

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Harvest time conditions have ruled in the city's trade, most noticeable in light receipts of country produce, as farmers are now too busy to market commodities. The implement trade is winding up its rush. Binders were going out fast, and binder twine was in big demand. There will be a heavy call for twine for the next week or two. In the clothing trade the houses were busy sending out fall stocks. A good many retailers have made their first orders light, not wishing to dip in too heavy until crops were assured, while others were still holding back orders. A very few days will now tell the tale as to the result of harvest, as by the time this issue is in circulation, harvest will be pretty general, and if it comes through all right, a very busy season will be before the country. Collections are very slow, and will be so until grain moves.

## GROCERIES.

The demand for sugars east continues mostly for white. Yellows were jobbing in the east as low as 3½c per pound. A good deal of the trade in low grades has been done in raw sugars, lowest grades being obtainable at \$3.60, eastern jobbing price. The cutting in prices by refiners in the United States has apparently come to an end, and refiners have probably come to an understanding, prices having been advanced ¼ to 3-16c. Eastern canneries are reported to be offering strawberries, raspberries, plums, pears, etc., some for future delivery, at 5 to 10c under a year ago.

## GREEN FRUITS.

Oranges are about out of the markets. Apples are in large supply and lower in price. Quality only fair. Ontario pears and plums have commenced to arrive, and in about a week will be offering freely, as the crop is reported plentiful. California grapes are commencing to come in. Blueberries hold about the same. Lemons are very firm, and reported \$1 higher east. Expected to advance here if weather keeps warm. Minnesota tomatoes, in bushel baskets are now offering. Melons are selling freely. A few musk melons have been offered, but not in any quantity. California peaches, plums and pears are selling freely, at low prices in quantities, quotations below being for smaller lots. Prices are as follows: Oranges, when obtainable, \$5 to \$6 per box; Messina lemons, \$6 to \$6.50. Bananas are quoted at \$3 to \$3.50 per bunch. California soft fruits in 20 lb. boxes; peaches, \$1.75 per box; plums, \$1.75; pears, 40 lb. boxes, \$2.75 to \$3; Ontario pears, \$1.50 basket; black grapes, 8 lb. baskets, 75c to \$1.00; California grapes, \$3.50 to \$4 per 20 lb box; Southern apples, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per barrel; watermelons, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per dozen. Tomatoes, \$5.75 to \$3 per bushel basket. Blueberries, 6c. to 7c. per pound.

## LIQUORS.

Further customs changes have been announced on beer, ale and porter imported, and also in the excise entry upon beer made from other materials than malt, such as sugar, rice or corn. It has been thought wise to raise the excise duty upon this kind of poor beer from four to ten cents, the object being to prevent the manufacture of that kind of beer, it being of very poor quality, and to preserve the manufacture of beer from malt. That having been resolved upon, it became necessary to place a corresponding duty upon the imported article.

Therefore it was decided to make six cents instead of three cents upon imported ales, porter or beer. This makes the duty on the British article, when in bottles, about 38 per cent., and from the States about 40 per cent.

## WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## WHEAT

Wheat cooled down somewhat this week, from the furious excitement of the last two days of the previous week. Though there were some sharp declines in prices on some days, yet it is evident that the recent boom in wheat, has left prices on a higher basis than they were previous to the advance. Some decline was to be expected from the top, but this has probably now been fully discounted. Chicago closed on Friday 5 to 6½c higher than a week ago, and Duluth was about 6c higher on the same day, than a week ago. Monday was a day of great excitement. At Chicago prices fluctuated wildly, having a range of 11c for the day, and closing 4½c lower than Saturday's close. Cables were higher on Monday, Liverpool quoting 2d to 4d higher, and London 1s 6d higher for cargoes. Export clearances were large aggregating 645,000 bushels, including flour, from the United States. The clearances of wheat and flour the past week for the United Kingdom and continent were reported to be 850,000 bushels in excess of estimated requirements. The visible supply increased 1,301,000 bushels, and is now reported at 19,235,000 bushels, against 18,453,000 a year ago. Though other cables were strong, Berlin was quoted 11 to 12c per bushel lower. By Tuesday the markets had cooled down some, though prices closed lower at Duluth and Chicago. Export clearances on this day aggregated 663,000 bushels. Liverpool cabled 2 to 2½d lower, London 6d lower, Berlin 1½ to 2½c lower, Paris 1½ to 3½c lower. Wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 880,000 bushels. On Wednesday United States markets took a turn up again, Duluth making a slight gain, and Chicago about 1½c gain. First cables were lower, but later cables were irregular and some higher. Export clearances were reported at 935,000 bushels (including flour) this large movement being the main support of the market. On Thursday wheat was higher, on stronger cables and unfavorable harvest weather in Europe. Liverpool quoted 1d higher. Duluth gained about 3c. On Friday a long and continuous rain was reported throughout Great Britain, which was regarded as very damaging to the harvest then in full progress in England. Serious damage to the English potato crop, from blight was also reported, which would have a strengthening influence upon wheat. Cable prices, however, were irregular, though early in the day Liverpool cabled 3d higher. Later private cables came in weak. *Bradstreet's* reported on Friday. "The export of wheat from United States this week aggregate over 5,700,000 bushels, against 5,147,000 bushels last week and 4,030,000 the week before. United States ports and Montreal in the same week a year ago only exported 3,489,000 bushels of wheat (and flour as wheat) and (exclusive of Montreal) only 2,736,000 bushels in the same week of 1889 and 2,336,000 bushels in the same week of 1888. Montreal and United States ports this

week exported nearly six millions bushels as against 3,489,000 bushels in the like week a year ago.

## FLOUR.

The advance in low grade flours on Saturday was followed by a like advance on Monday last in high grades. This makes local jobbing quotations in small lots as follows, per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers', \$2.50; Second bakers', \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.60; superfine \$1.30.

## MILLSTUFFS.

Bran and shorts are quoted each \$1 per ton higher. Shorts, particularly, is scarce, and bringing high prices still east. Quoted bran \$13, shorts \$15 per ton.

## MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Unchanged. Quotations are as follows: Oil cake, in bags \$21.00 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, sacked, \$28, in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.85; granulated, \$2.95 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.95 per sack of 80 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$2 to 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$3.00 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.25; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

## FEED.

Good feed quoted at \$22 per ton.

## OATS.

There is little to note in the local situation, and prices appear likely to hold until new are ready for market. Dealers still hold small jobbing lots, selling from store, at about 40c per bushel. Cars on track here for local use are nominal at 35 to 37c per bushel, but there will be little or nothing done for the balance of the season in car lots. Prices have had a lower tendency east, where there is a large crop of new oats. Sales of Manitoba oats, held in store east, are reported at about 37 to 38c. It is expected there may be a good export market for oats this year, for British and European markets, on account of light grain crops across the Atlantic. For eastern shipment oats at Manitoba points are worth in the neighborhood of 25 to 26c per bushel, but are nominal.

## BUTTER.

Nothing further new to note in butter, and quotable at 10 to 14c, dealers' settling price, in small lots. Good dairy, 12 to 13c in large lots.

## CHEESE.

Jobbing at 9½ to 10c.

## EGGS.

Unchanged at 15c., dealers' selling price.

## WOOL.

Unwashed fleece quoted at 10½ to 11½c the latter being an outside figure. Fine wools 11½ to 13c. This means pure down or good Merino crosses, and not Leicester or Cots, with a streak of down. The first quotations given will cover the latter class.

## HIDES.

No. 1 cows 4½c, No. 2, 3½c, No. 3, 2½c. No. 1 heavy steers, 60 pounds up, 5½c, No. 2, 60 pounds and up, 4½c, calf, No. 1, 5c, No. 2, 4c, sheepskins, 25 to 30c. Lambskins, 30 to 35c each. Tallow, 4½ to 5c for rendered.

## CURED MEATS.

Prices are all very strong. Prices are:—Dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c to 10c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11½ to 11¾c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½c to 14; mess pork, \$17 to \$18 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 10c per lb.; Bologna, do., 8c per pound, German, do., 9c per pound. Ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per ½ lb package.

## LARD.

Pure lard is held at firm prices. We quote: \$2.40 per 20 pound pail, for pure. Compound held at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per pail.

## POULTRY.

Spring chickens are offering, and bring about 35c per pair for nice chickens. About 60c per pair is the average price for old chickens. Turkeys slow at 10 to 12c live weight.