

Estimating railway shipments of 1,000,000 bushels for this week to Canadian ports, and about 500,000 bushels carried to Duluth for the season, we have a total of over 5,000,000 of the crop moved out to date, though about 800,000 bushels of this is old wheat. There are also large interior stocks. Stocks in store at Fort William (Canadian lake ports) on October 13 were 1,391,687 bushels and a year ago were 824,379 bushels, being an increase of 55,705 for the week a year ago.

Prices have had rather an easier tendency in the country, and have ranged from 34 to 40c for No. 1 hard, to farmers, at Manitoba points. Shippers have been bidding between 54 and 55c for spot or early Fort William delivery, including freight and elevating charges. Sales were made at this range during the week, for No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard, 1½ to 2c below No. 1. No. 1 northern equal to No. 2 hard. No. No. 12 northern. A single car of No. 1 white type sold at 53½c Fort William, yesterday. Late rates are rather firmer. It was paid from Duluth to Buffalo and 4 to 4½c to Kingston.

**FLOUR.**—No change to report in flour. The output is large, the mills being run steadily. We quote the price to the local trade, delivered in the city as follows: patent, \$1.50; strong bakers, \$1.40. Low grades 70c to \$1 as to quality. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—Prices unchanged, but inclined to be easier. Prices cast have declined some. Millers hold at \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, with small lots held at \$1 per ton higher.

**OATMEAL.**—The easier feeling noted has developed into a decline, some cars of Ontario meal have been brought in, and one local house is selling Ontario meal at \$2.10 per sack, which is about the bottom price. Ontario meal has been offered at \$1.85 delivered in Winnipeg on track, freight paid, in car lots, which is apparently getting the price down fine. We quote Rolled oatmeal at \$2.10 to \$2.15 for 80 pound sacks; and granulated at \$2.10 to \$2.15 per 98 lb. sack in small lots to dealers. Prices are reported 5 to 10c lower in the east this week, per barrel.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices unchanged. The range is from \$18 to \$20 per ton as to quality for pure oat and barley feed.

**OATS.**—Oats have been quite firm. Farmers appear to be holding their oats, either for home feeding or for higher prices. At any rate, very few are being marketed. There were standing bids for cars of feed oats for city consumption at 23 and 23½ and even at 24c, on track here, without takers. A car was reported sold at 24½c, for feed grade, per bushel of 90 pounds, while a couple of cars of milling oats were reported at 27c. On the street market farmers were paid 23 to 26c for loads. A few cars have gone east from country points, lake and rail. Price to farmers in Manitoba country markets, 15 to 18c per bushel.

**BARLEY.**—There has been quite a little feed barley marketed here at 22c per bushel of 48 pounds, which makes it a cheaper feed grain than oats. We quote malting grades at 35 to 37c.

**FEED WHEAT.**—Wheat for feed or local milling is worth 40 to 45c, price to farmers for loads.

**FLAX SEED.**—We learn of sales of car lots on track in the country at \$1 per bushel of 56 pounds, for export to the States. The usual price to farmers, however, at country points is \$1, and at some points \$1 to \$1.10. At Chicago flax has held at about \$1.49 to 1.50 and about \$1.45 at Duluth.

**OIL CAKE.**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

**BUTTER.**—There appears to be a good deal of butter held in the country by storekeepers. There is a fair market for choice, fresh flavored butter, but medium and lower grades, and stale goods are slow sale everywhere, and are hard to dispose of except at low prices. We quote selections at 15 to 16c medium qualities, 10 to 11c. Culls, 8c.

**CHEESE.**—Quiet. We quote 9 to 9½c for round lots as to quality, with some asking 10c. At the cheese sale at Peterboro, Ontario, on Tuesday, 775 boxes sold at 10½ and 770 at 10½c.

**EGGS.**—Firm. 11c is the quotation for good fresh eggs, for country receipts, and dealers are selling at 15c to 16c in case lots.

**CURED MEATS.**—Quotations are. Hams, 13c for heavy, and 14c for assorted sizes; breakfast bacon, backs, 14c; bellies, 14½c; dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10c; small smoked sides, 10½c; dry salt shoulder, 8½c; dry salt backs, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10c; mess pork, \$16, selected mess, \$18 to 18.50 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 7½c per pound; German sausage, 7½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half pound packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pair; pickled hocks, 3c lb; smoked jowls, 6c.

**LARD.**—There was a temporary scarcity of pure lard in pails, and it is said some sold as high as \$2.35. We quote: Pure, \$2.25 for 20-lb pails, and \$5.50 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3 and 5 pound tins, 8c per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7.50 per case of 60 pounds.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Beef is selling at 4½ to 5c per lb. for good quality. Hogs, at 5½c for country dressed, with city dealers selling at 6c. Mutton 7c; lamb, 7c. Veal, dull at about 6c.

**POULTRY.**—Prices are: 12½c for turkeys dressed, or 9 to 10c per pound live weight. Ducks, dressed, 10c lb. Chickens, 30 to 35c per pair as to quality, or 9 to 10c per pound dressed, old fowl, 8 to 9c lb dressed, or about 40c per pair. Wild ducks, 20 to 25c per pair as to quality and size. Wild geese, \$1 per pair.

**VEGETABLES.**—Some car lots of potatoes are being shipped to the States from country points, but at this market prices are too high for shipment. Loads on the street market here have sold at 30 to 40c, and mostly at 35c per bushel for good, while 25c is about as much as could be paid for shipment. Prices are: Onions 2 to 2½c, per lb; cabbage, 30 to 75c per dozen; cauliflower, 30 to 60c, per dozen; celery, 20 to 25c, per dozen; tomatoes, 4 to 5c per lb; green tomatoes 40c per bushel; citrons 4 to 6c per dozen; vegetable marrow, 50c per dozen. Carrots, 40c per bushel, beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20c per bushel.

**WOOL.**—Quiet at 8 to 8½c. for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

**HIDES.**—Rather higher prices have been paid in the country, where 2c has been paid for mixed lots of cured. Many country butchers are still very careless with their hides. A lot came to one dealer here while the reporter happened to be present when they were being unloaded, which smelt so rank that they were decidedly objectionable to handle, and magots were crawling from the bundles. There is a great loss from careless take-off and careless handling afterwards. We quote, Winnipeg inspection 2½c for No. 1 cows, 1½c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3, and 3c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 2c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote; Calf, 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per lb. Kips about the same as hides. Sheepskins, 30c, lamb skins, 30c. Tallow, 4½c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**HAY.**—Since the roads became good again, the offerings of loose hay on the street market are very large, and prices have declined about 50 per cent. from the top paid while the roads were bad. About \$4 per ton is now the price for loose. Baled about \$1.50 to \$2.

**SENeca ROOT.**—Flat. The large buyers are now nearly all out of the market, having all they want for the present. A local dealer sold at 23c, and is now out of the market. As matters now stand 22c seems to be about present prices for lots from the country.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—Shipments continue fairly large. Six or eight train loads of cattle went east from Winnipeg last week about half of which were Manitoba cattle and the rest western range cattle. Too many thin animals are being offered. With the low price of grain here, it seems a great shame that thin animals should be shipped out, and it certainly means a loss to the farmers to sell thin cattle. We quote 2 to 2½c here for fair to good butchers stock, and 2½c has been paid for choice animals that would dress out well.

**HOGS.**—Offerings have been a little larger. Prices are easier both here and east. There is complaint of poorly fed hogs being marketed. One lot was refused, they were so thin. If some of the wheat, which is being sold in the country at 35 to 40c per bushel had been put into these hogs, it would have about doubled its value. As it was, the hogs sold at about 8c per pound live weight below the market price, besides the loss in weight from marketing so thin. About 4½c is the best price offered cars here or for immediate delivery for good packing hogs weighing 150 to 250 pounds. Heavy fats and feeders, 4c.

**SHEEP.**—Dull. Local butchers have a good many western sheep on hand yet, being balance of lots brought here earlier in the season. No sales reported this week, and we quote nominal at about 3c for butchers' sheep and lambs.

#### LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Up to the end of September about 11,000 head of cattle were shipped eastward from Winnipeg; also 4,000 sheep and 6,000 hogs. This is a large increase in cattle and hogs over last year. No sheep were shipped last year.

At Toronto on Tuesday there was an active demand for good to choice cattle, but offerings were light. Bulls and inferiors sold as low as 2½c. Medium to good loads sold at 2½ to 3c; choice loads at 3½ to \$3.40, and picked loads at 3½ to 3¾c. The demand for stockers and feeders was active from distillery agents, dealers and farmers. Choice, large frame stockers brought from \$3 to 3.12½. Feeders sold at 2½ to 2¾c. For hogs prices were easier. Long lean hogs of from 160 to 220 lbs. sold, weighed off car, at from \$4.80 to 4.90; thick tats at \$4.60 to 4.70; stores at \$4.25; rough heavies at \$4, and stags at \$2.50. The demand for export sheep continued active. Fats, weighed off cars, sold at 9½c to \$3.60, and rams at 9c.

**Lethbridge News:** Two more trainloads of cattle from the Cochrane ranch were shipped from here on October 8, for Gordon & Ironsides. The shipment numbered about 500 head.

A car in an east bound stock train took fire near Keewatin on Tuesday, igniting, it is thought, from a spark from the engine, and several animals were burned to death before they could be taken out of the car.

Taylor Bros., Minnedosa, are buying for their next shipment on Nov. 1.

James Eakins, of Port Hope, one of the heaviest cattle shippers in Canada, is reported to be financially embarrassed. A sudden drop in the English market caused heavy losses.