

west. Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Steers, Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; bulls, 5c; cal, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tal low 3 1/2c per lb.

HARDWARE AND METALS

There is no change to report in the local markets. Prices for iron and metals continue firm at first hands, and it is expected that spring stocks will show a considerable advance in prices. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6 1/2 to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7 1/2c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS

Trade continues steady and in fair volume and prices are unchanged and as follows: Spanish sole, 23 to 32c; slaughtered sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf 90 to \$1.00; French kip \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings 12c.

LUMBER

The demand from the city has kept up actively right to the present time, and there does not yet appear to be any diminution in the call, though it is not expected to hold out much longer. The call from the country is light. A good many parties have already been dispatched to the woods, and it is expected that the log cut this winter will be considerably larger than that of last season.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

There has been a livening up in this line, and the past week has shown a fairly active trade, but this is looked upon as of short-lived duration, and merely the last effort of the season. Quotations are as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No. 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2.00, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 36c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 30c; Eldorado, machine, 56c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS

The feeling has been slightly quieter, though still fairly active for the season.

STATIONERY AND PAPER

Dealers have now commenced to send out Christmas goods, such as cards, albums and fancy lines. The staple trade has been rather quiet.

WINES AND SPIRITS

A moderate business continues to be done, with prices steady as follows: Gooderam

& Wort's five year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$8.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

WOOL

There is now only an odd lot occasionally coming in. Prices have not been altered and are as follows: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c to 16c; coated and broken, washed, 12c; unwashed 8c to 11c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 12c.

THE MARKETS

WINNIPEG

WHEAT

In the leading cereal there has been no change whatever in prices since last report, the slight differences occurring in outside markets not influencing prices here. Shipments have been moving out more freely, for which purpose cars have been more readily obtained. Receipts at primary provincial points have gradually increased and toward the close of the week quite an amount of wheat was being brought to market daily by farmers. One firm took in about fifty cars on Friday, aggregating the amount received at the different points where buyers were local, which was the heaviest day's receipts of the season to date. At provincial points prices paid to farmers varied from 50 to 57c for No. 1 hard, according to freight rates from point of purchase. In the city 62c was paid for No. 1 hard delivered at the mills, and 59c for No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern.

FLOUR

Prices were easier in some grades, and patents was offered 10c lower. There is also some variation from quotations by different dealers. Prices for broken lots, delivered in the city, or f.o.b. are as follows: Patents, \$2.40, with some dealers holding at \$2.45; strong bakers, \$1.80; XXXX easier at \$1.20 to \$1.30, and some holding at \$1.40; superfine, 90c to \$1.00.

BRAN AND SHORTS

have both been advanced \$1, to \$9 for bran and \$11 for shorts.

BARLEY

There do not appear to have been any transactions in this grain, and both in the city and at country points there is scarcely anything offering. One car on track here was held at 50c, at which price a purchaser would be doubtful.

OATS

Oats have kept up at the top prices, and have even gone higher, 42c having been paid for car lots on track, and 40c for loads on the market. There has been a considerable demand to fill mounted police and other western contracts. Some dealers think present prices cannot be maintained long, but others say prices will go higher.

OATMEAL

Prices given last week were outside quotations, and have not been held. Usual quotations for small lots are \$2.50 for standard and \$2.75 for granulated.

POTATOES

Prices hold steady at about last quotations,

30 to 40c being the range at which lots are laid down for here.

CHEESE

The home product appears to have been about exhausted, at least if any is yet held by factories it has not been offered in this market. The imported Ontario product sells in small lots at 13 to 14c.

EGGS

The demand has slackened up considerably owing to the advance in prices. Still all receipts of fresh have been taken as fast as they arrived in the market, and were it not that not nearly as many are wanted, there would be a great scarcity. Prices have held steady at the last quotation of 22c for fresh, though we have heard of one or two sales of single case lots at 23c. However, this was not a usual price. Some limited have been placed on the market at 20c but the sale of these is yet limited.

BUTTER

Receipts have kept up about the same and a liberal quantity has come to market. However the demand has continued good, and stocks have not accumulated to any visible extent. Prices have held steady and 18 to 19c appears to have been the usual price which good dairy has brought. Some small lots of extra choice have brought 1c advance on these quotations, and we heard of some fancy going as high as 22c. These prices, however, were unusual, and only something out of the ordinary would command such. Medium qualities were quiet at from 14 to 17c, and poor at 10 to 12c.

BACON

Prices have held steady for all grades except spiced roll, which is quoted 1c lower. Prices are: Long clear, 8 1/2 to 9c; breakfast bacon, 12c; spiced roll, 11c.

HAMS

Have not altered in price and plain is still quoted at 15c.

LARD

Has sold in 20 lb pails at \$2.15 to \$2.25; 3 lb pails have sold at 43c each, and 5 lb pails at 65c each.

DRESSED MEATS

The demand for dressed pork holds good and prices have been strong. Nothing has sold as low as 5 1/2c, unless very poor quality, and from 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c has been readily paid. We have heard of as high as 6c being paid, but this did not seem to be a usual occurrence. Beef sides have sold at 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c, with 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c paid for country dressed. Mutton steady at 9c.

LIVE STOCK

Hoge hold firm at 4c off cars, for which price good mixed lots would be taken all around. One sale of a choice lot was reported at 4 1/2c, but the former figure is all that could be looked for. Cattle are somewhat easier, at 3 and 5 per cent. off cars, for good butchers' stock. Some quote from 2 1/2 to 3c. A shipment of choice cattle has been made to Liverpool, under the management of the C.P.R., as an experiment to learn what may be done in this direction.

HAY

Loads on the market sell at \$8 to \$10 per ton the latter for choice. Some timothy brought \$10 to \$12.

-MINNEAPOLIS

The little boom in wheat seems to have spent its force and prices have been falling, the past two days, though there is some show of strength at times. The bulls were terribly disappointed, Monday, by the size of the increase in the visible supply, it being three times as large as they expected, as they have since been trying to crawl from under their load as gracefully as possible. They are aided materially by the temporary blockade in the northwest, but this will soon be lifted. Winter wheat is still marketed freely, and spring wheat farmers show