

from 4½ to 3½c; C.I.X., from 4½ to 4½c; C.3., from 5 to 4½c; C.4., from 5½ to 4½c; C.6., from 6 to 5½c; C.9., from 6½ to 6c; 333, from 7½ to 6½c; XXX, from 7½ to 6½c; and similar reductions have been made almost throughout the list. Autumn orders for blankets, flannels, druggists and like lines are being held pending the final adjustment in the tariff. In addition to the changes in greys and bleached goods there have been some changes in colored goods. Tickings, denims, cottonades and colored goods are not altered, but some lines of lower grade flannelottes have been reduced. It is reported also that linings have been reduced about 5 per cent. on the average.

**RAW FURS**—A bill was introduced in Parliament at Ottawa last week, establishing a close season for fur bearing animals, including musk-ox, elk, moose, caribou, deer, mountain sheep, goats, mink, fisher, marten, otter, beaver and muskrat. Geese, ducks, swan and grouse are also included. The act will apply to the great unorganized territory to the north. In the organized districts the game laws are under provincial control. The act also prohibits the killing of buffalo for five years. This is to protect the small herd of buffalo known to exist north of the Saskatchewan. The next fur sale begins at London on June 4 and continues until June 8 inclusive. Quotations below will about cover the range of price in Winnipeg. The value of a skin varies as to size, color and condition of fur. The top price is for large skins, of prime quality. Occasionally an extra large, fine skin is received which will bring even more than the top quotation:—

Badger, per skin	\$	05	\$	60
Rear, black		50		20 00
Bear, brown		50		20 00
Bear, grizzly		1 00		16 00
Beaver		2 00		7 00
Beaver castors, per pound		2 50		5 00
Ermines, per skin		01		02
Fisher		50		7 00
Fox, cross		75		6 00
Fox, kit		10		00
Fox, red		25		1 50
Fox, silver		5 00		70 00
Lynx		25		3 00
Marten		75		2 50
Mink		25		1 50
Musquash		02		10
Otter		1 50		9 00
Raccoon		50		85
Skunk		05		50
Timber wolf		25		3 00
Prairie wolf, large		25		75
" small		25		55
Wolverine		50		3 50

**GREEN FRUITS**—A sharp advance is expected in California oranges, prices having advanced on the coast and new importations will cost higher. In the meantime prices are the same as last week, but may be from 25 to 75c higher. Florida oranges are out of the market for the season. Some apples are still to be had. Pineapples are the only new thing in. New cabbage, tomatoes and rhubarb will be here in a few days. Prices are: California oranges, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Lemons, new Messina, \$5.00 to \$5.50. Bananas, \$3.00 to \$4.00 per bunch. Pineapples, \$4 to \$4.50 per dozen. California comb honey, \$3.50 per case of 48 sections. New maple sugar, 13c per pound in 1-lb. cakes.

**FISH**—Lake Winnipeg white are quoted at about 5c and pickerel, 3 to 4c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; British Columbia salmon 15c, halibut 14c; smoked herrings, 8c lb; smoked white, 8c; finnan haddies, 8c; red herrings, 20c box. Oysters, \$1.90 for standards and \$2.25 for selects, per gallon.

**COAL**—There is no change in coal, which is quoted at \$10.50 for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9 for western anthracite and \$8 per ton for Lethbridge bituminous. These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city. Souris coal sells at \$4.25 retail and \$3.75 on track for the Estevan mines. Roche Perce

mine Souris coal is quoted 25c higher per ton than from the Estevan mines, or \$4.50 to consumers and \$4 on track.

**WOOD FUEL**—Tamarac is held at \$4 to \$4.50 per cord on track here in car lots as to quality. Oak can be bought at about \$3.75 to \$4.00, mixed pine, spruce etc., can be had at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Poplar has sold at from \$2.50 to \$3 on track as to quality, green cut poplar brings the top price.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—The week has been an uneventful one in wheat and prices have not varied much. The visible supply in the United States and Canada east of the mountains, decreased 1,792,000 bushels, making the total 68,425,000 bushels as compared with 74,869,000 bushels a year ago, and 39,149,000 bushels two years ago. Stocks in England increased 506,000 bushels. Rain was reported on Tuesday in Nebraska, Kansas and other central states, but crop reports continued unfavorable from California. Wednesday and Thursday were quiet and uneventful. Crop reports were good and rain was reported in California. On Friday the markets were dull and prices slightly lower. There have been 2,727,000 bushels of wheat (flour included) exported from the United States this week, against 3,019,000 bushels last week, 2,507,000 bushels in the corresponding week a year ago, 3,259,000 bushels two years ago, and 2,300,000 bushels three years ago. Special advices to Bradstreet's from San Francisco are that while rains have fallen in North California with benefit to grain and fruit, wheat on the west side of the San Joaquin valley is too far gone to be benefited. The wheat regions of the state need fully an inch more rain badly.

Local markets have continued inactive, and no business doing of importance. No. 1 hard wheat is quoted nominally at about 63½ to 64c afloat, Fort William. A few car lot purchases were reported at Manitoba country points at comparatively high prices, but country markets are practically closed. Navigation is not open yet at Fort William, Thunder bay being still closed with ice, but Lake Superior is open, and vessels began to arrive at Duluth a week ago. The St. Lawrence is now open, so that exports can go out via Montreal. A reduction of 5 cents to 30 cents per 100 pounds was reported on Monday in the rail rate on wheat from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Boston, which would affect the Winnipeg rate if any wheat were moving, but of course no wheat would be shipped all rail at this season, with navigation on the lakes opening. Stocks of wheat at Fort William on April 21 were 2,370,341 bushels, and a year ago were 3,260,207 bushels. Receipts for the week ended April 21 were 32,298 bushels, and no shipments.

The weather has been more favorable this week for seeding, though there was some rain. The temperature has been warm and vegetation is starting up fast, the only drawback being the excessive moisture, there having been more water on the prairie than in any year since the spring of 1882. Though later than usual, seeding will be fully a week or more earlier than last year over a greater part of Manitoba, last spring having been about the latest on record of recent years. In the west good progress has been made, and west of Brandon the bulk of the wheat crop has been sown. Between Brandon and the Red river valley the bulk of wheat seeding remains to be done yet, and only on the higher lands in the eastern districts has any seeding been done yet. Some of the heavy flat lands of the eastern portions of Manitoba are too damp yet for seeding.

**FLOUR**—Flour is firmer locally and prices are closer together, the bottom range having been advanced, and now millers are holding at the top range quoted last week. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city are as follows: Patents \$1.65;

strong bakers, \$1.55; XXXX which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 75 to \$1.00 as to quality. Lower grades, 60 to 75c. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

**MILLSTUFFS**—Continue very scarce, and hardly equal to the demand. We quote bran \$12 to \$13, and shorts at \$14 to \$15 per ton, as to quantity.

**OATMEAL, ETC.**—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.25 in small lots for 80 lb. sacks; standard, in 98 pound sacks, \$2.40 and granulated, \$2.40.

**GROUND FEED**—Prices range from \$18 to \$19 per ton as to quality for oat and barley feed.

**OATS**—There is a firmer tendency in this grain and an advance is reported, but it appears to be rather a nominal advance on the part of holders who are asking higher, as no business is doing, and there has not been sufficient sales to establish an advance firmly. We quote car lots on track on track Winnipeg, at 30 to 32c, or about 26c in the country.

**BARLEY**—This grain appears to be about completely cleaned up, and there is none offering. It would bring 40 to 45c per bushel in this market.

**FEED WHEAT**—A good sample of feed wheat will bring 40c per bushel of 65 pounds.

**FLAX SEED AND MEAL**—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. For seed purposes up to \$1 has been paid. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

**BUTTER**—The butter market was very firm this week, owing to light receipts, due to bad state of country roads and seeding. Prices advanced sharply. 24c was obtained for one small lot of rolls, and 25 could probably have been had for fancy prints, but these prices are perhaps extreme and would not hold long with any increase in receipts. We quote 17 to 20c for old dairy tubs and 20 to 23c for fair to good new butter.

**CHEESE**—Held at 12½ to 13c, selling price in a small way.

**EGGS**—The price has held at 13c the most of the week, at which figure dealers were selling, but sales were made yesterday at 12½c and even at 12c. Packers will begin buying at 10c on Monday, and if the supply is at all liberal prices will likely drop to 10c net to shippers to this market, or equal to 11 to 12c selling price here in small lots.

**CURED MEATS**—Prices are: hams, 11 to 12c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12½c; dry salt long clear bacon, 8c; smoked long clear 9c; spiced rolls, 8½c; boneless hams, 12c; mess pork, \$16.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 8½c per lb; German, 3½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pail; pickled hocks, 3c lb.

**LARD**—Pure lard held at 55c in 5 lb. pails; \$1.05 in 5-lb pails; \$2.00 in 20-pound pails, and \$5.00 in 50 lb. pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20 lb pail; compound in 3, and 5 pound tins, \$6.65 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7.25 per case of 60 pounds.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef is unchanged at 6 to 7c. Some fairly good beef has sold at 6c. Mutton is held at 8 to 12c, cold storage being offered at 7 to 8c, and fresh dressed at 11 to 12c. Hogs, 5½c for country dressed, with city dealers selling at 6c. Veal has been scarce, owing to the very bad roads, which has kept back supplies from the country, and quoted at 8 to 9c, and some has sold at 10c.

**POULTRY**—Following prices are quoted:—14c for turkeys, 11c for geese and 12½c for ducks, and 10c for chickens.

**HIDES**—Very few hides have been shipped in. One lot arrived all hair-slipped. Country handlers will not seem to learn to use any care with hides in handling. Prices are steadier and all dealers are now quoting the same. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides as follows: