

Mountains. Strong cables and large exports boosted up prices on Thursday, but the gain at Chicago was entirely lost on Friday, undoing weakness caused by large receipts and fine crop weather reports.

Locally there is nothing doing in wheat, and values are nominal. Stocks at Fort William and Port Arthur on July 23 were 210,612 bushels, a decrease of 129,004.

#### FLOUR.

There has been no further change in flour. Jobbing quotations per one hundred pounds to the local trade are: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers', \$2.40; Second bakers', \$2 to \$2.10; XXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.20.

#### MILSTUFFS.

Local prices hold at \$12 per ton for bran and \$14 for shorts. The eastern demand continues good, especially for shorts, which is bringing high prices east.

#### MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Quotations are: Oil cake, in bags \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$26. in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.90; granulated, \$3.00 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$3.00 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$2 to 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$3.00 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.25; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

#### OATS.

Present values are very irregular, as usual at this season of the year, when it is known that any stocks on hand after new oats come in, will be depreciated in value. Prices for consumption in the city are above the value for shipment eastward. Loads offering by farmers in the city have brought 35 to 38c, and dealers were selling small lots from store at 43c per bushel. On track prices were nominal at 36 to 37c. One car offered was held at 38c, though later offered at 37c. In the present condition of eastern markets, there would be too much risk in buying for eastern shipment, on a full basis of eastern values, as in the face of new oats soon to be coming in, prices might be very much lower before shipments from here would reach those markets. From 25 to 30c per bushel is probably about as high as dealers would care to go, for cars at Manitoba points, for shipment. As stated the local demand at Winnipeg, gives a proportionately higher range to values here.

#### BUTTER.

Local trade amounts to next to nothing, and prices nominal at 10 to 14c. Western markets are loaded up, and no shipments are being made to coast points. A car lot of medium and low grade dairy was shipped to Montreal from here during the week.

#### CHEESE.

Cheese is quoted in a jobbing way at 9 to 10c. Small lots are obtainable at 9½c, and larger quantities at 9c. Factories are reported to have sold some small quantities in the city at about 8½c. Wholesalers' views are about 8c for round lots, buying price.

#### EGGS.

There was something of a firmer tone. Dealers' price for small lots was 15c per dozen, and 15½c was asked in some cases, with round lots about 14c.

#### SENACA ROOT.

Prices are irregular, and dealers appear to be at a loss to know what to pay, as their advices are unsatisfactory as to prices abroad, and there is also much objection to the quality of Manitoba root. We quote 22 to 24c per pound.

#### WOOL.

Locally there is very little doing in wool. The Manitoba clip has been mostly marketed. A few lots of western wool were sent to Winnipeg for sale by tender, and being of fine quality would bring about 13c. Ordinary long wools quoted at 10½ to 11½c. Considerable ranch

wool has been bought up in the territories west, and will be made up in car lots and shipped through to Toronto. This wool is of the cross merino variety, and has been bought at an average of about 12½ cents at western points. Up to 13c has been paid. The rate from Medicine Hat to Toronto is \$1.35 and \$1.45 from Calgary, which would make the wool cost about 14c at Toronto, without allowing much for travelling expenses of buyers and cost of packing. There is considerable ranch wool held yet in the territories, principally at Swift Current, and something less at Calgary. Except these two points, the wool has been pretty well purchased, including also a portion of the clip of the Calgary district, by a Winnipeg and Toronto house. The balance, it is understood, will go to Montreal on consignment. Swift Current will be by far the largest shipping point for wool, from the territories, the big C. A. & C. Co.'s sheep being clipped at that point. The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* reports that a Montreal buyer bid 14c per lb delivered at Montreal for a large quantity of western wool, but did not get it, as it appears holders are somewhat stiff in their views, and inclined to hold for more than the market at present will warrant buyers in paying. At Toronto unwashed fleece is quoted at 10 to 12c.

#### HIDES.

Prices were some firmer again in eastern markets, and part of the recent decline at Montreal has been recovered. Here there is no change in prices. Buyers say there is no money in cows at the ruling prices, but the demand is better for heavy steers. We quote No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheepskins, 25c. Lambskins, 30 to 35c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

#### CURED MEATS.

Prices continue very firm and higher prices are being asked on some lines. Long clear is quoting at the outside price. Hams have a higher range, and all lines are firm. Prices are: Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½ to 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10½c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; smoked hams, 13½c to 14; mess pork, \$17 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per pound; German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

#### LARD.

Pure lard is scarce and higher, being held at an advance of 10c per pail. Compound firmer and some asking higher. We quote: \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per pail.

#### POULTRY.

Chickens bring from 50 to 70c per pair. Turkey 10 to 12c, live weight. A few spring chickens are now offering, and bring 25 to 35c per pair, as to quality.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

The feeling is generally easy, and prices continue to tend toward a lower range. Beef leads in the drooping tendency, and 5 to 5½c is now about the views of buyers. The quotation of 6c is now an outside price, only obtainable for something extra quality, or for a sale in a small way. Mutton is easier and quotable at 11 to 12c. Lamb lower at 12½ to 13c. Pork 6½ to 7½c, lower price for country dressed, with city dealers sometimes asking 8c. Veal quoted at 7 to 8c.

#### VEGETABLES.

The market is well supplied with most sorts, and prices have a lower tendency. Potatoes are away down, and have probably reached a steadier basis of values for some time. Cauliflower of very good quality is now offering, but the price is high as yet. Report says the cauliflower crop will be light this year. Native cucumbers are offering, and prices are lower. Celery is becoming abundant, with prices lower. Most other sorts tend lower. Tomatoes are

about the only imported article now offering. Prices are: Potatoes, 50 to 60c per bushel. New California onions, 5c lb, Bermuda onions, 8c lb. Cabbage, 50 to 75c per doz., tomatoes, \$1.80 per crate of 24 pounds. Green stuff in bunches is plentiful, at 20 per dozen bunches for onions, 10c to 15c for radishes, 19 for lettuce, 20 to 25c for rhubarb or pie plant. Carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, 50 to 60c per dozen. Cauliflower 50c to \$1.50, as to quality, per dozen. Peas, in pod, \$1.00 per bu., celery, 35 to 40c per dozen, beans, \$2 per bushel. Horseradish is in demand at 8c per pound for good clean root.

#### HAY.

Hay is now going on throughout the country, and the put up will likely be very large, as the crop is abundant, and any quantity of wild prairie hay may be put up.

### Live Stock Markets.

A special cable to the Montreal *Gazette*, dated Liverpool July 27, says: "The easiness noted in this market last week continues, and while the demand was brisk only the very tops brought 13½c. The supply of sheep continues very heavy, and the market in consequence is still very sluggish and prices low. Quotations are as follows: Finest steers, 13 to 13½c; good to choice, 12½ to 13c; poor to medium, 11½ to 12c; inferior and bulls, 10 to 10½c."

The Montreal *Gazette* on July 27 says: "The past week has been a busy one in live stock circles, the shipment being unusually heavy for this season of the year. The only reason for the rush was that shippers wanted to catch the good markets, but it is doubtful if their hopes will be realized, as the cables to-day note a general decline with no hopes of any immediate improvement. In Glasgow on Wednesday, shippers just about let out. London made a little money on cattle to-day but sheep sold at a very heavy loss, and private cables from Liverpool quoted 6½d for the finest cattle, at which price they must surely lose money. Shippers are dabbling in stockers again, but do not appear to have very high hopes of the success of their shipments. There is every indication of a lull in shipments this week, but the steamship companies are evidently expecting another rush next week, one of the regular line companies informing their customers that the rate would be advanced 5 shillings, to 70 shillings, after next Monday. There were about 45 cars of cattle at the Point this morning but only 5 cars were offered for sale. The best cattle sold at about 3½ to 4½c, and medium grades at 3½ to 3¾c. At the east end abattoir there were about 500 head of cattle. The best cattle offered sold at 4½ to 4¾c, the outside being paid only for choice stock. Medium small cattle brought 3 to 3½c, shippers picking a load or two for stockers. Inferior stuff was hard to sell at any price, as low as two cents per pound being paid in some instances. There is a continued good demand for small stuff however. There was no demand for shipping sheep, but butchers took all offering at \$3.50 to \$7, and lambs sold freely at \$2.50 to \$5."

It is reported that the new Manitoba fishery regulations will apply only to summer fishing. This is something worth knowing, but it does not take away the injustice and absurdity of the new enactment, even if applied to summer fishing only. These new regulations are so ridiculous, so far as protecting the fish is concerned, that it would give one the impression there is something "fishy" about the thing.