

ed for cash No. 1 hard and \$1 for May delivery, Fort William. In Manitoba country markets prices to farmers declined to about 82c at the opening of the week, but advanced to 86c, and were quoted yesterday at 84c to 85c for No. 1 hard, to farmers. In the Winnipeg market 90c was paid to farmers, but yesterday the price was dropped to 88c for No. 1 hard. Very little wheat is being delivered in the country, farmers deliveries in Winnipeg being larger than at most country points. Receipts of wheat at Fort William elevators last week were 17,931 bushels and shipments 35,921 bushels. In store Fort William 723,068 bushels, compared with 3,000,000 bushels a year ago.

FLOUR—The market is steadier and more regular. We quote Patent, \$2.50; best bakers \$2.30; second bakers \$1.90; XXX, \$1.40 per sack of 48 lbs., with discount of 5c net.

MILLFEED—Prices are unchanged. There is a good demand for bran and prices are firm. We quote bran at \$11 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots \$1 per ton less.

OATMEAL—Prices are firm. Rolled meal is generally held at \$2 in small lots.

GROUND FEED—Pure grain feed is quoted at \$22 to \$24 for rolled oat feed. Inferior mixed mill feed, \$18 to \$20 per ton. Ground corn feed is quoted at \$16 to \$17 per ton. Oil cake \$22 per ton.

OATS—The market is a little firmer, but prices are about the same. We quote 35 to 37c per bushel of 34 pounds as to quality, for car lots here. There is some demand for choice white oats for seed, and as such are very scarce, high prices have been paid. About 34c per bushel has been paid for car lots in the country, equal to about 40c on track here.

BARLEY—Feed barley is quoted at about 35 to 38c, nominal. Very little demanded. Malting samples 38 to 43c as to quality, and 1 to 2c higher for fancy samples.

CORN—We quote 39 to 40c per bus of 56 lbs., for cars on track here.

BUTTER, creamery—A little fall creamery is still held, which is selling at 23 to 23 1/2c.

BUTTER, Dairy—Market is steady. There is no accumulation and there is very little held fall stocks this year, stocks having been well sold out all the season. Rolls will hardly bring as good prices as tubs. We quote dealers paying 16c net for good dairy tubs and 1-2c less for ordinary lots of rolls. Dealers are selling at 17 to 18c per lb., as to quantity and quality.

CHEESE—Dealers are selling at 10 to 10 1/2c. Stocks limited.

EGGS—Eggs are steady. Dealers have paid 16c for receipts of fresh country eggs. We quote 16 to 19c for fresh, as to quality.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens will bring 9c and turkeys 12 1/2c; geese 9 to 10c. Ducks would bring about 8c.

DRESSED MEATS—Holders of frozen beef are becoming alarmed as the season advances. It is understood that a lot of frozen beef is still held, which is now very slow sale. The season has been a disappointing one as stocks were bought up at high prices in the early part of the winter and large stocks have been held all winter for higher prices. A lot of frozen mutton is also held, but this is in fewer hands, and mutton can be kept in cold storage after warm weather sets in, while cold storage beef is not saleable at any price. Dressed hogs hold very firm.

We quote: Frozen beef 3 to 4 1/2c. Fresh killed beef 6 to 6 1/2c. Mutton, good to choice, 6 to 7c; hogs, round lots, 6 1/2 to 6 1/2c. Choice hogs in small lots to butchers, 7c.

CURED MEATS and **LARD**—Prices are firm. See quotations on another page.

HIDES—Prices are the same here, though advices reported eastern markets lower. There are scarcely any hides offering here, and high prices are being paid. We quote: Green frozen hides, 7c to 7 1/2c flat, 5 lbs tare; kip 7c; calf, 8 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 46 to 75c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each, colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleece.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1/2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1/2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—The market is weak. About 18c is now offered.

VEGETABLES—Prices as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots, \$1 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1/2c per lb; imported, 3c; celery, 60 to 75c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/2 to 2c.

HAY—\$6 per ton is the usual price for baled hay f.o.b. country points. Some ask 50c more.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The market is still stock-ed with frozen meat and only a few cattle are being killed to supply butchers who do not eat frozen meat. We quote 31-2 to 33-4c for good butchers' cattle here. Reports from the west say the winter has been very favorable and the cattle on the ranges have done well. If March is a good month the range cattle will likely come into the market earlier than usual this year.

HOGS—The market for live hogs is firm at unchanged prices. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50, heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4 as to quality, live weight.

Horses—The horse market has been very dull this winter. Lately a lot of horses have died from some epidemic disease, and this will make more buying, especially as farmers will soon have to start their spring work. Some horses from Montana and other points in the States are being brought in.

C.P.R. Annual Report

Cobourg, March 2.—Wm. Norris, em-Pacfic Railway company's annual report announces that the Crow's Nest Pass line will be completed to Kootenay Lake before the end of August. A temporary connection will be made with Nelson by means of a train ferry whereby a through train service may be established pending the completion of the railway along the shore of the lake to that point, a distance of sixty miles.

The maximum gradients through the Rocky and Selkirk ranges of mountains are only one foot in one hundred, or barely one half the maximum of any other railway crossing either of these ranges.

The company also announce that it is necessary to move on westward from the Columbia river at Robson, the western end of the C. P. R. line, so as to reach the Boundary Creek district, about one hundred miles distant. During the present year, authority will be asked to make this expenditure.

The company also announce the purchase of the Columbia and Western railway, extending from Robson to Keesland, for the sum of \$800,000. Along with this purchase the company have acquired the smelting works at Trail Creek, and about 270,000 acres of land in the vicinity.

Northwest Ontario.

C. Godfrey is opening a drug store at Dryden.

Thomas Davidson will open in the tobacco business at Rat Portage.

The machinery for the new electric light plant at Fort William is being installed.

The Ottawa house at Rat Portage has changed hands. Mr. Laurin, the former proprietor, is retiring in favor of Louis Cardinal.

A new boat is being built at Fort Centre. Rainy Lake City and Bell City. The lake between Fort Frances, Mine Frances by Coates & Mosher, to ply on.

John Galt, of Toronto, has been engaged by the water and light commissioners as engineer to draw plans for the proposed waterworks at Fort William.

Minneapolis Markets.

The market shows an advance on corn, oats and barley. Flour 5c lower; Eggs 3-4c lower. Butter up 1c.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$5.15 to \$5.25; second patents, \$5.00 to \$5.15.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.50 to \$10; bran in bulk, \$10 to \$10.50; corn feed, \$11.25 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 27 3/4c for No. 3. Oats—Held at 26 1/2c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 30 1/2 to 31c.

Flax seed—\$1.21 1/2 per bushel.

Eggs—11c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2c; fair to good, 8 1/2 to 7c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 19 1/2c; seconds, 14 to 16c; dairy, 11 to 18c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6c; lambs, 5 to 8 1/2c; hogs, 4 1/2c for heavy and 5c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 36 to 38c; choice named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chickens, 9 to 10c; old fowls, 4 to 8 1/2c; turkeys, 9 to 11c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese 7 to 8 1/2c.

Hides—Green, frozen hides, 8 to 9c; bulls oxen and brands, 6 to 7 1/2c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1/4 to 3 1/4c; seneca root, 18 to 22c.

Cattle—Sales: 7 stockers, average 690 lbs., \$4.10; 1 stecker, average 536 lbs., \$4.30; 2 cows, av. 1,036 lbs., \$3.26; 3 cows, av. 996 lbs., \$3.20; 1 av. 910, \$2.50; 3 bulls, 1,034 lbs., \$3.25.

Hogs—Sales. 47 hogs, av. 200 lbs., \$3.87 1/2; 73 hogs, av. 231 lbs., \$3.87 1/2; 70 av. 178, \$3.85.

Money

There has been some talk of mortgage loans having been taken at lower rates, recently, but it is said this has been mostly on transactions with private funds. The loan companies claim to be holding rates steady at 8 per cent for ordinary transactions in farm property security. Small city loans are usually quoted at 7 per cent, but of course much better terms have been secured for large desirable loans. Bank discount rates 6 to 8 per cent.