

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. In the east oatmeal has declined 5 to 10c per barrel.

OATS.—The feeling is easier, and prices are declining in the country. We quote 1c lower this week at 31 to 32c for cars here, per bushel of 34 pounds for feed grade. There is no business doing to amount to anything, however, at these prices. A car or two of new oats have been offered, to ship here from a country point at 28c. without takers. Eastern Canada markets have declined sharply, under free offerings of new oats.

Barley.—The first load of new barley was brought in by a farmer from down the Red river on August 10. It was plump, but dark colored, as the bulk of the barley is likely to be this year, or at least that portion of the crop cut early. It sold at 35c. One car of old crop feed grade sold at 38c per bushel of 48 pounds.

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 brings 65 to 70c per bushel, and 70c is being paid at city mills for choice wheat.

BUTTER.—There is considerable shipping movement in butter, and lots are being shipped to eastern Canada markets, both of creamery and dairy grades. Outside markets have not been as firm as they promised to be a couple of weeks ago, and later the tone has been easier. Our advice from British Columbia urge strongly against continuing such heavy shipments in that direction. Manitoba dairy is positively not wanted at all in the coast markets, and receipts of creamery have been altogether too heavy, and the market is becoming glutted with creamery also. Shippers should remember that the coast cities only offer a limited market and the markets there become quickly overstocked with free shipments. Once butter is sent there there is no other outlet for it if it is not wanted. Shippers will have to cultivate the eastern markets more and put up their goods to suit the trade there, in 50 and 75 pound tubs, lined with parchment paper. There has been considerable complaint about some lots of Manitoba creamery sent east, the complaint being that it has been held too long, is off flavor, irregular quality, etc. Eastern dealers will not, it is said, advance more than 10c per pound on our western creamery, and will not quote prices at all till they see the goods. If the cream gathering plan could be dropped by our factories, it would greatly improve the quality of our creamery butter. Prices are the same here. We quote creamery at 13 to 15c as to quality, and round lots of dairy, average quality, at 8c.

CHEESE.—Shipments of Manitoba cheese are going forward occasionally to Eastern Canada dealers, and some further through shipments direct to England are reported. Considerable complaint has been made about Manitoba cheese received at Montreal, as to quality, the complaints mentioning the following features: Off flavor, sour and curdy, too ripe, pasty and soft, light and irregular in color, too buttery, too sweet, too open and loose. Of course it was to be expected that the Eastern dealers would criticise the first shipments of our cheese very closely, and find all the fault they could with it, and this will be especially true on account of the unsatisfactory condition of the markets, as cheese would be passed over when the markets are strong, which would be rejected when they are low and weak. At the same time our cheese makers no doubt, have need to exercise every possible care to make the finest goods, if

we are to build up a satisfactory export trade, and every complaint should be considered, with the object of avoiding similar complaints in future. As to prices, the situation in cheese continues very unsatisfactory. At the weekly cheese markets in Ontario this week prices were again lower, the range of bids being from 7½ to 7¾c, which is ½ to ¾c lower than a week ago. The highest price paid was 7¾c at Ingersoll, and at Belleville, Madoc and Campbellford sales were made at 7½ to 7¾c. Recent rains have improved the pastures in Ontario, with the prospect of an increase in the dairy output. Here we quote 5½ to 5¾c for Manitoba cheese, and it would take something extra good to bring 6c.

EGGS.—The tendency is easier. Some buyers have dropped the price 1c to 11c, others were paying 12c but will likely drop to 11c on Monday. Case lots are selling at 12½ to 13c for candled stock.

LARD.—Prices are the same. We quote. Pure, \$1.90 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs: 1½c; picnic hams, 9½c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 8c; smoked long clear, 10c smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb; shoulders, 7c; backs, 9½c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ¾c 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.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are: Potatoes, new, 25 to 30c per bushel; green stuff, including all roots, onions, etc., per doz. bunches is quoted at 5 to 8c all around; cabbage 15 to 25c per dozen; cucumbers 20 to 25c per dozen; cauliflower 20 to 40c per dozen, as to size; green peas, in pod, 30c per bushel; celery 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; green beans 1 to 1½c per lb.; rhubarb 10 to 12½c per dozen bunches; onions, per bushel 1½ to 2c per pound; turnips 20c per bushel. A few ripe native tomatoes are offering at 7 to 8c per lb.

POULTRY.—Prices are the same. Chickens 35 to 40c per pair; spring chickens, 25 to 35c per pair; turkeys 8 to 9c per lb. live weight. No ducks or geese selling.

DRESSED MEATS.—Prices are about the same. We quote beef at 4 to 5c, as to quality. Good beef is selling at 5c; mutton, 7c is the general price this week; lamb 7c also, with mutton and lamb in some cases selling at 6c; pork 5½ to 6c; veal, 4 to 6c.

HIDES.—There is no change in prices here for hides. We have heard of relatively higher prices paid in the country than prices here, but this would be for cured stock which is worth more than for green hides, if the selection is good. Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green, 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 lbskins, 6 to 8c per lb. Deacons, 25 to 40c each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, recent kill, 30c. Lambskins, 30c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—We quote 10 to 11½c as to quality for Manitoba fleece. The market is quiet.

SENECA ROOT.—About 18c is the usual price for small lots of dry root, but in special cases 19 and 20c has been paid.

HAY.—Loose hay on the street market is selling at \$3 to \$4 per ton. We quote new baled prairie at \$5 on track here. There has

been talk of shipping Manitoba hay east, but at present prices east it cannot be done and pay freight. Some have also talked about shipping our straw east, but the freight alone would amount to considerably more than the straw is worth in Toronto, so shipping it is out of the question.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—This has been quite an active week in cattle exports. The number of cattle in was so large, that the new stock-yards being built here, had to be used to some extent to accommodate the stock. Gordon & Ironside as usual were the heaviest shippers, sending six train loads east for export, consisting of about 1,500 head in all. Three of these trains were range cattle and they were a fine lot, one bunch being about the finest lot of cattle ever seen in the yards here. Of the other three trains one came from the Prince Albert branch railway, these being domestic cattle. John Wake shipped fifteen cars eastward from the Manitoba Northwestern country, which would bring the total shipments for the week up to nearly 1,800 head. As to prices, the markets have been better this week, as will be seen by reference to another column. We quote prices here at 2 to 2½c for butchers, for the local trade and up to 3 to 3½c for export cattle. A new feature in the cattle trade is to be reported this week. This is nothing less than the exportation of cattle from the interior of British Columbia, via Winnipeg and Montreal. The first train load of fifteen cars were brought as far as Brandon, Manitoba, this week, where they were unloaded and will be rested for a few days. The haul is a long one, and the experiment will be watched with interest. Burchill & Howey, of Brandon, are handling these cattle.

HOGS.—Two cars were shipped west to Calgary. No eastern shipments. Prices steady at 4 to 4½c off cars here.

SHEEP.—Two cars came in for Kobold, of Winnipeg, one from Whitewood, and the other from the Sarnia ranche, south of Walch, Assa. They are understood to have cost 3c, weighed off cars here. They would shrink heavily, the haul being long. There are a good many sheep out on the ranges, and the trouble is they are mostly too small for export. The local trade will take only a very limited number, as there are about enough offering by farmers to supply the demand.

HORSES.—A car of western horses and ponies were sold here by auction this week. The ponies sold at \$18 to \$30, and the highest price reached by any one was \$86, for a fairly good horse of about 1,400 pounds weight.

At the half weekly market at Toronto on August 13, cattle were in improved demand. Best export offered, which were not very good, sold at 4½c, and others sold from 3½ up to 4½c. The run was poor quality. Butchers' cattle ranged from 2½ to 4c per lb, and the bulk were poor stuff. Best hogs sold at \$1.40 to \$1.60 per 100 lbs, stores slow at \$1.20 to \$1.40, stags and rough, 2 to 2½c. Lambs sold at 4c lb, and export sheep at 3½ to 4c and 3c for bucks.

At Toronto on Aug. 16, prices were easier. Butchers' cattle sold at from 2½c to 3½c per lb. Sheep and lambs were lower, under heavy offerings. Lambs \$1.50 to \$3 per head; shipping sheep, 3c to 3½c per pound. Hogs, best bacon, long lean, \$5 to \$5.25 per 100 pounds.

At Chicago on Aug. 16, cattle were firm. The highest price reported was \$5.10 per 100 pounds for a car of Montana steers. Hogs were 5c higher, at \$1.15 to \$1.70 for heavy, \$1.40 to \$1.90 for light. Sheep and lambs were 10 to 25c lower. Sheep sold mostly at \$2.75 to \$3.40 and lambs \$3 to \$5.25. Good export sheep were in demand and scarce.