

HARDWARE AND METALS.

In shelf and light goods generally there has been no improvement since our last report, but in metals and heavy lines there has been a little livening up. There have been no change in prices and quotations still stand as follows. Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business still continues satisfactory in this branch. Prices are unchanged and as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf 90 to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings 12c.

LUMBER.

During the week there has been a steady demand for some lines, and the volume of sales has been very satisfactory. In some lines which are not too plentiful good fair prices have been secured, while in others keen cutting has been going on, although no cases are reported in which a profit has not been secured no matter how small.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

There has been a slight improvement in this branch during the week, but matters are far from being active yet. There are no changes in prices to report. Quotations are now as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1 00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. American oils: Eocene, 36c; water white; 33c; sunlight, El Dorado, medium, 50c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine. 7.00; No 1 \$6.50; No 2 \$6.00 and window glass, first break, \$2.40.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business has been moving in a very satisfactory manner in this branch. There has been no rush or excitement, but a steady paying volume of trade has been done, with orders coming from all parts more or less.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Retailers have begun to stock up for the fall and winter trade, and there has been a livening up of late. Collections are reported satisfactory, although not so free as they were before harvest.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

There has been less cause for complaint in this branch since our last report. Still the improvement does not amount to activity. Prices are not changed and are as follows:

Gooderham & Wort's 5 year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3.00; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell \$6.50 Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4@4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

WOOL.

Business done during the week fair, and receipts steady. Prices have been inclining upwards. Quotations are; Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c to 16c; cotted and broken, washed, 12c; unwashed 8c to 11c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 12c.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The part week brought out the first movement in new season's grain, but as yet that movement has done very little in the way of fixing prices, although it has added more testimony, that the quality of wheat will be much better than that of any previous year, since Manitoba fell into line as a grain raising country. There have been no car lots of wheat received from outside points, but in the streets a matter of twenty odd farmers loads have been brought. The poorest sample among these was a very fine Northern, and the majority were equal to No. 1 hard. What will be the average range of quality from other points over the province, will not be definitely known until about the end of next week, when the samples now being collected, from which to select standards, will be brought to town by the Board of Trade representatives, now engaged in that work. As yet new barley and oats have not made their appearance, and the movement of oats has been confined to the sale of a few cars of old. Flour has not been moving any livelier than grain, and millers are accumulating stocks of medium and lower grades, although only running about half capacity. Exporting of medium grades to eastern markets has been moving very slowly, and there is not likely to be any attempt to push matters on the part of the millers, until new wheat can be had in reasonable quantities. In provisions the movement has been only moderate, but in most articles prices have been firm and in some instances higher. Meats are decidedly scarce in the city, and stocks of cheese are light, while outside factories are as a rule holding for higher figures than imported goods will cost. Butter and eggs are also firmer, and higher prices are looked for as soon as cooler weather comes and storing can be done with safety. Taken altogether the outlook in provisions promises no reduced prices, and in meats fancy figures may be reached before the coming season opens, as stocks are very low, and could not be repeated at present prices if importing has to be done.

WHEAT.

There are no sales of car lots reported, and only street prices can be had. Loads equal to No. 1 hard sold about 65c, and some fine north-

ern quality brought 62c. One small lot of very fine extra hard brought 70c, but this was evidently a fancy price even for fancy grain. These were about the only indications of prices that could be secured.

FLOUR.

There has been a moderate local demand principally for patents of which the millers are not heavily stocked. A few cars of bakers were shipped east, but there has been very little outside demand for low grades. Prices are unchanged except for strong bakers, which is quoted 10c lower. Quotations are, patents \$2.60; strong bakers' \$1.90; XXX \$1.50 and superfine \$1.

BRAN AND SHORTS

The increase of stocks have broken prices badly, and two drops have taken place since our last report. Early in the week a drop of a dollar a ton took place, and later another dollar was taken off. Quotations now stand: bran \$7; shorts \$8 a ton.

OATMEAL.

There is really no change to report, and none looked for until new oats are available.

OATS.

No new crop has come to market, and there is no hurry for any as old is abundant still. Holders still demand 30c in car lots, and the few sales of the week were made at that figure.

BARLEY.

None on the market. No new to be had as yet, and no old offered or called for.

POTATOES.

We have heard of no car lot sales yet, and know of none offered. Retailers are purchasing from farmer's wagons, and the prices paid have ranged from 45 to 55c according to quality.

CHEESE.

There are some complaints of a scarcity, while buyers will not concede the prices asked by makers, who are holding in hopes of a rise. Prime quality is worth 11c, although some off qualities sell a little lower.

EGGS.

There is still a range in prices caused by condition of stock. Some cases can be had from 10½ to 11c, but really fresh sell freely at 13c, 14c is asked.

BUTTER.

The feeling has been firmer, and some dealers have begun storing for winter stocks, which is the main cause of the firmness, there being no extra demand to cause it. No exports are reported, and unless receipts increase materially there is not likely to be anything done in that way for some time. Most of the medium to good stock is held at 11 to 13c, while prime to fancy ranges from 13 to 15c. There is no demand for poor qualities, and these are by no means plentiful.

BACON.

A scarcity unless imports are made seems unavoidable very soon. Prices are tending upwards steadily. Dry salt is held at 9 to 9½c; smoked firm at 11c; rolls at 12 to 12½c, and breakfast at 12½ to 13c.

HAMS.

Some dealers are sold out and refuse to import at present prices east or in the States. Prices here are higher, any sound smoked bringing 16c, and canvassed 16½c.

MESS PORK.

Sales have been few and prices rather easier. Lots sold at \$15, and odd bbls at \$15.50.

LARD.

There is no change to report. Pails of 20 lbs are held firm at \$2.25.

DRESSED HOGS.

The business done during the week was too small to furnish quotations.

LIVE HOGS.

Still nothing doing and the price offered here still standing at \$3.25.