

atoes are expected to appear in the market next week, but will not be obtainable in a wholesale way so soon as that. Reports from the country regarding the crop are conflicting, but best authorities agree that potatoes will be plentiful. New southern potatoes are offering at 2½¢ per pound. Garden stuff is plentiful and cheap. Good old potatoes are worth 40 to 70¢ in a jobbing way here. Egyptian onions are quoted at \$2 per bushel, carrots 20¢ per dozen bunches; beets and turnips 15¢ per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40 to 50¢ per dozen; native cauliflower, 50¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 75 to 90¢ per dozen; lettuce, radish and watercress, 20¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 3¢ per pound.

HIDES—Butchers' cattle are still scarce and consequently there is very little doing in the hide market. Prices remain unchanged. We quote: No. 1 hides, 5½¢ per pound delivered here; No. 2s, 4½¢; No. 3s, 3½¢; kips, 5½¢ to 6½¢; veal calf, 7¢ to 8¢; deakins, 2½¢ to 4¢; slunks, 15 to 20¢; horse hides, \$1 to \$1.50.

WOOL—Manitoba wool is offering in very limited quantities and is bringing 7½¢ per pound here. Buyers are still out in the Territories seeking for the wool clip of the range country, but so far trading has been light. We understand that the wool produced in the Mormon colony, at Cardston, has been bought, but the price is not named. Buyers and sellers are so far apart in their views that there is not much hope of doing business. Bids for the wool are in the neighborhood of 5¢ per pound, point of shipment, while as high as 13¢ per pound is being asked.

TALLOW—The regular quotation for No. 1 tallow, delivered here, is 4¢ per pound. No. 2 is worth 1¢ less.

SENECA ROOT—The supply is increasing, but is still light as compared with other years. Dealers are beginning to take more interest in root and have advanced their quotation for best 1¢ per pound, making the price for good, clean, dry root, 25¢ per pound. Prices being paid range from 24 to 25¢, delivered here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Fat steers are still very scarce and butchers are supplying their trade mostly with cows and heifers. Prices range from 2½¢ to 3½¢ per pound for butchers' cattle, weighed off cars. Stockers are worth \$14 to \$16 per head for yearlings at point of shipment, and \$20 to \$22 for two-year-olds.

SHEEP—Choice mutton sheep are worth about 5¢ per pound and the range of prices for both sheep and lambs is from 4½ to 5¢.

HOGS—The market holds firm at 6¢ per pound for choice packing hogs. Heavies and inferior grades range from 5¢ up.

MILK COWS—Supply is limited and there is not much demand. We quote \$30 to \$40 per head, according to grade.

HORSES—Work horses are fetching all the way from \$125 to \$200 each, according to weight and quality.

Manitoba and Ontario.

The Toronto Mail and Empire in a recent editorial said:—

"If Manitoba's splendid crop prospects are fully realized, the harvest will give a great lift to the trade of this province. A surplus of at least 40,000,000 bushels of wheat for export seems not too much to expect from the present favoring conditions. Already the outlook has given a quickening impulse to industry in Ontario. Our manufacturers of agricultural implements are busy turning out self-blinders and other harvest machinery, and tools to ship to the Northwest. There will be many train loads of them needed to handle the present crop, and there will be no stint of money to pay for them if that crop is all that it promises to be. But the market is no less tempting to the American manufacturers of harvest implements, and their competition will probably be keener than ever. They no longer hesitate, as they once did, to sell on time to our Northwestern farmers. Stoves, tinware, granite ware, boots and shoes, clothing, etc., are lines in which there will be heavy shipments, and upon which many hands have been employed in this province on Manitoba account. An increasing trade is being done from year to year in those articles, and those grades of

articles which do not come under the head of necessities. For many of the extras and luxuries of life Manitoba can now afford to pay large sums every year. Thus our manufacturers of fine furniture, of musical instruments, etc., are working upon Manitoba orders. Both our manufacturers and our wholesale merchants have had to take chances as to the season's trade in the Northwest, in advance of any information afforded by the state of the fields. Their enterprise cannot wait until the crop bulletins begin to appear. Before the seed is in the ground their travellers are busy and abroad, taking the measure of the coming demand. But our business men prepare for their Manitoba trade every year with increasing confidence. They trust the good land and the industrious farmers to give a profitable account of themselves every season, and make arrangements for business accordingly. When the crop is ready millions of dollars will be required to remove it. This will be furnished chiefly by our eastern banks, whose earnings will be thereby increased and the value of their stocks correspondingly enhanced for their shareholders. Not only will the holders of bank stocks be likely to see that part of their property appreciate as a result of the harvest in Manitoba, but holders of Canadian railway securities will almost certainly have a like experience. Ontario has given a good deal in the way of population and capital to Manitoba, but it is receiving a good annual return on the investment."

Ontario Crops.

Reports gathered from many points in the province go to show that crop prospects are most favorable. All the grain crops are looking very well, except in some places in the western portion of the province, where the Hessian fly is reported to have done considerable damage to the wheat crop. The hay crop is turning out exceptionally well, the only thing required to make it a record-breaker being fine weather while it is being cut. Roots and corn are backward in some sections owing to dry weather. Generally, fruit is turning out well, the principal exception being apples, which in some sections are reported as being as low as a quarter crop. On the whole the prospects are very bright.

Ocean Grain Freights.

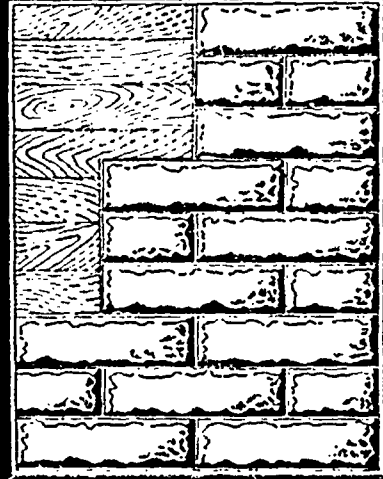
The weakness which characterized the ocean grain freight market a week ago has continued, to be the principal feature, owing to the lack of demand for room, and the weak advices from American centres on the same. Business here has been dull and rates show a further decline of 1½¢ to 3¢, and in some instances it is greater, while in one or two cases they are steady on account of the limited amount of room to be had to these special ports. We quote: Liverpool, 1s 3d to 1s 4½¢ July; London, 1s 7½¢ July; 2s asked August; Glasgow, 10½¢ July; Bristol, 2s 3½¢ July; Manchester, 1s 1d August; Antwerp and Hamburg, 2s 3d July; Leith, 2s 6d August; Aberdeen, 2s 6d July and August; Belfast, 1s 6d July; Dublin, 2s 3d July and August; Cardiff, 1s 6d July. Latest advices from New York say: Steamers for grain are in very limited request and rates for prompt and early tonnage are therefore easy. For July boats to Cork for orders, 2s 7½¢ is asked, and for berth term tonnage, to picked ports, 2s 1½¢, but business for the time is at a stand. Gulf freights for forward loading are offered quite freely, with rates firm. Rates are quoted as follows: Liverpool, 11½¢; London, 11½¢; Glasgow, 1d; Newcastle, 2½¢; Antwerp, 2½¢; Bristol, 3d; Leith 3½¢; Hull, 2½¢; and Hamburg, 40 pfgs.—Montreal Gazette.

Implement Trade Notes

The McCormick Harvester Company is putting on the market a weed cutter attachment for the mowing machine which promises to be a good thing in this line. It is designed for cutting heavy growths of weeds and will be a great saving on ordinary mower knives, as some weeds have such hard and woody stocks that they cannot be cut with the regular mower knife. This attachment will fit any McCormick machine, is easily adjusted and serves its purpose well.

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