

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is selling at about \$1.25 per sack of 30 pounds in broken lots to retail dealers.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BUTTER.—Prices continue to decline, as no one wants to hold stocks of fodder butter when new grass butter comes in. Rolls are very slow. On account of recent declines in eastern and foreign markets, the exportation for shipping values is also lower. We quote the local jobbing price about 1c lower again this week, 13c now being about the best price for choice fresh dairy tubs of even color; off grade 10 to 12c. No creamery offering yet, except a few pound rolls, and not enough to make a regular quotation. Markets may improve when fodder goods are worked off, but the future of butter is uncertain.

CHEESE.—Old cheese has been offered here at 8½c. There is no new cheese worth mentioning available yet. The cheese market at Belleville, Ontario opened for the season on Tuesday last. Sales at 7½c.

EGGS.—Prices have receded another 1c, to 8c net price, and jobbing at 9 to 9½c.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure \$1.80 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.50 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins \$3.60.

CURED MEATS.—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; smoked jowls, 5½ cents. Dry salt meats are: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb., shoulders, 6c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$13.00; clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—Prices are about the same as last week. We quote city dressed beef at 5 to 5½c, a little fancy beef bringing a fraction higher, and mutton at 7 to 8c for frozen and 9 to 10c for fresh. Country dressed hogs 4½ to 5c, Veal, 5 to 6½c.

Poultry.—Prices are: Chickens, 12c per lb.; turkeys, 11c; geese 12c; ducks 10c per lb. for nicely dressed stock.

VEGETABLES.—Following are prices on the street market: Potatoes, 12 to 15c per bushel, scarcely any sale for potatoes; cabbage 40 to 75c per dozen, as to size; celery 25 to 40c per dozen bunches; onions 40c per bushel; turnips 10 to 15c per bushel; parsnips, 40 to 50c bushel; carrots 30 to 40c; beets 25c bushel.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.—Prices continue weak. Here prices are ½c lower for green city hides. We quote: Country hides, flat, 3 to 3½c; green city hides, No. 1 3½c, No. 2 2½c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb.; deacons, 15 to 20c each; kips 3 to 4c; sheep and lambskins, recent kill, 50 to 60c; chips 3 to 5c; tallow 3½ to 4c rendered, and 2c rough.

Wool.—There is no improvement in recent advices regarding wool. The London sales have been easy. About 9c is paid for the few lots so far arriving here.

SENECA ROOT.—No new root in yet.

HAY.—The sharp advance reported a week ago was maintained, and prices went a notch higher this week, cars having sold at \$9 per ton on track here, but later prices were \$1 to \$2 per ton off from the top, and will no doubt soon recede to old values, if the weather keeps

fine to allow of bailing and shipping more freely.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—This was a quiet week, as there were no export cattle in. Last week two shipments of 180 and 218 head respectively went east. There was a train load of 311 young stocker cattle in, going west to the ranges. Prices are about the same as reported last week, butcher's cattle ranging from 2½ to 3c.

SHEEP.—Easier, and prices tending lower, as offerings are increasing. We quote 4 to 4½c off cars here. Though some are to arrive which will cost about \$1.40 off cars here.

HOGS.—The easier feeling noted last week is more pronounced. Prices are unsettled, but buyers are inclined to offer 3½c for good average loads, which is ½c under last quotations.

Toronto Grain and Produce Market.

Wheat.—Red wheat is offered north and west at 75c and white at 76c. Manitoba wheat is easy at 61 to 61½c for No. 1 hard afloat Fort William May, 62c to 63c for No. 2 hard and 60c for No. three hard afloat Fort William May.

Flour.—Cars of straight roller are quoted at \$3.50 Toronto freights.

Millfeed.—Unchanged at \$11 to \$12 for shorts and \$10.50 to \$10.75 for bran west.

Barley.—Is quiet. No. 1 nominal at 39c. No. 2 at 31c and feed at 29c to 30c outside.

Oats.—Are dull and easier. Cars of mixed sold north and west freights to-day at 20c and white at 21c, but some dealers are asking more.

Butter.—Receipts still continue large, and while the supply keeps up as at present an improvement in prices need not be looked for. There is practically no export demand. The feeling in the market is decidedly easy, but no quotable change is noted to-day. We quote:—Dairy tubs choice, 10c to 12c; medium dairy tubs, 8c to 9c; low grade dairy tubs, 6 to 7c; choice large rolls, 12c to 13c; seconds, 10c to 11c; dairy pound prints, 14c to 15c; fresh made creamery tubs, 16c to 17c; creamery pound prints, 17c to 18c.

Eggs.—From 9½c to 10c forms the range of the market at present.

Hides and Skins.—The market is dull and easier. Cars of cured hides are quoted at 5½c; green are down to 4c in Montreal, but local dealers are still quoting 4½c. Sheepskins, quiet at \$1 to \$1.20 for the best. Country skins are quoted at 75c to \$1. Calfskins, No. 1 are quoted at 6c and No. 2 at 4c.

Tallow.—Local dealers are bidding 3½c to 4c and are asking 4½c to 4¾c.—Globe, May 6.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain.—Outside of a small business doing in oats on local account at 29½c the grain market is quiet and without any new features. Prices are: No. 2 oats, per 31 lbs. 29½ to 29¾; barley, feed, 33 to 34c; barley, malting, 52 to 51c.

Flour.—The flour market was quiet to-day, the demand being only for small lots to fill actual wants at steady prices: Winter wheat, \$1.10 to \$1.25; spring wheat, patents, \$1.00; straight roller \$3.75 to \$3.80; straight roller, bags, \$1.75 to \$1.80; extra, bags \$1.55 to \$1.65; Manitoba strong bakers' \$3.60 to \$3.75.

Oatmeal.—There was no change in oatmeal. Prices were: Standard, barrels, \$3 to \$3.10; granulated, barrels, \$3.10 to \$3.20; rolled oats, barrels, \$2.85 to \$2.90; rolled wheat, per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to \$2.50.

Feed.—Bran \$14; shorts \$15.

Cheese.—There is practically no cheese to trade in and no activity can be expected.

Advices from Great Britain state that the stocks of domestic cheese are all consumed, and the supply of Canadian and American much lighter than usual.

Butter.—The butter market continues dull, and values are very unsettled. There were purchases to-day of creamery at 11½c, but on the other hand buyers claimed they could fill their wants down to 14c.

Eggs.—The demand for eggs was fair, and prices were steady at 9½c to 10c per dozen.

Maple.—The market for maple syrup was quiet and easy at 4½ to 5c per lb. in wood, and at 50c to 55c per tin. Sugar sold at 7c to 7½c per lb.—Gazette, May 6.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending May 7, were \$1,214,951; balances, \$291,292. For the previous week clearings were \$811,051. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$1,048,212 and for the week two years ago, \$837,572. For the month of April clearings were \$1,032,458 as compared with \$3,093,079 for April, 1895, and \$2,958,886 for April, 1891.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	May 7.
Montreal	\$10,629,531
Toronto	7,022,501
Halifax	1,140,508
Winnipeg	1,214,951
Hamilton	741,917
Total	\$20,819,438

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Apr. 4	Apr. 11	Apr. 18	Apr. 25	May 2
Extra Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	7	8	11	10	10
No. 2 hard	8	5	3	2	1
No. 3 hard	21	5	0	2	3
No. 1 North'n	0	0	1	3	1
No. 2 North'n	1	0	0	0	2
No. 3 North'n	0	1	0	0	0
No. 1 white fyle	0	0	1	0	0
No. 2 white fyle	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	1	0	0	0	2
No. 2 Spring	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 Troated	15	4	3	0	6
No. 2 Troated	6	2	0	1	5
No. 3 Troated	1	0	0	1	0
No. 1 Rejected	8	1	4	2	7
No. 2 Rejected	14	4	1	2	2
No. Grade	7	0	2	1	2
Feed	1	6	3	6	0
Total	89	33	29	33	43

Same week last year..... 137 55 763 129 111

Oats.—For week ended May 2—No. 1 white, 0; No. 2 white, 1; No. 3 white, 0; No. 2 black, 0; No. 2 mixed 0; feed, 2; rejected, 0; total, 3.

Barley.—For week ended May 2—No. 2, 0; No. 3, 0; feed, 1; total, 1.

*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

M. Finklestine, general storekeeper, Selkirk West, Man., has sold out. Business continued by a stock company.

W. C. Choney has been appointed superintendent of the Victoria, Vancouver, Vancouver and Westminster (suburban) and Westminster Train Lines, all controlled by the British Columbia Consolidated Tram and Light Co.