

at drug on the market, and one load sold as low as \$1 per ton. Now it is a very scarce article. A few cars have been brought in from the States, costing about \$11.25 to \$11.50 laid down here, freight and duty paid. Local hay is held at about \$12 to \$12.50 in the country.

HIDES—The market is rather firmer and irregular, and while 6 1-2c was the general quotation, it is understood that 7c was paid in some cases, owing to competition among buyers. We quote green hides, No. 1 6 1-2c; kip 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 7 to 9c lb.; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheep pelts, 40 to 80c as to size and quantity of wool; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal and easy at 8 to 9c. The wool market in Ontario has opened at 15 to 16c for washed wool.

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

SENECA ROOT—Nominal and weak. No demand from consuming markets. Quoted 10 to 15c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The market for fat cattle is a little uncertain. Some believe that the top has been touched. Higher prices were paid this week, but it is noticeable that the British Columbia market is easier, and it is the demand for shipment to British Columbia that caused the advance here, though only about 500 head of Manitoba fat cattle have been shipped to British Columbia so far. Our wire from Vancouver last Saturday reported cattle 1-4c lower. In the absence of any export demand to British markets, Manitoba should be able easily to spare what cattle may be wanted for British Columbia markets. Only two or three cars of fat cattle have gone east this season, and these mostly export bulls. In the country buyers have been paying 4c for choice cattle and 3 1-2c for cows, equal to 4 1-4 and 3 3-4c respectively, off cars here. Some cattle have been taken for the local market which cost a little higher than 4 1-4c here. There is still a considerable movement in stocker cattle, but it is considered that this class of cattle are now closely picked up. Shipments of Manitoba stockers have been going mostly to the western ranges, though a fair number have gone to the States. The average price paid for stockers is about \$14 each for yearlings and \$22 for two year olds. There will be nothing done in exporting until grass cattle are ready. On account of the large number of stocker cattle shipped from Manitoba the past year, it is believed the number of fat cattle for export this season will be light. There will, however, be a fair number of range cattle to ship, though the ranges suffered considerably owing to the unfavorable spring weather.

SHEEP—Very little has been done in sheep. The only business has been a few cars in this season for the local market, a considerable portion of the local supply of mutton up to date having been held cold storage stock. Offerings of sheep have been limited and it is thought the supply this season will not be large, as the sheep raising industry has rather gone backward in the west of late. We quote sheep off cars here at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c. Lambs \$2.50 to \$3.50 each. Sheep have dropped 1-2 to 3-4c at Vancouver where they are being brought in from the States.

HOGS—The market is firmer. Offer-

ings have been light, though a little larger this week. Prices have moved up another 1-8c, making an advance of 1-4c in two weeks; 5 1-4c now being paid for best bacon hogs off cars here. Shippers have been paying 5c at country points for hogs to ship to British Columbia. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at 5 1-4c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs. \$4.50 to \$5.00; heavy hogs over 300 lbs. \$3.25 to \$4.25, as to quality, live weight.

HORSES—The demand is quieter. The usual range is \$225 to \$250 for fair to good farm teams.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Compared with a week ago flour is \$1.05 per barrel higher, ground corn feed \$1 a ton higher, corn 2 1-4c higher, oats 1-2c higher, flax seed 2c higher, butter 1-2c lower, eggs 1-1c lower, potatoes 5c higher, hay 50c to \$1 higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$7.40 to \$7.60; second patents, \$7.20 to \$7.40.

Millfeed—Shorts at bulk, \$10.75 to \$11; bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11; corn feed \$13.50 to \$15.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 34 3-4c for No. 3.

Oats—Held at 31c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.32 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—9c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 10c; fair to good, 7 to 7 1-2c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 1-2 to 16 1-2c; seconds, 15c; dairy 14 to 15 1-2c for good to choice; seconds, 13c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 6 1-2c; hogs, 4 to 4 1-4c; for heavy and 4 1-2c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed 48 to 52c; named varieties 50 to 70c.

Poultry—Chicken, 5 to 8c; turkeys 9 to 9 1-2c; ducks 8c; geese 7c, all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 7 3-4 for No. 1, 6 3-4 for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 5 1-2 to 6 3-4c; sheepskins 40 to 80c each; veal calf 8 1-2 to 9 1-2c; tallow, 21-4c to 31-4c; seneca root, 19 to 21c.

Hay—\$7.50 to \$9.50 per ton, including timothy.

Cattle—Sales, 6 cows av 1,028, \$3.65; 4 av 960, \$3; 3 heifers, av 473, \$3.60; 3 heifers, av 766, \$3.40; 3 stockers av 253, \$4.75; 7 av 538, \$4; 10 steers av 1,031, \$4.40; 30 av 1,275, \$4.75; 2 bulls, av 1,635, \$3.40; 3 av 383, \$4.

Live Hogs—Sales—37 hogs, av 183 lbs., \$4; 18 hogs, av 273 lbs., \$4.02 1-2; 6 av 375, \$3.75.

Sheep—Sales—1 shearer wt. 90 lbs. \$4.60; 4 muttons av 137 lbs., \$4; 1 yearling, 90, \$4.25.

ASSINIBOIA.

J. C. Large is opening in the butcher business at Yorkton.

The railway company will build a freight shed and stock yard at Lumsden station, north of Regina.

C. J. McCusker has been appointed agent at Regina for the Deering Harvester Co.

Victoria, May 11.—The debate in the provincial legislature on the second reading of the public works loan bill, providing amongst other things for a subsidy of \$1,600,000 to McKenzie & Mann, for the building of a railway from the British Columbia coast to Teslin Lake, was concluded this afternoon. The motion was adopted on division of 15 to 12.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The weekly report of the Winnipeg clearing house is as follows:

Clearings. Balances.			
Week ending	May		
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12, 1898	...	\$2,268,965	\$429,307
12, 1897	...	1,111,955	248,847
Week ending	May		
12, 1896	...	1,026,594	182,867

Oatmeal was advanced 20c per barrel at Toronto on Tuesday, and 5c at Montreal. At the latter place there was an advance of 15c per barrel on Monday, making the total advance the same as at Toronto.

"The Maples," a rural residence near Virdee, Man., shown in The Commercial Illustrations last week, is the residence of Capt. E. A. C. Hosmer, not Howard, as a typographical error made it appear.

E. Nicholson, commission merchant, Winnipeg, has received information to the effect that the factory of the Traut Condensed Milk and Canning Co. which was burned on May 4, will be rebuilt at once. No time will be lost in getting the factory in operation again. These goods have long been favorably known throughout all Canada, and it will be a satisfaction to the trade to learn that the industry will only suffer a very temporary check by the recent disaster.

TO RENT

The Store and Warehouse recently used by The Whitelaw Trading Co. in the City of Brandon.

These premises are specially adapted for carrying on a large business in Produce, Green Fruits, etc.

A Creamery Plant in connection with the building. For full particulars apply to

A. WHITEAW

P.O. Box 183

Brandon, Man.



TENDERS.

Sealed tenders marked "For Mounted Police Provisions and Light Supplies," and "Clothing Supplies," addressed to the Honourable the President of the Privy Council, Ottawa, will be received up to noon on Monday, 16th May, 1898.

Printed forms of tender containing full information as to the articles and approximate quantities required, may be had on application as follows:

"Provisions and Light Supplies," at any of the Mounted Police Posts in the Northwest, or at the office of the undersigned. "Clothing Supplies," at the office of the undersigned.

No tender will be received unless made on such printed forms.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Canadian bank cheque for an amount equal to ten per cent of the total value of the articles tendered for, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the service contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

No payment will be made to newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority having been first obtained.

FRED. WHITE.

Comptroller N. W. M. Police.
Ottawa, April 26th, 1898.