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**COAL**—The only change in coal lately is an advance of 50c per ton for Lethbridge. This applies to Winnipeg only. At points along the railway west prices are about the same, but prices west have been proportionately higher than here. Quoted at \$10.50 for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9 for western anthracite and \$8.00 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 Perceé mine Souris coal is quoted 25c higher per ton than from the Estevan mines, or \$4.50 to consumers and \$4 on track.

#### HARDWARE AND METALS.

There are rumors of the collapse of the wire nail combine, owing to alleged cutting in prices, but some manufacturers feel confident the trouble will be satisfactorily arranged at the next meeting. Prices are unchanged as follows:

Tin, lamb and 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb, 25 to 26c.

Tin plates—Charcoal plates, brand Alloy, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$4.75 to \$5; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$9.50 to 9.75; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$11.50 to 11.75.

Torne plates—I. C., 20 by 28, \$9.50 to 9.75.

Iron and steel—Common iron, per 100 lbs, base price, \$2.90 to \$3; band iron, per 100 lbs, \$3.50 to 3.75; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs, \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast steel, per lb, 13 to 15c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

Sheet iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50 to 3.75; 22 to 28 gauge, \$3.75 to 4.

Canada plates, Garth and Blaina, \$3.50 to 3.75.

Iron pipe—50 to 55 per cent off list.

Galvanized iron—Queen's Head—22 to 24 gauge, per lb, 5½ to 5½c; 26 gauge, per lb, 5½ to 6c; 28 gauge, per lb, 6 to 6½c.

Chain—Best proof coil, 3 16 inch, per lb, 7 to 7½c; 1 inch, per lb, 6½ to 6½c; 5-16 inch per lb, 6 to 6½c; ¾ inch, per lb, 5½ to 6c; 7-16 inch, per lb, 5½ to 5½c; ½ inch, per lb, 5½ to 5½c.

Sheet zinc, 6½ to 6½c.

Lead—Pig, per lb, 4½c.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount, 35 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridges, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft 5½c; shot, Canadian chilled, 6½c.

Axes—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

Axle grease—Per gross, \$10 to 14.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

Rope—Sisal, per lb, 9½ to 10c base; manilla, per lb, 12½ to 13c base; cotton, 3 16 and larger, 20 to 22c per lb.

Nails—Cut per keg, base price, \$3; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.65 per keg; 3 to 4½ inch, 3.90 keg; 2½ inch, \$4.15 keg; 2 inch, \$4.40 keg.

Horse nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No 5, \$7.50 box; No 6, \$6.75 box; No 7, \$5 box; No 8, \$5.75 box; No 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above. List prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

Horse shoes—Per keg, \$4.50 to 4.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$4.75 to 5.

#### PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ETC.

Business is very dull. Revised prices are as follows: White Leads—pure, ground in oil, Association guarantee, \$6 00 per 100-lb kegs;

white lead, No. 1, per 100 lbs, \$5.50; white lead, No. 2, \$5.00; assorted, 1 to 5-lb tins, per pound, 10c.

**PREPARED PAINTS**—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.35 to \$1.40; second quality, \$1.10 to \$1.20.

**DRY COLORS**—White lead, per lb, 8c; red, 7c; yellow ocre, 3c; golden ocre, 5c; Venetian red, French, 3½c; Venetian red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb, 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½c per lb less when full kegs or barrels are taken. Zanzibar vermilion, kegs; 18c; less than kegs, per lb, 20c; English vermilion, in 30 lb bags, \$1.00 per lb; less than bags, per lb, \$1.10.

**VARNISHES**—No. 1 furniture, per gal, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; elastic oak, \$2; No. 1, carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; gold size, Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

**SUNDRIES**—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per pound, 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$3.50; benzine, per case, \$3.50 benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, per case, \$3.75; gem axle grease, per case, \$3.20; imperial axle grease, per case, \$2.50. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.25; Michigan plaster, per barrel, \$3.25 to \$3.50; putty, in barrels per pound, 3c, less than barrels 3½c; whitening, barrels, per 100 lbs, \$1.25 to 1.35; alabastine, per case, 20 packages, \$7; asbestine, per case of 100 lbs, \$7.

**WINDOW GLASS**—1st break is nominally quoted at \$1.90, but cut prices are made for fair-sized orders.

**LINSEED OIL**—Raw, per gal, 65c; boiled, per gal, 68c.

**TURPENTINE**—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gal, 65c; less than barrels, per gal, 70c.

**LUBRICATING OILS**—Capital cylinder, per gal., 58c; eldorado engine, 35c; Atlantic red, 35c; golden star, No. 1, 33c; extra, 35c; eldorado castor, 36c; golden, 32c; black, 25 to 30c; lard, 70c; castor oil, per lb, 11c.

**REFINED PETROLEUM**—We quote silver star Canadian at 21 to 22 and opaleno at 26c per gallon in barrels. Eccene, United States, at 31c and sunlight at 27c in barrels.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—Holiday week is usually a dull one in the grain markets, and little change in prices is looked for. Prices have been irregular and not materially changed. On Tuesday United States markets were a trifle easier. The visible supply showed a decrease of 104,000 bushels, making a total of 80,024,000 bushels and a year ago was 79,874,000 bushels. The same week a year ago the visible supply increased 1,554,000 bushels. On Wednesday there was more of a decline in United States markets, amounting to 1c at Chicago, owing to rumors of financial troubles, which, however were not verified. On Thursday cables were 1d lower from Liverpool, but some United States markets advanced slightly. On Friday cables were lower, but United States markets were firmer under lighter offerings.

Exports of wheat and of flour as wheat from both coasts of the United States and Canada for the week ended Dec. 28 amount to 2,000,000 bushels this week, a total of one-quarter less than in the week before, and one third smaller than in the closing week a year ago and two years ago.

Locally the wheat situation is rather uninteresting, owing to the prevailing dullness. There is no shipping movement, as buying prices in country markets here are above a shipping basis. There is a little buying on a speculative basis, to go into store to hold. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended Dec. 23 were 89,009 bushels, and shipments only 667 bushels. Total stocks were 1,441,543 bushels, and a year ago were 2,102,287 bushels, being an increase

of 294,708 bushels for the week that year. Continued dullness has ruled in country markets and prices have been about the same, ranging from 40 to 45c per bushel for No. 1 hard, at different points, the variation being due to difference in freight rates and local influences.

**FLOUR**—There is no change locally, and eastern markets are reported in the same uneasiness condition. There is a tendency with Manitoba mills to curtail production. Some of the big mills have been running irregularly of late. There is not much shipping eastward, as the mills have stocks east which were shipped before the close of navigation. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city, are as follows: Patents, \$1 60; strong bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 80 to \$1.00 as to quality. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

**MILLSTUFFS**—There has been rather a better supply of bran, but still there is no surplus. Country millers are getting good prices from farmers who take the stuff at the mill door, and they are not shipping much. Some country mills are getting equal to prices quoted here. A car or two of bran from the country was offering but was held at \$10 on track in bulk, with \$9 bid. There is a scarcity of bran east, and Manitoba bran has sold at \$15 to 16 in Montreal. We quote prices unchanged at \$10 to \$11 per ton for bran and \$12 to \$13 for shorts.

**GROUND FEED**—There is a fairly good local demand, and prices hold at 17 to \$18 per ton for oats and barley chop. Mixed wheat feed has been offered at about \$14 per ton, but there is not much to be had.

**OATMEAL, ETC.**—A firmer tendency in oatmeal is noticeable. Eastern rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.35 to \$2.40 in small lots for 80 lb. sacks. Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat, flour, \$4; and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.30 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$5.50 per barrel.

**OATS**—Hold about the same. Offerings on the street market here this week have been fairly liberal, and 28 to 30c was paid farmers. Most feed samples brought 29c, and 30c was paid for good milling quality. Car lots are offering, freight paid to Winnipeg, at 29 to 30c per bushel of 34 pounds. Car lots on track, country points, held about the same as last week.

**BARLEY**—Some loads have been offering by farmers on the street market here, and have brought 29 and 30c per bushel of 48 pounds for feed quality. As a rule, little if any premium is paid for malting samples.

**FRED WHEAT**—Good demand for local use at 35 to 40c per bushel.

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

**BUTTER**—Butter is very dull. There is scarcely any selling locally. The larger city retail dealers stocked up in the fall, and are still supplied, and local sales are confined to an occasional small lot to the smaller retailers. Country offerings are continuing larger than was expected, but stocks here are not large, having been well sold out in the fall. About 15c per pound is a fair quotation for a round lot of country dairy, and it would have to average good to bring this price. Lots of straight No. 1 or selected would bring 19 to 21c, as to quality, and for single tubs of selected 1 to 2c more is obtained. Good fresh rolls bring 20 to 22c.

**CHEESE**—Dealers are selling in a small way at 11 to 11½c.

**EGGS**—Are lower, having declined 1 to 2c for pickled, owing to lower offering of eastern Canada pickled here. Dealers are selling at 18c, or single cases at 19c.

**CURED MEATS**—Hold at the decline noted last week. We quote: hams, 13c; break-