

SHEET ZINC—In casks, 5½ lb., broken lots, 6c.

SOLDER—Half and half (guar) per lb. 14 to 16c.

AMMUNITION—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 85 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 60 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance, central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 80 per cent.; shot shells, 12 guage, \$6 to 7.50, shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c, shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

WIRE—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE—Sisal, per lb., 8 to ¾c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 1½c base; cotton, ¾ to ½ inch ar 1 larger, 16c lb.

AXES—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

NAILS—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3 to 3.10; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg, 3 to 4 inch, \$3.90 keg, 2½ inch, \$4.20 keg; 2 inch, \$4.50 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 to 50 per cent.

LUMBER—The backward, disagreeable weather is keeping back building operations and thus affecting the lumber trade. In the city progress on contracts under way has been slow this week. The Lake of the Woods Mills have had about 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet of logs cut this winter, which is not a large cut, but there is a large supply of old stock on hand.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—There are no changes in prices here. The firmness in white leads is the principal feature. It is thought that it is almost impossible that present prices can hold after present stocks are ground, as they are below cost of English quotations. Prices here are as follows:

WHITE LEADS—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 per 100-lb; 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., 8c; red lead, 5½c; yellow ocre, 2½c; golden ocre, 4c; Venetian, red, French, 3½c; Venetian, red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½ per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c; English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 9c per lb., less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 18 to 20c.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and include cost of cans.

SUNDRIES—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$4.00; benzine, per case, \$4.00; 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, \$4.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.00; plasterer's hair, 90c. per bale; putty, per lb., 2½c. for less than barrels, barrels, per lb., 2½c.

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

LINSEED OIL—Raw, per gal., 68c; boiled, per gal., 66c in barrels.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 60c; less than barrels, per gallon, 65c.

OILS—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 88 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, 45c; neatfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 24½c; crescent, 27½c; oleophene, 29½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 8½c for cocene and 80c for sunlight.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION—The advance in wheat, which set in a week ago today, has been fairly well maintained this week, the general tendency of prices being upward, assisted by unfavorable crop reports from some of the central western states. The principal factor in the advance, has been a revival of speculation in wheat and bullish features, such as light Australian and Argentine crops, light European supplies, etc., have been made the most of for speculative purposes. Exports of wheat flour included from both coasts of the United States amount to 1,764,000 bushels this week, compared with 1,663,000 bushels last week; 2,986,000 bushels in the same week last year; 1,955,000 bushels in the same week two years ago, and with 2,918,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898. To-day there was a sharp break in prices. The United States crop report, published to-day, placed the condition of winter wheat on April 1 at 77.1, as compared with 81 a year ago. This stimulated prices at the opening, but they soon began to decline and closed sharply lower.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION—All rail shipments of wheat have fallen off largely and what has been going forward has been mostly low grade stuff, which it is thought desirable to get rid of as early as possible. Elevators continue filled up at many points and stocks are not changing materially in amount, as receipts and shipments are light. Stocks of Manitoba wheat at lake ports, milling and interior points here aggregate 8,000,000, as compared with about 8,000,000 bushels a year ago. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended April 4 were 29,761 bushels; shipments 35,914 bushels; in store 8,892,831 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 930,000, and two years ago 2,883,018 bushels. Receipts at Fort William for the corresponding week last year were 9,890 bushels and shipments were 8,065 bushels. Prices have stiffened in sympathy with the advance in United States markets. Prices in Manitoba country markets, to farmers, range all the way from 40 to 55c for best samples of wheat, according to features of the different local markets. Only a few local buyers, however, are still left in the country markets and deliveries are now about wound up. Prices for car or round lots were about 2c higher than a week ago, but would be lower again on the break in United States markets today. No. 2 hard, May, sold this morning at 60c before the break, Fort William delivery.

FLOUR—There has been no change in prices. Sales by millers here are now made at \$1.85 to \$1.90 for patents and \$1.65 to \$1.70 for strong bakers per sack of 93 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.40 to \$1.45; XXXX \$1.15 to \$1.20, delivered. Brands of country mills are offered at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS—City mills are now selling at \$3 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots.

OATS—Oats have continued dull and prices about the same. We quote car lots on track, country points at 11 to 15c. On an average rate of freight a good No. 2 white could not be quoted at

more than 18c. No. 2 mixed about 12c, and feed grade at 11c. In the Winnipeg market, for local consumption, 16 to 17c per bushel of 34 pounds is paid to farmers, and up to 18c has been paid for a few loads of choice milling.

BARLEY—There is scarcely any movement in barley and the demand is almost nil. We quote car lots nominal at 13 to 15c, in the country for No. 3 and under. For local trade 1½ to 18c has been paid, per bushel of 48 pounds, for a few loads to farmers.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market.—The price paid at the city mills for farmers' loads is 50c per bushel of 60 pounds for best quality.

GROUND FEED. Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATMEAL—Rolled oatmeal is selling at about \$1.25 per sack of 3½ pounds in broken lots to retail dealers. It is said some cutting under this quotation has been done.

FLAX SEED—No business reported in flaxseed.

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

BUTTER—The situation is unchanged. All qualities are very slow sale, but there is a fair demand for good, fresh table butter, and city dealers are juggling at 12 to 15c as to quality for either rolls or tubs. Single selected packages being 1c more.

CHEESE—Cheese is jobbing here in small lots at 9½ to 10c for large and 10½c to 11c for small sizes.

EGGS—The market has been irregular this week. They started at 11c, but owing to light receipts for a few days, the price went to 12c again, and then back to 11c, which is the quotation to-day. Lower prices are looked for next week, probably 10c for Monday. Eggs are very low in the States, and British Columbia markets are getting in supplies from south of the boundary, as they have been able to bring in eggs from the States cheaper than they could buy here. In order to hold the British Columbia market for Manitoba eggs, lower prices are necessary here. Some Manitoba eggs have been shipped to British Columbia from western Manitoba points, where they have been bought lower than prices paid here.

LARD—Prices are. Pure \$1.80 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound, cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.60.

CURED MEATS—Hog products are easy. Long clear has declined ¾c. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c. do, backs, 10½c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb; shoulders, 6c, backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$13.00, clear mess \$18.00; short cut, \$16.00, rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6½c, German sausage, 6½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS—Mutton is higher for unfrozen stock. There is some frozen stock held in cold storage. Dealers are selling at 8 to 9½c, the top price for choice unfrozen. Hogs are steady at about 5 to 5½c per pound. The top would only be paid by butchers for a few fancy hogs. Packers would pay 4½ to 5c, but very few are offering. City dressed beef 5½ to 6c, as to quality.

VEGETABLES—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes, 12 to 15c per