

samples, with the average quality worth about 60 to 65c per bushel. The inspector's returns up to October 11, show only one car of No. 1 hard inspected at Winnipeg so far this season. The average quality is something between No. 2 northern and No. 3 hard.

FLOUR.

The mills have obtained considerable new wheat and are now about all in operation, though if the wet weather continues long, supplies of wheat may again run short at some points. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade are now as follows:—Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers', \$2.70; second bakers, \$2.20 to \$2.40; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.20; middlings, \$2.90; Graham flour, \$2.70 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.

Bran and shorts hold at the decline noted last week. Prices are still considered high, and are likely to go lower soon, as with a plentiful crop of coarse grains, the demand will be lighter. Bran is quoted at \$13 and shorts at \$15 per ton, to the trade in small lots.

MEALS.

Prices are as follows: Oatmeal, standard \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.50 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

GROUND FEED.

Feed is quoted at \$22 to \$23 per ton as to quality.

OATS.

Oats were temporarily higher last week. The bad weather practically put a stop to deliveries on the local farmers' market, and high prices were paid, the few offered selling between 30 and 34c per bushel. At the oatmeal mill 32 to 34c was paid for good milling qualities. On track there was scarcely anything doing, only one car being reported offered up to Friday, and held at 30c, with 23 offered. It would appear from this that the quantity of oats marketed so far at country points is light. About 25c was the usual price to farmers in outside provincial markets, with a few cents higher paid at some points.

BARLEY.

Practically nothing offering, but average quality not worth much more than oats. Anything fit for malting will bring a fair price for local brewers use.

BEANS AND SPLIT PEAS.

White beans are jobbing at \$2.25 per bushel in small lots. Split peas are held in the same way \$2.75 per 100 pounds.

BUTTER.

The local market is firm, and the situation has been somewhat improved by the shipment eastward of a large quantity of inferior quality, which was hardly saleable on local account. This was bought up by a shipper at prices varying from 5 to 11c per pound, and the purchases would clear this market up well of the poor stuff. Good dairies will bring 16c readily from the local trade, and choice has sold at 17 and 18c. A small quantity of choice fresh rolls and prints sold at 19c. Eastern Canada markets are generally reported firm, and good prices are being obtained.

CHEESE.

Cheese is firmer and selling in a jobbing way at 10½ to 11c, with a prospect of better prices for choice late makes.

EGGS.

Eggs are firmer and quoted 1c higher, at 20 to 21c. Prices at St. Paul and Minneapolis have advanced, whence the bulk of the supply from this market is drawn.

LARD.

Held at \$2.15 per 20 lb. pail.

CURED MEATS.

Prices hold very steady and there is no further change to note. Prices here are as fol-

lows: Dry salt bacon, 10c; smoked long clear, 11c; spiced rolls, 12c to 13c; boneless breakfast bacon canvassed, 13½ to 14c; smoked hams, 14½ to 15c. Mess pork \$18 to \$18.50 per barrel. German sausage, 9c per lb.; Bologna sausage, 8c lb; ham, tongue and chicken sausage, 9c per ½ pound package.

DRESSED MEATS.

Pork is still the most notable article on the list, on account of the scarcity. Good hogs will bring 9½c per pound. Beef is steady at 5½c for good quality. Mutton is worth 10 to 11c; lamb, 11 to 12c; and veal 6 to 7c.

POULTRY AND GAME.

There is still a good demand for chickens, offering being light. Turkeys are worth 12½c per pound live weight. Chickens 50 to 60c per pair. Spring chickens, 40 to 50c per pair. The supply of game has been light, wild ducks being about the only thing and not many of these. Ducks worth 20 to 30c per pair.

POTATOES.

Potatoes were temporarily higher last week, on account of light offerings owing to bad weather. Very few were offered on the market, and loads brought 30 to 35c per bushel. These prices are only temporary, and a few fine days to increase the supply would reduce quotation 5 to 10c. There was no buying for shipment, the demand being only for local requirements.

VEGETABLES.

Most vegetables were temporarily higher, on account of bad weather, which greatly reduced offerings. Higher prices, however, were only owing to the scarcity for the time being, and therefore prices cannot be quoted higher. Quotations are: Cauliflower 40 to 75c per dozen head for choice. Cabbage 25 to 60c per doz. Tomatoes—native ripe, 4c to 6c per lb., green tomatoes per bushel, \$1.25 or \$1 for 20 lb. basket. Ontario tomatoes, 75c per 20 pound basket, though these sold at 65c a part of the week. Onions, 2 to 3c per pound. Celery, 25 to 40c per dozen heads; vegetable marrow, 30 to 60c per dozen. Citron, \$1 per dozen. Turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel. Carrots, 40 to 50c per bushel; beets 35c per bushel. Greenstuff in bunches is quoted: beets, 20c; green onions, 20c per doz. bunches; parsnips, 20 to 25c per doz. bunches. Pumpkins, 1½c per lb. Hubbard squash, \$1.50 per dozen; other varieties winter squash, 60c to \$1 per dozen; horse radish, 10c per lb.

HIDES.

Prices have declined in eastern markets, which makes the situation here easier. Prices dropped ½c at Toronto, where sellers were offering No. 1 cured at 7½c. Hides have been purchased in Chicago for eastern Canada tanners, at lower prices. Here prices are not changed, though the feeling is easy. About 4½ to 5c is considered fair value for round lots of salted hides at country points, though ½ to 1c higher has been paid in the country at point of shipment. Quotations here are 6c for No. 1 steers, and 5½ for No. 1 cows, 4½ for No. 2 and 3½ for No. 3; round lots country hides taken at 5½ to 5¾. Calfskins skin were taken at 4 to 6c. Sheep and lamb skins are now worth about the same figure, and newly killed will bring 35 to 45c each. Tallow, 2½c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

HAY.

There was almost a hay famine in the city last week. Hardly anything offering on the farmers market on account of bad weather, and prices advanced to \$7 to \$8 per ton for loose by the load. On track \$5 to \$9 per ton was asked for pressed and the latter in small lots sold as high as \$11 per ton. The last two weeks of bad weather would no doubt destroy a great deal of hay in the country, in stock. Many farmers were putting up hay after harvest, and a good deal of this would be in stock.

SENACA HOOT.

Few small lots offering, and worth 2½ to 30c per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

Shipments of cattle continue to go forward freely to Montreal. Several more large shipments are reported to go forward. For local use cattle are worth about 2½c to 2¾c, the bulk of purchases being between this range, though choice steers would bring 3c. No hogs offering but live would bring fancy figures, at a range between 6 and 7c, probably fully the top price for a few choice. The scarcity of hogs may be due to the fact that on account of the large crop of coarse grain, farmers may be holding to feed up more, though some believe they are not in the country, and that the supply will be short for some time.

The Crops.

It is claimed that the grain will average about 25 bushels to the acre in the district of Griswold, Manitoba.

The *Portage Review* says the average yield this year of the wheat crops in that vicinity is from twenty to twenty-five bushels to the acre.

Brandon Sun: There is a lot of very poor wheat coming in, many samples being utterly worthless for flour, owing to smut, frosted and other imperfections.

A gigantic mushroom, weighing 1½ pounds, and measuring 9½ inches in diameter, says a Prince Albert paper was discovered the other day on the river bank.

Threshing is almost through along the Elbow river, says the *Calgary Tribune* and the crops have turned out splendidly. J. Robinson has a return of 45 bushels of wheat and 67 bushels of barley to the acre—measured bushels.

The *Neepawa Register* says: "The probabilities are that our former estimate of the average yield of wheat in this district was under the mark so far as far as Rosedale is concerned. We have heard returns from about half a dozen farms within the past few days, and in two thirds of the cases over thirty bushels per acre has been recorded. In two cases there was an average of 32 bushels and in another case 31½."

The *Register*, Neepawa, Man., says:—"We believe that 800,000 bushels will be a low estimate of the wheat to be sold at Neepawa this season. It is not probable that more than 50,000 of this will be marketed before the middle of the present month. This would leave 750,000 bushels to deliver, and would make a daily average of 6,400 bushels for every working day from October 15th to March 1st. Supposing 70 cents to be the average price, there will be \$3,830 passing into circulation daily, or \$725,000 during the next three and one-half months."

Fur Items.

The last of the British Columbia sealers has arrived home from Behring Sea. No seizures this year.

The Hudson's Bay Co.'s fur shipment from Victoria, B. C., for the March sale in the London market will be ready in about one week, says the *Colonist*. It comprises a good selection both in size and quality of all kinds of furs, such as beaver, martin, bear, etc., but no seal. The value of the shipment will approximate \$150,000, and it will be the largest individual consignment of this class of fur this season.

A private meeting of the seal hunters was held recently at Victoria, B. C., says the