

lb sacks, and \$1.50 for standard and granulated, but these prices have been cut. In fact it is said that rolled oatmeal has sold as low as \$1.05 to \$1.10 to jobbers. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs, \$1.65. Pot barley, \$1.70 in round lots.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BUTTER.—There is nothing to report in creamery, factories being sold out and no lots changing hands. There is very little creamery consumed in this market, there being always a good supply of dairy grades, which seems to meet the local requirements very well. We quote 20 to 22c for creamery, in a jobbing way. Dairy butter is firm and about 1c higher again, up to 14c having been paid for lots of choice, fresh goods, and we quote 10 to 14c as to quality, with the jobbing price at 15 to 17c for good to choice dairy, as to quantity and quality. There is some local demand for good fresh rolls, and if neatly put up and the quality is right, they will sell at 15 to 17c. At Montreal yesterday creamery was quoted at 19 to 20c, fine in boxes being quoted at 19½ to 20½.

CHEESE.—There is very little held by factories, and good lots would bring 8½c to factories. Small lots are jobbing at 8½ to 9½c as to quality. Advices from the east this week reported an easier market and purchases made from factories at ½ to ¾c lower than a week previous. At Montreal yesterday Quebec cheese was quoted at 9½ to 9¾c and Ontario at 10 to 10½c.

EGGS.—Prices are again higher, being 2c above a week ago. The regular quotation most of this week has been 17c net for receipts.

POULTRY.—Country lots are beginning to come in and the demand is improving. Chickens hold at 40 to 45 cents per pair as to quality. Spring chickens 30 to 40c per pair. Turkeys bring 10c per lb live weight. Ducks and geese, 10c dressed weight. Wild ducks, 20 to 30 per pair. Wild geese 50c each; waxies 80c each.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4.00 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.25.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7½c shoulders, 7½c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6½c per lb; shoulders, 6½c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.50; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sausages, fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package, pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 6c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—Prices are about the same all around, though mutton has been offered somewhat lower, selling in some cases as low as 5c. Good lamb is rather scarce. Very few country dressed hogs have been offered yet, and the price holds firm. The general price for good beef is 4½c, and some is going at 4c. Mutton is quoted at 5 to 6c, 5½c being the usual price. Dressed lambs, 5½ to 7c, but usually selling about 6c; city dressed hogs 3c, country dressed, 4½c; Veal, at 5c.

HIDES.—The market is firm, though hides are beginning to get long haired and are intrinsically worth less money. The usual quotation is 5c for No. 1, but it is reported that ½ to ¾c more has been paid in some cases. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; calf, 8 to 15c lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb. skins 1c to 2½c each; kips 4 to 5c; sheepskins range all the way from 15 to 40c, according to quality,

but the average is about 20 to 30c each. Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

WOOL.—Wool markets are firmer, and if the election in the United States is settled to the satisfaction of the sound money people, prices may advance, as manufacturers will begin buying stocks more freely. It is reported that some of the ranchmen of the territories have sold recently to eastern parties, though some are still holding. We quote 7 to 7½c here for unwashed fleeces.

TALLOW.—Prices are higher, in sympathy with the general situation in other markets. Dealers are paying 8½c for No. 1 tallow and 2½ to 3c for undergrades. Rough tallow 2c.

SENECA ROOT.—Prices continue firm. A fraction over 20c has been paid for some lots this week, but there is very little offering. We quote 20c per lb for dry root.

HAY.—Held at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes are firmer and sell on the street market at about 25c per bushel. Onions about 1 to 1½c per lb; celery 30c per dozen bunches; cabbage 25c per dozen.

LIVE STOCK.

Exports have been quite active this week in cattle. The yards here were full of cattle yesterday, there being over 2,500 head in range cattle predominating. There was also a lot of about 1000 sheep in from White-wood, for export, though some out of the lot were sold here. It is to be hoped these sheep will prove more profitable than previous export shipments this year. Cables this week reported a better market in England.

CATTLE.—Prices are about the same. Butchers will not pay over 2½c for good loads, and we quote from 1½ to 2½c, as to quality, for butchers', and up to 3c for export.

SHEEP.—There is no change in sheep. Lambs are scarce. Car lots for the local market have sold at 2½c here, and 2½ to 3c for lambs. One lot of sheep was reported sold at under 2c here.

HOGS.—No change in hogs. We quote. Good bacon stock weighing 150 to 300 pounds 8½c. Sows and heavy hogs 2½ to 3½c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2½c, off cars here.

British Columbia Markets.

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, October 31, 1897.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

Grain prices will likely be higher next week. Too many apples in the market.

Butter—Manitoba Dairy butter, 17 to 18c; Manitoba creamery, 24½c; eastern creamery, 24½c; local creamery, 25c; Manitoba cheese, 11c; local cheese, 11c.

Cured Meats.—Hams 18½ cents; breakfast bacon 12½c; backs 12 to 12½c, long, clear 8c; short rolls 9½ to 10c; smoked sides 9½c. Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 9½c per pound; in pails and tubs 9c.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders 3c; smelt 4c, sea bass 4c, black cod 6c, rock cod 4c, red cod 4c; tommy cod 4c; herring 4c; spring salmon 7c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; steel head, 6c; crabs 60c dozen; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c, salt oolachan, 25 and 50 lb. kits \$3.75 and \$3.50; smoked salmon 10c.

Vegetables.—New potatoes, \$12.00 per ton, onions, silver skins, 1c per pound, California onions 1½c, cabbage, ½c lb, carrots, turnips and beets, \$7.50 a ton.

Eggs.—Ranch 22 to 25c, Manitoba, 17c to 18c.

Fruits.—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise quoted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with depth of eleven inches,

inside measurement, and contain from 283 to 310 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 naval oranges. California lemons, \$3.75 to \$4; Australian oranges, \$3.25; Tomatoes, 2½c per lb; Peas, 40 lb. box, \$1.25; California apples, 50 lb. box, \$1.35; British Columbia apples, 50 lb. box, 75c to \$1; Eastern apples \$1.00.

Evaporated Fruits.—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 7½c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 4½c to 7c, loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.65 box; Italian prunes, 6 to 7½c.

Nuts.—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Meal.—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$3.00; 45 pound sacks, \$3.10; 22½ pound sacks, \$2.70, 10 7 sacks, \$2.70. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2-50's, \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.25; 2-45's, \$2.35. Manitoba Rolled Oats, 90's, \$2.25 45's \$2.35.

Flour.—Cost prices—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$5.50, strong bakers \$5.10, Oregon \$5.25, Oak Lake patent \$5.50, do. strong bakers \$5.10.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$27.00 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid. Oats \$18.00 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$21 to \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ton, shorts, \$20.00 ton, bran \$18.00, cake meal, \$30 ton; F. O. B. Vancouver, including duty paid on import stuff.

Hay.—\$3.50 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 to 7c, mutton, 6 to 7c; pork, 6 to 6½c; veal, 7 to 8c.

Live Stock.—Steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; per hundred lbs., sheep, \$3.10 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 lbs, lamb \$2.75 to \$3 per head.

Poultry.—Chickens, \$3.50 to \$4.50; ducks, \$5 per dozen.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 5½c; fancy yellows 4½c; yellow 4c per lb.

Syrups.—30 gallon barrels, 1½c per pound. 10 gallon kegs, 2½c, 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$1 per case of 10; ½ gallon tins, \$1.75 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c. choice 26c. Ceylons: Fair 25c; good 30c; choice 35c per lb.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Sept 26	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24
Extra Mag 11 d	0	0	0	0	7
No. 1 hard	51	44	93	20	375
No. 2 hard	37	15	35	163	12
No. 3 hard	5	7	13	2	31
No. 1 North'n	9	2	8	16	26
No. 2 North'n	0	3	3	4	2
No. 3 North'n	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 white type	3	2	0	2	2
No. 2 white type	0	0	0	2	0
No. 1 Spring	3	0	0	2	2
No. 2 Spring	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 frosted	1	0	1	10	11
No. 2 frosted	0	0	0	5	3
No. 3 Frosted	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Rejected	5	1	2	8	11
No. 2 Rejected	7	1	2	8	3
No Grade	4	2	2	1	0
Fcd	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15	59	103	419	610

Same week last year. 259 457 522 311 476

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.