

\$4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage 1890, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1895 to 1890; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$1.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

## WOOL.

Prices are: Cotswold and Leicester, washed and in merchantable condition, 12 to 15c; do. unquality. Pure Southdown and Shropshire, washed and in good condition, 15 to 18c; do. unwashed, 10 to 12c. Montana and Oregon fine wools, unwashed, 13 to 15c, when in good condition.

## LUMBER.

The movement to country points is a little quiet at present, and will be so until after harvest. To date, however, trade is generally considered to have been better than last year.

## THE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

The weather has not been favorable for the rapid ripening of grain crops, but it has been most favorable for the production of a large crop and plump berry, the cool and showery weather which has prevailed for the past week being just the thing to turn out a large and fully developed sample. However, reasonably warm, sunny and dry weather would now be preferred for the next two or three weeks, to ripen up the crops and carry the harvest through in good shape. Haying has been about completed and a plentiful supply has been secured, though owing to the prairie fires of last fall, which damaged the roots, a larger area of ground had to be gone over to secure the requisite quantity of hay. Barley, and in a few instances oats, were cut during the week, but these grains have not come on as rapidly as was expected a week ago. Warm, dry weather will make cutting pretty general during the present week. Some wheat will also be cut this week, and if the weather continues favorable for ripening, a considerable quantity will be ready for the binder in a very few days. Reports from the west are not so favorable as earlier in the season. West of Broadview some districts have suffered from hot winds, and gophers have also proved very destructive. In some limited districts not over half a crop will be harvested. The districts affected, however, are of such limited extent as not to affect the aggregate to any noticeable amount. Within the limits of Manitoba crops are universally good. The only serious damage in the province is reported from north of Balmoral, where about twenty-five settlers have had their crops badly cut by hail and some almost entirely destroyed. Reports of hail come from one or two other points, but happily without extensive losses.

## WHEAT.

The only movement going on is in clearing out balance of stock held in country elevators and warehouses, to make room for new wheat. No prices can be quoted, but it is thought the markets will open very low for new wheat.

## FLOUR.

City millers report business fairly active, but low prices tend to reduce profits, and make the trade doing not as desirable as could be wished for. Most of the country mills are idle at present, supplies of wheat having been pretty well run down, and the low prices being no inducement to activity. Manitoba millers will not, as a rule, find the past season a very profitable one, the wheat having been purchased on a higher market than the product can now be disposed of. However, country mills are preparing for operations on new wheat, and several new mills will likely enter the ring as exporters the coming season. Among the additional mills which will probably grind some for export are the Rapid City, Shoal Lake, Regina and Wolseley mills. Prices of flour to the local trade are unchanged as follows: Patents, \$2.25; strong bakers', \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.30 to \$1.40; superfine, \$1.10 to \$1.15.

## MILLSTUFFS.

In good demand and in price unchanged, at \$8.00 for bran and \$10.00 for shorts. Chop feed, \$25 to \$30 per ton.

## OATS.

Prices hold nominally at about 45c on track, but scarcely any moving. Already quotations have been asked for new oats. City dealers are disposing of balance of stocks, in expectation of lower prices as soon as new oats commence to arrive.

## OATMEAL.

Granulated held at \$2.60 per sack, and standard at \$2.45.

## POTATOES.

New native are now offered very freely, and prices have been rapidly on the down grade. About 60c was the quotation at the close of last week, with further reductions expected. A very heavy crop will be gathered this year.

## EGGS.

Receipts have been hardly up to wants, and prices have been firmer. Last week prices ranged from 14c to 15c., the latter price having been obtained on some days for case lots. An increase in receipts is usually expected at about this time of year, and if this occurs prices will not hold up long.

## BUTTER.

There is nothing new to report in this market. There was somewhat of an improved demand from the city trade, caused by the slackening of deliveries by farmers direct to retail dealers. About 12c appeared to be the best price obtained, for small lots to the trade. No large sales reported.

## CHEESE.

Manufacturers now appear willing to accept prices on basis of eastern quotations. Prices to the trade range from 10c to 11c, according to quantity wanted.

## LARD.

The usual price is now \$2.30 per pail.

## CURED MEATS.

Prices were firmer, and with an advance of about 3c all around. Chicago hams and Ontario hams and bacon are in the market to some extent. Local packers, however, are kept busy. Prices for home cured are: Long clear, 9 1/2c to 10c; smoked breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c; rolls, 11 1/2c; hams, 14c; canvassed hams, bacon and rolls, 3c advance on quotations; mess pork, \$18 per barrel; mess beef \$13 per barrel; bologna sausage, 8c.

## DRESSED MEATS.

Prices continue easier for beef and veal. Beef sides are quoted at 5c to 6c; veal, 7c to 8c; mutton, 10c; pork steady at 6 1/2c.

## LIVE STOCK.

Cattle continue easier in price, and with offerings free. About 2 1/2c was the usual price, with only an extra steer going over that figure, and perhaps as high as 3c. Sales were reported to have been made at less than 2 1/2c. Several small lots of hogs arrived with cattle, and brought 4 1/2c to 5c at the yards. A car lot was

reported to have been purchased at under 4 1/2c. Lambs are in good demand at \$3.50 to \$4.50.

## Grain and Milling News.

The Gladstone, Man., flour mill will be closed down from July 25th last till about the close of September next.

McLauren's elevator at Brandon, Man., which was destroyed by fire a short time ago, will, it is said, be replaced by a new structure.

The tender of Watson Bros., of Portage la Prairie, has been accepted by the Farmers' Elevator Co. for the supply of the machinery required in the new elevator at that place.

The flour and woolen mills at Rapid City, Man., have been furnished with steam power to avoid delays from low water. The construction of an elevator for the mill will be commenced shortly.

Despite the nerve and recklessness of the California wheat ring, the scheme is fast approaching a day of reckoning. The leading markets will soon be receiving new wheat, there is nothing to put prices up, and the huge stocks held by the Pacific gamblers cannot be disposed of except at a heavy loss. Financially speaking, there is no salvation for the California clique. —Northwestern Miller.

The Wolseley grist mill commenced operations a few weeks ago and is now running steadily. W. D. Cook & G. E. Cole are the proprietors. The mill has a capacity of 100 barrels per day, which can be easily increased to 125 barrels, and the elevator in connection has a capacity of 20,000 bushels. Mr. Cook is a practical miller of extensive experience, who has himself originated many improvements in mill machinery, and is carrying out in the mill here a system of his own. A bonus of \$4,500 has been voted for the mill by the Wolseley municipality, and the farmers are reaping the benefit by getting their grain ground for 12c. per bushel, while neighboring mills charge 17c. —Regina Journal.

## Change in British Columbia.

A few years since a "bit" was the smallest coin in circulation in this city, while nothing less than 25 cents was to be met with in the country. A little over two years ago the Times finding it difficult to procure change for the newsboys bought up all the 5 cent pieces to be had here, amounting in all to some \$55. These were procured at the banks and elsewhere where they had been done up carefully in \$2.50 packages. They were given to the newsboys and at once went into circulation. For a time the prejudice against them was strong, but as their convenience for making change became known they soon crept into popularity and are now quite plentiful. To-day at the post office a gentleman called for three postal cards and in payment therefor presented three one cent copper pieces. At once wonder took possession of the obliging and affable clerks, some of whom had never before seen a cent piece. As a coin of the realm they are equally as good for their face value as is our paper money or a \$20 gold piece. The railway it was asserted would bring about a great change in the affairs of the Province. The introduction of copper coin as a circulating medium will certainly be a great change. All the same it is bound to come. Victoria Times.