

City butchers are still supplied with frozen mutton. Sheep and lambs are worth 1 6-1c off cars here.

HOGS—Packers are taking all the live hogs which offer, and pay good prices for them. Receipts are fairly liberal. Choice logs are worth \$4.75 to \$4.87 1-2 off cars here, and as high as 5c is sometimes quoted. Second grades are worth 1 to 4 1-2c.

MILCH COWS—Very few offering. Quotations range from \$30 to \$45 each.

HORSES—Horses are coming forward regularly for the spring trade. Sales have been numerous in the city this week. Good work horses weighing about 1,300 pounds are worth here from \$150 to \$175 each, roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each, and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of lighter weight run from \$100 to \$140 each, when halter broken.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending March 17 there were 415 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 251; 2 hard, 53; 1 northern, 4; 2 northern, 0; 3 hard, 37; 1 frosted, 7; 2 frosted, 0; 1 rejected, 1, 2 rejected, 4, no grade, 20; 1 white 1 1/2c 1; 3 frosted, 1; condemned, 6 cars.

Oats—1 white, 3; 2 white, 12; 2 mixed 5; feed, 3 cars.

Barley—feed, 2 cars.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There was 3,555,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on March 17, compared with 2,728,000 bushels a year ago, 719,000 bushels two years ago; 3,027,000 bushels three years ago; 3,872,000 bushels four years ago, 910,000 bushels five years ago and 2,115,000 bushels six years ago. Receipts at Fort William last week were 188,000 bushels and shipments were 105,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 9,000,000 bushels, compared with about 8,950,000 bushels a year ago, 3,500,000 bushels two years ago and 6,000,000 bushels three years ago.

Grain Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin. Cars have become scarce on eastern lines, as they are having a heavy traffic. There has been an advance of 2 1-2c ordered on export rates to take effect on April 1 next. The tariff on domestic grain and grain products from Mississippi river common points is: To New York, 17 1-2c; Boston, 19 1-2c; Philadelphia, 15 1-2c; Baltimore, 14 1-2c. On export grain the rates will be as follows: To New York and Boston, 15c; Philadelphia, 12c; Baltimore, 11 1-2c. On grain and grain products for export: To Boston and New York, 15c; Philadelphia, 13c; Baltimore, 12c. Ocean route in good demand from the river and rather firm. Rates are 3 1-2d per bushel from New York and 3d from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 16.40c per bushel, rail, via New York, and 15 1-2c via Boston. Flour is 36 7-8c to 37c per 100 pounds, and provisions 49.86c to 50c. Charters to load and hold corn for shipment to Buffalo in the spring were made at 4c, and clipped cars at 2c.

THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS

Winnipeg Council, No. 151, held a special meeting for initiation of candidates Saturday evening, the 17th inst., Past Concllor O. M. Hatcher presiding. The following candidates, twenty-four in number, presented themselves for initiation:

W. Shimmun, with Amos Holden & Co., Winnipeg.

W. B. Littlefield, with Macpherson Fruit Co., Winnipeg, Man.

F. W. Morse, with Miller, Morse & Co., Winnipeg, Man.

J. W. Barber, with Northern Elevator Co., Winnipeg, Man.

K. McKenzie, with McLaughlin Carriage Co., Oshawa, Ont.

A. M. Stewart, with Johnston & Stewart, Winnipeg, Man.

J. H. Turnbull, with Turnbull & McManus, of Winnipeg, Man.

G. O. Anisebrook, with Rat Portage Lumber Co., Rat Portage, Ont.

John Brockest, with McClary Mfg. Co., Winnipeg, Man.

O. F. Lightcap, with Martin, Bole & Wynne Co., Winnipeg, Man.

E. Nicholson, wholesale commission, Winnipeg, Man.

E. G. Hipwell, with J. C. McNab & Co., Winnipeg, Man.

Dudley Dingle, with Dingle & Stewart, Winnipeg, Man.

F. E. Rosser, with Bright & Johnston, Winnipeg, Man.

Geo. A. Lister, with John Arbutnot, Winnipeg, Man.

A. G. Watson, with Jno. Watson Mfg. Co., Winnipeg, Man.

T. W. Ruttle, with McCormack Harvesting Machine Co., Winnipeg.

H. E. Toms, with Steele & Toms, Winnipeg, Man.

J. A. McTaggart, with Miller, Morse & Co., Winnipeg, Man.

J. D. Ballour, with Balfour Implement Co., Winnipeg, Man.

P. H. Jukeway, with Northern Elevator Co., Winnipeg, Man.

L. H. Coleman, with J. C. McLaren Belting Co., Montreal, P. Q.

I. M. Morgan, with Amos Holden Co., Winnipeg, Man.

T. S. Matheson, with Winnipeg Elevator Co., Winnipeg, Man.

Twenty-seven new applications were received and balloted upon.

Forty-four new members have been initiated within the past month and something like fifty more applications are on file. The larger number of them are expected to be present for initiation Saturday evening, the 24th inst., when Grand Concllor B. F. Holbrook, of Minneapolis, will be present. Election and installation of officers occurs on that date and a supper will be served afterward. Arrangements for a ball after Lent will also be perfected and all members are requested to attend.

The newly initiated members were chosen by Captains Cavanaugh and Cox, and they will be given an opportunity to participate in the membership contest which closes next meeting.

MOVEMENTS OF TRAVELLERS.

Geo. A. Roome, of Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week representing Terrien Freres & Cie., manufacturers of kid gloves, of Grenoble, France.

W. B. Dalton, formerly traveller in Manitoba for Caulfield, Henderson & Burns, is taking out samples for Jona and Fraser & Company, wholesale clothiers, of Winnipeg. His territory will be British Columbia.

McKenna, Thomson & Co. wholesale clothing Montreal will be represented in Manitoba and the Territories this year by W. G. Shora and John W. Irwin, the latter gentleman taking the place of W. G. Pennington, who was with that firm in the western field last year.

T. B. Devaney, of the W. R. Brock Co., has returned from a visit to headquarters at Toronto. Mr. Devaney says that business is brisk in the east, and the mills are very busy, most of them being behind with their orders. There is no prospect of any let up in the firm tendency of prices in dry goods, so far as can be judged from present appearances, as manufacturers are not likely to ease up prices while they have more business than they can handle.

Early Closing.

A deputation from the Winnipeg Retail Clerks association interviewed the provincial government on Thursday asking for legislation in regard to early closing of such nature as to give the city power to enforce a by-law requiring all stores to close at 6 o'clock on five week days, and at 10 o'clock on Saturday nights. Two members of the deputation were informed by Mr. Macdonald that he was in sympathy with their objects and while he could make no definite statement, promised to look into the matter and see what could be done in the way of the legislation asked.

Interviewed in the East.

F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., who is at present in Montreal, has been interviewed by the papers there. Mr. Thompson said to a Gazette reporter that they estimated that Manitoba farmers were holding from 8,000,000 to 8,000,000 bushels of wheat yet, besides which a considerable portion of the wheat in store was held by farmers. He believes therefore, that notwithstanding complaints of scarcity of money, the outlook was good for a freer movement of money soon.

Regarding the wheat area Mr. Thompson said: "The acreage in wheat in the province of Manitoba last year was 1,629,995 acres, and in the Territories 361,777 acres, and from the information which we obtain from our agents all over the country, I place the increase this year at from ten to fifteen per cent., which means a prospective total of 2,250,000 acres."

Regarding their Winnipeg mill Mr. Thompson said: "We are making extensive additions to our Winnipeg plant, and the constantly increasing demand upon our productive capacity renders it necessary that this work shall be carried on night and day. A large number of men are employed and by the 15th of April we hope to have the new plant completed, giving us the largest mill in the Dominion of Canada, with a steady output of three thousand barrels per day."

Mr. Thompson gave some interesting data concerning the tremendous fly-wheel of the new engine destined for the Winnipeg mill. The magnitude of this wheel will be better understood when it is known that it requires a belt six feet wide to drive it, the largest belt heretofore manufactured in the Dominion for driving purposes being only four feet six inches in width.

Speltz, a new variety of coarse grain, said to be excellent for feed, is being offered for seeding purposes in Winnipeg this spring. Speltz is sometimes called gramme and had its origin in India. It is now largely used in Russia.