

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has been strong this week. Moderate advances were made in prices the first three days of the week. Thursday was a holiday. On Friday prices made a sharp advance, December option advancing 3 1-8c at Chicago. The strength was most noticeable in the cash market, and December option, influenced by good spot and export demand. Exports of wheat from this continent continue very heavy. Shipments of wheat from all countries last week aggregated 9,877,000 bushels, of which 6,654,000 bushels were from North America. This week exports are also heavy. The latest estimate of the new Argentine crop, which will be harvested next month, is an export surplus of about 33,000,000 bushels, which is large compared with the last two years, but smaller than the two previous years. (See statement on another page.) But the crop may yet be materially reduced in quantity and quality by bad harvest weather.

In Manitoba country markets, deliveries of wheat by farmers have been moderate, averaging under 50,000 bushels per day in the aggregate, or about the same as last week. From 75 to 78c per bushel covered about the range of prices paid to farmers at most points. The outward movement has kept up this week, and a number of charters have also been made with vessel agents to load wheat at Fort William next week, but the cold dip at the end of the week causes some doubt as to whether or not all these boats will be able to get through. Freight rates have advanced 1c, charters having been made at 3c, Fort William to Buffalo, to load next week, compared with 2 1-2c at the beginning of the week and 2c last week.

In this market No. 1 hard sold at 91 1-4c to 91 1-2c, a float Fort William, on Monday, and 91 1-2c to 92c was quoted on Tuesday. On Wednesday 92c was quoted, but 92 1-2c could have been made for spot stuff to fill space engaged. Yesterday (Friday) 92 1-2c was quoted, but if anything had been wanted to fill space no doubt a higher price would have to be paid. Business now will only be done when the wheat is actually required to fill space, and prices will vary materially according to the urgency of the demand. If the boats which have been chartered arrive all right, there will be some further demand for spot stuff and higher prices may be paid, but in the absence of space to fill there will be little or no cash demand.

FLOUR—No change was reported in the flour market here. Reports from the east mention some good sized sales of Manitoba flour for export and local trade. We quote patents, \$2.55 per sack of 98 pounds; Strong Bakers, \$2.35, second bakers, \$1.80 and XXXX \$1.40. Prices to local dealers here less 5c per sack for net cash.

MILLFEED—The demand is good on local account, and owing to the high price of coarse grain, a large demand is expected throughout the season. Prices are firm. We quote \$8 for bran and \$10 per ton for shorts.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at 20 to 22c for oats and barley, the outside price for rolled oat feed. Anything under \$20 per ton is inferior mixed mill feed. Corn feed is quoted at \$15 to \$17 per ton. Oil cake \$17 per ton. There is a good

demand for corn feed, which is now the cheapest feed in the market.

OATMEAL—Imported rolled meal is being sold at \$1.55 to \$1.60 in round lots, and a considerable quantity is coming in from the south. Prices to retail dealers, \$1.80 per sack.

OATS—There has been no improvement in the supply of oats. Very few car lots are offering, but the demand has been largely reduced by the consumption of corn. As much corn is now being used locally for feed as other varieties of feed grains, and at all points where oats are subject to local freights, the corn is the cheaper feed. About 37c is quoted here for cars of feed oats, per bushel of 34 pounds. The street price to farmers here is 34 to 36c as to quality. In Manitoba country markets 27 to 30c per bushel has been paid to farmers. Oats have been firmer east, owing to good export demand, but the local market is not affected by outside conditions, as prices here are far above a shipping basis.

CORN—Corn is coming in freely from the south. It can be laid down here at 39 to 41c per bushel of 56 pounds, in car lots on track as to grade. This makes it a cheaper feed than oats. There is a considerable demand from country points also for corn for feed purposes, and car lots are moving freely to many provincial points.

BARLEY—Feed barley is quoted at 32 to 35c per bushel of 48 pounds. No cars are offering, but these prices are paid to farmers for loads. Up to 40c is being paid for making barley here.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market—From 79 to 82c has been paid by millers to farmers, for wheat, delivered here, as to quality, fancy samples bringing the outside price.

FLAX SEED—There is scarcely anything marketing, and 60c is quoted to farmers in country markets.

BUTTER—Creamery, quiet and easy. We quote dealers selling price at 21 to 22 1-2c as to quality and quantity.

BUTTER—dairy—The market is quiet and rather easy. Dealers quote 14 to 15c for round lots of country dairy, and quite a number of lots have been offering. The feeling is decidedly less eager to purchase than it was some weeks ago and hardly anything would bring the outside price of 16c, quoted recently. Fresh rolls quoted at 16 to 18c.

CHEESE—Nothing doing in cheese, except in a very small way, in the line of purchases of local retail dealers. Dealers quote 11 to 11 1-2c.

EGGS—Dealers are offering fresh cold storage stock at 18c and lined are offering at the same figure.

POULTRY—There is a good demand. Some eastern turkeys and geese have been brought in. Dressed chicken bring 7 to 8c per lb., old fowl about 7c. Turkeys bring 11 to 12c, and geese and ducks 8 to 9c per lb. dressed.

GAME—Some very fine wild ducks are in the market, and held at 20c. to 25c per pair. Buyers are paying 5c each for rabbits. Jack rabbits quoted at 40c per pair.

LARD AND CURED MEATS—There is no change in these goods. See quotations on grocery list page.

DRESSED MEATS—Packers quote from 4 1-2c for heavy rough hogs up to 5 1-2 to 5 3-4c for choice weights, and as high as 6c has been paid by butchers for choice hogs. Dressed hogs

are offering fairly freely, and are rather easier. Beef is steady at 4 to 4 1-2c as to quality. Mutton easy at 5 to 6c, and lamb 6 to 7c. Veal 5 to 6c.

HIDES—We quote No. 1 city hides, 7c; frozen country hides, 6 to 6 3-4c; flat rate, uninspected; kip. hides, 6 to 7c; calf, 7 to 8c lb; sheep and lambskins, 35 to 50c each; horse-hides 75c to \$1.25 each.

SENECA ROOT—Quoted at 18 to 20c. Vegetables—Prices are: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel, carrots 60 to 70c per bush., onions 2 to 3c per lb., celery 40c to 60c per dozen bunches, cabbage \$3 to \$4 per 100, beets 30c to 40c bushel, turnips 15 to 20c bushel, parsnips 11-2 to 2 per lb.

WOOL—We quote 8 to 9 1-2c here for unwashed fleece, about nominal

TALLOW—Quoted steady at 8 1-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

HAY—Held at \$6 for cars on track here, or baled, or about \$5 to \$5.50 per ton at point of shipment. Quite a quantity of hay has been shipped west from this district lately, for the Crow's Nest railway construction.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The export season for cattle is now practically over. Only a few odd cars went out this week. Outside buyers who have been here during the shipping season have closed up their business and taken their departure. There is very little doing either for the local market as butchers are heavily stocked up. A few fancy cattle will be wanted for the holiday trade. The feeling is a little firmer. We quote 2 to 2 3-4c for butchers stock, as to quality.

SHEEP—The quotation is nominal at 21-4c live weight. Lambs 23-4c to 3c.

HOGS—There has been no change in prices here. Receipts are fairly liberal. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.00; heavy hogs, over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$3.50, as to quality, live weight, off cars here

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Barrel churns have been advanced by eastern manufacturers, the discount having been reduced from 70 per cent to 60, 10 and 5 per cent.

Stocks of cement at Montreal are light and prices are very firm.

Winnipeg dealers are putting in very heavy stocks this season, to carry them over until navigation opens next spring. As an indication of what is being done in this direction, G. F. Stephens & Co. say their fall importations will exceed last year by twenty car loads.

WINNIPEG RETAIL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the association was held on Tuesday evening. Owing to some misunderstanding as to place of meeting, the attendance was not large. Some discussion took place on the municipal situation, but it was decided to adjourn until Friday evening, for further consideration of the question.

The November number of the Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal, of Toronto, is a splendid issue of a trade journal. It is a credit to the trade which it so ably represents.