

winter and spring. Manitoba cattle went into winter quarters in poor condition, owing to the long spell of wet, cold weather in the fall, and the number being fed for beef is thought to be limited.

SHEEP—None offered. Entirely nominally at 31-2c here.

HOGS—Quoted steady at 43-4c off cars for selected weights.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

Country Markets.

Wheat deliveries along C. P. R. points were heavier yesterday, 31,800 bushels having been delivered. Prices were also considerably higher than on the previous days of this week. At Sinitaluta 60 cents per bushel was paid and at Emerson 59. The price at Crystal City was 57 cents and at several other places 56 cents was paid. The average price was about 54 cents. The quotations were:

Main line—Poplar Point 53, High Braff 55; McGregor, Austin, 50; Sidney 52; Carberry, Douglas, 55; Brandon 50; Griswold, Oak Lake, Virden, Hargrave, Fleming, 53; Elkhorn, Moomson, 51; Wapella, 54; Whitewood 53; Wolseley 52, Sinitaluta 60, Indian Head 53, Qu'Appelle 55, Balgonie, Regina 51; Moose Jaw 50.

Prince Albert branch—Rosthern 47. Souris branch—Menteith 55, Elva 52. Southwestern branch—Carman, Treherne 53.

Pembina branch—Altona 56, Gretna Plum Coulee, Winkler, Morden, 52; Thornhill 55, Killarney 55, Nunga 52. Emerson branch—Emerson 59, Dominion City, 53 1/2.

There were 6,000 bushels of wheat and 3,000 bushels of oats delivered at M. and N. W. railway points yesterday. The prices paid for oats ranged from 16 to 21 cents; the wheat prices at the principal points were. Gladstone 54, Minnedosa 54, Arden 53, Neepawa 55, Franklin 56. Minnedosa Neepawa 55, Franklin 56. Shoal Lake 52, Rapid City 51, Yorkton 44.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 10c lower, corn and oats a fraction higher, hides 1-2c higher. The most remarkable feature is a big slump of 7c per dozen on fresh and held fresh eggs.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80, second patents, \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.75 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$9 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$12.00 to \$14.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 32 3/4 for No. 3 yellow, and 32 1/2 for No. 3.

Oat—Held at 28c for No. 3 white, and 27 3/4 for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 37 to 42c; feed quoted at 34 to 35c.

Flax seed—\$1.13 3/4 per bushel

Eggs—18c for strictly fresh, including cases; held fresh, 14 to 15c; seconds, 12c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1/2c, fair to good, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1/2 to 18 1/2c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 14c, dairy 14 to 16c, for choice to fancy; seconds, 11 to 12c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1/2c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 5 to 8c; hogs, choice, 4 1/4c; medium, 4c; heavy, 3 1/2c.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 6 to 9 1/2 hens, 5 to 7 1/2c; roosters, 4c, turkeys, 8 to 10c; ducks, 5 to 9c; geese, 5 to 8c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 83-4 for No. 1; 73-4c for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 63-4 to 73-4c; sheepskins, 25 to 30c each; veal, calf, 10 to 11 1-2c; tallow, 2 1/4 to 3 1-2c; seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Mixed lots, 25 to 28c, white, 30 to 35c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$4 to to \$4.50 barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1-2 to 15 2c.

H y—\$6.50 to \$7.00 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight, \$3.35 to \$3.50, heavy, \$3.10 to \$3.20 per 100 lbs. Sheep, \$3 to \$3.95, lambs, \$4.25 to \$5. Cattle, stockers, \$2.75 to \$3.25. Butchers' choice, \$3.75 to \$4.25, cows and heifers, \$2 to \$3; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Damp Wheat.

There is much anxiety throughout the country to know the value of damp or tough wheat. The Commercial has given all the information possible about damp wheat, but this is very little, as there has been no valuable information to give. In fact, up to the present the value of damp wheat has simply been a matter for speculation. The best posted grain dealers themselves do not know the value of the commodity, and they will not know this until either an export or home milling demand has become apparent for this class of wheat. A committee of the grain men may visit Port Arthur to look into the dried wheat question, with a view to learn, if possible, what effect the application of various degrees of heat in drying has on the wheat.

Western Business Items.

F. Fahey, of J. W. Peck & Co., left this week for the west.

Crawford & Co., Neepawa, Man., are applying for incorporation.

Mrs. Power, general store, Theodore, Assa., is burned out.

A. Frederickson, grocer, Winnipeg, is adding boots and shoes to his business.

Callin & McDonogh, lumber, Russell, Man., have assigned to Charles Burley.

James Hill, confectioner, Stockton, Man., is reported to have left that place.

J. J. Ryan, of Montreal, a well-known traveller, arrived in the city this week.

A joint stock company is being formed to take over the business of the Review newspaper, of Portage, Man.

H. A. Holman, confectioner, Winnipeg, is reported in difficulties, with liabilities large in proportion to assets.

W. Y. Davis, butcher, Prince Albert Sask., has taken John McKenzie into partnership. The new firm will be known as W. Y. Davis & Co.

The dry goods stock of the estate of T. B. Leveque, St. Boniface, will be sold by auction in block, in Winnipeg on Jan. 21. Stock and fixtures amount to \$7,236.

Henderson & Co., implements, Brandon, Wapazesa and Souris, Man., have dissolved partnership. Brandon business purchased by Smith, Inglis & Nelson.

Jas. White, of Alexander, contemplates starting a planing mill and sash and door factory at Carberry, Man. He wants exemption from taxation and free building site. It is likely, says the local paper, that both requests will be granted.

British Columbia Items.

R. Humber, cigars, Victoria, is burnt out.

J. Trace, groceries, Victoria, offers his business for sale.

Cargile & Collins, hotel, Ashcroft, is succeeded by Fred Nelson.

W. R. Johnson, wholesale fruits, is opening at Nelson.

H. C. Marr, butcher, Victoria, has sold out to McFadden & Mole.

C. A. Warren, general store, Golden, has suffered from fire; insured.

J. Wenger, jewelry, Victoria, has suffered slight loss by fire; insured.

Hicks, Gideon & Co., music dealers, Victoria, have dissolved. Gideon Hicks continues.

Ullman & Cosgriff, fruit, cigars, etc., Kaslo, have dissolved, Daniel Cosgriff continues.

Fletcher Bros., pianos, organs, etc., stock damaged by fire; loss estimated at \$6,000, insurance \$2,500.

Thomas Bros. & Grant, tailors, Victoria, are burned out. Stock complete destroyed; loss estimated at \$10,000; insurance \$3,500.

After eleven years' service with the Hudson's Bay company in Winnipeg C. McGinn leaves to fill a position in their store at Nelson, B. C.

In the legislature a motion by Mr. Helmcken urging the Dominion government to increase the per capita tax on Chinese entering Canada, and to pay three-fourths of the amount to British Columbia, as the province is suffering most by this immigration, was adopted unanimously without discussion.

The second reading of the placer mining amendment act, providing that only British subjects shall be allowed to take out free miners' licenses in this province, passed the legislature on Jan. 13. Some members wanted the prohibition extended to quartz mining.

Karl K. Albert, Winnipeg, has been appointed western representative for C. Wilson & Son's Toronto Scale works. He has also received the western agency for the Montreal Show Case works.

A curious feature of the new penny postage rate between Canada and the other parts of the Empire is the fact that a large amount of mail matter from United States border cities and towns will now be posted in Canada for the sake of the three cents savings which it will mean, thereby, depriving the United States government of the revenue from these. It is said that the increase in Canadian revenue from the old country letters of the city of Detroit alone will amount to a large sum every year.

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