

## OATS.

The value of oats is held sharply. Dealers in the city were paying 45c per bushel of 34 lbs. readily for street offerings of ordinary feed quality, and sometimes 46c was paid. On track f.o.b. Manitoba points the price is about 42c per bushel for fair samples feed. Up to 45c has been paid to farmers in Manitoba country markets where offerings are specially in request.

## BARLEY

Quotable at about 40 to 41c per bushel (18 lbs.) f.o.b. at Manitoba points.

## BUTTER.

The Winnipeg market is practically bare of good butter of any kind. There is no choice butter in the city, and really nothing above a medium quality obtainable. Receipts from Provincial points are light, and what does come in is of very poor quality, scarcely any of it being equal to a good medium. Prices are not higher because there is no good butter obtainable. The old prices have been maintained while the quality has been gradually reduced. Thus, poor to medium qualities are selling at the prices obtained for medium to good, a short time ago. We quote 17 to 20c for such dairy qualities as are saleable for general use, while very poor stuff is of course lower. Really choice fresh butter would bring 25c if there were any obtainable. A small lot of print sold at 25c per pound, though not a choice article. If there is any butter held in the country, it should be shoved in at once, as it will bring the best price now. New butter will soon be coming in, and any old dairy left over, which would now bring a big price, will probably be unsaleable within a few weeks, except as grease.

## EGGS

Prices are on the decline. 21 and 22c were obtained for fresh country the first of the week, but later commission men were offering at 19c per dozen.

## CURED MEATS, ETC.

Prices are easy, though hog products are advancing in eastern Canada markets. Eastern packers have been in the west selling, and between them and local packers, there has been considerable cutting in prices. Prices are as follows:—Dry salt bacon, 8½ to 9½c; smoked long clear, 9½ to 10½c; spiced rolls, 10 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c; smoked hams, 12½ to 13c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

## LARD.

Pure lard quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.20 per 30 pound pail. Compound lard, \$1.90 to \$2.

## HIDES.

Dealers are now in a position to size up their winter purchases of frozen hides, and they are not turning out extra well. Only about one third will grade No. 1, and the shrinkage in weight will average 5 pounds each. The prices paid last winter do not leave dealers much of a margin, and in some purchases the margin will be on the loss side. No. 1 cows are now quoted at 4½c, No. 2 3½c. No. 1 steers 5c lb. Calf skins, 4 to 5c lb. Round lots of sheep pelts would be worth from 60 to 70c each.

## VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are higher, 35c per bushel being the general price paid by shippers, and 36 to 37c was paid for some lots, for shipment to the States. The future of potatoes is doubtful. There is a good demand in the States for seed, but it is by no means certain that the price will go higher. Most shippers are of the opinion that it will not. However, THE COMMERCIAL will not undertake to advise holders on this point. Other vegetables are mostly scarce, with exception of turnips. Carrots and cabbage are higher. New Manitoba lettuce and bunch onions are in the market. Prices are Turnips, 25c to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, 75c to \$1.00 per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; cabbage, 75c to \$1.00 per dozen, for

good, as to quality; Spanish onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per crate of 30 lbs. nett.; lettuce and bunch onions, 50c per dozen.

## POULTRY.

Chickens bring high prices, and quoted at 75c to \$1 a pair. Turkeys will bring 15 to 17c per pound dressed. Some few frozen turkeys were obtainable, but probably none now held out of retail hands.

## DRESSED MEATS.

City butchers generally complained of very dull times, and they were buying little. Mutton is scarce, but the demand is very slack. Sales ranged all the way from 11 to 14c as to quality. Some sheep from western ranges are expected soon, and a few lambs will be obtainable locally. Beef is dull, and the prospect is that the supply will be fully equal to requirements, at moderate prices. Good city dressed is quotable at 6 to 6½c. Purchases of beef cattle are reported at about 3½c per pound live weight here. Hogs are easy, and some lots of frozen hogs held in the city have been closed out at lower prices. One lot, it is said, sold at 5½c, but probably rough animals. We may quote from 6 to 7c per pound. Pickers are now slow buyers, some having closed their operations for the season. A car lot of eastern hogs arrived last week, and a few carcasses of eastern mutton were also offered. Veal is worth 6 to 9c as to quality.

## HAY.

Hay was held higher for pressed, and quotable at \$7 to \$10 per ton. It is said that a good deal of hay haled in the winter, is now in a damaged state, having been mixed with snow, which has now melted. Loose hay on the market is selling at about \$6 to \$7 per ton.

## Manitoba.

The New Douglas House, Winnipeg, has again changed hands, its transfer to Roundtree & O'Connor having taken place last week.

E. A. Stanley & Co. groceries, furnishings, etc., Virden, Man., have sold out to J. T. Norsworthy, who will continue the business.

James Connery, butcher, Morris, has added flour and feed to his business; a pleasant call was received at this office from him during the past week.

Hemenway & Company, general dealers, Carman, Manitoba, have dissolved. Mr. Hemenway, having purchased the interest of R. P. Roblin in the business.

N. Chevrier, clothing, Winnipeg, who failed recently, so disastrously for the creditors, has opened again with a fresh stock, in addition to the remnant of the old stock which he bought in. The estate is expected to pay about 20 per cent. The creditors have no hope of getting any further claim against Chevrier.

The stock of W. D. Russell, stationers, Winnipeg, will be offered for sale by the sheriff on April 6. The general stock of the estate of J. J. Smith & Co., Emerson, will be offered for sale by auction, in Winnipeg, on April 9. The stock amounts to \$5,600. The general stock of C. A. Bardford, Brandon, will be sold at that place on April 20.

It is estimated that five car load of horses were sold in Brandon last week, says the *Times*. There is still a pretty fair demand for first class horses. The dealers say they find ready sale for good stock. Oxen are said to be in good demand and good prices are paid. From \$125 to \$160 per yoke is about the range of prices paid for them.

Allen & Brown, packers and provision merchants, Winnipeg, have recently extended their

premises. They have taken another store in the block in which they have been located for some time, on McDermott street. This gives them three store fronts in this block, with cellar the full size. The object of extending at this time is to prepare for the season's trade in country produce.

The financial troubles of W. D. Russell, stationer, Winnipeg, are due to unexpected pressure from a Toronto house, which, it is said, has violated an agreement with Mr. Russell. Through the action of the eastern house referred to, local creditors were forced to take action to protect themselves, and the stock is now in the hands of the sheriff. Mr. Russell is highly regarded here as a thoroughly trustworthy person, and his many friends regret his troubles.

Lindsay & Co., general store, Griswold, Man., who has assigned, showed a surplus of \$6,000 a year ago. A statement recently furnished shows only \$3,000 of a surplus. Lindsay is believed to have done a large and profitable business, the past year, and his creditors, principally Winnipeg houses, are wondering how the shrinkage in the surplus has been accomplished. The showing is not regarded as satisfactory by the creditors.

Mr. Hargrave, traveller for G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale paints, oils, etc., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip throughout the west and branch lines in Manitoba. He states that the closeness in collections is due to a considerable extent to the way the implement men are pushing the farmers this year. These firms are making an extra effort in their collecting departments, and they are getting a good deal of the cash that is coming in for grain. Mr. Hargrave made a trip through the Icelandic settlement south of Glenboro, in Manitoba, and he says these people have made wonderful progress, and are now among the most prosperous settlers in the country. They have good houses, lots of stock about them, churches, schools, etc., in their settlements, and are very comfortably situated.

## Statistical Wheat Information.

The visible supply decreased 295,086 bu. during the week ended March 28th. For the corresponding week last year the decrease was 516,677 bu. The total stocks at all points enumerated in the statement aggregate 22,764,155 bu. against 27,116,018 bu. last year.

A dispatch from Olesia on Monday reported stock there only 3,095,000 bu. showing a reduction from Jan 1 of 5,007,000 bu. The same dispatch reported that crop damage reports were confirmed, and that offerings were light.

The following table shows the exports of breadstuffs and provisions from the principal Atlantic seaboard ports for the week ending Mar. 25, and the corresponding week last year.

ARTICLES—	1891	1890
Flour, brls . . . . .	246,700	168,200
Wheat, bu. . . . .	398,500	598,900

Wheat on passage increased 1,520,000 bu. for the week ended March 28th.

The visible supply for the United Kingdom decreased 925,000 bu. for the week ended March 23; that is the consumption exceeded the imports of wheat and flour and farmers deliveries by that amount.