

latter price only for very choice. Poor stuff is slow sale at any price. Butcher's city dressed beef sells at 5c for good ordinary, but for choice there is a firmer tendency, choice western rancho steers selling as high as 6c by the carcass. Nothing much has been done in Christmas beef yet, but for really fancy for dressing stalls, it is expected that prices will reach as high as 7c per pound. A good many dressed hogs have been coming in, but they are averaging very small and light, and few are fit for packing. They mostly run in weight from 80 to 150 pounds each, and as a rule are poorly fattened, not being over half fattened. This poor quality of hogs has a tendency to keep up prices for good packing animals. Lots all round as they come in are taken at 6c per pound. The light condition of the animals coming in would look as though farmers were shipping everything in with the intention of going out of raising hogs. Packers are talking of importing dressed hogs from the south. They can be bought at 4c and 4½c in Minnesota, which means that they can be laid down here at about 5½c per pound. Mutton holds at 8c, and lamb at 8c to 9c, veal 5c to 5½.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are selling from store to the trade at 70c per bushel. Few offered on the market, weather being too cold. The variety of vegetables in the market is getting narrowed down. Quotations are as follows: Carrots \$1; parsnips \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel, beets, 90c per bushel, turnips 50c per bushel, onions \$1.50 per bushel, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; sweet potatoes, 5c lb., or \$6.50 per barrel; Spanish onions, \$1.20 per crate; southern red, do, \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

DRESSED POULTRY.

There has been a firmer tendency in dressed poultry. Local receipts being somewhat light last week. Some imported have been brought in, but prices have advanced rather than declined in the face of imports. Chickens brought 8c to 9c, the latter price for nicely dressed, plump birds. Turkeys sold at 13c to 14c toward the close of the week, the top price having been paid for choice dressed. Ducks and geese sold at 11c per pound.

Eastern Grain Markets

The grain market was quiet to-day with a few small transactions on local account only. There were some enquiries for No. 1 hard to-day, for which 98c was asked, but no sales were effected. We quote: No. 1 hard Manitoba, 96 to 97c; No. 2 do. 94 to 95c; peas, 68 to 70c per 66 lbs in store; oats, 30 to 31c; barley, 48 to 50c.—*Montreal Gazette*, Dec. 11.

Wheat—The demand was less active and values were easier. No. 2 white sold at 85c on track, and 86c was bid for No. 2 red. No. 2 white sold on the Northern at 80c and choice spring at 81c on the Midland. The value of Manitoba hard is still uncertain. It was given out that No. 1 hard had sold for \$1, but no more than one car seems to have changed hands at this figure. The general impression was that this sale was made for the purpose of making a quotation. A lot of No. 1 sold at 96c, and 10,000 bushels were offered for January delivery at 98c, Toronto freights, but no one would accept the offer.

Oats—Firm and in good demand. There were several sales of choice heavy white outside at 27 to 27½c for export. On spot sales were made at 30½c.—*Toronto Empire*, Dec. 11.

Toronto Produce Market.

Flour—Extra sold at \$3.60, Toronto freights. Straight roller is held at \$3.85.

Bran—Steady at \$10.50 on track in cat lots.

Eggs—Market at 22 to 23c for fresh. Lined

are plentiful, and are selling at 16 to 17c for ordinary stock and at 18c for choice.

Poultry—Continue weak and plentiful. Chickens sold at 25 to 40c a pair, and ducks at 40 to 70c; geese at 5½ to 6c per pound and turkeys at 7 to 8c per pound in case lots.

Hogs—Packers paid \$5.25 to \$5.60 per cwt.

Butter—The demand for butter was fair, but the supply of choice continues light and prices firm. Really good tubs, suitable for table use, sold at 16 to 17c, but ordinary were slow at 12 to 14c. Large rolls sold mostly at 14 to 16c. Creameries dull at 22 to 24c.

Cheese—The factories show more inclination to sell, and in consequence several thousand boxes Septembers and Octobers have changed hands at 10½c outside.

Provisions were quoted—Mess pork, per barrel \$13.50 to \$14; bacon, long clear per lb, 7½ to 8c; lard, tubs and pails, 8½ to 9½c; hams, per lb, 11½ to 12c; bellies, per lb, 11½ to 12c; rolls, per lb, 9½ to 9¾c; backs, per lb, 11 to 12c.

Montreal Produce Prices.

BUTTER.—Creamery, 22 to 23c, townships, 15 to 21c; western, 12 to 16c per pound.

EGGS—firm at 26 to 27c for fresh new laid; old fresh 16 to 22c; lined 15 to 18c per dozen.

POULTRY.—Chickens 7c, ducks 9c, turkeys 8½ to 9½c, geese 7c per pound.

DRESSED HOGS.—Easy at \$6 to \$6.25 per 100 pounds.

PROVISIONS.—Hams, 11½ to 13c; bacon, 12 to 13c; lard, 8½ to 10c; tallow, 6½ to 6¾c.

Fur Trade Notes.

Battleford Herald: Since the snow fell large numbers of foxes have been taken in this neighborhood. They are more numerous than they have been for some years past.

The Kamloops *Sentinel* calls attention to the deplorable and outrageous fact that deer are being indiscriminately slaughtered in the interior of British Columbia, for their hides alone, and cites an instance of thirty-eight being killed in one day by a white man and an Indian for this purpose. The *Sentinel* also learns that many of the dealers have in store large consignments of deer hides obtained in this way. The *Sentinel* wants more stringent legislation to protect the deer.

Capt. Bergman, a navigator of Lake Winnipeg, says the slaughter of moose on the wooded shores of the lake in the winter season is simply shameful. Travellers come across carcasses after carcasses of these large animals, untouched, excepting that the hide has been removed. Bergman knew two hunters who killed fifty moose last winter, and eight of these were left to decay in the bush. The principal hunting has been done on the west side of the lake between Fisher river and Icelandic river.

A. LAURENS, general merchant, Rapid City, Manitoba, has sold out to P. A. Campbell and A. W. Lefleur, who will continue the business.

THE cars seized for taxes at Port Arthur have been released on payment of \$11,807, by C. P. R. Superintendent Whyte.

THE Victoria, B.C., *Times* says it is understood that the effort to remove the rice mills to Vancouver is being renewed with some prospect of success. It was learned from Mr. Ross, who arrived from Montreal a few days ago, that the matter was under "serious considera-

tion" in view of the inducements which the direct steamers from China are prepared to in the carriage of paddy.

At the last market day at Ingersoll, Ontario, there was no cheese boarded. One lot sold at 10½ to 10¾c. Buyers were not eager to do business.

J. T. GORDON, of Pilot Mound, Man., will ship two cars of fat cattle to Winnipeg. The animals are intended for Christmas beef, and have been fed specially for the occasion.

J. T. SMITH will establish a cheese factory at Wapella, Assa., if a sufficient number of cows can be secured within ten miles. He wants a guarantee of 250 cows.

J. M. Macdonald has secured the agency for Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia for McInyre & Co., dry goods, Montreal, and leaves to-day for the East for samples.

THE Department of the Interior has created a new land district in British Columbia out of the New Westminster district, which is to be known as the Kamloops district, E. M. Boville, who has been assistant in the office of the Dominion lands agent at Victoria, has been appointed agent for the new district with headquarters at Kamloops. The district will include all the section of country within the railway belt lying between Salmon river and tributary to the Columbia and the summit of the Rockies.

THE failure of O. S. Dingman, boot and shoe dealer, of Morden, Man., is producing some sensational developments, says the *Morden Monitor*. The estate was assigned to T. H. Nixon, of Winnipeg, to whom Dingman owed \$140; but a legal flaw was found in this proceeding, and immediately on this becoming known another creditor turns up—McPherson, of Hamilton—who possessed a prior claim on a chattel mortgage for \$1,300. C. Locke, who represented this firm, put in a man over the agent of Mr. Nixon, and for some days the two representatives were watching each other. On Saturday last the debtor had repaired the legal flaw, for only about fifteen minutes before the arrival of the Winnipeg express, C. Locke received a telegram that a party representing the official assignee, was on the train to seize the goods, and telling him to remove them instantly. He gathered a force of men and teams, and got everything out of the store and had the goods conveyed to Stewart's empty store. A law suit between the two creditors is now in order to test their priority of claim. McPherson has since removed the goods to Winnipeg.

General Notes.

Mullarky & Co., boot and shoe makers, Montreal, have suspended, with liabilities of about \$200,000.

Joseph Martin & Sons, proprietors of the Harrison river saw mills, British Columbia, have commenced building a new tug to be used on Harrison Lake, in connection with their mills, for towing purposes.

The newly formed Wholesale Dry Goods Association at Montreal for the protection of trade and to ensure united action, held its first annual meeting recently. The following officers were elected: President, J. G. Cleg-horn; vice-president, J. Slessor; treasurer, J. A. Robertson, A. Leclair, F. May, G. Sumner, and R. L. Gault were appointed directors.