

(estimated) 8,000,000 bushels. About 10,000,000 bushels have passed out of farmers hands since September 1, as shown by the following: Canadian Pacific to lake ports, 5,400,000 Northern Pacific to lake ports about 1,000,000 Interior stocks, 3,000,000

9,400,000

Shipments via the Northern Pacific are estimated, and are under the round numbers stated. This week is estimated in Canadian Pacific shipments, which also includes some old wheat shipped early in September. Flour shipments, added to the above, would make the quantity of wheat disposed of, so far as the farmer is concerned, approximate 10,000,000 bushels, or equal to about two-thirds of the estimated surplus available for export from Manitoba.

**FLOUR.**—No change yet in flour. The mills are making a heavy output. We quote the price to the local trade, delivered in the city as follows: patent, \$1.55; strong bakers, \$1.40. Low grades 70c to \$1 as of quality. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—Prices unchanged, but rather easier and supplies appear to be plentiful. Millers hold at \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, with small lots held at \$1 per ton higher.

**OATMEAL.**—A further decline has taken place. There is considerable competition, not only between home and eastern meal, but also between country and city mills. Some cars of Ontario meal have come in, which sold at \$2.10 to \$2.17 per sack for rolled oatmeal. The price has now dropped to \$2 for rolled, and in large lots of 25 sacks and upwards, \$1.90 is quoted. The demand is very large for rolled. Granulated meal which a few years ago had the principal run, is now hardly wanted at all, and very little is sold. Standard has rather a better sale than granulated. The decline in price will probably stop further arrivals of eastern meal.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices unchanged. The range is from \$18 to \$20 per ton as to quality for pure oat and barley feed.

**OATS.**—Oats have held firm all the week, but at the close show a tendency to weaken. Farmers' loads on the street market here have mostly brought 25c per bushel of 34 pounds, though some loads were secured lower. Very little car lot business reported. Dealers held at 24½ to 25c, and 24c was refused for a car of feed grade on Thursday, but it might be accepted to-day. Some cars are going east to north shore points.

**BARLEY.**—No car lot business. Farmers are bringing in quite a little which brings 28c per bushel of 48 pounds for feed grade and 35c for good malting samples.

**FEED WHEAT.**—Wheat for feed or local milling is worth 40 to 42c, price to farmers for loads.

**OIL CAKE.**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

**FLAX SEED.**—Shippers have been offering \$1.05 per bushel for cars on track, country points, though this price and higher has been paid to farmers in some cases. Advises from the States as to flax seed are rather bearish. Dealers there counsel caution in buying, as prices are abnormally high, and there is always fear of a drop under such circumstances. Crushers, reports say, are buying only from hand to mouth, as they fear the market is too high and may take a drop. In fact, prices were off this week, Chicago quoting \$1.44 per bushel on Thursday, against \$1.49 a week ago. Add 20 cents per bushel duty besides freight and cost of bagging, in shipping to the States, to prices to farmers here, which range about \$1 per bushel upward.

**EGGS.**—Firm. 14c is the quotation for good fresh eggs, for country receipts, and dealers are selling at 15c to 17c in case lots. Strictly fresh are firm.

**CURED MEATS.**—Quotations are: Hams, 18c for heavy, and 14c for assorted sizes; breakfast bacon, barks, 14c; bellies, 14½c; dry salt lean bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10c; small smoked sides, 10½c; dry salt shoulder, 8½c; dry salt backs, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10c; mess pork, \$10, selected mess, \$18 to 18.50 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 7½c per pound; German sausage, 7½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half pound packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pair; pickled hocks, 8c lb; smoked jowls, 6c.

**LARD.**—Lard is firmer. We quote: Pure, \$2.25 to \$2.35 for 20 pound pails, and \$5.50 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3, and 5 pound tins, \$6 per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7.50 per case of 60 pounds.

**BUTTER.**—Medium and low grade butter is becoming a drug. There is very little sale anywhere for anything off quality, but a good demand for choice goods. Lots of butter, as received from the country, average sometimes 50 per cent or more under qualities, which render a round lot quotation for mixed qualities necessarily low. In fact dealers don't want anything but choice, but they have to take it as it comes, and in order to secure good qualities, they are obliged to take lots of mixed grades. Good butter is firmer; poor grades tend lower. We quote: selections at 15 to 17c; medium qualities, 10 to 11c. Culls, 8c. Mixed country lots, 12 to 14c.

**CHEESE.**—Quiet. We quote 9 to 9½c for round lots as to quality. At the cheese sale at Ingersoll Ontario, on Tuesday, bids were 9½ to 10c.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Wholesale butchers are complaining bitterly about the low prices of meats and they say that at present prices of live stock they are not making any money. Fortunately for the farmers, the export demand for cattle is keeping up the price to above a parity with the local price of dressed beef, to the discomfiture of the local wholesale butchers. The proper thing for the butchers would be to advance the price of meats, as they are themselves to blame if they are not making any money. The trouble with the wholesale meat trade is that there are a number of small butchers who seem to be unable to sell unless they cut prices, and the larger ones foolishly it would appear, follow suit. It would be better if they would leave the small fry alone and try to keep their own prices at a fair margin. The wholesale butcher business of Winnipeg seems to be done anyway on a sort of cut-throat basis. The consumers are not getting much benefit from the low prices, while the wholesalers, while complaining of not being able to make a fair profit, are obliged to depress prices of live stock paid to farmers. Their cut-throat business therefore injures the farmers as well as themselves and does not help the consumer, the retail butcher getting all the benefit. There has been a further drop in mutton and lamb. One butcher was selling lamb at 6c per pound, though some were getting 7c for mutton and lambs, with a probability that the price will be reduced by all to 6c and it was reported that one butcher was taking 5c mutton. Beef is easier. Fair beef has sold at 4c, and a good deal is going at 4 to 4½c, though some butchers who handle a better class of cattle are getting 5c for their best beef. Dressed hogs sold at 6c, but at this price there is not much in it for the butchers, with live hogs at 4½c. Veal 5 to 6c.

**POULTRY.**—Prices are: 12½c for turkeys dressed, or 9 to 10c per pound live weight. Ducks, dressed, 10c lb. Chickens, 30 to 35c per pair as to quality, or 9 to 10c per pound dressed, old fowl, 8 to 9c lb dressed, or about 40c per pair. Wild ducks, 20 to 25c per pair as to quality and size. Wild geese, \$1 per pair.

**VEGETABLES.**—Potatoes are firm. Loads on the street have mostly sold at 40c per bushel, and 35c per bushel has been paid for car lots on track here, shipped in from country points, where they have been bought up from farmers at 20 to 25c per bushel. Several car lots have come in from the Manitoba Northwestern districts. Prices are: Onions 2 to 2½c per lb; cabbage, 40 to 75c per dozen; cauliflower, 40 to 60c per dozen; celery, 20 to 25c per dozen; tomatoes, 2 to 3c per lb; green tomatoes 40c per bushel; citrons 40 to 60c per dozen; vegetable marrow, 50c per dozen. Carrots, 40c per bushel, beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.

**WOOL.**—Quiet at 8 to 8½c for unwashed Manitoba fleeces.

**HIDES.**—Rivalry amongst dealers has led to some higher bidding, 4c advance having been offered for heavy steers, though others are not paying it. Sheepskins are 5c higher for latest take-off. We quote, Winnipeg inspection 2½c for No. 1 cows, 1½c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3, and 3 to 3½c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 2 to 2½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote; Calf, 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per lb. Kips about the same as hides. Sheep and lamb skins, 35c. Tallow, 4½c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**HAY.**—Loose hay on the street market selling about \$4 per ton, with heavy offerings. Baled hay slow and very little wanted for city trade, and quoted at \$1.50 to \$5.50 as to quality, etc.

**SENECA ROOT.**—The market has completely flattened out. Nobody wants root now. On one lot put up for competition there was only one bid. 21c was paid this week, but the buyer at this price says 20c is now his top price.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—Export shipments have gone forward freely. Cables this week are very unfavorable again. British markets showing a sharp decline. Winnipeg wholesale butchers complain that they cannot pay the prices offered by exporters for cattle here, owing to the low price of dressed beef, but they should have the remedy in their own hands, by advancing the price of meats. It is said that 8½c and freight was paid here for some fine western cattle for export, the buyer getting a through rate of freight from original point of shipment. This would be rather better than 3c per lb. off cars here, for local trade, the seller paying freight. Butchers at picking up some light stuff at about 2c, but owing to export demand, they have to pay 2½c or better for good plump cattle here. Most of the cattle offering locally are light and inferior.

**HOGS.**—Local wholesale butchers also complain that hogs are too high with dressed selling at 6c. Good packing hogs, weight 150 to 250 pounds, not too fat, have brought 4½c off cars here, with heavy fats about 4c.

**SHEEP.**—Sheep and lambs continue, as they have been all the season, to drag very slowly. Lambs are very weak. Small peddling butchers have reduced the price of dressed lamb 1c this week, which makes the market very flat for sheep, and even lower prices are threatened. One car of western sheep was reported sold at \$2.85 per 100 pounds, which is a further sharp reduction under last previous sales, and indicates a discouraging situation for holders of mutton sheep.