

time last year.

The local market has been dull and very little doing. The cold weather has practically stopped deliveries in the country. The Winnipeg grain exchange inaugurated a call board on Monday last, which is in session daily for an hour from eleven to twelve o'clock forenoon. Several sales were made on the board during the week, and it is the general opinion that the call board will be a useful and convenient medium for trading, especially in the busier periods of the season. It will also be the means of publicly determining market values for grain, and the prices at which sales are made on the call board will be given out with an official sanction. On Monday value of 1 hard spot Fort William was 69c. Tuesday sales on call were made at 70 1-8 to 70 1-1c for spot; 1 hard, and 73 1-1c for May, but after outside markets were over, and had closed 1c lower. 69c for spot 1 hard and 72c for May were again the figures going. For Wednesday, Thursday and yesterday the prevailing price was around 69 1-2c for spot 1 hard and 72 1-2 to 73c for May; 2 hard and 1 northern 3 1-2c less than 1 hard. An occasional car of tough 1 northern or 2 hard is asked for at 60c on track Fort William. Dried wheat is in very little request and fetches 62c for 2 hard and 60c for 2 northern in store Fort William.

SALES ON CHANGE.

Following are the sales recorded on the call board of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange during the week:

Tuesday—5,000 bushels 1 hard spot in store Fort William, 70c; 5,000 bushels spot, 70 1-4c; 5,000 bushels spot, 70 1-8c; 5,000 bushels May delivery Fort William, 73 1-4c.

Wednesday—5,000 bushels 1 hard, May delivery, Fort William, 72c; 5,000 bushels do., 72 1-1c; two cars spot in store Fort William, 69 1-4c.

Thursday—5,000 bushels spot in store, 69 1-2c; 5,000 bushels May, 72 3-4c.

Friday—There were no transactions, buyers and sellers being apart. The split was 1-1 to 1-2c. After the board settles were willing to accept prices bid.

FLOUR—Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$1.95 to \$2.05 for patent, \$1.75 for strong bakers, Glenora \$1.55; Manitoba bakers, \$1.55; Algoma, \$1.30; Imperial XXXX, \$1.15; XXXX, \$1.05 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLFEED—Prices are steady. Bran is quoted at \$10 and shorts at \$12 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Prices vary widely all the way from \$7 to \$13 a ton as to quality. Oat chop is quoted at \$15 to \$16 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$13 to \$14, and wheat and mill mixtures at \$7 to \$10 per ton as to quality; oil cake, \$23 per ton; ground corn, \$18 to \$19 ton.

OATS—Owing to the severe weather very few oats have been offering and city dealers have had to look around to keep up their supplies for the local trade. Choice oats for milling are very firm and higher prices are being paid, 25c being paid for car lots at country points, equal to 30c per bushel of 34 lbs here. City dealers are also looking for a few cars of choice oats for seed purposes and 25c has been paid in the country for this purpose. A few cars have been purchased as far west as Edmonton, to be brought to this market. Ordinary car lots are

quoted at 25 to 28c on track here as to condition and quality.

BARLEY—Offerings limited and demand slow. We quote 24 to 25c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here, feed grades, and 27 to 30c for malting samples.

WHEAT—Local street market—Millers have been paying 58 to 63c for choice hard wheat delivered at the mills by farmers, as to quality. Tough and damp wheat brings 5 to 8c under dry grain of the same grade. Prices to farmers at country points range from 53 to 62c, according to freight rates and local conditions.

FLAX SEED—Nominal. This article is scarce and in a small way will bring 70 to 80c here, from retail dealers.

CORN—Car lots on track here would cost laid down about 40 to 42c per bushels of 56 lbs., as to grade on the basis of prices at Minneapolis this week, where prices are about 2c lower than a week ago.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady, and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

Butter—Dairy—The market is steady. Buyers are offering 13 1-2c to 14 1-2c here for lots, as to quality, and 15c is paid for choice lots for either rolls or tubs. Selected fresh prints would bring 1 to 2c higher.

CHEESE—Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes. The market is nominal.

EGGS—Scarcely any offering, owing to severe weather. We quote 20 to 22c for fresh, and 16 to 17c for hatched. Stocks of held fresh are low.

POULTRY—Chickens are scarce. Buyers are now offering 9 to 10c per pound for good mixed lots of chickens. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality; geese, 9 to 10c; ducks, 8 to 10c.

GAME—Rabbits 8 1-2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

VEGETABLES—It has been difficult to obtain anything this week, owing to cold weather, as farmers are not offering anything. Potatoes out of store have been held 5c higher at 40 to 45c. Native onions are very scarce. Cabbage is higher. Potatoes, 40 to 45c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 11-2c per pound; carrots, 35 to 40c, beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 40 to 50c per dozen; cabbage, 1 1-2c per pound; onions, 2 to 3c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 21c.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 8 1-2c per pound.

HIDES—Frozen hides are quoted 6 to 6 1-2c; bulls and oxen 1c less. Five pounds tare taken on frozen hides. Inspected hides are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c No. 2 5 1-2c; No. 3 4 1-2c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3 kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon, skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

HAY—Prices have declined 50c to \$1 per ton, which is rather unexpected, owing to pressure of some holders to sell. Riced is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7 on track here and loose on the street market at \$6 to \$7.50 as to quality.

DRESSED MEATS—The market is lower for dressed hogs, owing to a considerable number of car lots of Ontario hogs having been brought in. Cars of dressed hogs from Ontario have been laid down here at \$5.60 per 100 lbs., prices having been lower east lately. This has weakened the market for Manitoba hogs, and buyers are now offering \$5.75 for lots of Mani-

toba hogs, which is 15c per 100 lbs. higher than cost of Ontario hogs laid down here. Commission dealers have been selling hogs in a small way here at 6c, where a few hogs are wanted by a retail butcher. Beef is firm and supplies limited. The best frozen beef is quoted at 5 1-2c, and fresh killed at 6 to 6 1-2c; mutton 7 to 8c, lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 6 to 7c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Butchers' cattle are quoted at 3 to 3 1-2c off cars here for good to choice animals. The market, however, has been about nominal this week. The protracted severe weather must be very hard on the range cattle, though no advices are to hand from our western ranges. It will, however, put cattle in a condition that they will not be ready for the summer market as early as if the weather had been favorable throughout. Heavy losses are reported from all the range region throughout the United States clean down into Texas, and this will have the effect of further advancing the already high market in the United States. A firm local market for fat cattle is looked for this spring, as some apprehend a scarcity of supplies, but the expected does not always happen and there may be more cattle feeding for the spring market than dealers surmise. Buyers are out through the country looking for steekers for the United States market. The Manitoba feeders shipped east recently by Gordon & Ironside are being fed at the Prescott, Ontario, distillery for the spring market for the shippers.

SHEEP—None offering. Market supplied with held stocks of frozen mutton and also some frozen mutton brought from the east. A lot of sheep are being fed at the elevators for the spring market. It is said one local concern has 1,000 head feeding. P. Gallagher & Sons, Winnipeg, are also feeding a couple of car loads at one of the elevators.

HOGS—Quoted at 4 1-2c off cars for selected weights. Market nominal.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

HORSES—A considerable number of horses are being brought in from Ontario and the United States for the spring trade. Several car loads have arrived recently. Prices will likely rule firm as they are coming fairly high prices east. A fairly good average farm team is quoted at about \$225 here.

Winnipeg Grocery Market

There is no further change in sugars. The situation is the same as reported last week. Advices on tea are very firm, but there is no change here. Cattle advices from London reporting a firmer market for Colognes; coffees are easier here for low grades. In tobaccos there is some cutting in the local market. T. & B. has been reduced again 2c, and Crescent 2c; Brier is 1c lower. Sultana raisins are firm. Unpeeled peaches are 1-2c lower. Pot barley is 5 to 10c lower per sack. Portuguese figs are 1-2c lower on the inside. Peanuts are 1-2 to 1c lower.

The liabilities of W. C. Pittfield & Co., Montreal, are \$269,505, and there are good assets of \$157,863; the bad assets include Frank Pittfield's balance of \$78,574.78; bad and doubtful accounts, \$65,230.54. The two largest creditors are the Dominion Cotton Mills Co., \$23,219.30, and the Merchants Cotton Co., \$226,005.86.