

ing, $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd siding, $\frac{1}{2}$ in x 6 in, \$17. Finishing (1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 in): 1st and 2nd clear, \$45; 3rd clear, \$40; select, \$30; shop, \$25; 1 inch, 1st and 2nd clear, \$40; 3rd clear, \$32; No. 1 stock, \$35; No. 2 do. \$30; No. 3 do. \$25. Mouldings: window stops, per 100 ft lineal, \$1; parting strips, do, 60c; $\frac{1}{2}$ round and cove, do., 75c. Casing: 4 in O G, per 100 ft lineal, \$1.75; 5 in O G, do, \$2.25; 6 in O G, do, \$2.50; 8 in O G, base, do, \$3.50; 10 in O G, base, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2. Shingles: No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.50; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

In this branch business has shown during the week a tendency to get down to a steady state of fair activity. Linseed oil is again up in price, but other goods are unchanged. Quotations are: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gage 75c per gallon; turpentine in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 80c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 81c; boiled 84c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, $\frac{3}{4}$ c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.50; Elephant No. 1 do., \$6.50; Bulls head do., \$6; Calomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.20.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

Business is reported ordinary in this branch, with no changes in prices to note. Quotations are: Canadian rye whiskey, 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; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$12.00 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.50.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The relationship between our Manitoba markets and the leading markets of this continent have been very distant during the past week, and while in the latter there have been lots of excitement and anxiety, in Manitoba matters have gone sleepily along with scarcely a cash market for present transactions in existence, and every eye kept steadily in the direction of the growing crop prospect. Central markets are still mainly under the influence of American crop reports, although the discouraging state of European markets aided in the beginning of the week in producing a marked decline. Taken all round crop reports have not to any extent improved since our last report, the possible shortage in winter wheat being estimated about the same, while the outlook for growing spring wheat remains as encouraging as ever. The only change is, that the actual damage to winter wheat is now pretty clearly known, and the bearish element of the different markets have calculated upon what they have to face and plucked up courage to

face it. At the opening of Monday's market in Chicago, it was apparent that a decline in prices was coming, and later in the day a crash came, making a break of $\frac{1}{2}$ c from the closing figures of Saturday. Although a little recovery was made on Tuesday, showing that the bulls had spent the full force of their special effort, the feeling was more or less shaky all week, and near the close of the week quotations were pretty much where the crash of Monday had left them. Less important markets in the United States followed in sympathy with Chicago, and the only encouraging feeling around was the readiness with which European buyers took hold after the crash, the reports of export purchases at New York being very encouraging. In Eastern Canadian markets the situation is unchanged. Millers hold nearly all the stocks of fine milling wheat, and hold prices to suit themselves. They have been less confident, however, during last week, as neither flour prices at home nor wheat prices elsewhere hold out much hope of better prices in the near future. In this city, there has been no business done on change, and about the last wheat stocks held by dealers have been shipped to eastern points. Receipts from farmers at outside points have only aggregated a few hundred bushels all told, for which \$9 to 90c a bushel were paid by the local elevator men.

FLOUR

There has been no increase in the eastern demand, and matters move along steadily but quietly. The local trade has been about normal in volume, and prices have held steady, quotations being: Patents \$3.00; strong bakers, \$2.75; second bakers, \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.25; Graham flour, \$2.75; middlings, \$3.00 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.

Although the local demand is slow, eastern orders are such as to keep mills, with their output sold ahead, especially in shorts. Bran is still held at \$14 a ton and shorts at \$16.

OATMEAL, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Business moves steady with no change in prices reported. Quotations are: Standard, \$2.40; granulated, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.60 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.50. Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

Prices have been declining in the Western States markets, and oats from there are a little lower here, 47 to 48c being the range for feed lots. Ontario oats are stiff and held at 54c. The import supply will therefore come from the south until prices adjust themselves better.

BARLEY.

This grain is about out of the market for a season. A few small lots for feed purposes still change hands but not enough on which to base any reliable quotations.

CHEESE

New local made is asked for in small lots, but only such as is in condition for immediate shipment, and none can be had sufficiently matured to fill the bill. Lots of that class would bring about 10c, but any not ready for immediate handling would not bring more than 10c.

BUTTER.

It is becoming evident that some special effort must be made to save the local market from a glut, and where to unload the surplus is a conundrum at present. The Pacific coast wants nothing at present but a little of our best creamery, and eastern markets are as badly loaded as our own, while United States commission men are actually slaughtering large quantities of their fine creamery in the British

market, a market they have never been compelled to ship such grades to before. This city is now loaded with stock, and buyers are cautious about taking round lots of prime new dairy at 13 to 14c, and only very choice lots will net the latter figure. They are sorely puzzled about what to do with the fast increasing stock of medium grades. Only monthfulls at rare intervals of those can be sold, and 11c, is about the top notch, that will be paid.

EGGS.

The lots which were imported from the south about two weeks ago, are now very slow in sale, and are going at reduced prices. The demand has fallen off so, that the local supply is enough for present wants. Really fresh round lots being about 13c, with 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ for very choice. Anything "off color" will not bring more than 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

LARD.

The movement has been slow and steady, with prices unchanged so far. Pails of 20 pounds are held at \$2.25; and tierces, 9c a pound.

CURED MEATS.

Although prices are tending upwards quotations are unchanged as yet. The following are current figures: Dry salt bacon, 10c; smoked, 11c; spiced rolls, 12c; boneless breakfast bacon, 14c; green pickled hams 13c; smoked hams plain, 14c; smoked, in canvass, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Hide dealers are grumbling considerably about the quality of the hides that are coming in just now. They say they are very poorly handled and of a very inferior quality. There are very few to be had of any kind and it is probable that not more than three carloads of hides are in the city. Country hides are worth about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c per pound. Heavy steers are worth 5c for No. 1, and $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 1 cows. No. 2, $\frac{1}{2}$ c for heavy steers and $\frac{3}{4}$ c for No. 2 cows; No. 3, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Calfskins, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c. Sheepskins, 50 to 85c. Tallow, $\frac{1}{2}$ c for rough and $\frac{1}{4}$ to 5c for rendered.

LIVE STOCK.

Beef of a first class quality is very scarce in the city at present, but plenty of second class can be had. There is far more veal offering than the butchers can use and consequently no very fancy prices can be got for it. Pork is coming in in sufficient quantities to supply the market but the price remains at 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. First class beef is selling at $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ and veal at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8.

DRESSED MEATS.

Second class beef is about all that can be had. It is selling at 7c, first class is very scarce, 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ is about the figure quoted for it. Mutton is also on the scarce list, bringing 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13. Pork can be had in moderate quantities at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9, there is only enough coming in to supply the market.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens are bringing from 50 to 60c a pair with a moderate quantity offered, turkeys 12 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c a pound.

HAY.

It is getting too near the season for new hay now for dealers to keep a very large stock on hand and what they have got they are very anxious to work off. A few loads of loose hay keep coming in but the quality is very poor. There is very little demand for baled and business is generally reported dull. The price quoted for good baled hay is \$16 on track.

VEGETABLES.

A fairly active business was done last week in this line. The volume of trade is not very large, but the demand is steady. Potatoes have taken another drop, the price quoted now is 60 to 70c, this is attributed to the large quantities coming in. It is probable they will go up again this week. New potatoes are selling for \$1.75 a bushel. Spinach is bringing 40c a pound; onions, 25 to 30c a dozen; radish, 25 to 30c a dozen. Manitoba rhubarb, 30 to 40c a dozen; lettuce, 25 to 30c; tomatoes, \$3.75 to \$4 per crate, asparagus 75c, some dealers are ask-