

33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf 90 to \$1.00; French kip \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buff, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

Business in this line is quiet and prices are unchanged as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, 1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No. 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2.00, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 36c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 30c; Eldorado, machine, 56c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

SADDLERY

In this branch dealers have had a very fair week. Quite a number of orders have been received and filled, and notwithstanding the lack of sleighing, the winter's trade promises to show up well.

WINES AND SPIRITS

Dealers report that the season's holiday trade has been a very good one. Quotations have held steady as follows: Gooderham & Worts five year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy, \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

WOOL

Prices are almost nominal, so little is moving, but may be quoted: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c to 16c; cotted and broken, washed, 12c; unwashed 8c to 11c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 12c.

THE MARKETS

WINNIPEG

WHEAT

The markets here have been more or less unsettled during the week, in sympathy with changes in prices at Duluth and Chicago. At the commencement of last week prices were advanced 2c for loads delivered at the mills in the city. Prices continued to rule at the advance during the week, but closed weak, and with a probability of an early reduction to the prices of the previous week, unless prices advance very soon at Duluth and Chicago. Throughout the province prices paid to farmers were also advanced, but in some markets the gain was about lost by the close of last week. At some provincial points prices were run up above actual value, by local competition, but of course did not remain at these abnormal figures for any length of time. For instance 63c was paid at

Morden and Gretna, and as high as 67c at Deloraine. However it may be considered that very little grain was purchased at these figures, as such prices were above export value. At the mills in the city 65c was paid for No. 1 hard during the entire week, but with a probability of an early reduction to 63c. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern brought 62c. Car lots on track did not vary much during the week from the prices of the previous week, the advance being mostly in prices to farmers, and in some instances the prices paid the latter were higher than would have been given for cars on track at the same points. Closing prices for cars on track were the same as last week, namely, about 62c for cars on track here, 61c at Portage and 60c at Brandon, and the same proportion at other places, according to freight rates. Deliveries during the week have not been large, owing to cold weather and the absence of snow for sleighing. It is estimated that about two-thirds of the wheat in the province has been marketed, although there is a great difference of opinion on this point, and until the season has closed all estimates will carry with them more or less of speculation.

FLOUR

Notwithstanding the advance in wheat, prices for flour continue to rule at the low figures of the past month or so. Reports from the east indicate the same state of affairs there in regard to prices. Broken lots, delivered in the city or f.o.c., are quoted: Patents, \$2.35; Strong bakers', \$1.80; XXXX, \$1.20 to \$1.30; super-fine, 90c to \$1.

BRAN AND SHORTS

Steady at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts.

BARLEY

There has been some moving for feeding purposes at about 45c, which seems to be the usual price for all offered, regardless of quality.

OATS

Prices for oats are very irregular, and there appears to be a wide range in values. Several car lots have passed through from Ontario for the western territorial trade, where the lower freight rates on the long haul allow importations to undersell Manitoba oats at ruling prices here. Some cars from Southern Manitoba have been offered in the city and appear to have sold at about 42 to 43c.

OATMEAL

Prices hold steady at \$2.60 for standard and \$2.75 for granulated, in trade lots.

POTATOES

The cold weather has had the effect of stopping supplies from coming in, and the quantity in the market is therefore limited. No large lots were to be obtained, and prices were confined to retail lots, which were going at 90c to \$1.00.

EGGS

Prices hold steady at 22 to 23c for what are called fresh, though really fresh would bring 25c. Pickled are offered at 20 to 23c.

BUTTER

The demand has been light and nothing but small lots called for. Prices seemed easier, though sales of such quantities as were wanted were made at the last quotation of 20c for good qualities. From 1 to 3c would be allowed off this quotation for larger orders, according to the quantity taken. For medium grades prices range from 12c upward.

BACON

Prices are again easier, owing to a tendency on the part of some dealers to shade prices, to the detriment of the whole trade. Long-clear may be quoted at 8 to 8½c; breakfast Bacon, 12c; spiced roll, 11c.

HAMS

Prices for home cured hold steady, 13½c now being the quotation for smoked. Some imported Chicago is offered at 14c to 14½c.

LARD

\$2.15 seems to be about the regular quotation for 20-pound pails in trade lots; 3-pound are worth 43c, and 5-pound pails 65c each.

DRESSED POULTRY

The supply of poultry in the market is still large, and prices are easier all around. Chickens are in poor demand, and sell slowly at 5 to 6c per pound. Turkeys lower at 12 to 13c; geese also lower at 9 to 10c; ducks about 11c, but not many offering.

DRESSED MEATS

Offerings of hogs have continued liberal, and notwithstanding the large number of live hogs exported in the fall, there would appear to be a plentiful supply for all requirements for packing and other purposes. Prices are unchanged at 5c for packing qualities and from 4½ to 5c for light. Dressed beef is not in very active demand, but offerings have not been large. However good sides would be taken at 5c for the best, and from 4c upward for other qualities, with poor not wanted. Mutton is held at 8c. Best pork sausage 8c per pound.

LIVE STOCK

There has been scarcely any movement in cattle, and the demand is not active. The top price for really choice stock would be about 3½c, but such as is offering would not bring over 3c.

The Visible Supply.

The amount of wheat in store at the principal points of accumulation, in Canada and the United States (east of the Rocky Mountains), on the dates named, with corresponding week last year, was as follows:

	Bush. 1886	Bush. 1885
November 27th	59,572,340	55,539,993
December 4th	59,539,331	56,783,440
December 11th	59,989,660	57,981,156
December 18th	61,460,330	58,388,469
December 24th	62,261,330	58,320,974
January 1st	Bush. 1887. 62,729,570	Bush. 1886. 58,432,999

By this statement it will be seen that the visible supply of wheat increased 468,240 bushels for the week ended Jan. 1st, 1887.

UNITED KINGDOM IMPORTS.

The following return shows the extent of the imports of breadstuffs into the United Kingdom during the first fifteen weeks of the season, with the average price:

IMPORTS.	1886.	1885.	1884.
Wheat... cwt.	15,246,651	16,860,151	15,026,782
Flour... "	4,721,509	3,742,627	4,435,544

WHEAT.

	1886.	1885.	1884.
Av. price... week.	33s 1d 30s 5d 30s 10d		
Av. price... season.	21s 2d 31s 0d 32s 2d		

WHEAT IN STORE.

The following shows the stocks of wheat (expressed in bushels) in store at the places named on Jan. 1st, 1887: Duluth, 9,224,257; Minneapolis, 8,906,720; Chicago, 13,026,608; Toronto, 22,500; Montreal, 239,107; New York, 10,910,734.

Grain and Milling Notes.

One of the Pillsbury elevators at Minneapolis collapsed one day last week, scattering 60,000 bushels of No. 1 hard over the railway track.

"There is a bonanza awaiting the miller who will erect a first-class roller mill at Killarney.