

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole sale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction for large quantities and to cash discounts.]

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 28.

DRIED FRUITS.—We quote: Dried apples 6 to 6½; evaporated, 8½ to 9c; figs, layers, 10 to 13c; dates, 6½ to 9c. Valencia raisins, \$1.75 to \$1.85; London layers, \$2.75 to \$2.80 box; Sultanias 9½ to 10c lb. Currants, 6½ to 7c; prunes, 7 to 9c. Evaporated fruits are quoted: Apricots, 19 to 20c; peeled peaches, 17½ to 18c; unpeeled peaches, 12 to 12½c; pitted plums, 11 to 11½c; cherries, 13 to 13½c; pears, 12½ to 13c.

FISH.—The market is fairly well supplied with fresh fish. Prices for fresh fish are: Jack fish, 3c pickered, 4c; whitefish 5 to 6c; trout, 9c; Cod 8c; haddock, 8c; halibut, 15c; B.C. salmon, 16c; tommy cods, 8c; herring, 40c dozen; smelts, 12½c. Cured fish are quoted: smoked herring, 20 to 25c box; smoked haddies 8c; Yarmouth bloaters \$1.60 per box; Labrador herrings, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per half barrel; boneless codfish 7½ to 8c pound; boneless fish, 6c lb; salmon, 10c lb; oysters \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.25 for select; can oysters 50c each for standards and 55c select.

GREEN FRUITS.—Trade is quiet on account of cold weather. Apples hold at steady prices, fancy stock, selected varieties, selling at \$4 per barrel, and other varieties \$3.25 to \$3.75 as to quality. Florida oranges of good quality held at \$5.00 to \$5.50 and up to \$6.00 per box for desirable sizes. Lemons, new Messina, good, at \$6.50 to \$7; Malaga grapes, \$9 to \$10.50 per keg as to size of package; cranberries, \$10.50 barrel; California winter pears \$4.50 per box; Apple cider, 35c per gal.

NUTS.—Prices range as follows: Almonds per pound, 16 to 18c; walnuts, per pound, 12 to 17c; pecans, 15c to 16c; filberts, 11 to 14c; Brazils 10 to 13c; peanuts, 14 to 15c; chestnuts, 14 to 15c; coconuts, \$9 to \$10 per 100.

SUGARS.—Sugars are quoted in the Winnipeg market: Yellow at 4½ to 4¾; granulated at 5½ to 5¾, the inside price is for barrels, and 4c higher for bags. Lumps, 6c; icing, 6½ to 7c; sugar syrups, 2½ to 3½; maple sugar, 9 to 12c a lb.

DRY GOODS.—The most important feature of interest in this branch of trade is the recent advance in cotton at the eastern mills. This has been expected for some time. The price of grey cottons has been advanced 5 to 7½ per cent.

RAW FURS.—Meagre reports from the London fur sales indicate higher prices on some leading lines. The cable reports mink 40 per cent higher, marten 30 per cent higher, beaver 12 per cent higher, bear 10 per cent higher. The advance, especially for mink, was expected, and has been previously discounted to a considerable extent.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.—The week has been a quiet one in leading wheat markets, without important change in prices. On Monday United States markets were quiet and lower, declining fractionally. There were no important items in the way of news. A fire at St. Louis was reported to have destroyed about 1,000,000 bushels for milling purposes, which will affect the next visible supply. The visible supply statement today of stocks in store at principal points in the United States and Canada east of the mountains showed an increase of 147,000 bushels. The corresponding week last year there was a decrease of 374,886 bushels. The total supplies now amount to 82,227,000 bushels, and a year ago it was 43,715,000 bushels. Future weekly visible supply statements for this crop are now expected to show decreases. Cables were lower. On Tuesday United States markets showed some strength and closed practically higher. Cables however, were lower. The weekly statement of wheat and flour on passage showed an increase of 640,000 bushels. Duluth receipts were 26 cars and Minneapolis got 186 cars, which shows a falling off. On Wednesday United States markets were mostly slightly lower at the close.

There was not much in the way of news. Cables were irregular—some higher and some lower, but not much change either way. On Thursday there was a little better feeling again in United States markets, which showed slight gains at the close, with slight fluctuations and some weak spots during the day. Cables were easier. *Bradstreet's* reported an increase in wheat stocks for Canada and the United States of 1,750,000 east of the mountains, and a decrease of 134,900 bushels on the Pacific coast. On Friday United States markets were dull and easy, but were a trifle higher at the close. There were no new features of interest.

Exports of wheat for the week ended Jan. 25 from both coasts of the United States equal 2,531,000 bushels, against 3,637,000 bushels last week; 3,537,000 bushels in the week a year ago and 2,093,000 two years ago.

LOCAL WHEAT.—The feature of the week has been a further advance in the price of wheat to farmers, in Manitoba country markets. The Lake of the Woods Milling Co., which has buyers at a great many country points, again advanced prices early last week about 2c per bushel. This caused quite a ripple of excitement in the trade. This advance of wheat in Manitoba markets, like the sharper advance made a few weeks ago, is quite independent of conditions in outside markets. There has been no change in the condition of wheat generally to affect local prices. The advance here is a local matter, made for reasons best known to those who have assisted to bring it about. The movement in wheat is gradually decreasing, but the weather has been cold, which would operate to reduce the marketings. There is a wide difference of opinion among grain men as to the quantity of surplus wheat held by farmers, the range being from 1,500,000 to 4,000,000 bushels. The commercial inclines toward the lower range. Prices this week, in Manitoba country markets have ranged from 50 to 55c per bushel for best samples of hard wheat, equal to No. 2 hard and better. Stocks of wheat in store at Fort William on January 21 were 2,706,734 bushels, there being an increase of 114,335 bushels for the week. Stocks continue to increase slowly, and now aggregate in excess of 5,500,000 bushels, including Fort William and interior points. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 1,166,000 bushels, being an increase of 68,400 bushels for that week.

FLOUR.—There is no change to note locally. Prices east appear irregular. The little firmness a while ago, following the advance of wheat at Chicago, appears to have gone back with the collapse of prices at Chicago. Millers are, perhaps, more inclined to hold for better prices, but the situation is not much improved. There was considerable buying at old prices when wheat was first advanced, in expectation of an advance in flour. Quite a number of local dealers stocked up freely when the first advance was made in Manitoba wheat, and they have been somewhat disappointed that flour did not follow. Prices here are quoted as follows to the local trade in small lots per 100 pounds: Patents \$1.95; strong bakers' \$1.75; XXXX 75 to 90c; superfine 60 to 70c. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots. Round lots at a discount under quotations.

MILLSTUFFS.—Somewhat firmer feeling in bran. We quote bran selling to local dealers at \$8 to \$9 per ton, as to quantity, and shorts \$10 to \$11 per ton.

OATS.—Locally there has been a firmer tendency in oats, owing to light offerings on account of cold weather. This applies only to the demand for local consumption, and does not effect shipping values in country markets. On the Winnipeg street market prices have ranged from 20 to 22c for feed qualities. Car lots at country points unchanged at 14 to 16c as to quality and freight rate.

GROUND FEED.—There is the usual wide range in prices according to quality. Clear oat and

barley feed brings \$12 to \$14 per ton, as to quantity and quality. Mixed mill feed at \$9 per ton upward.

MEALS, ETC.—Rolled and granulated oatmeal held at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per sack, according to brand, and standard meal 5c lower, these being prices to retail traders. Cornmeal \$1.65 to \$1.70 per 100 lbs. Split peas \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$1.75 to \$1.90 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$1.00.

CURED MEATS.—The great strength in hog products continues. Chicago and other United States markets are away up out of sight on prices, and the advance continues in eastern markets. Mess pork at Chicago continues to range up to about \$19 per barrel, as compared with about \$11.50 to \$12 per barrel a year ago. Green hams sell in Chicago in quantities at 13½c. In Toronto dressed hogs have sold at 8½c, and 8½c has been paid for car lots at country points in Ontario for shipment to Montreal, which would make them cost 9c laid down. Prices for cured meats in the Winnipeg market are now commencing to advance in sympathy with other markets. Local prices are: Dry salt long clear, bacon, 10½ to 11c; smoked long clear, 12½ to 12¾c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 11¾c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 14¾c; smoked hams, 13 to 13½c; mess pork, to \$20 \$21 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 9c; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb packet.

LARD.—Compound held at \$2.00 to 2.10 per pail. Pure at \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 20 pound pail. In tins, 12½ to 13c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS.—Pork has again advanced, the local market having at last caught the inspiration of the movement in the States and eastern Canada. Dressed hogs may now be now be quoted at 7 to 8c as to quality, the lower price for heavy, rough hogs. Nice, fat hogs of desirable weights would bring up to 8c. One lot of even sized hogs was reported sold at a fraction over 8c. Ontario parties have been enquiring in Manitoba for hogs to ship east, but it is not likely there will be any quantity for shipment east. Local pickers need all there are in the country, and now that prices here have advanced, there is not likely to be any shipping east, though prices east are still higher than here. Two car lots of mutton are reported on the way from the east for Winnipeg, to be laid down here at about 6½c. Dealers are selling at 7 to 8c. Beef unchanged at 5 to 5½c for city dressed and 3 to 5 for country, the latter being in light supply.

POULTRY.—There is nothing doing in poultry, dealers being stocked with frozen birds, and no new stock off-ring. Quoted at 9 to 10 for chickens; ducks, 10 11c; geese, 10 to 11c; turkeys, 10 to 12½c.

BUTTER.—Market very slow at prices of last week. We quote round lots of good to choice dairy at 15 to 16c. A selected lot might bring up to 17, and straight No. 1 at 18c. Add 1 to 2c per pound for small lots, dealers' selling prices.

CHEESE.—Jobbing at 10 to 11c per lb.

EGGS.—Single cases quoted at 20c per dozen, larger lots 18 to 20c as to quality. Fresh not quotable.

VEGETABLES.—Following are prices at which dealers buy on the street market: Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips 25c bushel; cabbage 40 to 75c dozen; celery 30 to 50c dozen. Onions 2 to 2½c per lb. Carrots 30 to 40c, a bushel; beets, 30 to 40c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 2c lb. Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Country frozen hides bring 3 to 3½c, unskipped as they run. The tendency is easier on frozen prices. Dealers are grumbling a good deal about the prices they have been paying for frozen hides, the average price being too high for the average quality, as a great many are turning out No. 2. It does not look as though there would be much money in the winter hide trade for dealers, unless there is a decided improvement in hide prices.