

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has been stronger this week than for some time, and quite a strong bull movement was made on Friday. The firmness started on Monday with a gain of about 1c in United States markets, influenced by higher cables and actual buying. The visible supply statement showed an increase of 1,837,000 bushels. Total supply is now 83,047,000 bushels as compared with 71,393,000 bushels a year ago, 64,717,000 bushels two years ago and 38,941,000 bushels in the same week of 1891. There were no official quotations from the United States on Tuesday, owing to the elections but prices were lower on Wednesday, the gain of Monday being nearly lost, perhaps owing to the election influences. There was a slight improvement on Thursday. On Friday cables were strong, Liverpool reported early an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1d and later reported an additional gain of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ d. New York bought freely. Receipts were light owing to the storm in the Northwest. Exports of wheat, including flour as wheat, both coasts of the United States and Canada, as reported weekly to Bradstreet's aggregate, 2,689,000 bushels this week, against 2,934,000 bushels last week, 2,813,000 bushels in the week one year ago, 3,885,000 bushels two years ago, 4,490,000 bushels three years ago, and as contrasted with 2,323,000 bushels in the first week in November, 1890.

Wheat Locally.—Prices have been stronger this week. The storm which covered the country on Thursday restricted receipts somewhat, and with some shippers sold well ahead, there was naturally a firm feeling for spot stuff, or wheat in transit, to make up shipments. Prices in Manitoba country markets show an advance on the week of about 2c, the advance occurring on the closing days. Prices to farmers after the advance, in Manitoba country markets, ranged from 39 to 42c for No. 1 hard, according to freights. There was a wider range than this, including some points where local influences had affected prices, but the figures quoted cover nearly all points. There were some sharp advances during the week for spot stuff or in transit to Fort William, owing to shortage in making up cargo shipments; 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 57c was offered for No. 1 hard, Fort William delivery, on Thursday, and again this morning 57c was offered for spot stuff or in transit for Fort William, with holders firm. A lot of about 500,000 bushels of wheat has been engaged for export via Montreal, nearly all previous shipments having gone out via Buffalo. The Duluth market appears to be well above an export basis. A report just to hand shows a loss of 4c on Duluth wheat sold in London on October 22, as compared with prices at Duluth on the same day. The domestic demand for No. 1 hard Duluth in keeping that grade above an export basis, which accounts for the difference in price between Duluth and Fort William. Manitoba wheat cannot be sold in the United States for the domestic milling trade, on account of the duty, and has to sell on an export basis. Lake charters, Fort William to Buffalo, were reported at 3c this week.

FLOUR—There has been some cutting in prices of patent and bakers, and a decline of 5c seems to have been established on these grades. We quote the price to the local trade, delivered in the city as follows: Patent \$1.45 strong bakers, \$1.35. Low grades 70c to \$1 as to quality. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.—A decline looked for for some time in bran and shorts, has materialized this week and prices are \$1 per ton lower. Millers hold at \$10 for bran and \$12 for shorts, with small lots held at \$1 per ton higher.

GROUND FEED.—Prices unchanged. The range is from \$18 to \$20 per ton as to quality for pure oats and barley feed.

OATMEAL.—Prices are about the same. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.90 to \$2 in broken lots, as to quality.

OATS.—The local market has been easier, owing to larger offerings from farmers, and prices to farmers here have ranged at 22 to 23c per bushel of 34 pounds. Car lots have been held at about 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c on track here, but there has not been much doing for this market, the farmers' supply being liberal. In Manitoba country markets car lots are held at about 19 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and some are moving through eastward.

BARLEY.—Car lots on track at country points are held at 25 to 26c per bushel of 48 pounds, at which rate a few cars are being picked up for shipment east. In the Winnipeg market 28 to 30c per bushel is being paid to farmers for feed grade and 35c for good malting samples.

FEED WHEAT.—Wheat for feed or local milling is worth 40 to 44c, price to farmers for loads.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

FLAX SEED.—Has been improving again in value. At Chicago on Thursday cash flax seed was quoted at \$1.46 per bushel, which is a gain of 3c over a week ago. In Manitoba prices have been about the same.

EGGS.—No change in eggs. Dealers are selling at 15 to 16c as to quality, and paying 14c for round country lots.

BUTTER.—The butter market is dull and the situation unsatisfactory. There is a lot of butter offering, and not much demand. Shipping trade is dull. Eastern markets are rather overstocked, especially for undergrades, and there does not appear to be much chance of working any Manitoba butter in the east, unless at lower prices than have so far been considered here, prices being comparatively lower there than here. About the only thing which seems to be wanted here is selections in small lots. We quote round lots of country dairy, mixed quality, at 10 to 12c as to average quality. Selections, 15c, medium qualities 8 to 10c, culls 5c.

CHEESE.—Quiet. The usual feature of this market—lack of discrimination as to quality—is felt. Dealers quote 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

CURED MEATS.—There is an easier tendency in meats, and as hogs are now being bought lower, lower prices for cured stuff are looked for when new curing comes in from the cheaper hogs. Some shading of prices is now being done, though there has not been much change yet. We make some reductions in the list, reducing breakfast bacon, 3c, and some shading is being done under quotations on some lines. Quotations are: Hams, 13c for heavy, and 14c for assorted sizes; breakfast bacon, backs, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; bellies, 14c; dry salt long clear bacon, 9c; smoked long clear, 10c; small smoked sides, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; dry salt shoulder, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; dry salt backs, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; spiced rolls, 10c; mess pork, \$16, selected mess, \$18 to 18.50 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound; German sausage, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half pound packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pail; pickled hocks, 3c lb; smoked jowls, 6c.

LARD.—Lard is easier and we reduce the top range on pure 10c in 20 lb pails. We quote: Pure, \$2.25 for 20 pound pails, and \$5.25 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3, and 5 pound tins, \$6 per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7.50 per case of 60 pounds.

POULTRY.—Prices are: 10 to 12c for turkeys dressed, per pound. Ducks, dressed, 10c lb; geese, 10c. Chickens, 8 to 10c per pound, dressed; old fowl, 7 to 8c lb dressed. Wild ducks, 20 to 25c per pair as to quality and size. Wild geese, \$1 per pair.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes continue firm in this market and prices have again ranged 5c higher, 50c having been paid for a few loads on the market here, though 45c per bushel was the usual price, and a few were bought at 40c. Turnips are 5c per bushel higher, and onions are about $\frac{1}{2}$ c higher. Cabbage have also advanced, fine large cabbage bringing \$1 per dozen. Cauliflower are about out of season now. Celery ranges 5c higher for choice. Prices are: Potatoes, 40 to 50c per bushel. Onions, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c per lb; cabbage, 50c to \$1.00 per dozen; celery, 20 to 30c per dozen; citrons 40 to 60c per dozen; vegetable marrow, 50c per dozen. Carrots, 40c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.

WOOL.—Quiet at 8 to 9c. for unwashed Manitoba fleece. The statement published in the daily papers this week that the shipments of wool from Manitoba and the Territories this season would amount to 300,000 pounds, is evidently an error. The wool clip this season will approximate 500,000 pounds. There is no way of arriving at the exact amount, as quite a quantity is shipped east by dealers and producers from country points, besides what is handled by Winnipeg shippers. The home mills also take some. Half a million pounds, however, is about as close an estimate as can be made.

HIDES.—No change. We quote, Winnipeg inspection 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 1 cows, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3, and 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote; Calf, 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per lb. Kips about the same as hides. Sheep and lamb skins, 35c for fresh, large skins. Tallow, 3c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

HAY.—Loose hay on the street market is selling about \$4 to \$5 per ton. Baled hay slow and very little wanted for city trade, and quoted at \$4.50 to 5.50 as to quality, etc.

SENECA ROOT.—Dull. Nothing doing. Shippers would probably pay about 20c for any straggling small lots which might come in, but no large lots appear to be wanted. To country holders of any considerable quantity it would be unwise to send to this market at present.

DRESSED MEATS.—The tendency continues easy for all sorts of dressed meats. Beef ranges from 4 to 5c per pound. Very little can be sold for 5c, and the average is rather under 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound. Country dressed beef will soon be offering freely. Some is already coming in. Hogs are easier. Some country dressed are offering and bring 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, though city wholesale butchers claim to be getting 6c yet. Mutton is dull. About 6c is the usually quoted price for mutton and lamb, but a little has sold at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c under this quotation. An effort has been made to take orders for eastern mutton for shipment, but prices are too low here, it would seem, to permit of bringing in mutton from the east.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—Prices easier. The decline in dressed beef here, owing to cutting by small wholesale butchers and offerings of country dressed stuff, renders it necessary for wholesale butchers to buy very close. One load was reported sold at 2c out of the yards here, of cattle in fair condition, but rather small. The export season is winding up, and with prices easier east, there is not as active buying for export. We quote butchers' cattle here at 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, as to quality, and it would be hard to get the outside range.