

STONE AND LIME.

Prices for these articles of building material will remain the same this year as last. Stonewall rubble stone is quoted for spring delivery at \$3.50 per cord; Stonewall footings at \$3.50, Stony Mountain rubble at \$4.00; white lime at 20c per bushel, and grey lime, Stony Mountain and Tyndall at 16c per bushel.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Since the break in wheat values reported in last week's review, the markets have acted heavy and dragging, with a tendency to further decline which has lost wheat 1 to 1-2c per bushel on the week. Demand for wheat and flour actual or speculative continues at a low ebb. The latest developments in the wheat situation consisting as they do of largely increased world's shipments and an absence of unfavorable crop reports are not calculated to infuse strength into the markets. For three months the world's shipments from exporting to importing countries have averaged around 5,500,000 bushels per week compared to estimated weekly requirements of fully 7,000,000 bushels, but last week the shipments increased to 7,786,500 bushels and the shipments for current week are not likely to be much under that. The demand from Europe has been light in face of these small weekly shipments, and it is not likely to increase under the heavier quantities. The other influence which at the present time would strengthen values is reports of serious crop damage, but although some crop damage reports were going the round recently there has been an absence of these reports during the past week, and in place of them moderately favorable reports have appeared concerning at least the winter wheat crop in the States, and reports on crops in other countries have not been circulating. It is too early yet to have definitely reliable information as to crop damage. The immediate future is a trying time on the young winter wheat, and the growing weather of April will determine the extent of the damage. In the meantime, while demand for wheat is light there is at same time a disposition among American farmers at least, not to hurry the marketing of the wheat they still hold, and the country movement is extremely moderate in extent. Statistics for the week are as follows, viz., the American visible supply increased 225,000 bushels compared to a decrease previous week of 302,000 bushels. The world's shipments as mentioned above were 7,786,000 bushels as against 6,482,000 bushels previous week, and 7,600,000 bushels same week last year. The world's visible supply as compiled by Bradstreet's increased 243,000 bushels compared to decrease previous week of 758,000 bushels and an increase a year ago of 291,000 bushels. The Argentine shipments this week are 2,400,000 bushels, last week 2,320,000 bushels.

The local market has for the most part been quite lifeless, and very little business has been done. The lack of demand and the difficulty of figuring out any profit prevents shippers and exporters coming into the market. Holders on the other hand are not disposed to sell at present values, preferring to hold in hope of better prices later. In the forepart of the week 1 hard spot Fort William sold at 65c, but in the latter part 61 1/2 to 64 3/4c has been the outside value with buyers very

scarce. May delivery is worth 21-2c over spot. Two hard and 1 northern are 21-2c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—Prices now quoted as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.75; Glenora, \$1.65; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.40; XXXX, \$1.40; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.85; Strong Bakers, \$1.05; Medora, \$1.40; XXX, \$1.20 per sack of 56 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLED—The situation remains practically the same as a week ago. Offerings are very light and prices firm. Ogilvie's mill will be closed down next week for installation of new engine and this will still further affect supply. We quote: Ogilvie's bran and shorts, \$13.50; Lake of the Woods bran, \$11.50 per ton, shorts \$13.50.

GRAIN FEED—Oatmeal has advanced \$1 per ton. Otherwise prices are unchanged. Oat chop is worth \$22 per ton; barley chop, \$17, and mixed feed of barley and oats \$20 per ton. Corn chop, \$15; oatmeal, \$27.

OATS—Receipts have increased a little and there is a slightly easier feeling, although prices remain the same as last week. There has been some demand for oats for seed purposes, but as the Manitoba crop of last year showed much better quality than the previous one the regular No. 2 grade is good enough for seed. This quality is obtainable in most districts so that there will not be much demand for seed from outside points. Carlots of oats at country points are worth from 25 to 26c. On track Winnipeg prices are No. 2 white, 32 to 33c; and No. 2 mixed, 31 to 32c.

BARLEY—Deliveries are light and there is a good demand for both malting and feed at from 30 to 35c in carlots on track.

CORN—Enquiry for corn is increasing. We quote carlots on track worth 41 to 41 1/2c per bushel.

WHEAT—Deliveries at country points are improving. Prices are 3c lower at 52c per bushel to farmers' 15c freight rate points, 1c at 16c to 17c points and 50c at others.

FLAXSEED—Farmers' loads are worth \$1.25 to \$1.30 per bushel at country points.

WHEATMEAL—Best Manitoba meal is selling to the retail trade at \$1.65 per sack of 50 pounds. The Ogilvie company are not now operating their mill here, as at present high prices of oats it does not pay. There is some complaint over the fact that under the present Canadian customs tariff Manitoba mills cannot pay a good price for oats to the farmers, and compete with their finished product against the cheap meal which is continually offering from the United States. Millers claim that the duty is only sufficient to shut out foreign competition when oats are relatively low in price.

HAY—The hay market is practically dead. No business worth mentioning has been done this week. Fresh baled is still nominally quoted at \$5 to \$5.50 per ton, loose hay on the street \$3 to \$4 per ton.

BUTTER—Creamery—There is nothing doing yet in creamery, and quotations given are only nominal. Indications of a busy season at factories when they open are plentiful and there will be further additions to the number of creameries this year. We quote choice worth 24c at Winnipeg.

BUTTER—Dairy—Demand steady and supplies are increasing. Finest dairy in rolls and prints worth

from 18 to 20c per pound here, less freight and commission. Tubs are worth 18c for finest. Second grade butter is worth from 14 to 17c.

CHEESE—Good cheese is scarce and the market firm. Small cheese 14c per pound, large 13 1/2c.

EGGS—Receipts have fallen off again and prices are up in consequence. Dealers will pay 22c for fresh case eggs less expressage. Timed eggs are worth 16c per dozen and strictly fresh local eggs 30 to 35c.

VEGETABLES—We quote: Potatoes, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 25 to 30c; carrots, 50c; beets, 35 to 40c; parsnips, 11-2c per pound; dry onions, \$1.25 per bushel, cabbage, 2c per pound; celery, 75c per dozen bunches, lettuce and parsley, 10c per dozen bunches.

DRESSED MEATS—Receipts of hogs have become quite liberal and have filled up the market so as to take the place of eastern hogs, which cannot be brought in at present high prices there. Other kinds of meat are plentiful. We quote: Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per pound; country dressed, 5 to 6c; mutton, 8 to 9c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 8 to 9c; hogs, 6c to 6 1/4c for best weights.

POLTRY—Prices are: Turkeys, 11c per pound; ducks, 10c; geese, 9c; chickens, 11c.

GAME—Very little in the market. Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons 20c per pair.

HIDES—The market is easier owing to further declines at Chicago and elsewhere. Frozen are worth 61-2 to 63-1 per pound, five pounds tart, No. 1 inspected hides, 71-4c, No. 2, 61-4c; No. 3, 51-4c; Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3, kip, 7c; calf, 8 to \$1-2c. Calf skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—We quote prices here 8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

SENECA ROOT—37c per lb

TALLOW—Dealers are paying 31-2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 21-2c.

LIVE STOCK

CATTLE—There has been a little more activity in cattle this week. Buyers are now out after stockers and have bought freely so far at fair prices. For yearling steers from \$12 to \$16 is being paid according to weight and quality, with the price most ranging around \$12 to \$13. Yearling heifers are worth \$10 to \$12. These are prices at point of shipment. Two year olds are worth \$22 to \$23. Fat cattle are in good demand at from \$3 to \$4 per cwt.

SHEEP—No movement. We quote 3c per pound for choice grades of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Hogs are coming in quite freely and the market holds firm at 4 3/4c for choice weights off cars here. Second grades are worth 4 1/2c.

MILCH COWS—Very few offering. Quotations range from \$30 to \$40 each.

HORSES—The spring trade is now opening and several shipments of work horses have been brought in and disposed of for farm and road purposes. Liberal purchases have been made by local dealers in both Ontario and the south for future shipment. Good work horses weighing about 1,300 lbs are worth from \$150 to \$175 each; roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each, and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of light weight run from \$100 to \$140 each, when halter broken,