

shipment is out of the question, and for the most part the trading done merely passes the property from one dealer to another around the exchange. With the advent of mild weather farmer's deliveries are increasing, and with accumulating supplies to take care of prices must very soon come into line with the value in outside markets. The price of 1 hard has undergone little change on the week. In the forepart of the week 69 1-2c per bushel in store Fort William prevailed, and during the latter part 69c has nominally been the price. On Thursday sales were made on the call board at 69c for spot 1 hard, and 71 1-2c for May delivery. Values yesterday stood at the same figures. Two hard and 1 northern remain at 81 1-2c less than 1 hard. Dried 2 hard is 62c in store Fort William, and dried 2 northern 60c. There is very little demand for dried wheat. The quantity of damp wheat in the country is a serious problem, and much loss by it is almost certain. Shippers have had a great many cars shipped from country points for good conditioned 1 and 2 hard, graded at Fort William as tough. A few weeks ago, before many of these cars had shown up, they were forwarded to North Bay and sold to Ontario millers on sample at prices approaching in many instances to nearly the value of the straight grade. Latterly, however, the increasing number of such cars has been sufficient to glut the Ontario market and the prices that can be obtained now are very unsatisfactory to the shippers. This week, tough 1 hard has sold at 75c, North Bay equal to 63c, Fort William and tough 2 hard has sold at 72c North Bay or 60c Fort William, and buyers are very scarce even at these figures.

BUSINESS ON 'CHANGE.

This was a very quiet week in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, and very little business was transacted on the open board. Nothing was done on Monday owing to the absence of quotations, on account of the holiday in the United States. On Tuesday, 69 1-2c was bid for No. 1 hard spot, Fort William, with sellers at 70c. On Wednesday 69 3-4c was bid; sellers 69 1-2c. On Thursday 5,000 bushels No. 1 hard, May delivery Fort William, sold at 71 1-2c. Five cars 1 hard spot sold at 69c. There were no sales on Friday, 68 1-2c was bid for 1 hard spot Fort William.

FLOUR — Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: Patents, \$1.95 strong bakers, \$1.75; XXX, \$1.65 to \$1.15 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLFEED — Prices are steady. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED — Prices vary widely all the way from \$7 to \$18 a ton, as to quality. Oat chop is quoted at \$15 to \$16 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$13 to \$14, and wheat and mill mixtures at \$7 to \$10 per ton as to quality; oil cake, \$23 per ton; ground corn, \$18 to \$19 ton.

OATS — The price of oats has continued very firm and higher prices are asked. In the country car lots have been held at 25c per bushel of 34 lbs, equal to 30c cost on track here. Ordinary feed oats were held at about this price here. Very few oats have been marketed lately and supplies are scarce. It is expected that with the milder weather offerings will increase. Farmers were offering some

on the street here, but they were mostly very poor quality and brought 25 to 28c per bushel.

OATMEAL — Owing to the scarcity of oats and the poor quality of the bulk of those offering, makers have had difficulty in securing supplies of oats suitable for milling. While the price of oats here has been advancing, the oatmeal market has been depressed by importations of United States meal.

BARLEY — We quote 24 to 25c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here, feed grades, and 27 to 30c for malting samples.

WHEAT — Local street market — Millers have been paying 58 to 63c for choice hard wheat delivered at the mills by farmers, as to quality. Tough and damp wheat brings 5 to 8c under dry grain of the same grade. Prices to farmers at country points range from 53 to 62c, according to freight rates and local conditions.

FLAX SEED — Nominal. This article is scarce and in a small way will bring 70 to 80c here, from retail dealers.

CORN — Car lots on track here would cost laid down about 41 to 43c per bushels of 56 lbs., as to grade on the basis of prices at Minneapolis this week.

BUTTER — Creamery — The market is steady, and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

Butter — Dairy — The market is steady. Jobbers are offering rolls and prints at 15 to 17c, the latter for choice pound prints. Good tubs will bring about the same prices. Some lots of fall butter are still held in the country.

CHEESE — Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes. The market is nominal.

EGGS — We quote 22c for fresh candlen, and 16 to 17c for hined. Hired fresh are quoted at 18 to 20c, as to quality. Increased receipts are now looked for. Receipts of Manitoba eggs have been about nil during the late cold weather.

POULTRY — Chickens are scarce, and higher again. Buyers are now offering 10 to 12c per pound for good mixed lots of chickens, as to quality. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality. Geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 10c.

GAME — Rabbits 8 1-2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

VEGETABLES — Potatoes, 40 to 45c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 11-2c per pound; carrots, 35 to 40c, beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 40 to 50c per dozen; cabbage, 11-2c per pound; onions, 2 to 3c per pound.

SENECA SCOT — Nominal at 21c.

WOOL — Nominal at 8 to 8 1-2c per pound.

HIDES — Frozen hides are quoted 6 to 6 1-2c; bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds tare taken on frozen hides. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2 5 1-2c; No. 3 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3: kip 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

HAY — Baled is quoted at \$7 to \$7.50 on track here and loose on the street market at \$6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

DRESSED MEATS — The supply of dressed hogs comes mainly from Ontario still. Prices of hogs were weak in the east recently and car lots were laid down here from Ontario at as low as \$3.50 to \$5.60 per 100 lbs. Eastern markets, however, have had an upward tone according to advices to

hand this week. Our telegraphic reports from Toronto and Montreal will give later reports. There is no change in local prices. Beef is firm. There is scarcely any frozen beef offering. The best frozen beef is quoted at 5 1-2c, and fresh killed at 6 to 6 1-2c; mutton 7 to 8c, lamb, 8 to 9c, veal, 6 to 7c. Hogs, country lots, 5 3-4c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE — There is very little doing in the local market. The impression prevails that fat cattle will be scarce this spring and that there will be none to spare for export, over local and western requirements. No advices are to hand regarding the effect of the recent cold weather on the range cattle, as it takes weeks to look over the ranges and size up the situation. Some range cattle, right from the west, however, were in the Winnipeg market this week. Some of these were killed and dressed and turned out not bad, though they certainly showed a falling tendency, which, however, could not be otherwise. These cattle, it is said, had been fed some hay and were not left to rustle entirely for themselves. The fact that any range cattle are fit for the market at this season of the year, is a favorable feature. Though the weather has been very severe throughout the range country lately, it is said the cattle have been able to get plenty of feed, there being little snow. We quote 3 to 3 3-4c off cars here for ordinary butchers' cattle.

SHEEP — None offering. Market nominal. Plenty of frozen mutton offering yet.

HOGS — Quoted at 4 3-4c off cars for selected weights.

MILCH COWS — Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

HORSES — A considerable number of horses are being brought in from Ontario and the United States for the spring trade. Several car loads of Montana range horses were offered at auction this week here.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat — No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 98 to 98 1-2c.

Flour — Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.45; bakers, \$2.25.

Millstuffs — Bran, \$10 per ton; shorts, \$11 in large lots.

Oats — Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 35 to 37c.

Barley — 35 to 38c for feed; malting, 38 to 43c.

Butter — Dairy, jobbers' prices, 16 to 18c for fresh; creamery, 23 to 23 1-2c.

Cheese — Jobbers selling at 10 1-2 to 11c.

Eggs — Dealers selling at 17 to 18c for fresh and 14 to 15c for pickled and held stock.

Dressed meats — Beef, city dressed, 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c; country, 4 to 5c; mutton, 5 to 7c; hogs, 6 to 6 1-2c.

Live stock — Cattle, butchers' 3 to 3 1-2c; hogs, off cars, \$5 per 100 lbs. for best bacon; sheep, none offered.

Hides — Frozen hides, 6 1-2c.

Hay — Baled, on track, \$7.

Potatoes — 35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry — Chickens, 8 to 9c per lb.; turkeys, native, 10 to 11c; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8c.

Live Stock News.

On Sunday, Feb. 5, says the Medicine Hat News. Mr. Benalack shipped to Winnipeg two carloads of fat cattle off the Medicine Hat ranch. They were picked up off the open range in midwinter.