

wheats are selling at 85 to 89c per bushel. For Manitoba wheats, 81 to 82c was bid early in the week, but later values were higher and we quote 83 to 84c now, delivery c.i.f. afloat Fort William. As noted, however, there is very little for sale. Since the finishing of seeding, Manitoba farmers have been disposing of the little wheat they held over, and firm prices is being paid for this, 65c being paid to farmers. A peculiarity of the present wheat situation in Canada is found in the fact that Manitoba wheat is worth more at a lake port here, for domestic use, than it is worth in England. On April 30 a sale was made in London of 16,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat at equal to 80½c delivered at the dock there, or 2 to 3c less than the wheat is worth at our upper lake ports.

FLOUR.—Stimulated by the remarkable strength in wheat, flour prices have made two sharp advances this week. On Monday prices were advanced 5c per sack, and yesterday a further advance of 15c per sack of 98 pounds went into effect. In eastern Canada markets prices are as strong as here. There was an advance of 85 to 10c per barrel in Ontario flours at Montreal last Saturday and Manitoba grades were reported 10c higher at Montreal on Tuesday. Sales by millers here are made at \$2.20 for patents and \$2.00 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs, delivered to city retail dealers, with a discount of 5c per sack for cash in 30 days. XXXX \$1.25 per sack.

MILLSTUFFS.—The quotation to the local trade is \$12 for bran and \$13 for shorts, per ton with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more. The demand keeps good.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are steady, and range from \$17 to \$19 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 90 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades. In Ontario oatmeal shows an advancing tendency.

OATS.—Prices are much the same. We quote 80 to 82c for cars on track here. Holders usually demand 81c for ordinary mixed feed, per bushel of 84 pounds, though we heard of a sale at 80c. Oats have had an upward tendency in Eastern Canada, and prices there are firm.

BARLEY.—We quote about 40c per bushel of 48 pounds for feed grade. Another part car of poor feed quality sold at 35c.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

FEED WHEAT.—Feed wheat is very scarce and brings 65 to 70c per bushel readily.

FLAX SEED.—There has been a good demand lately for flax seed for seed purposes, and the ruling price has been \$1.35 per bushel. It has been scarce.

BUTTER.—Butter is now coming forward in tubs, which are now preferred to rolls. There is no change in prices and we quote 10 to 12c per lb for now dairy butter. Butter markets everywhere are very dull. Now creamery is selling at 15 to 16c at Montreal, which is 5 to 7c lower than a year ago. Last season's held creamery is said to have sold in that market at 7c for a large lot, and old dairy as low as 5c. This creamery cost about 20c originally. As a good many new creameries are starting in Manitoba this year, it is likely that the make of dairy butter will not be as large as last year, as farmers will send their milk and cream to the factories.

CHEESE.—Eastern cheese markets are opening very low this year, owing to the low bids and general apathy of British buyers. At Ingersoll, the leading primary cheese

market in Ontario, on Tuesday, sales of new cheese were made at 6½ and 6.9-16c per lb. A year ago prices were 10½ to 10¾c at Ingersoll. Here a little early cheese has come in and has been bought at about 8c.

EGGS.—Prices are the same. Packers and dealers are paying 7½c net, and selling at 8½c per dozen.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs; 11½; picnic hams, 9½; short spiced rolls, 8c long rolls, 8½; shoulders, 9½; smoked long clear, 10c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb; shoulders, 8c; backs, 10c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ½c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$18.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 80c lb.

LARD.—We quote: Pure, \$1.90 to \$2.00 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.80 for 50-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 8, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9½c pound.

POULTRY.—Held, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices: Chickens 8c, turkeys 10c, geese, 9 to 10c ducks 8c. 40c per pair for live chickens.

DRESSED MEATS.—Beef still sells at 6c per lb., but butchers say they are losing money at this price. Good fresh mutton holds at 10c. Wholesale butchers get 6c for dressed hogs. Veal is worth 5 to 6c.

HIDES.—The situation in hides continues very strong. There has been a further advance here this week. Montreal reported still another ½c advance last week. The prospect is favorable for continued firm prices for some time. Tanners have been holding off in hopes of lower prices, until their stocks are exhausted, and now they will have to buy regardless of prices, so this makes the outlook very firm. Here prices have been somewhat irregular this week, as a good many hides have been bought at a flat rate without inspection, and it is difficult to tell just what they have cost according to grade when bought in this way. We understand 5½c has been paid, flat rate, for green city hides, and one dealer reported he would pay 6c flat for all grades uninspected, equal to fully 6½c for No. 1 cows. Another buyer was paying 6½c for No. 1 cows and steers, and other grades in proportion. The report in a city daily paper that a St. Paul buyer had picked up six car loads of hides here this week, was wrong. We believe the St. Paul man loaded one car here, which had been previously purchased from a local dealer. We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green, 6½c for No. 1 cows, 5½c for No. 2, and 4½c for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 6½c, and 5½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 7c per lb. Deacons, 20c each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, 35 to 65c each, as to size, etc. Shearlings, 5 to 10c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—The London wool sales show firm prices at about the same range as a year ago. Local prices are 9 to 10½c per lb., for unwashed Manitoba fleeces, as to quality, free from burrs and chaff. Barry and chaffy wool, 5 to 8c. The British Trade Journal says: "Although during the second series of wool sales in London prices advanced from five to ten per cent., bringing them up to the level of the average a year ago, there is still room for improvement from the wool growers' point of view. The sales just opened (May sales) will determine whether their hopes are justified." Bradshefts, New York, says: "Woolen goods

manufacturers, even with orders for several months to come, are not anticipating wants, as prices for wool at the interior are about a parity with quotations at the seaboard, and lower prices are looked for. Woolen manufacturers say the demand is largely for the cheaper grades."

SENECA ROOT.—No first new root was offered this week. Indications continue for low prices on the new crop, and we quote 18c. The large lot of 4000 pounds of old root offered here a few weeks ago sold at 19c.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are: Potatoes, easier at 80 to 85c per bushel for farmers loads; Car lots could be had at 25c at country points, per bushel, but few are wanted. cabbage, 8c per lb for good to 2c for poor stock; carrots, 60 to 75c per bushel; beets, 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.; rhubarb, \$1.75 to \$2 per box of about 15 pounds. Egyptian onions, \$5 per 100 pounds.

HAY.—A little better sale of late. Prairie baled is quoted at \$1 per ton on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

This has been a dull week in cattle. Only a few were in and no shipments were made. Choice fat cattle are scarce owing to large exports. Owing to the low price of dressed beef here, local wholesale butchers are dissatisfied with cattle prices. All good butchers cattle are taken by exporters at 8½c and upward, and at present prices of dressed beef, butchers can hardly afford to pay 8½c. The result is they have been obliged to take a poorer class of cattle at 8 to 8½c for an under quality class of animals. For anything reasonably good, 9½c has to be paid and good to choice cattle heavy enough to ship range from 8½ to 1c. Wholesale butchers, however, say they cannot get any more for choice beef than for ordinary stuff, and that there is no encouragement to take choice cattle, consequently they want very few cattle at over 8½c at the outside. Cattle declined considerably at Chicago this week, and British markets were also lower.

HOGS.—A few loads were in, and we quote 4½ for loads, off cars here, for average lots of fat hogs. About 8½c is being paid to farmers for hogs in the country. One load sold at 4c in the country. Hogs were easier at Chicago on most days this week, and Toronto prices also declined this week.

SHEEP.—One bunch only came in by rail this week, for a local butcher. The feeling is easier here for sheep, and we quote 4½ to 4¾c. Shorn sheep would not bring this price. After sheering, offerings are expected to increase and lower prices are looked for. Sheep advanced sharply at Chicago this week.

At Toronto on Tuesday the market was easier for cattle and hogs. Only in one or two cases 5½c was paid for export cattle. Dealers say prices will have to go lower or they will not be able to buy. A number of sales were made at \$1.60 to \$5.00 per cwt. In butchers' cattle prices ranged from 8c to 4½c per lb. for fair to choice. Sheep and lambs were steady at 5½ to 5¾c per lb. for yearlings and \$5 per head for sheep. Hogs were 5c to 10c lower, with sales of best at \$1.75 per cwt. Others were not wanted.

HORSES.—There has been little doing in horses this spring at the city sale stables. A few years ago a large number of horses were brought in from eastern Canada every spring for sale here and in other Manitoba towns. The business has been gradually dropping off until the last two years very few horses have come in, the local supply being almost equal to requirements. This spring a very few car lots of horses have been brought in from the east. Heavy teams have sold at about \$250, and medium general purpose teams at \$150 to \$200, as to style, weight, etc. Light horses, ponies, etc., run much lower.