

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 13.

The weather continued fine and warm up to Wednesday night, and reports were beginning to come in that wheat seeding was drawing to a close in the earlier districts, where the soil was favorable to early seeding. Never before has seeding been rushed as it has been in Manitoba this year. On Wednesday night a heavy rain set in, which continued throughout Thursday. While this rain was welcome over a large portion of the province, it would further delay seeding on the wet lands, where seeding is in a less advanced state than is the general rule. There is, however, much less danger now of damage from winds, and the large portion of the wheat crop which has been sown will now come forward rapidly. All fear of a flood of the Red River at Winnipeg has now subsided, as the river has undoubtedly passed its highest mark for the season, and is now likely to steadily recede, unless the flow is kept up by heavy rains, which would not likely do more than prevent the usual rapid fall of the river after the maximum is reached. Another (the second of the season) export shipment of Manitoba cattle went forward this week, consisting of nineteen cars, from the Manitoba Northwestern railway districts. The proposed combination of the pine lumber trade is again taking shape. The withdrawal of the Keewatin Company from the provisional agreement upset the plans for awhile, but another combination of all the remaining mills has been arranged. This will reduce the pine lumber trade to two concerns. In the grain trade, the principal feature outside of the crops, is the sharp advance in oats, due to export demand at higher prices. A sale of 83,000 bushels has been made here for export. Barb wire is up  $\frac{1}{2}$ c, to  $\frac{1}{4}$ c.

## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

**WHEAT**—The position of wheat is stronger than it has been for some time, owing to continued unfavorable crop reports from Europe and some not particularly encouraging reports from the United States, though the official Washington report issued this week was more favorable than had been expected. Stocks of wheat are unprecedentedly large, to be sure, but in view of the present crop outlook, all this wheat may be needed. Wheat was higher on Monday in United States markets, and cables were higher, reflecting the unfavorable crop news from Europe, while crop reports from the Continent were unfavorable. Liverpool was  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1d higher. Kansas reported condition 30 per cent of last year's crop. The visible supply showed a decrease of 1,958,000 bushels, making the total 73,069,000 bushels, as compared with 36,190,000 bushels. On Tuesday wheat continued to advance in United States markets, and cables were mostly higher, except French, where it was reported. The Illinois state crop report gave a decreased area of 714,000 acres less than last year. Cables regarding the rain in France were conflicting, one cable reporting the drought ended, and rains in Austria and Hungary, but other reports stated only local showers. On Wednesday, United States markets were lower, but cables continued higher. The United States official crop report appeared today, was more favorable than expected, and weather conditions were favorable, causing an

easy feeling in the wheat markets. On Thursday there was a sharp break in prices at Chicago, due to bank failures, more favorable crop news, and fine weather. Cables on Friday again reported drought in England and Germany. United States markets recovered some of yesterday's decline.

In Manitoba the weather continued favorable up to Thursday, when there was a heavy down-pour of rain of long duration. This rain was not an injury in itself, and on lighter soil it would be rather a benefit. On such soil most of the wheat had been sown, and the rain would pack down the soil, prevent damage from wind, and give the grain a good start. Reports from various points up to Thursday stated that wheat seeding was almost finished in some districts, and the earliest fields were beginning to show green. The most of the reports gave one-half to nearly finished with wheat seeding, but a few reports were to the effect that seeding was still delayed on account of wet land. Such low districts, however, form but a limited portion of the total crop area.

On April 30 there were 3,235,425 bushels of wheat in Fort William and Port Arthur elevators, being an increase of 10,891 bushels for the week. Interior stocks are estimated at 3,000,000 bushels, making a total of about 6,250,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat in store at and west of upper lake ports. A year ago there were 2,325,000 bushels in store at the two lake ports.

**FLOUR**—There is still no change in flour to note. Prices in broken lots, to the local trade as follows: Patents, \$1.95 strong bakers' \$1.75; XXXX 75 to 95c; superfine 60 to 70c. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots.

**MILSTUFFS**—The supply of bran has been more liberal, car lots having come forward from country mills to relieve the scarcity in the city. The large Ogilvie mill is expected to be ready for work next week, when the supply will be considerably augmented. Quoted in broken lots at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts, with the usual reduction for car lots.

**OATS**—The advance east in oats has been felt sharply here, and prices are higher. The advance in oats is due to the drought in Europe, which has led to a brisk export movement, at higher price. A sale of 86,000 bushels was made here for export. Prices are up about 5c per bushel. Cars on track, Winnipeg, are held at about 29 to 30c per bushel, and about 25c country points, per bushel of 34 pounds.

**BARLEY**—Car lots held at equal to 28 to 30c per bushel on track, Winnipeg, on local freight rates.

**GROUND FEED**—Held at \$14 to 16 per ton, as to quantity and quantity, with a probability of higher prices, as there has been no advance yet to meet advance in coarse grains. Oil cake meal, sacked, held at \$26 per ton, and oil cake at \$23.

**OATMEAL, ETC.**—Oatmeal held firm at \$1.95 to 2.10 per sack, according to brand, for rolled and granulated and standard meal, 5 to 10c lower, these being prices to retail traders. The advance in oats, if held, must soon lead to an advance in oatmeal. Cornmeal, \$1.65 to \$1.70 per 100 pounds. Split peas \$2.60 to 2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$2.00 to 2.10 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$4.00.

**CURED MEATS**—We quote: Dry salt long clear bacon, 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; smoked long clear, 12 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; spiced rolls 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; breakfast bacon 14 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; smoked hams, 13 to 14c; the lower price for heavy hams; boneless ham, 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; mess pork, \$20.00 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 9c; bologna sausage, 9c; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet.

**LARD**—Lower. Pure held at \$2.60, in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound, \$2.35 per pail.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Dressed Beef is easy at 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, generally selling at 6c for city dressed. Pork quiet. Dressed hogs quoted at 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Mutton, frozen cold stor-

age stock held at about 11c, and fresh 13 to 14c. Veal, 7 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**EGGS**—Have been a little easier, and dealers are paying 12c nett, which is a reduction of  $\frac{1}{2}$ c, selling at 13c in small lots.

**BUTTER**—The butter market is rather easier, under increasing receipts, though the supply coming forward is by no means heavy. From 18 to 20c may be quoted as the usual range for good to choice dairy, though some ask more for selections.

**VEGETABLES**—Winnipeg street market prices are: Potatoes 39 to 40c per bushel and scarce; turnips 25 to 30c bushel; cabbage 60 to \$1 dozen; Onions 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c per lb. Carrots 50 to 60c a bushel; beets, 59 to 60c bushel; parsnips, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2c lb.

**POULTRY**—Considerable frozen stock held yet, in cold storage, at 13 to 15c for chickens, 12 to 13c for ducks, 11 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for geese and 14 to 15c for turkeys. Live chickens bring about \$1 per pair.

**HIDES**—Dealers are grumbling sorely about the condition in which hides have been coming forward lately. Country butchers seem to think that because the weather is not very hot, hides will not spoil, and they are careless about salting. As a consequence hides come forward hair-slipped. Hides should be spread out and salted at once, and the salt spread evenly over the hides, and not merely thrown on in bunches, as some hides show has been done. Dealers are much to blame for the quality of hides, as they follow the system of buying lots at a stated price all round. If dealers would buy all hides on inspection, more care would be shown by butchers in handling them. Besides hair-slipped, hides are cut and scored, and a good many murrain hides have recently come forward. One dealer said that not 10 per cent. of recent receipts inspected No. 1. A local tanner has been buying veal hides at 8c, but this is in advance of what dealers can pay, and the tanner would probably not take any large quantities at this price. Dealers are trying to buy lower, but quotations are unchanged. We quote inspected: No. 1 cows, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 3, 2c; No. 1 heavy steers, 5c; No. 2 steers, 4c; No. 3, 3c lb. Real veal 8 to 13 lb skins, 6 to 7c per pound. Kips about same as idea. Sheepskins worth 60c to \$1 for full wool skins, the top price for very large. Tallow, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL**—A little wool has arrived, but very few have sheared yet. The extreme range of quotations is 8 to 11c, or graded at 8c for very coarse, 9 to 10c for ordinary Manitoba fleece, mixed quality, and 11c for straight pure downs. **HAY**—Baled held at \$6 50 to \$7 on track at point of shipment, equal to \$7.50 to \$8 here.

## Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Below is shown the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for five weeks ending on the dates given, and compared with the same weeks of last year:—

Grade.	April 8.	April 15.	April 22.	April 29.	May 6.
Extra Manitoba					
hard .....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard .....	10	6	6	4	12
No. 2 hard .....	29	12	8	21	27
No. 3 hard .....	8	3	3	8	1
No. 1 Northern ..	0	0	3	0	6
No. 2 Northern ..	0	0	0	0	7
No. 3 Northern ..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 White type ..	0	0	0	0	1
No. 2 White type ..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring .....	0	0	2	3	4
No. 1 Frosted .....	1	1	1	4	3
No. 2 Frosted .....	2	2	0	1	1
No. 3 Frosted .....	1	2	0	0	0
Rejected .....	15	8	9	6	5
No Grade .....	18	7	10	6	2
Feed Wheat .....	0	0	0	0	0
Total .....	81	41	47	53	62
Same week last year	205	129	91	73	59

On Friday last President Van Horne of the Canadian Pacific started out upon his annual tour of inspection across the continent, to be absent about a month, returning via Duluth and Chicago.