

but these are not clear stock, and are only a ten-inch clear shingle. There is no change in white pine. The Winnipeg lumber trade is in a somewhat demoralized state, and the \$1 advance made on pine lumber by manufacturers some time ago, has not yet been followed by the local trade.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

During the past week the wheat markets have experienced a daily decline, resulting in the heavy loss of from 7c to 10c per bushel on cash wheat in the United States markets and from 3c to 4c for Sept. and Dec. delivery. Wheat for future delivery has been selling at such a heavy discount from the price of cash or nearby delivery, that it could only be a question of time until they should come nearer together, either by cash declining or futures advancing. Up to the present both have gone on declining with cash the greater loser. Probably the present lack of demand for wheat is the best reason that can be given for these declines. In the face of the new United States crops promising a yield probably much larger than the average, buyers will not take on more than to supply current requirements, and so the market declines of its own weight and no one stands by to stop it. No particular alteration has taken place in the crop situation during the week. The weather generally, in Europe and America, having been favorable to it. Harvesting is now progressing in the central regions of both continents, while filling and ripening is going on in the more northern districts. Reports of threshing from many of the United States winter wheat districts continue to give evidence of disappointment in the yield and quality, though not more so than previously noted. The tendency to withhold the new grain from market is still noted, and may be expected to become more pronounced with lowering prices.

The local market continues dull. Business in wheat is almost at a standstill, both supply and demand being at about the lowest ebb. Last week left No. 1 hard at 94c in store Fort William for immediate delivery, but with the decline in outside markets, 92 to 93c had to be accepted on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday 91c was paid in the morning for No. 1 hard Fort William, but later in the day a small round lot for shipment from country point was offering at 90c without finding a buyer, and afterwards 89c was offered for spot wheat. Since Wednesday there has been an almost total absence of business. Some wheat has been offered, but at too high a price to find buyers who now refuse to buy unless they have an order to fill, and in the absence of business, prices are purely nominal. With Duluth No. 1 hard quoted there yesterday at 75c for cash, it would probably be difficult to find a buyer for Manitoba No. 1 hard at over 85c in store Fort William for immediate delivery.

**FLOUR**—The market is lower, prices having been marked down 20c per barrel on Thursday. We quote \$2.45 for patent, \$2.25 for strong bakers, \$1.75 for second bakers, and \$1.25 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs.

**MILLFEED**—The demand keeps good and stocks are very light. We quote bran at \$11 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots 50c. ton less.

**GROUND FEED**—Ground feed is quoted at \$28 to \$31 per ton as to quality for oats. Ground corn is held at \$18 to \$19 per ton. A mixed corn feed is quoted at \$23 to \$24 per ton.

**CORN**—Corn has been firmer in markets south for the past two weeks. Car lots on track, Winnipeg are quoted at 43c per bushel of 56 lbs.

**BARLEY**—Nominal at 45 to 50c per bushel of 48 lbs.

**OATS**—The situation is the same as last week. The demand is limited and the feeling is easier. The offering of a few cars would easily break the market, but at the same time it is not sure that there are sufficient supplies available to greatly depress prices. Of course as soon as new oats begin to come in prices will take a big tumble. In the meantime the market is very uncertain. A few cars have been sold at country points to be shipped to other country points where they happened to be wanted, and the value at country points ranges from about 34 to 37c per bushel, though it is said 35c was paid for some. Here we quote the market nominal at about 44 to 45c.

**BUTTER, creamery**—The market is firmer. About 1-4 to 1-2c higher has been paid this week, and we quote 16 1-4 to 16 1-2c at the factories. There does not seem to be any particular cause for the advance beyond the usual more active buying as the season advances.

**BUTTER, dairy**—The market is firmer. Good round lots of fresh dairy are now taken at 12c and 12 1-4c has been paid for choice lots, in the country.

**CHEESE**—The market is somewhat irregular and unsettled. Buyers have been offering 7 to 7 1-8c and 7 1-4c has been bid in some cases; while the price of 7 1-2 is also reported.

**EGGS**—Receipts continue to come to hand in very bad shape. Cuddled stock is selling at 13 to 14c as to quality, and dealers are paying 12c net here.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef is tending lower, but although cattle are quoted considerably lower than a few weeks ago the dressed article costs nearly as much, as the grass cattle now being killed do not draw out nearly as well as the grain fed animals which supplied the trade until recently. Grass cattle are soft yet and they have come on slowly, owing to the rains and prevalence of flies, which latter have been unusually bad this season. Choice beef is therefore scarce. About 6 1-2c is the usual price asked for good beef now. A little choice may bring a shade more. Mutton was dropped 1c on Thursday, and the outside price is now 8c. We quote: Beef, 5 to 6 1-2c; mutton, 7 1-2 to 8c; lamb, pelts off, 11c; hogs, 7c; veal, 6 to 8c.

**DRESSED POULTRY**—Chickens are about 5c lower per pair and we quote 50 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens 25 to 30c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 70c per pair; geese, no demand.

**VEGETABLES**—Old potatoes are now about out of the market. New vary much as to quality, from 75c to \$1 per bushel. Picklers are buying now for packing and they pay 1 1-2c per pound for cauliflower. Cabbage, 30c to 40c per dozen; cauliflower 30 to 75c per dozen. Green stuff is offered at 12 1-2 for onions, lettuce and radishes; 10c for rhubarb per dozen bunches; carrots and beets, 15c per dozen bunches; celery, 30 to 35c per dozen; green peas, in pod, 2c

per pound; cucumbers 75c per dozen.

**FRUITS**—Currants, gooseberries and such like native small fruits are offering on the market at 75c per pall.

**HIDES**—The market appears to be very irregular, owing to a little tiff among dealers, and widely varying prices. It is said, have been paid for green city hides, ranging as high as 81-c. Green salted country hides are quoted at 7 1-2c; kip, 7 to 7 1-2c; calf 7 to 9c; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheepskins 10 to 15c, lambskins 10 to 20c; horse hides 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

**WOOL**—We quote 8 to 9c for good unwashed Manitoba fleece. There is not much doing. Most of the territory wool, it is said, has been bought to ship east at 9 to 10c. One or two eastern manufacturers sent buyers to the territories this season.

**TALLOW**—No. 1, 3 1-2c; No. 2, 2 1-2 to 3c.

**SENECA ROOT**—Buyers are paying 12 1-2c to 15c, and 16c has been paid in some cases.

**HAY**—New hay is offering freely at \$5 to \$6 per ton for loose and baled. Demand limited.

## LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—The first export shipments of grass cattle are billed to go Eastward from Winnipeg to-day. The shipment will make up about 500 head, or two train loads. About half of these come from the Yorkton district, and the balance from other points on the M. & N. W. Ry. and from Moosomin and Qu'Appelle, on the C. P. R. main line west. They are therefore all domestic cattle. The first large shipment of range cattle is expected to go forward next week, from the Medicine Hat district. A few old cars of range cattle have come in, mostly for the local market, but no train load shipments have been made yet, as the cattle have been slow in getting into condition on account of the unfavorable weather last spring. Choice cattle for the local market continue rather scarce. The tone of the market is easier, and buyers are trying to fill their wants at 3 to 3 1-4c, but 3 1-2c would be paid for a few head suitable for the best class of local trade. Exporters quote 3 to 3 1-4c in the country, based on weights off cars here, buyers assuming the freight.

**SHEEP**—The market is easier. About 3 1-2c is the quotation off cars here, though very little business has been done. Mutton (dressed) declined 1c this week. No shipping trade in sheep.

**HOGS**—No eastern shipping trade in hogs. A few cars are occasionally going to British Columbia points. The market is steady at 4 1-2c for the most desirable hogs, at which price packers are free buyers. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs., at 5c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.75; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

**COWS**—There is a fair demand for good milkers at \$30 to \$35 each. The most of the cows offered on the street are runts of helpers or thin, old cows, which bring \$18 per head upward, as to quality.

**HORSES**—There has been considerable demand for horses for the harvest work. Owing to the scarcity and high prices of horses in Ontario, the Manitoba demand is being supplied from the States. A report from Toronto says: "Horse dealers report a great scarcity of good coach and draught horses. It is with difficulty