

petition. The outlook seems to indicate strong local markets, as country millers will have to buy considerable and the situation indicates strong markets for hard wheats for domestic use, exports having been unusually heavy.

**FLOUR.**—The flour market is very strong. We expected to be able to announce a sharp advance this week, and it may possibly go in to effect very soon. The decline of last week was unnatural, in the face of advancing wheat markets, and an advance may go into effect almost at once. We quote the price to the local trade, delivered in the city as follows: Patent \$1.45 strong bakers, \$1.35. Low grades 70c to \$1 as to quality. Prices per sack of 98 pounds. [LATER.—Millers are refusing orders to-day except for small lots for immediate delivery, and it is understood prices will be advanced on Monday to \$1.50 for bakers and \$1.60 for patents.]

**MILLSTUFFS.**—Millers hold at \$10 for bran and \$12 for shorts, with small lots held at \$1 per ton higher. Prices are firm and an advance of \$2, to go into effect on Monday, has been agreed to by millers.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices unchanged. The range is from \$18 to \$20 per ton as to quality for pure oats and barley feed.

**OATMEAL.**—Prices are about the same. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$1.90 to \$2 per sack in broken lots, as to quality, and offers have been made at \$1.75 in carlots. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per 100 lbs. Some very inferior standard meal is offered at lower prices.

**OATS.**—The market is unchanged. Prices to farmers here have ranged at 22 to 23c per bushel of 34 pounds, though 25 to 26c is paid for good to choice white milling oats. Car lots have been held at about 23 to 24c on track here, but there has not been much doing for this market, the farmers' supply being liberal. In Manitoba country markets car lots are held at about 18 to 19c.

**BARLEY.**—The market is lower. There has been very little barley moving all the season but the demand has been limited, and as local brewers are getting well supplied they are not offering as high. About 38c has been the highest paid for malting barley by local brewers, but this week they were down to 33c per bushel of 48 pounds. Farmers' loads of feed barley here brought 28 to 30c mostly though some sold as low as 23c. Prices in the country are easier, as with navigation closing, the price in Manitoba country markets, to ship east on winter freight rates, would not exceed about 22c per bushel. Farmers, however, would no doubt prefer to feed their barley, rather than sell it on a shipping basis.

**FEED WHEAT.**—Wheat for feed or local milling is worth 40 to 45c, price to farmers for loads.

**FLAX SEED.**—Flax is about the same as a week ago. At Chicago on Wednesday cash flax seed was quoted at \$1.45 per bushel. In Manitoba prices have been about the same. The price of flax seed is very high in comparison with the value of oil and cake. The high price which has been paid for flax in Manitoba to ship to the States, has made the business unsatisfactory for the Winnipeg crushers, as prices for oil have not advanced in Canada in anything like the proportionate advance in flax seed. Manitoba growers have realized \$1 for their seed, and up to \$1.10 has been paid.

**OIL CAKE.**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

**BUTTER.**—The butter market is still dull. Shipping trade is dull. Eastern markets are rather overstocked, especially for undergrades, so there is no market in that direction for

Manitoba butter unless at low prices. Choice butter will sell, however. We quote round lots of country dairy, mixed quality, at 10 to 12c as to average quality. Selections, 15c, medium qualities 8 to 10c, culls 5c.

**CHEESE.**—Quiet. Dealers quote 11 to 11½c. At Ingersoll, Ontario, on November 13 the offerings were 3,250 boxes, the balance of the season's make, with no sales. The bids were 10½c, but salesmen were holding at 10½c. Last year at the same date 11c was bid.

**EGGS.**—No change in eggs. Dealers are selling at 15 to 16c as to quality, and paying 14c for round country lots.

**CURED MEATS.**—Prices have gone in the direction indicated last week, and there has been a sharp decline all around of as much as 1c in some lines. Quotations are: Hams, 12c for heavy, and 12½c for assorted sizes; breakfast bacon, backs, 12c; bellies, 12½c; dry salt long clear bacon, 8 to 8½c; smoked long clear, 9 to 9½c; small smoked sides, 9½c; dry salt shoulder, 8c; dry salt backs, 9½c; spiced rolls, 8½c; mess pork, \$16, selected mess, \$18 to 18.50 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 7½c per pound; German sausage, 7½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half pound packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pair; pickled hocks, 3c lb; smoked jowls, 6c.

**LARD.**—Lard has also declined sharply, as indicated last week. We quote: Pure, \$2.10 for 20 pound pails, and \$5 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3, and 5 pound tins, \$6 per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7.00 per case of 60 pounds.

**POULTRY.**—Prices are declining as was expected with colder weather. Prices are: 10 to 11c for turkeys dressed, per pound. Ducks, dressed, 10c lb; geese, 10c. Chickens, 8c per pound, dressed; old fowl, 7 to 8c lb dressed. Wild ducks, 20 to 25c per pair as to quality and size. Wild geese, \$1 per pair.

**WOOL.**—Wool is dull and inclined to be easier. In the United States, owing to competition of Australian wool, fleece was sold lower. N. X. Ohio fleece has sold at 18c at Boston, which is rather lower than heretofore. We quote Manitoba fleece, 7 to 9c.

**HIDES.**—are inclined to dullness, and other markets report rather an easier tendency, where there is any disposition to change at all. If the weather continues cold, it will now be safe to ship hides green, without salting, but care should be taken to see that hides are spread out in a cold place, and not thrown down in a heap immediately after taken-off, in a place where they will not freeze. Hides will spoil quickly even in cold weather if proper care is not given. We quote, Winnipeg inspection 2½c for No. 1 cows, 1½c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3, and 3 to 3½c for No. 1 heavy steers, and 2 to 2½c for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Country hides as they run 1½ to 2c. We quote: Calf, 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per lb. Kips about the same as hides. Sheep and lamb skins, 35c for fresh, large skins. Tallow, 5½c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

**SENECA ROOT.**—Dull and nominal at 19 to 20c. It is doubtful if buyers would be found for a round lot at this range of quotations.

**VEGETABLES.**—Potatoes have been sold from 40 to 50c per bushel, but only a few have gone lower than 45c, which is the usual price. Prices are: Potatoes, 40 to 50c per bushel. Onions, 2½ to 3c, per lb; cabbage, 50c to \$1.00 per dozen; celery, 20 to 30c per dozen; citrons 40 to 60c per dozen; vegetable marrow, 50c per dozen. Carrots, 40c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; parsnips, 2c per lb.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Prices are about the same all around, though tending lower for hogs. Country dressed hogs and some country beef is offering. We quote beef at 4 to 5c per lb. A good deal is selling at 4c, and very little as high as 5c. Very good beef is selling at 4½c. Hogs range from 5 to 6c, the lower quotation being about the price for country dressed, and some are talking 4½c for country dressed hogs. Dressed hogs are likely to sell lower as soon as offerings increase, as the demand from packers is not likely to be very good. Packers prefer to buy live hogs, as there is more risk in curing frozen hogs, besides the greater convenience in handling live hogs. In fact, it seems likely that in time packers will give up frozen hogs entirely. Hogs can be shipped alive all winter by using box cars, and with the facilities for handling live hogs now existing here, the winter trade in frozen country hogs is likely to wane. Mutton is quoted at 6c by city wholesale butchers, but is being sold at 5½ to 6c. Lambs the same.

**HAY.**—Loose hay on the street market is selling about \$1 to \$5 per ton. Baled hay slow and very little wanted for city trade, and quoted at \$4.50 to 5.50 as to quality, etc.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE.**—There has been considerable shipping business in cattle for eastern Canada and export markets this week, of Manitoba and ranche cattle, but the business is now nearly wound up for this year. There may be some more shipments next week, however. There is some figuring on cattle for the Christmas trade, and some purchases are reported made for future delivery. As beef is low, fair cattle would not bring over 2c for present demand, up to 2½ for extra good, and for fancy cattle to be delivered in time for the Christmas trade, about 3c per lb is the idea.

**HOGS.**—Easy is the feeling in hogs. Some loads have been delivered to packers at 4c this week, which is the outside quotation now for good packer hogs, weighing 150 to 250 pounds, and reasonably fat. Heavy fats, 10 per cent, lower. Sows, about 3½c, stags 1½ to 2c.

**SHEEP.**—The number of sheep held locally is not large, but this is a poor consuming market for mutton. However, as the quality of mutton is much better than in former years, owing to improvements in breeding sheep, and the price also much lower, it is expected that the local consumption of mutton will increase. A few loads of sheep were in this week and sold between \$2.25 and 2.40 per 100 pounds. About 800 sheep went east for export this week.

#### LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Three hundred and sixty cars of stock, about 7000 head, have been shipped from the Manitoba & North Western railway district since the first of July.

A trainload of 5,000 sheep left Pendleton, Oregon, a few days ago for Chicago. It is reported that between 4,000 and 5,000 sheep have been purchased in Oregon, at \$1 to \$2 per head, for British Columbia markets.

At Toronto on Tuesday, November 13, there was some export buying to complete shipments, at \$3.40 to 3.85 per 100 lbs, but most of the buyers are now said to be through for the season. Butchers' cattle were in excess of demand, and sold at 2½ to 3c for good steers, and 3 to 3½c for choice. Sheep were 25c lower per head. Export sheep sold at 3½c and butchers' \$2.50 to 2.75 per head. Hogs steady. Best bacon, off cars, \$1.25 to 4.30; heavy fats, \$1.25; sows and stores, \$1; stags, \$2 to 2.50.

Notwithstanding the cry of hard times, says the *Morden Herald*, Schultz & Hansen's clearing out sale, followed by those of other houses in town, has brought to light many dollars. It is said that last Saturday \$600 cash passed into the strong box of Schultz & Hansen, and on Monday from \$800 to \$1,200.