

## OATS.

Have been scarce and firmer in price. Mixed sold at 35c, on track. At the close white sold at 36c on track, and mixed was worth previous prices. Street prices closed at 35c to 40c.

## BARLEY.

There has been very little offered, and a steady demand at firm prices has been maintained, but actual sales have been small; extra No. 3 sold at equal to 72c, and later at 73c; and No. 3 choice at 67c on track on Thursday, and equal to 68c here on Monday. There has been no movement reported in other grades, but values of them seem to have been unchanged. At close market was quiet but steady.

## PEAS.

Quiet but firm; holders not inclined to press sales and somewhat inclined to seek an advance; buyers could readily have been found at 59c, but holders stood out for one to two cents more.

## POTATOES.

Cars of extra fine early rose sold at 55c, and later at 53c.

## APPLES.

Quiet and unchanged at \$1.50 to \$2.25.

## EGGS.

Have continued abundant, and declining; case lots have sold for the last two or three days at 13c to 14c, but at the close the feeling seemed inclined to strengthen; nothing doing in round lots.

## CHEESE.

Fine has sold as before at 9 to 9½c, the latter being paid occasionally for single boxes, and some skims have changed hands at 5c.

## BUTTER.

The general tenor of the market has remained unchanged. There has been some little demand still heard for shipment, and a very active demand for choice, but very little on hand to meet it. Really fine dairy, coming up to selections, has been wanted at 19c to 20c, with receipts very small, medium dairy has sold for city use at about 14c. Snipping lots have changed hands to a small extent for 6c, for white and culls; at 8c for fair yellow, and at 7c for mixed, but at the close this grade seemed quiet. Rolls have been very scarce, and enquired for daily; good qualities would have brought about 15c, and really choice, if also well packed, would have gone to 16c to 18c.

## PORK.

Inactive, with prices unsettled, but generally held as before at \$14 for small lots.

## BACON.

Still quiet, with sales few and small, and holders steady nearly all over, in confidence that all on hand cannot fail to be wanted. Long clear has sold very slowly in case lots at 7½ to 7¾c, and the little light Cumberland in market held at about the same figures. Wiltshire bacon has been offered at 8c. Rolls and bellies quiet, and much as before at 8½ to 9c for rolls, and 10 to 11c for bellies.

## HAMS.

Seem to have been moving slowly, but held steadily at 11 to 11½c for small of light weight, and heavy to be had in round lots at 10½c.

## LARD.

Quiet and unchanged; large pails held at 8½c for round lots, and small going off slowly at 9 to 9½c, but there appears to be no tinnets or tierces offered.

## HOGS.

Prices have varied a good deal through the week and at the close seemed rather easy at \$6 to \$6.25.

## POULTRY.

Nothing offering in round lots.

## Manitoba.

A. Lansdowne, correspondent of the *Neepawa Register*, says:—The farmers are in a better mood than for a long time. They seem to be able to make closer calculations than at any former period, and generally to have abandoned the idea of becoming rich suddenly. Some of them have good balances in the bank and more are likely soon to be in the same position.

A bill has been introduced into the Dominion House to incorporate the Lake Superior, Minnesota & Manitoba Railway Company, a line to run from Port Arthur to Winnipeg. It is said the lumber country to be opened up by the line would produce not less than \$30,000,000 worth of lumber. The road is advocated as part of a mixed rail and water route from Winnipeg to Montreal, and it is said it would reduce the freight charges in grain from 10 to 12 cents. The promoters claim that it will be of great advantage as a competing line to the Canadian Pacific, and it will also be an outlet to the products of the forest and soil of Minnesota, as it will pass the greater portion of its length within a few miles of the international boundary.

## The Territories.

Wapella wants a hardware store.

A. G. Hamilton will erect a large brick block in Moosomin.

At the sale of surplus Government oats at Battleford, 75c. per bushel was realized.

A number of Calgary merchants are talking of starting branches at Banff, the hot springs, in the mountains.

Two flocks of wild geese passed north last week at Medicine Hat. A sure indication that spring has commenced.

Reports from the Cochrane sheep ranch are to the effect that the sheep have come through the winter without any loss whatever. They are in good condition and promise well in every way.

Haney & Henderson have left Edmonton for their mining location up the river. They take with them a small blast furnace with which to reduce their ore. A recent test of their ore from their mine showed both gold and silver.

Last summer M. McCauley, of Edmonton, supplied 39 sacks of potatoes to the Militia Department on requisition of Capt. Hamilton. Thirty of the empty sacks were returned at the time and nine retained. Last mail brought a cheque for \$4.50, the price of the sacks, but nothing has yet been heard of the price of the potatoes.

## General Notes.

The Dominion Bank has declared a half yearly dividend of 5 per cent.

It is said the C. P. R. will be opened for traffic to the Pacific coast in May.

The Equitable Life Insurance Co. has been organized at Montreal, with a capital of \$100,000.

A petition has been filed against the exclusive use by the Bell Telephone Co., of the Blake transmitter,

The pool of northwestern railways, known as the Northwest Traffic Association, has broken up. A war of rates may follow.

W. F. Currier & Co., wholesale jewellers, Toronto, have assigned, with liabilities at \$40,000 and assets nominally the same.

At a meeting of the Barbed Wire Manufacturers' Association, held at Chicago, it was resolved to advance prices 10 per cent.

Some 15,000 packages of tea, valued at \$180,000 have been imported at Halifax during the past six weeks, in anticipation of an increase of duty.

The Exchange Bank has paid another dividend of 30 per cent, making 50 per cent. in all. It is believed another dividend of 20 per cent. more will be paid.

In the United States there are eighty-two factories engaged in the manufacture of glue, and they employ altogether about 2,000 hands. The value of the product is about \$5,000,000 a year.

A French Insurance Company of Montreal has refused to pay a claim on the ground that the effects destroyed had been transferred from one part of the premises insured to another. The court of appeal decided against the company.

The Lenham Elevator Company Duluth, owning a line of elevators in Dakota, has suspended payment and the announcement caused a panic in the Duluth wheat market. About 460,000 bushels sold out on account of the company. Their liabilities are not known. The capital is \$135,000.

The Charlottown *Patriot* is authority for the statement that P. E. Island put up during the past season over 73,000 cases lobsters, or about 3½ millions cans. The lobsters averaged about 6½ to the can, so that the whole catch will amount to over 22,750,000 fish. Nova Scotia put up about 7 million cans last season.

The Los Angeles Journal of Trade says that oranges are selling in that city at \$1 to \$1.10 per box, delivered loose—that is, without boxes—at the packing houses for prime seedlings, good size and clean. For fine Navals and other fancy lots as high as \$4 a box f. o. b. cars is paid. These are good prices and make the growers rich.

In Ontario the pressure of competition in forcing down the rate of interest on mortgage loans continues to be felt. The Ontario Loan & Savings Co., whose loans are of a good class in a fine section of country, earned in 1884 \$28,789; but was not able to earn last year more than \$24,128 net, although its mortgage investments were increased from \$925,000 to \$993,000.

The *Monetary Times* announces that the Cochrane Manufacturing Co., at St. Thomas, has at length come to a stoppage. The causes are too numerous to explain. At a meeting of creditors they offered to pay 22 per cent, which the creditors present were recommended to accept, or their banker would throw the concern into insolvency. The statement submitted shows a deficiency of about \$100,000. The company's business was the manufacture of agricultural implements.