

branch of trade since our last issue, and the temporary dullness then mentioned has disappeared. Matters are not in any rush, but the volume of sales has increased to a very satisfactory extent. There are no changes in prices to report. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$3.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada-plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½.

#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business has kept up pretty well in this line during the week, and sales have been very satisfactory in volume. There have been a few changes in prices and quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf 90 to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, \$3 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings 12c.

#### LUMBER.

Every week brings this trade to a more satisfactory condition. There is no rush of business, but a steady volume of sales is kept up, and at figures which allow of a profit. Of course there is still more or less cutting down, and a scale of standard prices cannot be reached. But there is an utter absence of inclination to slaughter, and the keenest cutters insist on a margin of profit no matter how small. The fact is there is no great surplus stock to encourage any reckless cutting.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

There has been a little more life in this branch than reported in our last issue, but business is still far from active. Prices remain steady and in some instances are nominal. Quotations are as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c, oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine. 7.00; No 1 \$6.50; No 2 \$6.00 and window glass, first break, \$2.40.

#### SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business has been moderate in this line during the week. From points in the province demands have been slow, but quite a volume of sales have been made to far western dealers.

#### STATIONERY AND PAPER.

There has been a fair business done in this branch, which has been confined almost exclusively to staple lines. Collections are reported satisfactorily.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

The feeling has been quiet in this trade, and collections are rather slow. Quotations are:

Gooderham & Worts 5 year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3.00; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50 Henneey, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to 4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Henneey's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

#### WOOL.

Receipts have been falling off during the week. Prices are unchanged as follows: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c; cotted and broken, washed, 10c unwashed 8c; Southdown, washed, 16 to 18c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 22c.

## THE MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The past week has been another blank one in the grain business, at least so far as wheat and barley are concerned. Careful inquiry fails to discover any wheat changing hands since our last report, and the only movement has been of a few cars being forwarded east from western points, where they had been stored. There has been as yet no sale of new crop by grade, and there is still very considerable uncertainty about what will be the starting prices of the season. There is one thing certain however, and that is that there will be no famine for new grain by our millers, as all possess ample stocks of old to keep moving until receipts of new are plentiful. Thus we will be likely to start in straight on export figures. As yet only samples from the new crop have reached the city, and with barley it is much the same. Oats is the only grain moving, and in that sales have been light. Flour seems to have been moving rather slowly, although millers are short of patents, and keep sold ahead even to supply the local demand. Lower grades have been exported quite freely, but of mediums the stock in the city is moderately heavy, and the demand either for local or export trade rather slow. Thus the mills are not rushed to keep pace with calls upon them, and the grain business is asleep for the present. The movement in provisions during the week has been very little in excess of that of the previous one, only the feeling is firmer and more hopeful all round. The receipts of dairy products have fallen off very materially owing to harvest operations, but stocks in the city are ample to prevent any scarcity for weeks to come, although not heavy enough to allow of exporting. In meats the feeling has been decidedly firm, and prices all round have been a shade higher. In the last a scarcity before curing commences is feared, and here it is known that quantity on hand will not be more than enough for probable demands. It is therefore generally expected that no break in prices will take place for some weeks to come.

#### WHEAT.

There has been nothing done during the week, and even nominal quotations cannot be obtained. The samples reaching town during the week confirm the former opinions, that the

quality all round will be far above the average of any former year. The prices by grade here are purely nominal as follows: No. 1 hard, 70c; No. 2, 65c; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2, 60c; No. 3, 55c.

#### FLOUR.

The local trade in patents has been fairly active, as has also the exporting of superfines. Medium grades have been moving slowly. Quotations are unchanged as follows: patents, \$2.60 strong bakers, \$2.00; XXXX \$1.50, and superfine, \$1. Prices are for broken lots, delivered in the city or f.o.b.

#### BRAN AND SHORTS.

Exporting still goes on, but the local demand is not heavy. Prices stand: Bran, \$9 a ton on track; shorts, \$10.

#### OATMEAL.

There is no change to report and none is expected, until the new oats are available.

#### OATS.

Holders have come out ahead in the long tug and buyers, after making two weeks of a stubborn fight, have caved in and conceded higher prices. Several cars changed hands during the week at 30c, but no buying except for immediate wants has taken place, and buyers are still holding shy until the new crop comes to market.

#### BARLEY.

Nothing but samples seen as yet, and no sales for future delivery made. No quotations yet to be had.

#### POTATOES.

Imported are now out of the market, and the supply from local sources is not large enough yet to admit of wholesale quotations. In lots of a few bushels sales have been made at 75c.

#### CHEESE.

A moderate volume of sales were made during the week, but there were no fluctuations in prices. Prime Manitoba sold at 10½ to 11c.

#### EGGS.

Receipts have held steady but not heavy, and prices have been rather firm and tending upward. Prices ranged about 11 to 13c.

#### BUTTER.

Receipts have been lightening up somewhat, but the stock in the city is ample for all local requirements. No export business is reported. There is almost no change to report in prices, only that they are firm. Choice dairy sells at 12 to 13c, and fair to good from 9 to 11c. Lower grades are scarce and little called for, and are nominal in range from 7 to 9c. There are not wanting signs of higher prices for choice lots very soon.

#### BACON.

Fears of a shortage before the opening of the curing season commence are expressed, and prices have been tending upwards. Dry salt is held at 9c, and smoked at 11c; rolls range from 11½ to 12½c and breakfast from 12½ to 13c.

#### HAMS.

Like all other meat hams are on the upward turn, and the stock in the city is light. Some sales were made at 15c, but later 15½c was given for plain and 16c for canvassed.

#### MESS POPE.

The feeling has been firm but sales light. Quotations have been steady at \$15.50 for round lots and \$16 in odd bbls.

#### LARD.

This article is getting scarcer and price is getting firmer. Pails are held stiff at \$2.25, and there is an inclination to light figures something higher.

#### DRESSED HOGS.

There are few lots coming to the city, and these few only in wagon loads. All have been taken by retail butchers, so that quotations for round lots are not available.