

tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1.20; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 19½c; crescent, 22½c; oleophene, 4½c in barrels. Car lots 1c per gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 25c for cocene and 25c for sunlight.

RAW FURS.—Following gives the range of prices paid here for skins:

Badger	\$ 05 to \$ 60
Bear, black or brown	5 00 to 24 00
Bear, yearlings	2 00 to 8 00
Bear, grizzly	5 60 to 22 00
Beaver, large	5 50 to 7 50
" medium	3 00 to 4 50
" small	50 to 2 50
" cubs	25 to 60
" castors, per lb	2 50 to 5 50
Fisher	3 00 to 8 00
Fox, cross	50 to 10 00
" kitt.	10 to 40
" red	25 to 1 50
" silver	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	1 00 to 2 25
" medium	1 00 to 2 00
" small	75 to 1 25
Marten, dark	1 00 to 4 50
" pale or brown	1 00 to 3 50
" light pale	75 to 1 75
Mink	50 to 1 50
Musquash, winter	03 to 10
" spring	05 to 15
Otter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 70
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 1 50
" prairie	25 to 65
" bush or large prairie	75
Wolverine	1 00 to 4 00

Wheat.—General Situation.—Wheat was not as continuously depressed as last week, but a good deal of weakness was apparent on some days. The close last night, however, showed that prices had not lost anything, and they were just a trifle higher than a week ago, while today the markets were quite strong. There have been no new features in the situation, except unfavorable French crop reports. Exports of wheat—flour included as wheat—from both coasts of the United States and from St. John, N. B., this week amounted to 3,163,746 bushels as compared with 2,515,000 bushels last week; 2,937,000 bushels in the week a year ago; 2,020,000 bushels in the week two years ago; 2,678,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 3,921,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—There has been very little doing here. In Manitoba country markets it has been so quiet of late that dealers have been withdrawing their buyers. Farmers apparently are inclined to hold since the decline in prices. Last week's receipts at Fort William were 65,258 bushels, the shipments 46,034 bushels, and the quantity in store was 2,636,193 bushels as against receipts of 168,919 bushels, shipments of 224,967 bushels and stocks of 3,657,241 bushels a year ago. Business has been very quiet. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets have ranged from 56 to 60c, according to freight. At several 13c freight rate points, 60c has been paid for No. 1 hard. At Gretna, in North Dakota, 59c was the price paid to farmers. In the Winnipeg market, early in the week, sales were made as low as 7c for No. 1 hard, cash, at Fort William, but later the feeling was stronger and yesterday 74c was made. To-day, (Saturday) the market is higher, in sympathy with the advance in the United States and 75½c is the closing quotation for the week, for cash and about 80 to 80½c for May delivery.

WHEAT—Winnipeg Street Price.—The millers were paying up to 61c to farmers for choice samples of hard wheat.

FLOUR.—There is an easier tendency influenced by the weakness in wheat. As was expected, there was a decline of 5c per sack of 98 lbs on Monday. Manitoba wheat in eastern markets has declined 25c per barrel. We quote \$2.20 to \$2.25 for patents, \$2.00 to \$2.05 for bakers, \$1.65 to \$1.75 for second bakes and \$1.15 to \$1.25 for XXXX.

MILLSTUFFS.—Prices are irregular. We quote \$3 for bran and \$3 for shorts, delivered to the local trade, in a jobbing way.

BARLEY.—For feed barley 20 to 21c per bushel of 48 pounds has been paid to farmers. 23c being the usual price for loads offered here. City brewers are paying 23 to 25c for malting samples to farmers here, and 27 to 28c on track here for car lots.

OATS.—Prices continue easier for oats. From 18 to 22c per bushel of 31 pounds is paid to farmers in this market as to quality. Car lots are about the same, quotations varying from 22c for light up to 25c for choice white.

OATMEAL.—Prices are the same. Following are prices in large lots, with small lots to retail dealers held about 15c more. Rolled oatmeal in 80 lb sacks \$1.65 per sack; standard, \$1.90 and granulated \$1.90 in 98 lb sacks. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs, \$1.60 in round lots. Pot barley, \$1.70 in round lots.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are steady. Prices range from \$13 to \$17 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed. Ordinary mixed mill feed is held at \$13 per ton.

FLAX SEED.—The prices paid to farmers at Manitoba points is still 45 to 50c per bushel for good milling seed.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BEANS.—Round lots to jobbers held at about \$1.10 per bushel.

BUTTER.—Business is very dull. Receipts are light. Good to fair dairy tubs range from 13 to 16c in a jobbing way, but there is very little moving, and the top price is secured only for selected packages. Good rolls are quoted at 12 to 14c in a jobbing way, but are exceedingly dull. Much of the rolls offered are of poor quality and are not wanted. Low grades and medium from 5 to 10c.

CHEESE.—Dull. We quote the jobbing price at 8c to 10c as to quality.

EGGS.—Dealers continue to still pay 20c net per dozen here for receipts of fresh.

POULTRY.—Very little poultry is coming in, but moderate stocks of frozen goods are held here. Dealers will pay the following prices for receipts: Chickens, 6 to 7c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 9 to 10c; turkeys, 9 to 10c.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure \$1.50 for 20-lb pails, and \$3.75 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 7½c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.00.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7½c shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8 cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6½c per lb; shoulders, 6½c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$15.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7½c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 8c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—Dressed hogs are rather easier and offerings are liberal. Prices are quoted at from 4c for rough heavy up to 4½c for choice and the tendency is to buy at not much over 4½c for choice. Dealers are selecting very carefully and cutting down the price for anything but choicest weights. Beef is slow sale. Country frozen beef is quoted at 3 to 4c as to quality, and fresh city dressed unfrozen beef at 5 to 6c. Mutton is quoted at about 5 to 5½c. Rough country mutton, 4 to 4½c.

HIDES.—Higher prices have been paid this week, but there are so few hides offering that it does not signify much what prices are paid. The higher prices were owing to the fact that a couple of dealers each wanted a few hides to make up a car lot, and in order to secure them they have been bidding high figures for the few available. Up to 6c has been paid in this way. We quote 5½ to 5¾c as the general price for country frozen hides, calf, 8c to 15c lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb.; dokins 10 to 20c each; kips, 4 to 5c; sheepskins range from 40 to 60c according to quality. Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

WOOL.—Nothing doing here and prices nominal at 7 to 9½c.

TALLOW.—Dealers are paying 4c for No 1 extra and 2½ to 3½c for undergrades. Rough tallow 2c.

SENECA ROOT.—The market is lower. We quote 19 to 20c per lb for dry root.

HAY.—Held at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here. Loose offering very freely and selling at \$2 to \$1 per load.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are: Potatoes, 30c Onions, 1½ to 2c lb; carrots, 30c bushel; beets, 30c bushel; turnips, 20c; parsnips, 60 to 75c bushel; celery, 25 to 30c dozen; cabbage, 30 to 40c dozen. These are prices dealers buy at from market gardeners.

LIVE STOCK.

Butchers are still stocked up with meat, are buying very little. Some of the city retail dealers have not bought any meat since last November, and they have enough on hand for a month yet. A few cattle have been taken at equal to 2½c for cows and 3c for steers and heifers off cars here for good butchers' stock. Sheep are not wanted.

HOGS.—There is no change in prices. We quote: Good bacon stock weighing 150 to 300 pounds 3½c. Sows and heavy hogs 2 to 3½c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2½c, off cars here.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Jan. 29, 1897.	Jan. 31, 1896.
Flour, straight spring	\$3.00 to \$4.25	\$3 00 to \$3 40
Flour, straight winter	\$1.30 to \$1.50	\$3 10 to \$3 50
Wheat, No. 2 red	97	—
Corn, No. 2 mixed	29c	30c
Oats, No. 2	21½c	20c
Rye, No. 2, Western	43 to 44c	46c to 47c
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	47c	46c to 45c
Cotton, mid. upld.	7 5-16c	7c
Print cloths, 64x64	21c	20c
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X	17½c	18 to 18½c
Wool, No. 1 comb.	21 to 22c	22 to 23c
Pork, mess now,	\$ 50 to \$ 75	\$10.75 to \$11.00
Lard, western, count	\$1.20	\$0 00c
Butter, ex. creamery	20c	—
Cheese, ch. east ft.	11½c to 11¾c	10c
Sugar, centrif., 96°	3 3-16c	3c
Sugar, granulated	41c	4 5-16c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	103	13c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	35c	\$1 4 1-2
Petroleum, rfd. gal.	\$0.00	37
Iron, Best, pg.	\$10.30	\$13 1-2
Steel billets, ton	\$15.25	\$17 5
Ocean Steam Freight—		
Grain, Liverpool	2½ to 3 d	3 d
Cotton	3-32d	4 d

* Pittsburgh.