

shadow of the close of navigation has denuded the activity of the large shippers in buying, and the business transacted has been confined principally to, for the most part, speculative trades between the smaller dealers. In this way prices have been kept above a shipping value. This feature is getting nearly worked out, and will come to an end with the close of the month, and prices are gradually coming to a shipping level. With the advance in outside markets on Monday, the price of spot 1 hard in store Fort William rose to 71 1-2c. Tuesday it was at 72c, and a good deal of spot 1 hard changed hands at that figure. Wednesday prices continued firm, with sellers of 1 hard, spot Fort William at 72c, and buyers at 71 1-2c. Thursday being Thanksgiving day, was a holiday. Yesterday outside markets were lower, and here the feeling was intensely dull, there being scarcely any buyers at any price. In the forenoon a little spot 1 hard was sold at 71c, but in the afternoon 70 1-2c was the best bid that could be got for a trifling quantity. Most buyers were off the market altogether, and those who would quote a price put it at 70c for spot 1 hard in store Fort William. Two hard and 1 northern have continued to sell at 4c less than 1 hard, although occasionally the difference has been made 3 1-2c. Three hard, 2 northern and 1 spring sell for 7 1-2 to 8c under 1 hard, and scoured 1 and 2 hard and 1 northern are worth about 6 1-2c in store Fort Arthur. No grade wheat sells at from 5 to 10c under straight grade, according to degree of dampness, but there is no regular market price for it. There are sellers of wheat for December delivery at 67 1-2c basis, 1 hard in store Fort William, and 2 hard and 1 northern 4c less. Scarcity of cars continues to the loss and annoyance of shippers at country points. Lake navigation may close any day now, and is almost certain to do so within 7 or 8 days.

**FLOUR**—Quotations are the same as last week. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$2.05 for patent, \$1.85 for strong bakers, \$1.45 for second bakers and \$1.15 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs. Discount of 5c per sack net.

**MILLFEED**—Prices are the same as last week. Bran is quoted at \$3 and shorts at \$10 per ton, with an advance of 50c per ton on these prices for small lots.

**GROUND FEED**—There is quite a variety of ground feed in the market, the price varying from \$13 to \$19 per ton, as to quality. Good oat chop is quoted at \$18 to \$19 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$16 to \$17, and wheat mixtures, \$13 to \$14. A little local mill oil cake is now offering at \$23 per ton.

**OATMEAL**—Manitoba oatmillers are now getting a sufficient supply of oats to enable them to operate their mills and they are now offering meal more freely. From this out the local mills will control the markets and no more imported meal will be brought in. Car lots of rolled are quoted at about \$1.60 per sack of 50 lbs.

**OATS**—The weak feeling reported last week has continued and prices are again lower. The Commercial reported some time ago that prices would go much lower as soon as the supply increased. This has now happened, and it is doubtful if the bottom has been reached yet. The quantity offering this week has been in excess of local requirements, and as prices are still far above a shipping basis, we may see considerably lower values yet. Car

lots of feed oats have sold this week at 24 1-2 and 25c per bushel of 34 pounds and choice samples, suitable for milling, have been quoted at about 26c. The quality of offerings varies very much and there is a good deal of poor stuff. The quantity of ordinary feed oats offering is in excess of the demand and the market closes very weak, at about 24 to 25c. In fact one dealer said yesterday that if he could get a firm bid for a large lot, he could fill it at 23 to 24. The large grain buyers here kept out of the market and would not pay more than 40 to 42c in the country, which is about shipping value, as they expect that the supply is in excess of local requirements. Cars in the country have been quoted at 16 to 18c as to freight rates.

**BARLEY**—There is very little demand for feed barley, which is quoted at about 26 to 28c per bushel of 48 lbs. Some corn is still being imported from the United States for feed purposes, owing to the fact that parties who got into the custom of using corn for feed during the late scarcity of local feedstuffs, prefer it to other feeds. Matting barley is in good demand at 30 to 35c as to quality.

**WHEAT**—Local street market—There is an over supply of low grade wheat offering for chicken feed, etc., at 30 to 35c per bushel of 60 lbs.

**FLAX SEED**—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers. The amount offered has been very limited and the quality rather poor.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—The market is steady, at about the same prices as quoted last week. Factories are all about closed out. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—The market is easy at 15 to 16c here, as to quality for choice lots of fresh goods. The top quotation is an outside price for strictly choice lots. Mostly small lots of late made goods now offering.

**CHEESE**—The market is quoted the same as last week. Factories are about cleared out. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes.

**EGGS**—There are very few Manitoba eggs offering. Manitoba fresh or good Ontario fresh are quoted by jobbers at 19 to 20c, held fresh at 17 to 18c, and lined at 16 to 17c. There is much variation in quality of some of the so-called fresh, while there is also some very good stock offering.

**CURED MEATS, ETC.**—Prices, which are given on another page, are lower all around. Lard is easier. Compound is quoted 5c lower. Sausage casings have advanced 5c per lb.

**POULTRY**—Thanksgiving week has naturally been a heavy one and dealers report a very satisfactory volume of trade. Prices are: Spring chickens 8c to 10c per lb.; hens, 8c; turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c, and ducks and geese, 9c to 10c. Most of the turkeys offering are Ontario stock. Car lots of mixed Ontario poultry will soon be coming in.

**GAME**—Ducks and geese are practically out of the market. Rabbits are worth about 8 1-2c each or 3 for 25c.

**DRESSED MEATS**—The situation in pork continues pretty much as it was last week. Hogs are very scarce and further importations from the east are being made. It is said that one concern alone has three car loads now on the way and will likely make further importations. The top price quoted by packers is 6c for hogs

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