

**WHEAT.**—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.

**GROUND FEED.** Prices range from \$11 to \$18 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

**OATMEAL.**—Rolled oatmeal is selling at about \$1.25 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers.

**FLAX SEED.**—Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets are about 60c per bushel.

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

**BUTTER.**—The local market is not at all in bad shape, so far as the supply is concerned. In fact there is hardly sufficient butter offering to supply the local demand—that is, of the right quality. Of course the demand is not very heavy, but it is fully equal to the occasion. This is in favorable contrast with a year ago, when everyone was loaded with butter and country merchants were even sending their butter here to the auction rooms, to be auctioned off to consumers. This year there are no large stocks held of any quality, and receipts of choice are all wanted. Prices are firm, and really choice fresh butter would bring  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c higher. We quote fair to choice dairy tubs at 12 to 15c per lb. and lower grades at 8 to 10c. Good rolls 9 to 11c, fancy, fresh made rolls or bricks, nicely handled, 12 to 15. While the ordinary mixed quality of rolls are not in good demand, really nice, fresh goods are wanted.

**CHEESE.**—Cheese is jobbing here in small lots at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10c for large and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 11c for small sizes. The low price of cheese in England is attracting attention. Cable reports on Monday noted another decline of 6d at Liverpool to 42s 6d, which is the lowest price at this season for seven years. The position of the Liverpool market at this date in previous years may be interesting in view of its present low position. It was as follows as reported by cable:

	Highest.	Lowest.
1896 ....	43s 6d	42s 6d
1895 ....	51s 0d	48s 0d
1894 ....	57s 0d	56s 6d
1893 ....	55s 6d	54s 6d
1892 ....	57s 0d	56s 0d
1891 ....	57s 6d	53s 0d
1890 ....	54s 0d	53s 0d

**EGGS.**—The usual slump in eggs at this season of the year has set in. Local dealers will not buy round lots, as prices are uncertain, and are handling on commission. Retail dealers are buying only in such quantities as will serve them from day to day, for the same reason. While there has been no heavy accumulation of receipts still the market is very nervous, in view of the fact that a spell of mild weather, which is liable to come any time, would be sure to greatly increase the supply. Prices opened on Monday at 18c, selling to retail dealers in a small way and declined to 17c and later to 16c, and in a few instances sales were made to retail dealers at 15c per dozen. Only the cold weather prevents a further decline. Receipts have been mostly from the Mennonite settlements in southern Manitoba. On Wednesday 200 cases came in. Country merchants should exercise care in taking eggs at this season to avoid loss, as a further heavy slump in prices is liable to occur any day. It is necessary to buy under the market and make due allowance for the declining tendency. City dealers sell their receipts in the order that they arrive, and even after a lot arrives here, a further drop may take place before they can be sold.

**LARD.**—Prices are: Pure, \$1.80 for 20 pound pails, and \$4.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard

in 8, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c pound.

**CURED MEATS.**—Hog products are firm. Smoked meats are quoted Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do., backs, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c long rolls, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; shoulders, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c smoked long clear, 9c; smoked jowls, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb; shoulders, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; backs, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$13.00; clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**POULTRY.**—Poultry of all kinds is very scarce. Eastern stock has been selling here at the following prices: Turkeys 19c; ducks 12c; geese 12c; chickens 13c. Really fine native poultry would bring these prices, less commission.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—The frozen meat trade is about over for the year and fortunately the market is well cleaned up. There is very little frozen stuff held. Mutton is firm and higher. The little frozen beef offering is easier, but fresh killed is firm. Hogs are easier, and the tendency is not to go over 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. We quote \$5 to \$5.80 per 100 lbs. for hogs; country beef at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c as to quality. Fresh, unfrozen, city dressed beef, 5 to 6c, as to quality. Mutton, city dressed, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8c, with a further advance possible.

**GAME.**—Rabbits, 6c each; jack rabbits, 50c each.

**VEGETABLES.**—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes, 20c per bushel, cabbage 40 to 75c per dozen, as to size; celery 25 to 40c per dozen bunches; onions 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips 10 to 15c per bushel; parsnips, 40 to 50c bushel; carrots 30 to 40c; beets 25c bushel.

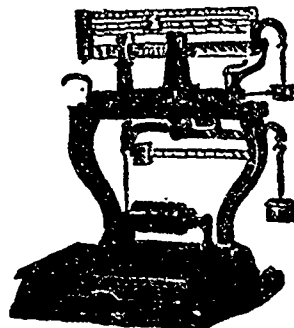
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**HIDES.**—The feeling is easier, but the usual keen competition here in this line keeps Winnipeg prices above a parity with other markets. Prices much higher than corresponding values in other markets have been paid here for some time. The tendency this week has been to buy a little lower, and about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c has been the prevailing price for green frozen hides. Some buyers, however, say they cannot see their way clear to pay more than 4c and make any profit. On the other hand in some cases 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c has been paid. The tendency is to get more tares in buying frozen hides on a flat rate, as at this season of the year the hair is very heavy and there is often much manure adhering to hides. We quote prices here as follows: Green frozen hides 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 4 to 8 lb; tare off. Green city hides, No. 1 buff, 5c; No. 2 4c. Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6c per lb; deacons, 15 to 20c each; kips, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5c; sheep and lambskins recent kill, 5 to 65c. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**HAY.**—Baled prairie is quoted at about \$5.00 \$5.50 on cars here. Loose hay on the street market, \$3.50 to \$1.50 per ton.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**CATTLE.**—We hear some reports of exporters buying in the country, to ship, but no cattle have gone forward yet this season. Prices are so low on the other side that exporters do not seem anxious to operate. Not much local demand. One load of good butchers, containing a few cows sold at 3c here, and we quote 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for good to choice butchers. Cows, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**SHEEP.**—Hardly anything doing in sheep yet, and very few wanted. A part car was sold here at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, live weight, but these were said to be a very fine lot.

Hogs are steady at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  off cars here for average mixed packing stock.

Milkers and Springers—Are in some demand. We saw a good new milker sell at