

cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5, rim fire military, American, not list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 7½ to 8c base; manilla, per lb., 9½ to 10½c base; cotton, ¼ to ½ inch and larger, 15c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.00 to 9.00.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.16 for 60 d. with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg; 3 to 4 inch \$3.91 keg; 2½ inch, \$4.22 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 per cent.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—Business has quieted down on nearly all lines. Linseed oil has advanced another 1c in the east and is now quoted at 49 to 50c for boiled at Montreal. Castor oil and seal oil are also higher east. Castor oil has been very strong of late and has been advancing steadily. Refined petroleum has advanced sharply in the States this week, in the speculative market. Prices here are:

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.25 to \$5.50 per 100-lbs white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 7c; red lead, kegs 5½c; yellow ocre in barrel lots, 2½c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ocre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3½c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18 to 19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less, than kegs, 4½c lb.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1, extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.50 to \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hard oil finish, 1.50 to \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 15 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75; diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$1.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.10; plasterer's hair, P.P. 90c per bale; putty, in bladders, barrel lots 2½c per lb., for less than barrels per lb., 2½c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 52c, boiled, per gal., 55c in barrels; less than barrels 5c per gallon extra, with additional charges for cruds.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 58c; less than barrels, per gallon, 58c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.20; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 21½c; crescent, 21½c; opsono, 26½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per

gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 31c for cocene and 27c for sunlight.

RAW FURS.—There are very few raw furs coming in yet, and those so far received have not been prime, though a few fresh skins were of good quality, and most skins taken after this date will be either prime or very nearly so. Prices are irregular yet and are rather on the low side.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.—Wheat has been irregular this week, but on the whole the markets have been very strong and prices have averaged about 8c higher than last week in leading United States markets. An important feature is the strong cash market in the west, indicating active buying of spot wheat by millers and others. Minneapolis spot market is very strong, millers evidently being strong buyers. Receipts at Duluth have also fallen off very largely, owing no doubt to the easier money market since the elections, which enables dealers to hold wheat at interior points. Some unfavorable reports were circulated regarding the Argentine crop, where harvesting will be general in about a month. Australian crop advices are unfavorable, and there is no improvement in India. There has been good foreign buying in United States markets. Some increased estimates of the last Russian crop were made. Yesterday New York was stronger than Chicago, the price there touching 90½c for December, the highest point this year for that market. To-day, United States markets are off about 1c. There was a moderate increase in United States and Canadian stocks last week. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of United States and from Montreal amount to 4,834,515 bushels this week, the heaviest's total since second week of Sept., 1893. This is an increase of about 1,200,000 bushels over last week, of more than 1,300,000 bushels over the corresponding week one year ago, more than 1,700,000 bushels as compared with like week in 1891, a gain of about 2,000,000 bushels as compared with corresponding week of 1893, and of more than 700,000 bushels as contrasted with like week of 1892.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—Prices have been considerably higher and very irregular in Manitoba country markets this week, prices paid to farmers for best samples of hard wheat varying at different points and on different days from 65 to 75c, while at a few markets prices ranging up to 80 to 90c were paid, and in a few cases over 90c was paid. Of course these extreme prices only lasted for a short time at any one point, but the fact that such prices have been reached, shows how wild the market has been here, and this has been about the situation here all this season. Notwithstanding these high prices, in some cases being even higher than prices at Chicago, the farmers show a disposition to hold their wheat, and it is believed that considerable wheat in store is held by farmers still. Deliveries at country points have been larger this week, and a fair movement to lake ports has kept up, but shipments east of the lakes have been very light on this crop and the great bulk of the crop marketed is still held at Lake Superior ports and interior points. Fort William is filling up. The receipts of wheat at Fort William last week were 704,870 bushels while the shipments therefrom, amounted to only 362,217 bushels, leaving a balance in store of 2,522,955 bushels. At this rate it looks as though there might be a blockade. Only a short time now remains to ship out before the close of navigation, and if the holding process is continued two or three weeks longer, the grain will have to remain until spring.

Prices in the Winnipeg market have varied with United States markets. The lowest price touched here was on Thursday morning, after the break of Wednesday in United States markets, when sales were made at 82½ for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, and it is said 82c was accepted. The previous day (Wednesday) 83½ was made for No. 1 hard, and yesterday (Friday) 81c was realized for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William. To-day the local market is decidedly weaker, on the break at United States points and sales were made here at 82c this morning and later 81½ was accepted for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, No. 2 hard, 3c under No. 1. No. 3 hard about 5c under No. 2.

FLOUR.—The local market has been in an unsatisfactory state and somewhat difficult to report, owing to irregular prices. Each mill has a price of its own, and quotations vary widely, from \$2.80 net for patents up to \$2.45, and from \$2.10 net for bakers up to \$2.25. A report came from Montreal on Monday that Manitoba flour had been advanced 25c per barrel there, and a similar report came from Toronto on the same day. Here one of the mills quoted an advance of 10c on Monday, but other mills have not followed yet. Further orders from Australia are reported.

MILLSTUFFS.—There is no change in bran and shorts. City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. These prices do not include sacks. Larger orders have been filled at \$5 and \$8 per ton.

OATS.—Prices continue to be held very firm locally, and the market here is much above an export basis. Some dealers appear to believe that there is a shortage in the crop below home requirements, and they are storing rather than cut present prices. There is a great scarcity of oats fit for milling in the new crop, the quality being so light and chaffy. Car lots on track here have been quoted from 2½c per bushel of 31 pounds for common feed quality up to 28c for choice white. Some have been placed in store here rather than sell at under 25 cents for No. 2 mixed, 24 to 24½c having been offered. In Manitoba country markets about 15 to 16c is paid to farmers, and 20c to farmers in Winnipeg, local farmers' offerings being poor quality. In Southern Manitoba there are no oats offering and the crop there appears to have been very light. In Ontario the oat crop is large and prices are low.

BARLEY.—There has been no business done in barley. Not a single car lot heard of yet. A few farmers' loads of barley of feed quality have been taken here at about 20c per bushel of 48 pounds, and brewers are paying the same for malting grades, but there is scarcely any offering.

FLAX SEED.—The prices quoted to farmers is still 45 to 50c per bushel for good milling flax.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$10 to \$15 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed. Ordinary mixed mill feed is held at \$12 to \$13 per ton. Anything under \$12 would be damaged wheat and mixed grains.

OATMEAL.—Prices are very firm owing to the high price of oats and the scarcity of oats fit for milling in the new crop. Following are prices in large lots, with small lots to retail dealers held about 15c more. Rolled oatmeal in 80 lb sacks \$1.50 per sack; standard, \$1.55 and granulated \$1.60 in 93 lb sacks. Rolled wheat, 80 lb, \$1.60. Pot barley, \$1.70 in round lots.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$10 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BEANS.—Some car lots have recently come in from Ontario. They have sold in large lots to jobbers at about \$1.10 per bushel.