

coast markets are getting better from California at much lower prices than ever before and though there is a duty on the California butter, it has the advantage in the matter of freight rates. Eastern markets are also very low, new creamery having sold as low as 14c at Montreal, 5 to 6c lower than a year ago. Commission houses here cannot sell anything to the city retail trade of any consequence, as local retail grocers are supplied directly by farmers. Some country merchants are still shipping rolls, and we will again state that rolls are not wanted at all. We quote 10c for good dairy here, but this price is almost nominal, as there is very little selling.

CHEESE—Cheese markets have improved considerably, but prices are still low. Prices for new cheese in Ontario have since the season opened advanced about 1 to 1½c, 7½ to 7½c having been paid at the cheese markets this week. The quality of course is getting better as the season advances. In this market we learn of a lot of new May cheese having been taken at 7c, which is a good figure as prices stand in other markets.

EGGS—Prices have advanced ½c this week, and packers are now paying 8c and selling at 9 to 10c. A wider margin is required now as there is more waste in re-packing.

CURED MEATS—Smoked Meats are quoted. Hams, assorted sizes, 12c, breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs, 11½; picnic hams, 9½; short spiced rolls, 8c long rolls, 8½; shoulders, 9½; smoked long clear, 10c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb; shoulders, 8c; backs, 10c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ½c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$18.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

LARD—We quote: Pure, \$1.90 to \$2.40 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.80 for 50-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9½c pound.

POULTRY—Held, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices: Chickens 8c, turkeys 10c, geese, 9 to 10c ducks 8c. 40c per pair for live chickens.

DRESSED MEATS—There is rather an easier feeling in fresh meats all around, though beef is fairly firm just now, but prices are expected to be easier when the supply of grass cattle becomes large. Pork, however, is down ½c this week, and mutton is unchanged for best quality but rather easier. The top price for dressed beef is 6½c, and 6c for fair quality. Best mutton brings 9c per lb, and we quote 8 to 9c. City dressed hogs have dropped to 3½c and farmers' dressed at 5c. Veal has sold at 4 to 6c as to quality and demand on different days.

HIDES—There has been another big jump in the price of hides, a full 1c advance being quoted this week. This latest advance appears to be owing to local competition, as outside markets will hardly warrant it. The price now is 7c for No. 1 cows and steers, and other grades in proportion, the same price being paid for No. 1 light hides as for No. 1 heavy. We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green cured, 7½c for No. 1 cows, 6½ for No. 2, and 5½c for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 7½c, No. 2 Steers, 6½c; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 8c per lb. Deacons, 25 to 40c each. Clips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, full wool, 60 to 75c each, as to size, etc. Clips, 10 to 15c each. Lambskins, 15 to 20c each. Trilow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

Wool—The general felling is easy in wool. Manufacturers are very slow, buyers as

they look for lower prices. It seems that the wool markets have opened at higher prices than the situation warrants. Prices paid here and in the east are higher than last year, and manufacturers may be forced later to advance their views. Heavy short wools such as mountain merinoes, which are tender in the fibre, are very low and almost unsaleable. This class of wool has sold as low as 5 to 6c and is offering in eastern Canada at 7 to 8c. There is none of this class of wool in Manitoba, but there is a little of it in the territories, though most of the sheep on the western ranges in the territories have been cross bred with long wools, and now produce a stronger and longer wool, which is more valuable at present than the short heavy tender wool of the pure Montana and Idaho sheep. We quote prices here as follows:—Unwashed Manitoba fleece, 8 to 10½c, or heavy short wools about 8c and up to 10½c for desirable long wools, not too coarse. Fine, heavy, tender, short, wools, 5 to 7c. These prices are for wools free from burs, chaff, etc. Dirty stuff, 5 to 8c per lb.

SENECA ROOT—A little new root is coming in, and 7 to 8c per lb has been paid for green root. The quantity being marketed is much less than last year, as the low price is not an inducement to dig it, and if the price keeps low, as it undoubtedly will, the quantity dug this season will likely be very limited. However, stocks of old root are large and there is not much likelihood of an advance in prices at present. We quote, 17 to 19c for dry root, as to quality, clean, dry, fine root bringing the best price, though very little will go over 18c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Prices are: Potatoes at 30 to 35c per bu. for farmers' loads; cabbage, 3c per lb for good, to 2c for poor stock; carrots, 60 to 75c per bushel; beets, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; arsnips, 2c per lb; rhubarb, \$1.75 to \$2 per box of about 45 pounds. Egyptian onions, \$5 per 100 pounds.

HAY—Prairie baled is quoted at \$1 per ton on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The higher prices at which the season opened for cattle this year are not being maintained. Cattle this week for the third time in succession, reported a further decline in cattle in British markets. Liverpool and London cables this week were ½c to 1c lower. The Chicago market also showed a declining tendency for ordinary cattle, but this was partly due to poorer quality, choice steers being scarce. Chicago was 10c higher on Friday. Eastern Canada markets were easier this week, and ½ to 1c lower on some lines. Locally business in cattle remains quiet, owing to the scarcity of good stock. Manitoba grass cattle are coming on fast and will be marketable earlier than usual. In fact some grass cattle are already being slaughtered here, but they are not really good yet and are not wanted by butcher's who cater to the better class of trade. Two city butchers went west to the ranges this week and bought range cattle. One load of these range cattle came in for the local market, but there will be very few cattle fit to ship from the ranges for at least two weeks yet and it will be about a month before the cattle will be in good condition to begin shipping freely from the western ranges. Mr. Gordon, of Gordon & Ironside, was out in the range country and offered \$10 per head for export cattle to ship later, but the ranchers are holding for higher prices.

At the moment choice cattle are scarce, but the feeling is easy in view of an early supply of grass cattle and the drop in export markets. We quote 3 to 3½c here for ordinary to choice local butchers' cattle, as to quality. A Winnipeg daily paper contained a item one day this week to the effect that C. Yoke had in a train load of grass fed cattle

from Southern Manitoba, for export. The item was entirely wrong. There were no export cattle in, and no one by the name of Yoke is buying cattle in Manitoba. There are no grass cattle fit for export.

HOGS—The markets for hogs are weaker all around. The local market is off ½c this week and eastern Canada markets are weak. Chicago was 5c higher on Monday, but prices were off 5 to 10c on Wednesday and Thursday, but up again slightly on Friday. We quote 4c off cars here for good packing hogs, with offerings fairly liberal. Five cars of hogs were shipped from here to British Columbia by Gordon & Ironside this week.

SHEEP—There is nothing doing locally in sheep. Very few sheep have been handled here this season, as butcher's have been carrying stocks of frozen mutton in cold storage. These stocks are now about exhausted and the demand for fresh mutton is increasing. We quote 4 to 4½c for sheep here, but this price is nominal, as there have been no transactions.

At Toronto on Tuesday export cattle were ½ to ¾c lower, choice cattle selling at 5 to 5.15 per cwt. very few going over 5c, and down to 4½c for anything not first class. Butcher's cattle were ¾c lower, ranging from 8½c for common up to 4 to 4½c for good, and a few extra touched 4½c. Hogs were unchanged at \$1.40 to 1.45 for good, long lean hogs, and as low as \$3 for stags and rough lots. Spring lambs sold at \$2 to \$3.75 each. Sheep, 4c lb.

Late Western Business Items.

The Barnard creamery building at Russell Man., was burnt on Thursday afternoon.

The contract for the erection of Heiman's new hotel at Morden, Man., has been awarded to Scott & Rutherford.

The Seguin hotel, Virden, Man., was damaged by fire on June 7th. Covered by insurance.

"Engine and Boiler Room" is the name of a new paper lately started in Chicago, and published in the interest of steam engineering and kindred branches. For sample copies address: S. K. Munroe, 1202 Malters Building 226-228 La Salle St., Chicago.

The steamer Monarch, owned by Brydges & Durham, which left Rat Portage, Lake of the Woods, on Thursday, for Fort Francis, loaded with passengers and freight, was wrecked and sunk at Sault Rapids, Rainy River. The passengers and crew were safely taken off.

S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the Manitoba experimental farm at Brandon, will address the Farmers' Institute meetings as follows: Bredwardine, Thursday, June 20th 2 p.m.; Arrow River, Friday, June 21st 2 p.m.; Birtle, Saturday, June 22nd, 2 p.m. Russell, Monday, June 24th, 2 p.m.; Strathclair, Wednesday, June 26th, 2 p.m.; Hamiota, Thursday, June 27th, 2 p.m.; Oak River, —organization—Friday, June 28th, 2 p.m.; Rapid City, Saturday, June 29th, 2 p.m. Farmers should make an effort to attend these lectures. Mr. Bedford's addresses are thoroughly practical and bristling with information of value to every farmer.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of May 25 says: "The market for grain freights is dull and we quote:—1s to 1s 3d Liverpool, London and Glasgow, and 1s 4½d Bristol. Sack flour is lower at 5s 6d Liverpool, 8s 3d London, 1s Glasgow. To the continent 2s to 2s 3d for heavy grain. Provisions 8s 6d to Liverpool, 12s 6d to London, 15s to Glasgow, and 1s Bristol. Cheese and butter 15s to Liverpool 20s London, 25s Glasgow, and 22s 6d to Bristol. Deals 32s 6d to 35s to British ports.