

a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½¢ a pound, bulk in barrels, 3¢; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Roy's Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat was considerably firmer and more active during the first three days of last week at leading wheat centres, but the succeeding days were rather dull, and prices lagging. Up to Wednesday a gain of about 3¢ had been made. Receipts of new winter wheat at St. Louis and other southern markets have not been as large as was expected, and speculators who sold new wheat for July delivery have been obliged to buy back. Rains, it is claimed have delayed threshing. The visible supply at the first of last week was down to the low figures of 12,711,139 bushels, against 22,418,293 bushels a year ago. The decrease in the visible, as shown by the statement on Monday, was 1,235,000 bushels. Exports from Atlantic ports for the week ended July 13, were 1,266,050 bushels, including flour. These were all strong features, and with continued fairly liberal buying on foreign account, the markets were well sustained. On Tuesday considerable excitement was occasioned by the publication in New York and Chicago of an article from the London Times, which had been cabled from London, on the crop situation in Europe. The main features of the article were the statements that latest advices from Bombay show that India will have little or no wheat for export; that Russia, Austria, Roumania and Eastern Germany will not raise more than enough to feed themselves, that western Europe and the United Kingdom will raise 50,000,000 bushels more than last year, that Odessa granaries are almost empty, etc., etc. The article concludes with the statement that the great importing countries of Europe will be more at the mercy of America this year than usual. The publication of this article was followed by many reports of a more or less contradictory nature. However at this early date it will not do to base expectations of big prices on rumors of a crop failure in Eastern Europe. When so little confidence can be placed in crop reports at home, what can be thought of rumors from abroad?

The local situation has not grown any less hopeful since our last report, but if anything has improved, the weather having been very favorable to the development of the heads to the best possible advantage. Good showers of rain were experienced during the week, followed by some cool days. Of course the rains have come too late to ensure a good crop, and it is impossible now to put several straws where there is only one, or to increase the stand of grain; but the favorable weather will make what there is mature to the best advantage. A great many fields of grain in some sections, however, were entirely past recovery before the rains came, and they will be useless under any

conditions. There are other districts which will have a good average crop, and other sections where the stand of grain is said to be better than for years. Altogether the crop situation is a very mixed one this year, owing to the fact that rains this season were mostly of a local nature and to other causes, and it is practically impossible to give a reliable crop estimate for the country as a whole. Some damaged grain used for seed will also, no doubt, account for the existence of many fields which are a total partial failure, while close by are other fields which will give a good, and in some instances even a big crop. With favorable weather harvesting is expected to commence generally between the first and tenth of August.

FLOUR.

Prices were somewhat unsettled last week in high grade flour, and there may be further changes in quotations soon. Prices to the local trade in broken lots are as follows: Patents, \$2.80; strong bakers, \$2.60; second bakers, \$2.35; XXXX, \$1.90; superfine, \$1.30. Graham flour, \$2.60; middlings, \$2.80 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.

Prices to the local trade held steady at the advance of \$2 per ton previously noted. Quotations now are: bran, \$12, per ton; shorts, \$14 per ton. Ground feed, \$22 to \$23 per ton.

OATS

Actual quotations have not materially advanced, but in view of a very short oat crop, prices are very firm. About 35¢ is the figure on track here for car lots, though this quotation is nearly nominal, few transactions being heard of.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, POT BARLEY.

Prices for oatmeal are strong in sympathy with the advancing tendency of oat, quotations are: Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.60; granulated, \$2.75; rolled oats in 80 lb. sacks, \$3. Cornmeal is held at \$1.75 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$3 and pearl barley, \$3.50 per 100 pounds.

BUTTER.

The butter market remaining very flat, notwithstanding a report circulated through the city newspaper press that prices had advanced several cents. No such advance has taken place, and on the contrary the situation is dull and with absolutely no demand from any quarter. Nominal quotations of 14 to 15¢ are sometimes given, but it is hard to find sales at these figures, from 12½ to 13¢ is nearer the price for actual sales.

CHEESE.

Prices are irregular in this commodity, quotations varying considerably. Last season's cheese is usually quoted about 1¢ under new cheese, as dealers are holding considerable in some instances which they wish to get rid of. Quotations vary from 9 to 10¢.

EGGS.

Quiet and steady at about 14¢ in case lots. Receipts not large.

LARD.

Home rendered is offered at \$2.15 per 20 lb. pail.

CURED MEATS.

There appears to be a considerable range of values in cured hog products. Hams, for instance, are quoted at from 13 to 14½¢, breakfast bacon, 13 to 14¢, rolls, 11 to 12½¢, long clear, 10¢. Bologna sausage is held at 7¢ per pound. Mess pork \$18 to \$19 per barrel.

DRESSED MEATS.

Prices hold steady in fresh meats at about last week's quotations. Beef is quoted at 5½ to 6¢ as a quality. Mutton steady at 10¢ per pound. Pork unchanged at 7 to 7½¢. Lamb, 12½¢. Veal, 7¢ per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle are rather quiet and steady in price,

quotations ranging from 2½ to 3½¢ as to quality. The western range cattle brought to this market were received with favor and realized nearly \$1 per hundred better than ordinary stock, owing to their good condition, and the good turn out which they made in dressing. Hogs are coming in occasionally in rail lots, and bring 4½¢ per pound at the yards here.

Minneapolis Markets.

The closing prices for wheat on Thursday, July 18th, were ¼ to 3¢ lower than a week ago, as follows:

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	On track
No 1 hard.....	1.01½	—	—	1.03
No. 1 northern.....	95½	82	80	95
No 2 ".....	80½	—	—	82-3

The Northwestern Miller sums up the flour situation as follows:—There were some rather large sales made during the first of the week, before the decline in wheat. These sales were not very well distributed. It being noticeable that the larger holders were much the larger sellers. Millers who had stocks at many distributing points did the greatest part of the business, as their stocks were always convenient to buyers, who were inclined to buy from those able to make the quickest delivery. The buyers of spring wheat flour have been believers in lower prices, and being low in supply have had to have prompt shipments. The drop in wheat for several days past has encouraged flour buyers to look for lower prices, which has caused a light request for flour, only enough been taken for immediate wants. There are a great many orders daily that are too urgent to be put off, due to the low state of supplies in the hands of both retailers and jobbers. The condition of the market makes it imperative for flour manufacturers that would meet the demand to keep the goods on hand, as nearly all demands are for immediate shipment. Contracts for late deliveries of old crop flour are on no less liberal scale than usual in late years, due partly to the high figures set on it and partly to the thoroughly advertised poor characteristics of the old crop wheat.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$5.30 to \$5.70; second patents, \$4.90 to \$5.25; bakers', \$3.30 to \$3.80, in barrels; best low grades, \$1.60 to \$1.80 in bags; red dog, \$1.25 to \$1.50 in bags.—

Assiniboine Water Power.

This project is now the great topic of conversation in connection with Winnipeg municipal affairs, and the action of the city council in making the first move towards submitting to the vote of the ratepayers the question of the city's constructing the work, has caused some little excitement among tax payers, which will intensify very much, if they, the council, decide to push the question to a vote. The more thoughtful of the ratepayers are decidedly averse to the city undertaking the work, and expending the money proposed; and the fact that such a course would push the city to the utmost limit of its borrowing powers, leaving not a dollar for other much needed improvements, and possibly leave the work itself in an unfinished state and no funds to finish it, seems to weigh heavily against the undertaking as it rightly should. To construct the pro-