

No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices are as follows: Turpentine 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; hair ess oil, \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.30; linseed oil, raw, 75c per gallon; boiled, 78c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal.; olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; olcine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices do not give any sign of change. Quotations are: Goocherham & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; LeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$1.50; DeKuyper red gir, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19 v. s. o. p., \$22.

WOOL.

Prices are: Cotswold and Leicester, washed and in merchantable condition, 12 to 15c; do. unquality. Pure Southdown and Shropshire, washed and in good condition, 15 to 18c; do. unwashed, 10 to 12c. Montana and Oregon fine wools, unwashed, 13 to 15c, when in good condition.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

The usual Saturday night and Sunday rains occurred last week, and the downpour was a heavy one. It does not appear, however, that any serious damage was done to the grain in shock, beyond the delaying of stacking for a time. The cool weather and brisk winds which followed the rain soon put the grain in condition for stacking, and after Tuesday the weather was favorable to the uninterrupted continuance of this work. By the close of last week nearly all grain should be in stack, even in the later districts. Stacking was about completed in some districts a week or two ago. Threshing has been going on all over the province, and the yield is turning out very large. Scarcely anything under 25 bushels to the acre of wheat is heard of, though poorer yields may not be mentioned. It is worthy of note, how-

ever, that the average yield of districts, based on results of threshing already done, are invariably estimated at larger figures than estimates made from the standing grain. Whilst before threshing the estimates generally ranged from 20 to 30 bushels per acre, they are now usually placed at 25 to 35 bushels per acre.

WHEAT.

The visible supply statement for the week ended Sept. 3 showed a small increase of 113,325 bushels. Exports from Atlantic ports have now been considerably reduced, the influence of new home-grown wheat in British and European markets having commenced to exert an influence toward checking imports. The firmness noted at the close of the previous week in outside wheat markets, did not amount to much, and last week things were as flat as ever, quite a break occurring in Chicago on Wednesday. Prices have commenced to be quoted in Manitoba markets, but there is really nothing doing to warrant such quotations. The reduction in freight rates will advance wheat about 3 cents in provincial markets, making the range for No. 1 hard about 54c at present ruling price in outside markets. To arrive at the value of wheat at any point in the province, it is only necessary to deduct the freight charges from that particular point to Port Arthur, from the value of the same grade of wheat at Duluth, and allow 2½ to 3c for handling charges. Thus with No. 1 hard worth say 71c at Duluth, it would be worth that price at Brandon, less the freight charges from Brandon to Port Arthur, and the allowance for cost of handling, or say 54c. Quotations at Winnipeg are usually about 3c higher, being the saving of the cost of handling, when delivered direct to the mills here. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern will be quoted 3c under No. 1 hard.

FLOUR.

Mills are being put in shape to commence work on new wheat, but as yet grinding is quiet. A few loads of wheat have been taken at some provincial mills, but not in sufficient quantities to induce much activity. Prices are generally steady as follows: Patents, \$2.15; strong bakers', \$1.89 to \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.35 to \$1.40; superfine, scarce at \$1.15 to \$1.25.

MILLSTUFFS.

Steady, at \$10 for bran and \$12 for shorts, per ton; Ground feed, \$25 to \$30 per ton.

OATS.

Are offered freely at outside points, at about equal to 27 to 30c per bushel on track here. Loads on the market bring from 28 to 30c. Feeling quiet.

OATMEAL.

Steady at \$2.55 for granulated and \$2.40 for standard. Mills are now working on new oats.

POTATOES.

About 25c per bushel is the usual price in quantities here. Offerings in car lots at outside points have been bid at about 20c. There has been considerable inquiry for shipment to Ontario points, and arrangements were progressing to ship in that direction. The C.P.R. has given a freight rate on car lots to the east at the same figure as wheat.

LARD.

Unchanged at \$2.25 to \$2.30 per 20-pound pail.

PROVISIONS.

Stocks of home-cured are very light and supplies not being turned out fast, owing to scarcity of hogs. There has been a disposition to cut on quotations, in some instances, but with present low stocks this will not likely be continued. The lowest quotations for the home-cured product are as follows: Long clear 10½c; smoked breakfast bacon, 13½c; rolls, 12½c; hams, 14½c. Prices for the plain product, and canvassed subject to an advance of ½c. Eastern Canada provisions are quoted in this market at 15 to 15½c for hams; plain roll, 12½c; long clear, 11c. Chicago hams, 15½ to 16½c, etc.

Mess pork, \$20 barrel; mess beef, \$12 barrel; bologna sausage, 8c lb.

EGGS.

Steady at 15c in case lots, with receipts light, and quality not always good.

BUTTER.

Butter receipts continue very light, and good qualities find ready sale at about 15c for the average with 16c obtained for choice. Medium to good worth from 10 to 12c, and poor not wanted. There must be a lot of butter held in the country, but holders seem to be waiting for higher prices, as firm markets in the east, with inquiries from that direction, have led to the forming of great opinions as to the value of butter. It would, however, we think be advisable for holders to accept fair offers, rather than hold, with the chances of lower prices and deterioration in value. A really choice sample of butter would now bring even higher prices than quoted, in small lots to the city trade, figures being given for average dairy receipts. A car lot, costing from 10 to 14c, would be ready for shipment east on Saturday.

CHEESE.

There has been some inquiry for Manitoba cheese from Eastern Canada, and at least some sample shipments will be made, if not in large quantities. A mixed car of butter and cheese was being made up for shipment to British Columbia. The usual price in small lots to the retail trade here is about 12½c for July. Some round lots of July were received from the factories, supposed to have been purchased at about 10½c, though most factories are holding higher.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle hold steady at about 2½c for good stock, at the yards here, and 2 to 2½ on the market. Hogs are scarce, and no arrivals were reported last week. Packers are in need of supplies, and good prices would be paid. Quotations may be given at 5½ to 5¾ off cars here.

DRESSED MEAT.

Beef sides quoted at 4½ to 5½c. Pork firm at 8c; mutton, 10c; veal 7 to 8c.

The Medicine Hat board of trade has undertaken the work of street improvements for that place. The board will also have a show case filled with the products of the district placed at the depot, for the benefit of through passengers. A night watchman for the town will also be arranged for by the board, and an effort made to keep the Indians out of town. The Medicine Hat board seems to be an energetic institution.

Brandon Times: We have often been laughed at by parties who did not know the fertility of the soil of this province, for making the assertion that we had seen over four hundred bushels of potatoes raised on an acre. We can go one better now, for Mr. Kerr, the city clerk, informs us that he has kept strict account of the weight of potatoes taken from his garden patch this year, and that in the same proportion there would be seven hundred bushels to the acre.

The eighth annual exhibition of the Mountain Agricultural Society will be held this year at Clearwater, on Thursday and Friday, October 6th and 7th. The society is in good financial condition and the members and directors will use every effort to make the show a success. The gentlemen composing the directorate are: R. S. Preston, president, James Laidlaw, 1st vice-president; John Affleck, 2nd vice-president; R. Rogers, M. McLeod, A. McLaren, H. McKellar, A. F. Manning, James Murdoch and D. A. Stewart.