

along, the weather being favorable throughout the season for threshing and marketing grain. The bulk of the crop continues to grade No. 1 hard (see inspection returns), with No. 2 hard a slow second, and a very small percentage of other grades.

Prices in the Winnipeg market advanced with other markets. The week opened with No. 1 hard quoted at 93 1-2 to 94c, and sales at this range. On Tuesday 94c was made. On Wednesday 94c to 94 1-2c was quoted, with sales at this range, and on Thursday 95c was reached. There were liberal offerings, however, at this figure. Yesterday 1-2c better was touched, sales having been made at 95 1-2c at the top, but 95c was quoted at the close, for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William, No. 2 hard quoted 2 1-2c to 3c under No. 1, and No. 3 hard 4c under No. 2, afloat Fort William. A telegram from New York yesterday quoted Manitoba No. 1 hard 95c c.i.f. Buffalo, equal to 95c Fort William. The rate on wheat from Duluth to Buffalo was quoted at 1 1-4c per bushel. Buffalo to New York, canal rate, including charges at Buffalo, 37-8c.

FLOUR—A good export demand for Manitoba flour is reported from Montreal, at fair prices. The market was decidedly firmer, owing to the advance in wheat; Ogilvie's Hungarian patents was quoted 10 to 15c higher at \$2.55, and Glenora at \$2.35 per sack of 98 lbs. Lake of the Woods quoted patent \$2.45, strong bakers \$2.25, second bakers \$1.80 and XXXX \$1.40, prices to local dealers here.

MILLEED—Prices are stronger, \$8 to \$9 was quoted for bran and \$10 to \$11 for shorts per ton, to local buyers.

GROUND FEED—Owing to high prices of oats and barley, ground feed is higher. Up to \$20 per ton is asked for best rolled oat feed, and we quote \$17 to \$20 per ton for feed, as to quality. Ground elevator feed, is offering at lower prices. Some corn feed is being sold, and if the high price of oats is maintained, more of this will be used. Ground corn is offering at \$15 to \$16 per ton.

OATMEAL—The market is uncertain regarding oatmeal, owing to the high price of oats and the difficulty of securing a supply of oats even at any price. Millers have been offered orders which they could not fill. A couple of cars of oatmeal have been brought in from the States. The duty on the meal is less than half what it is, proportionately, on the oats, which seems a rather peculiar situation. If we have to import, it would seem better to bring the oats in for grinding here and thus encourage our home industries. About \$1.60 is quoted for car lots of rolled oats, but available supplies are light. Lots to retail dealers quoted at \$1.80.

OATS—The scarcity of oats continues. Very few are offering, and the tendency of prices was higher, higher prices having been paid in country markets this week. Here we quote 30 to 32c for car lots on track, per bushel of 34 pounds, but there has been scarcely anything done at these prices. For farmers loads about 30c was paid, and 23 to 26c was paid at country points, for cars. It looks as though there would be a scarcity even for home requirements, as some country points are buyers of oats.

BARLEY—Nominal in the absence of offerings. A few loads offered locally at 30c per bushel of 48 lbs.

WHEAT—Local farmers' market. From \$5 to \$6c has been paid on the

street here for No. 1 hard wheat, by the millers, to farmers.

BUTTER—Creamery—Very little business done, though one or two lots were still held by factories. We quote 20c for round lots.

BUTTER—Dairy—The local market is firm. We quote ordinary round lots at 14c, and choice to fancy lots at 15 to 16c per lb. Considerable dairy is believed to still be held in the country. Owing to the high prices here, compared with values in the east, some buying of butter has been done east, for the western trade. It is claimed that either creamery or dairy butter can be bought in Montreal for the western trade to better advantage than here. The local situation seems rather abnormal in dairy goods. A car of Ontario butter was reported at Rat Portage this week.

CHEESE—Transactions have been reported this week at 10c to 10 5-8c, the latter price having been paid for small sizes.

EGGS—Buyers are paying 15c net for receipts of fresh.

POLTRY—Dressed chickens bring 10c per lb., and old fowl 8c to 9c as to quality. Turkeys will bring 11c to 12c, and geese and ducks 10c per lb. dressed.

GAME—Dealers have paid 15 to 30c per pair wild ducks, as to quality. Wild geese, 30 to 50c each. Waxies 25c each.

LARD—Prices are. Pure \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.25 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard, in 3, 5 and 10-lb. tins, quoted at \$6.00 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8 to 8 1-4c per lb.

C. RED MEATS—Prices are as follows: Smoked meats, hams assorted sizes, 12 to 12 1-2c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12 to 12 1-2c; do., backs, 10 1-2 to 11c; short spiced rolls, 9 to 9 1-2c; shoulders, 8 1-2c to 9c; smoked long clear, 9c to 9 1-2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 8 1-4 to 8 1-2c; boneless shoulders, 8 to 8 1-2c; backs, 9 to 9 1-4c; barrelled pork heavy mess, \$14.50 to \$15; short cut \$16 to \$16.50; pork sundries, Bologna sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 20 to 25c per lb.; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—There has been a weaker tendency all around in dressed meats particularly for hogs, which are fully 1c lower. Hogs have been offering freely at 6c, and 5 1-4 to 6c is quoted, the outside price for choice bacon, and the lower range for heavy hogs over 350 pounds, dressed weight. Country dressed hogs have been offering freely. Beef is also easier, and is about 1-2c lower on the outside, 4 1-2c being now about the top for city dressed beef, and we quote 4 to 4 1-2c for beef. Lamb is lower. We quote mutton 5 to 6c; lamb 6 to 7c; veal 5 to 6c.

HIDES—Up to 7c has still been paid for No. 1 city hides, with 6c offered for country hides. Calf skins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 7c to 8c per lb.; dekins 10 to 20 c each; kips 5 to 7c; sheepskins, fresh taken off, 30 to 35c; lambskins, 30 to 35c. Horsehides 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—Quoted at about 16 to 17c per lb. here. Nothing now coming in.

WOOL—We quote 8 to 9 1-2c here for unwashed fleeces. Next to nothing offering.

TALLOW—Quoted steady at 3 1-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are firmer and are now selling at 25c to 30c per bushel for loads on the street or to load cars for shipment, most sales being 27c to 30c; onions are higher; cabbage \$3 to \$5 per 100; celery 40 to 50c per dozen bunches; onions 1 1-2 to 2c per lb.; cabbages are 1 1-2c to 2c per lb.; squash 1 1-2c per lb.; pumpkins 1c per lb.; 40 to 50c per bushel; beets 25c per bushel; turnips 15c per bushel; parsnips 1 1-2c per lb.

HAY—There is a good demand for baled to ship west to the Crow's Nest construction, and also to send east with trainloads of cattle, for feed en route. Prices are rather easier; \$5 per ton being quoted for car lots of baled hay at point of shipment in this district, though some hold higher. On track here \$6 to \$6.50 per ton for cars of baled.

CORDWOOD—Prices are firm. We quote car lots here on track as follows: Tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.50; pine, \$4 to \$4.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—Export shipments keep up. Prices are easier. Butchers' cattle range from 2c for rough common up to 2 1-2c for good cattle. Sales at 2 1-4c in the yards here for very fair lots of butchers' were reported.

Hogs—Prices hold at the decline noted last week. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.00; heavy hogs, over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$3.50, as to quality, off cars here.

Sheep—Nominal at 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c off cars here. Lambs, 3c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

On Tuesday, October 26, offerings were light, being only 38 cars, of which 674 head were sheep and 1,700 hogs. Balance cattle. Export Cattle—Best steers sold from 3 3-4c to 4c per lb., the latter price being paid for only one carload. Butchers' Cattle—The top price may be put at 3 1-2c per lb. There were quite a few sales at 3c to 3 1-4c per lb. Stockers and Feeders—Steers, weighing from 950 to 1,000 lbs., sold for 2 1-4c to 2 1-2c, and those weighing from 1,050 to 1,200 lbs., 2 3-4c per lb. Sheep and Lambs—Export sheep were dull but steady at \$3 to \$3.30 per cwt. Butchers' sheep are quiet at \$2.75 to \$3.25 each. Lambs are in fair demand for export to Buffalo at \$3.75 to \$3.90 per cwt. Hogs—The tendency is still downward. Best bacon sold for 4 3-8c to 4 1-2c per lb., a few lots touching 4 5-8c; heavy fat, 4 18 to 4 1-4c; light fat 4 1-4c, stores 4 1-4c to 4 3-8c, sows 3 to 3 1-4c, stags 1 7-8 to 2c.

WHOLESALE GROCERS IN SESSION.

A meeting of wholesale grocers was held at Montreal last week to endeavor to arrange a uniform scale of prices on sugar. It is said an agreement was arrived at, but it has not been made public. Allowing for the refiners' rebate, the proposition, from what can be gathered, will give the jobbers a margin roughly speaking of about 4 per cent., which is not excessive.

The grade of extra Manitoba hard wheat, heretofore known as a commercial grade, has been declared an official grade by order in council, so that it now becomes a regularly established and officially recognized grade of wheat.