

to 10c; slunks, 10 to 15c; horse hides, 50 to \$1.

WOLF.—We quote 65c per pound for Manitoba unwashed fleece.

TALLOW.—Local buyers are paying 1 1/2 to 5c per pound for tallow delivered here, according to grade.

SINCEBA 100T.—There has been no change in Manitoba yet, owing to continued unfavorable weather for digging. The market is therefore in a neutral condition.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—Best cattle are very scarce and the market is firmer. Dealers are now paying 5c for nearly every grade, and choice Manitoba will bring a little more. We quote: 1 1/2 to 5c per pound off cars, Winnipeg, for butcherable. Stocker shipments to the west are numerous. Yearlings are worth as high as \$10 per head at end of shipment. Two year olds are bringing from \$20 to \$22 per head.

SHEDS.—About 5 to 5 1/2c per pound is the value of rare, Winnipeg.

HOGS.—The market is poorly supplied and as demand for products is continually good the prices have firmed up a little this week. We quote best porkers' weights now 65c per pound. Off cars here, an advance of 5c over last week. Other grades bring proportionate price.

MUTTON.—CANS—Cows are very scarce, and good milks readily bring 5c a gallon in this market. As most of the stock is coming from the west, the range less money, the range being from \$25 to \$45.

HORSES.—There is a good steady demand for horses for both farm and general use, and dealers are not difficult in disposing of all they can secure. The market is being largely supplied from Ontario.

Montana horses selling. Prices continue high.

Seeding Notes.

The following seeding notes have been gleaned from country exchanges of this week. They indicate the extent to which seeding has progressed in various districts a thorough-out Manitoba and Assiniboia.

Wheat seeding was completed in Strathfeld municipality, Man., early this week.

D. B. McIntyre, of Swan River, had a field of wheat two inches above the ground last week.

About two-thirds of the wheat seeding in the Elm Creek district, Man., has been done.

McLeod, Man. Seeding is well advanced in this locality, several farmers have finished their wheat.

Forcy, Assn. Seeding is well advanced in this locality, as most of the farmers will finish this week.

Goodlands, Man. Quite a number of farmers are pretty well through with their seeding in this district.

Thornthorn, Man.—Spring work is in full swing. All the farmers are busy in the fields, and quite a lot of seeding is already done.

Condie, Assn.—Seeding has been delayed by the rains, but work is now well nearly two weeks before operations will be completed.

McLeod, Assn. Seeding operations are well under way and farmers are only hoping for a continued mild spring to complete their work.

Milestone, Assn.—Most of the farmers in this district are pretty well advanced with the seeding. The weather was very favorable for the last week.

Ocean, Assn.—The cold, wet weather of the last couple of weeks has retarded seeding quite an extent, which will cause seeding to be rather late.

St. Charles, Man.—Farmers in this vicinity are getting on well with sowing wheat and but for the rain just past they have been pretty well through this week.

Borne Creek, Man.—Owing to the wet weather seeding has been somewhat hampered, but farmers are rushing the work with the greatest speed while the sun shines.

Fishburn, Man.—Wheat seeding is a thing of the past with several farmers in this vicinity, and if the weather continues, it is said, the seeding will be finished in good time.

Underhill, Man.—The snow of last week's things is rather a backward shape for the farmer, leaving him unable to either plow or sow. Quite a number are chugging with their wheat in this part.

Considerable speltz is being sown in the Starbuck district, Man. The farmers claim that it will produce 20 bushels to the acre, and that the grain makes excellent feed, while the straw makes good fodder.

Alameda, Assn.—Rapid progress has been made with seeding operations of late, and this is due to the weather earlier in the season many have finished wheat seeding, and all are nearly through.

Macgregor, May 12.—Seeding operations still continue. Wheat in nearly all sown here, and also a good deal of oats in the ground. The weather is backward, still there seems to be a good growth. The grass is quite green.

Shoal Lake, Man. May 15.—Seeding is well advanced, and many a field of wheat is already green. The wheat that has all been put in in good time and the farmers are now busy with their oats. A considerable amount of wheat has been sown than in any past year.

Russell, Man.—The weather has been just for the past week and splendid progress is being made in the seeding of wheat. The farmers have increased acreage planted in wheat, and if we should have a favorable season an unprecedented large crop will be harvested this fall.

Deloraine, Man.—About 75 per cent of the wheat crop is now in and that is a fair proportion of seeding in this vicinity. Should the present weather continue, seeding will be about through the middle of next week. The area sown to grain this year will be a little larger than last year.

Portage la Prairie, Man., May 14.—The wheat will be well sown and practically completed on the plains. There will be an increased acreage sown in oats and barley this year owing to the late spring. It is also a favorable year for summer fallowing, and quite an area will be allowed to rest. Barley seeding will continue for a week or ten days yet.

Brandon, Man., May 15.—Seeding operations have been very much delayed this season. Around Brandon it is estimated, from the number of different opinions that have been heard, that it will be about a week before the crop is now in the ground. Many farmers have completed the putting in of their wheat crop and have started seeding oats and barley.

Indianford, Man., May 7.—Seeding operations are again in full swing. Last Thursday's rain put seeding back considerably as the wettest land in a great many instances was unworkable and is now water than ever. Several farmers have finished seeding their wheat and are busy plowing their oats. A considerable amount of wheat will be sown on spring plowing this season and the early freeze-up will prevent many from completing the planting of their wheat land. The first snow will be making its appearance and a few warm days will see some nice green fields.

MINING

British Columbia.

The Granby Company now employs in the neighborhood of 450 men in its mines at Grand Forks.

Several carloads of pig lead from the new lead smelter in British Columbia passed through Vancouver last week. It is understood that this was the first shipment of the kind.

T. G. Proctor, who has been the holder of some coal mining and iron prospects near Blairmore, has disposed of these to a concern which will start development work this season.

A rich strike of gold ore has been made near Ymir, where a vein averaging eight feet in width and assaying \$50 ton the ton has been discovered. Excitement prevails in the little town of Ymir, which is situated on the Spokane Northern Railway, twenty miles south of Nelson.

The curtailment of output at the Le Roi mine last week affected the shipments for the week ending Saturday somewhat seriously. Ore was sent out as follows: Le Roi, 5,529 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 1,350; Rossland-Great Western, 150; Cent Star, 33; Giant, 10; total for week, 5,510 tons; for the Le Roi mine added a few men to its crew during the week, bringing the total force at this property up to 350. The

mines of the camp are employing an aggregate of 750 to 800 men.

Northwestern Ontario.

A change has been made in the management of The Black Eagle mine at Rat Portage. Capt. Trethway is now in charge of the work.

Seventeen thousand dollars' worth of gold bricks were on exhibition on Monday in the window of the Imperial bank at Rat Portage. One worth \$5,000 is from the Mikao mine, one worth \$5,000 from the Sultana, and the third \$4,000 from the Black Eagle.

Michigan capitalists have secured control of the Foley mines in the Rainy Lake district of Algoma, and will immediately re-open the property on a large scale. The Foley was the first mine opened in that district and became famous for the big gold bricks turned out from its stamp mill. Fred J. Bawden, president of the Houghton county street car system, will probably be made president of the mining company, which will be organized under the laws of Ontario, with provision for ample working capital.

Miscellaneous.

The mining companies of Cripple Creek paid dividends amounting to \$308,000 during April. This brings the total disbursements of profits for the first four months of the year to \$1,250,000, or approximately \$5,000,000 for the year. This is a favorable showing, because the figures represents actual profits paid the shareholders and does not include the amounts derived from the sale of property.

Common grain bags have been advanced 50c per dozen at this time, owing to the strength of the cotton market.

Regarding the wool situation in the United States a Philadelphia firm says that supplies in the seaboard markets are lighter than at any time since the passage of the Tariff Act in 1890, and this, with the greater consumption now than is regarded as cause for encouragement.

British Live Stock Market.

London, May 12.—The trade in cattle was slow, but the tone of the market was steady and prices were unchanged from a week ago with choice Americans selling at 15c and Canadians at 14 1/2c.

Liverpool, May 12.—There was a weaker feeling in this market and prices for choice Canadian cattle show a decline of 1/2c, with sales to-day at 14c.

Late Western Business Items.

The Dominion House of Commons adjourns on Thursday.

W. R. Scarth, deputy minister of agriculture at Ottawa, died on Thursday morning. He has been ailing two years.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has granted its machinists in the west the desired increase in wages of 2c per hour.

The Winnipeg parks board is calling for tenders for supplying sixty lawn seats, each six feet in length. Bids are to be in by the 22nd.

A wire from the Soo on Friday said the Canadian Pacific steamer Athabasca struck a rock at Detour, on the upward trip, and had four feet of water in the hold.

The stock of clothing, furnishings, boots and shoes, etc. of J. Shrago, Winnipeg, insolvent, will be sold at auction by the assignee on Monday, May 14th. This estate is valued at \$1,702.

A by-law for the installation of a municipal telephone system at Port Arthur, carried by a majority of 270 to 7 on Thursday. A by-law at Port Arthur for a similar purpose was carried by 17 to 14.

The prices for bread and pastry in St. Paul, Minn., have been advanced about 25 per cent, by master bakers owing to increased wages which they have been forced into by a strike.

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