

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

The most important change was a drop of 10 on hides, wheat was a little lower.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—About 41c to 48c for No. 1 hard, country points, to farmers, and 58 to 59c afloat Fort William.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.85; Bakers, \$1.65.

Bran.—Per ton, \$10.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$12.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, new, local freights paid, 16 to 18c.

Barley—A few loads sold at 20c to 22c.

Flax Seed.—95 to 70c to farmers at country points.

Butter.—Dairy round lots 10c to 15c Creamery, 17 to 18c.

Cheese.—6 to 7½c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 17 to 18c.

Beef.—City dressed, 4 to 4½c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 5½ to 6½c; lamb, 5½ to 7c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 6c.

Cattle.—Butchers' 2 to 2½c. Export 2½ to 3c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½c.

Sheep.—Sheep and lambs 2½ to 3c off cars.

Sonoca Root.—Dry 18 to 20c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 7 to 9c lb; turkeys, 10 to 12c, ducks and geese, 10c.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, green salted weak at 5c.

Wool.—Unwashed fleeces, 10 to 12c.

Potatoes.—15c per bushel.

Hay.—\$5.50 to \$3 per ton, car lots.

Dairy Trade Notes

The Montreal Gazette of October 21 says: "Cheese continues quiet and in the main unchanged, but circumstances were not wanting to-day, indicating less buoyancy. It will be noted, that at Peterboro for instance, 6,000 boxes of fall cheese were closed out at 10 8/10c. This is a decline of 3 1/2c per pound from what factorymen realized a fortnight ago, at the same market, and then they were reluctant sellers at 10 3/4c. West of Toronto also it is reported that half the make has been closed out lately by factorymen at 10c to 10 1/2c, who a fortnight ago were holding for 10 3/4c to 10 5/8c. These circumstances, however, are healthful on the whole, and as they materially reduce the quantity in first hands, in a sense strengthen the position. In addition to these transfers of stock from factorymen's hands, the Allan Grove combination which comprises 15,000 boxes of cheese from the extreme Eastern Ontario districts, and the border counties in Quebec, south of the river, have sold, it is said, on the basis of 10 1/2c Montreal.

J. Bousfield, who operates two creameries in Manitoba, at Hamiota and Norfolk, will make the experiment of trying winter dairying, providing he can secure sufficient material to work with.

At Montreal on October 20, Quebec cheese sold 3/4 to 1/2c lower, at 9 3/4 to 9 7/8c. Butter was held at 20c for finest creamery, with 19 1/2c bid.

Hides, Wool, Etc.

The Montreal Gazette of October 23 says: "The advance in prices noted a week ago has been maintained, and it is stated that the opposition buying on account of tanners still continues. The receipts are liberal, for which dealers are buying 7c for No. 1, 6c for No. 2 and 5c for No. 3."

The Toronto Globe of October 23 says: "There is a good demand for hides for home use and also for export to the United States. A number of hides have been shipped across the line, and it has had the effect of pretty well cleaning up the market here. Green are quoted at 6 1/2c and cars of cured at 7, and 7 1/2c.

Sheepskins are quoted at 60c and country skins at 45c. There have been some shipments of tallow to the United States and that has improved the market and prices are higher. Dealers are paying 8 1/2c."

Bradstreet's says of the United States wool markets: "The market shows increased strength and a fair amount is being taken, while if holders would make slight concessions from full rates the business done would be largely increased. The scoured basis of fine and fine medium territory wools is now quoted at 80c, while choice staple lots would command 82c. Many holders will not sell at these prices. Fleeces are quiet, but choice washed combings are held to higher.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Montreal manufacturers of wool and clothing have agreed to shorten credits one month on sales for spring and fall delivery, 1897.

J. D. Ivey & Co., wholesale millinery, Toronto, have arranged a settlement in London, England, with their creditors at 8 shillings on the pound.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: "One grand feature of the present time is the absence of large lots of goods, which were formerly thrown upon the market at this season of the year at ruinous prices, is now a thing of the past."

A Montreal report says: "The rumored advance in prices of cotton goods is not without foundation, and an advance price list on lines of grey cotton may be looked for in the near future. Prices of a year ago compared with those of the present time on all classes of United States goods show a considerable advance, and commission merchants and mill representatives state positively that higher prices will be the order of the day."

Financial and Insurance Notes.

J. Simon, acting manager of the Tacoma branch of the Bank of British Columbia, has received cable instructions from London to withdraw branches of the bank in that city and Seattle and immediately wind up business on Puget Sound.

The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The serious reports of drought in India have added increasing firmness to the linseed oil market, and the feeling is decidedly in favor of higher prices. India is a considerable exporter of flax seed.

Turpentine still maintains its firm tone, and was quoted 1c higher at Montreal on October 23.

Lead products generally are higher in England.

Under the influence of bull speculations in the iron market at Glasgow on October 23, Scotch iron went up to 18s 3/4d cash, Cleveland to 40s, and Hematite to 49s 4/4d.

British Columbia Items

Five more canneries are being built in the city limits of New Westminster, and as many more will be in operation throughout the province next season, making a possible total of 45 canneries.

As a result of the extreme anti-Chinese feeling it is said that probably Vancouver has lost the establishment in that city of the Automatic Can Company. The company is a wealthy one and had practically decided to locate at Vancouver when the finance committee of the city council notified them that they must not employ Chinese should their request for ten years tax exemption be granted. The company refused to be restricted and may go to Westminster.

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WM. REMPEL, Clerk

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