

waiting and the movement may be expected to continue right through the remaining months of the year. The cattle which have already gone east were a very fine lot of animals and in splendid condition. In addition to the export movement there will be some large shipments of cattle in the city immediately for local butchers' use. No quote grass fed cattle this week, off cars at Winnipeg, 3 1-2c per pound.

SHEEP—Some eastern sheep are still coming into the market, and a few home bred animals are also offering. About 4c is the value here this week.

HOGS—There have been a few good shipments of hogs for which from \$4.25 to \$4.85 per 100 pounds were realized. The latter quotation is the top price for selected hogs weighing from 150 to 250 pounds.

MILCH COWS—Good new milkers are worth from \$30 upwards in the city.

HORSES—There is an increasing demand for horses for farm work in anticipation of the lowest requirements. Railroad work and general teaming is also creating a steady demand. Good working horses will bring from \$100 upwards according to quality and weight.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago the markets at Minneapolis have undergone a number of changes and the movement of coarse grains and produce is a fair one. Compared with a week ago bran is 25c cheaper, the lower grades of corn feed 75c dearer, oats are 1-4 to 1c cheaper, corn is 1c lower, flax seed is 1-4c higher, eggs 1-2c dearer, creamery butter is 1c higher, dairy butter 1 1-2c higher, chickens 1c higher, and new potatoes about 10c lower. We quote prices as follows:

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.55 to \$3.65; second patents, \$3.25 to \$3.45.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.00 to \$10.25; bran in bulk, \$9.50 to \$9.75; corn feed, \$13.00 to \$15.25 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 22 1-2c; No. 3, 21 to 22c.

Corn—Quoted at 28 1-2c for No. 3.

Barley—32 1-2c for feed grades.

Flax seed—98 3-4c per bushel.

Eggs—12c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 to 9 1-2c; fair to good, 6 to 7c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1-2 to 18c for choice to extras, seconds, 13 to 14c; dairy, 13 to 16 1-2c for choice to fancy, seconds, 11 1-2c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 7c; lamb, 5 to 9c; veal, 5 to 7 1-2c.

Poultry—Live chickens, 5 to 10c; spring chickens, 13 to 14c; turkeys, 5 to 9 1-2c; ducks, 7 to 8c; geese, 4 1-2 to 5c.

Potatoes—New, 22 to 25c per bushel.

Hides—Green salted hides, \$3-4c for No. 1, 7-8c for No. 2; steers over 60 lbs. \$1-4 and 9 1-4c; sheepskins 25 to 70c each, veal calf, 9 1-2 to 11c; tallow, 3 to 4c, seneca root, 21 to 25c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—Timothy, \$8.50 to \$9.

Live stock—Hogs, \$4.25 to \$4.35.

It is estimated that the assistance of 6,000 farm laborers will be required to take off the western grain crops this year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Business at Vancouver.

Vancouver, July 31.

The big bank clearings is the feature of the week in Vancouver. These amounted to \$1,004,799 with a balance of \$139,679. This is a record breaker for Vancouver. General business has been a little dull owing to the hot holiday season, but trans-Pacific steamships have freight orders booked months ahead and Klondike shipping is brisker than ever. Farmers are much pleased at the appearance of the crops. Hay will be abundant and of good quality. The harvesters required fine dry weather just at the time they got it. The oat crop also looks well.

Fish are running better and there are now hopes of a good pack of salmon. Fishermen are still asking 25 cents for sockeyes and getting it. The run is from 50 to 250 per boat on a drift.

In the jobbing market Manitoba creamery is in much greater supply and has caught up to the Ontario article in quality and price. The egg supply is also quite up to the demand. Potatoes are dropping in price rapidly. Hams are very firm at the advanced price. The flour and feed market is at present very dull.

British Columbia Markets.

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

PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Aug. 5.

Market quiet and without change in prices this week.

BUTTER—Ontario creamery, 20c; Manitoba creamery, 20c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 30c per dozen; eastern eggs, 22c.

CHEESE—Ontario, 12 to 12 1-2c.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13 1-2c; backs, 12 1-2c; short clear 10 to 10 1-2c; short rolls, 10 1-2c; smoked sides, 10 1-2 to 11c. Lard—Tins, 10c per lb; in pails and tubs, 9 to 9 1-4c.

FISH—Flounders 3c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; whiting 6c; soles 6c; smoked salmon 10c; fresh halibut 6c; salmon 7c; bloater 7c; cod 6c per lb.

VEGETABLES—New potatoes, 1 1-2c per lb; cabbage, 2c lb; carrots, turnips and beets, \$12 a ton; red onions, 1c per lb, silverskins, 1 1-4c; tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 per box; cucumbers, \$2.75 box.

GREEN FRUIT—California lemons, \$3 to \$3.75; oranges, St. Michael, \$4.50; cherries, \$1.75 box; peaches, \$1.75; apricots, \$1.50; plums, \$1.25 box; apples, \$1.50 box; prunes, \$1.30 to \$1.50 box; pears, \$2.25; bananas, \$1.75 bunch.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 30 lb. sack, \$2.90; 2 45 pound sacks, \$3; 4 22 1-2 pound sacks, \$3.20; 10 7 lb. sacks, \$2.60; oatmeal, 10 10's, \$3.25; 25's \$3.

FLOUR—Delivered B.O. points—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.70; strong bakers, \$4.30; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel.

GRAIN—Oats, \$35 per ton; wheat, \$25; to \$28.

GROUND FEED—National millie chow, \$27 per ton; shorts, \$22 ton; bran, \$20 oil cake meal \$35 ton; L.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—\$8 to \$10 per ton.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 9c; mutton 12 1-2c; pork 9c; veal 11 to 12c per lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$4.50 100 lbs.; cows, \$4; sheep \$3.50 per 100 lbs; hogs \$6.50 to \$7 per 100 lbs.

POULTRY—Chickens, 75c.

EVAPORATED FRUITS—Apricots 10 to 17c per lb; peaches 10 to 12c; plums 9 to 10c; prunes, French, 8 to

7 1-2c per lb.; loose muscatel raisins 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes 6 to 8 1-2c lb.

NUTS—Almonds 18c; filberts 12 1-2c; peanuts 10c; Brazil 12 1-4c; walnuts 18c lb.

SUGARS—Powdered, icing and bar, 6 3-4c; Paris lump 0 1-4c; granulated 5 1-4c; extra O. 4 5-8c; fancy yellows 4 1-2c; yellow 4 3-8c lb.

SYRUPS—30 gallon barrels, 2 1-4c lb; 10 gallon kegs 2 3-4c; 5 gallon tins \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tins \$4.50 case of 10; 1-2 gal. tins \$5.25 case of 20.

TEAS—Congo: Fair, 11 1-2c; good 18c; choice 29c; Ceylon and India: fair 20c;

PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 5.

Manitoba creamery butter is in steady supply now and the market is firmer, ranging from 20 to 21c. Choice dairy butter is also higher, the best selling as high as 16c. This advance applies only to choice fresh dairy, and not to common or medium grades. Eggs are down 1c this week. A feature of the market is the scarcity of hams, which have advanced to 15c. Oats are up \$1 per ton to \$40 per ton. Potatoes are also \$2 per ton higher.

Butter—Manitoba fresh creamery, 20 to 21c, choice dairy butter, 16c. Cheese—New, 12c.

Eggs—Ontario, fresh, 20c.

Oats—Per ton, \$40.

Potatoes—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.50.

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British Columbia Items.

C. K. Simpson & Co., saw mill, Grand Forks, have sold out.

D. W. Patmore, drugs and stationery, Donald, has removed to Golden.

The salmon season in Alaska and northern British Columbia is about at an end. It is estimated that the salmon pack at Rivers Inlet will be 25 to 30 per cent, less than last season's, but the Skeena river pack will be above the average. The Fraser river pack will not be very large unless the run of fish materially improves.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: Columbia Commercial Co., Ltd., has been incorporated. Christie & May, lumber, have dissolved. Diplock & Lees, agents, have dissolved; A. B. Diplock continuing. The stock of the Hopkirk & Spence estate, liquors, has been sold at 65c on the dollar. A. Gibson, blacksmith, is succeeded by G. W. Shay. Lely & Mawdsley, hotel, have assigned. Seaton & Smith, hotel, have dissolved; John P. Smith continues. A. Stadler Browning Co. is succeeded by Lion Brewery.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,982,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on July 29, compared with 2,005,000 bushels one week previously, and 312,000 bushels one year ago. Receipts for the week were 245,000 bushels and shipments were 267,000 bushels.

Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Kewatin, Winnipeg, and interior country points are estimated at approximately 4,540,000 bushels, compared with about 506,000 bushels a year ago.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns of last week report 53 cars of wheat inspected, which graded as follows: 1 hard, 2, 2 hard, 1; 1 northern, 53; 1 spring, 2; rejected, 4; no grade, 17.