

time last year. The American visible supply increased last week 302,000 bushels. The world's visible supply increased 291,000 bushels against a decrease of 1,500,000 for corresponding week last year. Export shipments to Europe for the week 7,000,000 bushels, against only 4,701,000 bushels the previous week. The Argentine shipments for present week are reported 1,410,000 bushels.

Local market remains steady but very little business is doing. Holders are not inclined to sell at present prices, and shippers cannot see any margin of profit to warrant their making attempts to awaken activity in business. The situation is also complicated by the uncertainty of inspection owing to so much tough and damp grain and dealers are inclined to be unusually slow and cautious. In the early part of the week the price of 1 hard was steady at 70c spot Fort William, and at the close the value is 69 3/4c. No. 1 northern has been in some request and the spread between 1 hard and 1 northern has in some instances been narrowed to 3c for straight 1 northern, while sales on basis still retain the spread of 3 1/2c for 1 northern and 2 hard. Three hard 2 northern and 1 spring are held at about 6 1/2c, but these grades are not plentiful. Dried wheat is not in demand, and only one firm has been regularly in the market for it, and that only for dried 2 northern, the price for which has varied between 61c and 61 3/4c in store Fort William. Shippers at country points all over the west complain of the want of cars, and the movement of wheat to Fort William would be much heavier were sufficient cars supplied.

FLOUR—Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: Patents, \$1.95 strong bakers, \$1.75; XXXX, \$1.05 to \$1.15 per sack of 98 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack for cash.

MILLFEED—Prices are steady. Bran is quoted at \$9, and shorts at \$11 per ton, with large lots at \$1 per ton less.

GROUND FEED—Prices vary widely all the way from \$7 to \$18 a ton as to quality. Ollcake has advanced \$1 per ton this week and so also has ground corn. Other prices remain the same. Oat chop is quoted at \$15 to \$16 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$13 to \$14, and wheat and mill mixtures at \$7 to \$10 per ton as to quality; ollcake, \$24 per ton; ground corn, \$19 to \$20.

OATS—Quotations for oats are still high, but somewhat irregular. The prospect of increased importations of corn is having the effect of making prices uncertain. One quotation gives feed oats at 32c, but others put the price at 29 to 31c. Some Alberta oats have been in the market. Good milling oats still command high prices but there are few offering.

OATMEAL—Wholesale grocers advanced the price of oatmeal 5c per sack this week, as will be seen by reference to prices under heading of "Winnipeg Prices Current" on another page. Some further business is reported in car lots for importation. Two car lots were reported sold here on Monday to come in from the States at \$1.80 delivered here for rolled meal per sack, this price showing an advance of 15c over last sales reported for import. Later agents of United States mills were asking \$1.85 to \$1.90 delivered.

BARLEY—Very little barley is offering. We quote 26 to 28c per bushel of 48 pounds for car lots on track here, feed

grades, and 28 to 30c for malting samples.

FLAX SEED—Nominal. This article is scarce and in a small way will bring 70 to 80c here, from retail dealers.

CORN—Car lots on track here are worth about 49 to 43c per bushels of 56 lbs., as to grade on the basis of prices at Minneapolis this week.

WHEAT—Country markets—Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets have ranged about 50 to 58c.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market remains steady and about nominal. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

BUTTER—Dairy—An easy feeling continues to prevail in this market. Rolls and prints are being offered by jobbers at 15 to 17c as to quality. The latter price is asked for choice pound prints. Good tubs are worth about the same. Buyers are offering 12 1/2 to 17c for dairy tubs or rolls. Choice pound prints bring 1c more.

CHEESE—Jobbers quote 9 1/2c for large and 10c for small sizes. The market is nominal.

EGGS—Fresh candled eggs are worth about 22c in this market and lined 15 to 16c. For held fresh eggs 20c will be paid if they are of best quality. Inferior stock is worth 18c. Strictly new laid eggs are in the market in small quantities and are worth 35c per dozen.

POULTRY—Poultry of all kinds is very scarce and quotations are largely nominal. Live chickens will bring 60 to 70c, but are very scarce. Buyers are offering 10 to 12c per lb. for good mixed lots of chickens, as to quality. Turkeys, 10 to 12c, as to quality; geese, 9c; ducks, 10c.

GAME—Rabbits 8 1/2c each. Pigeons 20c per pair. Wild ducks 25c per pair.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips 1 1/4c per pound; carrots, 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; native celery, 50 to 75c per dozen; cabbage, 1 1/2c to 2c per pound; onions, 2 to 2 1/2c per pound.

SENECA ROOT—Nominal at 21c.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 8 1/2c per pound.

HIDES—Prices remain unchanged this week. Hides are coming in very slowly and the quality of those offering is steadily deteriorating as the season advances, the hair being longer and dung present in greater quantities. Inspected hides are quoted as follows: No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kin 8c to 6 1/2c; calf 8c; deer skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 40 to 65c as to length of wool; horsehides 50c to \$1 each.

HAY—Baled is quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.50 per ton on track here and loose on the street market at \$3 to \$7.50 as to quality.

DRESSED MEATS—Stocks of frozen beef are getting low and some dealers are practically sold out. This means a much larger demand for fresh killed meat and the prices are becoming firmer. Ontario pork has ceased to be a novelty in the market and dealers say that they are being offered more than they can handle. The offerings of eastern holders are so large that packers here can pick and choose. Prices in Ontario which firmed up a little while ago are now back to their old level and dealers can lay Ontario pork down here at \$5.00. Manitoba hogs will bring \$5.75 to \$6.00 if of

good weight and quality. The best frozen beef is quoted at 5 1/2c, and fresh killed at 6 to 6 1/2c; a little choice beef has sold at 7c in a small way. Mutton, 7 to 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c; veal, 0 to 7 1/2c. Hogs, country lots, 5 3/4c to 6c as to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

About all the business that is doing in the cattle market is on local butchers' account. Good stall fed domestic cattle are scarce and bring 33 1/2 to 4c for butchers use. Some western range cattle have been in the market, but it is doubtful if any more will be brought in, as the last in show a falling off in quality.

SHEEP—Practically no sheep are being offered. Those butchers who have sheep are naturally not willing to part with them and are holding them until stocks of frozen mutton are cleaned up.

HOGS—Quoted at 4 3/4c off caps for selected weights. Practically none are offered.

MILCH COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers.

HORSES—There is a good demand for farm horses for the spring work and sales have been quite brisk this week. A number of the horses which were used on the construction work of the Crow's Nest Pass road last year and which were wintered in Manitoba by a local dealer are now being sold for general purposes and are giving satisfaction. A considerable number of horses are being brought in from Ontario and the United States. The general range of prices for horses suitable for farm work is from \$200 to \$250 per team.

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