

It urgently to fill vessel space. On Wednesday, notwithstanding considerable strength in outside markets, Manitoba wheat became quite weak, and although 71c was paid in the morning for 1 hard, no buyers could be found in the afternoon even at 70c. Later in the day a sale was made at 69 1-2c. On Thursday with adjoining outside markets, and a small but urgent demand for wheat on spot Fort William, 71c was again offered for 1 hard there. Yesterday the market was steady and sales were made of spot wheat at 71c on basis, of No. 1 hard. Wheat for delivery first half October brings 69c basis 1 hard, with a spread of 3c between 1 hard and 1 northern and 2 hard. Only about 20 per cent. of the wheat arriving at Fort William is grading 1 hard. Out of 145 cars arrived the first three days of this week, 30 inspected No. 1 hard, 40 No. 2 hard, 73 No. 1 northern and 5 No. 1 spring.

FLOUR—Quotations are the same as last week. Prices are \$2.05 for patent, \$1.85 for strong bakers, \$1.45 for second bakers and \$1.15 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs.

MILLFEED—Feed continues very scarce, but in a week or so the supply will be more liberal. We quote bran at \$11, and shorts at \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots nominal at 50c per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is quoted at \$27 to \$28 per ton as to quality for oats and scarce.

OATS—A few loads of new oats have been marketed here by farmers this week and were taken at 30c per bushel of 34 lbs. Some buyers, however, were only offering 28c, and the market is expected to decline as soon as offerings become liberal. Two or three cars were also sold on track here at 30c. One car of old oats was reported sold at 38c, and another car at 35c.

BARLEY—A few loads of new barley were offered by farmers and were taken at 40c per bushel of 48 lbs, but this price would not be paid for any quantity, and the tendency is lower. One car of new barley sold on track here at 30c, and another car of fine quality was offered at 40c.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is firm. Some of the factories are holding out for 20c, and are very firm in their views. Buyers have been offering 1-2c higher this week, in some cases, for choice goods, 19c having been paid, and a few choice lots were reported at 19 1-2c, though some large purchases of western creameries were reported at 18 1-2c.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is firm at about the same prices as last week. Round lots of good average quality bring 13 1-2c here, and a shade higher has been paid for good lots. Receipts fairly liberal.

CHEESE—Since the filling up of the local market with Ontario cheese, the Manitoba factories have been anxious to sell, but buyers do not seem willing to operate. With the trade well supplied with eastern goods, they do not care to load up now with Manitoba cheese. The situation is, therefore, against the factories, but they can only blame themselves for not having sold when prices were offered above a parity with eastern markets. About 8 3-4 to 9c has been offered for Manitoba cheese, delivered here, and up to 9 1-2c for small sizes. The higher price for small sizes is owing to the fact that the eastern cheese is all large sizes.

EGGS—Candled stock is selling here at 15 to 16c, and dealers are paying 13 1-2 to 14c here for receipts. Market firm.

DRESSED MEATS—Pork is very scarce. We quote beef at 5c to 5 1-2c, as to quality. Mutton easy at 7 to 8c; lamb, 9c; hogs, 6 1-2 to 7c for country dressed and 7 to 7 1-2c for city dressed; veal, 7 to 8 1-2c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Supplies of dressed poultry continue inadequate to the demand, and dealers report that present quotations are likely to prevail until the cold weather arrives and puts prices on a winter basis. Quotations are as follows: Chickens 55 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens 25 to 30c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 70c per pair; geese, no demand.

GAME—Mallard ducks bring 25 to 30c per pair, canvass backs, 35 to 40c, and small varieties 15 to 20c per pair.

VEGETABLES—Most varieties are reported plentiful and of good quality. Potatoes are likely to be found scarce when consumers begin to lay in their winter supplies the heavy rains of early July and the prevalence of potato bugs in some localities having somewhat injured the crop. One large grower reports that he has only enough for local. Quotations are as follows: Potatoes 25 to 35c per bushel; cabbage, 25 to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 50 to 75c per doz. Green stuff offers at 10c per dozen bunches; celery, 20 to 25c per dozen; cucumbers, 10c per dozen; corn, sweet, 8 to 10c per dozen ears; native corn, 5 to 6c; onions 75c to \$1 per bushel; green tomatoes, 40c per bushel. Local ripe tomatoes, 2 to 3c lb; mushrooms 10 to 12 1-2c per lb. The pickling factories are paying 11-2c per pound for cauliflower and 21-4c for small cucumbers.

HIDES—Sheepskins are 5 cents higher. We quote hides, No. 1 7 1-2c; No. 2, 6 1-2c; kip 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; calf, 7c to 9c; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 20 to 35c; horse hides 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each. In the country, hides, 7c and 6c.

WOOL—We quote 8 1-2 to 9c for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

TALLOW—No. 1, 31-2c; No. 2, 21-2 to 3c.

SENECA ROOT—The market is firm but there is really nothing doing, and the season may be considered wound up. The quantity of root offered this year has been about the smallest on record. One dealer said that he had bought as much in a week or two in past years as has been handled by all the dealers combined during the entire season. In fact there has been practically no root marketed this year, as the Indians and others would not gather it at the prices offered. The total crop is estimated at only 40,000 lbs., and this includes several round lots of old root held over from last year. Prices are nominally 1c higher at 19 to 20c per lb.

HAY—New hay is offering at \$5 to \$6 per ton for baled on track here and loose \$5 to \$6 per ton on the street. Demand quiet.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The heavy movement of cattle continued throughout this week and as a result some of the districts where the stock is raised are getting somewhat thinned out. It is said by some dealers that the supply is going to be short this year and in

consequence prices are hardening. Export cattle are quoted in Winnipeg at 3 to 3 1-4c and butcher's 2 1-2 to 3c.

SHEEP—The movement is very light and prices are easier at last weeks quotation of 3 1-2c for good to prime animals and 4 1-4c for lambs.

HORSES—A carload of western horses sold in Winnipeg on Wednesday at prices averaging \$66 apiece. Business has been brisk all week and our figures of last week hold good, as follows: Good, smooth horses of ten to eleven hundred pounds weight \$125, to \$175 each, bronchos, \$25 to \$50 unbroken.

HOGS—Offerings are very light. All coming are taken by butchers at 5 to 5 1-4c off cars here. Packers are not getting any.

A BIG CROP.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, returned the other day from prosecuting further investigations as to the result of the crops. Mr. Thompson has now travelled about 500 miles through the principal wheat sections, during which he made a very personal investigation regarding the crops. He said to a Commercial representative yesterday that he was now convinced that his recent remarks regarding the crop would be more than realized. He now estimated that the wheat crop of Manitoba would reach 40,000,000 bushels. Throwing out of the calculation entirely the strip in Southern Manitoba which had suffered from drouth, he believed that the rest of the country would return 37 to 38 million bushels of wheat. Everywhere he found that the actual yield, as shown by the threshing returns, was far exceeding the previous estimates. Where 20 bushels had been counted on they were getting 25 and even 30 bushels per acre. As an instance, one of the largest farmers west of Neepawa had threshed out an average of 52 bushels of wheat per acre. Mr. Thompson showed a bundle of letters received from their agents at country points, in nearly all of which the statement was made that the yield of wheat was turning out much better than had been estimated, the usual range being 3 to 5 bushels ahead of previous estimates. Mr. Thompson said that about 85 per cent of the stacking was done before yesterday's rain. The quality of the wheat crop he says, is good.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PLUMS.

A car lot of British Columbia plums was sold by The Macpherson Fruit Co. on Monday, at auction. The plums were in very bad condition; in fact so bad that a quantity were worthless. They sold all the way from 5 to 30 cents per box. The car came by freight, and may have been some time in transit.

Small lots of British Columbia plums are arriving by express at frequent intervals. Those coming lately from the interior districts have arrived in better condition than earlier receipts from the coast region. The best have sold here at 75 cents per box.

Though the harvest is well advanced there is still a demand for farm help. Farmers are anxious to rush the work to make up for the delay caused by the wet weather. A further excitation party of farm laborers is expected from the east this week.