

in carlots on track there and loose hay \$4 to \$7 per ton on the street.

Poultry.—There is a good demand for poultry and dealers will take all offerings at prices we name. Fowl are worth 48c per pair dressed; chickens 12c per pound with the feathers on or 12½c with them off, but not drawn; ducks 1½c per pound dressed and turkeys 11c per pound. Shippers would do well to notice that buyers very much prefer chickens with just the feathers off. If they are drawn they are much more liable to rot.

GAME.—Wild ducks are fairly plentiful and are worth 20 to 28c per pair according to size. Geese are worth 15c per pair. Geese 98c each.

BUTTER.—Creamery. Dealers are regularly holding 1000 per pound for choice creamery f. o. b. factory points.

BUTTER.—Dairy.—Choice dairy butter is scarce and in good demand. Held and inferior stock is plentiful. As high as 15c per pound net, delivered here has been paid for fine table butter. Held stock is firm at 11 to 13c per pound commission basis.

EGGS.—The market is firm at last week's advance. We quote 8c per dozen at factory points for best. \$208—Eggs are in inadequate and the market has advanced 1c per dozen. Shell-egg prices are now worth 11c per dozen delivered here. Strictly new laid eggs are worth 25c per dozen.

VEGETABLES.—Wash. Potatoes and had coats have interfered with business this week. Potatoes have been scarce and an immediate delivery are 5c per bushel higher.

There are a good many inquiries for carlots of potatoes and for these from 25 to 30c per bushel is being bid at country points. We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads, delivered here 40c per bushel; carrots and beets, 35c per bushel; turnips, 25c per bushel; cabbage, 25c per dozen; cauliflower, 10 to 18c per dozen; lettuce and radish, 10c; celery, 20 to 25c; rhubarb, 1c per pound; pumpkin, 1c per pound; squash, 1c per pound; vegetable marrow, 4c per dozen; citron and squash, 12c per pound; onions, 2c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS.—Beef is plentiful and steadily in price. Hides are scarce and firm at high prices prevailing. We quote: Beef 5½ to 6c per pound, veal, 7 to 8c; mutton, 10c; lamb, 11 to 12c; hogs, 9 to 10c.

HIDES.—Country butchers are now killing freely for the hide and tallow trade and in consequence hides are more plentiful. Prices are unchanged as follows: No. 1 hides, 4c per pound flat delivered here; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 4c; kips and calf same price as hides; dogs, 25 to 40c; slunks, 15 to 20c; horse hides, 5½ to 10c.

WOOL.—Business is over for the season as the Manitoba wool is supposed to be all in. The value is 7½c per pound for unwashed fleece.

TALLOW.—The regular quotation for No. 1 tallow, delivered here is 4c per pound. No. 2 is worth 1c less.

SHEEP'S A ROOF.—The market is quiet and prices hold the same as last week, namely 32 to 34c per pound, according to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—Cattle dealers are doing their utmost to get the export shipments forward to ocean ports and this week's business has been very large. Butchers' cattle are plentiful now but are not of the best quality. Export steers rule steady at 3½c per pound weighted off cars here and export cows at 2½c. Butchers' cattle range from 2½ to 3½c per pound.

There is no stocker business doing.

SHEEP.—Choice mutton shears are worth 4½c off cars, and lambs, 5½c.

HOGS.—Hogs are scarce as farmers are too busy to bring them in. Choice weights are worth 6½ to 6½c per pound off cars here. Heavy and inferior grades range from 3½c up.

MILK COWS.—Supply is limited and there is not much demand. We quote \$20 to \$40 per head, according to grade.

HORSES.—Work horses are fetching all the way from \$125 to \$200 each, according to weight and quality. Several lots have been sold by auction this week and met with active demand as horses are wanted for farm work.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co.'s big flour mill at 11st Portage broke the record on Thursday by turning out 2,429 barrels of flour.

The charge of E. J. Elliott against D. W. Mills of stealing \$3,000 to \$4,000 worth of cattle, which was to have been heard at the Winnipeg police court on Thursday, was remanded until the 25th inst.

Potatoes Higher.

For some time past Canada fair balsam has occupied a very firm position on account of scarcity on the spot and lack of supplies in primary markets. Late correspondence contains the information that absolutely no balsam is to be had at primary sources at the present time. This statement, however, is looked upon as exaggerated, as the conditions could hardly be such that a few barrels could not be picked up. The balsam is in exceptionally good demand in this market, and stocks here are very low, with holders firm at the higher range of prices.

Oregon fair balsam has been practically dead for some time past, but at present is in some little inquiry, owing, it is surmised, to the scarcity of Canada fair balsam and the high prices at which the latter is held. There is a fair supply of Oregon fair balsam in this market at present, but it is said that any marked demand would soon clear up the available stocks.

Regarding the remainder of the list, copaiba is dull, with Central American in fair supply. Para has been in decreased supply for some time and values are more or less nominal, but it is stated that any improvement in the demand would bring about the usual rise in quotations.

Balsam in Peru is firm on the spot, and holders appear to be wary about releasing any amount at present quotations. The opinion is expressed that the balsam is worth more money than is asked at the present time, and that while there is a fair supply in this market, stocks would be little reduced and severe dealers will be to sell any quantity. It is reported that little of the balsam is being gathered at present, due to the present conditions of the low prices.

The statement is made that balsam of Tolu is at present below its normal value. Some years ago, when the price reached thirty-five cents it was thought that the bottom figure had been reached, but quotations have declined still further from time to time, until now twenty-six cents, and possibly less, will buy. The decline is due in great measure to the large stocks in this and foreign markets, and also to the fact that the balsam has been in decreased demand since manufacturers of chewing gum substituted gum chicle in the preparation of their product.—(40) Paint and Drug Reporter.

The Labor Market.

This week has added emphasis to the fact that the west is still short of threshing help. From all parts where the rains have permitted threshing the cry for more men has been continuous and we hear of several threshing outfits being compelled to suspend operations for want of men. On Monday night nearly a trainload of the men who came west a few weeks ago to help with this work returned east discouraged by a few days' illness due to the rains. Others have been struggling out of the country since by every train. On Thursday a trainload of new men came in from Ontario points but these are not nearly enough to supply the demand.

In the city the working classes are all well employed and there is a demand for more men in some lines, notably carpenters. The union carpenters are still nominally on strike here but the general opinion seems to be that the strike has been a failure and some of the men have gone back to work. Their cause was no doubt very much weakened by the eastern hammer and saw men who came in with the harvest excursions. There are a poor class of workmen as a rule.

Weather and Crops.

This week has been marked by rains and cloudy weather in the eastern part of Manitoba consequently a good deal of time has been lost by threshers. The temperature has also been much lower and on Wednesday morning there was 4 degrees of frost at Winnipeg. Frost cannot, of course, do any damage now, but the low temperature retards the drying process. In the western and northwestern parts of the province weather conditions have been more favorable during the latter part of the week. In Eastern Assiniboia the weather has also been better than here and threshing is progressing favorably. In Northern Alberta the latter part of last week was wet and there was ½ degrees of frost on Sunday morning, with rain throughout the day.

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