

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole-sale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, September 9.

WHEAT—Splendid weather has prevailed throughout the week, and the work of saving the crop has progressed under the most favorable circumstances. The late patches of grain, which were not cut earlier, have been finished this week, and cutting is completed all over the country. Stacking has been going on actively all the week, and is well advanced. Threshing is progressing rapidly. A little new wheat has been moving, but only a trifling quantity, and only a few buyers are yet on the market. Most of the grain houses have not placed buyers in country markets yet. No. 2 hard is worth about 45c per bushel to farmers, in country markets, on the present export basis. The first cars of new Manitoba wheat to arrive at a lake port reached Fort William on Sept. 5, being two cars of No. 1 hard. Our remarks last week hold good as to the crop. While of fine quality, there will be a tendency to lean-ness with a considerable portion of the crop. There were 1,032,907 bushels wheat in store at Fort William and Port Arthur on Sept. 5, being a decrease of 199,407 bushels for the week.

FLOUR—Prices in small lots to the local trade are quoted: Patents, \$1.80, strong bakers' \$1.69; XXXX 70 to 95c; superfine 75 to 50c. Low grades irregular. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots.

MILLSTUFFS—The price to the local trade, delivered is \$9 to 10 for bran and \$11 to \$12 for shorts as to quantity.

GROUND FEED—Held at \$17 to 20 per ton as to quality.

OATMEAL, ETC.—Unchanged. Rolled oats quoted at \$2 to \$2.20 per sack. Granulated, \$2 to \$2.20; standard \$1.75 to \$2; cornmeal \$1.60 to \$1.85; beans, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley \$2.40 to 2.50; pearl barley \$4 per sack.

OATS—Quiet, and held at about the same as a week ago, cars on track here at 28 to 31c per bushel, local freights paid. Car lots, country points, about 24 to 25c per bushel of 34 pounds. A few bushels of new oats have been received. The new crop is expected light in weight. Tendency easier.

BARLEY—Held at about 22 to 23c on track at country points.

BUTTER—The market continues to show a firm and steady disposition, and values have quietly appreciated. There is not much shipping business doing, and purchases of round lots in the country have been going into store here mostly. We quote round lots at 12½ to 14c as to quality, and 1 to 2c more for small or single package lots.

CHEESE—Factories are asking 9½c for late makes in some cases, but buyers views are about 9 to 9½c.

EGGS—Dealers are paying 12½c for round lots. There is necessarily a wider margin between the buying price in round lots and the selling price in single case or small lots than there was earlier in the season, as receipts now have to be candled, with more or less loss for rejected. Case lots selling at 14 to 15c.

CURED MEATS—We quote: Dry salt long clear bacon 12c; smoked long clear 13c; spiced rolls 11 to 11½c; breakfast bacon 14 to 15½c; smoked hams, 14 to 14½c; shoulders, 12 to 12½c; mess pork, \$20.00 per barrel. Sausage quoted: bologna sausage 9c lb; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet.

LARD—Pure held at \$2.50 to 2.60, in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound, at \$2.10 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef quoted at 5 to 6c as to quality. Mutton at 11c. Pork, easier at 6½ to 7½c. Veal 7 to 8c.

HIDES—Prices have declined ½c at Montreal. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides as follows: No. 1 cows, 30; No. 2, 20; No. 3, 14c; No. 1, heavy steers, 10; No. 2 steers, 3c. Real veal 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about same as hides. Sheepskins, shearling, 15 to 25c each. Lambkins, 20c to 25c. Tallow, 4½ to 5c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL—Ordinary long wools bring 7 to 8c per lb; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 8 to 9c lb; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

SKINNS—We quote 25 to 29c for good dry root and 10c for green. Local dealers have been rather keener buyers than the outside situation would warrant.

HAY—Not much doing. Baled hay quoted at \$6 to \$7 per ton.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—September, (holiday) December—
Tuesday—September, 61c; December, 60c.
Wednesday—September, 61c; December, 61c.
Thursday—September, 62c; December, 61c.
Friday—September, 63c; December, 61c.
Saturday—September, 62c; December, 61c.

A week ago August closed at 60½c, and September delivery at 65½c per bushel. A year ago September delivery closed at 74½c, and December at 76½c per bushel.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Monday was observed as a holiday, and there were no official market quotations.

On Tuesday, wheat was stronger, within a range of 1½c, and closed 1 to 1½c higher than Saturday's close, due to higher cables, large exports, and a decrease of 359,000 bushels in the visible supply. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	61½	—	69½
Corn.....	37½	38½	38½
Oats.....	22½	21	—
Pork.....	15 47	14 40	—
Lard.....	8 07½	7 84	—
Ribs.....	9 00	7 67½	—

On Wednesday wheat was stronger. After a lower opening prices advanced 1½c, declined ½c, but again ruled strong and closed ½ to 1c higher. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	66½	—	69½
Corn.....	38½	39½	39½
Oats.....	24½	24½	—
Pork.....	15 75	14 35	—
Lard.....	8 10	7 95	—
Ribs.....	9 10	7 90	—

On Thursday wheat was active in a speculative way. Prices were irregular, and advanced 1½c, then became weak and declined 1½c. The close was about ½ to ¾c lower than yesterday. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	61½	63½	69½
Corn.....	39½	39½	39½
Oats.....	24½	24½	—
Pork.....	16 00	14 35	—
Lard.....	8 30	8 05	—
Ribs.....	9 67½	7 95	—

On Friday wheat fluctuated within a ½c range and closed ½ to ¾c higher. Kansas state crops was exhausted at 19,000,000 bushels as compared with 70,000,000 last year. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat.....	—	63½	69½
Corn.....	40	40½	40½
Oats.....	25½	25½	—
Pork.....	—	14 30	—
Lard.....	8 30	8 02½	—
Shorts.....	9 75	8 12½	—

December wheat opened at 69½c on Saturday and closed at 70½c.

In the matter of the Dominion Coal company the petition to wind up the company has been dismissed, as an arrangement has been made with the creditors to accept forty cents on the dollar.

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There is no special feature of business to note except that the big salmon run and the large sealing catch have improved matters considerably, and put a lot of money into circulation. Lumber shows improvement, and reports from the farming districts go to show that crops are much better than anticipated.

SALMON CANNING.—The great sockeye run is now over, having closed on the 1st, and all boats have been withdrawn and men paid off. The following estimate is not perfect, but is an approximation of the pack, which is the largest ever put up on the Fraser: Beaver Cannery, 17,500; Wellington Cannery Co., 15,000; Delta Cannery Co., 15,000; Holly Cannery, 15,000; Laidlaw (Sapperton) 15,000; Harlock Packing Co., 15,000; Dumas Island Cannery, 10,000; Ewen's Cannery, 40,000; Phoenix Cannery, Britannia Cannery, Wadhams Cannery, Canoe Pass Cannery, British American Cannery and Birrell's Cannery, 103,700; Lulu Island Cannery Co., 20,000; Pacific Coast Packing Co., 15,000; Imperial Cannery Co., 16,000; Brunswick Packing Co., 16,000; Munn's Sea Island Cannery, 20,000; Steveston Cannery Co., 20,000; Pacific Cannery Co., 20,000; Bon Accord Cannery 20,000; Terra Nova Cannery, 15,000; Richmond Cannery, 16,000. Total, 425,200. It is probable that about 25,000 cases more than the above were put up since the above estimate was made.

A RATHER DISMAL OUTLOOK.—Samuel Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver, Coal mines, returned the other day from a trip down the Sound on the other side of the line, and he gives the following account of business, as quoted in the Nanaimo Free Press: "Everything is extremely dull and there is no apparent prospect of a change for the better before the next year. During his absence Mr. Robins met several of the leading financial men of the principal Sound cities and they all spoke in the same strain. To a general want of confidence is due in a great measure the present financial stringency, and until the silver and tariff questions are definitely settled no improvement can be expected. One bright speck was particularly noticeable amongst the general gloom, Mr. Robins said, and that was the remarkable stability of the Bank of British Columbia. Whilst American concerns were closing in every direction and entirely unable to meet their obligations, the Bank of British Columbia was carrying on business steadily and prosperously, and time and time again, recently, had come forward to assist national banks tottering on the verge of collapse. Speaking of the coal market, Mr. Robins said, that there was as yet no change for the better, nor could anything of the sort be expected for some time to come. The largest consumers of coal in San Francisco are materially decreasing their purchases, and it is now only with the greatest difficulty