

BUTTER.

The butter market continues very dull and slow. Practically nothing moving, with local quotations at about 12 to 14c per pound. The situation east in butter has not changed, and at Montreal ordinary western is worth from 14 to 15c per pound.

CHEESE.

The situation in cheese is dull and easy. The city trade has been injured by farmers peddling cheese to the retail trade. Jobbing lots are quoted at 9 to 10c, but the lower figure is nearer the basis of sales. Factories are holding at about 8c per pound, but purchasers are slow at this figure, as the result of handling last season's cheese has not been very profitable to the wholesale trade. Cheese sold as high as 9c for finest at country points in Ontario recently, and was quoted as high as 9½c for finest to as low as 8c for medium at Montreal.

EGGS.

Slow at 14c per dozen in case lots.

CURED MEATS.

Hams were held firmer last week, and there was some appreciation in breakfast bacon. There is a considerable range in prices. Hams are held at 14 to 14½c, breakfast bacon at 13½ to 14c, rolls at 12 to 12½c, and long clear at 10c. Some home cured is offered at 14 to 14½c for hams, breakfast bacon at 13 to 13½c, and rolls 11c. Bologna sausage held at 7c per pound. Mess pork \$18 to \$19 per barrel.

LARD.

Lard was easy and selling at lower prices, with the usual quotation at \$2 per pail of 20 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS.

The meat trade was very dull last week all around, with prices not materially changed, but easy. Beef of good quality is plentiful. Beef sides are held at 5 to 5½c per pound as to quality. Pork easy at 6½ to 7c per pound. Mutton 9c per pound, veal 6c and lamb 11c.

LIVE STOCK.

Scarcely anything doing in live stock, and not enough movement upon which to base quotations. Cattle may be quoted at 2½ to 3c per pound at the yards here, as to quality. No sales of hogs were reported, but values easier, and nominal at 4 to 4½c.

POULTRY.

Spring chickens bring about 30 to 40c per pair, and old fowl about 10c per pound.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetables were in good supply and easier in tone. Prices for green stuff and vegetables are: Beets and carrots, 30 to 40c per dozen bunches; radishes, 20c; onions, 20c; lettuce, 25c, per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40 to 75c per dozen; cauliflower, 40 to 75c per dozen; green beans, \$2 per bushel; peas in pod, \$1.50 per bushel. New potatoes, 75c per bushel; celery, 40 to 50c per dozen bunches; squash, 75c to \$1.50 per dozen as to size and quality; cucumbers, 50 to 60c per dozen.

Insurance Briefs.

A. G. Ramsay, general manager of the Canada Life Insurance Company, returned to Toronto last week from a visit to Manitoba.

W. C. Archer & Co. have been appointed agents at Vancouver, B.C., for the North American Life Assurance Company of Toronto.

T. C. Livingstone, general manager for the West of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, returned to the city last week from a visit to New York, and Hamilton, Ont.

The North American Life Assurance Co. has paid over to the executors of the late Hon. A. E. B. Davie, Premier of British Columbia, the sum of \$10,000, being the amount of its policy on his life.

Some months ago a fire occurred at Young's hotel, Portage la Prairie. Detectives have been at work on the case, and recently they arrested P. V. Georgen, a barrister of that town, on the charge of arson. After hearing a number of witnesses, the case was withdrawn by the Crown attorney.

Manitoba Crop Report.

The Manitoba Government crop report for August was published on Friday last. Regarding wheat, reference is made to the serious damage done by the June drought and gophers. In districts it is said the gophers have decreased the yield by 25 to 50 per cent. The average yield of wheat per acre is placed at 14.8 bushels for the entire province. The acreage yield by sections is stated as follows: Eastern group of counties, 14.5 bushels per acre; Southwestern group, 11.7 bushels; Central group, 15.2 bushels; Northwestern group, 17.3 bushels. Souris River, Rock Lake, Turtle Mountain, and Dennis counties show the greatest destruction from gophers.

The yield of oats is placed at 21.5 bushels per acre on an average for the province. Barley promises an average yield of 18.5. The yield of grains all round is about one-half that of 1887. A large amount of new land has been broken, estimated at 135,649 acres. This is greatly in excess of any previous year.

The Norquay Monument.

At a public meeting, held in Winnipeg last week, to consider the propriety of erecting a monument to the memory of the late Hon. John Norquay, it was decided to go on with the matter. Provision was made for the appointment of a committee of forty, to solicit subscriptions, etc., with Rev. Canon Mathewson as chairman. Subscriptions will be limited to the maximum sum of \$1, in order to give all an opportunity to contribute. Subscriptions will no doubt pour in from all parts of the Province.

JAMES GLEASON, of the Deloraine House, Deloraine, Man., is dead.

It is said the C. P. & M. Ry. Co. will erect a new depot building at Ft. William West.

A. C. SMITH contemplates building an elevator at Rosebank, where the N. P. will furnish cars for shipping.

W. CLOUGH, of Winnipeg, will build an elevator at Otterburn, Man., at once, to replace the one burned last week.

A STABLE and three horses were cremated in Winnipeg on Friday, the property of James Flaagan and F. Osenbrugge.

The sale is reported of the business of Winnett & Co., furniture, Winnipeg, to A. W. E. Thompson, manufacturers' agent, of Winnipeg.

OGLIVIE'S flour mill, Winnipeg, has shut down for three weeks for repairs, and in order to allow some new and improved machinery to be placed in position.

It is reported in a telegram from Ottawa, that James D. Leary, of New York, will build a timber raft in British Columbia, after the style of the Joggins raft, and tow it to San Francisco.

THE N. P. & M. Ry. have decided to erect their round house and machine shops, in Winnipeg, at once, and have advertised for tenders for the work. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

GEO. V. HASTINGS, of the Keewatin mill, was in Winnipeg last week, on business in connection with the erection of a system of elevators throughout Manitoba, for his company. One of the elevators has been located at Carman.

THE C. P. R. has arranged for three farmers' excursions to the Northwest from Ontario and Quebec. The first of the excursions will leave on August 20, to be followed by two others, one on the 3rd and the other on the 24th of September.

The Minnesota officials have agreed to allow Manitoba wheat to go into storage at Duluth, without being inspected, graded or weighed, as is the custom there with native wheat. This will have the effect of materially cheapening the handling of Manitoba wheat at Duluth.

AN important business transfer is reported in the sale of the business of the Manitoba Packing & Provision Co., Winnipeg, to A. Macdonald & Co., wholesale provisions, Winnipeg. It is understood the purchasers will take possession of the packing factory and carry on the business on an extensive scale. A. Macdonald & Co. are also adding wholesale groceries to their business.

HON. MR. DEWDNEY, minister of the interior, and party arrived in Winnipeg on Friday last, and proceeded westward to Regina, where Mrs. Dewdney turns the first sod for the Regina and Long Lake road Monday night. Mr. Dewdney will be banquetted. Tuesday he will come to Portage la Prairie, where he will be joined by H. H. Smith and A. F. Eden. The three will proceed to Saltcoats to inspect the crofter settlement.

VICTORIA has voted on two by-laws, granting aid to the proposed Victoria and Saanich railway. One by-law, that the city should take \$125,000 worth of stock in the road, was very properly defeated. The other by-law, guaranteeing interest at the rate of four per cent. on \$500,000, was carried by a slim majority. The proposed railway is intended to connect Victoria with the main land, via Saanich peninsula, which is considerably shorter than the present route.

THE Winnipeg oarsmen have nobly sustained the reputation of the city. They have returned from the recent aquatic contests at Minnetonka and Pullman fairly loaded with medals, banners and trophies, the most notable event captured being the senior four-oared race at Pullman. Winnipeg now has the champion senior four of all this great continent, the distinguished oarsmen being Messrs. Galt, Turnbull, Fox and Garwood. The two former are well known wholesale merchants of this city, of the firms of G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers, and Turnbull & McManus, wholesale, cash, door, etc.

REFERENCE has been made in these columns on one or two occasions, to the actions of the Winnipeg city council in regard to the water-power scheme. It was intimated in one article that the council was evidently desirous of choking off private enterprise in connection with this undertaking. Some of the Aldermen take exception to this remark. The statement was not made in reference to the aldermen individually, but against the council as a corporate body. In the case of Alderman L. M. Lewis, we may add, that he has consistently, but ineffectually, opposed the majority of the aldermen in this matter, and has sought to obtain fair opportunities for the private companies desirous of undertaking the work.