

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole-sale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, July 29.

BARN WIRE—Barb wire is being sold very close in the country by some retailers, \$1.25 being quoted by some parties. This would indicate that either some retailers are content to sell wire at a heavy loss, or that there is sharp cutting in prices by some of the dealers, in selling to retailers, as the regular quotations to the trade is \$1.25. Even wire bought before the advance, when the price to the trade was \$1, could not be sold profitably in the country at \$1.25, allowing for local freights and other costs of handling.

BINDER TWINE—A new brand of binder twine has been placed on the market here in a limited quantity. This is the twine manufactured at the Central prison, Toronto, in connection with which a twine factory has been established by the Ontario Government. As the factory was not ready to operate until late in the season, it was not expected that any of the twine would come west this year, as the desire of the Ontario government was to supply the farmers of that province as cheaply as possible. However, John Hallam, one of the best known citizens of Toronto, who is handling the Central prison twine for the government, has forwarded a couple of cars to his branch base in Winnipeg, and this has been disposed of to a local wholesale hardware house. Enough will be sold to introduce the twine here this season. Only one brand is made, and it is claimed to be a pure manilla twine. It is sold at 8½c in car lots east, and at 9½c to farmers there. The freight rate of 32c per 100 pounds would be added to the car lot price east to make a quotation here, though about 9c was quoted here in car lots, which is considerably lower, counting freight, than the quotation at Toronto. Agents of United States factories have been trying hard to place orders for twine in this market recently, as owing to lighter crops, the supply in that country is in excess of requirements. It is understood some low quotations of prices have been made.

Green Fruits—Most varieties of California oranges are out of season. Seedlings, bicolors and budded oranges are out. St. Michaels are in stock yet, but will not hold out long. California late Valencia oranges are now coming, and these are a good keeping variety, but the price is higher. Watermelons are out. Southern stock is now out of season, but more northern grown melons will be coming along at once. Last arrivals of southern stock hardly made freight, being out of condition. California cherries are out of season. A few Oregon cherries have arrived, but have been poor quality. Apricots are also out of season. In native fruits, blueberries and raspberries are abundant. Prices are: California oranges, St. Michaels, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per box; do. Valencias, \$6.75 to \$7; Messina lemons, \$6 to \$7 per box; tomatoes, \$2 to \$2.25 per crate of four baskets; pineapples, \$3.50 per dozen; California peaches, \$2 to \$2.25 per box; Pears, \$3 to \$3.50 per box; bananas, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per bunch.

WHEAT—The week has been a disastrous one for wheat bulls. Prices have gone steadily downwards day after day, with the exception of some showing of strength on Monday. The visible supply statement on Monday showed a decrease of 425,000 bushels, making the total 58,903,000 bushels, as compared with 23,068,000 bushels a year ago. United States markets declined sharply on Monday, further bank failures causing mistrust, though cables were higher. Prices continued to sag on Wednesday and cables came in lower, influenced by the heavy decline in the stock markets. Rail road stocks were greatly depressed. On Thursday prices still declined, and there was a panic feeling at Chicago, with heavy liquidation by longs, who are giving up in despair. On Friday United States markets were even

more demoralized than on other days. At Chicago there was a panic among holders, and all previous records of low prices were smashed. Prices dropped 2½ to 2½c. Many holders were throwing their loads overboard. Lightness of the money market is the trouble. Holders could not get money to carry the stuff, and were obliged to sacrifice.

The long continued depression of wheat is causing considerable anxiety locally, not that there is much wheat held, but for the new crop. The present position of wheat would necessitate very low prices, and it is hoped that there will be some recovery before our new crop comes to market. The Manitoba crop out look continues good, the weather having been favorable this week—reasonably warm and clear, with a few thunder storms in localities. There were some very heavy thunder storms, with destructive hail, but only covering a limited area, though some farmers lost their entire crop. A terrific gale of wind swept across the country on Thursday night, and considerable damage from hail is reported from the northern districts, beginning at Gladstone and extending northeasterly, hail having accompanied the storm in that section. Stocks of wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur on July 24 were 1,901,716 bushels, being a decrease of 23,642 bushels for the week. The previous week there was an increase of 25,052 bushels.

FLOUR—Prices in small lots to the local trade are quoted: Patents, \$1.50; strong bakers' \$1.65; XXXX 70 to 80c; superfine 60 to 70c. Low grades irregular. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots.

MILLSTUFFS—The price to the local trade, less than car lots, delivered is the same at \$9 for bran and \$11 for shorts.

GROUND FEED—Held at \$17 to 20 per ton as to quality. Oil cake meal, sacked, \$26 per ton.

OATMEAL, ETC.—Unchanged. Rolled oats quoted at \$2.20 per sack, while some brands are quoted \$2.30. Granulated varies from \$2.20 to \$2.30; standard about \$2; cornmeal \$1.60 to \$1.65; beans, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley \$2.40 to 2.50; pearl barley \$4 per sack.

OATS—Quiet, and held at about the same as a week ago, cars on track at 30 to 32c per bushel, local freights paid. A few loads offering on the street market bring about 30c per bushel. Car lots, country points, about 25 to 26c per bushel of 34 pounds.

BARLEY—On track here, local freight paid, at 30 to 33c per bushel of 15 pounds.

Butter—Some car lot shipments are being made east. Local retailers are largely supplied by farmers. A fair range of quotations appears to be from 12 to 14c for dairy.

CHEESE—The present idea of prices is 8 to 8½c to the factories. Some small cheese have been sold at 8½ to 9c.

Eggs—Dealers are paying 11c for receipts, and selling at 12 to 12½c, candled, per dozen.

CURED MEATS—Dry salt bacon ranges ½c higher. Other meats unchanged. We quote: Dry salt long clear bacon, 11½c to 12c; smoked long clear, 12½c; spiced rolls 10½ to 11½c; breakfast bacon 14 to 14½c; smoked hams, 13 to 14c; the lower price; for heavy hams; shoulders, 10½ to 11c; mess pork, \$20.00 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 9c; bologna sausage 9c lb; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. same as hides. Sheepskins worth 60c to \$1 for full wool skins, the top price for very large; shearlings, 15 to 20c each. Lambskins, 20c. to 25c. Tallow, 4½ to 5c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

Wool—Easier. We quote ordinary unwashed Manitoba fleece at 7 to 9c per lb, as to quality. John Hallam, who is in the west, wired on Friday that he had purchased the C. A. C. Co's clip, which is the largest in the territories, estimated at 75,000 pounds. Nicola clip (of Medicine Hat), was purchased some time ago.

It is reported that there is a good deal of scabby wool in the western range country this spring, and this statement is given credence by the fact that there was a great demand for sheep dips from the ranches this spring, owing, it was said, to prevalence of scab on some of the ranges.

SENEGAL ROSE—Dealers are buying at 25 to 28c per lb as to quality.

VEGETABLES—Old potatoes on the street market bring about 30 to 40c per bushel. New \$1.

LARD—Pure held at \$2.60, in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound, lower at \$2.20 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is easier. Beef quoted at 5 to 5½c as to quality. Mutton held at about 12½c for best quality, city dressed. Pork, 7 to 7½c.

HIDES—Dull at the decline. We quote Winnipeg inspected here as follows: No. 1 cows, 3c; No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 1½c; No. 1, heavy steers, 1c; No. 2 steers, 3c. Real veal 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about

LIVE STOCK—Three cars of sheep arrived from Ontario this week. One car is reported to have sold at 5c, and the other two were brought in by a city butcher. Hogs are quoted at 5½c off cars here. The large new packing house will be ready to begin operations about the middle of August, which will greatly increase the local demand for hogs.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened strong on Monday, prices starting ½ to 1c higher and advanced ½c more. Prices then declined ½c, again advanced 1c, closing 1½c higher than Saturday. Corn and oats recovered and made a liberal advance. Closing prices were:—

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat	65	63½	74½
Corn	40½	41½	—
Oats	23½	25½	—
Pork	19 75	20 50	—
Lard	9 90	10 20	—
Ribs	8 25	8 3½	—

On Tuesday prices about lost the gain of Monday. The opening was ½c lower, and declined 1½c more, closing about 1½c lower. Closing prices were:—

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat	63½	61½	73½
Corn	39½	40½	—
Oats	27½	24½	—
Pork	19 75	20 50	—
Lard	9 77½	10 07½	—
Ribs	8 12½	8 25	—

Prices receded further on Wednesday, opening ¼ to ¾c lower, advanced ½c, declined ¼ to ¾c, again advanced ½ to ¾c, became weak and closed ¾c lower for December and ¾c lower for September. Closing prices were:—

	July.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat	62½	60	73
Corn	39	39½	—
Oats	26	24	—
Pork	19 00	19 75	—
Lard	9 65	9 95	—
Ribs	7 82½	7 92½	—

On Thursday there was a panic in wheat, owing to heavy selling by large operators. The lower spread and there was a great deal of liquidation going on by disheartened operators on the long side. Corn and oats also declined heavily. Closing prices were:—

	July.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	61½	61½	—	72½
Corn	38½	39½	—	—
Oats	24½	23½	—	—
Pork	18 90	19 50	—	—
Lard	9 50	9 70	—	—
Ribs	7 57½	7 70	—	—

On Friday wheat was greatly depressed, and holders were panic stricken. Prices were 2½c lower, but recovered some, September selling from 61½ at the opening down to 62½c, and closed ¾c above the bottom price.

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat	59½	—	61½	70½
Corn	37½	—	38½	—
Oats	21	—	23½	—
Pork	18 90	—	19 50	—
Lard	9 42½	—	9 72½	—
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—