

pouring in at so lively a rate. However, with big offerings now, it is evident that deliveries during the second half of the crop year will be very light, if the crop is as short as is generally believed. Those who believe in the minimum crop estimates therefore have great faith in high prices later on, and they are consequently loading up with May option. Already some speculators are talking \$1.50 for May. One thing noticeable is that the wheat is being absorbed rapidly, notwithstanding the large movement, and though prices are higher in American than European markets, still the export movement is not insignificant, when flour is included with wheat. There have been received in Minneapolis and Duluth 14,171,536 bushels of wheat, since August 1st, against 17,760,141 bushels to the same date last year. Stocks in country elevators, however, are only about 5,700,000 bushels, against 15,000,000 last year.

The local situation has remained very quiet, due to light offerings. Wheat arrivals at Port Arthur and Fort William elevators are much behind last year. For week ending Saturday, Oct. 27, the receipts were 261,960 bushels, against 360,200 bushels the corresponding week last year. Receipts of this season's crop so far have been 636,350 bushels, against 1,204,450 during the same period last year. This showing is due to the late harvest to a considerable extent. Deliveries at primary points throughout the country continued light last week, and it is evident that farmers are giving all their attention to fall plowing. Prices paid to farmers at provincial points were some higher early last week, but the break in outside markets on Thursday depressed values. At the close of the week from \$1 to \$1.05 would be about the range for No. 1 hard at the different points, though at some points local competition induced higher figures, as high as \$1.10 being quoted at a few points.

#### FLOUR.

Prices have held very steady, and there is no further change to note. Quotations to the local trade are: Patents, \$3.15; strong bakers, 2.95; XXXX, \$2.40; superfine, \$1.90.

#### MILLSTUFFS

Hold steady at last quotations: Bran, \$12 per ton, shorts, \$15, ground feed \$24 per ton.

#### OATS.

Offerings continued very light. Owing to the bad roads, very few loads were offered on the market. A few car lots were received. Prices keep up well, about 30c being the value on track here of good average samples. Choice milling oats command about 1c higher.

#### OATMEAL.

Steady at last quotations as follows: Standard, \$2.50; granulated, \$2.65; rolled, \$3.

#### CHEESE.

Holds very firm, but is still going in jobbing lots at 10½c, with 11c sometimes asked for choice boxes.

#### BUTTER.

The butter market continues very firm, and higher prices have been obtained in some instances for small lots of choice, for the city trade. Owing to light receipts, especially of good qualities, some sales of rather indifferent stuff have been made as high as 17c. Receipts, however, are expected to improve shortly. The extreme price obtained for choice so far reported is 22c, but very little has been sold at this figure. From 15 to 24 may be quoted as the usual range for from good to choice.

#### EGGS.

Eggs hold very firm, and lined are quoted 1c higher. A good quality of lined are selling at 23c in case lots. Fresh are hardly obtainable, but such as are offered are really no better and sometimes not so good as the lined. Really fresh would bring 24 to 25c, though ordinary receipts are worth only about the same as lined.

#### LARD.

Lard shows a decline of about 10c, 20 lb. pails being quoted at \$2.50 to \$2.60, for either Chicago or home rendered.

#### CURED MEATS.

The tendency in provisions is still easier. Dry salt bacon has declined ½c, though other lines are quoted about as before. Chicago cured quoted as follows: Dry salt, 12½ to 12¾c; rolls, 15c; breakfast bacon, 15½c; hams, 16c. Home cured product is quoted lower than Chicago, as follows: Long clear, 12½c; breakfast bacon, 15c; rolls, 14c; hams, 16c; all home cured uncanvassed. Pork sausage quoted at 10c per pound and bologna sausage 9c per pound.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Scarcely anything offering in dressed hogs, the weather being rather soft yet. Many inquiries from the country have come in regarding prices, and as soon as cold weather sets in, a good supply is expected to come into market. Packers are quoting 3½c, but they would go ½c better for choice animals. Butchers sometimes pay as high as 9c, and wholesale butchers are asking 9½c for city dressed. About 5½c is the usual wholesale price for good average city dressed beef, though an extra side sometimes goes ½c better. Ordinary beef sells as low as 5c. Scarcely any country dressed offering yet, but may be quoted at 4 to 5½c, as to quality. Mutton holds steady at 10c; veal, 7½ to 8c.

#### POULTRY.

Poultry of any description is not offering freely, and there is a good demand. Drawn always commanding the best prices in this market. Chickens are picked up readily at 12c. Geese are hardly offered at all, but would bring from 12 to 14c. Turkeys are scarce, and will readily bring 15c.

#### LIVE STOCK.

Hogs hardly offered at all, but quoted steady at 6½c. Good ordinary cattle still bring about 3c live weight, but choice animals are now being picked up at from 3½ to 4c, the latter price only for extra. Sales of indifferent animals are still made at about 2½c.

#### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes were higher, owing to the light offering on the market, due to bad roads. Sales reported on some days as high as 35c, but usually quoted at 25 to 30c per bushel. Other prices are: Turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; carrots, 40 to 50c per bushel; beets, 35c per bushel; onions, native, \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, 50 to 70c per doz; celery, 40c per doz. bunches; parsnips, \$1 per bushel.

#### HAY.

Not offered freely, due to bad roads, and prices therefore good. About \$10 per ton was the price for good average quality. A good deal of poor quality is offering.

#### FUEL.

Wood keeps very strong and high. Very little is being hauled in by settlers, and offerings on the market are mostly from receipts by rail. Poplar sells at \$5 per cord, by the load on the market, and tamarac at \$7. A car lot of Minnesota maple, received by the Northern Pacific and R. R. V. railway, was held at \$7 per cord on track. Poplar on track was worth \$4 and tamarac \$6, in car lots.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Grain—Barley—Quiet and easy. Quoted: No. 1, 74 to 75c; No. 2, 71 to 73c; No. 3 extra, 68 to 69c; No. 3, 64 to 66c.

Oats—new, quoted at 39 to 41c.

Provisions—Dressed hogs slow at \$6 to \$6.50 for light, heavy sold from \$7 to \$7.25, with tops at \$7.50. Long clears sold at 11 to 11½c, and mess pork at \$18.50. Lard steady, domestic selling at 12½ to 12¾c in pails and tubs.

Butter—Demand good for good to choice dairy and rolls, and all offered sold readily at 19 to 21c. Medium dragging at 16 to 18c. Fair demand for low grades. Creamery firm and in demand at 23 to 25c in small lots on the spot.

Cheese—Full cream, 10 to 11c; medium, 9 to 9½c; skims, 8½ to 9c.

Dried apples—Unchanged at 4½ to 5c in small lots. Evaporated at 7c for old, and 7½ to 8c for new.

Eggs—Fresh scarce and firm at 20 to 21; lined, dull, offering at 18c.

Apples—at \$1 to \$2 per barrel.

Cattle—Butchers' cattle offered mostly of inferior quality. Good animals were in demand at 3½ to 3¾c per lb. Common and inferior stock sold at 2½ to 2¾c per lb., while very poor were as low as 2c per lb.

Evaporated corn is moving at 9½c for Canadian to 10½c for best American.

The "Queen" brand of canned salmon is offering at \$1.65. It is said, however, to be short weight.

Rio coffees are very scarce on the spot. Fair are held at 17 to 17½c in small lots. A Rio cable of Tuesday reports a decline of ½c in three days.

Tomatoes continue weak and nearly all packs can now be bought at 90c. It is asserted by some dealers that some of the cheaper packs are light in weight.

Peas are quoted at \$1 to \$1.35 as to the brand.

There is a fair amount of business doing in foreign dried fruit. Currants are moving 5½ to 6½c in barrels and halves, extra Vostizas are offering in cases at 9c and halves at 9½c. Valencias are going at 6 to 6½ for off stalk, and 8½ to 9c for layers and extra selected. Sultanias rule from 7½c up.

#### CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The *Canadian Gazette* of Oct. 18, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Canada 3½ per cents.	103½	1	—
Ditto 3 per cents.	94½	12	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.	111	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register)	58½	—	—½
Ditto shares (London register)	58	—	—½
Ditto first mortgage bonds	107	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	11	—	—½
Ditto first preference	67½	—	1½
Bank of British Columbia	34½	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.	74½	—	—
Canada North-West Land	3	—	—½
Hudson's Bay	15½	—	—½
Land Corporation of Canada	7	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents	111	1	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents	110	—	—
Vancouver Coal	6	½	—
Manitoba Northwestern Railway	80	—	—

W. H. Atkinson, buyer for Roblin & Atkinson, arrived last week at Deloraine, Man., to buy wheat. He will ship through Woodworth & Co's elevator.