

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole sale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions for large quantities, and to cash discounts.]

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, November 5.

There has been considerable briskness in some branches of trade. The cool weather has been favorable to the clothing and dry goods trade. The heavy movement in wheat continues, marketings having been larger than in previous years, notwithstanding the discouragingly low prices. General traffic with the railways is also heavy.

**DRIED FRUITS.**—We quote: Dried apples 5½ to 6c; evaporated, 8 to 9c; figs, layers, 10 to 14c; figs, cooking, 3 to 5c; dates, 6 to 8½c. Valencia raisins, old, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box; new Valencia, \$2.00 to \$2.10; London layers, \$2.20 to \$2.30. Currants, 6 to 8½c; prunes, 6 to 9c. Evaporated fruits are quoted: Apricots, new, 19 to 20c; peeled peaches, 17½ to 18c; unpeeled peaches, 12 to 12½c; pitted plums, 11 to 11½; cherries, 12½ to 13c; pears, 12½ to 13c.

**GROCERIES.**—Advices concerning teas are strong. Sugars are steady. Prices here are: Sugars, granulated, 5½ to 5½c; yellows, 4½ to 4½c; lumps, 5½ to 6c; powdered, 7½ to 8c. Syrups, 2½ to 3½c.

**FISH.**—The market is well supplied with fresh fish. Whitefish are held at 6½c, lake trout, 9c; British Columbia salmon, 14c. In cured fish haddies are offering at 10½c per lb. and bloaters at \$1.75 per box.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—Jamaica oranges are now offering, in addition to Floridas. Eastern pears are out of stock. Malaga grapes have arrived, and are now in stock. The varieties of fruits in the market is gradually narrowing down to the usual winter limit. Apples are in good supply. Prices are: Florida oranges, \$6 box; Viridilla lemons, \$3 to \$3.50 box; bananas, \$3.25 to \$3.75 bunch; tomatoes, 25c to 35c per 20 lb basket; green tomatoes, 25c per basket; California winter pears, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per 40 lb box; California grapes, \$6 to \$6.50 per 40 lb crate, as to quality; Ontario apples, early varieties, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel for good fruit; winter stock, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Ontario pears, 40c to \$1 per basket, and \$4.25 per keg; Cape Cod cranberries, \$9.50 barrel; Malaga grapes, \$8.50 per keg.

**NUTS.**—Fancy stock is quoted: Almonds per pound, 16 to 17c; walnuts, per pound, 15 to 16c; pecans, 17c to 18c; filberts, 13 to 14c; Brazils, 10 to 13c; peanuts, 14 to 15c; Cocoanuts, \$9 to \$10 per 100.

**GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.**—Wheat has held fairly steady this week and the range of prices has not differed materially from the previous week. On some days prices averaged slightly higher than on the corresponding day of the previous week, while on other days they were somewhat lower. There has therefore been no well defined tendency in values, either upward or downward. On Monday prices were stronger in United States markets, gaining as much as 1c at some points. Cables were a little firmer. The visible supply at principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the mountains increased 2,292,000 bushels for the week. The same week a year ago the visible increased 1,538,000 bushels. The total visible supply is now 61,694,000 bushels, as compared with 36,232,000 bushels a year ago. Shipments from India for the week were announced to have been 940,000 bushels less than the corresponding week a year ago. Duluth stocks increased 472,000 bushels for the week. Minneapolis increased 841,000 bushels and Chicago 558,000 bushels. Montreal increased 110,000 bushels. Wheat in transit on the lakes decreased 1,657,000 bushels. On Tuesday wheat was a trifle lower. The Russian wheat crop was reported at 247,000,000 bushels, as compared with the very short crop of 176,000,000

bushels last year. Wheat and flour on ocean passage for the week increased equal to 1,040,000 bushels. The English visible supply was about the same as a week ago, showing consumption equal to receipts. Receipts of wheat at Duluth for the day were 442 cars, and at Minneapolis 464 cars. Wheat continued easier on Wednesday in United States markets, principal points closing slightly lower. Cables were lower, and rain in the winter wheat belt improved crop prospects. May wheat at Chicago sold the lowest so far on this crop. Duluth receipts were 329 cars and at Minneapolis 523 cars. Bradstreet's report of the available supply east of the Rockies increased 3,307,000 bu wheat; stocks of wheat on the Pacific coast decreased 332,000 bu. On Thursday prices declined in the United States markets early in day, but later recovered and closed fractionally higher, due to better speculative buying and firmer cables. On Friday there was nothing new of interest in the situation. Prices were easy and most United States markets closed slightly lower. Total receipts at the four principal United States wheat ports since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up: Minneapolis 20,505,904 bu; Duluth, 15,132,371 bu; Chicago, 28,048,259; Milwaukee, 6,211,225, making a total of 70,797,759 bu; against 63,354,063 bu during the same time last year and 27,778,394 bu in 1890. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal wheat winter points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1st to date are 50,574,715 bu, against 40,919,470 bu in 1891, and 16,964,128 bu in 1890.

At Chicago during October regular No. 2 wheat, for November delivery, ranged from 69½ to 76c. The highest price was 76c on October 7 and 8, and the lowest price for the month was reached on October 29. The extreme range for the same class of wheat during October last year was from 92½ to 99½c; during October 1890 the range was \$1.01½ to \$1.01½; during October 1889, from 78½ to 79½c; October 1888, from \$1.03½ to \$1.20½; October 1887, 70½ to 70½c. The range for October this year is therefore the lowest in any of the six years enumerated above.

A year ago Thursday December wheat at Duluth closed at 91. Chicago wheat closing was 95½ Dec. New York wheat closed at \$1.06½ Dec. December wheat ranged from 89½ to 90c at Minneapolis.

**LOCAL WHEAT.**—Prices have had rather an easier tendency in Manitoba markets. Prices paid at some Manitoba points were in advance of export values, and as there has appeared to be any prospect of an early advance in foreign markets, the tendency here is naturally to drop back to within a range of prices on an export basis. The tendency to hold prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets down to about 50c per bushel as the top range for best samples of hard wheat, equal at least to No. 2 hard, or better. At some points 48c is about the best paid to farmers for equal to No. 2 hard quality. The movement has continued heavy, and the portion of the crop marketed to date is very large, as compared with past years. The quantity of wheat shipped eastward and in store in country elevators is nearly one-half the estimated total crop. The movement eastward keeps up to full proportion. Stocks in store at Fort William on Oct. 29 were 1,456,850 bushels, being an increase of 303,352 bushels for the week.

Shippers are preparing to ship to New York, all rail route, as soon as navigation closes. According to agreement with the railways, only three grades of Manitoba wheat can be shipped to New York, and the grades of No. 1, 2, and 3 hard have been decided upon for export via that port.

**FLOUR.**—The mills are making a large output and shipments eastward are heavy. There has been no further change in prices. Prices are quoted as follows to the local trade in small lots per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.05, strong baker's, \$1.80; XXXX, 80 to 90c; superfine, 65 to 70c. Less than 100 pound sacks 5c. extra per hundred.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—Prices are steady and unchanged. Bran is selling at \$3 per ton to dealers, in broken lots to the local trade. Shorts \$10 per ton.

**OATS.**—Prices do not vary much from a week ago, though the bottom range is somewhat lower. On the Winnipeg street market prices to farmers range from 20 to 24c per bu of 34 pounds 23 to 24c being the range for milling oats, and 20 to 22c for feed oats, according to quality. In country markets prices to farmers to range from 15 to 18c, as to freight rates.

**BARLEY.**—Malting barley quoted at 28 to 30c, at breweries here. Feed qualities 20 to 22c.

**GROUND FEED.**—Best quality of grain chop brings \$13 to \$14 per ton, as to quality, and lower qualities \$11 to \$12 per ton.

**MEALS, ETC.**—\$2 is about the top range for best brands of rolled or granulated. Rolled and granulated oatmeal held at about \$1.85 to \$2 per sack, according to brand and standard meal 5c lower, these being prices to retail traders. Cornmeal \$1.65 to \$1.70 per 100 lbs. Split peas \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$4.00 to \$4.20.

**BUTTER.**—The market continues firm. For good round lots of dairy, 16c per lb, would be paid, and fancy selected lots would bring 17c. Medium to good, 14 to 15c. In small lots dealers are selling at 18 to 20c for good to fancy selected.

**CHEESE.**—The market keeps firm. Any tendency to lower prices on this season's make of Manitoba cheese is not expected. The general idea of buyers is about 10c, but a fine lot would no doubt bring a fraction better.

**EGGS.**—Prices are firm and advancing for good fresh. Dealers are selling at 20c for lined and 22c for fresh.

**CURED MEATS.**—Dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; smoked hams, 12½ to 13c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 10c; bologna sausage, 9c; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half-lb packet.

**LARD.**—Compound held at \$1.70 per pail. Pure at \$2.25 per 20 pound pail. In tins, 12 to 12½c per pound.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—There is no change to note. Dressed hogs bring 7c for nice hogs, suitable for butcher's trade, and heavy 6½c. Beef steady at 5 to 5½c for city dressed. Mutton 11c; lamb, 11 to 12c.

**POULTRY.**—Offerings of dressed poultry are now fairly large and prices are lower, particularly for chickens. Turkeys bring 10 to 12½c per lb; ducks and geese, 10 to 11c; and chickens 8 to 10c as to quality. Wild ducks, 20 to 25c per pair.

**VEGETABLES.**—Potatoes have sold at an advance of 5c, offerings being limited. Following are prices at which dealers buy from growers on the market: Potatoes 30c per bushel; turnips 15 to 20c bushel; cabbage 25 to 60c dozen; cauliflower 40 to 75c dozen; celery 25c dozen; cucumbers 15 to 25c dozen. Season for tomatoes over. Onions 1½ to 2c per lb. Carrots, 30 to 40c bushel; beets, 30 to 40c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 2c lb.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—Prices are not changed for hides. We quote: No. 1 cows 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 1 heavy steers, 5c; No. 2 steers, 4c; No. 3 2c lb. Real veal 8 to 13 lb skins 4 to 5c per pound or about 40c per skin. Kips about same as hides. Sheep and lamb skins 40 to 50c each. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2½c rough.

**WOOL.**—Dealers paying 9½ to 10½c for unwashed Manitoba fleece, as to quality. Washed, 15 to 16c.

**SENAGA ROOT.**—Quoted at 26 to 30c per pound for good dry root.

**HAY.**—Baled offered on track at country points at about \$5 per ton; loose on the street market \$3 to \$4 per ton.