

28 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 75c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 31 to 34c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffalo, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 23 to 25c; pebble, 21 to 23c, colored linings, 12c.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Quotations are as follows: Turpentine, 85c in five-gallon cans, or 80c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star 25c; water white, 29c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$4.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.25; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2 \$6.25; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage, 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$1.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

## THE MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### WHEAT.

There is no improvement to report in connection with grain affairs since our last issue. The car shortage and slow transit to the east is as tantalizing as ever to shippers, and although the C P R now allow of shipments to points east of Port Arthur, the privilege is one on wind and paper only, and is practically no advantage. On change the attendance each day is very slim, and toward the end of the week, when export markets kept declining, only a few traders made their appearance, more as a matter of habit than to do business. Even offers at reduced figures were not taken, and to get a correct idea of prices was a difficult matter. Literally no offer of No. 1 hard was made nor the grade asked for during the three last days of the week, although the nominal quotation of that grade was down to 56c. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern were offered but not taken at 54½c, and only one bid of 54 was heard. No samples were offered, and altogether the week has been a decidedly dull one, rendered dead entirely near its close by unfavorable markets in the east.

#### FLOUR.

A few stray cars have gone east, but no movement of any consequence took place. Mills all over the country are stored full of stock and one by one closing down. Shortage of cars is

the main cause, but dull eastern markets have an equally deadening effect. The local trade shows no improvement and prices are in no way improved. Quotations stand: Patents, \$2.05; strong bakers, \$1.80; XXXX, \$1.30; superline, \$1.10.

#### BARLEY

The feeling has been weak although offerings have been small. On Thursday No. 3 was offered at 39c, and on Friday only 38c was offered for it. Street receipts of feed sold at 30 to 35c.

#### OATS.

Although receipts have been light prices have been weak. Early in the week prime milling sold at 30c, but later only 29c was offered for the best and 27 to 28c for feed lots.

#### OATMEAL.

The movement light and the feeling quiet. Prices have been steady and as follows: Standard \$2.45; granulated, \$2.60; roller, \$3.

#### EGGS.

Stocks were very low last week and quotations consequently unreliable. At one time it would have been difficult to have scared up a dozen cases. A few cases of country eggs were coming in, which would be worth 25c if fresh. About 22c could be quoted for lined in case lots. Stocks will be replenished from the south this week, and prices may rule lower.

#### BUTTER.

The situation remains about as it was in this line, and prices hold at 17 to 18c for best qualities, with trade quiet and no important sales reported.

#### CHEESE.

Cheese is quoted in small lots at 13 to 13½c, and only moving in limited quantities.

#### LARD.

The prices of both local make and Chicago is \$2.30 in 20 pound pails.

#### CURED MEATS.

The home cured is in the market in limited quantity and at about the same prices as last week. Eastern Canada product is also coming forward freely. Prices are: Home cured quoted as follows: Long clear bacon, 11 to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 13c; hams, 14 to 15c; pork sausage, 10c per pound. Eastern Canada quoted: Long clear, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 14c; rolls, 13c; hams, 14 to 15c; Chicago mess pork, \$21 per bbl.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Hogs have been received a little more freely and prices have been easier. Some packers are now not offering over 7c per pound and from 7 to 7½c would cover the range of prices. Beef steady and quoted. Farmers' sides beef, 5 to 5½c; butchers' sides, 6 to 6½c; mutton, 11 to 11½c.

#### POULTRY.

Supplies limited and prices as follows: Chickens 9 to 10c; turkeys, 13 to 15c; ducks and geese, 12c.

#### HAY.

Pressed, in car lots on track is worth from \$8 to \$8.50 per ton.

### Brandon Markets.

Wheat—With the milder weather of last week we fully expected a much larger delivery than there was. The total delivery for the week ending Saturday last was only 37,773 bushels. This makes the total for the season 568,397 bushels. The highest price paid during the week was 52½c a bushel.

Oats—Are still in good demand for home consumption as well as for shipping. From 24 to 27c is now being paid.

Barley Still inquired for but principally for feeding purposes. Prices still keep at from 30 to 35c a bushel.

Butter—Is quoted to us at from 18 to 20c a pound.

Eggs—Fresh, are now selling at 22c a dozen while lined and pickled are selling as low as 18c a dozen.—Times.

### Western Notes.

The Langham Hotel, Brandon, Isaac Shupe, manager, has been closed pending a change in the business.

A bill to incorporate the Port Arthur water and light company, has been brought before the Ontario Legislature.

The registration charge on letters sent from Canada to the United States will from the 1st of March next be two cents, in addition to the ordinary postage of three cents.

Morden, Man., *Monitor*: J. Struthers, who went from here to Macleod last fall, has, we understand, in company with his brother, purchased a stock of goods at Pilot Mound, and will go into business there on his own hook.

A large deputation of citizens, M. P. P.'s and others waited upon the Ontario Government last week to ask a subsidy to the James Bay railway. The advantages of the route were pointed out. Mr. Mowat promised consideration.

Morden, Man., *Monitor*: At the meeting in the school house on Thursday evening last to consider fire protection, a proposal to ask for legislation looking to the purchase of a steam fire engine was voted down, but a resolution was passed authorizing the procuring of a hook and ladder outfit.

The Dominion Savings Bank at Winnipeg has rendered in the following statement of the balances to the credit of depositors on 31st January, 1888: Balance December 31, 1887, \$956,368.68; deposited for January, 1888, \$26,877.45; total, \$983,246.13; withdrawn during January, 1887, \$29,716.90; balance January 31, 1888, \$953,529.23.

M. HUGHES & Co., furniture and undertakers, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust, to the official assignee, after an unsuccessful attempt to arrange a private settlement. Mr. Hughes has had a long and serious illness, which has rendered him unable to look after the affairs of the business for many months, and which has partially led to the present embarrassment.

J. W. PEDDIE, doing a jobbing trade in fancy lines at Winnipeg, assigned in trust and the estate is in the hands of the official assignee. Liabilities are estimated at \$15,000, and assets at \$20,000. Mr. Peddie has met with several losses by recent failures, and to these, combined with slow collections and inability to discount customers' paper, he attributes his present troubles. Mr. Peddie has been rather unfortunate in his business experiences here, having lost heavily by fire some few years ago, while engaged in retail business. His failure was followed by the assignment of F. Peddie & Co. retail dry goods and millinery, in which he was interested. J. W. Peddie holds a claim against F. Peddie & Co. to the amount of about \$9,000 for goods supplied. The assets and liabilities of the latter house are estimated at about \$10,000. Mr. Peddie's failure will be a matter of general regret.