

hard. Buyers were trying to get No. 3 hard, which comprises a large part of the grain offering, down to 53 to 54c, but higher than this has been paid. There is lots of trouble about grades, and dealers find that inspection returns frequently give them lower grades than their country purchases call for.

**OATS**—Receipts have been larger, but the average quality continues poor. Very few oats grade better than "feed." In fact this is about the best. Prices range from 33 to 35c for best samples, and damp and light range from 30c up for carlots on track here. The report in country papers that 100,000 bushels of oats had been brought in from Ontario, is somewhat misleading. In fact there were practically no oats brought in here. A quantity of oats were wanted for railway contractors and for other points in Northwestern Ontario, and it was found that these could be brought by water from eastern points to Fort William and distributed from there cheaper than from Manitoba. Some thousands of bushels were thus brought in, but the total quantity was much less than 100,000 bushels. One car of these oats, which was not wanted east, was brought on to Winnipeg and sold here.

**WHEAT**—Ontario wheat will now be kept out by the close of navigation and consequent higher freights. As prices for Ontario and United States wheat were not far apart, there was not much incentive to lay in heavy stocks of the Ontario article before the close of navigation. Freight rates from the south were reduced 5c per 100 lbs. to 10c from Minneapolis, to meet the cut in rates from Ontario points. Now that Ontario wheat is out of competition, the rate from the south will be restored on December 3, which will likely lead to an advance in meal prices here. In the meantime, however, cars are quoted at \$1.60 here c.i.f.

**BARLEY**—Scarcely anything doing. Very few offered and quoted at 34 to 35c for feed grades. A few cars only of malting barley have been in this season to date, for which from 35 to 40c has been paid, as to grade.

**CORN**—Carlots on track are worth 43 to 44c per bushel.

**FLAX**—Dealers are offering \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bushel for flax at country points.

**HAY**—As high as \$8 was paid this week for a car of choice baled, but the usual quotation is about \$7 to \$7.50 per ton as to quality.

**HOG PRODUCTS**—A brisk demand is reported for hog products, for which lines prices are reported steady. In fact there has been an advance of 10c per pair on 20 pound pails, which are now quoted at \$2.10 per pair.

**POULTRY**—The feature of the market this season is the marked increase in the quantity of poultry offering. Receipts of poultry here from country points have been larger than ever before, showing that there has been a decided increase in the production of poultry throughout the country. Every year in the past it has been necessary to bring in a considerable quantity of dressed poultry from Eastern Canada, as local supplies have always been insufficient for the winter market. This year orders have been placed east as usual, but the quantity of eastern poultry wanted will not be as great as in past years, owing to the gratifying increase in the local supply. Some western points in past years have also been obliged to draw on Winnipeg for additional supplies, but these demands will also be less this year, owing to increase in local marketing. One item which has in the past taken two cars for the holiday trade, reports only one wanted this year. The local poultry is not handled as nicely as the Ontario stock and is not as enticing in appearance, which is the main drawback. Prices are rather easier for chickens. We quote: Chickens, 8 to 9c; ducks and geese, 9 to 10c; turkeys, 11 to 12c.

**DRESSED MEATS**—There have been fairly liberal offerings of country meats. Dressed hogs have been coming to hand and prices are steady. Some country beef is offering, but the weather has been rather too mild for handling frozen country beef. There has been a good demand for beef for the woods. Cars of good city dressed beef for shipment have sold at 5½ to 6c. Liberal stocks of mutton are on hand and orders have been placed as for carlots of mutton, which will be received here later, when prices will likely be lower. Prices are:—

Beef, country dressed, 4c to 4½c; city dressed, 5c to 6c; stags and rough beef, 4c to 4½c. The average quality of beef is good this season, and there is not much rough meat offering. Veal, 5c to 6c; mutton, 8½c; lamb, 10c; hogs, 6c to 6½c.

**GAME**—Frozen wild ducks are selling at 25c to 30c per pair for fall ducks. Dealers are paying 8c each for rabbits.

**BUTTER**—Creamery. —A few lots of creamery are still held in the country, for which 20c is asked, and it will likely bring this price. The trade is about over, however, for the season.

**BUTTER**—Dairy. —Receipts have continued quite large, and there is altogether too much held stock offering, which depresses the market. Two much butter has been held in the country, either by farmers or merchants, and as this is not now fresh stock, it is in poor demand, and will not bring the price of choice, fresh goods. For the latter class there is a fair demand, but the held stock is slow sale and the only outlet will be to ship to eastern markets. As the same complaint comes from eastern markets of too much held stock, the prospect for this class of goods is none too bright. Held rolls are not wanted, as they are not saleable here, and are no use for shipping. The market is easier all around for dairy grades. We quote: Really fine, fresh tubs and boxes, 15 to 16c; fresh rolls and bricks, 15c; held stock, 13c, net prices.

**CHEESE**—Cheese stocks in the country are well cleared up, though some lots are held yet. One lot of fair cheese sold this week here at 7c. Buyers have lately been discriminating more closely in the matter of quality, and if this policy is followed up next season it will undoubtedly have the effect of greatly improving the average make. When a factoryman learns that a neighboring factory is receiving 1c or so per pound more than he does, he will begin to look into the cause of this, and will endeavor to improve his product so as to get the higher price. Under the old custom that prevailed here of taking all kinds of cheese at one price, we could not expect to reach a high standard of quality, as the effect was to encourage carelessness on the part of makers. Cheese is jobbing here at 9½ to 10½c.

**EGGS**—Receipts are light and the price is firm at 15c per dozen net for fresh case eggs here.

**VEGETABLES**—Ontario parsnips are offering here. We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads, 40c bushel; parsley, 20c; carrots and beets, 35c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 2c lb; onions, 2½ to 3c lb; cabbage, 30 to 60c per dozen; celery, 20c per dozen.

**HIDES**—The market has been active, offerings being quite large. Prices are steady at 6½c for frozen hides, flat rate, 5 lbs tare. Kips same price as hides. Calf, real veal, 7 to 9c. Deakin skins, 25 to 35c each. Sheepskins, 45c for fresh killed.

**WOOL**—Market is nominal. Dealers quote 8 to 8½c per pound for unwashed fleece and 12½c per pound for washed.

**TALLOW**—Quoted at 4c for best grades.

**SENECA ROOT**—Prices are higher. For good, clean, dry root 3c would be paid delivered here, and the market may be quoted as ranging from 33 to 35.

#### LIVE STOCK.

Some cattle were shipped this week, but the season is practically wound-up so far as export business is concerned. A good many cattle have been taken for local killing lately, some large contracts for supplying winter camps in the woods having been taken. Cattle are quoted steady at 22½ to 3½c off cars here as to quality.

**SHEEP**—The market is nominal, as none are offering. Sheep appear to have been well cleaned up in the western range country for this year, as British Columbia dealers are reported to have been placing orders east recently for cars of dressed mutton.

**HOGS**—Packers are paying 5c per pound for best weights, off cars here, and there is a good demand for all offering.

**MILCH COWS**—There is the usual good demand for milking cows. From \$30 to \$45 is being offered for these.

**HORSES**—The market is very quiet. Horses are decidedly slow sale at present.

## FINANCIAL

### WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending Nov. 29, 1900 \$2,804,272  
Corresponding week, 1899 . . . 3,284,158  
Corresponding week, 1898 . . . 2,732,642

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1900.	1899.	1898.
Jan. . . . .	\$3,000,607	\$7,083,052	\$6,347,168
Feb. . . . .	6,702,646	6,209,471	5,517,310
Mar. . . . .	7,329,462	6,750,121	6,008,275
April . . . . .	7,091,519	6,916,431	6,210,113
May . . . . .	9,762,579	7,472,855	8,083,364
June . . . . .	9,612,081	8,211,716	7,300,709
July . . . . .	9,395,323	8,169,595	6,316,248
Aug. . . . .	8,173,046	7,935,291	6,180,385
Sept. . . . .	7,329,147	8,231,159	6,414,551
Oct. . . . .	9,183,477	12,089,090	9,347,682
Nov. . . . .	11,618,385	14,435,219	11,555,689
Dec. . . . .		12,966,965	10,708,731
Totals . . . . .		\$107,786,814	\$90,674,325

### FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Manitoba & Northwest Loan Co., Ltd., will apply to parliament for power to wind-up the company.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Winnipeg, has presented each of its employees, twenty-two in number, with season tickets to the Auditorium skating rink.

A public meeting was held at Brandon, Man., this week, for the purpose of discussing civic affairs, at which the financial position of the city was shown to be improving. Ald. Nation thought the prospects were favorable for re-issuing the bonds due in 1902 at a much lower rate. It is hoped the provincial government will be induced to guarantee interest on the new bonds.

### The Commercial Men.

W. H. Leishman left for the east this week.

R. M. Smith, of the Slater Shoe House, Montreal, was in the city this week on his first western trip.

J. D. Roberts, who met with an accident at Revelstoke recently, is now resting at Vancouver, preparatory to resuming work on the road.

President Wm. Hargreaves, of the N. W. C. T. A., accompanied by Mrs. Hargreaves, left this week on a trip to Montreal, and other eastern points.

After an illness lasting over two months R. J. Gains, a Winnipeg traveller, died at the general hospital on Saturday afternoon. Deceased was taken ill with typhoid fever at Birle and after treatment there for some time, was moved to the Winnipeg hospital.

### Tenders.

Tenders for the purchase of the whole or part of frame building formerly used as class rooms, on the Macbray school site, will be received up to Thursday, December 6 by the Winnipeg school board.

### Trade Pointers.

Mail advices received here from Japan say rice has been advanced by speculative influences, but the opinion is expressed that prices will rule low this year.

Beans and split peas are costing higher to lay down here from Ontario. Peas are quoted 15c a sack higher by Ontario millers, and beans are held 10c to 15c per bushel higher.

The Edwardsburg Starch Co. will have their new syrup and glucose factory completed and ready for operation about December 10, to replace the factory burned sometime ago.

An inquiry from Winnipeg for land to cost 10c laid down here in round lot, brought the reply from an Ontario packer that he could get 15½c to 10c in Ontario, which was much better than 10c here.

Thursday being Thanksgiving Day in the United States and a legal holiday, all United States grain boards were closed on that day.

Frank Lightcap, Winnipeg, has issued a very complete circular and price list, giving much valuable information about raw furs, hides, skins, pelts, wool, seneca root, etc. It will be sent free on application to any address.

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