

there is hardly a week's supply ahead. Stocks of old oats have been about exhausted, and farmers are not marketing new oats. With wheat bringing high prices and a lot of fall work to do on the farms before winter sets in, farmers will not market their oats at present prices. Scarcely any new oats have been offered yet this season. A few loads have been taken at 25c to 27c here to farmers, and we quote car lots at 27c to 28c as to quality, nominal, which prices are above a shipping basis.

BUTTER—Creamery. Prices are about the same as quoted last week, and the market is firm. Factories are pretty well cleaned up and a good many have closed for the season. A round lot of 42,000 pounds of creamery, belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Hettie, was offered. We quote 19-1-2c to 20c for creamery, as to quality.

BUTTER—Dairy. The market is firm. Country dealers are said to be holding a number of lots of dairy, and several lots are held in cold storage here on account of country dealers. Prices are firm and steady, and we quote 14c for choice lots of dairy and 12c to 14c as to quality for good to choice round lots.

CHEESE—The local market holds very strong for cheese, and high prices have been paid, compared with values in the east. We have heard of 9-3-4c being paid this week to factories, and 10c for small sizes, which are certainly big prices. Jobbers are offering at 10-1-2c to 11c.

EGGS—There has been a further advance of 1c on eggs, to 15c, and dealers are selling at 16c. Receipts are limited to about local requirements, and the western trade is being supplied from eastern Canada markets.

POULTRY—Prices are the same. Old fowl bring 45c per pair, and spring chicken 30 to 40c. Ducks are offering freely at 50 to 60c per pair. Turkeys nominal at 9 to 10c per lb. live weight.

GAME—Dealers have paid 15 to 30c per pair wild ducks, as to quality. Wild geese, 30 to 50c each. Wavies 25c each.

LARD—The market for lard is very firm. Prices are: Pure, \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4.15 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds; tereces 7-3-4c per lb.

CURED MEATS—Prices are as follows: Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 12-1-2 to 13c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12 to 12-1-2c; do., backs, 10-1-2 to 11c; short spiced rolls, 9 to 9-1-2c; shoulders, 8-1-2 to 9c; smoked long clear, 9-1-2 to 10c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 8-1-2c; boneless shoulders, 8 to 8-1-2c; backs 9 to 9-1-4c, barrelled pork clear meat, \$13 to \$13.50, short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolls \$14.50 to \$15 per barrel. Pork sundries, Bologna sausage, 6-1-2c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 8c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 20 to 25c; per lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—There is no material change in prices. Dressed hogs are firm and the tendency is higher. Beef is selling at 4c to 5c as to quality. Mutton ranges from 5 to 6c as to quality. Dressed hogs are firm at 6-1-2 to 7c; veal, 5 to 7c; lambs, 7 to 8c, as to quality.

HIDES—Prices here are about the same as last week for hides. Sheep and lambskins have been advanced 5c to 85c for good lots of fresh

skins. Green city hides are quoted at 61-2 to 7c for No. 1; country hides 51-2c to 6c in the country, flat rates for all grades; calfskins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 7c to 8c per pound; deskins 10c to 20c each; kips 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh take off, 30 to 35c; lambskins, 30 to 35c. Horsehides 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—Quoted at about 10c per lb. here. Nothing now coming in.

WOOL—We quote 8 to 9-1-2c here for unwashed fleece. Next to nothing offering.

TALLOW—Quoted steady at 31-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2-1-2c for other grades, as to quality.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are selling at 20 to 25c per bushel for loads on the street. Callflower 30 to 75c per dozen; cabbage 15c to 40c per dozen; celery 15c to 20c per dozen bunches; onions 50c to 60c per bushel; tomatoes 50c per bushel; citrons 1-1-2c to 2c per lb.; squash 1-1-2c per lb.; pumpkins 1c per lb.; carrots 40c to 50 cents per bushel; beets 25c per bushel; turnips 15c per bushel.

HAY—The market is firm and offerings of baled are light. There is considerable demand for baled to ship with live stock going east for feed en route. The large quantities of hay destroyed by prairie fires during the past two weeks, added to the fact that the crop is light, indicates a firm market and higher prices are expected before the winter is over.

WOOD—Prices are firm. A large quantity of wood cut last winter has been destroyed by bush fires, and on this account prices are very firm. The present outlook indicates a short supply of seasoned wood for the city during the coming winter. Tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.50; pine, 4 to \$4.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Export shipments of both range and domestic cattle have been kept up this week at a lively rate and a good many train loads have left the yards here during the week. Prices are the same. Butchers' cattle range from 2c for rough common, up to 2-1-2 for the ordinary run of cattle, and 2-3-4c for choice. Exporters, 3 to 3-1-4c live weight.

SHEEP—The situation is much the same in sheep. We quote 2-3-4c off cars here, per lb. Lambs steady at 4c per lb.

HOGS—Prices are steady and firm. As high as 5c has been paid for lanches of choice hogs by butchers, but of course they are not in the market for large quantities. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 pounds at \$1.75 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.75, as to quality, off cars here.

Friday's Wheat Prices.

Wheat deliveries have not been as heavy this week, and for a period will be much less, as farmers are busy finishing their fall work and will wait for sleighing to haul in the greater portion of their grain. Prices, however, have been firmer, with an upward tendency, and for the week the increase will aggregate three cents. While the prairie fires have done considerable damage, the quantity of grain destroyed this season was not equal to such losses in previous years. Large shipments are daily being forwarded to lake ports, and a considerable portion of the crop will have been carried out by the time navigation closes.

The following were the prevailing prices paid at C. P. R. points yesterday for No. 1 hard wheat:

Main line—Poplar Point 74c, High Bluff 75c, Portage la Prairie 73c, Burnside 71c, McGregor 74c, Austin 73c, Silvey 75c, Carberry 78c, Chater 71c, Dougan 74c, Brandon 75c, Komany 72c, Alexander 75c, Griswold 71c, Oak Lake 77c, Virden 73c, Hargrave 72c, Ekhorn 70c, Fleming 72c, Moosomin 70c, Wapella 73c, Whitewood 71c, Broadview 75c, Grenfell 70c, Wolseley 69c, Sinituluta 69c, Indian Head 68c, Qu'Appelle 69c, Balgonie 70c, Regina 69c, Fense 68c, Moose Jaw 69c, Lumsden 69c.

Souris branch—Beresford 71c, Souris 74c, Hartney 70c, Lawer 71c, Napuka 70c, Melita 70c, Pierson 71c, Gainsborough 71c, Carnduff 70c.

Glenboro branch—Alameda 70c, Carman 72c, Rathwell 71c, Treherne 71c, Holland 72c, Cypress River 72c, Glenboro 72c, Stockton 74c, Carroll 72c, Methuen 72c, Nesbitt 71c, Pipestone 71c, Reston 71c, Elva 75c, Carleton 70c.

Deloraine branch—Morris 71c, Grana 69c No. 2 hard, Plum Coulee 70c No. 2 hard, Winkler 72c No. 2 hard, Morden 70c No. 2 hard, Thornhill 70c No. 2 hard, Manitow 72c, La Riviere 72c, Pilot Mound 74c, Clearwater 69c No. 2 hard, Hoinfield 72c, Killarney 72c, Ninga 71c, Boisveain 77c, White-water 76c, Deloraine 72c, Altona 69c No. 2 hard.

Stonewall branch—Stonewall 71c. Emerson branch—Emerson 70c, No. 2 hard, Dominion City 68c No. 2 hard, Otterburne 69c No. 2 hard.

Bank Clearings.

New York, Oct. 8.—Bank clearings totals at 87 cities for the week ended October 7, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's, show total clearances of \$1,398,840,936, an increase of 32.3 per cent as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$564,057,350, increase 25.3 per cent.

The clearances for the Dominion of Canada were: Montreal \$14,601,837, increase 31.5 per cent; Toronto \$9,052,107, increase 37.1 per cent; Winnipeg \$3,110,863, increase 130.3 per cent; Halifax \$1,442,967, increase 12.5 per cent; Hamilton \$816,060, increase 6.6 per cent; St. John \$627,216, decrease 12.7 per cent.

The Winnipeg bank clearings for the week ending Thursday, Oct. 7, gave an idea of the big increase in the trade of the west this fall, the figures showing an enormous rise over the same weeks in 1895 and 1896. For the week ending Oct. 7th, 1897, the clearings were \$3,116,663, balances \$646,982; the figures for 1896 for the same period, \$1,358,623, balances \$307,798; for 1895 same week, the clearings were \$1,728,624, balances \$393,672.

Boots and Shoes.

Advises from Quebec state that the shoe manufacturers of that city have issued a circular to the jobbing trade to the effect that on and after the first day of October, their terms and conditions of sale will in no case be longer time or larger discount than 30 days 6 per cent, 60 days 5 per cent, and 90 days 4 per cent, from date of shipment of goods, and that no dating ahead will be allowed. The circular also states that discounts will be forfeited on all overdue accounts beyond 90 days, and that 6 per cent per annum only will be allowed on shorter time than 30 days.