

make it a criminal offence for manufacturers and disposers of white lead to mark an adulterated whitelead "pure," "genuine." Quotations here are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 75c per gal; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 80c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled 80c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.20.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### WHEAT

Last week brought a stir in wheat such as has not been witnessed for many a day. The markets have experienced a long spell of steady, uninteresting business, but at last something like spirit has been infused into the trade by the bulge of last week. The week opened with trading on a large scale at Chicago, accompanied with wider fluctuations, though there was nothing fresh in the matter of news to cause a change, and crop reports were still of a contradictory character. Considerable crop damage reports came from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri and Kansas. On Tuesday weather reports were generally favorable, but prices made slight advances at Chicago. On Wednesday the Chicago market developed strong features and heavy trading. In fact a genuine boom was experienced, which in the absence of any news to change the situation, seems to be purely a speculative movement. Foreign markets were dull and the export movement on the decrease. On Friday another "boom" was experienced in wheat at Chicago. Prices on that day opened 1½ to 2c higher. Large country buying is a principal factor in the activity at Chicago.

The visible supply report the first of last week showed a decrease of 292,863 bushels, and the total is now 26,823,165 bushels, against 28,799,821 bushels a year ago, 33,581,182 bushels two years ago, and 51,916,824 bushels three years ago. Exports from the Atlantic ports equalled for the week 1,309,600 bushels against 698,000 bushels a year ago. Beerbohm estimates a decrease of 184,000 bushels in the quantity on ocean passage. The total available supply on passage and in the visible now amounts to 53,247,165 bushels against 46,350,821 bushels a year ago, 53,501,182 bushels two years ago, and 71,836,824 bushels three years ago. The Minneapolis Market Record estimates the stock of wheat in country elevators of Minnesota and the Dakotas at 5,263,000 bushels. Last May the country stocks amounted to 3,705,000 bushels. The *Mark Lane Express*, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: "Wheat promises a fine and healthy crop. Large receipts of foreign flour have depressed the English wheat market. A recovery is hoped for after Easter to 31s. Foreign wheats are quiet. California is quoted at 35s. 6d."

In the local situation considerable progress was made last week in seeding. The weather

was changeable and varied from warm to rather cold spells on different days. In some districts seeding was reported to be general. As is usually the case in a late year, seeding became general in a much shorter time after the first sowing had been done. There is nothing now doing in country markets, and prices are nominal at 75 to 80c per bushel. Toronto advises report Manitoba wheat strong in that market, and holders are advancing their views. There is very little hard wheat to be had in the east. No. 1 hard was quoted at \$1.07 to \$1.08 at Toronto and Montreal.

#### FLOUR.

There was rather a stronger tone in the local flour market last week, and an improved demand. The only change in prices, however, was an advance of 10c in second bakers'. Prices are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.65; strong bakers, \$2.40; second bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.25; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, 2.40; middlings, \$2.65 per 100 pounds.

#### MILLSTUFF AND FEED.

Millstuffs are firm and in good demand, with the supply hardly equal to requirements. Prices hold at \$14 for bran and \$16 for shorts. There has been a further increase in the cost of ground feed, which now costs \$19 per ton, laid down here. Local prices have advanced \$1, and are now at \$21 per ton in broken lots to the trade.

#### MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

There is something of a firmer tendency in oatmeal, but prices are unchanged. Prices are now quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.30; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.50 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.40. Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

#### OATS

Show a further tendency to advance, owing to higher markets south, and prices here are 1 to 2c higher. Cars on track are quoted at 42 to 43c for mixed feed qualities, and 43 to 44c for white. A car of seed oats sold at 46c per bushel.

#### BARLEY.

Selling from store in small retail lots at about 60c per bushel. Some was offered on track at 40c, of rather poor quality.

#### BUTTER.

There is no further change to note in butter, the situation remaining unaltered. There is very little sale for this article, even in small quantities; and though the amount of new butter offering is limited, yet there is but a very light movement in dairy. Prices may be quoted at from 12 to 15c for fair to choice dairy, in small lots, with a depressed feeling in the market.

#### EGGS.

Easier at 15 to 16c per dozen, and sales going rather slowly, and large country receipts looked for.

#### LARD.

The strong tone induced by the increase in the tariff continues, and quotations have advanced to \$2.50 per 20 pound pail. Some sales were still being made at \$2.10 last week, but the advance to \$2.20 is expected to become general at once.

#### CURED MEATS.

Very firm, and again quotable higher all around. Long clear dry salt bacon, 9½c; spiced rolls, 11c; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c, the higher price for Loned; smoked hams, 13½c per pound; mess pork, \$19 per bbl.; bologna sausage, 7c, German bologna, 9c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

The firmness in meats continues, and stocks are now rather light all around. Frozen beef is about all used up, and really fresh choice beef

is none too plentiful. A good deal is rather thin. Prices are somewhat irregular and range from 7½ to 8½c per pound, as to quality. Mutton is scarce, and held at about 14c. Some has sold at 15 and 16c per pound, pork is scarce and higher, ranging from 7½ to 9c per pound. Veal is the most plentiful of any meat, and is worth about 8c.

#### POULTRY.

Scarce, and high prices readily realized for good birds. Chickens will bring 15 to 16c; turkeys 20c, and ducks and geese 14c per pound.

#### HIDES AND TALLOW.

Some very poor hides are coming in. In fact farmers' hides are worse than usual this spring averaging very poor quality. Considerable calfskins are coming in. Country hides are worth about 2½ to 3c per pound. Heavy steers are worth 1½c for No. 1, and No. 1 cows 3½c; No. 2, 3½c for heavy steer and 2½ for cows; No. 3, 2c calfskins, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c. Sheepskins, 50 to 85c. Tallow, 2½ to 3c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

#### HAY.

Firmer, owing to advances in price south. Some timothy brought \$13.75 per ton, ton, with ordinary worth \$12 to \$12.50 on track.

#### VEGETABLES.

Several more rail lots of potatoes were in last week, and were selling in small lots to the trade, delivered, at 70c per bushel, and down to 60c in quantities. Onions are scarce and higher. Cabbage is also scarce and dear. New lettuce is offering at 50c per dozen bunches. Quotations are as follows: Carrots, \$1.50; parsnips \$1.75 per bushel, beets, \$1.50 per bushel, turnips 45 to 50c per bushel, onions 4 to 5c per pound, cabbage \$3.00 \$4.00 per hundred pounds.

LEVI, a barber and tobacconist, of Vancouver, B.C., has emigrated to the United States forgetting to pay a few little bills.

THE *Deloraine Times* came to hand last week, enlarged to double its former size. The people of Deloraine should now have no reason to complain of their local paper.

It was understood at the close of last week that Attorney-General Martin had withdrawn his resignation and that the personnel of the Local Government will remain unchanged for the present.

THE Morris and Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway will be opened immediately as far as Wawanesa, and it is expected that in a few weeks trains will be running into Brandon.

THE partnership existing between Arthur L. Cameron and William M. Parslow, flour and seed merchants, Calgary, under the name of A. L. Cameron & Co., has been dissolved. The business will be continued by Arthur L. Cameron.

CATTLE shipments from Pilot Mound, Man., are large. Last week's issue of the *Mound Sentinel* notes the shipment of two cars of fat cattle by J. T. Gordon, and one car ditto by Baird Bros. Pilot Mound district supplies Winnipeg with many a car of the choicest beef cattle received in this market.

GENERAL Superintendent Whyte returned to Winnipeg last week from Montreal, where he spent over a week on official business. He informed a *Free Press* reporter that the Souris branch would be completed to Melita this summer, but that nothing had yet been decided regarding the commencement of new work, that is the extension of the southwestern branch westward from Deloraine and the construction of the proposed branch from Fire Steel to the iron deposits at Antik-ogan. Mr. Whyte also stated that the road from Port Arthur westward would be still further improved by the replacing of temporary with permanent structures and otherwise.