

to further appreciation. While the United States markets have made a steady advance daily during the week Liverpool did not respond thereto until yesterday, when prices there advanced about 11-2c per bushel. Reserves of wheat have continued to decrease, and until these begin to increase, to some noteworthy extent, the markets will easily continue to advance. In both Europe and America harvesting is steadily progressing under generally very favorable conditions, and nowhere is there any marked alteration in the crop situation, although the trend is probably towards a fully more favorable outcome than could be seen a week ago.

Trade in Manitoba wheat continues on a very limited scale, it being confined entirely to the supplying of small orders for No. 1 hard from the millers in Western Ontario. These orders are solely for No. 1 hard and No. 2 hard cannot be worked to them even at a considerable difference in price. On Monday sales were asking 37c in store Fort William for 1 hard, but 36c was the best price paid. Since Monday, sales of car lots have been made daily at 35c, it being impossible to press buyers beyond that figure, until yesterday, when with the strengthening outside markets, a shade more of interest has been shown by Ontario millers, and a few cars of No. 1 hard sold at 35 1-2c to 36c. Although advances in outside markets should naturally be followed by advances in this market, it should be borne in mind that current prices paid for Manitoba No. 1 hard continue far above the parity of outside markets, and that when the new crop is ready to move, if not before, a sharp readjustment of the comparative positions is certain to be experienced.

**FLOUR**—The market is steady at the decline reported a week ago. Business is quiet. We quote \$2.15 for patent, \$2.25 for strong bakers, \$1.75 for second bakers, and \$1.25 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs.

**MILLFEED**—Supplies are scarce and the demand is good. Prices steady. We quote bran at \$11 and shorts \$13 per ton in bulk. Large lots 50c. ton less.

**GROUND FEED**—Ground feed is quoted at \$28 to \$30 per ton as to quality for oats. Ground corn is held at \$19 per ton. A mixed corn feed is quoted at \$23 to \$24 per ton.

**CORN**—Car loads on track, Winnipeg are quoted at 42c per bushel of 56 lbs. A good deal of corn has been selling, but as soon as new oats come in, imports of corn will cease.

**BARLEY**—Nominal. None offered.

**OATS**—No demand here. City dealers have all the oats they want to put them through until new oats come in, when prices will take a heavy drop, consequently they are not open to buy. Dealers quote about 44 to 45c for cars of oats here, per bushel of 34 pounds, but this price is nominal, and no sales could be made on that for the local trade. It is said that a part car of oats which came in from the States with corn, sold here at 35c per bushel, but the quality was poor. There is really no market price for oats at present. The only demand would come from railway contractors or for a car to ship to the country, and if there were any such demand buyers would probably be asked the price quoted—44 to 45c. The market may drop any time.

**OATMEAL**—Prices are higher to im-

port, cars would cost about \$1.70 for sacks of rolled kind down here.

**BUTTER, creamery**—The market is firmer. Competition is keen, as is shown by the fact that contracting is being made for August goods at 17c. 1-2c higher has been paid this week, and we quote 16 1-2 to 17c. In fact, the market is quite strong and local dealers are active buyers at the prices quoted.

**BUTTER, dairy**—The market is firmer. Good round lots of fresh dairy are now taken at 12c and 12 1-2c in the country, which shows a farther advance of about 1-1c on the week. There is keen competition and the tendency is upward.

**CHEESE**—The market is somewhat irregular but with a strong upward tendency and active buying. Contracting for August cheese has been done at 8c, and buyers here bid 7 1-2 to 7 3-4c for July goods.

**EGGS**—Candled stock is selling here at about 11c, and dealers are paying 13c net here, equal to 12 1-2c in the country. The market is firm.

**DRESSED MEATS**—6 1-2c is the top price asked for good beef now, and it is quoted at 5 1-2c to 6c for fair to choice mutton, 7 1-2 to 8c; lambs' pelts off, 9 to 10c; hogs, 6 1-2 to 7c for country dressed; veal, 6 to 7 1-2c.

**DRESSED POULTRY**—Chickens are 50 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens 25 to 30c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 70c per pair; geese, no demand.

**VEGETABLES**—New potatoes held at 50 to 60c, as to quality. Picklers are buying now for packing and they pay 11-2c per pound for cauliflower. Cabbage, 25 to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 40 to 60 per dozen. Green stuff is offered at 10 to 12 1-2c per dozen bunches; celery, 25c per dozen; green peas, in pot, 11-2c; beans, 2c per pound; cucumbers, 40c per dozen.

**FRUITS**—Currants, gooseberries and such like native small fruits are offering on the market at 60 to 75c per pall. Raspberries are scarce this year.

**HIDES**—The market is very irregular, owing to a little fight between dealers. Prices have been paid which are far in advance of actual values, and it is accordingly difficult to state what the actual market value is. Green salted hides appear to be worth 7 1-2 to 8c here, but it is alleged that 1-2 to 3-4c above these quotations has been paid for green city hides. The market, however, is not a natural one, and these extreme prices do not represent actual value. Green salted hides are quoted at 7 1-2 to 8c; kip, 7 to 7 1-2c; calf, 7 to 9c; deacon skins 15 to 25c each; sheepskins, 10 to 20c; lambskins, 10 to 20c; horse hides 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

**WOOL**—There is not much doing in wool, as the bulk of the clip is now in. Dealers complain very much about the quality of the Manitoba clip, the wool being badly mixed with chaff and straw, which detracts greatly from its value. Certainly some very dirty wool has been sent in. From 8c to 9c is quoted for Manitoba fleece. The clip in the Territories has about all been disposed of, at an average price, it is said, of about 10 1-2c to the grower. Eastern Canada manufacturers and dealers were the principal buyers and the wool has been or is being shipped eastward. Prices ranged as low as 7c for some poor quality up to 10 1-4c for choice selected lots. One or two of the ranch-

ers now take great care with their clip and assort the wool very nicely.

**TALLOW**—No. 1, 3 1-2c; No. 2, 2 1-2 to 3c.

**SENECA ROOT**—Buyers are paying 15 to 16c as to quality. The Commercial is in receipt of a letter from a United States dealer advising the digging of root, as it is thought the price will improve. Local dealers, however, about all agree that very little root should be dug this year, as they say there are heavy stocks of old to clear out before the market can improve, and if a liberal quantity is marketed this year it will prevent an advance.

**HAY**—New hay is offering freely at \$5 to \$6 per ton for loose and baled. Demand limited.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—The market is about the same as a week ago, with an easier tendency. Cattle are now improving rapidly. The top price now is about 3 1-2c for local butchers' cattle, and the range from 3 to 3 1-2c, as to quality for butchers. Stocker cattle are easier at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c as to quality.

**SHEEP**—The market is easier. About 3 1-2c is the quotation off cars here. Supplies of sheep held here have been about exhausted, and several car lots were arriving about the end of the week.

**HOGS**—The market is steady at 5c for the most desirable hogs, at which price packers are free buyers. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at 5c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$1.25 to \$1.75; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

**COWS**—There is a fair demand for good milkers at \$30 to \$35 each. Poor animals from \$18 upward per head.

**HORSES**—There has been considerable demand for horses, for the harvest work and good prices have been realized. Some arrived from Ontario this week, but the principal supply has come from the states south.

#### Crop Reports.

Several farmers south of Morden, Man., have commenced cutting wheat this week. The sample is good and the yield will be large.

In Springfield municipality, Winnipeg district some grain was cut this week, and considerable wheat will be cut next week. The crop is good.

Prof. Saunders, director of the government experimental farms, who is on a trip west, writes: "Crops on the experimental farm at Indian Head, Assa., and all through that district are remarkably promising. Wherever land has been well prepared the yield of grain will be heavy. With favorable weather there will be an abundant harvest."

W. L. Parrish, of the firm of Parrish & Lindsay, grain merchants, Brandon, was in the city on Tuesday last. To The Commercial he said that the crops in the Brandon district would average better than last year. Harvesting would commence in ten days or two weeks from that date.

The weather has been very favorable the past two or three weeks for filling out grain to the best advantage. The moderate temperature with occasional showers, has brought on the crop steadily but not too rapidly, and there should be a plump berry and full head. It can be hardly said that harvest has started yet. A little cutting has been done here and there in various districts, but