

FLOUR—Prices to the retail trade this week are quoted as follows: Patent, \$1.80 strong bakers, \$1.60, XXXX, 90c to \$1.00 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack.

MILLEED—Dealers have trouble keeping up even a moderate supply of millfeed and they do not by any means supply all the demand. Stocks in the city are very light. Prices remain unchanged this week as follows: Bran \$11 per ton, shorts \$13 per ton, with \$1 off for large lots.

GROUND FEED—The quotation for best corn feed this week is \$20 per ton, inferior grades \$18 per ton. Oat chop is quoted at \$20 for best grades. Mixed feed of barley and oats is worth \$20. Low grade feeds can be obtained at \$10 to \$14 per ton. Oileake \$24 per ton.

OATS—Offerings of oats are becoming smaller every week. Prices have stiffened considerably this week and we note an advance of 1c per bushel. From 34 to 37c will now be paid for good oats and anything fit for seed is worth 40c per bushel.

BARLEY—Quoted at 28 to 33c for cars here.

CORN—Receipts are light yet, but as the season advances the volume will become larger owing to the scarcity of oats. City dealers are paying 41 to 43c per bushel for car lots as to grade.

FLAX SEED—None offering. Quoted nominally at 70c to 80c. There is quite a demand for flax seed for seed purposes, and there is talk of bringing some in for this purpose but it would cost very high. Flax seed is quoted about \$1.20 per bushel at Minneapolis this week.

WHEAT—Country prices—Prices to farmers at Manitoba country points are ranging from 52 to 55c for best grades of wheat.

OATMEAL—Rolled oats are quoted by Manitoba millers at \$1.90 in 50 pound sacks to the retail trade. Car lots of imported meal are quoted at \$1.75 to \$1.80 cost on track here to importers.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality. Stocks are very light.

BUTTER—Dairy—Receipts of choice fresh made dairy butter are small and no quantity of it is to be had in the city yet. Held grades are plentiful and meet with but little demand. Prices asked by dealers remain unchanged at last week's quotations of 15 to 17c for fresh makes and 13 to 14c for held stocks.

CHEESE—The cheese situation remains pretty much as outlined in last week's Commercial. Some local dealers are offering at 93-4c for large cheeses and 10c for small, while others are asking 1-4 to 1-2c advance on those figures. Even the outside price is much below, round lot quotations in Ontario markets.

EGGS—Eggs opened at 17c on Monday and have held at that figure all week, although some dealers anticipated an advance of at least 1c when the Easter demand reached its height owing to the exceedingly small supply. At the moment of writing this advance had not been realized and indications are that it will not be. Some city retailers are selling at 17 1-2c a dozen which indicates that values have not advanced any. Some Minneapolis stock has been selling here.

POULTRY—There is a good demand for live chickens for which the supply is not nearly adequate. Very few chickens are offering. Dressed chick-

ens are also scarce. Stocks of turkeys in the city are small and are practically in the hands of one or two dealers. The Easter demand for poultry has been good and dealers have been considerably puzzled to supply it. We quote prices as follows: Live chickens, 60 to 70c per pair; dressed chickens, 10 to 12c per lb.; turkeys, 10 to 12c; geese, 10c. Ducks are out of the market.

VEGETABLES—Fears are beginning to be entertained that some of the potatoes being held in pits for the spring and early summer supply have been nipped by the frost. It is known that a few pits have been. Offerings in the city have been light so far and prices firm at 40 to 45c, the latter price being for choice white. At country points 35 to 40c is quoted f.o.b. Green stuff has been fairly plentiful this week, radish, lettuce, parsley, onions and rhubarb, all being plentiful. We quote: Potatoes, choice white, 45c per bushel; red, 40c; turnips, 25c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per pound; carrots, 40 to 45c; beets, 40c per bushel; cabbage, 2c per pound; onions 3 1-2c per pound; rhubarb, imported, 8c per pound; radish, parsley and lettuce 40c per dozen bunches; onions, 25c per dozen bunches.

SENECA ROOT—None offering. About 19c represents the value.

HIDES—The market continues weak influenced by the lower quotations at Minneapolis, Chicago and Toronto, and by the inferior quality of the few that are offering here. Already there are signs of damage in some of the hides and some lots which have been exposed to the sun for a time are more or less hair slipped. Receipts are very light. We quote: Frozen hides, 6 to 6 1-2c less 5 pounds tare. Inspected hides, No. 1, 6 1-2c to 7c; No. 2, 5 1-2 to 6c; No. 3, 4 1-2 to 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3 kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

HAY—Offerings of hay are fairly large for the season, but the quality is not by any means good. Snow and ice is present in some of the baled hay offered in sufficient quantities to render it unsaleable except at reduced figures. Good hay finds a ready sale at our quotations of last week, which remain unchanged at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on track here, which is the price dealers will pay for it. Some shipments realize more than these figures owing to superior quality, but these may be taken as the prevailing quotations. Stocks of hay available at country points are getting low.

DRESSED MEATS—This being the laster week some extra choice lots of dressed meats have been offering in the city market. Supplies for this purpose have been fairly liberal. Veal and mutton were plentiful. Veal is becoming more so every day. Every few days car lots of fat salted cattle are being received in the Winnipeg market for local consumption. Hogs are very scarce and prices are somewhat enhanced. The expected ease off in prices has not materialized. At present quotations in Ontario hogs could not be laid down here at less than \$5.90, which is more than buyers are prepared to pay, and the season is too far advanced to handle them safely. We quote prices as follows: Beef, extra dressed, 6 to 7c per pound according to quality; frozen mutton, 7 to 8c; veal, 6 to 7c; hogs, \$5.75 to \$8.00 per 100 pounds. Fancy Easter meats

realized in some cases 1-2c advance over these quotations in a limited way.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—With the exception of the few that are moving for local butchers account there is nothing doing in beef cattle. We quote 3 1-2 to 4c for those. Buyers are still looking for stockers and are taking considerable numbers for future delivery. The market for these in the south is weaker and late advices show a decline of 25c per 100 pounds in price. This would mean about \$1 to \$1.50 less here for yearlings and proportionately more for two and three year olds. Some buyers are still paying the old figures, which we quote as follows: Yearlings from 10 to \$14; two year olds \$18 to \$22; and three year olds from \$25 to \$35.

HOGS—Practically none are offering. We quote 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c per pound.

SHEEP—Some sheep were in this week for the Easter market. Quotations remain at 4 1-2 to 5c per pound.

MILCH COWS—A good new milker is worth \$30 to \$40.

HORSES—Several carloads of horses arrived from the south this week and realized good prices. The demand for work horses is good, \$100 and upwards each will be paid for these.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour has advanced 15c per barrel in this market for the week. Oats are stronger at 3-4c advance for No. 3 white. Corn has advanced 1c, flax seed, 2 1-2c; and eggs, 1 to 1 1-2c. Prices for creamery butter were slightly easier on heavier receipts and a stronger feeling is also noticeable in dairy. Hides are off 1-4c on No. 1 and 2 grades, and on brands, bulls and oxen. Potatoes have advanced 5c per bushel for straight varieties and mixed reds and 2 to 3c for mixed whites. Hay is up 50c. Hogs were weaker and 5 to 7 1-2c lower, sheep stronger, and all kinds of cattle steady. Prices are:

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

Milled—shorts in bulk, \$10.00 to \$10.50; bran in bulk, \$10.25 to \$10.75; corn feed, \$12.75 to \$14.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 27 3-4c; No. 3, 27 3-4c.

Corn—Quoted at 31 1-4c for No. 3 yellow; 31c for No. 3, and 29 to 30 1-4c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.19 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—12 1-2 to 12 3-4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 11c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 11c to 13 1-2c, fair to good, 9 to 10c.

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 20c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 15c; dairy, 14 to 15c for choice to fancy; seconds, 13 to 13 1-2c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 8 1-4c for No. 1; 7 1-4c for No. 2; green salted steers, 7 to 8c; bulls, oxen and brands, 7 to 7 1-4c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c each; veal, calf, 9 to 10 1-2c; tallow, 3 to 4c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Apples—No. 1 stock, \$5.50 to \$6 per barrel.

Dressed Meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lamb, 5 to 6c; veal, 6 to 8c; hogs, light, 5c; medium, 6c; heavy, 1 1-2c.

Poultry—Chickens, 9 1-2 to 12c; hens, 7 to 11c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 9 to 12c; ducks, 6 to 11c; geese, 6 to 10c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per