

only about half the amount shipped last week.

The local market has had more strength and a better tone than for some time previously. There has not been much increase in demand, but one large exporter has been buying on a fairly liberal scale, which has caused the current of dealing to move more freely. As soon as the date when lake navigation will open is definitely known, there will certainly be a marked increase in trading. At the close of last week 1 hard spot, Fort William, was quoted at 71c to 71 1-2c per bushel. On Monday sales were made at 71c in forenoon, but in the afternoon 72c was the price. On Tuesday sales in the forenoon were at 72 1-4c and 72 1-2c, in afternoon buyers only bid 72c. On Wednesday American markets opened weak and 1 hard Fort William was seeking buyers at 72c, later, after outside markets had closed very strong and higher, 1 hard was sold at 73c. Thursday prices remained firm, and sales were made in forenoon at 73 1-2c and in afternoon at 73c. Yesterday, although American markets recorded quite a decline, 1 hard kept well up. Sales were made in forenoon at 73 1-2c. In early part of afternoon buyers fell off to 72 1-2c on account of the decline in Chicago, etc., but later they rallied to 73c again, and it may be noted here that although the American markets have only gained about 2-1c per bushel on the week, Manitoba 1 hard has gained 2c per bushel, 2 hard and 1 northern remain at 3c under 1 hard, and 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring are 6 1-2c under 1 hard. Off grade wheat such as tough, scoured and dried, are irregular in price. Tough is practically out of the market. Scoured sells for 4c to 6c under same wheat straight grade. Dried 2 hard has been selling at from 6 1-4c to 6 1-2c, and dried 2 northern, 6 1-2 to 6 5-8c.

FLOUR—The bad state of the country roads is cutting off trade in flour, etc., to some extent and city trade is also a little dull this week. Generally speaking, though, the spring trade has been good. Another large order from Australia was one of the features of the week. Prices are as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90, Ogilvie's Glenora \$1.70, Ogilvie's Manitoba strong bakers \$1.10, Lake of the Woods patent \$1.80, do strong bakers \$1.60, second bakers \$1.25, XXXX 90c to \$1.10, per sack of 95 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to dealers.

MILFEED—Bran and shorts is a little more plentiful this week, although the supply is still inadequate. We quote: Bran \$11, shorts \$13, with \$1 off large orders.

GROUND FEED—Best corn feed this week is worth \$20 per ton. Inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$21 for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$18 to \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Olfake, \$24 per ton.

OATS—The feeling has been not quite so strong this week and prices are down about 1c. This easiness is due to a lessening of the demand, consumption being limited to actual every day requirements as fears are general that the oats have not the keeping qualities which would justify buying ahead, and also to larger offerings arising from uneasiness on the part of holders. Stocks of oats in the country are however, undoubtedly light. No. 2 mixed have been offering this week at 1c less than last week's quotations. We quote: No. 1 white 35c; No. 2 white,

36c, No. 2 mixed, 35c, on track Winnipeg. Street oats are worth 33 to 35c. Seed oats are worth in a retail way 10 to 42c.

BARLEY—Very firm and scarce. Quoted at about 37 to 40c. Common feed barley is worth 30 to 35c on track here.

CORN—Continues to come into this market from the south quite freely, and will continue to do so through the summer. Corn is also entering Manitoba quite freely for consumption in the western part of the province, where feed is scarce. Car lots on track here are worth 41 to 43c per bushel.

FLAX—Flax seed for seed purposes will be supplied by mills on contract to farmers at 80c per bushel. For small lots \$1 per bushel is asked, for cleaned seed for seed purposes.

WHEAT—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 52 to 55c for best grades of wheat.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality. Stocks are very light. Lower prices may now be looked for as United States stock is competing in the Kootenay and other British Columbia markets withheld latter, at lower prices.

BUTTER—Dairy—The situation remains much the same as last week. Fresh made dairy butter is becoming more plentiful. Farmers are offering it on the street at 16 to 17c. Jobbers prices to the trade are 15 to 16c for best grades of fresh dairy. Held stock is not wanted at any price. We quote 8 to 10c for this class.

CHEESE—We quote 10 to 10 1-2c per pound according to size, with some lots offering at lower figures.

EGGS—The egg market has been somewhat excited this week owing to a story being put in circulation of a corner, and prices moved up some cents for a few days in consequence. Stocks of eggs in the city have been light all through the spring and prices well maintained. It is estimated that there is not to-day more than 200 cases of eggs in the city. This state of affairs is likely to end almost any time though, as warm weather is increasing the receipts daily and these are bound to exceed the demand in a short time. Retail dealers have been obliged to pay 20c for some of their eggs this week, although most of the week the price remained in the neighborhood of 18c. At present commission houses are quoting 16c as their selling price for choice fresh eggs.

VEGETABLES—Choice white potatoes have advanced 10c per bushel and are now worth 60c in a wholesale way. It is being predicted that potatoes will go to \$1.00 retail before the new crop is available but this is problematical. Imported rhubarb is down to 6c this week. We quote: Potatoes, choice white, 60c per bushel, red, 50c; turnips, 25c per bushel, parsnips, 11-2c per pound; carrots 40 to 45c, beets 10c per bushel, onions, 31-2c per pound, rhubarb, imported, 60c per pound; radish, parsley and lettuce 40c per dozen bunches, on. ns. 25c per dozen bunches.

SENECA ROOT—Prices unchanged. The root season will open in a few weeks now and the true market value will then become manifest. Meanwhile 17c is the present quotation.

HIDES—The Chicago market stiffened up a little this week owing to the tanners who were holding off in expectation of the formation of trust

re-entering the market. Buying was free. It should be remembered that the hides now being marketed at Chicago are short hair hides, and not at all the same as those being sold at present in Manitoba. Hides of the same quality will not be offering in this market for six weeks or more yet. Shippers are reminded that it is dangerous to ship green hides now without salting. If it is done they are liable to become hair-stripped and spoiled. The hides now offering are very dirty. We quote: Inspected hides No. 1, 61-2c; No. 2, 51-2c; No. 3, 41-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 2, kip 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each, sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c, as to length of wool; horsehides 50 to 75c each.

HAY—Fresh baled hay on track Winnipeg has firmed up a little in price and is now worth \$7 to \$7.50 per ton. Winter baled hay finds little or no sale, as it is looked upon as being almost worthless.

POULTRY—All kinds of poultry are scarce. Turkeys are practically not obtainable in a wholesale way as the holders can easily realize retail prices for all they have. We quote prices as follows: Live chickens 70 to 80c per pair, dressed chickens 10 to 12c per pound; turkeys 15c; geese 10c.

GAME—Wild geese 75, wild ducks, 20 to 40c.

DRESSED MEATS—The feeling was a little easier this week for beef and 7 1-2c represents about the outside value for best qualities. This easiness is largely due to an increased anxiety to sell on the part of wholesale concerns. Mutton continues to come in in small lots, but frozen stocks still hold the trade in check. We quote prices as follows: Beef, extra choice, 7 1-2 to 8c per pound; fresh killed mutton, 9 to 10c; frozen, 7 to 8c, veal, 6 1-2 to 7c; pork, 6 to 6 1-2c per pound, the top price for city dressed spring lamb, \$3.50 to \$5 each, as to size and quality.

WOOL—The outside markets for wool are looking up a little. Locally the only feature of interest was the sale of the only large lot of wool left in this country and this was on its way east. This practically leaves the country bare of wool. The price realized for this wool has not been made public. The nominal value of wool at present is about 7c.

TALLOW—No. 1 tallow is worth 3 1-2c per pound; No. 2, 2 1-2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The feeling in the cattle market was a decidedly easier one and prices have sagged a little. It is expected that there will be a large movement of stockers next week as buyers are gathering up their purchases. Some carlots of yearling stockers changed hands this week at a price of \$11.50 per head, which represents the present value for good lots. Cattle of all kinds throughout the country are pretty closely bought up. We quote: Choice beef cattle, 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per pound; yearling stockers, \$12 to \$16; two year olds, \$18 to \$22.

HOGS—Some carlots of hogs have been marketed here within the past few days at prices ranging from 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per pound.

SHEEP—Coming in slowly. Quoted at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c.

MILCH COWS—From \$30 to \$40 is the ruling price for good dairy cows.

HORSES—Horses are coming in freely and are in good demand at prices ranging from \$100 to \$175 each.