

CORN—Car lots have been offered here this week at 88 to 88 1-2c per bushel of 56 lbs. This shows a sharp advance, owing to higher prices south.

BUTTER—Creamery—The last lot of creamery butter held by a Manitoba factory has been closed out. This included the purchase, by the Parsons' Produce Co., of the butter held by the Birtle creamery. The price paid was 18 1-4c, which was 1 3-4c less than was offered for the lot last fall. The butter was shipped to Vancouver. There is no local trade doing in creamery and no stocks held here.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is a fair demand for dairy grades. The demand for Manitoba butter at Pacific coast points will soon be reduced by receipts of fresh grass goods from California. We quote selling prices here at 16 to 18c for fresh tub and roll, the outside price for selected packages in small quantities. Ten per cent commission off these prices to country shippers. The tendency is easier particularly for rolls, which are sometimes held in under tubs.

CHEESE—Dealers are selling at 10 1-2 to 11c in small lots.

EGGS—The market is very weak. Prices are the lowest on record here for this time of year, receipts having been large on account of the mild winter. The stocks of eastern eggs, laid in in expectation of the usual winter scarcity, have been sold at low prices, lined and held stock selling as low as 12 1-2 to 14c as to quality. Fresh are quoted 16 to 17c. The low prices have considerably increased the demand.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens will bring 7 1-2 to 8 1-2c. From 10 to 11c would be paid for Manitoba turkeys. Geese are scarce and wanted and 9 to 10c would be paid for them. Ducks would bring about 8c. Eastern turkeys sell at 13 to 14c.

DRESSED MEATS—The firm tone for dressed hogs continues 6 1-4 to 6 1-2c being paid for choice lots of desirable weights. Heavy hogs are 5 1-2 to 6p as to quality. Frozen beef is dull and quoted at 4 to 5c as to quality, and fresh unfrozen at 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c as to quality, for sides. Mutton 5 to 7c, as to quality.

HIDES—6 1-2c is the general price for frozen hides, with 5 lbs. tare. We quote: Butcher hides, 7 to 7 1-4c. Green frozen hides, 6 1-2c; bulls, oxen, stags and brands, 5c to 6c; kip hides, 6 to 7c; calf, 8 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 40 to 60c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each; coats, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleece.

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

VEGETABLES—Prices as follows: Potatoes, 35c to 40c per bushel; carrots, 90c to \$1 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb; imported, 3c; celery, 60 to 75c per doz. bunches; cabbage, \$4 to \$5 per 100; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c.

HAY—\$6 per ton is the usual price for baled hay f.o.b. country points.

LIVE STOCK.

Butchers cattle are quiet at 3c for cows and heifers and 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c for choice well fed steers. Very few wanted. Sheep nominal at about 2c. There is some inquiry for stocker cattle to ship to the States, but we do not hear of any business.

HOGS—The market for live hogs is firm. Again, prices have advanced a notch, 1-4c gain having been made

this week. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$5 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs. \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs. \$3.25 to \$4 as to quality, live weight.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 5.

Oats are quoted 1-2c higher than a week ago. Bran and shorts are 50c to \$1 per ton higher. Cheese is quoted 1-8 to 1-1c lower. Oatmeal is firm at the recent advance. Advances from British markets are very unfavorable for dairy products.

Oats—No. 2 white, 30c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90, Manitoba patents, \$5.35 to \$5.40.

Mixed—Bran, \$14 to \$14.50 per ton. Shorts, \$15 to \$15.50.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bag.

Hides—9 to 9 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Candled, 18c to 20c per dozen, new laid, in small lots, 23c to 25c.

Butter—Dairy, 15 to 16c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 19c.

Cheese—8 to 8 1-2c.

Dressed hogs—\$6.25 to \$6.75 per 100 pounds.

Dressed beef—Front quarters, 8 to 4c; hinds, 5c to 7c.

Dressed mutton—Lamb, 6 1-2 to 7c, mutton, 5 to 6c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 5.

Prices are the same as last week. Business is reasonably active. Quotations are as follows:

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil raw, 44 to 45c; boiled 47 to 48c; turpentine, 50 to 51; bar iron, \$1.35 to \$1.45; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; patty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 5.

Special to The Commercial. Prices are firm and steady. No important changes to note this week.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, 4 1-4c at the refineries; yellows, 3 1-2c to 3 7-8c; imported beet granulated, 4c. Molasses 28 to 29c. Syrups 13-4 to 2 1-2 as to quality. Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c. Valencia layers 6 1-2c. Currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand. Coffee, Rio, 9c to 11c. Mocha and Java 20 to 24c.

Canned goods.—Tomatoes, \$1.20 to \$1.25; corn, 87 to 90c; peas, 90c to \$1.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Feb. 1.

At the semi-weekly market yesterday, prices were steady and unchanged from the previous market day, except for hogs, which were 1-4c lower, ranging from 5 1-4 to 5 1-2 off cars. Some were delivered on contract at 5 3-4c.

THURSDAY'S MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 4.

At the market yesterday prices were again lower for hogs, the quotations ranging down to 5c to 5 1-4c. Other lines were unchanged. Prices were:

Cattle—Choice, 4 to 4 1-4c; fair to good, 3 to 3 1-2c.

Sheep—5 to 8 1-2c per lb; lambs, 4 1-4 to 5c.

Hogs—5 to 5 1-4c.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKETS.

By Wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Feb. 5, 1898.

Ontario creamery butter is now coming in, and is offered at 24c. Australian creamery is 1-2c higher, being quoted at 25c. Oats have advanced \$4 per ton to \$28. Hay is \$2 per ton higher, being quoted now at \$18 per ton. Mutton has advanced 1-2 to 11c. Other prices are the same as quoted last week.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour market has been dull, in sympathy with weak wheat markets, but prices same as last week. Corn about the same; oats in good demand; flax some lower; produce prices remain almost unchanged; dressed meats and poultry firm; chickens higher price.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$4.90 to \$5.00, second patents, \$4.75 to \$4.85.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9 to \$9.25; bran in bulk, \$9.50 to \$9.75; corn feed, \$10.25 to \$11.25 per ton.

Corn—Quoted 25 1-4 to 25 1-2c for No. 4; 25 1-2 to 25 3-4c for No. 3; 25 3-4 to 26 for No. 3 yellow per bushel of 56 pounds.

Oats—Held at 23 1-2c for No. 3 white, and 23 to 23 1-2c for No. 3 per bushel of 32 pounds.

Barley—Feed quoted at 26 1-4 to 26 1-2c.

Flax seed—\$1.23 1-2 for No. 1 per bushel.

Eggs—12 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 7 to 10c.

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

Butter—Creamery, 16 to 15c; seconds, 13 to 14c; dairy, 10 1-2 to 16c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6c; lambs, 5 to 8c; hogs, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c for heavy, and 4 1-4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 36 to 38c; choice, named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6 1-2 to 8c; old fowls, 6 to 7c; turkeys, 7 to 11c; ducks, 8 to 9c; geese, 7 to 8c.

Live stock—Hogs—\$3.30 to \$3.62 1-2. Cattle, \$2.90 to \$4.00.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

London, Jan. 31.—The trade in cattle to-day was firm, with a stronger undertone, and prices scored a further advance of 1-4c to 1-2c per lb. Choice States sold at 11 3-4c, choice Canadian at 11c, choice Argentine at 10 1-2c. The market for sheep was also stronger, and prices were 1-2c higher, choice Canadians selling at 11c; Argentine at 12c; States at 12c; and lambs, 13 1-2c.

Liverpool, Jan. 31.—A stronger feeling prevailed in this market, for cattle to-day, and prices ruled 1-4c higher than a week ago, choice United States cattle selling at 11 1-4c; choice Canadians at 10 3-4c, and sheep were firm at 12 1-2c.

A BENEFIT.

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