

**WIRE**—Galvanized barb wire, plain twist and wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

**ROPE**.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 8½¢ base, manilla, per lb., 11 to 11½¢ base, cotton, ¼ to ½ inch and larger, 16¢ lb.

**NAILS**.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$2.85 to \$3; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.50 per keg, 3 to 4 inch \$3.85 keg, 2½ inch, \$1.09 keg, 2 inch, \$1.38 keg.

**HORSE NAILS**.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$5 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

**HORSE SHOES**.—Per keg, \$1.50 to \$1.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$1.75 to \$5.

**WHITE LEADS**.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9¢.

**PREPARED PAINTS**.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

**DRY COLORS**.—White lead, per lb., 8¢, red lead, 5½¢, yellow ocre, 2½¢, golden ocre, 4¢, Venetian, red, French, 8½¢, Venetian, red, English, 9½¢, English purple oxides, 4½¢, American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4¢. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½ per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15¢, English vermilion, in 3½-lb. bags, 90¢ per lb., less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 18 to 20¢.

**VARNISHES**.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35, pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50, No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and include cost of cans.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**WHEAT**.—Wheat markets have been depressed this week and prices have averaged 1 to 1½¢ lower than last week in leading markets. There was a drop of about one cent on Thursday in United States markets. Depressing features have predominated, conspicuous amongst which is the belief gaining currency that the United States wheat crop has been heavily underestimated. Another weak feature is the more favorable reports received of the United States winter wheat crop outlook. Stocks at principal points showed a further large increase this week and cables were mostly lower. Exports from the United States and Canada were smaller. Russia has sent out another big week's exports, amounting to 5,000,000 bushels, which is greater than all other countries combined. On this continent the quantity of wheat held in the northwest states is about the most important point at present, and the large marketings in that region the past two months, amounting to about 57,000,000 bushels at Minneapolis and 30,000,000 bushels at Duluth, have been the principal cause of the weakness. Exports of wheat from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week, flour included as wheat, amounted to 2,916,000 bushels, against 3,225,000 bushels last week. 3,312,000 bushels in the corresponding week a year ago, 2,761,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 3,465,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 1,822,000 in the like week of 1891.

The local situation has been characterized by a decrease in the movement and general apathy. At Manitoba country points there has been a considerable decrease in farmers' deliveries, owing to bad roads and lower prices. Roads have been bad in the western district owing to snow, and the decline in prices made necessary by the drawing to a close of lake navigation and weakness in outside markets, is leading farmers to hold. Many farmers who are in a position to hold their wheat will now do so, and perhaps this

is about the best thing they could do, now that winter rates are in effect. Shipments to lake ports have also fallen off about 25 to 30 per cent. A few cars of damp wheat have shown up, owing to snow getting mixed in threshing. In Eastern Canada markets prices have declined for eastern and Manitoba wheats, and Manitoba No. 1 hard is selling at a discount under Ontario wheats. The eastern demand for Manitoba wheat was quiet this week. In Manitoba country markets prices are the same as quoted a week ago, but in view of the closing of navigation for further country shipments, the tendency is easier. The top price to farmers at country points was 40¢ per bushel, at some 18¢ freight rate points to Fort William, and the general range was from 36 to 40¢, at most points 33 to 39¢ being the top price for best samples, equal to about No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern about 3¢ under No. 1 hard, No. 3 hard and No. 2 northern 6 to 7¢ less than No. 1 hard, No. 1 rejected about the same as No. 3 hard. Frosted wheats range from 20 to 30¢ per bushel. There has been some buying at Fort William to make up shipments and where a few cars were wanted in a hurry, 55¢ has been paid, but this was the outside price, and we quote No. 1 hard at 54½ to 55¢ at Fort William. The margin between No. 1 hard and No. 1 northern has narrowed down some, and No. 1 northern is now about 1½¢ below No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard the same as No. 1 northern. No. 3 hard quoted about 5¢ below No. 1 hard. No. 1 frosted, 47 to 47½¢. Lake rates were easier at 5½¢ to Buffalo. Navigation is expected to close about December 5.

**FLOUR**.—Flour has been weaker both here and in Eastern Canada markets this week owing to the decline in wheat. Owing doubtless to the competition from Manitoba flour, Eastern Canada millers have been offering lower and Ontario wheats have also been forced down 2 to 3¢ per bushel. In the Winnipeg market a decline of 10¢ per 100 pounds has gone into effect on flour. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.75 to \$1.80 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs. delivered to city retail dealers.

**MILLSTUFFS**. A decline of \$1 per ton on both bran and shorts took place this week. City mills are selling at \$9 per ton for shorts and \$11 for bran, delivered in the city. Small lots \$1 per ton more.

**OATS**. There is still very little business doing in oats for shipment, the principal business being a few cars which are being taken for the lumber camps between Winnipeg and the Ottawa. These lumber districts naturally draw their supply from here. The final crop report has been issued by the Ontario government, and it shows a much larger oat crop than earlier estimates. This caused a further decline in prices east. Car lots at country points in Ontario are held at 23 to 24¢ per bushel. In Manitoba country markets prices range from 10 to 15¢ per bush. In this market there is only a little local business doing, farmers' loads being taken at 16¢, with 15¢ only offered in some cases, and 17¢ paid for milling per bushel of 34 pounds.

**BARLEY**.—Like oats, very little shipping business has been done yet. A few cars have gone east. For good samples from 20 to 23¢ per bushel of 48 pounds would be paid for cars for shipment, on track country points. In the local market feed barley is worth about 18 to 20¢ and 21 to 22¢ for malting samples.

**WHEAT**.—Local farmers' market.—Farmers' loads are being taken at the mills here at 40 to 43¢ per bushel of 60 pounds for good milling wheat. Smutty wheat for feed, 30 to 35¢ per bushel.

**GROUND FEED**.—Prices range from \$11 to \$13 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

**OATMEAL**.—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.35 to \$1.40 per sack of 80 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers.

**OIL CAKE**.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$20 per ton in sacks.

**FLAX SEED**.—Flax seed at Chicago yesterday was quoted 91 to 91½¢. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets are the same at 60 to 65¢ per bushel.

**BUTTER**.—The butter markets have taken a decidedly easier turn. Canadian butter markets are now governed more by export values than formerly, and the direct cause of the decline in Eastern Canada markets is owing to the drop in British markets, and prices were about 1¢ lower in the East. The local market is also easier, in sympathy with Eastern markets and to rather larger receipts. There is no creamery here. Lots of dairy can be quoted at 12 to 14¢ as to percentage of chauce, and a lot of straight choice would bring a little more.

**CHEESE**.—Dealers are selling small lots at 7½ to 8¢ as to quality.

**EGGS**.—Dealers are now paying 20¢ per dozen, an advance of 2¢.

**LARD**.—Lard is held very firm and still scarce. Prices are:—Pure, \$1.95 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.75 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9½¢ pound.

**CURED MEATS**.—The feeling is easier and the lower prices predicted have materialized on most lines. Hams and breakfast bacon are down 1¢ and dry salt bacon is down ½¢. Mess pork has declined \$1 per bbl. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11½¢; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11½¢; do backs, 10½¢; picnic hams, 9¢; short spiced rolls, 7½¢; long rolls, 7½¢; shoulders, 7¢; smoked long clear, 9¢; smoked jowls, 5½¢. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 5¢ per lb; shoulders, 6¢; backs, 9¢; barrel pork, heavy mess \$14.00; clear mess \$14.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$16 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 8¢; bologna sausage, 7¢; German sausage, 7¢, ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10¢ per package; pickled hocks, 2¢; pickled tongues, 5¢; sausage casings, 80¢ lb.

**POULTRY AND GAME**.—Country shipments are now coming in. Chickens have brought 8¢, geese 8, ducks 9¢, and turkeys 10¢ for bright, unfrozen, well handled stock. Prices will likely be lower, though this week there was a scarcity of poultry for the Thanksgiving day demand. Not much game offering. Wild ducks, 20 to 30¢ per pair, wild geese, \$1 to \$1.25 per pair, rabbits, \$1 per dozen, jack rabbits, 50¢ per pair.

**DRESSED MEATS**.—Hogs, as foreshadowed a week ago, are again lower, owing to the low prices in outside markets. At Toronto packers were paying \$1.50 to \$1.75 per 100 pounds for round lots of dressed hogs. Here 5¢ per lb. was paid most of the week and in a few cases 5½¢ was paid for a few choice selected hogs, but the tendency was lower, and at the close some packers were only offering 4½¢. We quote 4½¢ up to 5¢ for choice selected hogs, with an easier tendency. Considerable beef is offering at 3 to 4¢ for country dressed. City dressed beef is selling at 4 to 4½¢, and mostly at 4¢, by the side or carcass. Veal 4 to 6¢. Large calves 4 to 4½¢. Mutton 5½ to 6¢.

**VEGETABLES**.—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes usually sell at 15¢ to 18¢ per bushel, cabbage 15 to 40¢ per dozen, as to size, celery 15 to 25¢ per dozen bunches, onions 40 to 50¢ per bushel; turnips 10 to 15¢ per bushel, tomatoes 2¢ per lb.; green tomatoes 25 to 30¢ per bushel; Hubbard squash \$1.50 per dozen; parsnips 40 to 50¢ bushel, carrots 25¢, beets 25¢ bushel.

**HIDES**.—The hide markets are again very weak and further declines are reported at