

pected that stocks of wheat in store will be shipped on the opening of navigation, if the present low values in prices are maintained. Stocks in store continue to slowly decrease. Provisions have been quiet and steady.

WHEAT.

Offerings have been light and holders firm at former prices. Buyers, however, were not inclined to purchase at such figures with outside markets sliding down the scale, and consequently trading was at a standstill. No. 2 fall sold at 84c, with 83c the highest bid towards the close. No sales of other grades were reported.

FLOUR.

There has been scarcely any trading done here, and very little offered. Superior has been held at \$3.70 and extra at \$3.60, with buyers at 5c below these quotations.

OATS.

Oats have been coming forward slowly and all offered have been readily taken, at firm prices. Cars on track have sold at 35c for light mixed and 36c for heavy.

BARLEY.

In this grain the season seems to be drawing toward a close and there would appear to be little left in the country. No. 3 choice sold at 68c on track, and good No. 3 at 61c. Extra No. 3 was worth about 72 to 73c and No. 2 82c.

PEAS.

Have continued inactive and steady at 59 to 60c.

POTATOES.

Car lots on track sold at 50c, and a car lot of Nova Scotia at 70c.

APPLES.

There is no change in these. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$2.25. Only very choice bring over \$2.

EGGS.

Have been in active demand, and notwithstanding free receipts all offered have been taken, at steady prices. Fresh bring from 12 to 12½c.

CHEESE.

Stocks of old have been decreased considerably and there is now little in the market. Prices are steady at 9 to 9½c in small lots. New has been offered deliverable in about two weeks.

BUTTER.

Another active week has been experienced and receipts have not been up to wants, especially for best qualities. Selections have brought 20 to 21c, and good medium has sold as high as 15 to 17c. Rolls have brought 18 to 20c for choice and 12 to 15 for mediums. Shipping grades have sold at from 8 to 10.

PORK.

Has been quiet and easier, at from \$13.50 to \$14.00, according to the quantity taken.

BACON.

Sales have been made in small lots only at about previous prices. Long clear in cases brought 7½c to 7¾c, Cumberland 6½c, rolls 8½c to 9c and bellies 10c to 11c.

HAMS.

Small lots have sold at the old price of 11c for smoked. Large lots could be had at 2c under quotation.

LARD.

The demand remains steady at unchanged prices. Large pails have sold at 8¾c, and small have brought 9c to 9½c.

HOGS.

The few now offering sell at from \$6.25 to \$6.50, with a fair demand for all offered.

Movements of Business Men.

W. ELLIOTT, of John Elliott & Son, has returned from Ontario.

C. S. DRUMMOND has gone to England in connection with the H. B. Railway.

KENNETH MCKENZIE, president of the Board of Trade, will take a trip east shortly.

H. S. WESBROOK returned to the city from the east last week. He reports seeding operations going on lively along the line.

GEORGE C. THOMPSON, of the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, arrived in the city yesterday. This company is making good headway throughout Canada, with their baking powder and other manufactures, and are fast crowding foreign-made articles out of the market. Mr. Thompson will visit the leading towns of the province along with the Company's resident agent, Mr. Stevenson.

On Friday D. K. ELLIOTT, of R. J. Whitha & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, Winnipeg, started for Europe with the intention of making heavy purchases for the fall and winter trade.

The Territories.

Oats are wanted at 75c per bushel at Edmonton.

The country around Macleod is filling up with settlers.

May 1st has been proclaimed Arbor Day for the Territories.

Dunn & Lincham's new store at Calgary will be built from native limestone.

The Macleod Gazette says a new ranche company will be started, with a capital of \$500,000.

A Dakota ranche company have obtained a lease of 300,000 acres of land in the Wood Mountain country.

A tree agent has sold about \$3,000 worth of fruit trees in the Calgary district, and the capabilities of that locality for fruit raising will soon be known.

The Dominion Government has granted supplementary letters patent to the Cochrane Ranche Company, changing the capital from \$500,000 to \$250,000.

The Northwest League has been formed at Calgary, for the object of "uniting people of all shades of politics throughout the Territories, to work for the advancement of the country."

Since the reservation of land for police purposes at Fort Saskatchewan was made last week there has been quite a boom in town lots. P. Heimrich has sold a number at \$50 apiece.

A mass meeting of citizens has been held at Calgary to consider the liquor laws as in force in the Territories. Resolutions were unanimously passed affirming the unsatisfactory condition of the present law, demanding the privilege of local option, and requesting the establishment of a general license system.

The Calgary Tribune says: S. J. Hogg went up to Cochrane on Sunday last, returning on Wednesday. He visited the timber limits of the Calgary Lumber Co., which embrace an area of about 8 miles square, and found a better range of timber than he had seen any other

place east of the Columbia. The Company have the tramway to their mills about completed, and intend to commence operations at once, expecting to be able to turn lumber into the market in about a month. The timber is of the Cypress variety, and comparatively clear. The saw mill is fitted up with all the modern equipment, and is now in perfect working order.

Manitoba.

DOWNS BROS., of Nirden, have packed about 15 tons of pork.

TURNER & ATKINSON have opened a paint shop at Virden.

H. SCOONES, tent and awning manufacturer, has commenced business at Portage la Prairie.

GEO. H. BOSWELL, of Beulah, will build a store at Elkhorn, which he will operate as a branch.

Preparations are being made for considerable building at Shelmouth, in anticipation of the Northwestern railway crossing the Assiniboine at that point.

DR. D. J. M. HAGARTY has sold his farm north-east of the Portage, and a stock farm at Westbourne to Messrs. Pugsley, two English gentlemen, for about \$17,000.

Forty-six bags of "Azov" wheat were shipped this week from Ontario to the Portage la Prairie Agricultural society. This quantity does not nearly supply the demand but it is all that could be got.

D. JOHNSON, of the Portage la Prairie oatmeal mill, has secured thirty bags of South Pacific oats, which he intends distributing among the farmers on the Portage Plains. The oats are a beautiful specimen of the family, and were imported from Australia four years ago to Ontario.

FARMING operations during last week were going on generally throughout the province. The land is in excellent condition for working and the weather was all that could be desired. Should no serious drawback occur, a very large area will be sown. Last fall was exceptionally favorable for ploughing, and with an early spring farmers have a grand opportunity to exceed all previous efforts.

Notes and Comments.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin has on one or two occasions given the C.P.R. officials a severe lecture for their lack of facilities in handling the traffic of the road. The Bulletin says any amount of Manitoba damaged wheat could be placed by Montreal dealers, if facilities for bringing it forward promptly were available. It says: "We know of one firm in this city that could dispose of 100,000 bushels to day if it could only secure the cars to bring it along, but being unable to do so, the firm in question refuses to take risks for any length of time ahead." What has been an inconvenience to Montreal merchants, has also been a serious inconvenience and often a direct loss to both importers and exporters in this country. During the very busiest exporting season for grain, the company suddenly refused to receive grain for export, for the space of several weeks, and since the resumption of exportation, there has always