

year ago stocks at lake ports were 2,592,390 being an increase of 199,825 for the week. Prices are about the same in country markets.

**FLOUR**—There is nothing new which can be said about flour. The temporary strength in wheat gave millers some hope and made them a little firmer, but this week that hope has vanished by the sinking of the wheat markets. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city are as follows: Patents, \$1.60 to 1.65; strong bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 80 to \$1.00 as to quality. Lower grades, 60 to 75c. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

**MILLSTUFFS**—Prices hold at the advance noted last week, at \$11 to 12 for bran and \$13 to 14 for shorts.

**OATMEAL, ETC.**—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.40 in small lots for 80 lb. sacks; standard, in 89 pound sacks, \$2.60 and granulated, \$2.60. Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat flour, \$4; and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$5.50 per barrel.

**GROUND FEED**—There is not much doing in ground feed, and prices range from \$17 to \$19 per ton as to quality.

**OATS**—Prices hold about the same as quoted a week ago, 24c being the usual quotation per bushel of 34 pounds, for cars on track at country points, average freight rate, for feed quality. In Winnipeg of the street market 28 to 31c per bushel is paid farmers for leads, 30 to 31c being for milling quality.

**BARLEY**—Car lots on track country points are quoted at about 28c for feed quality, per bushel of 48 pounds. Malting samples will bring only about the same as feed grade. A couple of cars were reported sold for local brewing purposes at about 35 or 36c on track here, freight paid, which is about on a parity with the quotation for feed grade at country points.

**FEED WHEAT**—A good sample of feed wheat will bring 40c per bushel of 60 pounds.

**FLAX SEED AND MEAL**—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

**BUTTER**—The market remains quiet and easy. Some dealers quote their selling prices at 21 to 22c for small lots of choice dairy, but the top figure would be for selected. Round lots are bought at 17 to 18c, and would have to average good to bring 18c. Sales have been made of common for cooking purposes at 15 to 16c. A car of inferior was being made up for shipment east. Rolls are quiet, and are taken at about 20c for good round lots.

**EGGS**—Are lower again, sales having been made at 17c per dozen in small lots. Fresh, 23 to 25c.

**CURED MEATS**—No change in prices to note this week. There is a tendency to cut very fine on round lots. Prices are: hams, 13c; breakfast bacon, 13c for backs and 13½c for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½c; boneless hams, 11c; mess pork, \$19.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 9c per lb; German, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb.

**LARD**—Pure lard held at \$2.30 in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound unchanged, at \$2.10 per pail; compound in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, \$7 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3 and 5 pound tins, quoted at \$7.75 per case of 60 pounds.

**DRESSED MEATS**—There is a rather firmer tendency, as usual at this time of year, for good fresh killed beef, which has sold up to 5½c, but only a limited business doing. Frozen beef quiet at about 4c for country dressed, sides or carcasses. Mutton is something of a drug, owing to eastern mutton, intended for British

Columbia, having been thrown on this market. We quote 8c for small quantities, by the car cases, but a round lot buyer would cut this price between 1 and 2c. Hogs rather easier, 6c being the general price, and we quote 6 to 6½c.

**POULTRY**—Following prices are almost nominal, and to press sales would have to go lower: 12 to 13c for turkeys, 9 to 10c for geese and ducks and 7 to 9c for chickens.

**HIDES**—There are very few hides offering, and country butchers and dealers appear to be holding their frozen stock on account of low prices. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides here as follows: No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3c; No. 2 heavy steers 2c; No. 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½c per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. We quote 45 to 50c for new sheep and lamb skins, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

**WOOL**—Ordinary long wools nominal at 7 to 8c per pound, mixed quality, containing some finer grades 9 to 9½c per pound; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes selling on the street 40 to 45c per bushel. Other vegetables are quoted. Turnips, 20 to 25c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnips, 2c per lb; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel. Cabbage, scarce at 75c to \$1.50 per dozen. Celery, 25 to 40c per dozen.

**HAY**—Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton, or \$4 to \$4.50 at country points. Loose hay on the street market about \$3 to 4 per ton. Some cutting in prices of baled.

**LIVE HOGS**—Quoted unchanged at 5 to 5½c off cars here. Our quotations of last week were misrepresented through a typographical error on the part of the printer.

### Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the weeks ending on the dates given, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding week, a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Dec. 16.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 30.	Dec. 6.	Jan. 13.
Extra Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0
hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	50	47	42	48	29
No. 2 hard	23	11	35	33	13
No. 3 hard	1	0	0	4	2
No. 4 hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern	10	8	8	6	7
No. 2 Northern	0	1	1	1	0
No. 1 White type	1	0	0	2	1
No. 2 White type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	0	0	0	1	2
Rejected	4	6	4	5	4
No Grade	0	1	0	2	0
Total	80	74	98	103	53
Same week last year	467	101	234	213	153

\* Wheat inspected at Emerson, going out via the Northern Pacific, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

### An Interesting Suit.

At Emerson, Man., the case of James Burdette vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway company came up last week. The plaintiff, James Burdette, is a hardware merchant, of Emerson, who, with a number of other Emerson merchants, had ordered merchandise in Winnipeg to be shipped to Emerson on June 28 last. The goods arrived at the Emerson station over the defendant's railway on June 30 at noon and the agent, having an order for a car from W. E. Griffith to be loaded with grain from his elevator, placed the car with the merchandise in it at the elevator. The same evening the elevator, car and merchandise was consumed by fire, resulting in loss to the merchants. The company refused to give any damages for the same, and hence the action. The plaintiffs' contention was that the elevator was

not the proper destination of the car, but the freight house, and that the elevator, from its construction and being operated by a steam engine, and also being a cleaning elevator, there also being much inflammable material around it of which the company well knew, and the car having been placed there without the plaintiffs' knowledge or consent and for the convenience of the company, that the company was guilty of negligence, and therefore legally responsible for the loss. The defendant relied on their special contract endorsed on their bill of lading, and also endeavoring to show that the fire was caused by lightning, and if so contended that the company would not be liable, the cause being "an act of God."

Mr. Forrester, of Emerson, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Minty, assistant solicitor at Winnipeg for the company, for the defendants. Judgment was reserved.

### New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, wheat closed at 69½c for May delivery. A week ago May wheat closed at 74½c.

### Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat sold on Saturday at 30½ to 61c for cash. May closed at 60½c. A week ago cash closed at 60½c and May at 60½c.

### Late Western Business Items.

The estate of Greenway & Richards, general store, Crystal City, Minn., is advertised for sale.

E. Evoy, hotel, Douglas, Man., is succeeded by Fisher.

J. M. Gilroy, harness, Elkhor, Man., has sold out to John Carwin.

Douglas & Co., boots and shoes, Portage la Prairie, Man., sheriff in possession.

W. H. Gocher & Co., machinists, &c., Souris, Man., sheriff in possession.

D. Kearnes, livery, Maple Creek, Assa., is succeeded by J. Mutrey.

Hanna & Taylor, undertakers, Victoria, B.C., have dissolved; Wm. J. Hanna continues.

W. J. Trythall, fancy goods and stationery, Vancouver, stock being disposed of by auction sales.

A. McDonald, livery, Port Arthur, has sold out to R. Guerrard & David A. Squire.

The Rat Portage Hardware Co., Rat Portage, has been granted incorporation.

The beet root sugar factory at Berthier, Quebec, is preparing for a big season this year. M. Lefebvre & Co., of Montreal, the vinegar manufacturers, who own the factory, have contracted with the farmers for over 3,000 acres of sugar beets.

The contract for supplying plant, machinery, etc., for a binding twine factory to be started by the Dominion government at the Kingston penitentiary, has been awarded to John Connor, of St. John, N.B., who is said to be connected with the cordage combine. The Ontario government established a binder twine factory last year at the Toronto Central prison, so that prison binder twine will be abundant soon.

E. C. S. Wetmore, representing McMaster & Co., of Toronto, who is now in the West, writes THE COMMERCIAL enclosing the card of the Grand Pacific hotel, of Kamloops, B.C., upon which it is stated that this journal is to be found on file at the hotel, for the convenience of travellers. Mr. Wetmore adds that he would like to see this custom generally adopted throughout the country by the hotels at which the commercial travellers put up, as the travellers look for THE COMMERCIAL and are disappointed when they miss it. If the numbers would be kept for a month or so back, it would please the travellers.