

Red fox was firm at the advance and Beaver made a slight gain on January prices.

GROCERIES.

This branch has experienced a quiet week, probably owing to the commencement of spring operations by the farmers. Prices are generally unchanged, though the recent alterations in the Customs duties will ultimately advance prices for some goods. Sugars will advance 4c. Raisins, currants and dried fruits will also be slightly higher. On Baking powder the new duty will be 6c per pound, and the same on yeast cakes in packages over one pound, or 8c on packages of less than one pound. Other changes mostly all of an unimportant nature have been made. Quotations are as follows: Sugar raw, 6½c, yellow 6½ to 7c; granulated 8½c; lump 9½ to 9½c. Coffee, Rio, 13 to 15c; Government Java 23 to 33c, other Javas 22 to 27c; Mocha 31 to 34c. Tea range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Suey young hyson 20 to 30c; Moyune young hyson 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-86, 20 to 55c.

HIDES.

Prices rule steady and unchanged as follows: Steers. Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 6c. No. 2, 5c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

The hardware trade is now opening out very satisfactorily and dealers are quite satisfied with the business doing for the season. Collections are also said to be improving. A number of changes in prices will be made soon on account of the increase and alterations in duties, but these have not yet been fixed. Wire fencing will probably be advanced from 7 to 1c the change in the duties making an advance of about that amount. Shot and lead pipe are now subject to a duty of 2½c per pound. Bolts, nuts, washers and rivets will be subject to a specific duty of 1c per pound and 15 per cent ad valorem. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75c. I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 25 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

The improvement continues, the call coming principally from the country. Prices are as follows: Spanish sole, 30 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf \$1.30; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 65c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock; American oak sole, 55 to 60.

LUMBER.

Some dealers have received a fair number of orders from the country, which have been distributed generally over the province, no particular locality showing special activity. From the city there has been an improved demand,

indications now point to a more active season in building operations than for the past three years, and with the improvement in prices and the firm tone now maintained, dealers are calculating upon a fairly satisfactory season.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business has commenced to move in this branch, induced by the summer weather which has prevailed during the past week. Turpentine has declined 5c. Linseed oils are easier. Window glass is very firm and likely to advance soon, owing to the destruction of glass works in Belgium by the strikers. It is said that prices have advanced 25c per box in Montreal. Quotations are as follows: turpentine 80c; linseed oil, raw 75c per gal., boiled 78c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.00 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl; Portland cement, \$5; white lead, genuine, 7.50; No 1 \$7.00; No 2, \$6.50 and window glass, first break, \$2.50.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business has now opened out actively in this branch and is said to be better and on a more solid basis than for the past three years. Country manufacturers are taking considerable quantities of leather and saddlery hardware, and there is also special activity in the demand for home manufactured collars, saddles, harness and harness sundries, the latter goods gradually taking the place of imported goods. A full force of men are now employed in the manufacturing department. A saddle manufactured specially for the ranching trade of the western district is just now in good request.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

There is nothing unusual in this branch. The usual steady trade is doing and sales aggregate better than the same time last year. Collections quiet.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

The change in the duties on Tom gin amounts to about 60 to 65c per gal. Other prices have not changed as yet. Prices are as follows: Gooderman & Wot's 5 year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.80; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquit Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6 Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port wine, \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry \$2.25 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$3.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.50 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The grain market has been a very quiet one during the past week, in fact the lowest of the season so far as the deliveries at provincial points are concerned. In this respect scarcely any thing has been doing, farmers now being busy in seeding and other spring work which the summer-like weather of the week has enabled them to prosecute with vigor. Stocks

in store throughout the province have been considerably reduced by exportation, which is going on as rapidly as cars can be supplied for that purpose. Prices generally remain unchanged, and in some instances are little more than nominal, though the weakness in outside markets has caused an easier feeling, which is noticeable in a desire to hold off and less inclination to pay outside prices. Millstuffs have been steady and unchanged. Provisions have not improved materially in the demand and prices rule low in sympathy with the decline at Chicago.

WHEAT.

The wheat market has been increasingly quiet during the past week, and at many points throughout the province deliveries have almost entirely ceased. Where buyers are still stationed only a few loads are coming in. There has been some tendency to an easier feeling in values, owing to the decline in outside markets, but prices remain at just about the same figures as for the past few weeks. If deliveries were large, it is likely that prices would be reduced but the quantity of grain coming in is so small that dealers think it hardly worth while to reduce prices. The average price for a good sample at outside points is now about 65c, though at some markets higher prices have been paid. On track here prices are as follows: No. 1 hard, 80c; No. 2 75c; No. 1 northern 75c; No. 2 70c; No. 3 60c.

FLOUR.

Production continues at about the usual rate. Local and western trade is fairly good and the export movement steady. Manitoba flour is in the usual demand at eastern markets. The stocks of flour at the principal points are as follows in barrels:—Philadelphia 110,000, New York 205,000, Baltimore 46,000, Albany 96,000, Chicago 92,000, St. Louis 35,000, Milwaukee 139,000, Duluth 100,000, Minneapolis 200,000, Toledo 2,000 and Montreal 53,000. Total about 1,078,000 bbls. Quotations here are unchanged as follows: patents, 2.45; strong bakers, \$2.15; XXXX \$1.70, and superfine \$1.20 to \$1.30.

BRAN AND SHORTS

There has been no change in these products. Bran is worth \$9.25 and shorts \$10.25 per ton.

OATMEAL.

There has been a fair city and good western demand. Prices are lower and back again to the old values of \$2.25 for standard and \$2.50 for granulated.

POTATOES.

Some movement has set in, but there are but few lots wanted. Prices are easier, 35c being the quotation in car lots.

EGGS.

Continue to be received liberally and the market is well supplied. Prices have not changed and the bottom has probably been reached. Fresh are worth from 11 to 12c.

CHEESE.

Continues in the usual moderate demand, at unchanged prices. Prime is quoted at the unchanged price of 10½ to 11c, and medium at 9½ to 10c. Ontario manufacture now in the market is worth 11c.

BUTTER.

Receipts of country butter have been coming forward in only moderate quantity, and there is also some imported in the market. Really choice is scarce and in good demand, and prices are firmer, though quotations have scarcely changed. Choice qualities are quoted at from 20 to 23c. In medium grades there is a better supply and a fair demand, at the old prices of from 12 to 18c.

OATS.

There has been very little doing in car lots, and the feeling has been quiet. Stocks in the city are about as full as required and very few