

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour is lower. Oats 1-1 to 1-2c higher, Corn 1-1c higher; hogs practically unchanged. Butter and eggs higher. Potatoes are much higher. Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$4.50 to \$5.05; second patents, \$4.75 to \$4.90.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$7.50 to \$7.75; bran in bulk, \$7.25 to \$7.50; corn feed, \$10.00 to \$11.00 per ton.

Corn—Quoted at 23 3-4 to 24c for No. 4, 24 1-4 to 24 1-2c for No. 3, and 24 1-2 to 24 3-4c for No. 3 yellow per bushel of 56 pounds.

Oats—Held at 21 1-2 to 22c for No. 8 white and 21 1-2c for No. 3 per bushel of 32 pounds.

Barley—Feed quoted at 22c.

Flax seed—\$1.08 per bushel.

Eggs—16c for strictly fresh, the latter, including case; cold storage 12 to 12 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 9 to 10c; fair to good, 7 1-2 to 8c.

Butter—Creamery 20 1-2 to 22 1-2c; second, 17 to 18c, dairy, 14 to 20c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6 1-2c; lambs, 5 to 8c; hogs, 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c for heavy and 4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lot, mixed, 40 to 43c; choice, named varieties, 43 to 58c.

Poultry—Chickens 6c; old fowls, 4c 5 1-2. turkeys, 7 to 9 1-2c; ducks, 7 to 8c; geese 6 1-2 to 7c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Tuesday, Dec. 7.—At the semi-weekly live stock market to-day a quiet business was done, receipts being light. In export cattle only a small amount of trade is being done, principally in fat bulls at prices ranging from 31-1 to 31-2c. Buffalo was in the market for stockers and feeders, the former sold at 23-4c, to 31-8c per lb, feeders \$3 to \$3.45 per cwt. In butchers' cattle offerings were light, prices unchanged, from 28-4c to 33-4c per lb, very few touching the latter figure.

Sheep sold at 3c to 31-2c per lb; lambs at 4c to 41-2c or \$2.50 to \$4.25 each.

Hogs advanced slightly owing to light offerings. Choice bacon hogs sold for 45-8c off cars, light and thick fat hogs 41-4 to 43-8c.

FRIDAY'S MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial. Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following reports of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, December 10.

Toronto, Dec. 11.

Forty-four caalods were offered yesterday, including 1,793 hogs and 275 sheep and lambs.

There was a wide range on cattle, the outside price being paid for fancy stock for the holiday market. Sheep were firmer. Hogs advanced 1-4c all around.

Cattle—Export cattle brought 31-2 to 41-1c. Butchers cattle 23-1 to 4c. Fat bulls, 3c to 31-2c, Stockers, 2 1-2c to 3c. Feeders, 3c to 3 1-2c. Stock bulls, 2 to 2 1-2c.

Sheep—Export sheep 31-2c per lb; bucks, 23-4c; lambs, 41-2c.

Hogs—Hog, best bacon, 45-8c lb; thick fat, 43-8c, and light fat, 43-8c per lb, weighed off cars.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Wheat—In wheat there is fair demand, deliveries not large, market steady. Red winter wheat sales, 82c middle freights and 81c north and west freights. Manitoba wheat

steadily at \$1.03 for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit and 98c Sarada or Midland.

Flour—Fair demand for flour, prices steady, straight rollers quoted west \$3.90 to \$4, car lots.

Bran and shorts.—Unchanged, \$10 to \$11 quoted for the latter and \$7.50 to \$8 for bran west.

Barley—Dull, steady. No. 2 quoted 32c, No. 3 extra, 27c to 28c, feed 25c to 26c outside.

Oats—Are steady, and sold at 22 1-2c for mixed and 23c for white, north and west.

Butter in good demand. Receipts of large rolls more liberal at 14 1-2c to 15c. Choice dairy tub scarce and firm at 16c to 17c; medium sells at 13c to 15c.

Eggs—Fresh gathered scarce, demand active; market firm at 16c to 17c. Held fresh are quoted at 14c to 15c and lined at 13 1-2c.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 11.

Oats—No. 2 white in car lots on local account 26 1-2c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Manitoba, patents, \$5.40.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$11.50 per ton. Shorts, \$12.50. Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.65 to \$1.70 per bag.

Hides—8 1-2c for No. 1.

Eggs—Candled, 15c, new laid, 21c.

Butter—Dairy, 14 to 16c.

Butter—Creamery, 18c to 19c.

Cheese—8 1-4 to 8 3-4c.

Dressed Hogs—\$5.75 to \$5.90 per 100 pounds.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 11.

A further advance this week is reported in sugars of 1-16c on granulated and 1-8c on yellows. Rio coffee has recovered 1c to 1 1-2c from the recent heavy decline. Other lines are steady and unchanged.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, 43-16 in lots of over 250 barrels, and 45-16c for 100 hbl. lots, at the refineries; yellows, 31-2 to 37-8c. Molasses 26 to 27c. Syrups, 13-4 to 21-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 51-2c. Valencia layers 61-2c. Currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand. Coffee, Rio, 81-2 to 11c. Mocha and Java 20 to 24c.

Canned Goods—Tomatoes, 85 to 90c; corn, 65 to 70c; peas, 80.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 11.

Prices in staple lines are without any change this week. Business quiet and prices steady.

White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5; dry white lead in kegs, 5c; red lead in kegs, 4 3-4c; linseed oil, raw, 43c, hulled 46c; turpentine, 48 to 49c; bar iron, \$1.35 to \$1.45; tin plates cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 41-4 to 43-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.50; in bladders, \$1.65c; ingot tin, 15 1-2 to 16c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES. Special to The Commercial.

There was rather an improved feeling in the live stock market and prices ranged higher for sheep and hogs,

the latter being 1-4c higher for choicest. Prices were:

Cattle—Choice 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c, fair to good 3 to 4c.

Sheep—2 3-4 to 3 1-2c per lb.

Hogs—4 1-4 to 4 3-4c.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

The last wool sale for 1897 in London closed on Tuesday. During the series 121,720 bales were offered and 105,000 were sold. Closing prices were firm. Continental buyers bought scoured eagerly. The offerings were from Australia, South Africa and Buenos Ayres. Prices realized were in most instances unchanged, though some lots went 1-2d to 1d lower. The next sales occur Jan. 18 and March 15.

LONDON SEALSKIN SALES.

At the London sealskin sale this week Japan coast skins brought \$10.10, Copper Island \$11 and Behring Sea \$11.50. This is twenty per cent. higher than the last sales. A telegram from Victoria, B. C., says this will lead to an increase in the number of schooners engaging in the trade next season.

FOR EDMONTON AND KLONDIKE TRADE.

Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers of Winnipeg, are opening a branch warehouse at Edmonton. The establishment of the new house is largely due to the development of the movement to the Yukon country via Edmonton. The Edmonton people and those interested in travel by that route should be pleased with the accession of this reliable and enterprising firm to the wholesale supply trade of that point. A firm of such standing will be an additional guarantee that supplies will be readily available for all travellers by that route. The firm have secured the warehouses in the Opera House block, opposite the Jasper House, Edmonton, and Sheriff W. S. Robertson will manage their business.

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The annual winter excursion, \$10, round trip tickets are now on sale to Eastern Canada. This is your opportunity to visit the folks in Ontario and Quebec. In connection with these excursions the Northern Pacific railway have arranged to run on every Tuesday in December through Pullman Tourist upholstered sleepers to St. Paul charging at the rate of one dollar per double berth. This car makes direct connection at the same depot with all daylight trains to Chicago at which point connection is made the same evening with through trains of the Grand Trunk, Wabash and Michigan Central for all Canadian points. Any agent of the Northern Pacific will cheerfully give you any information or secure reservations in these cars.

MOVEMENTS OF BUSINESS MEN.

R. J. Whittle was in the west last week.

J. Cross, of Cross & Carson, general merchants, Killarney, was in the city last week.

A. Hallonquist, a Napinka merchant, was in the city several days last week. Mr. Hallonquist has recently built a large store and is just completing a building for a hotel.

Field & Birke, Senate hotel, Revelstoke, have leased to Lund & Default.