

\$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 25 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½.

#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices remain steady and unchanged as follows: Spanish sole, 30 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, \$5 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 65c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock; American oak sole, 55 to 60.

#### LUMBER.

Quite a number of private residences are going up in all parts of the city, but a good many of those so far commenced are small sized buildings. The call for lumber for these has been in some proportion. Shippers to the country have also been more brisk, but farmers have little time at present to engage in building. After seeding is completed dealers expect a brisk trade from the country.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

The movement continues in fair proportion. Prices are as follows: turpentine 80c; linseed oil, raw 75c per gal., boiled 78c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.00 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl; Portland cement, \$5; white lead, genuine, 7.50; No 1 \$7.00; No 2, \$6.50 and window glass, first break, \$2.50.

#### SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

In addition to an active trade with country manufacturers, a very busy time is now being experienced in manufacturing supplies for contractors, who are preparing for railway building and other operations. The demand from the ranching districts of the far west, for home manufactured saddles specially made for that trade, has been very active.

#### STATIONERY AND PAPER.

The usual steady trade is doing in this branch, and without any features deserving of special notice.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

The movement has been rather quiet. Prices are unchanged as follows: Gooderman & Wot's 5 year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.50; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6 Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port wine, \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry \$2.25 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$3.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.50 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

## THE MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

There has been scarcely any change in the general situation since our last report. Grain

trade both in the city and at provincial points has lost many of its more active features, and now excites but little interest. Farmers' markets throughout the province are just about dead, deliveries having entirely ceased for the present, while seeding operations are going on. Dealers in the city have displayed little energy during the week, and the spurt made in buying to fill orders for shipment on the opening of navigation, has now quieted down. Prices have not changed in the least in any grain. Provisions have held steady and in only moderate demand.

#### WHEAT.

In wheat as in all other grains, the situation remains as it was given in our last report in almost every particular. Farmers are still busy with their spring farming operations and have no time to market grain. Exportation from stocks in store in warehouses and elevators throughout the province is going on steadily, though probably not as actively as a week or so ago, and a good deal of the wheat now in store will probably await the opening of navigation. Prices have not changed in any particular. Quotations by grade are as follows: No. 1 hard, 80c; No. 2 75c; No. 1 northern, 75c; No. 2 70c; No. 3 60c.

#### FLOUR.

A fair trade in Manitoba strong bakers is reported from Montreal at prices ranging from \$4.70 to \$4.80. Minneapolis flour has sold to a considerable extent at Montreal, at prices which are said to have been shaded. The situation here has not changed and prices are as follows: patents, 2.45; strong bakers, \$2.15; XXXX \$1.70, and superfine 10 to \$1.20.

#### BRAN AND SHORTS

No change to note in these products. Bran is still quoted at \$9.25 and shorts remains steady at \$10.25 per ton.

#### OATMEAL.

Prices remain steady and unchanged at \$2.25 for standard and \$2.50 for granulated.

#### POTATOES.

Are moving more freely at about 30c in car lots, with a tendency to lower prices.

#### EGGS.

Eggs were in active demand last week and prices were firmer owing to the call for Easter supplies. On some days fresh brought 13c. After Easter it is expected that prices will be again easier, and that 11 to 12c will be outside quotations.

#### CHEESE.

There is no change to note in this product. Prime home manufactured is quoted at from 10½ to 11c, and medium 9½ to 10c.

#### BUTTER.

There is still a shortage in the receipts of choice qualities, and a larger quantity than is now being received would find a ready market. In medium qualities there is a more liberal supply. Prices remain steady at 20 to 23c for choice and 12 to 18c for mediums. Dealers frequently make complaints of the state in which shipments from the country reach this market, through careless packing, thus occasioning a loss to the shipper and annoyance to dealers here. Country shippers should be more careful in packing butter, especially during the summer season. Each roll should be wrapped separately in new cotton, previously washed before placing around the butter. Paper should not be used for wrapping butter, as it makes a nasty mess in warm weather; neither should old cotton be used, with seams, which gives the butter the appearance of having been wrapped up in cast-off garments. We were shown a lot last week which could hardly be sold, on account of having been wrapped in old cotton. Another lot packed in a deep box and wrapped in paper, which arrived on a very warm day last week,

was in a bad state and hardly saleable as rolls. Rolls should not be packed one upon another in deep boxes. Use a small box and one just deep enough that medium sized rolls may be placed in it upon their ends. Pine boxes should be avoided. Rolls should be made to weigh from five to seven pounds. Putting up butter in pats or prints is not a desirable way for the market. Shippers should avoid as much as possible packing inferior and choice qualities in the same box.

#### OATS.

A very light movement is noted in these and only a very few cars have been received here. Stocks in the city are quite large enough to supply all demands. Prices remain at the old quotation of 27 to 28c.

#### BARLEY.

There is nothing doing on spot in this grain, though a few cars have passed through to the east. Prices here would probably range from 25 to 35c, with there any offerings.

#### BACON.

There has been no change in prices, which rule steady as follows: dry salt, 8c; smoked, 9c; rolls, 10c; breakfast bacon, 11c; o'd dry salt, 7½c.

#### HAMS.

A fair city demand exists for these. Prices remain steady 11½c.

#### MESS PORK.

Easier and quiet at \$14.50.

#### MESS BEEF.

In very moderate demand and unchanged at \$15.50.

#### LARD.

No change to note in prices. Quotations are: \$2.10 per pail; or 9½c per lb for tierces.

#### DRESSED HOGS.

There is now but a very light demand, and receipts are also on the decline. Prices range from \$4 to \$4.25.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Hind quarters, of beef bring from 7 to 8c. For full carcasses prices are unchanged at 5½ to 6c. Mutton is firm and higher at 12c. Veal unchanged at 8 to 11c. Prices are for dealers' quotations.

#### OYSTERS.

The trade in these is pretty well over for this season, though there are still some in the market. Prices are irregular, but about as follows: 35c for standard; 40c for plain well-ct, and 45c for extra. Bulk sell at \$2 to \$2.50 per gallon.

### MINNEAPOLIS.

There has been more life in the market the past week than for any similar period in months. The idea seems to have become prevalent that bottom has at last been found, and that although there may be some sharp and important fluctuations from now on, there will be a steady tone and a gradual, healthy advance in values. Many conservative men believe that present values are high enough for the year, unless the world's crop should be seriously shortened by bad weather or other causes. They argue that wheat has had a fictitious value for several years, and that as compared with the reduced prices of all articles of daily use or consumption, present prices of wheat are quite high enough.

General Agent Hiland, of the Millers association, although not yet in receipt of anything like detailed information, says that all his reports indicate an increased acreage of wheat in the Minneapolis belt this year. This would be a natural result, under ordinary cir-