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milling trade has been met by the intermittent supply of a few cars, sufficient to fill it. On Monday 86c was paid for No. 1 hard in store Fort William, but after the decline of cash wheat in Duluth, 84c was the best price offering. During the remainder of the week 84c, then 83c has been the price offered, with one or two sales made at 83 1-2c. No. 2 hard or lower grades are not wanted; some 2 hard has sold for 80c in store Fort William. There have been some attempts made to work a little new No. 1 hard for September delivery, it having been offered at 70c in store Fort William, and yesterday 68c was bid. Duluth No. 1 hard for cash closed yesterday at 68 1-4c and for September, 65 1-4c.

**FLOUR**—The market has made a further decline, prices having been reduced 20c per barrel on Thursday. We quote \$2.35 for patent, \$2.15 for strong bakers, \$1.60 for second bakers, and \$1.15 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs.

**MILLEED**—There is no change in prices, but supplies are very scarce, the demand taking up all made as fast as it is turned out. When the country mills begin running on new wheat and the new crop of coarse grains comes in, the scarcity will cease. The high price of feed grains for some time back has kept up an unusual demand for millfeed. We quote bran at \$11 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots 50c per ton less.

**GROUND FEED**—Ground feed is quoted at \$28 to \$29 per ton as to quality for oats. Ground corn is out of the market.

**CORN**—There is no corn in the market here, either ground or whole, and no more will be brought in. The large importations of corn feed during the past season has been quite unusual, and has been solely owing to the abnormally high price of coarse grains. With a new crop now about to come in the market, and prices of native feed grains returning to a normal level, imports of corn from the United States for feed will cease.

**OATS**—Very little business doing in oats. Car lots have been offering at 38 to 40c, but very few have been wanted. The retail price of oats here has been reduced 5c per bushel to 45c, and the consumption has been larger, owing to the lower prices and the clearing out of stocks of corn, which will not now be replenished, as the new crop of coarse grains will soon be offering, when prices will be much lower. The highest offered for new oats is about 25c per bushel delivered here, and it is not unlikely that a few loads of new oats and barley will be offered here next week. The new oat crop will undoubtedly be the best since 1895. There is some speculation as to whether or not any money was made in the oat corner here. While the company which worked the deal in oats sold a portion of

its holdings at a good profit, it is also said that a considerable quantity was turned over at a very fine margin and some at a loss. What is held yet is unknown.

**BARLEY**—Nominal. None offered. About 25c has been offered locally for new barley, to arrive.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—The market is firm at about the same range as quoted last week. We do not learn of over 18c having been paid this week, and we quote 17 1-2 to 18c. These are good prices compared with eastern markets, especially as the make is expected to be fairly large this year. The occasional showers have kept the pastures fresh and good to a later date than usual, which is favorable to a large make. While the average quality of the make is fairly good, some complaint has been heard about mould attacking the butter. This is owing to lack of good storage facilities at many of the creameries. It is therefore desirable that creameries should keep a close watch on their goods, and it certainly would not be good policy to hold stocks where any appearance of mould has been noted. The mould, it is said, will go right through the package. Proper cold storage is the preventative.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—Market firmer, and we advance prices 1-2c this week, quoting 12 to 13c for good to choice round lots of dairy. These prices have been paid in the country. The demand is good and there is a tendency on the part of country merchants at several points to pay very high prices—considerably higher in fact than the market will warrant.

**CHEESE**—The market is firm. The top quotation of last week still holds at the outside figure, 81-2c being the extreme price for choicest make and we quote 8 to 81-2c as to quality for good to fine cheese. Medium qualities and earlier make has been taken at under 8c in some cases.

**EGGS**—The market is firm at last week's prices. Canned stock is selling here at 13 1-2 to 14c, and dealers are paying 13c here for receipts, equal to 12 to 12 1-2c in the country.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef is again offering lower, prices showing a further decline of 1-2c, and we quote 5c to 5 1-2c as to quality. Mutton easy at 7 to 8c; lambs, 9 to 10c; hogs, 6 1-2 to 7c for country dressed and 7 to 7 1-2c for city dressed; veal 6 to 7 1-2c.

**DRESSED POULTRY**—Chickens are 50 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens 25 to 50c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 70c per pair; geese, no demand.

**VEGETABLES**—New potatoes 40 to 50c per bush. Cabbage 25 to 40c per doz.; cauliflower, 40 to 60c per doz. Green stuff offers at 10 to 12 1-2c per doz. bunches; celery, 20 to 25c per doz.; green peas, in pod, 2c; beans, 11-2c

per lb.; cucumbers, 15 to 20c per doz.; corn, sweet, 12 1-2 to 15c per dozen ears; native corn, 8c.

**FRUITS**—Currants, gooseberries and blueberries are offering on the market at 60 to 75c per pail. Raspberries \$1.50 to \$2 per pail; cranberries, 25c per pail.

**HIDES**—The market is weak and a drop is expected. Outside markets are easier, and owing to local competition, prices paid here lately have been above real values. Dealers are getting tired of doing business without a profit, and they would like to get prices down to a fair basis, consequently the outlook is for lower prices. Values have been irregular this week, ranging from 8 to 8 1-2c for green city hides. Green salted country hides are quoted at 7 1-2 to 8c; kip, 7 to 7 1-2c; calf, 7 to 9c; deacon skins 15 to 25c each; sheepskins, 10 to 20c; lambskins, 15 to 25c; horse hides 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

**WOOL**—We quote 9 to 9 1-2c for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

**TALLOW**—No. 1, 3 1-2c; No. 2, 2 1-2 to 3c.

**SENECA ROOT**—The market is firmer at 17c per lb. Very little offering.

**HAY**—New hay is offering freely at \$5 to \$6 per ton for loose and baled.

**LIVE STOCK.**

**CATTLE**—The market is easier for butchers' cattle and weak for export stock, owing to the decline in British markets this week. The range of butchers' cattle is 21-2 to 3c with more cattle being bought under 3c than a week ago. In fact some fair loads have been picked up at 21-2c. Export cattle quoted at 3 to 3 1-4c, Winnipeg weight, buyer paying local freight. Some stockers are going west to the ranges.

**SHEEP**—The market is easy at 3 to 3 1-2c off cars here as to quality. Quite a number of loads came in last week, and butchers are now fairly well supplied.

**HOGS**—The market is steady at 5c for the most desirable hogs, at which price packers are free buyers. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at 5c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.75; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

**CHEESE MARKETS.**

Belleville. Ont., Aug. 16.—Fifteen factories offered 800 white and 35 colored cheese; 73-4c highest bid; 145 boxes white sold at 73-4c.

Ingersoll. Ont. Aug. 16.—Offerings to-day, 1,333 boxes; no sales; 73-4c to 7 13-16c bid.

**CHEESE.**

Special to The Commercial.  
Liverpool, Aug. 19.—Cheese 6d higher on the week at 38s, 6d. White quoted at 37s, 6d.