

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Business was quite in most branches, harvest time conditions prevailing. The frost scare was keenly felt in commercial circles generally, but when full reports were received, it was generally conceded, that though considerable damage may have been done in some parts, yet on the whole the season will be a good one. The crop is so very heavy this year, that a liberal reduction can be made for frost damage, and a large crop will still remain. It was learned that two or three orders for fall stocks in textile branches, have been cancelled, on account of the scare. From a canvass among the implement men, it was learned that orders for binders were not being cancelled, and the demand for binder twine continued very heavy, the quantity of twine required being largely in excess of all previous estimates, owing to the very heavy crop. Dealers have been hurrying car lots of twine forward, and expect to be able to supply the demand without delay. The fact that the implement houses have experienced no check to business is hopeful for the outlook as to the frost scare, though it may have been a little early to observe the effect upon this branch. Other branches of trade are quiet and without important features.

FRUITS.

Few if any oranges are obtainable, the season being over. Apples were scarcer last week. First arrivals of Ontario apples were received, in baskets. Ontario crabs, pears, plums and tomatoes were also received in baskets, though but few plums have yet come to hand and have sold high. A car of Ontario barrel apples are on the way, and will sell slightly lower than imported stock. California plums and peaches have had a large sale, and prices are again lower. Grapes are also lower, for both southern and California. Blueberries were scarce, and received in poor shape. Oregon pears and plums will be here the first of the week. Lemons firm. Quotations are—California fruits—Peaches, 20 lb boxes, \$1.40 to \$1.60; plums, 20 lb boxes, \$1.40 to \$1.60; pears, 40 lb boxes, \$2.50 to \$3; nectarines, \$1.25 per box; grapes, 20 lb boxes, \$2.50 to \$3.50, as to quality and variety. Ontario fruits quoted:—Pears, \$1; apples, 60c; crabs, \$1.25; tomatoes, 85c, all per 20 lb basket. Miscellaneous fruits:—Lemons, \$6 to \$6.50 box, bananas, \$3 to \$3.50 bunch; imported apples, \$4 to \$4.50 barrel; black grapes, 65 to 85c per 8 lb basket; water-melons, \$30 to \$35 per hundred; Minnesota tomatoes, \$2.50 to \$3 per bushel basket; blueberries, 6 to 7c lb. Oregon pears, 40 lb boxes, \$2.50 to \$3. Oregon plums, 20 lb boxes, \$1.35 to \$1.45.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat has had a quieter week generally, and prices have tended downward, Chicago closing on Friday about 4c lower than a week ago, and Duluth 3½c lower. One of the leading features of the week was the frost scare. Frost was experienced in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Over the greater portion of this region, however, wheat has all been harvested, and no fear was felt for corn. The general opinion is that but little injury was

done to corn, though reports are conflicting. In North Dakota and Northern Minnesota, where considerable wheat was uncut, no doubt more or less damage has been sustained, but the result has not been to permanently strengthen prices. Cables on Monday were lower, and with increasing receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth, prices were lower. Duluth had 225 cars and Minneapolis 331 cars, against a total for the two points of 134 cars a year ago. The visible supply decreased 1,305,000 bu., and a year ago decreased 163,000 bu. The aggregate visible supply was 17,949,000 bu. against 18,239,000 bu. corresponding week last year. On Tuesday Liverpool Cabled ½ to 1d higher. Paris 2½ to 3c per bushel lower. English weather wet and stormy. Minneapolis and Duluth received 279 cars. Export clearances, 509,000 bushels, wheat and flour. Liverpool cabled ½ to ¾d lower on Wednesday. Exports reported 695,000 bushels wheat and flour. Minneapolis and Duluth received 393 cars, against 175 same day a year ago. Cables were firm and further frosts in the north started prices upwards on Thursday. Receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were again large, aggregating 394 cars.

Heavy receipts of wheat and improved weather caused a drop in United States markets on Friday. Liverpool cabled ½ to 1d lower, and fair weather. Total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since August 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up, Minneapolis, 1,459,540 bushels; Duluth, 607,375 bushels; Chicago, 7,025,123 bushels; Milwaukee, 458,080 bushels, making a total of 9,550,118 bushels against 4,388,973 bushels during the same time last year and 1,125,799 bushels in 1889. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 20,760,149 bushels against 10,235,043 bushels in 1890 and 8,280,854 bushels in 1889.

FLOUR.

Prices have held at the advance noted a week ago. Local jobbing quotations in small lots are as follows, per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers', \$2.50; Second bakers, \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.60; superfine \$1.30.

MILLSTUFFS.

Shorts is very scarce. Prices same as a week ago. Quoted bran \$13, shorts \$15 per ton.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Unchanged. Quotations are as follows: Oil cake, in bags \$21.00 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26, in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.85; granulated, \$2.95 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.95 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.00; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

FEED.

Good feed quoted at \$22 per ton.

OATS.

Very little doing in oats, and that only for local consumptive demand. No new oats have been brought in yet for sale, but a large sample of new oats was shown, a small quantity of which had been threshed by a farmer for his own immediate use. The sample was very fine and plump. City dealers have been selling small jobbing lots from store at from 35 to 35c. Nothing to speak of offering on the street market, and nothing doing in car lots, the latter nominal at 33 to 35c per bushel of 34 lbs.

BARLEY.

The first load of new barley was brought in during the week, by a farmer north of the city. It was a fine sample, and was bought for local malting at 40c per bushel of 48 pounds. The

grower claimed a yield of about 65 bushels per acre.

BUTTER.

Very dull, and locally nothing doing. There is considerable speculation as to the make this year, a number being of the opinion that there has not been a large quantity of butter made in the country this year, notwithstanding the favorable season for darning. Prices are nominal at 10 to 14c per pound, for medium to good dairy. Dealers bid about 12c for round lots of good.

CHEESE.

Complaints have been heard on several hands that the make of cheese has not been up in quality. Later make, however, will no doubt be up to requirements. Dealers are jobbing at 9½ to 10c, as to quality. Wholesale dealers' buying views are about 8½c per pound laid down here, though some factories hold higher, 8½c being asked at factories.

EGGS.

Dealers are selling in lots of one or a few cases at 15c. per dozen.

WOOL.

Unwashed fleece quoted at 10½ to 11½c the latter being an outside figure. Fine wools 11½ to 13c. This means pure down or good Merino crosses, and not Leicester or Cots, with a streak of down. The first quotations given will cover the latter class.

HIDES.

No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheepskins, 25 to 35c. Lambskins, 30 to 40c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

CURED MEATS.

Prices are all very strong. Breakfast bacon is generally held firm at 13c for anything good quality, and hams the same at 14c. Prices are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c to 10c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 11¾c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½c to 14; mess pork, \$17 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 9c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at firm prices. We quote: \$2.40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per pail.

POULTRY.

Spring chickens are offering, and bring about 30 to 35c per pair for nice chickens. About 60c per pair is the average price for full grown fowl. Turkeys slow at 10 to 12c live weight.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed hogs are firm, as farmers are not offering any at present. Beef is unchanged, at 5 to 5½c, and choice up to 6c. City dressed mutton is held at 11c, lamb, 12 to 12½c; veal, 7 to 8c, and pork at 7½ to 8c, most at 8c.

VEGETABLES.

Some varieties are getting scarce and held higher. Cauliflower are not as abundant as usual and firmer. Green peas are higher. Green corn lower. The first native ripe tomatoes have been offered. The following are the prices at which the growers are selling on the market, to city dealers. Dealers' prices for shipping would be higher: Potatoes, 25 to 30c per bushel for loads on the market. Cabbage, 30c to 60c per doz., tomatoes, 5c per lb; green tomatoes, \$1 per bu; turnips, 30 to 40c bu; onions 2½ to 3c lb. Green stuff in bunches is plentiful, at 20 per dozen bunches for onions, 10c to 15c for radishes, 10c for lettuce, 20 to 25c for rhubarb or pie plant. Carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, 40 to 60c per dozen. Cauliflower 25 to 50c, as to quality, per dozen. Peas, in pod, 75c per bu., celery, 25c per dozen, beans, 75c per bushel. Vegetable marrow, \$1 to \$1.25 per dozen. Corn, 10 to 20c per doz. as to quality. Horseradish is in demand at 8c per pound for good clean root. Dealers