$4.10 per 100 lbs. The run of cattle was large, there being fully 700 head received but the larger portion of these were for thorough shipment, only a few sales were made at prices ranging from 2½ to 3c per lb. The receipts of sheep and lambs were small, and up to a late hour no sales were made. At the East End Abattoir market, on the same day, the supply of cattle was in excess of the requirements. Shippers paid 3½c to 3½c, a few bulls sold at 2½ to 3½c per lb. Choice steers and heifers sold at 3½ to 3½c; good, 3 to 3½c; fair, 2½ to 2½c, and common, 2½c to 2½c per lb. live weight. There was some demand for sheep for export, and a few small lots of choice were bought at 3½c, while butchers paid 2½ to 3c per lb. live weight. Lambs were in active demand, and prices ruled a little higher at \$2 to \$4. each.

At the semi-weekly market at Toronto, Ont., on July 7, for export cattle, the ruling price was from \$3.25 to \$3.65 per 100 pounds. A few picked touched 3½c. Trade in butchers' cattle was also poor, common being slow at 1½ to 2c, medium about ½ and the very top was 3c. The top price for sheep was 3c for fancy shipping sheep; ordinary, 2½c; lambs, \$2 to \$3.25 each. Hogs were steady at 4c to 4½c for best bacon, light and heavy 3½ to 3½c per lb.

The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Gazette says: "Advices from abroad on leads are very firm and note an advance in prices, but this has had no effect here, owing to the fact that some dealers continue to cut prices. Glass is quiet and steady, while linseed oil is steady at the decline noted last week. Castor oil has ruled strong abroad and cable advices note an advance of £1 per ton, consequently prices are firmly held. The demand for Paris green is slow and the feeling is easier. Present prices for round lots would be shaded ½c. Montreal prices are: Choice brands white lead, Government standard, \$5.00; No. 1 \$4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 4½c; red lead, pure, 4c to 4½c; do. No. 1, 4c; zinc, white, pure \$7.25; glass, \$1.25 to \$1.80 first break; \$1.85 to \$1.40 second break, per 50 feet; \$2.80 to \$3 for third break, per 100 feet; linseed oil, round lots, raw, 50c to 51c; boiled, 53c to 51c; cod oil, 35c to 37½c; seal oil, 42½c; castor oil, 6½c to 7½c; putty, in bulk, \$1.85; Paris green, casks, 19½c; drums, 14½c; packets, 15½c."

Turpentine has declined 1c per gallon at Montreal to 38 to 39c.

The C. P. R. Land sales in Manitoba and the Territories for the past six months of the year were greatly in excess of last year for the same period. There were sold since the first of January 12,485 acres, realizing \$1,700. Most of the land now being bought is in Manitoba. Enquiries from the State for lands are very numerous at present.