

tion. Business in all lines is good.

LEATHER, ETC.

Eastern prices have again advanced. Harness leather is dearer at Montreal. Here there has been no change in leather but it may be expected that advances east will be followed. Higher prices are now in vogue on all kinds of shoe and harness makers' metals, such as tacks, rivets and tools. Steel wire shoe rivets are 3c higher at 15c per pound; clinching point rivets 2c higher at 20c per pound; brass shoe rivets 5c higher at 35c per pound; Hungarian nails, 3c higher at 15c per pound; iron shoe nails 2c higher at 10c per pound. Shoemakers' tools are 15 per cent higher and shoemakers' rubber cement 20 per cent higher on all sizes and brands.

OLD MATERIALS.

We quote: No. 1 cast iron free from wrought and malleable, \$14 per ton, No. 2 do., \$5.50 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$6.50 per ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound, red brass, 8 to 8 1/2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

There have been no change in prices this week, but the situation in regard to glass at least, has become more strained. Expected shipments have failed to arrive, and it is not known just when they will. In consequence there is a shortage of some sizes. It was learned in the city this week that some glass consigned to Winnipeg was on a steamer which left Belgium recently and afterwards had to put back owing to a collision. Prices of glass are higher at Montreal.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The past week in the wheat markets has been of a most unsatisfactory character for all concerned. Business drags along from day to day, and the course of the market disgusts both buyer and seller. The cash trade is stagnant, and the export trade is without activity. The flour trade is slow, the declining and sluggish wheat markets having a depressing tendency on it. Crop news is generally favorable, and reserve stocks of wheat in sight are large, all conspiring to generate bearish sentiment and cause a declining tendency. Values have test about 1c per bushel on the week. The general statistics at the end of last week were more favorable than previously to the encouragement of higher values, but no result in that direction was produced, although on the first two days of the week there was some advance, which has since been lost, and the outlook at the moment is one of small promise for better values in the near future. The American visible supply increased 1,410,000 bushels and is now 51,000,000 bushels against 17,000,000 bushels a year ago. The world's shipments last week were only 5,512,000 bushels, being the smallest weekly quantity for several months back. This week, however, they are likely to be large again, for the Argentine shipments are reported at 1,744,000 bushels, against 560,000 bushels last week, and the American exports from both coasts for the week are 4,650,000 bushels, against 3,016,000 bushels last week. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's decreased 1,453,000 bushels,

against an increase of 3,066,000 bushels for same week last year. The primary receipts of wheat in the States show a considerable falling off as compared with last year, the smallness of receipts in the winter wheat sections being specially noticeable. Advice regarding the growing crops are generally favorable from all countries. From Argentina and Australia reports continue good. The Price Current reports the winter wheat in the States doing very well, the drought having been thoroughly broken up, and sufficient moisture supplied to the fields before going into winter quarters. The seeding of winter wheat in Europe proceeds under generally favorable weather conditions. There is no change in the situation in India, where excessive drought prevents ploughing and seeding wheat.

The local market, ruled by the conditions in the general wheat markets, has dragged along correspondingly. There has been a steady movement of grain eastward, and the large shippers are passing a lot of wheat through their hands at confessedly unremunerative prices. Current prices for 1 hard in store Fort William, spot or November delivery, have ranged from 67 1/2c at the close of last week to 68 1/2c on Monday and Tuesday, and down to 67 1/4c yesterday. The demand is very light, but holders are not disposed to press wheat on the market at present prices, many of them being of opinion that prices are dragging on the bottom, and that after the decline of 5c to 6c per bushel, which we have had, some advance should be due before long. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern sell at 2 1/2c to 3c under 1 hard, sales on basis of 1 hard taking a 3c spread, but single cars and small lots of the lower grades usually find a buyer at 2 1/2c under 1 hard; 3 hard is 6 1/2c under 1 hard. 1 frosted 56c, and 2 frosted 50c, all in store Fort William, spot or November delivery. December delivery is held for the same price as November delivery, and as a rule sellers decline to sell for future delivery further ahead than December at any price.

FLOUR—The market is steady and without special feature. Mills are sold ahead on all low grades. Prices are: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Senior's, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; XXX, \$1.15; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Medora, \$1.50; XXX, \$1.30 per sack of 95 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLEFEED—There is only a limited quantity of feed offering here as millers find that they can get better prices in Ontario. Bran is worth \$11.00 per ton and shorts \$13.00, with \$1 off for large lots.

GROUND FEED—Quoted now as follows: oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$16 per ton. Oil cake \$27 per ton.

OATS—The market is irregular and prices vary considerably. We quote 27 to 28c per bushel for No. 2 white oats in carlots on track here and 26c for feed grades. Street oats are worth 25 to 26c per bushel for feed grades.

BARLEY—Malting grades are worth 34 to 35c per bushel on track. Feed grades 26 to 27c.

CORN—A car of corn was brought in from the south this week. It is worth 43 to 45c per bushel on track. This lot was wanted for making ground feed.

WHEAT—Manitoba country markets.—Prices have been lower in the country this week, in sympathy with the general decline. Prices paid to farmers have ranged from 53 to 57c, according to freights and local conditions. The general price has been about 54c. The fine weather has enabled the farmers to get through with their threshing, though the snow fall yesterday found some threshing still unfinished in some of the more backward districts. In some sections in the Territories threshing was resumed too soon after the wet spell in October and as a result some tough and damp wheat is now showing up. However, the quantity of off grade grain on account of excessive moisture, will be small compared with last year, and as the great bulk of the crop is dry and hard a little tough grain will not be a serious matter. Deliveries of wheat at country points have increased lately, as the farmers have been getting through with their fall plowing. It is reported that a large number of car loads of wheat have been going east all rail to fill ocean vessel space, and it is feared that this will tend to increase the car scarcity. Lake freight rates are lower again this week, charters being reported at 31 1/2 per bushel for wheat, Fort William to Buffalo. The decline in lake freights has to some extent offset the decline in wheat at outside markets, otherwise it would have been necessary to have made sharper reductions in prices here.

FLAX SEED—Offerings at country points have been light. Dealers are now regularly quoting \$1.15 per bushel to farmers at country points, but we hear of as high as \$1.20 being paid and even higher than that in some instances.

HAY—Baled, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per ton, a reduction of \$1. Loose hay on the street \$4 to \$5 per ton. Receipts are more liberal.

CREAMERY BUTTER—Business at the creameries is about over. Dealers are offering 22c for fresh made, 21 to 21 1/2c for held stock per pound, at the factories.

DAIRY BUTTER—Quantities of the d goods and second grades continue to offer, but these are not much sought for. Finest dairy is worth 20c and choice fresh is worth 17 to 18c per lb. at country points. Round lots are worth 15c to 16c, second grades 11 to 13c per lb.

CHEESE—Dealers are paying 11 3/4c to 12c per pound at factories, according to size and quality.

EGGS—Receipts are light. Dealers are buying on a basis of 18c delivered at Winnipeg an advance of 1c per doz.

VEGETABLES—The situation is practically unchanged. We quote: Potatoes, farmers loads 40c per bush, carlots 25c at country points; carrots 30c per bush; turnips 12 1/2 to 15c per bush; beets, 25 to 30c per bush; parsnips, 1 1/4c per lb., cauliflower, 50 to 75c per doz. bunches; pumpkins, 1 1/4c per lb.; dry onions, 1 1/2 to 2c per lb.; cabbage, 50 to 75c per doz.; celery, 30c per squash, 1c per pound for ordinary, 1 1/2c for Hubbard; marrow, 60 to 75c per dozen.

HIDES—We quote prices as follows: No. 1 7 1/2c, No. 2, 6 1/2c; No. 3, 5 1/2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bull, No. 3, kip, 7c; calf, 8c to 8 1/2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitoba fleece is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.