

\$35; Sports, \$30. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

The only hopeful report from this branch is one of improved collections. Sales are down to nothing in heavy lines, and in shelf goods the movement is very light. The following quotations are not only nominal, but in a great measure ornamental for the present: Cut nails 10d, and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates \$6.00 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.10 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, \$13½c; 1½ inch, \$16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb; bar tin, 32c per pound; sheet zinc, 7½ and 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7½ to 8½c lb; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 to 6½c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½ nett.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Everything is quieted down for the winter lull and six weeks of quietness is expected. During that time no business from the country is looked for, and the city demands will be limited, although one or two large undertakings are still some way from completion, and they will prevent actual deadness for a month of the time. Quotations are nominal here and are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 80c; boiled 83c; 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, \$3.25 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1. do., \$6.25; Bulls head do., \$5.75; Calsomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The week has been rather an uneventful one in wheat, as regards the general situation. Changes in prices in leading markets have not been important, and values are just about where they were a week ago. A larger increase than was expected in the visible supply was a weakening factor on the first day of the week. This was balanced by a better feeling financially, stronger cables and light receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth, on which day 732 cars were received, against 914 on the same day a week ago. On Tuesday the weakening features were a reported increase of 376,000 bushels in the amount on ocean passage, and rumors of further financial disturbances, including the report that the Bank of Germany had drawn \$2,500,000 gold from the Bank of England, and that the latter bank would advance its discount rate to 6 per cent. Duluth and Minneapolis got 374 cars of wheat on Tuesday, against 550 a week ago. Cables were strong. On Wednesday the increase in the amount on ocean passage was reported as 120,000 bushels more than had appeared from the telegrams on Tuesday.

Bradstreet's compilation published Wednesday of the available supply at 1,000 points in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains showed a decrease of 355,000 bushels; decrease previous week 869,000 bushels. Minneapolis and Duluth got 314 cars on Wednesday, as compared with 493 cars a week ago. The always present reports of crop damage were worked on the markets, and on Thursday damage to the growing winter wheat by the Hessian fly seemed to be the principal feature of note. Duluth and Minneapolis got between them 314 cars on Thursday, against 233 a year ago. Duluth gained 1c on Friday, which left prices about where they were a week ago, prices having declined some during the week.

In Manitoba there has not been much change in the situation, and the general disposition is to hold off, awaiting an improvement in outside markets. The slow state of outside markets, combined with the usual drag about holiday times, will probably tend to keep things quiet until 1891 has been ushered in, after which time there is likely to be a sharp improvement if the financial situation eases up at all. There was not much done on the Winnipeg exchange during the week. Therewere a good many more bids than transactions, bids generally being considerably below the views of holders. On Monday, 15, two cars of No. 2 hard Montreal freight sold at 97½ while No. 2 northern and No. 3 northern sold for 88c and 87½c respectively, same rate of freight. On Tuesday a consignment of No. 2 hard wheat was sold for 70c. There were no transactions on the call board of the grain exchange on Wednesday. On Thursday there were several transactions in No. 1 frosted, Toronto rate of freight at 77½c. On Friday there were no transactions. 349,361 bushels of grain was in store at Fort William on Dec 11, against 335,812 bushels on Dec. 4. In Manitoba country markets prices were unchanged at about 60 to 65c for best samples, equal to about No. 2 hard.

FLOUR.

There has been no further change to note in the price of flour. The last drop in wheat has not affected flour, as there were sharp declines in flour just previous to the drop in wheat. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade, per 100 pounds are as follows: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers', \$2.40; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.20; middlings, \$2.60; graham flour, \$2.40.

MILLSTUFFS.

Prices hold firm at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts per ton. The local demand is not large and offerings on this market are not of an urgent nature. Millers are having a continued good shipping demand, and they are not pushing for local trade.

OATMEAL, OIL CAKE, ETC.

The local oatmeal mill is pushed to its fullest capacity to supply the local and western trade, and prices are steady. Quotations are: Oil cake in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, \$26.50; in car lots f.o.b. \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

GROUND FEED.

Business is dull in feed. Best ground oats and barley feed is quoted at \$17 to \$18 per ton, and ground oats alone at \$16.

OATS.

There has been a brisk demand for oats locally for offerings by farmers in the city and prices have continued to advance, prices paid being 1 to 2c higher than at last report. Up

to 20c per bushel was paid for loads on the market, of ordinary feed oats, and ½ to 1c higher was paid for choice. Several parties are buying to store in the city, besides purchases for milling purposes, and prices have been advanced almost beyond shipping values. In Manitoba country markets 24 to 25c is about the average price to farmers. Advices from Montreal reported higher prices there for oats, with Manitoba oats held at 45c and quoted at 44 to 45c per bushel in the Montreal market.

BARLEY

Feed barley quoted at about 25 to 26c. The breweries are now pretty well stocked up with all they require, and they are not buying freely. In fact they are turning away a good deal offered, and 30c per bushel is the highest they are now paying, though earlier in the season they were paying from 35 to 48c.

FLAX SEED.

The market for this is nearly over for the season, the bulk of the crop having been bought up. Buyers at country points have been paying \$1 per bushel to growers.

BUTTER.

There is nothing new to add to the situation. Small lots of selections have been selling in the city at 17 to 20c per pound. This, however, does not give a fair idea of the value of round lots as they are received from the country, as only a portion of each lot will bring these prices, and that when sold out a package or two at a time. Ordinary lots as they arrive, poor to choice mixed, cannot be expected to net shippers over 14 to 16c. Only a good lot would net the 16c per pound.

CHEESE.

Cheese is slow sale and jobbing about 12c per pound.

EGGS.

Pickled quoted at 22c per dozen, with called fresh held at 25 to 26c, and often not any better than pickled. At Toronto eggs were quoted strong at 22 for pickled and 23 to 25c for fresh.

LARD.

Chicago compound lard in 20 pound pails held at \$2; pure \$2.20.

CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, ETC.

There is an easier feeling in cured hog products, and prices are quotable at a lower range all around. Local packers have been working some, mostly on hogs brought in from Ontario. Quotations here are as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 12c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; boneless, 13c; smoked hams, 14c. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ¼ lb. packet.

HIDES.

There has been considerable competition on the local market, and buyers have been paying 4c per pound for frozen country hides all round. This is considered a pretty long price on the present basis of values east. These are usually pretty rough lots, and will go over 50 per cent. No. 2, being farmers' take off Sheepskins are worth 50 to 65c each, and tallow 5 to 5½c per pound rendered.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetables are unchanged except onions, which are somewhat scarce and ½ to 1c higher. Potatoes have a higher tendency, and with cold weather offerings are lighter. On the market 30 to 35c per bushel represents the range of prices. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 20c bus.; parsnips, 1½c lb.; carrots, 60c bus.; beets, 40c bus.; cabbage, 40 to 60c doz.; onions, 3 to 3½c lb.; Spanish do., \$1.60 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 25 to 50c doz. heads.

DRESSED POULTRY.

The market is well stocked with poultry from Ontario. One car which arrived last week, brought in by Bell, Simpson & McGregor, was the finest lot of poultry seen in this market for some time. They were well