

provincial markets reached the \$1 mark last week, for best samples, and at several points higher prices were paid, ranging upward to \$1.05 as about the highest figure paid to any extent, though quotations ranged even above \$1.05 at some points.

FLOUR.

There were no further changes in prices last week, in quotations to the local trade. Prices are strong as follows: Patents, \$3.00; strong bakers, \$2.80; XXXX, \$2.20; superfine \$1.65; Graham flour, \$2.80; middlings, \$3.00.

MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold at the last advance, at \$10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts, with \$1 per ton advance asked for small lots.

OATS.

Oats have been firmer in prices though deliveries were larger last week, and offerings on the market were large on some days. From 30 to 32c was paid for loads on the market. At outside points prices ranged from 22 to 25c.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Prices are steady, and quoted as follows: \$2.50 for standard oatmeal and \$2.65 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, 80 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal was held at \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

CHEESE.

Unchanged 10½ to 11c.

BUTTER.

Jobbing trade in butter is very dull in the city. There is scarcely any demand whatever from any source. In fact dealers find it almost impossible to make sales. The city retail dealers are commencing to pick up lots of fresh butter from farmers, which is thought to account for the dullness in jobbing trade in butter. If the mild weather continues, offerings of fresh butter will soon be large enough to supply the city demand. Prices are easier, and appear to be on the downward grade. From 18 to 20c per pound may be quoted for fair to choice dairy.

EGGS.

Prices of eggs were very irregular last week, and varied more or less about every day. About 20 c per dozen in case lots was the usual figure earlier in the week, but later sales were made at 19c, and sales at the close were reported at 18c, with quotations ranging from 18 to 20c, for fresh. Fresh southern eggs are in good supply, and country eggs were also coming in to some extent, but the latter are often not of good quality, and not as good as the imported.

LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago, at \$2.35, though these prices are being shaded to some extent.

CURED MEATS.

Some improvement reported in the demand. Prices are reported lower in some instances, on hams and breakfast bacon, but the reduction in prices did not appear general. Prices are quoted as follows: Mess pork, \$19 per barrel; long clear dry salt bacon, 10c to 10½c per lb.; smoked breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

Hogs continued to arrive very slowly, though a few more were received than during the previous week. It is expected that the soft weather will bring out any stocks that are held, though it is doubtful if any considerable quantity are held in the country. Prices continue to run at about 7c per pound, and occasionally an odd hog or so brought 7½c, but no large sales were reported. Beef has been affected by the sudden and early thaw of last week. A good deal of frozen beef is held, which will be more or less injured by the thaw, as even if the weather should turn cold again, the thawing and freezing would injure the stuff. Frozen beef is therefore easier in price, and was quoted at the close of the week at 3 to 5 cents per

pound, and slow sale. Fresh beef that has not been frozen is worth about 1c more. Mutton holds at 9 to 10c. Veal is offered more freely, at 8 to 10c.

POULTRY.

Chickens are scarce, and bring 10 to 12c per pound. Stocks of turkeys and geese are mostly frozen lots, and prices for such are easy, owing to mild weather. Quoted at 10 to 11c.

VEGETABLES.

There is not much change in this line. Potatoes usually bring about 30c per bushel in quantities; onions, \$1.20 to \$1.50; carrots, 60c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, \$1, beets, 50c, all per bushel. Celery scarce, 40 to 75c per dozen bunches, as to quality. Cabbage average 75c to \$1 per doz for good.

Montreal Markets.

A telegram on Saturday quoted wheat as follows: Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat, \$1.35 to \$1.36, nominal.

Oats, quoted at 33 to 34c.

Barley, quoted at 55 to 57c.

Provisions—Prices ruled about as follows: Mess pork, western, per barrel, \$15.25 to \$15.50; hams, per lb., 11½ to 12c; hams, green, per lb., 8½ to 9c; bacon, per lb., 11 to 12c; shoulders, 6 to 6½c; lard, 9½ to 10c; tallow, common, refined, per lb., 6½ to 6¾c.

Dressed hogs—Car lots, \$6.75 to \$6.85; jobbing lots at \$6.90 to \$7.10 for heavy, and \$7.25 for light per 100 lbs.

Eggs—Fresh held at 16 to 18c, with old fresh as low as 12c per dozen. Lined, 12 to 14c.

Butter—Prices were as follows. Creamery, fair to finest, 23 to 26c; Townships, 19 to 21c; Brockville, 17 to 19c; Western, 16 to 17c.

Cheese—The stock now here is estimated at about 40,000 boxes. The market to-day was very quiet and contained nothing of interest. Finest September and October 11½; Finest August, 11; fine, 10½ to 10¾c; medium, 9½ to 9¾c.

The Montreal butchers seem to be quite wrought up over the fact that some of the best hotels are getting their meat from Chicago instead of patronising the home market. One of them states that he had a contract with a certain hotelkeeper to furnish meat for 10 cents a pound. The hotelkeeper in question now gets his meat from Chicago at 7 cents per pound. It is understood that a meeting of butchers will be held to consider the matter.

A Boom for the Liberals.

A telegram from Washington, dated March 1st, says: In the House to-day, a joint resolution was passed to promote Commercial Union with Canada. It provides that whenever it shall be duly certified to the President that the Government of Canada has declared a desire to establish Commercial Union with the United States for a uniform revenue system, like international taxes to be collected and like import duties to be imposed on goods to be brought into either country from other nations, with no duties on trade between the United States and Canada, he shall appoint three commissioners with those who may be likewise designated to represent the Government of Canada, to prepare a plan for the assimilation of the import duties and internal revenue taxes of the two countries, and an equitable division of receipts in a Commercial Union, and said commissioners

shall report to the President, who shall lay the report before Congress.

THE Manitoba Legislature, it is expected, will be prorogued on Tuesday of this week.

R. J. COBURN has been appointed agent at Calgary for the Manufacturer's Life Insurance Co.

LAFFERTY & MOORE have opened a branch bank at Moosomin, Assa., in charge of F. K. Gibson.

THE *Deloraine Times* says:—The C. P. R. have rebated \$200 of freight charges on the well outfit.

SAM HUNGERFORD, lately burned out in the hotel line at Deloraine, has taken a hotel in Carberry, Man.

CHIPMAN & MORGAN have formed a partnership as real estate and insurance agents, at Victoria, B.C.

THE Hotel Brunswick, Minnedosa, Man., has been purchased by C. Scobell, who will take possession April 1st.

GEO. H. BURGE and Robert Barton have entered into partnership as builders and contractors at Virden, Man.

PATTERSON & BRO. Co. have leased Jermyn's livery stable at Minnedosa, Man., and will fit it up as an implement warehouse.

E. MAZEAU, Chapeau, on the C. P. R., east of Port Arthur, was burned out last week. His loss is about \$3,000, wholly uninsured.

SHIPMENTS of Lake Winnipeg fish continue to be made from Selkirk, Man. Several car lots were sent east and south last week.

JOS. CARMAN, wholesale produce and commission dealer, Winnipeg, returned from a trip east last week. He was as far as Halifax.

DAN FERGUSON, proprietor of the Stickney House, Portage la Prairie, Man., is going out of the hotel business, and taking up farming.

E. O. DENNISON, general merchant, Minnedosa, Man., who is retiring from mercantile business, has sold his stock to P. J. McDermott, of the same place.

SEVERAL new places of business are being opened at Lethbridge, Alberta, including a barber, a watchmaker, a tailor and a bakery and confectionery.

W. WILLIAMS has been appointed agent at Gladstone, Man., for Patterson & Bro. Co., implements, Winnipeg. He is fitting up a warehouse and showroom.

J. M. MACDONALD, late with F. G. Lewin & Co., Virden, has been appointed agent at Indian Head, Assa., for the Patterson & Bro. Co., agricultural implements, Winnipeg.

THE firm of Burchell & Howey, Brandon, butchers and cattle dealers, has dissolved partnership. Jno. A. Howey leaves for British Columbia for his health. Mr. Burchell will carry on the business.

A CIRCULAR has been issued from the general traffic manager's office of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway appointing H. G. McMicken, the company's ticket agent at Winnipeg, as general agent in charge of the freight and passenger traffic of the company in Manitoba.