

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago bran and shorts are 50c lower. Flax seed and oats a fraction higher. Eggs 1-2c lower. Cheese 1-2c higher. Butter 2 to 3c higher. Hides, 1-1c lower. Poultry 1c higher.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.55 to \$3.65; second patents, \$3.35 to \$3.45.

Milfeed—shorts in bulk, \$10.00 to \$10.50; bran in bulk, \$10.25 to \$10.75; corn feed, \$12.50 to \$14.75 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 27c; No. 3, 26 3-4c. Corn—Quoted at 30 1-4c for No. 3 yellow, 30c for No. 3, and 25 to 29c for No. 4.

Barley—35 to 40c.

Flax seed—\$1.17 per bushel.

Eggs—11c for strictly fresh, including cases, seconds, 8c.

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

Butter—Creamery, 18 to 20 1-2c for choice to extras; seconds, 13 to 17c; dairy, 13 to 18c; for choice to fancy seconds, 12 to 13c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 8 1-2c for No. 1; 7 1-2 for No. 2; green salted steers, 7 3-4 and 8 3-4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 70c each; veal, calf, 9 1-2 to 11c; tallow, 23-4 to 4c; seneca root, 21 to 24c.

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

Dressed Meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lamb, 5 to 8c, veal, 6 to 9c; hogs, light, 5c, medium, 5c; heavy, 4 1-2c.

Poultry—Chickens, 9 1-2 to 12c; hens, 7 to 11c, roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 8 to 12c; ducks, 6 to 11c; geese, 5 to 10c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 50 to 55c; mixed, white, 45 to 50c, mixed, red, 35 to 40c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$7.50 to \$8.00 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, \$3.60 to \$3.70 culls \$3.25 to \$3.40, sheep, range, \$4 to \$4.75; cattle, stockers, \$2.75 to \$4.00; butchers' steers, \$3.60 to \$4.50; butchers' cows, \$2 to \$3.75; stock cows, \$2.50 to \$3.65.

London Fur Sales.

Last week we gave a cable report of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s fur sales in London. This week we have some reports of the results of C. M. Lamson & Co.'s fur sales, which show as follows, compared with March a year ago:

Fisher, 10 per cent lower.
Dry fur seal, same as a year ago.
Wolverine, 50 per cent higher.
Fox, blue, 110 per cent higher.
Fox, red, 40 per cent higher.
Fox, cross, 15 per cent higher.
Fox, silver, 50 per cent higher.
Marten, 50 per cent higher.
Wolf, 20 per cent higher.
Lynx, 40 per cent higher.
Otter, 10 per cent higher.
Beaver, unchanged.

Following are prices compared with January last:

Muskrat, winter, unchanged.
Muskrat, spring, 5 per cent higher.
Muskrat, fall, 15 per cent lower.

Saskatchewan.

Mr. Trepanier, of Prince Albert, is opening a blacksmith shop at Duck Lake.

The Saskatchewan hotel at Duck Lake has changed hands. A. Marcotte & Co. are now the proprietors.

British Columbia Items.

G. Byrnes, auctioneer, Victoria, is dead.

E. Stuernol, plumber, has opened at Trail.

D. H. Chapman, hotel, Trail, is out of business.

Dr. E. Gordon is opening in drugs at Camp McKimney.

R. Thorburn, dry goods, Silverton, is going out of business.

D. Stewart, tailor, Vancouver, has admitted a partner.

F. L. Lamon, photographer, Revelstoke, is burned out; insured.

H. H. Howarth, jeweler, Brooklyn, is moving to Slocan City.

A. Buchanan, crockery, Vancouver, is opening for business.

J. B. Wilson, general store, Kaslo, is removing to Anconda.

Wm. Knox, of the Ceylon Tea Store, Victoria, has re-opened.

Campbell & McCrae, confectionery, Vancouver, are out of business.

E. F. Gerster, cigars, etc., Vancouver; stock sold to L. Nadelman.

Knaake & Williams, hardware, Trail, advertise giving up business.

Wm. Meadows is opening in cigars and confectionery at Cascade City.

R. D. & Kuester, bakers, Kaslo, have dissolved; Kuester continuing.

A. Thompson, baker, Kamloops, has sold out his business to John Barber.

Turner & Kalston, grocers, Roanoke, advertise dissolution; E. M. Kalston retires.

Thos. I. Worthington, fruit, fish, etc., Victoria, has sold out to D. J. Chungranes.

Mrs. Fred. Kaiser, hotel, Trail, has taken over the Kaiser House from Geo. Howell.

G. F. Williams & Co., dry goods, etc., Trail, are about opening a branch at Greenwood.

The bailiff is in possession of Klippen & Botsford's confectionery and bakery at Victoria.

The Godfrey Hardware Co., New Westminster, has sold out to R. F. Anderson & Co.

Seoffield & Co., of Pincher Creek, Alberta, dry goods, are opening a branch at Cranbrook.

Sick & Kaiser, brewers, Fort Steele, have dissolved partnership; Fred Kaiser retiring.

The Trackman & Kei Co., Vancouver, have purchased the feed business of Ferde & Co., at Nelson.

E. Nash, Commercial hotel, Victoria, has his furniture, fixtures, etc., advertised for sale by auction, 2nd of April.

Another cannery is to be built on the Fraser river, making the 4th. This one will be built by Wm. Peacock & Co. of London, Eng., on a site next to Malcolm & Windsor's cannery.

Fire destroyed the opera house and several stores at Wellington on March 18, the loss amounting to \$20,000. The insurance amounted to about 50 per cent of the losses. Grant Jessop's drug store and Henderson's confectionery store were among those destroyed.

The salmon cannery of the province have received word from Ottawa that the fishing regulations imposed by the Dominion government, and to which objection has been taken, are to be so modified as to meet the views of both cannery and fishermen.

The Victoria board of trade has passed the following resolution on the Kettle River railway scheme: "That this board of trade urge upon the Dominion government the necessity of granting a charter to the Kettle River railway."

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Returns for last week report 298 cars of wheat inspected (compared with 375 cars the previous week), which graded as follows: 1 hard, 30 cars, 2 hard, 8; 3 hard, 1; 1 northern, 72; 2 northern, 9; 3 northern, 5; 1 spring, 8; 1 white fife, 1; reject, 1; 6 1 frosted, 2, no grade, 96 cars. The falling off last week was mainly in no grade or dump wheat, there having been 164 cars of dump wheat the previous week. Though the total number of cars was 77 less, there were about 30 cars more of No. 1 hard than for the previous week, thus showing a gratifying improvement in the quality of the wheat moving.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 2,728,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 18. Increase for the week 204,000 bushels. A year ago stocks at Fort William were 719,000 bushels. Two years ago stocks were 3,027,000 bushels, three years ago, 3,872,000 bushels, four years ago, 910,000 bushels.

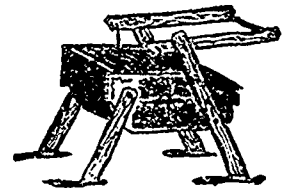
Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points are estimated at approximately 8,950,000 bushels, compared with about 3,500,000 bushels a year ago, and 6,000,000 bushels two years ago.

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