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The arrivals of the northern furs, however, will soon begin to slacken up and then the season will quiet down. The feeling is decidedly easy in the matter of prices, as it is said that a good many furs were held over from the London June sales. The next sales take place in London on October 16 to 18, when any furs held over may come up again, and if the offerings are large, prices will be easy. If it is true that many furs were withdrawn from the June sales, the offerings will likely be large in October. The following quotations give the range of prices paid in Winnipeg. The prices cover the range from small to large skins, size, color and condition being considered, though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations, on account of being killed out of season.

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Badger \$0 15 to \$0 80
Bear, black or brown $\dots$ 1 00 to 26 00
Bear, grizzly 1 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large 5 50 to 7 75
<sup>13</sup> medium
" small and kits 1 50 to 2 50
" castors, per lb 2 50 to 5 50
Fisher
Fox, cross
" kitt 10 to 40
" red 25 to 1 50
" silver
Lynx, large 1 00 to 2 50
" medium 1 00 to 1 75
" small 75 to 1 25
Marten 1 00 to 5 00
Mink 50 to 1 50
Musquash 02 to 09
Otter 2 00 to 9 00
Skunk 25 to 70
Wolf, timber 1 00 to 2 25
" prairie 25 to 65
Wolverine 1 00 to 5 00

STATIONERY AND FANCY GOODS.—Imported lines for the holiday trade are now coming to hand, and dealers expect to have stocks complete by the date of the opening of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition. Goods from Germany and Austria, which countries supply the most of the fancy Christmas trade, are now coming in, with some lines also from Great Britain and France, including toys, metal, celuloid, plush, wood and other material in toilet sets, work boxes, etc.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—Wheat has about held its own this week in leading markets. The tendency has been to hold prices at Chicago above 70c. Speculation has been rather quiet. Locally there is practically mething doing, and any quotations given are only nominal. We quote Manitoba No. 1 hard about 90c afloat Fort William, but we lead of no transactions this week.

Exports of wheat, including flour as wheat, from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week amounted to only 1,946,403 bushels, compared with 1,717,000 bushels a year ago, 3,971,000 bushels two years ago, and 3,216,000 bushels in the fourth week of June 1892.

FLOUR—There is no further change. The excitement caused by the introduction of a car of Minneapolts flour is dying out. The imported flour does not seem to find ready purchasers among the city retail dealers. Sales by millers here are made at \$2,25 for patents and \$2.05 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs, delivered to city retail dealers. Second bakers, \$1,65 to \$1,80, XXXX about \$1.40 per sack, according to brand. These are net cash prices, the nominal quotation being 5c higher.

MILLSTUFFS.—The quotation to the local trade is \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

GROUND FEED- Prices range from \$19 to

\$21 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged here at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades.

OATS.—The feeling in oats is rather easier. The expected railway work is not going on, and holders are beginning to think of the coming crop. A good many holders have been offering this week. Prices are also easy in the eastern Canada markets. We quote 33 to 34c for cars here, most holders offering at 34c per bushel of 34 pounds for feed grade.

Barley.—A car or two offered and held at 40 to 42c per bushel of 48 pounds, for feed quality.

FLAX SEED.—Dull at about \$1.50 per bushel in a retail way.

OIL CAKE.--Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

FEED WHEAT—Feed wheat is very scarce and brings 80 to 90c per bushel readily.

BUTTER.—The large number of new factories which are now beginning to operate will make a large increase in the quantity of creamery butter manufactured in Manitoba and the territories this year. Last season creamery butter was brought from Eastern Canada in car lots to British Columbia markets, but this year there will be abundance of butter made here to supply all the country west of the lakes to the Pacific coast. The feeling as to prices is rather easier here, in sympathy with eastern Canada markets, where the tendency is lower in consequence of a large accumulation of creamery goods, as there is no export going on. We quote creamery at 15c with an easy tendency. Large stocks of dairy are accumulating and the prices is nominal at about 10c, there being no movement.

CHEESE-The feeling is decidely easy here for cheese, on account of the large increase in the make and the low prices in the East. There will be a great deal more cheese made in Manitoba this year than ever before, as there are a number of new factories this year. Heretofore all the cheese made here was wanted for the western trade, but this year there may be a surplus over western require-ments, and if so, this will have to go east, where it will probably sell at  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c under fine Ontario cheese. As prices are very low in the east this year, it would mean very low prices here, after allowing for freight, to ship east. Considerable new Manitoba cheese has been shipped to British Columbia coast markets, where it is selling in round lots at 8t to 8åc. Counting freight at \$1.95 (refrigerator car) and cost of handling, commission. etc., this would leave the price at the fatories here about 6 to 6 lc. At the weekly cheese markets in Ontario this week, prices were mostly at about 81 to 81c per lb

EGGS.—There has been a drop of 1c this week in eggs, and dealers are now offering 8c and selling at 9½ to 10c. There is a lot of labor in candling over stock.

LARD.—We quote : Pure,\$1.90 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$4.80 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.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ; do backs;  $11\frac{1}{2}c$ ; picnic hams,  $9\frac{1}{2}c$ ; short spiced rolls. 8c long rolls,  $8\frac{1}{2}c$ ; shoulders,  $9\frac{1}{2}c$ ; smoked long clear, 10c; smoked jowls,  $5\frac{1}{2}c$ . Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb: shoulders, 8c; backs. 10c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper,  $\frac{1}{2}c$  per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess 815.00; clear mess, 815.00; short cut, 818.00; rolled shoulders, 815 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.

VEGETABLES.—Old potatoes are firmer. New have been offered, imported stock, at a fancy price. New native vegetables are increasing in variety. Prices are: Patatoes, 50c per bushel; new, 4 to 5c per lb. Greenstuff, per dozen bunches is quoted as follows: Rhubacb 15c; lettuce 5 to 8c; onions 15c, asparagus, 40 to 60c; radishes 5 to 8c; beets, carrots, turnips, 25c per dozen bunches; spinach, per lb. 1 to 2c; new cabbage, \$2.25 per crate of 50 lbs; cucumbers 50c per dozen; caulifower, 25 to 75c per dozen as to size, southern onions, 4c per lb.

POULTRY.—Prices are the same. Chickens 40 to 45c per pair. Turkeys 8c per lb live weight. No ducks or geese selling.

DRESSED MEATS.—The tendency is decidedly lower. A little beef may perhaps have been sold at  $6\frac{1}{2}c$  this week, but 6c is now about the top price, and the range is from 5 to 6c as to quality. Mutton is also down 1c, sales having been made this week at 7c, though some sold at 8c, but 7c will be the regular price next week without doubt. Limb has sold as low as 8c, but is mostly held at 9c. City dressed pork is held at 6cstill and we quote  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c. Veal 4 to 6c as to quality and demand at the time it is offered.

offered. HIDES.—Prices are the same as last week. We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green cured,  $7\frac{1}{2}c$  for No. 1 cows,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  for No. 2, and  $5\frac{1}{2}c$  for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers,  $7\frac{1}{2}c$ , No. 2 Steers,  $6\frac{1}{2}c$ ; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 8. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 8c per lb. Deacons, 25 to 40s each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, full wool, 60 to 75c each, as to size, etc. Clips, 10 to 15c each. Lambskins, 15 to 20c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—Prices are about the same. We have heard of offers in the country at equal to over 10c here, but this was for selected, straight grade wool, and not for mixed lots, and anything not up to grade and condition would be thrown out, which would reduce the average price for mixed lots. The usual range for ordinary lots of Manitoba fleece is from 9 to 10c as to quality.

SENECA ROOT.—The feeling is very dull. While buyers quote 16 to 18c as to quality. We learn that between 19 and 20c has been bid for some choice lots, put up for sale by tender.

HAY.—We quote prairie baled at \$1 to \$4.50 per ton for car lots on track here.

## LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—The first expert train load of range cattle for this season went forward this week, consisting of fifteen car loads. Four cars of Manitoba cattle were added to the train here, making 355 head in all. Gordon & Ironside were the shippers. This was the only export business done this week. The balance of the stock in at the yards consisted of a few car loads of local butchers' stuff. Two train loads of range cattle are expected in for export on Tuesday next. The feeling in cattle is decidely easier, the decline in British markets this week, affecting the price of export cattle, while the increasing supply of butchers' stuff makes the local market price decidely easier. Grass cattle are getting into good condition and the supply is becoming large. About 3½c is as high as we can quote for anything, and we only heard of one local butcher who said he would pay this price for even the choicest. We quote 3 to 3½c for fair to choice cattle, as to quality.

SHEEP.—Sheep are also decidely easier, and we quote 31 to 31c here, live weight. Lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per head.

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