

pulses to farmers at a great many Manitoba points at about 45c per bushel in a retail way, and in car lots at 38 to 40c as to freights.

**BARLEY**—Feed barley is quoted at 39 to 35c per bushel of 48 pounds. No cars are offering, but these prices are paid to farmers for loads. Up to 40c is being paid for malting barley here.

**WHEAT**—Local farmers' market—From 80 to 82c has been paid by millers to farmers, for wheat, delivered here, as to quality, fancy samples bringing the outside price.

**FLAX SEED**—There is scarcely anything marketing, and 60c is quoted to farmers in country markets.

**BUTTER**—Creamery, quiet and easy. We quote dealers selling price at 21 to 22c as to quality and quantity.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—The market is quiet and rather easy. Dealers quote 14 to 15c for round lots of country dairy. The outside quotation could only be realized for choice lots; and held goods are quoted at 13 to 14c., the latter being the very outside for well kept lots. Choice fresh dairy tubs or rolls will bring 15c net, and in a small way choice fresh has sold at 16c and up to 16 1-2c has been obtained for a little fancy rolls and prints.

**CHEESE**—Nothing doing in cheese, except in a very small way, in the line of purchases of local retail dealers. Dealers quote 11c.

**EGGS**—Dealer are paying 18c net for receipts of fresh and selling at 20c. Lined are offering at 17c.

**POULTRY**—There is a good demand. Dressed chicken bring from 7c to 8c per lb. and geese and ducks 8 to 9c per lb. dressed. There is a plentiful supply of local chickens and ducks, but not nearly enough turkeys, and those offering are poor quality as a rule. Eastern turkeys are still selling at 11 to 12c.

**GAME**—Dealers are paying 5c each for rabbits. Jack rabbits quoted at 40c per pair.

**LARD AND CURED MEATS**—There is no change in these goods. See quotations on grocery list page.

**DRESSED MEATS**—From 4c to 5c has been paid for country beef freely, and 5 1-2c for good city dressed meat. Fresh unfrozen beef is held at 6c. Good hogs have been taken quite freely at 6c and heavy weights and less desirable hogs at 5 1-2c to 5 3-4c. Mutton is steady at 5c to 6c and lamb at 5c to 7c.

**HIDES**—From 7c to 7 1-2c is being paid for green city hides here. Offerings are now slackening up. We quote: Hides green, 6 1-2c to 7 1-4c; kip, hides 6c to 7c; calf, 7c to 8c lb.; horse hides, 75c to \$1.25 each; sheep pelts, 50c to 70c each.

**SENECA ROOT**—Quoted at 18 to 20c. Vegetables—Prices are: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel, carrots 60 to 70c per bush., onions 2 to 3c per lb., celery 40c to 60c per dozen bunches, cabbage \$3 to \$4 per 100, beets 30c to 40c bushel, turnips 15 to 20c bushel, parsnips 1 1-2 to 2 per lb.

**WOOL**—We quote 8 to 9 1-2c here for unwashed fleece, about nominal.

**TALLOW**—Quoted steady at 3 1-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

**HAY**—The market is firm and rather higher. Held at \$6.50 for cars on track here, of baled, or about \$5.50 to \$6.00 per ton at points of shipment.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—A shipment of six cars of cattle was made to Montreal yesterday by Gordon & Ironside. These

cattle would probably be for the Montreal market, as choice cattle are scarce there and are bringing good prices. Locally the market is firm. A few loads of choice cattle are arriving, costing about 3c here, and 4c per lb. live weight has been paid for a few head of fancy cattle for Christmas display beef. City butchers were getting their places of business arranged for the Christmas market. Kobold & Co. have five immense carcasses of beef on view, of their own feeding. These animals have been fed for well on to two years, and their live weight ranged from 2,300 to 2,500 pounds. Gallagher & Son have four very fine carcasses, fed by the Frasers, of Emerson. Lauzon has three animals fed by E. L. Drowry, which, though not so very fat as the others, are nevertheless fine samples of the Manitoba beef product. Cost of course does not figure with these animals. They were prepared for display, regardless of cost.

**SHEEP**—A few loads of choice sheep are arriving for the holiday market, costing about 3c off cars here. For ordinary butchers' sheep there is no demand.

**HOGS**—There has been no change in prices here. Receipts are moderate and prices steady. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.00; heavy hogs, over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$3.50, as to quality, live weight.

#### TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Tuesday, Dec. 14.—At the semi-weekly live stock market to-day a few export steers were taken at 4c, and 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c for bulls. Some fancy butchers' cattle for the Christmas market touched 5c, but the general price for fancy cattle was 4 to 4 1-2c choicest going at 13-4c. Ordinary butchers' cattle at 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c for choice, and 2 3-4 to 3c for common. Stockers and some butchers' cattle were taken for Buffalo. Sheep firm at 3 to 3 1-2c per lb. for export, and butchers' \$2.75 to \$3 per head. Over 2,000 hogs were offered, but prices advanced 1-8c, selling at 4 3-4c. Light and thick fat, 4 1-4 to 4 3-8c, sew, 3 to 3 1-4c, and stags and rough at 2c. There are many light hogs.

#### 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 17.

Toronto, Dec. 18. Forty-one carloads were offered yesterday, including 2,379 hogs and 682 sheep and lambs.

**CATTLE**—Export cattle brought 3 3-4 to 11-1c. Butchers' cattle 3 3-4 to 4c. Fat bulls, 3c to 3 1-2c, Stockers 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c. Feeders, 3 to 3 3-4c. Stock bulls, 2 to 2 1-2c.

**SHEEP**—Export sheep 3 1-2c per lb.; bucks, 3c; lambs, 4 3-4c.

**HOGS**—Hogs, best bacon, 4 3-4c lb.; thick fat 4 3-8c, and light fat, 4 3-8c per lb., weighed off cars.

#### MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour is 5 to 15c higher. Bran and shorts 25c higher. Oats fractionally higher. Flax seed 7c higher. Butter slightly lower.

**Flour**—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$4.95 to \$5.15; second patents, \$4.85 to \$5.

**Millfeed**—Shorts in bulk, \$7.75 to \$8, bran in bulk, \$7.50 to \$7.75;

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 22c for No. 3 white and 21 3-4c for No. 3 per bushel of 32 pounds.

**Barley**—Feed quoted at 23c. Flax seed—\$1.15 per bushel.

**Eggs**—16c for strictly fresh, the latter including cases, cold storage 10 to 14c.

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

**Butter**—Creamery 20 to 22c, second 17 to 18c; dairy, 12 to 20c.

**Dressed meat**—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 lots, mixed, 40 to 43c; choice, named varieties, 43 to 58c.

**Poultry**—Chickens 6c; old fowls, 4c 5c; turkeys, 7 to 11c; ducks, 7 to 8c; geese 6 1-2 to 7c.

#### TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

**Wheat**—Red winter sold at 81 1-2c. Manitoba wheat, No. 1 hard, offered at 97c Sarnia.

**Flour**—Straight roller \$3.85 west.

**Millfeed**—Steady at \$10 to \$11 for shorts and \$7.50 to \$8 for bran west.

**Barley**—Steady at 32c for No. 2, 27c to 28c for No. 3 extra and 25c to 26c for feed outside.

**Oats**—23 1-2c for white.

**Butter**—Large rolls, 14c to 17c; dairy tub, 15c to 16c; medium butter, 13c to 14c.

**Eggs**—15c to 16c for fresh gathered, 14c for cold storage and 13c for lined.

#### MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Dec. 18. Oats have advanced 1-2c on local sale; Eggs are 1c high r Other lines unchanged.

**Oats**—No. 2 white in car lots on local account 27c.

**Flour**—Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.90 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, 16c; 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. 18.

Sugars have scored another advance of 1-16c, in sympathy with the strong advices from Europe and New York. Molasses 1-1c higher on the outside. The advance is general and the market is very firm, as stocks are light and the demand large. Some holders ask 30c. Condensed milk manufacturers have advanced prices 10 to 25c per case on lower grades.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, 4 1-4c in lots of over 250 barrels, and 4 3-8c for 100 bbl. lots, at the refineries; yellows, 3 1-4 to 3 7-8c. Molasses 26 to 28c. Syrup, 1 3-4 to 2 1-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c. Valencia layers 6 1-2c. Currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c as to brand. Coffee, Rio 8 1-2 to 11c Mocha and Java 20 to 24c.

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