

37,493,377 bushels, against 43,243,353 bushels a year ago. Exports from the Atlantic seaboard for the week ended Jan. 12 were 108,900 barrels of flour and 23,400 bushels of wheat, against 269,800 barrels and 505,700 bushels a year ago. Total exports from the United States of wheat and flour since July 1st last, are equal to 41,947,954 bushels of wheat. A better export movement will likely set in at once, if prices are not advanced over present quotations. Increased buying for export was noticeable last week. The report that millers were holding large stocks of wheat had a depressing effect on Wednesday, but this is getting to be an old story. The Cincinnati *Price Current* estimates, on the basis of the last Government crop report (published in another column of this issue) that there is a surplus of wheat for export from the United States of about 23,000,000 bushels, for the next six months. About 18,000,000 bushels of this is in the Pacific coast states.

Receipts of wheat at the principal markets in the United States, since the commencement of the crop year are 40,972,946 bushels of spring and 25,046,745 bushels of winter wheat, against 52,636,594 bushels of spring and 24,706,908 bushels of winter wheat to the same date last year. Of the spring wheat, Minneapolis has taken 24,677,275 bushels, or considerably over one half. In the northwest spring wheat region it is estimated that there are 8,000,000 bushels in country elevators and farmers hold yet about 20,000,000 bushels, only 6,000,000 bushels of which latter is surplus, the balance being required for seed and local use. St. Paul, and Minneapolis and Duluth have between them nearly 9,000,000 bushels. Stocks in the north east are about 17,000,000 bushels less than a year ago, not counting wheat held by farmers.

The local situation remains about the same. The storm and cold snap last week checked farmer's deliveries some. For the week ended Jan. 12, receipts of Manitoba wheat at the Lake Superior elevators were 48,510 bushels against 77,450 for the same week last year. Total receipts to date 1,825,950 bushels, against total receipts to the same date in 1887 of 3,364,130 bushels. The movement is mostly to elevators, all rail shipments eastward being very light. Competition at country markets for good wheat is keen, owing to light deliveries, and prices consequently keep up well. About 85c is still the average price paid to farmers in provincial markets, supposed to be on a basis of No. 1 hard, but in reality it is often nearer to No. 1 northern. The range of prices is from 80 to 90 cents to farmers.

FLOUR.

Local prices hold very steady and are unchanged as follows:—Patents, \$2.80; strong bakers, \$2.60; XXXX, \$2.00; superfine, \$1.50. Graham flour, \$2.60; middlings, \$2.80.

MILLSTUFFS

Prices to the trade are unchanged at \$11 per ton for bran and \$13 for shorts; ground feed, \$20 to \$21 per ton.

BARLEY.

Prices continue to rule at about last quotations. At Southern Manitoba points, where the freight is lower, as high as 35c is paid for barley, for best samples, to farmers, but on the main line of the C.P.R. prices are a few cents lower. The C.P.R. is quoting a through rate to Minneapolis and St. Paul on barley, in con-

nection with the St. P. M. & M. road. From Southern Manitoba points the rate is 21 cents per 100 pounds. Most of the barley fit for malting from such points is therefore going by the south road to St. Paul. On the main line the rates are as low or lower to ship eastward. Poor grades range from 23c upward.

OATS.

Prices for loads on the market here held at about 27 to 28c. At outside points from 20 to 24c is paid to farmers.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Prices steady at \$2.50 for standard oatmeal and \$2.65 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, 80 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal was held at \$2.10 but the arrival of several car lots from Minneapolis has reduced prices to \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is sold at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

CHEESE.

Quiet and unchanged at about 11c.

BUTTER.

Butter continues dull and steady in prices. A new feature is the arrival of a few fresh rolls, which sold in small lots for 22 to 23c. This merely indicates that it will not be long before rolls and fresh butter will commence to move freely, when lower prices for old stocks may be expected. Prices for best samples of dairy range from 18 to 21c as to quality.

EGGS.

Fresh are a trifle easier and quoted from 29 to 30c in case lots. Country merchants have already commenced to send in orders for empty cases, which indicates that with favorable weather receipts of fresh will soon commence to increase. Fresh now in the market are mostly imported from the south. Some limed are still to be had, quoted at 25c.

LARD.

Imported held at \$2.35 to \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails. City packed, \$2.50.

CURED MEATS.

Prices show no further change, and are quoted as follows: Dry salt bacon, 11c; smoked breakfast bacon, 14c; rolls, 12½ to 13c; hams, 14½ to 15c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Receipts of hogs were not large, but a good many inquiries were sent in from the country asking for quotations. Packers quote 7½c as the regular figure. Some butchers have paid as high as 8c for an odd hog or so, of good quality, for cutting fresh, but packers do not care to go over 7½c, as they can import from Ontario and lay down here at that price. Beef is steady at 5 to 5½c for good to choice sides, country dressed. Poor qualities going as low as 3c upward, as to quality. Mutton 10c, in small lots.

POULTRY.

Unchanged at 8c for chickens, 13c for turkeys, and 11 to 12c for ducks and geese.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes usually bring about 30c per bushel in quantities. Onions, \$1.50, carrots, 60c, turnips, 25c, parsnips, \$1, beets, 50c, all per bushel. Celery scarce, 40 to 75c per dozen bunches, as to quality. Cabbage average 75c per dozen for good.

Montreal Markets

Grain—Prices hold very steady. Quotations were: Canada spring wheat, \$1.15; red winter, \$1.18; white, \$1.18; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.23 to \$1.25; No. 2 do, \$1.20 to \$1.22; peas, 74 to 75c; oats, 36c; barley, 60 to 65c.

Oatmeal—Standard, per brl., \$5.70; granulated, per brl., \$4.50.

Flour—Steady in price and more active, especially for strong bakers'. Prices were: Patent winter, \$6 to \$6.50; patent spring, \$8 to

\$8.15; extra, \$6.50 to \$5.75; superfine, \$4.50 to \$5.15; strong bakers', \$5.25 to \$5.70.

Provisions—Cutting in prices is reported. Prices were: Mess pork, western, per barrel, \$16.25 to \$16.50; hams, 12½ to 13c; hams, green, per lb., 9c; lard, 10 to 10½c; bacon, 11 to 11½c; tallow, refined, 6½ to 6¾c.

Dressed hogs—Several car lots were offering, but higher than bids. Car lots bid at \$6.75 to \$7.

Eggs—Fresh, 20 to 21c; limed, 18c per dozen.

Poultry—Turkeys sold at 8 to 9½c; geese at 5 to 7c; ducks at 8 to 9½c, and chickens at 5 to 7c per lb.

Butter—The butter market has continued quiet and steady. Prices were: creamery, finest, 25 to 26c; creamery, earlier, 22 to 24c; townships, 19 to 22c; western, 16 to 17c.

Cheese—Finest September and October, 11½ to 12c; finest August, 11 to 11½c; fine, 10½ to 10¾c; medium, 9½ to 9¾c.

Groceries—Sugar steady at 7½ to 7¾c for granulated; yellows, 5½ to 6½c; raw sugars, 6c; syrups, 3½ to 4c; tea gives indications of improving prices; currents, 4½ to 5½c in round lots; Valencia raisins, large lots, 5 to 5½c; canned goods are reported easier—tomatoes, 90c to \$1; Erie and Aylmer corn, \$1.15 to \$1.20 per dozen; peas, 1.25; salmon, \$1.70 to \$1.75; peaches, \$2.15 to \$2.25.

Furs—The local demand for the season is over, and lots now received will be exported. Prices given are as follows: Beaver, per lb., \$3.50 to \$4; bear, large, per skin, \$12 to \$18; bear, small, per skin, \$8 to \$12; bear cubs, per skin, \$4 to \$7; fisher, per skin, \$3 to \$5; fox, red, per skin, \$1 to \$1.25; fox, cross, per skin, \$2.50 to \$5; lynx, per skin, \$2.50 to \$3.50; marten, per skin, 60 to 80c; mink, per skin, 50 to 75c; muskrat, 12c to 15c; otter, per skin, \$8 to \$12; raccoon, per skin, 25 to 75c; skunk, per skin, 25 to 75c.

Hides—Green hides quoted at 3½c, 4½c and 5½c for No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3; calfskins, 5c; lambskins, 70 to 90c. In some instances hides were quoted ½c higher per pound for the different grades.

General Notes.

The commercial travellers of the United States spend two hundred and fifty millions of dollars a year for railroad fares and hotel accommodation.

The price charged for gas in St. John is \$3 per thousand feet, while it is only \$2 per thousand in Halifax, and \$1.50 in Montreal, and 61 cents in London, England.

Messrs. Fish, Hyman & Co., who'sale cigars, are making preparations for winding up in view of a dissolution of partnership. The firm have purchased exclusively in Havana.

The Electric Sugar Refining Company, of New York and England, has been swindled out of about \$250,000. The stock was floated on a "secret process" of refining sugar, which process turns out to have been a sham.

Bank of London, Ontario, shareholders have received a further dividend of 20 cents on the dollar, making a total of 85 cents on the dollar since they decided to wind up business over a year ago. Another dividend is expected shortly.