

are favorable, but there will be a decrease in the spring wheat area, owing to wet weather in the northwest. Wheat harvesting is on in California, now wheat having already been marketed at San Francisco, while harvesting has begun in Texas, Oklahoma and southern Kansas. European crop prospects are fine. Altogether the situation has been depressing for the bulls, and speculation is quiet.

**WHEAT.—LOCAL SITUATION.**—The local market has been depressed, owing to the general weakness, and prices have shown quite a shrinkage from a week ago. There has been a considerable movement of wheat from country elevators to lake ports, and stocks in the country have been considerably reduced. The quantity of wheat held by farmers for summer marketing is a matter of much speculation. There is nothing doing yet at country points, but buyers will soon be put on again, when the farmers will have an opportunity of marketing their surplus. It is feared that much grain held by farmers has been damaged by leaky buildings, during the long season of wet weather which has prevailed. As to prices, No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat basis, was offered here yesterday at 60c and the quotation ranged from 59½ to 60½ as to views of buyers and sellers. No. 2 hard sold at 57½ but later 57c was nearer the idea of values. No. 3 hard was offered yesterday at 53c and No. 1 frosted at 50½c afloat Fort William. No. 2 frosted about 45c.

**FLOUR.**—Prices held at the decline noted last week. Sales by millers here are now made at \$1.75 to \$1.80 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.30 to \$1.35; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—City mills are still selling at \$8 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. The city demand is good.

**OATS.**—Car lots are offered, local freights paid, at 18 to 20c per bushel of 34 pounds, but there are few, if any sales, as the supply in store is sufficient for the present. Farmers would be paid about 18c for loads. For eastern shipment, on through freight rate from country points, we quote car lots at 10 to 13c, but there is no movement worth mentioning as eastern and export markets are weak. No. 2 mixed sold at 12c, Brandon freight, the other day.

**BARLEY.**—No shipping demand, and car lots on through freights, nominal at 13 to 15c per bushel of 48 pounds. Cars of feed barley are offering freely in the country at 14c, but very few sales. In fact barley is exceedingly hard to move at any price.

**WHEAT.**—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is nominal at 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.

**GROUND FEED.** Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest prices for mixed mill feed.

**OATMEAL.**—By the agreement among all Manitoba millers, as reported last week, the following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, 50 lbs sacks, \$1.35; 40 lb sacks 70c; 20 lb sacks 36½c; Granulated and standard meal, 98 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 50c; rolled wheat, 50 lb sacks \$1.70.

**OIL CAKE.**—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

**BUTTER.**—There is no change in dairy butter, and our quotation of 12½c for last week, still represents about the top jobbing price in this market for choice dairy butter.

In creamery, a lot of 1000 pounds sold for shipment west at 15c per lb, equal to about 14c net at the factory, which is about present value. The make of creamery in the east is reported to be very large, and in the United States the make is said to be the largest on record. It is claimed that Montreal quotations of 15½ to 16c are too high to admit of export business, which, if true, does not indicate a firm market.

**CHEESE.**—There is nothing doing in cheese locally, except in small lots for the local or western trade, at prices which do not represent values for eastern shipment. We quote 7 to 7½c being paid here for the small offerings by factories, but as this range is higher than present values in Eastern Canada, it is evident that such prices can only be paid for the local or western trade. At Ingersoll, Ont., on Tuesday, sales were made at 6½ to 6¾c; at Belleville prices ranged at 6½ to 6¾c, and at Peterboro, 6½ to 6¾c.

**EGGS.**—Unchanged since our last quotation. Dealers and packers are paying 8c, and the jobbing price is 9c.

**LARD.**—Prices are: Pure \$1.80 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.60.

**CURED MEATS.**—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; ¾c, backs, 10c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; smoked jowls, 5½ cents. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb; shoulders, 6c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$13.00; clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—We quote city dressed beef steady at 5 to 5½c. Fresh mutton is 1c lower and has sold at 9c for the best. City dressed hogs, 5½c. Veal, not too plentiful, owing to bad roads and quoted at 6 to 7c.

**POULTRY.**—The only poultry obtainable are chickens, which are taken at 70 to 90c per pair as to quality. Turkeys would bring 10c per lb live weight, if they could be had. No ducks or geese obtainable, and no game offering.

**VEGETABLES.**—Owing to bad roads potatoes have sold higher at 20 to 25c per bushel on the street market. Green stuff is now offered to some extent, such as lettuce, radishes, asparagus, pie plant etc.

**HIDES.**—Prices have advanced recently in most markets, 1c at Montreal ½ to ¾c at Toronto, and about ½ to 1c at Chicago, these higher prices, however, being for short haired hides, and not for long haired held winter stocks. Locally prices are irregular, some offers have been made of ¾c higher, but the advance does not appear to be general. We quote: Green city hides, No. 1, 4 to 4½c, No. 2, 3 to 3½c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 and 6c per lb.; dekins 15 to 20c each; kips 3 to 4c; sheep and lambskins 50 to 65c; clips 3 to 5c; tallow 9½ to 10c rendered and 2c rough.

**WOOL.**—There has been very little business done in wool in this market yet, sheering having been delayed by the cool, wet weather. Prices are irregular and uncertain, the feeling being easier in sympathy with the unsatisfactory position of some of the leading wool markets. The tendency is to quote lower than offers made a short time ago. In fact we have heard of offers having been withdrawn, which were made for clips a short time ago, in cases where they had not been accepted in the meantime, 9c and even

9½c was paid for some of the first lots of unwashed Manitoba fleeces received here this season, and though we can still quote 9c, more than one local buyer reports that they cannot pay more than 8c for good ordinary fleeces. We quote, however, 8 to 9c for unwashed Manitoba fleeces, chaffy or burry wool, 5 to 7c as to quality. Heavy, fine, territory wools, 5 to 7c. We heard of 10½c being offered for a fancy lot of pure shropshire wool, but understand the offer was made as a feeler, and was withdrawn some time after.

**HAY.**—The high price of hay has been well maintained, owing to further wet weather and bad roads. Prices have been irregular and varied according to the supply and demand on different days. Cars here sold at \$8 to \$10 per ton for baled prairie, and \$11 per ton was reported obtained in extreme cases. Small lots have sold retail as high as \$18 to \$20 per ton. A good deal of hay has been destroyed by the excessive moisture this season, and it is doubtful if prices will go as low again this season, before now hay comes in, as they were before the wet weather set in.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—No export business done this week. Gordon & Ironsides will make an export shipment next week, which they expect to be the last this season of grain-fed cattle, so that business will be dull until grass cattle come in. There has been so much rain that the grass is very soft and cattle will not likely fatten well. Flies will also be very bad this year, as they usually are in wet seasons, and this will retard the fattening of stock. We quote butchers cattle, fair to choice, at 2½ to 3c off cars here. Export up to 3½c.

**SHEEP.**—No sales this week. Nominally easier at about 3½c off cars here.

**HOGS.**—There has been a further decline in hogs of ½c per lb. the price now quoted, off cars here, being 3½c for good bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 300 pounds; heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3c, as to quality; stags 1½ to 3c.

**HORSES.**—We have not heard of much doing this week. A considerable number of western range bred horses and bronchos are arriving here. Some have been brought in from western ranges south of the boundary, one car arriving from Washington state.

#### Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, Fort William, afloat sold during the week at 97c to \$1.00.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, 25c higher at Patents, \$2.45; Bakers, \$2.25.

Bran.—Per ton, \$12.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.

Oats.—Per bushel, car lots, local freights, 32 to 34c.

Barley.—Per bushel, about 33 to 40c, local freights.

Flax Seed.—Small sales for seed at \$1.50 per bushel.

Butter.—Country dairy 10 to 12c in a small way. Creamery, round lots, 11c.

Cheese.—New 8c.

Eggs.—Fresh, 7½c net, jobbing 8½c.

Beef.—City dressed, 6 to 6½c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 9 to 10c.

Hogs.—City dressed, 6c.

Cattle.—Butchers' 3 to 3½c, export 3½ to 4c.

Hogs.—Live, off cars, 4½c.

Sheep.—1 to 4½c.

Seneca Root.—Dry 17 to 20c lb.

Poultry.—Chickens, 8c, turkeys, 10c, geese, 9 to 10c, ducks 8c.

Hides.—No. 1 cows, 6½c.

Wool.—Unwashed Manitoba fleeces, 5 to 10½c.

Potatoes.—30 to 35c per bushel.

Hay.—\$1.00 per ton, car lots.