

## BACON

Has been quiet with prices apparently rather easier. Old long-clear sold in small lots at 8½c. New long-clear and Cumberland have been selling at 8½c.; rolls at 9½ to 10c.; and backs and bellies at about 10½c. Stocks of all sorts are very small, but seem to be sufficient, as the season is nearly closed and the demand slackening.

## HAM

Rather easier; new smoked have been selling at 13 to 13½c, but some old canvassed are stated to have sold at 13½ to 14c.

## LARD

Quiet and easy, at 9½c for large pails and 10c for small, in small lots.

## HOGS

Prices ran very low last week, but closed at a recovery with all offered readily taken at \$6 to \$6.50.

## LIVE HOGS

Light fat have held in good demand at \$4.70 to \$4.75 for choice, and \$4.50 for second pick, off cars. Heavy fat were quoted at \$4 to \$4.25 and store at \$4 to \$4.12½.

## CATTLE

The movement in export cattle in the local market continues light, and the demand inactive, business being confined to a few buyers; prices nominally unchanged at 3½ to 4c for good export and 4½ for something choice.

## HIDES AND WOOL

Prices steady as follows: Hides, No. 1 inspected steers, \$9; No. 1 inspected cows, \$8.50; No. 2 inspected, \$7.50; No. 3 inspected, \$5; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c; calfskins, cured, 13 to 14c; calfskins, dry, 11 to 13c; sheepskins, green, 60 to 70c; wool, super, 22 to 23c; extra super, 26 to 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4½ to 4¾c.

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

No 1 hard closed in Duluth (Monday) at 70½c for cash; November 71½c, and May 80½c.

## Grain and Milling Notes

About 80c per bushel is paid for flax at Emerson.

C. P. Brown's grist mill at Gladstone is being moved to Westbourne.

No opposition has been manifested to the mill bonus by-laws in Rockwood municipality.

J. R. Neff, of Moosomin, shipped the first consignment of wheat east from the territories, consisting of two cars of No. 1 hard, billed for Montreal.

T. Fletcher, who in connection with Hughes was erecting a roller-mill at Moosomin, Assa., has withdrawn from the undertaking, which will be completed and run by Hughes.

Owing to the elevator charges at Brandon, having been advanced to 2½c, some of the smaller grain dealers are bagging their wheat. They claim to be able to save ½c per bushel in this way.

The Regina Milling Co. expect to commence the running of their flour mill about the first of next month. Arrangements are being made for securing wheat from the Wapella and Moosomin districts.

There was no change in the prices of wheat at Brandon for the past week, which remains at 52c and about 5,000 bushels per day was being marketed. Oats brought 28c for best samples and 25c for light. Barley not offered.

The electors of the municipality of Shoal Lake, Man., will vote on a by-law to bonus a

flour mill and elevator to the amount of \$5,000, on the 25th of October inst. A bonus by-law was recently passed by the municipality for the same purpose, to the amount of \$3,000, but it has since been nullified through the party who undertook to build the mill not coming to time.

## Items of Interest.

Lumber is arriving at Fort William from Georgian Bay...

A flock of mutton sheep numbering 2,000 arrived here last week from Montana.

There is a growing demand for Brandon city property, according to a local paper of that place.

Portage la Prairie has a population of 2,429, according to the latest census returns, just completed.

The *Echo* says:—Fort William may now be regarded as the coal centre of the Northwest, if one is to judge by the immense piles of the glistening black diamonds that line the banks of the river.

Seech & Shoults have finished the contract on the extension of the Southwestern Railway west of Boissevain, and returned on Monday to Winnipeg. About twenty-two miles of grading was done, and track-laying is now going on. The weather has been very favorable for railroad work, and the contractors have finished the job quickly and in good shape. The terminus is five miles west and one mile north of Deloraine.

W. J. OVENS, grocer, Winnipeg, has assigned.

Mr. W. C. Woods, has left to join his father, Mr. Alex. Woods, in Montreal, and the two will proceed to Australia, via England. Mr. Woods, sr. has been very successful in interesting Canadian manufacturers in the exhibit of Canadian wares which he will have charge of in Australia. A large number of manufacturers will send samples for exhibition.

Mr. Jos. BARTLES, manager in this city for the Standard Oil Co., has been appointed to a position in connection with the same company at St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Johnston, will succeed to the position of manager here.

The Willford & Northway Mfg. Co., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the extensive manufacturers of roller flour mill machinery, are preparing to extend their operations into Manitoba. Their announcement will be made in the next issue of THE COMMERCIAL. This company is now fitting up a number of mills in Dakota and Minnesota. Parties in Manitoba building or remodeling mills, should correspond with this company.

## Montreal Trade Notes.

Some very ordinary lots of famous apples have been brought to market and have realized from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per bbl, whilst very choice lots have commanded as high as \$3.50 to \$4.00 in a jobbing way.

The amount of money seeking investment is large, and the rates at which it is loanable upon first-class collateral are unusually low. So plentiful in fact is money, and so difficult is it to place at a safe interest, that we know of

large sums having been deposited of late in our banks upon which not a cent of interest is allowed, the sum referred to being simply banked for safe keeping until such time as some profitable investment may present itself.

In wheat there was very little business doing here, and prices more or less nominal, as follows:—No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat, 86c; No. 1 hard Duluth wheat, 86c; Canada red and white winter, 80c to 82c, and spring do. 81c to 83c.

Dry goods travellers have sent in quite a number of orders, and some houses report a fair amount of calls from country visitors. A few spring orders for tweeds have been taken, and by the 25th of October it is expected that travellers will be out with a full set of samples of spring tweeds. Flannels and woollens have advanced 10 to 15 per cent. The advance of ½c. in white shirtings has been sustained, and a further advance in greys is expected next week.

Paper is about to monopolize another branch of industry, which is no less one than the making of gentlemen's headgear. By a new process of manipulation, hats more serviceable and finer than anything now on the market are made of wool pulp. They are impervious to water and not wanting in flexibility. It is believed that felt hats will have to take a back seat as soon as these new hats can be placed in the market in sufficient numbers to supply the demand. They are certain to revolutionize the hatters' trade, as they can be moulded into any shape or style desired, and colored to meet the taste of the public. They can be made to represent a glossy or nappy appearance.

The easier feeling reported in flour last week has become more pronounced, although a good business has been done at a lower range of values. Since our last report prices have declined fully 5 cents all round. Ordinary superior is offered freely at \$4.00, and extra at \$3.90. Further sales of Minneapolis and St. Louis flour have been made on this market, for city account and through shipment. The lower grades are still hard to dispose of, owing to the cheapness of the leading qualities. The export trade is quiet, and the advance of 2s. 3d. per ton in freight rates to Liverpool has not helped it any. We have just heard of one or two round lots of Manitoba bakers' change hands at from \$4.10 to \$4.40 as to quality, and several lots of superior have been taken for shipment.

A further gain of ½c, to ¾c, has been recorded in the cheese market since our last report, sales having been made in this market of fine to finest Septembers at 12c, to 12½c, a lot of about 2,000 placed at 12½c. The strength of the market now appears to be undoubted, and the buyers operate with more confidence than when prices were much lower. One of the New York buyers, was here last week, has returned, on account of his former purchases having turned out satisfactory. We learn that some of the uncontracted factories in the Brockville district refuse to part with their September make under 12½c, and some appear to be very sanguine that it will not be long ere they get it. There can be little doubt about the short make, and it is now admitted by parties who have all along possessed bearish proclivities, that even with a continuation of favorable weather the fall make