

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole sale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions for large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, October 20.

Business has been rather brisker in general lines. The weather has been favorable to purchases of clothing, dry goods, etc., a decidedly cold spell having set in. The advent of rather cold weather on some days of the week, has induced a tendency to lay in winter supplies and push building and other work which it is desired to have completed this fall. This increases business activity as it necessitates many little purchases in various lines, which in the aggregate amount to considerable. The grain movement has continued heavy, and would be even larger if cars could be supplied as fast as required. Manitoba country stocks of wheat have piled up to large proportions. If all the wheat in sight now had passed out of farmers' hands, it would mean a considerable distribution of money throughout the country, even at the low prices which have ruled this fall; but considerable of the wheat in sight is held on account of the producers thereof, for higher prices. The weather has been favorable for fall work. Threshing is nearing completion, and reports from the country indicate that a large area of land has been prepared for spring crop, indicating a considerable increase in the crop area next year.

**GREEN FRUITS.**—Apples of good quality are now abundant, the temporary scarcity of a week ago having been overcome. Peaches are no more, the season being completely over. First new season Florida oranges are to hand. Bananas are arriving in poor condition as a rule. Where good they sell at about \$3.50 per bunch, but as low as \$1.50 for poor stock. Tomatoes are getting scarce and out of condition. Ontario grapes are not now coming forward, season being over. Some New York Concord and Catawbas are coming still. California grapes are not likely to hold out long, and soon there will be nothing but Malaga grapes to be had. The latter are expected to arrive in a few days. A few new figs have arrived. Cranberries are easier. Prices are: Florida oranges, \$6 box; Viridilla lemons, \$8 to \$8.50 box; bananas, \$3.25 to \$3.75 bunch; tomatoes, 25c to 35c per 20 lb basket; green tomatoes, 25c per basket; California winter pears, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per 40 lb box; California grapes, \$6 to \$6.50 per 40 lb crate, as to quality; Ontario apples, early varieties, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel for good fruit; winter stock, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Ontario pears, 40c to \$1 per basket, and \$4.25 per keg; Cape Cod cranberries, \$9.50 barrel.

**GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.**—Wheat has had some slight ups and downs, but continues lower in price. On Monday United States markets were some firmer. The visible supply of stocks in store at principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the mountains, showed a very heavy increase, the increase for the week being 4,312,000 bushels. This is a remarkably large increase in stocks for a single week. The total visible supply is now 59,402,000 bushels, as compared with 34,643,000 bushels a year ago. On Tuesday prices settled back in United States markets, cables being lower. The British visible supply increased 450,000 bushels. Wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 2,240,000 bushels for the week. Duluth received 500 cars and Minneapolis got 532 cars. On Wednesday there was a slight recovery in United States markets, which closed fractionally higher. It was stated that receipts of grains would be much heavier, were it not for the

railway blockades. Cables were weak. On Thursday wheat was lower in United States markets, being  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c at principal points. Cables were weak. The Cincinnati Price Current issued a statement showing an improved condition of winter wheat, which caused weakness. On Friday wheat declined sharply in all important United States markets, on lower cables, heavy deliveries and large stocks. There was liberal selling all around.

Total receipts at the 4 principal United States spring wheat points since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year, foot up: Minneapolis 18,251,704 bu., Duluth 13,391,872 bu., Chicago 20,023,080 bu., Milwaukee 5,717,615 bu., making a total of 63,989,251 bu., against 57,089,253 bu. during the same time last year, and 24,434,545 bu. in 1890. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City, from July 1 to date are 48,416,493 bu., against 39,412,432 bu. in 1891, and 16,171,544 bu. in 1890.

A year ago Thursday Dec. wheat at Duluth closed at 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Chicago wheat closing was 95 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dec. New York wheat closed at 1.55 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dec. Dec. wheat ranged from 89 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 90 $\frac{1}{2}$  at Minneapolis.

Exports of wheat (including flour as wheat) from sea ports of both coasts of the United States equal 4,049,000 bushels this week, an increase of about 800,000 bushels over the total a week ago.

**LOCAL WHEAT.**—The movement has been heavier again this week, Winnipeg receipts running over 200 cars per day. The weather has continued favorable for threshing, and this work is well through in some districts, and will be generally wound up in a short time. The rains of the fore part of last week are reported to have damaged some stacks, but it is not likely that any considerable injury has been done. Stocks in country elevators are heavy, some points being filled up. At Fort William there were 1,153,498 bushels in store on October 22, being an increase of 475,594 bushels for the week. Prices in Manitoba country markets have had an easier tendency in sympathy with outside markets. The range for good to choice samples at most points was from 50 to 55c per bushel.

**FLOUR.**—There has been no further change in prices. Prices are quoted as follows to the local trade in small lots per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.05, strong baker's, \$1.80; XXXX, 80 to 90c; superfine, 65 to 70c. Less than 100 pound sacks 5c. extra per hundred. Millers say there is no money in the business at present prices.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—Prices are steady and unchanged. Bran is selling at \$3 per ton to dealers, in broken lots to the local trade.

**OATS.**—Locally the market has been stronger. On the Winnipeg street market, 22 to 24c per bushel of 34 pounds has ruled for offerings by farmers from 15 to 17c is the usual range of prices paid to farmers in Manitoba country markets.

**BARLEY.**—Feed samples worth 20 to 22c per bushel of 48 pounds to farmers. Local buyers are paying 23 to 30c for malting samples.

**GROUND FEED.**—Unchanged at \$13 to \$15 per ton as to quality and quantity.

**MEALS, ETC.**—\$2 is about the top range for best brands of rolled or granulated. Rolled and granulated oatmeal held at about \$1.85 to \$2 per sack, according to brand and standard meal 5c lower, these being prices to retail traders. Cornmeal \$1.65 to \$1.70 per 100 lbs. Split peas \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans \$1.75 to \$1.80 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$4.15 to \$4.20.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—There is no change to note. Dressed hogs bring 7c for nice hogs suitable for butcher's trade, and heavy 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Beef steady at 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for city dressed. Mutton 11c; lamb, 11 to 12c.

**POULTRY.**—Slower sale and tendency of prices lower. Dressed chickens 11c; geese and ducks 10c; turkeys 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**VEGETABLES.**—Following are prices at which dealers buy from growers on the market: Potatoes 25c per bushel; turnips 15 to 20c bushel; cabbage 25 to 60c dozen; cauliflower 40 to 75c dozen; celery 25c dozen; cucumbers 15 to 25c dozen. Tomatoes bring 25 to 50c per 20 lb basket. Green tomatoes plentiful at 50c per bushel; onions 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2c per lb. Carrots, 30 to 40c bushel; beets, 30 to 40c bushel; parsnips, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2c lb.

**BUTTER.**—The market is firm. We have heard of 16c being paid for selected lots of dairy and 18c for small lots of fancy. Good round lots of dairy will bring 15c, when not strictly selected. Dealers have sold at 18c, and up to 20c for a single package of fancy selected.

**CHEESE.**—Not much business doing, factories hold at 10c, and some ask a little higher, but dealers are slow buyers.

**EGGS.**—Prices are now firm at the advance, and 20c is the usual quotation, in case lots.

**CURED MEATS.**—Dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; spiced rolls, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 11c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; smoked hams, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 13c; mess pork, \$16 to \$17 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 10c; bologna sausage, 9c; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half-lb packet.

**LARD.**—Compound held at \$1.70 per pail. Pure at \$2.25 per 20 pound pail. In tins, 12 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—Prices are not changed for hides. We quote: No. 1 cows 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 1 steers, 5c; No. 2 steers, 4c; No. 3 2c lb. Real veal 8 to 13 lb skins 4 to 5c per pound or about 40c per skin. Kips about same as hides. Sheep and lamb skins 40 to 50c each. Tallow, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c rendered; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c rough.

**WOOL.**—Dealers paying 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for unwashed Manitoba fleeces, as to quality. Washed, 15 to 16c.

**SENAGA ROOT.**—Quoted at 26 to 30c per pound for good dry root.

**HAY.**—Baled offered on track at country points at about \$5 per ton; loose on the street market \$3 to \$4 per ton.

## Another Manitoba Mill Destroyed.

Clendenning's flour mill, near Carman, Man., was completely wrecked about six o'clock this morning by the explosion of the boiler. No one was seriously injured, the engineer having left the engine room a few minutes before the explosion. The building as well as the engine and boiler and other machinery in the mill is an utter ruin and cannot be repaired. Pieces of the boiler were blown a distance of 300 feet, and immense beams and iron shafts were broken like pipe stems. The engine house was blown out of existence. The cause of the explosion is hard to make out, as the engineer says he only had sixty pounds of steam on at the time. Mr. Clendenning's loss will be very heavy, as he carried no insurance and the mill and machinery were first-class in every respect. There is no other flour mill in this district, and the loss will be a serious one to the farmers, who had to depend on it for their flour. Had the explosion taken place later in the day more serious results might have had to be reported, as employees and others would have been in the mill. There were 500 feet of siding over the boiler in process of drying. Not even a splinter of this lumber can be seen near the place. The loss is estimated at about \$5,000.

There is quite a building boom at Killarney, Man., no less than four business buildings are being erected on the west side of Broadway street.

The Commercial House, Austin, Man., will shortly come under new management. It is the purpose of Dan McDougall to retire to his farm and with a view to this step he has rented the boarding house to Mr. Bright.