

Manitoba trade. Manufacturers here continue to report a very brisk demand. Cedar shingles are firm in prices, as the British Columbia manufacturers are very busy.

#### PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

There is one change to report in prices this week, namely: an advance of 25c per 100 pounds on white lead. Other staples are steady. See quotations on another page.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**—This has been a week of activity and excitement in the wheat market. Sharp advances were made in prices on each of the four days of this week, but yesterday prices took a turn downward. Altogether the present movement in wheat has been a remarkably strong one, and the reactions have quickly given place to a renewed advance. The advance is maintained on liberal buying by importing countries, small stocks in sight and decreasing estimates of probable outturn of the northwestern spring wheat crop. The visible supply showed a decrease last week, though a small one, amounting to 100,000 bushels. Prices locally have been strong following, and in fact leading the advance in other markets, as Winnipeg wheat has sold considerably in advance of Duluth. The highest point was reached here on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, when sales were made at 89c, and it is said that one or two sales went through at 90c for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. Yesterday at the close 87c was about the value for No. 1 hard afloat, Fort William. Some samples of new wheat of very good quality have been shown here, but they are hard gathered, and will be subject to weather vicissitudes before being fully harvested and marketed in the ordinary way.

**FLOUR**—The market continues very strong in sympathy with wheat. Large sales of Manitoba flour are reported daily from eastern markets for domestic and export trade, at advanced prices, late reports showing further sharp advances in eastern markets. Here prices have advanced again this week from 10c to 15c per sack of 98 pounds according to brand, but there is still a considerable range in the quotations of different brands of the same grades. Prices to the local trade here are quoted as follows as to brands: Patent, \$2.30 to \$2.40; bakers' \$2.10 to \$2.20; second bakers', \$1.70 to \$1.80; XXXX, \$1.25, per sack of 98 lbs., to the local trade, delivered in the city.

**MILLFEED**—Prices unchanged. Bran is quoted at \$9 per ton and shorts at \$11 per ton, with large lots shaded about 50c per ton.

**BARLEY**—There is no business doing on which to base close prices. An occasional car is taken for grinding for feed. We quote barley nominally higher at about 27c for feed grade, per bushel of 48 pounds on track here or 20c per bushel at point of shipment.

**OATS**—Prices are about the same as a week ago. Holders ask 28c to 29c for cars feed oats, on track here, per bushel of 34 pounds. In the country car lots are held at 20c to 24c as to quality and position, the latter depending on freight rates to point of consumption.

**CEREALS**—Oatmeal holds very firm and supplies are very light, some mills being unable to fill orders. Rolled oatmeal 80 pound sacks,

\$1.70 per sack; granulated, 98 lbs. \$1.95, standard, 98 lbs. \$1.95. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs. \$1.75 sack; pot barley, 98 lbs. \$1.75; pearl barley, 98 lbs. \$3.25 sack.

**GROUND FEED**—Market very firm with a further advance. Rolled oats are held at \$19 per ton, ordinary mill chop, per ton \$16 to \$18, as to quality.

**BEANS**—There has been a large demand for beans here of late, owing to railway construction work and development in the mining territories. A few years ago the sale of beans here was so small that some dealers in the trade did not bother with them. Now beans are quite an important commodity here. They come largely from about Chatham, Ontario, where they are grown largely by the farmers. Lately there has been a considerable advance in beans, owing to export demand to the United States and to Europe, and recent arrivals here are costing higher. Good qualities are now jobbing here at \$1.20 to \$1.25 per bushel, though some poorer qualities are offered lower.

**BUTTER**—Creamery. The market is firm. Buyers have been paying 15 3/4 to 16c for choice goods to the factories and for fine goods it is said up to 16 1/4c has been paid. These prices are above a parity with values east, which indicates that the market here is on a speculative basis. Consumptive demand is not large.

**BUTTER**—Dairy. The market for dairy butter continues firm at steady prices. Buyers are paying 10 cents to 11c for round lots of dairy here. Jobbing sales have been made at 11 to 12c, but the amount of business doing is limited. The market is really on a speculative basis, as buyers are taking the goods at higher prices than the present shipping demand will warrant.

**CHEESE**—The market is steady. Purchases have been made at 6 1/4 to 6 1/2c to factories for best qualities, and down to 5 3/4c for off grades.

**EGGS**—The market is steady at the recent advance, and 12c net is still the price paid by buyers. Jobbing sales made at 13 1/2 to 14c.

**Poultry**—Chicken live 50c pair, or 10c lb., dressed. Spring chickens, 30 to 50c pair. Turkeys, 9 1/2c to 10c lb., live weight; ducks, 50 to 60c pair.

**LARD**—Prices are: Pure, \$1.60 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8c.

**CURED MEATS**—The firm tendency in products continues. Hams are again 1-2c higher. Other lines are unchanged but firm. Eastern Canadian markets are very firm, with light supplies, several lines being almost out of stock. Prices are: Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 11 1/2 to 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11 to 11 1/2c; do., backs, 9 1/2 to 10c; short speed roll, 7 1/2 to 8c; shoulders, 6 1/2 to 7c; smoked long clear, 8 1/2 to 9c; fancy clear, 8 to 8 1/2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 to 7 1/2c per lb.; shoulders, 5 1/4 to 5 3/4c; boneless shoulders, 6 1/2 to 7c; backs, 7 3/4 to 8 1/4c; extra charge of 1-2c for canvassed meats; barrel pork, clear mess, \$13.00 to \$18.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$13 to \$15.50; per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7 1/2c; hologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb. Pickled pigs' feet, \$1.50 per

**DRESSED MEATS**—Prices continue easy. Mutton is 1-2c lower on the outside price. Beef is still selling at 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c, as to quality. Mutton is easy, ranging from 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c as to quality. Some pretty poor stuff is offering at lowest quotation. Dressed hogs firm at 6 to 6 1/2c. Veal 5c to 6c, as to quality. Lamb 8c to 9c.

**HIDES**—Prices are the same. We quote 6 1/2c to 7c for No. 1 hides here. Calfskins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 6 to 8c per lb; deerskins 10 to 20c each; kips, 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh take-off, 2c. Lambskins, 20c; horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

**SENECA ROOT**—From 15c to 16c. Has been paid for good dry root.

**WOOL**—Some small lots are coming in. The market is easy. We quote 8 1/2 to 9c here for unwashed fleeces.

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

**VEGETABLES**—All sorts of vegetables are very abundant and prices are low for all garden truck. Potatoes 40 to 45c per bushel. Beets, turnips, carrots, rhubarb, lettuce, radishes and onions, in bunches, 5c to 6c per dozen bunches; pens in pod, 1 1/2 to 2c per lb, beans, 1 1/2c per lb; cauliflower, 40c per dozen, cabbage, 25 to 40c per dozen; celery, 25c per dozen bunches; onions, per pound, 2c for native.

**HAY**—The demand is limited, but prices are firmer, owing to the light hay crop this year. There is considerable old hay to carry over, however. We quote \$5.00 per ton for cars on track here as to quality; loose, \$4 to \$5 per ton. Offerings lighter, as farmers are now busy and inclined to hold. The recent rains have been bad for the hay harvest, now in progress in this district.

**BERRIES**—Native raspberries are scarce this year. Very few have been offered, and have sold at \$1.75 to \$2 per pail. Currants have been plentiful at about 50c per pail, but are now getting scarce and sold yesterday at 60c per pail. Very few blueberries are offering, and are held at \$1 to \$1.25 per pail.

**WOOD**—Tamarac, \$4.50 to \$4.75; pine, \$4.25 to \$4.40; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord. The poplar offering is either dry cut or green wood of last winter's cut.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—Grass cattle now offering are of good quality. Cattle for export are going forward freely. The higher duties now in force in the United States will probably stop the export trade in stocker cattle from Manitoba to the United States, which should be a benefit rather than an injury to our farmers, as it should pay them better to feed the cattle here, rather than to sell lean animals. A local cattle man started for the Clondyke with a carload of cattle this week. We quote butchers' cattle at 2 1/2c of cars and up to 2 3/4c for choice. Export cattle 3 to 3 1/4c.

**SHEEP**—The feeling is easy at 28-4 to 3c. Lambs have brought 33-4c, with an easy feeling.

**HOGS**—Hogs are coming forward freely for this time of year. There is no change in prices. Choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 pounds have brought \$1.60 per 100 pounds; 250 to 300 pounds 4c; heavy hogs over 300 pounds, 3c to 3 1/2c as to quality, off cars here.

W. Colclough is opening a drug store at Wabigoon, Northwest Ontario.