

THE MARKETS. •

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Seeding has been going on rapidly during the past week, under favorable conditions. The weather has been very favorable for seeding, though not for growth. In some districts farmers are well up with wheat seeding, and later reports indicate that there will be no shortage in the area sown to wheat, as compared with last year, with a prospect of a slight increase. It is gratifying to learn that notwithstanding the late season, there will be no falling off in the acreage. In coarse grains there will be a considerable increase in the area sown. A good deal of land which would have been sown to wheat had the season been earlier, will now be devoted to oats and barley, and thus an intended large increase in the wheat area will be prevented for this year. The prospect of a good demand for Manitoba barley in the future, will draw more attention to that crop. It is also pleasing to learn that farmers are this year giving greater attention to the selection of good clean grain for seed, in oats and barley. Trading in wheat has been light, and confined to sales afloat at Port Arthur for May and June delivery. Prices have maintained a strong tone. No. 1 northern afloat at Port Arthur, has sold as high as 82½c, which was the top price paid. This would be equal to 68 to 69c for No. 1 hard, and 66 to 67c for No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern on track here.

FLOUR.

Flour has been advanced about 15c in this market, for local price. Quotations to the local trade, in broken lots now are:—Patents, \$2.20; strong bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.45; superfine, \$1.25.

MILLSTUFFS.

Brand is now quoted at \$10 per ton and shorts \$12 per ton.

OATS.

Oats maintain a firm tone and show some advance in price. There was a good demand for good clean oats for seed. Ordinary quality were held at about 32c on track here.

OATMEAL.

Local prices are unchanged, as follows: Standard, \$2.45; granulated, \$2.60; rolled oats, \$3.90.

EGGS.

Though receipts were not large, yet prices were again lower last week, and ranged from 11 to 12c in case lots. The drop in prices seems to have reduced deliveries.

BUTTER.

The butter situation remains unchanged. From 17 to 18c is about the usual range for fresh rolls, and 15 to 17c for good old, with the demand light.

LARD.

Best Chicago lard was firm at \$2.20 per 20 pound pail, with native held at \$2.25 to \$2.30. Inferior qualities of imported lard may be obtained from \$2.00 upward.

CURED MEATS.

Prices were generally strong at quotations, with a tendency to higher figures for Chicago. Prices were:—Home cured quoted as follows:—Long clear bacon, 11 to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 13c; hams, 14½ to 15c; pork sausage, 10c per pound. Chicago hams 15 to 16c, dry salt 11½ to 11¾c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef steady at from 6 to 7½c. Pork scarce

and bringing 8½ to 9c for dressed hogs. Stocks of frozen mutton are running low, and there is no fresh yet in the market. Now quoted at 13 to 14c. Veal 8 to 10c.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle steady at 3½ to 4c. A car lot of ordinary sold at 3½c. Good animals would bring 4c.

VEGETABLES.

There is yet no outside demand for potatoes, and only a few loads were moving on the market. About 35c per bushel was the usual figure paid. Other quotations were:—Onions, \$1.50 to \$1.80 per bushel; cabbage, \$10 per 100 for good; celery, 50c to \$1 per dozen bunches, as to quality; carrots 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 25c per bushel.

C. W. WILLIAMS, general dealer, Killarney, Man., has assigned in trust.

F. S. MORLE, general dealer, Killarney, Man., has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

W. R. CLARKE, general dealer, Stonewall, Man., who assigned in trust to C. M. Rubidge, has liabilities of \$1,800, and the stock amounts to \$1,200. An offer equal to about 25 per cent. of the liabilities has been accepted by the creditors.

THE customs authorities at Montreal have made a large seizure of valuable Chinese goods on a charge of undervaluation of 50 per cent. The goods were consigned to the King Tye Ching Co., which were about to open a store here. The consignment is valued at over \$75,000, and consists of fancy articles, silk handkerchiefs, mats, screens and silk quilts. The company is also in business at Victoria.

AN Ottawa telegram of Saturday says: W. D. Perley interviewed Hon. Mr. Costigan this morning relative to the proposed new grading of Manitoba and Northwest wheat. After a lengthy conversation the Minister decided to ask the boards of trade of Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Port Arthur to send delegates to Ottawa on the 15th inst., to discuss the whole matter with him, to which meeting the Manitoba and Northwest members will be invited, and it is expected that a satisfactory basis of classification will be arrived at.

THE stock of the estate of Peddie & Co., (J. W. Peddie), of Winnipeg, amounting to about \$16,900, was sold by the sheriff at auction for 41 cents on the dollar. F. Peddie & Co's stock sold in the same way, brought 33½ cents on the dollar. The stock, including about \$1,700 of shop fittings, etc., amounted to about \$19,300, showing a deficit as compared with liabilities of about \$1,350. Geo. H. Rogers & Co were the purchasers of both stocks. The full liabilities of F. Peddie & Co. were \$20,680, and assets \$19,312. The liabilities of J. W. Peddie were \$17,439, including preferential claims amounting to \$5,394. The full assets were \$22,900, including \$6,000 in bills receivable. This would show an apparent surplus of something less than \$5,500, but a considerable portion of the \$6,000 asset will not be met in full, and when the preferential claims are covered, the amount to be divided among the unsecured creditors will not be large.

Special Trade Notices.

LET there be no mistake about this, that the Myrtle Navy tobacco is manufactured from the very finest Virginia leaf. No higher quality of

leaf can be purchased for any tobacco made. It is selected with the very greatest care, and treated with the most approved processes for preserving the flavor of the tobacco.

THERE is perhaps no article of commerce, in connection with which more trash is foisted upon the public, than soap. It is therefore with pleasure, that we testify to the excellence of a new glycerine and borax soap recently placed upon the market by the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., of Toronto. From samples tested, we discover none of the injurious effects upon the hands, so common with laundry soap, and for cleansing powers it has few equals among the manufactures of Canada. In short it is a laundry soap that can be confidently recommended.

MESSRS. MERRICK, ANDERSON & Co. of this city, who have recently been appointed North western agents for the J. A. Converse Rope, Twine and Jute Factory of Montreal, have completed their arrangements for the handling of these goods to suit the wants of the Northwest. Besides taking orders for shipment direct from the factory, they will carry a full stock of jute and cotton sacks, manilla and other cordage and twines, and be ready to supply immediate wants of traders from the same. In their large new premises, (formerly the wholesale grocery house of Messrs. G. F. & J. Galt) they will have ample facilities for extending business, and taking a place among the leading wholesale mercantile houses of the Northwest.

Lumber Cuttings.

Lzamy & Kyfe, lumber men and mill owners of Vancouver, B. C., have formed a partnership with George Cassady, of Chatham N. B. under the name of George Cassady & Co., and will shortly commence the manufacture of doors, sashes, etc. at Vancouver. The erection of a large factory has been commenced. The main building will be two storeys in height, and will be 50 by 75 feet. In addition to this there will be a large drying room, a boiler house, and all the requisite outbuildings. The machinery, now in the city, is of the latest approved make. A shingle mill will also be run in connection with the factory.

A movement has been set on foot in Chicago for the organization of a mutual insurance company, having for its object lumber yard insurance. In calling attention to the step, the *Lumber Trade Journal* recites that during a period of ten years the trade in Chicago has paid in premiums for fire insurance about \$3,000,000, and that the loss in the same time, including yards, planing mills and box factories, had been inside of 5,000,000, rates in the mean time having been advanced from 60 and 75 cents to \$2 and \$2.10. The *Journal* argues that while the lumber interest have claimed losses of not at the greatest over 25 per cent. of the premiums paid, the dry goods, clothing, wholesale shoe and other industries in that city have been able to secure all the insurance they want at three-fourths and one and one half per cent., while the losses to the companies have been nearly if not equal to the premiums paid.

P. E. Gannon, wholesale and retail grocer, Montreal—demand of assignment made on them