

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

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

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, September 2.

Favorable weather for the grain harvest produces a satisfactory feeling, and the harvest is now well advanced, under good conditions. The financial stringency abroad has been felt here in the inability of the Winnipeg civic authorities to dispose of city bonds at favorable prices. As a consequence, the debentures are being held, and proposed public improvements will be laid over for the present. Otherwise interest rates remain about as they were, though Toronto and Montreal discount rates have been advanced as much as one per cent. Labor is fully employed taking care of the harvest. Threshing outfits are now getting to work and good wages are paid for threshers. The strike at two of the Lake of the Woods mills has been settled and the mills are running again. Cattle shipments are being made weekly for export, both of Manitoba cattle and western range cattle.

**GREEN FRUITS**—Lemons have continued scarce. Messins have come forward only in small lots yet. A small lot of Australian lemons also arrived. They were of fair quality and in good condition, but require more care and experience in sorting and packing. Oranges have been in limited supply, and confined to California late Valencia. Melons are still coming forward, and are cheaper, but probably the last car lot has arrived. Blueberries are now over ripe, and not in good handling condition. Ontario tomatoes are coming forward and selling well. There was a stoppage in arrivals of California fruit, which has left the market bare at the moment, and dealers have been unable to fill orders. This is a matter beyond the control of local dealers, but shipments are expected to begin to come forward again at once. A straight car of southern concord grapes has arrived, and prices are lower. Ontario apples are not arriving yet, but a car of ciabs has arrived. Some Ontario pears have come in, but generally Ontario fruit has not come forward freely yet. Bananas are scarce. The quotations for California fruits are more or less nominal, in the absence of stocks. Prices are: California oranges, Valencia, \$6.50 to \$7.00; Ontario tomatoes, 75c to \$1.50 per 1/2 bushel baskets as to quality; California peaches, \$1.50 per box; Bartlett pears, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; plums \$1.50 per crate; tokay and muscat grapes \$3.50 crate; bananas, \$2.75 to 3.50 per bunch; Concord grapes, 75c per 1/2 bushel basket; southern apples, \$6 to 7 per barrel; crab apples, \$6.50 to 7 per barrel; Ontario pears \$1 to 1.10 per basket; blueberries, 4 to 6c per lb; water-melons, \$4 per dozen.

**WHEAT**—Wheat prices have been irregular in leading markets abroad this week, and it cannot be said that any material improvement has been made. The annual summary of the wheat crop of the world, as prepared by the Hungarian minister, was given out this week, showing a slightly under average crop. The Vienna seed congress also issued its annual summary of the world's crop, making wheat 200,000,000 bushels less than last year. The science of crop reporting, we may add, is yet in a very imperfect state, and little reliance can be placed upon these crop summaries. The official crop report for Ontario, published elsewhere in this issue, shows a good crop of fall wheat, both as to quantity and quality, but the spring wheat crop is very poor, in quantity and quality. This should lead to a good demand for Manitoba hard wheat from eastern millers, for mixing, in order to grade up their flour.

*Bradstreet's*, of Sept. 2, says: "Recent heavy wheat export movements showed themselves last week in a large increase in and all at for Europe about 1,400,000 bushels, which decreases of 334,000 in the United States and Canada and 100,000 bushels in Australia could not offset. Exports of wheat, both coasts of the United States (and flour as wheat), and from Montreal aggregate 4,000,000 bushels, compared with 4,910,000 bushels last week, with 3,241,000 bushels a year ago, 6,441,000 bushels two years ago, 1,570,000 bushels three years ago, and 2,679,000 bushels four years ago."

Locally the new crop is now attracting attention, and it is agreed that it will be of high quality. A good many samples have come in, and a few early loads have been received at country points. Two or three car lots of new wheat have been moved, and dealers are preparing for the general fall movement. Two bushel samples are now being collected from all points for the grain standards board. There were 1,231,304 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on August 26, being a decrease of 119,899 for the week. There were also 107,048 bushels of oats and 198,750 bushels of barley in store.

**FLOUR**—Prices in small lots to the local trade are quoted: Patents, \$1.80, strong bakers' \$1.65; XXXX 70 to 95c; superfine 75 to 50c. Low grades irregular. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots.

**MILLSTUFFS**—The price to the local trade, delivered is \$9 to 10 for bran and \$11 to \$12 for shorts as to quantity.

**GROUND FEED**—Held at \$17 to 20 per ton as to quality.

**OATMEAL, ETC.**—Unchanged. Rolled oats quoted at \$2.20 per sack, while some brands are quoted \$2.30. Granulated varies from \$2.20 to \$2.30; standard \$1.75 to \$2; cornmeal \$1.60 to \$1.65; beans, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley \$2.40 to 2.50; pearl barley \$4 per sack.

**OATS**—Quiet, and held at about the same as a week ago, cars on track at 28 to 31c per bushel, local freights paid. Car lots, country points, about 24 to 25c per bushel of 34 pounds.

**BARLEY**—Held at about 22 to 23c on track at country points.

**BUTTER**—The market continues to show a firm and steady disposition, and values have quietly appreciated. There is not much shipping business doing, and purchases of round lots in the country have been going into store here mostly. We quote round lots at 12 1/2 to 14c as to quality, and 1c more for small or single package lots.

**CHEESE**—Cheese has been gradually creeping up in the idea as to value. Factories are now asking 9 1/2c for late makes in some cases, though we have not heard of sales at over 9c.

**EGGS**—Eggs are higher again. Dealers are paying 12 1/2c for round lots. There is necessarily a wider margin between the buying price in round lots and the selling price in single case or small lots than there was earlier in the season, as receipts now have to be candled, with more or less loss for rejected. Case lots selling at 14 to 15c.

**CURED MEATS**—We quote: Dry salt long clear bacon 12c; smoked long clear 13c; spiced rolls 10 1/2 to 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon 14 to 15 1/2c; smoked hams, 14c; shoulders, 12 to 12 1/2c; mess pork, \$20.00 per barrel. Sausage quoted: bologna sausage 9c lb; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet.

**LARD**—Pure held at \$2.50 to 2.60, in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound, at \$2.10 to \$2.20 per pail.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Beef quoted at 5 to 6c as to quality. Mutton at 11c. Pork, easier at 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c. Veal 7 to 8c. There is still complaint as to the quality of grass fed cattle.

**HIDES**—Dull and unchanged. We quote Winnipeg inspected here as follows: No.

1 cows, 3c; No. 2, 2c; No. 3, 1 1/2c; No. 1, heavy steers, 4c; No. 2 steers, 3c. Real veal 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips, about same as hides. Sheepskins, shearlings, 15 to 25c each. Lamb-skins, 20c to 25c. Tallow, 4 1/2 to 5c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL**—Ordinary long wools bring 7 to 8c per lb; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 8 to 9c lb; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

**SHEEP**—We quote 25 to 26c for good dry root and 10c for green. One lot is said to have sold at 28c this week. Some buyers are out of the market, claiming prices are too high, as the outlook abroad is unsatisfactory.

**HAY**—Not much doing. Baled hay quoted at \$5 to \$7 per ton.

**LIVE STOCK**—The new summer packing house has begun operations, and there will now be a larger local demand for live hogs, though a considerable number have been purchased in anticipation of the completion of the packing house. The market is well stocked with sheep, but those held have been bought at higher prices than could now be obtained. It would be hard to sell a round lot of sheep over 4 1/2c. Cattle have been going forward for export freely, from the western ranges and also of Manitoba cattle, in train load lots.

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Trading was active on Monday, with a firmer feeling and higher prices. Wheat opened 1/2 to 3/4c higher than Saturday's close, advanced a fraction, declined 1/4c, fluctuated and closed 1c higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	62	62 1/2	63 1/2
Corn .....	37 1/2	37 1/2	—
Oats .....	—	23 1/2	—
Pork .....	14 75	14 75	—
Lard .....	8 10	8 10	—
Ribs .....	8 95	8 95	—

On Tuesday, wheat was quieter and opened a fraction higher, but declined 1/2 to 1c, then advanced 1/2 to 3/4c, declined and closed 1/2 to 3/4c lower. Corn continued stronger. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	62	62 1/2	63 1/2
Corn .....	37 1/2	37 1/2	—
Oats .....	—	23 1/2	—
Pork .....	—	14 45	—
Lard .....	—	7 75	—
Ribs .....	—	8 62 1/2	—

On Wednesday wheat was dull and lower, opening 1/2 to 3/4c lower, fluctuated within a 1/2c range and closed 1/2 to 3/4c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	61 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2
Corn .....	37 1/2	37 1/2	—
Oats .....	—	23 1/2	—
Pork .....	—	14 55	—
Lard .....	—	7 90	—
Ribs .....	—	8 60	—

On Thursday wheat had a strong upward movement, under brisk buying by shorts, just before the close. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	—	62 1/2	63 1/2
Corn .....	—	37 1/2	—
Oats .....	—	23 1/2	—
Pork .....	—	14 65	—
Lard .....	—	7 95	—
Ribs .....	—	8 65	—

On Friday wheat was quiet, opening 1/2 to 3/4c lower, declined a little more, advanced fractionally, but declined at the close. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat .....	—	62 1/2	63 1/2
Corn .....	—	37 1/2	—
Oats .....	—	23 1/2	—
Pork .....	—	15 00	—
Lard .....	—	7 95 1/2	—
Short ribs .....	—	8 70	—

On Saturday December wheat opened at 67 1/2c and closed at 66 1/2c per bushel.