

bid. The only thing selling here is broken lots of Manitoba strong bakers or straight roller for local bakers' use. We quote Manitoba strong bakers weaker at \$4.50 to 4.75; patents \$4.20 to 4.30; other grades unchanged and dull. Absolutely no export movement. Oatmeal is quiet at \$3.90 for standard and \$3.80 for granulated. Bran a little more scarce,

and some dealers ask \$13.50 per ton even in car lots.

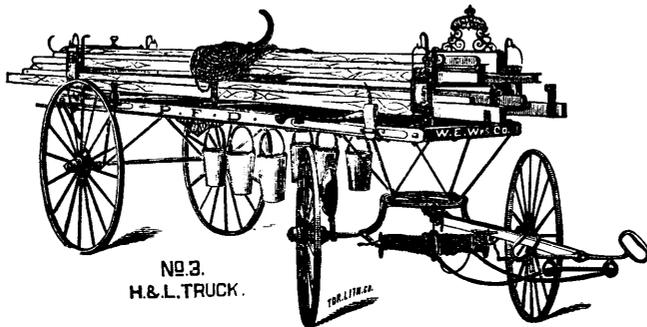
FURS.—A feature in the market is that lynx is likely to be a fashionable fur next winter, and there is a marked advance in the price of them: \$2.50 to 4.50 as to size and quality is now paid, and the offerings are fairly free. There is not very marked activity in the mar-

ket just now; the kinds offering most freely are probably red fox and mink. Of the latter, which are plentiful, \$1 appears to be the outside price, while some are obtained for 50c.; these lower prices are largely a result of the heavy decline in mink at the London sales. Raccoon are readily taken, and as high as 80c. paid for large, prime skins; 50 to 65c. for poorer; marten do not offer freely; we quote 75 to 90c.; not so many muskrat are coming in this year as last, owing, it is said, to low water and hard frost; the prices paid for spring are from 12½ to 18c. We hear of a sale of 1,000 red foxes to an American house last week; that fur offers in fair quantity at from \$1 to 1.40; cross fox, \$1.50 to 3; the supply of otter is limited, and they command \$8 to 10 each; only a few fisher offer, they are taken at \$2.50 to 4; beaver are coming to market in fair quantity; the price has declined of late, however, and only from \$3.50 to 4 is now paid; bearskins are numerous, and of generally satisfactory quality; they command from \$12 to 20; the supply of skunk is about equal to that of former seasons, and the price ranges all the way from 15c. to a dollar as to quality and marking.

GRAIN.—It is difficult to find any cheery words to say about the grain trade when there is absolutely nothing doing in barley, lower quotations and no export movement in wheat, no demand for rye or corn, a dull market in peas. But there is one little feature on the bright side and that is an advance of a half cent in oats, namely from 32 to 32½ cents. Wheat has been dull and drooping all the week, finishing with a decline; there are no transactions for export, but millers have taken some white winter at quotations; nothing doing in spring. During the previous week or two Manitoba hard, being somewhat scarce, was forced up in price relatively higher than other grades; it is now coming in more freely and is down to \$1 to 1.01 for No. 1 and 92 to 93c. for No. 2. The demand is slight and only local milling lots moving.

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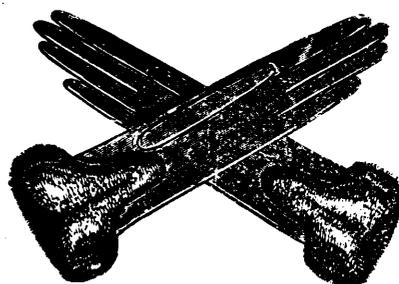
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