

established yet, and there will be more or less change in the new list. The prices cover the range from small to large skins, size, color and condition being considered, though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on account of being killed out of season.

Badger	\$0 15 to \$0 80
Bear, black or brown	1 00 to 26 00
Bear, grizzly	1 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large	5 50 to 7 75
" medium	3 00 to 5 00
" small	1 50 to 2 50
" castors, per lb	2 50 to 5 50
Fisher	3 00 to 9 00
Fox, cross	3 50 to 12 00
" kitt	10 to 40
" red	25 to 1 50
" silver	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	1 00 to 2 50
" medium	1 00 to 1 75
" small	75 to 1 25
Marten	1 00 to 5 00
Mink	50 to 1 50
Musquash	02 to 09
Otter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 70
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 2 25
" prairie	25 to 65
Wolverine	1 00 to 5 00

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

WHEAT—Leading United States markets have been nervous, irregular and excitable this week, with a comparatively wide range in values on some days. Cables have been mostly weak. Continued reports have come in of drouth in the western states which is interfering with sowing the new winter wheat crop. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 2,211,000 bushels, compared with 2,613,000 bushels last week, 3,317,000 bushels in the corresponding week a year ago, 2,892,000 bushels two years ago, and 3,925,000 bushels three years ago.

The local grain trade is in a very unsatisfactory condition. There is first the great variation in quality of the crop, running into 15 to 20 different grades. This makes it a very difficult and unsatisfactory crop to handle. Secondly there is the difficulty about the standards, which are said to be unsuited to the crop, and therefore annoying to the trade. The third and most unsatisfactory feature is the situation as to prices. About 1,250,000 to 1,500,000 bushels of wheat are now being marketed per week in Manitoba, and not a single cargo has been loaded yet for export. This is owing to the fact that prices are too high to ship. By to-night about 2,000,000 bushels of wheat will be in store at Fort William, which means that almost half the elevator storage at our lake ports is already full, and country elevators are fast filling up. The only shipments east of the lake is what wheat is being taken by eastern Canada millers. They are taking a little more than in former years, but even if they take twice as much as in any past year, it will not make much impression on the crop. What are we going to do with the wheat is then the question? Elevator space fast filling up; the navigation season only lasts about six weeks more, and no wheat going out of the country because it cannot be sold except at a heavy loss to holders, because it has been purchased at prices far above an export basis. Cash wheat at Duluth yesterday was worth about 53c for No. 1 hard. At the same time 48c was being paid to farmers in Manitoba, equal to about 62c at Fort William allowing only 2c for cost of handling, or 3c above Duluth. This shows the bad situation the market is in for exporters. Millers are differently situated as they are buying for the domestic market, and with a duty of 75c per barrel on flour in their favor, they can pay above an export

basis if they choose to do so and make the home consumer pay the difference. Exporters are differently situated. They cannot do business unless they can buy on an export basis. If the situation does not change so that exports can begin, all movement of wheat will eventually have to cease for lack of storage room. There is a good deal of room at country points yet, where stocks are now about 1,500,000 bushels. About 800 cars per day are moving to lake ports, but a large portion of the wheat coming out is going into store for farmers, who are not selling, notwithstanding the fact that prices are above export values. It is said that 60 per cent of the wheat moving is held by farmers. Receipts at Fort William last week were 635,544 bushels and shipments 199,976 bushels. The corresponding week last year receipts were 808,767 bushels and shipments were 448,818 bushels. Stocks on October 5, were 1,222,757 bushels, and a year ago were 1,385,915 bushels. Lake rates are advancing. The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has advanced the rate via their steamers to 9c per bushel to all points in Eastern Canada west of Montreal and including Montreal. Lake rates at Duluth are firm. A year ago 2c was quoted from Duluth to Buffalo. Prices have held at 48c per bushel for best samples, to farmers in Manitoba country markets at most 18 cent freight rate points, and this price has been paid for a good deal of wheat which would not grade No. 1 hard. On Thursday prices in the country dropped 1c and again 1c on Friday, to 46c at 18c rate points. Sales to eastern Canada millers and buyers have been made at about 60c. afloat Fort William for No. 1 hard, and, ranged from 59 to 60c, during the week, closing at 59 to 60c. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern, 2 to 2c under No. 1 hard; No. 3 hard 6 to 7c under No. 1 hard; No. 1 rejected about 7c under No. 1 hard. This latter grade sold last year at 3 to 4c and in some cases only 2c under No. 1 hard. This difference now is due to the prevention of mixing scoured wheat, and it is causing a heavy loss to the farmers, as 10 to 15 per cent of the crop is grading reject. A small cargo for export was exported loading at Fort William to-day, but this was on a sale made some time ago for future delivery. No definite announcement has come from Ottawa yet regarding the standards or the question of mixing. Wheat is easier to-day with bids at 59c afloat Fort William for No. 1 hard.

FLOUR.—Flour is firm at steady prices. Some export of Manitoba grades is reported from Montreal. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.85 to \$1.90 for patents, and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for strong bakers per sack of 95 lbs. delivered to city retail dealers. Second bakers \$1.40 to \$1.50, XXXX about \$1.15 to \$1.20 per sack according to brand.

MILLSTUFFS.—The quotation is \$1 for bran and \$13 for shorts per ton, with small quantities held \$1 per ton more.

OATS.—About 18c per bushel of 31 lbs. is the general price paid for farmers loads, and up to 20c for milling quality. Deliveries here have been lighter, but enough are coming in to supply the local demand, and few if any car lots are wanted for the local trade. No shipping doing. Cars are offered at about 20c on track here. A quantity of oats will soon be wanted for the winter supply for the lumber camps between Winnipeg and the Ottawa river, and these will be supplied from Manitoba, but prices are too low to permit profitable shipment of oats to Ontario points, except in the northern and northwestern lumber territory.

BARLEY.—A few loads offered by farmers are taken at about 21 to 22c, and 23 to 24c. is paid for malting samples, per bushel of 48 lbs. No shipping doing.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market.—Farmers' loads are being taken at the mills here at 46 to 48c for good milling samples. Low grade has sold as low as 35c for chicken feed.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are \$15 to \$17 per ton as to quality.

OATMEAL.—We quote rolled oats at \$1.75 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers. Standard and granulated oatmeal \$2 per sack of 98 lbs. A car of Ontario rolled oats was brought in and sold at \$1.95 off the car here, and at \$2.10 in small lots from store. Rolled wheat, \$1.90 per 80 pound sack; pot barley \$2, and pearl barley \$1 per 93 pound sack.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$20 per ton in sacks.

FLAX SEED.—Buyers are paying 70c per bushel to farmers in Manitoba country markets.

BUTTER.—The local market is very much firmer for butter, and has advanced sharply, in sympathy with eastern and western markets. Creamery particularly is strong, as supplies are well cleaned up, and what is left is in very few hands. Prices for creamery have advanced 1 to 2c in eastern Canada markets and there appears to be considerable buying for export there. Here prices have advanced about 2c per lb for creamery, and we hear of 18c being paid at the factories in Manitoba. Dairy is also much stronger here and higher prices have been paid, particularly for choice late made goods. For held summer dairy, from 9 to 10c would be paid for round lots, as to quality, and 11 to 12c for later makes, in round lots, while for really choice, sweet, fresh dairy, 13 to 14c would be paid. Small lots of selected dairy are selling at 15 to 16c. There will be no more shipments east this season of creamery at any rate.

CHEESE.—Cheese is not sharing in the strength of butter to the full extent, though eastern markets have moved up a little, but this has been principally for finest September make. In Manitoba cheese some further shipments have been made east, but the season's business is almost closed. We hear of 6c being offered in the country for Manitoba cheese in round lots, but this is beyond the views of some shippers. In fact losses have been made on some lots of Manitoba cheese sent east, as the goods were held too long here, and could be sold only at a sacrifice in Montreal. Shippers are therefore operating very carefully. For straight September goods, of choice quality, a shade over 6c per lb. might be worked. At Ingersoll, Ont., on Tuesday, 7c was bid for September. At Peterboro, there were sales at 8 to 8c for September goods.

EGGS.—Prices are firm. Buyers advanced prices 2c per dozen to 18c on Monday, and further advances may be made next week. Case lots selling at 15 to 16c. Shipments are going west.

LARD.—Pure lard is firmer, and stocks are limited. Prices are:—Pure, \$1.85 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

CURED MEATS.—Stocks of meats are rather light. Prices in some lines are a little lower, particularly for long clear and shoulders. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12c; breakfast bacon, bolies, 12c; do backs: 0c; picnic hams, 9c; short spiced rolls, 7c; long rolls, 7c; shoulders, 7c; smoked long clear, 9c; smoked jowls, 5c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 8c per lb; shoulders, 6c; backs, 9c; barrel pork, heavy mess, \$15.00; clear mess \$15.00; short cut, \$17.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; Ger-