

We quote ordinary good dairy at 17 to 18c and choice to fancy at 19 to 20c, on a commission basis.

**CHEESE**—The outlook for cheese is rather the opposite from butter this year. Last year prices opened higher in Canadian markets. A year ago cheese was quoted at 10 1-4c to 10 1-2c at Montreal, while it has sold recently at Montreal as low as 7 1-4c. It is said that considerable old cheese is held east, and that the season was an unprofitable one to many operators. The western cheese trade was also rather unsatisfactory on last year's make. Prices were advanced here last fall to a point considerably above eastern markets, and many dealers laid in their winter supply at high prices, some of which is still held. Cheese has sold in Winnipeg recently at 10c, which cost 10c last fall, meaning not only no profit for carrying, but loss in shrinkage in weight, interest, insurance, etc. Owing to the high cost of local cheese, Ontario cheese was underselling the Manitoba product at the coast, and some was even brought into the Winnipeg market from the east. Owing to the high local prices last fall it was thought that there would be a tendency to make more cheese this year in Manitoba. It is said several new factories will be started, besides which there are a number of private dairies, which latter often do not turn out a good quality of goods. On the other hand, the unfavorable result of last season's operations will no doubt make buyers very cautious this season, unless something unusual develops. We quote cheese here at 10c in a jobbing way.

**EGGS**—Supplies did not come forward too freely, and the market held firm up to yesterday at 15c per dozen. Yesterday, however, there was an easier tendency, and a sharp break in prices may occur any time.

**DRESSED MEATS**—We quote hogs, 63-4c to 7c. Beef 61-2 for city dressed. Mutton 8c for cold storage stock and 10c for fresh dressed. Veal 7 to 9c, as to quality.

**DRESSED POULTRY**—Poultry is scarce and prices firm. Good chickens will bring 9c dressed, or 60 to 75c per pair live, and turkeys 11c per lb. live weight or 15c dressed.

**GAME**—The wild duck has again made its appearance in the market to a limited extent. Quoted at 20 to 30c per pair. Large grey geese 75c each, waxes or small white geese, 40c each.

**CURED MEATS AND LARD**—See quotations on another page.

**VEGETABLES**—Prices are as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel, as to quality and variety; carrots, \$1.00 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb; imported, 3c; to 4c, as to quality; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c. Green stuffs in onions, lettuce, radishes, etc., is offering at 25c dozen bunches; rhubarb, 5 1-2c pound.

**HIDES**—Hides are easy at the recent decline. A high price is being paid for calf, 9c being paid for good skins, but this figure is not expected to hold. We quote green hides, No. 1 6 1-2c; kip 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 7 to 9c lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts nominal at 75c to 80c each for fresh skins; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

**WOOL**—The outlook is not considered favorable this season, owing to the high United States tariff, which went into effect since last year's clip was

marketed. United States wool markets are dull and depressed by the war. The idea here is for a market not over 90¢ at the outside.

**FALLOW**—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

**SENECA ROOT**—Nominal at 16c. Recent advices have been unfavorable. Stocks of considerable size are still held at points of accumulation, and the outlook is not favorable for the new crop. Some dealers think it advisable to discourage efforts to secure a large crop this season, so as to assist a recovery of the market.

**HAY**—Baled is held at \$11 to \$12.50 on cars here. There is some demand to ship to outside points, in car lots.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—The only shipping business is still confined to stocker cattle which are in demand to ship south, at \$10 to \$13 for yearlings and \$17 to \$22 for two years old cattle. We quote the local market for butchers' cattle at 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c for fair to good fat stock. Some stockers are being shipped to the western ranges and some fat cattle to British Columbia coast points.

**SHEEP**—The market is firm at about 4 1-2c. Very little done yet in sheep this season. Lambs \$2.50 to \$3.50 each.

**HOGS**—The market is steady at 5c for best bacon hogs. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

**HORSES**—There is a fair demand for horses. The usual range is \$225 to \$250 for fair to good farm teams.

#### Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c higher per barrel, oats and corn 1c higher. Millfeed 50c ton higher. Barley 1c higher. Eggs 1c to 1 1-2c higher. Butter 2 1-2c to 3c lower. Flax seed 4c higher.

**Flour**—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$5.20 to \$5.40; second patents, \$5 to \$5.20.

**Millfeed**—Shorts in bulk \$8.75 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$8.75 to \$9; corn feed, \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality.

**Corn**—Quoted at 30 1-4c for No. 3.

**Oats**—Held at 27 5-8c for No. 3 White.

**Barley**—Feed, quoted at 33c.

**Flax seed**—\$1.26 per bushel.

**Eggs**—9 3-4 to 10c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 5c.

**Cheese**—Choice to fancy, 8 to 9 1-2c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

**Butter**—Creamery, 16 to 17 1-2c; seconds, 14 to 15c; dairy 14 to 16c for good to choice; seconds, 13 to 14c.

**Dressed meats**—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 8 1-2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1-4c for heavy and 4 1-2c for medium and light.

**Potatoes**—Car lots mixed, 30 to 35c; named varieties 35 to 48c.

**Poultry**—Chicken 7 to 10 1-2c; turkeys 8 to 12c; ducks 8 to 9 1-2c; geese 8 1-2 to 9c.

**Hides**—Green hides, 7 1-4c for No. 1, 6 1-4 for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 to 6 3-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 18 to 22c.

**Hay**—\$5.50 to \$8 per ton.

**Cattle**—Sales 8 cows at 1,100, \$4.60; 5 at 1,035, \$3.50; 1 at 940, \$3.40; 10 stockers at 678, \$4.30; 8 steers at \$77, \$3.80.

**Hogs**—Market active, 5c higher. Sales—35 hogs at 220 lbs., \$3.80; 68 hogs at 203 lbs., \$3.77 1-2; 7 at 355, \$3.50.

#### The Live Stock Trade.

At London on April 18, the cattle market was firmer than a week ago, choice States cattle selling at 53-8 Canadian 5d. Argentine cattle, 45-8d and Argentine sheep, 5 1-4d.

The Stock Growers' association met recently at Calgary, Alberta. Reports showed that the membership had nearly doubled during the year and now numbered 147. The number of cattle assessed by the association is 96,381, of horses 8,750, making an increase of \$3,448 collected. The management recommended the branding of Indian cattle and that the brand on the animal be prima facie evidence of ownership; also that \$10 be the specific duty on horses imported from the United States worth under \$50 and 20 per cent ad valorem if over that value. A new brand ordinance was asked for. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, D. W. Marshall; vice-president, F. W. Godsal; second vice-president, D. H. Andrews.

#### Western Business Items.

Mr. Conway is opening in lumber at Crystal City, Man.

James Martin is starting a lumber yard at Rounthwaite, Man.

W. P. Aslip, of Grand Forks, will start a brick yard at Winnipeg.

Treherne Harness Co., Treherne, Man., is succeeded by W. J. Scott & Co.

D. R. Dingwall, jeweller, is selling out his Moose Jaw branch to R. E. Plaxton.

D. McGregor, hardware, Shoal Lake, Man., is reported to have left the country.

Taylor & McLean, tinsmiths, have succeeded Thos. Taylor, of Minnedosa, Man.

D. Ross, lumber manufacturer, of Whittemouth, arrived in the city yesterday.

S. S. McMillan, of Simeoe, Ont., has opened a saddlery shop at Reston, Man.

E. Nicholson, Winnipeg, sold a car load of Ontario oatmeal this week, to arrive.

Armstrong & Bassler, millers, Hamiota, Man., are succeeded by Bassler & Bridgeman.

Kobold & Co., Winnipeg, shipped 200 head of stocker cattle to their ranch at Maple Creek this week.

The rain of Thursday, which was quite heavy in the Red River Valley, was light in western parts of the province.

The purchasers of W. G. Wyatts business at Virden will carry it on under the name of the Virden Lumber and Hardware Co.

D. A. McIlquham, of Alexander, Man., has made an enlargement in his store by adding another story which will be used for furniture.

Navigation is expected to open at Port Arthur any time now. Yesterday steamers were reported trying to enter the port from the lake, but had not been able to get through the ice.

A bill to provide for a Dominion plebiscite for the prohibition of the importation, manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors, has been introduced in parliament.