

## Toronto Markets.

Flour and grain—Dull and unchanged. Dealers are holding off for new flour. Wheat there was very little demand, although a good deal was offering. On call No. 1 hard was offered at \$1.15 east with \$1.12 bid, and No. 2 hard at \$1.10 east. A sale of new fall wheat was made at 90c west. Oats easy and dull. A car of mixed on track here sold at 45c, and white oats west were reported sold at 47c. On call mixed oats offered at 44½c with 43½c bid. Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights) Manitoba patents, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Manitoba strong bakers' \$5.20 to \$5.30; Ontario patents \$4.75 to \$5.25; straight roller, \$4.40 to \$4.50; extra, \$3.85 to \$3.90; low grades, \$2.00 to \$3.75; Bran—\$15.75. Shorts—\$19 to \$21. Wheat—No. 2 white, \$1.07 to \$1.03; No. 2, spring, 97 to 93c; No. 2 red winter, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 2 hard, \$1.08; No. 3 hard, 91c to 95c; No. 2 northern, \$1. Peas—No. 2, 70 to 75c. Barley—Feeding 18 to \$55c. Corn, 70c. Oats—46 to 47c.

Dairy produce—There is no enquiry for butter upon export account, the easy prices in the United States favoring that market as a source of supply for shipping purposes. For local business there is room for very good dairy tub, though at prices that keep at points stationery for some weeks—that is, at 14 to 15. Medium grades are plentiful at 11½ to 13c, but there is a lack of butter to sell at about 10c for culinary purposes. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice, western, 11 to 16c; dairy medium, 12½ to 13; common, 9 to 11c; creamery, tubs, 19c; rolls, 22c. Cheese, May and June, 9½ to 9½c.

Produce.—Eggs continue to be in the position they have held for some time. Each house quotes as the conditions of its own trade determine, those with an over-stock going as low as 12½c, while others more favorably situated quote 13c. Potatoes, the market is in a demoralized state. Quotations are: Beans, \$1.70 to \$1.50; potatoes, new, per bbl, \$1.70 to \$1.75; hops, 1890 crop, 35 to 37c; dried apples, 8½ to 9c; evaporated do, 13½ to 14c; eggs, fresh, 12½ to 13c; chickens, 55 to 75c; fowls, 49 to 55c; ducks, 65c; turkeys, per lb, 10 to 12c.

Provisions—Long clear is firm and higher. Enquiry continues strong, and business in a jibbing way is good. The stock of short cut is low, with an active enquiry. A bid of 10c a pound for a car of pickled hams was refused today. Dressed hogs for late August and September delivery are coming into marked interest. Outside dealers are offering on a basis of \$7.50 for two or three car lots. Quotations are: Mess pork, Canadian, \$15.50; short cut, \$16 to \$16.50; bacon, long clear, per lb, 8½c to 8½c; lard, Canada, tubs and pails, 10½ to 10; compound do, 8½ to 9c; smoked meats—hams, per lb, 12c; bellies, per lb., 11c; rolls, per lb., 9c; backs, per lb, 11 to 11½c.

Hides—Cured, 6c; green, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 1, 5½c; do, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 2, 4½c; do, steers, 60 lbs and up, No. 3, 3½c; do, cows, No. 1, 5c; do, cows, No. 2, 4c; do, cows, No. 3, 3c. Skins—Pelts, 30c; lambskins, 10c; veals, 8 lbs and up, green, No. 1, 7c; do, 6 lbs and up, green, No. 2, 5c; do 8 lbs and up, cured, 8 to 9c.

Wool—Fleece, unwashed, 19 to 12c; rejects, 15 to 16c; combing, 18 to 19c; clothing, 20 to

to 21c; do, pure down, 22 to 24c; pulled, super, 22 to 23c; do, extra, 26 to 28c. *Empire*, Aug. 1th.

## Ontario Crops.

The condition of the Ontario crops is a matter of considerable interest to Manitoba, as values here are influenced to some extent by the Ontario demand. The prospects in that province were not very bright early in the season, owing to drought, but a period of cool rainy weather set in just in the nick of time, and the outlook has been vastly improved. The *Toronto Empire*, has been investigating Ontario crop conditions, and reports as follows, on August 4:

Taking spring wheat in the first place, the crop is exceptionally good. Partial failures are reported in strips neighboring around Caledonia and Paisley, but with these two exceptions the crop will be above the average. Particular localities have been favored with yields which are pronounced the heaviest in many years, and while there is considerable difficulty in locating the centres of abundance, St. Thomas, Mount Forest, Orillia and Woolstock are at least prominent.

Nowhere are complaints heard concerning fall wheat. In every district in the province heard from, and no important point has been omitted this crop is most favorably spoken of. In several places the yield is as high as forty-one bushels to the acre, and testing fully sixty-two lbs. to the bushel. Very many districts which do not show as heavy a yield give their present harvest the palm from the past half dozen years.

Barley is an important and interesting crop this year. Looking over the returns, it is satisfactory to notice that the efforts of the Dominion Government to show the farmers the advisability of growing more two rowed barley have been well responded to in the best barley producing districts of the province. In the Bay of Quinte district, for instance, satisfactory results have been proved, and altogether it is clear to the barley growers of Ontario, wishing as they do to supply the British malsters with the article in highest demand, that they must increase their attention to the growth of two-rowed barley. The verdict now is that wherever this barley has been sown it has turned out better than the common barley. But taking the whole crop as it stands, the reports are satisfactory all over, and most satisfactory in and around Kingston, Oshawa, Hastings, Bethany, Guelph, Napanea, Hanover, Dundas, Orangeville and Woolstock.

Reports from fifty centres indicate an abundant crop of peas, and there will be more than an average yield of oats for a larger acreage. The late rains have been beneficial and, except in a very few localities the crop will be good in grain.

## Freight Rates.

An active demand prevailed for freights during the past week, and the feeling was stronger. All rail rates were well maintained, and the roads are doing a little more business on the basis of 2½c flour and grain and 30c provisions to New York. Lake and rail freights were in active demand and engagements were liberal. Rates ruled higher on the basis of 7½ to 8½c wheat and 7½ to 8c to New York, according to

route. Rates to New England points were steady at 8½c wheat and 5½c oats, but will be advanced on Aug. 8 to 9½ and 6½ respectively. Lake freights were in active request, and the supply of the vessels was only moderate, as a portion of the fleet has been diverted to the ore trade. Rates have ruled higher, and closed firm at 3c wheat, 2½c corn and 2½c oats to Buffalo, 2c corn to Georgian Bay ports, and 1c wheat and 3½c corn to Kingston. Charters have been made to load next month, shippers to give four days notice, at 3c wheat to Buffalo. Through rates to Liverpool were steadier at 2½ to 2¾c flour, 25 to 27½c grain, and 39½ to 45c provisions, according to route. —Chicago Trade Bulletin.

## The Stock Markets.

A cable to the *Montreal Gazette*, dated Liverpool, August 3, says: "This was a bank holiday in England and trade was naturally dull, and this in connection with very heavy receipts of Canadian and United States cattle had the effect of reducing prices fully 1c per pound. The general supply of cattle was fair. The supply of sheep continues heavy and the market shows no prospects of any improvement in the near future. Quotations to day are as follows: Finest steers, 12 to 12½c; good to choice, 11½ to 12c; poor to medium, 10½ to 11c; inferior and bulls, 8½ to 9½c; best sheep, 11½ to 12c; secondary, 10 to 11c; merinoes, 9½ to 10c; inferior and rams, 7 to 8½c.

At Montreal on Monday, Aug. 3, the market was reported as follows: "Locally, trade is very quiet. The shipments last week were the smallest (with one exception) of the season, owing, no doubt, to the scarcity of space and big rush of the previous week. A few odd sales of export cattle are reported to-day at 4½c, while the choicest butchers are not bringing over 4½c by the single head. There were about 1,000 head of cattle received at the Point since Saturday, the offerings being a little more liberal than for some weeks and the demand a little better. A few loads of export cattle were taken at 4½c, while very fair butchers' stock sold at 4 to 4½c. About 450 hogs were offered and all sold at prices ranging from \$5.60 to \$5.75. At the East End abattoir there were 450 cattle offered. The demand was slow and good cattle sold at fairly good prices; inferior cattle were neglected and slow. The top price was 4½c, fair to medium stock selling at 4 to 4½c. Some inferior stock could not be moved at any price."

## Harvest Excursions.

The second harvest excursion from eastern Canada to Manitoba, composed of men coming to work in our harvest fields, arrived at Winnipeg on August 7. Over 1,200 men were on board the four trains which carried the party, and they were at once distributed from here over the various branch railways in Manitoba, and along the main line of the Canadian Pacific as far west as Moose Jaw. This, with the party previously arrived, and those to follow, will be a great aid to Manitoba farmers in securing their crops.

Walter S. Crone, the well-known western representative of H. A. Nelson & Sons, fancy goods, etc., Toronto and Montreal, has been in Winnipeg for some time with his holiday trade samples. He left for the west at the close of the week.