

ket. Pacific coast box apples are also out. Among receipts this week was a car load of honey from Ontario. Prices are: Oranges, Mexicans, \$5.50 box; bananas per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3 as to size; California lemons \$7 to \$7.50 per box; Malaga lemons \$5.50 a box; Oregon winter Nellis pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Ontario apples fall, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per bbl.; winter stock, \$3.25 to \$3.50 as to variety; snows \$3.50; fancy fameuse \$4 to \$4.25; California grapes, \$2.50 to \$2.75 for four basket crates; Ontario grapes, ten pound baskets, Rogers, 40c per basket; Almeria grapes \$8 a keg; cranberries, Cape Cod \$8 bbl., some have sold at cut rates as low as \$7.50; sweet potatoes \$5 per bbl.; coconuts, \$1 a doz.; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; Tarragona almonds, 12 1-2 to 13c; peanuts, green, 10c; roasted, 12c; pecans, 14 to 15c; shelled walnuts, 24 1-2 to 26c lb.; strained honey, 8 1-2 to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11 to 12; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$2 per box.

#### HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

No changes in prices are reported this week. The tendency of prices is firm, on account of the drawing near of the close of navigation. Glass, turpentine, linseed oil, etc., are particularly firm. Illuminating oils are in good demand and steady.

#### LEATHER.

A good trade is reported in harness goods. Prices of leather are unchanged. See quotations on another page.

#### MANUFACTURED FURS.

A good parcel trade is reported in furs, notwithstanding the mild weather. Houses that are handling both clothing and furs report that the sorting trade has been better in furs than clothing, fur coats particularly having sold well.

#### RAW FURS.

Some early collections of new furs are now coming in. Some varieties are now prime or almost so, particularly muskrat, skunk, mink, beaver, etc., which become prime earlier than other varieties. Lynx are in poor demand. Prices are somewhat uncertain yet, but the outlook for raw furs is considered fairly good. See prices in another column.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat—No important change can be reported in the wheat markets during the past week, but prices have been steady and strong within a narrow range of fluctuation. The principal feature in the United States markets has been the activity in Chicago December wheat, and doubtless this has had its effect in leading other markets firm in sympathy. The stock of contract grade in Chicago is very small, and the short interest in the December option seems to be easily excited, and on one or two days sharp spurts took place in the price, by reason of shorts covering, the result being a gain of 1c per bushel on the week, in Chicago cash and December wheat, while the quotations for other months in Chicago, in common with all months in other markets, remain practically the same as a week ago. A large movement of wheat to primary markets continues in the United States, and the demand for export and domestic consumption also

continues on an extensive scale. The American visible supply increased last week 2,184,000 bushels, and the world's visible increased 6,726,000 bu. During the week it was reported that Russia was offering wheat to London at cheaper prices. The bulk of the Russian wheat so far this season, has been taken by the Mediterranean ports, at better prices than Englishmen would pay. Argentine was offering wheat more freely. Harvest in that country is now beginning in the earlier districts, and will be general in three weeks, with crop prospects good.

The local market has for the most part been firm during the week, closing, however, with the sentiment of the trade leaning towards the idea of lower prices. Lake navigation may close within two weeks, which will make a difference of 6c to 7c per bushel in freight to the seaboard for export. If there is no advance in outside markets, any increase in cost of freight must come off the present price of the wheat here. Prices were strong on Monday in view of Tuesday being the 15th of the month, when delivery of a great many contracts would have to be made, and several dealers being short a few cars, the price of spot wheat was well sustained, 72 1-2c being paid for 1 hard in store Fort William. On Tuesday the feeling was easier and 72c was paid for spot 1 hard. Wednesday and Thursday the prevailing price was 71 1-2c, and yesterday 71c. The difference between 1 hard and 2 hard and 1 northern has remained at 4c per bushel; 3 hard, 2 northern, and 1 spring, 7c to 8c under 1 hard. Scoured 1 and 2 hard and 1 northern, 65c. Damp wheat may be quoted as being worth about 10c per bushel under the same grade in good condition. The views of the dealers yesterday were distinctly in the direction of lower prices. Large buyers and shippers are practically out of the market, as it is coming on towards the close of navigation, when they must, if possible, have everything on hand cleaned out of Fort William and Duluth, or run the risk of losing money on what may be left behind. Small sales on basis 1 hard for all November delivery were made yesterday at 70 1-2c per bushel in store Fort William. Large buyers would only quote 70c, but made no effort to buy at that. Straight 1 hard for delivery first half December has been freely offered the last few days at 69c Fort William, but there have been no buyers at over 68c. The scarcity of cars to ship wheat from country points to Fort William is a very aggravating hindrance to business for shippers all over the country, and the cause of heavy loss to many dealers who had bought wheat freely at higher prices, and are not likely to get it shipped out in time to go east by the lake route this fall.

FLOUR—Quotations are the same as last week. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$2.05 for patent, \$1.85 for strong bakers, \$1.45 for second bakers and \$1.15 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs. Discount of 5c per sack net. Scarcity of cars is affecting the shipping business of the mills.

MILLEED—There was some talk of an advance, but it did not go into effect. Prices steady. Bran is quoted at \$9 and shorts at \$11 per ton for small lots, with large lots at 50c to \$1 per ton less as to quantity.

GROUND FEED—Chop feed is quot-

ed easier \$15 to \$16 per ton as to quality. Oil cake is quoted at \$26 to \$27 per ton.

OATMEAL—The market is decidedly easier. Ontario meal has been offered to lay down here at 1.60 per sack for rolled, for cars on track here, and United States meal is about the same figure, though some manufacturers are asking 1.70. As oats are now offering more freely, the market will soon be fully supplied with Manitoba meal, when both the United States and Ontario article will be shut out.

OATS—The market is decidedly weaker. Prices declined about 1c per bushel, with sales at 27 to 29c, and yesterday cars were offered here at 26c, which made a farther decline of 1c on the previous inside price. At the close it is not likely that bids of 25c for cars on track here would have been refused and we quote 25 to 26c per bushel of 34 lbs. for cars on track here, of feed qualities. In the country prices have declined to 18 to 20c for car lots on track, as to freights. On the local street market, 25 to 28c was paid to farmers for loads.

BARLEY—Feed qualities quoted at 27 to 30c, with a very limited movement. Mating barley in good demand and scarce for good samples at 33 to 35c as to quality, per bushel of 48 lbs.

WHEAT—Local street market—There is an over supply of low grade wheat offering for chicken feed, etc., at 30 to 35c per bushel of 60 lbs.

FLAX SEED—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers. The amount offered has been very limited and the quality rather poor.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is firm, at about the same prices as quoted last week. For fresh late made goods about 20c has been paid. Held lots of earlier make are quoted at 18 to 19c as to quality. The market now, however, is practically nominal, as factories are all about closed out. Jobbers are holding at 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is firm at 15 to 16c here as to quality for choice lots of fresh goods. Mostly small lots of late made goods now offering, which readily command prices quoted.

CHEESE—The market is quoted the same as last week. We quote 83-4 to 9c for Manitoba cheese, to factories. Small sizes have brought 9 to 9 1-2c as to quality.

EGGS—There is quite a variety of eggs in the market and the quality is varied in proportion. There are very few Manitoba eggs offering. Manitoba fresh or good Ontario fresh are quoted by jobbers at 19 to 20c, held fresh at 17 to 18c, and lined at 16 to 17c. There is much variation in quality of some of the so-called fresh, while there is also some very good stock offering.

PROVISIONS.—There is an easier tendency on cured meats and lard. Hams and breakfast bacon are quoted at 11c, smoked shoulders 8 1-2c, imported short clear 8 1-2. Canadian long clear dry salt 9c. Lard is quoted at \$1.70 to \$1.80 per 20 lb. pall, the latter price for imported.

POULTRY—With the advent of winter weather poultry is becoming more plentiful and prices are a little easier. Spring chickens are now quoted at 8c to 10c per lb., hens 8c, turkeys are lower at 10 to 11c, and ducks and geese 9 to 10c. Some Ontario turkeys are in the market. The supply of all sorts is only equal to local requirements.