

British Columbia Markets.

(All quo. a. ions, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

(By wire to the Commercial.)

Vancouver, June 5, 1897.

The most important change this week is a drop of 2c on Manitoba dairy butter and 2c on California dairy Potatoes have tumbled \$3 to \$4 per ton.

Butter—California dairy, 20c; California creamery 23c; Manitoba dairy 16c; Manitoba creamery, 21c; Manitoba cheese 12 1-2c; California cheese 12c per lb.

Cured meats.—Hams, 13 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 13c; backs, 9 1-2c; long, clear, 9 1-2c; short rolls 9 1-2 to 10c, smoked sides 10 1-2c. Lard is held at the following figures. Tins 10c per lb, in pails and tubs 9 1-2c lb.

Fish—Prices are: Flounders 3c, smelts 5c, sea bass 4c; black cod, 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring, 4c; spring salmon, 7c; whitling 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon 6c, smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie, 10c; kippered herring, 12c; Columbia river cohoes, 7c.

Vegetables—Local potatoes \$20 to \$21 per ton, onions 3c; cabbage, 13-16 lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$10 a ton.

Eggs—Manitoba eggs, 15c to 15 1-2c.

Fruits—Fruit is sold by box unless otherwise noted. Standard American boxes measure one foot ten and a half inches by eleven and a half inches with a depth of eleven inches, inside measurement and contains from 250 to 300 lemons, from 125 to 300 seedling oranges, or from 125 to 150 navel oranges. California lemons, \$2.75; California oranges, seedling, \$2 to \$2.25; navel oranges, \$4.25; Australian apples, \$2.50; bananas, \$2.75 per bunch; cherries, 8lb box, \$1.50; St. Michael oranges, \$4.50; Mediterranean oranges, \$3; asparagus, 20 lb. box, \$1.50; cucumbers, doz., \$90; peas, 30 lb. crate, \$1.70.

THE CROP.

Some anxiety has been expressed recently lest the continued dry weather and unusually cold weather had injured the wheat crop. S. A. McGaw, of Winnipeg, who is about as competent a person to form an opinion regarding the crops as any man in Manitoba, returned on Thursday from an extended trip through the province. Mr McGaw says the crops look healthy but they are standing still. The wheat has a good root and covers the ground well, and has not been damaged by the recent frosts, but there has not been much growth. Oats have been cut down by the frost, but as nearly all grain is now put in deep, with a press drill, the root will not be killed, and the grain will shoot up again. Mr. McGaw does not think any permanent damage has been done to any kind of crop, and with the usual June rains and warm weather, he still looks for an early harvest. He confirms previous reports of an excellent seed time, and says that in the districts which he visited the wheat area is estimated at from 10 to 30 per cent greater than last year, according to district.

The Live Stock Trade.

At London on May 31, trade was slow, and as supplies were in excess of requirements a weaker feeling prevailed, and prices show a decline of 1-4c to 1-2c on cattle. Choice States sold at 11 1-4c, Canadian at 10 1-2c, Argentines at 10c. Sheep were weaker and prices were 1-2c lower at 11c. States lambs sold at 13c, and Argentine at 12c.

A Liverpool cable on May 31 reported supplies heavy, but prices unchanged, choice Canadians being quoted at 10 1-2 to 11c, and midlings at 9 1-2c to 10c.

A cable from Glasgow reports the market completely glutted with cattle, and quotes choice Canadian at 9c, which is a decline of 3c per lb.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on May 31, choice steers and heifers sold at 4 1-2c, good at 4c to 4 1-2c, fair at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c, common at 3c to 3 1-4c, and inferior at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c per lb. The demand for sheep for export account was good and prices were firmer at 4c to 4 1-4c per lb. live weight. At the Point St. Charles market on the same day receipts of hogs were fair, there being 400 offered, for which the demand was good, the market ruled strong at an advance of 10c to 25c per 100 lbs. Sales being made at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

At Toronto on June 1, export cattle were lower at 4 to 4 1-2c. Butchers' cattle sold at from 27-8 to 4c. One load of fancy cattle brought 4c. The general run sold about 3 1-2c. Stockers slow at 2 3-4 to 3 1-4c. Sheep dull at 3 to 3 1-2c; yearlings 5 to 5 3-4c. For hogs the market was firmer under good demand and choice selections advanced 10c per cwt, selling at \$5.35 for the best, light hogs 5c, thick fat \$4.75 to \$4.85 per cwt, sows \$3 to \$3.50, and stags \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt, all weighed off cars. All sorts were wanted.

Manitoba.

Birley & Agur, general storekeepers, Alexander, have assigned to R. H. Cihmi.

Callow & McDonagh, wagon-makers, Russell, have sold out to Muller & Etal.

J. C. Sproule, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to Cameron Bros.

A. Gordon, shoemaker, Winnipeg, has assigned.

J. L. Hoeggood, has opened business in liquors at Dauphin. At the same place, Wm. Whitmore has opened an hotel.

J. Carmichael, blacksmith, Emerson, is out of business, and David Wright, of the same place, contractor, has also retired from business.

Geo. Edwards, blacksmith, has opened business at Rathwell.

J. Brown, of Brown & Smallie, of Russell and Binscarth, general merchant, has purchased the general store business of the Davidson Co., of Neepawa. The Russell and Binscarth businesses will be continued by Mr. Smellie.

Jas. Young, hardware dealer, Hartney, has sold out to W. Fairall and Edgar W. Pack.

Richard & Co., liquors, Calgary, have sold out to S. Laurendeau, of Canmore, and the business will be continued under the style of the Calgary Wine and Spirit Co. with J.R. Wlyuncion as manager. Richard & Co., are concentrating their business at Winnipeg.

Peters, & Winkler are starting a flour mill at Carman.

J. Griffin, of St. Thomas, Ont., manager of the large packing house of F. M. Griffin, was in Winnipeg last week, and with his brother, J. Y. Griffin, of this city, left on Saturday for British Columbia, to make an extended trip through that province.

Higgins & Webster, of Rolland, have bought the general store stock of Richardson & Loree, of the same place.

Jesse Grummett, of Morden, is opening a harness shop at Crystal City.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

The firm of McKenzie & Bowes, butchers, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Bowes continues the business and Mr. McKenzie, it is understood, departs next week for the Yukon.

Dr. R. C. Howden, of Winnipeg, is dead.

C. H. Newton, of Newton & Davidson, accountants, etc., has been appointed agent of the Reliance Loan & Savings Co., of Ontario.

A large party of Winnipeggers started recently for the distant Yukon gold fields.

Mr. Rublee, wholesale fruits, has returned from a trip south.

Winnipeg has a factory for the manufacture of vermicelli and macaroni, for the manufacture of which Manitoba wheat is said to be admirably adopted.

J. Adams & Co., have opened business as dealers in second-hand furniture and repairing.

Wm. Halpenny & Co. have opened business at Nos. 153 and 155 Lombard street, in grain, feed, produce, etc. They have large premises, 50 by 100 feet, two storeys, a portion of which they will use as a public storage warehouse.

MONEY RATES.

New York, June 4.—Money on call easy at 1 to 1 1-2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 3 1-2 to 4 per cent.; sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.86 7-8 to \$4.87 for demand, and \$4.85 3-4 to \$4.86 for 60 days; posted rates \$4.86 1-2 to \$4.87, and \$4.83 to 1-2; commercial bills \$4.85; government bonds strong.

PRICE OF SILVER.

New York, June 4.—Bar silver 60; Mexican dollars 47 1-4; silver certificates 60 1-8 to 1-2.

WHISKEY POOL.

New York, June 4.—Great financial interests here are in deep cogitation over the proposition to corner two-thirds of the whiskey in the United States in order to control the output, raise the prices, and make millions breed other millions. Dealers are contemplating the formation of a pool of \$50,000,000 to buy up 80,000,000 gallons of whiskey now in bond in the state of Kentucky.

At Rat Portage John Norman is opening business in provisions and John Woods is opening in drugs. At the same place Jordan & Allan, painters, have dissolved partnership and are succeeded by Watson & Allan.