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British Columbia Markets.

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Butter.—Manitoba dairy butter, old 3 to 8c, new 10 to 12c; Manitoba creamery, 17 to 18c; do. off grade 6 to 12c per lb.; Manitoba cheese 8 to 10c per lb.

Cured Meats.—Hams 14c; breakfast bacon, 1 1/2c; backs, 12 1/2c; long clear, 10c; short rolls, 10c; smoked sides, 11 1/2c. Lard is held at the following figures: tins 10 1/2c per pound; in pails and tubs, 10c; mess pork, 17c; short cut, \$18.00.

Fish.—Prices are: Flounders, 3c; smelt, 5c; sea bass, 4c; black cod, 6c; rock cod, 4c; red cod, 4c; tommy cod, 4c; herring, 4c; halibut, 7c; whiting, 6c; soles, 6c; crabs, 60c doz.; smoked salmon, 12 1/2c; salmon 3c; smoked halibut, 10c; bloaters, 10c; kippered cod, 9c; sturgeon, 6c; trout 10c per lb.; salt salmon, \$9 per barrel.

Vegetables.—Potatoes new, \$8 to \$10 per ton; onions, silver skins, 1 1/2c; cabbage, 1 1/2c; carrots, turnips and beets, 3 to 1c a lb.; sweet potatoes, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

Eggs.—Fresh, local, 25c; Eastern 16c per dozen.

Fruits.—Australian lemons, half boxes, \$2.50; Australian oranges, half boxes, \$2.50; B. C. plums, 30 to 60c; peaches, \$1.10 per box; oranges, Mediterranean sweets, \$2.75; St. Michael's \$3.00 per box; apples 75c to \$1.35 per box; tomatoes \$1.50; California pears \$2.00 box.

Nuts.—Almonds, 15c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 15c; walnuts, 10 to 16c lb.

Flour.—Manitoba Patent, per bbl., \$4.70; strong bakers, \$1.50; Oregon, \$3.80.

Meal.—National mills, 45 pound sacks, \$3.35; 22 1/2 pound sacks, \$3.45; 10 1/2 sacks, \$2.65. Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.21; 2-50's, \$3.00; 10-10 gunnies, \$2.75. Rolled oats, 90-lb sacks, \$3.25.

Grain.—Washington State wheat \$25 per ton f.o.b. Vancouver, duty paid. Local oats, \$20 per ton.

Ground Feed.—National mills chop, \$20 to \$22 per ton; ground barley, \$22 ten; shorts, \$19.00 ton; bran \$17.00 ton; oil cake meal, \$39 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, 6 1/2 to 7c; mutton, 7 1/2c; pork, 8 to 9c; veal, 6 to 8c per lb.

Hay.—Nominal at \$8 per ton.

Live Stock.—Calves, 4 to 6c; steers, 3 to 3 1/2c lb, cows 2 1/2 to 3c; sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.50; hogs, 5 1/2 to 6c; lamb, per head, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Sugars.—Powdered and icing, 6 1/2c; Paris lump, 5 1/2c; granulated, 4 1/2c; extra C, 4 1/2c; fancy yellows 4 1/2c; yellow, 4 1/2c per lb.

Syrups.—50 gallon barrels, 1 1/2c per pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.25 each; 1 gallon tins, \$3.75 per case of 10; 1/2 gallon tins, \$1.50 per case of 20.

Teas.—Congo: Fair, 11 1/2c; good, 15c; choice, 25c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good, 30c; choice, 35c per lb.

British Columbia Business Notes.

Chase Haddock, produce, etc., Ashcroft, is succeeded by Collins & Haddock.

Thomas L. Davis, clothing etc., Nanaimo, has moved to Union.

D. B. Bogle, publisher, Rossland, has sold out.

Edgren & Munson, grocers, Rossland, advertise to sell out.

The stock of R. Shortreed, general store, Shortreed, is advertised for sale by tender.

The stock of John Whitmore, grocer, Vancouver, is sold to Z. Franks.

Hinton & Penny, machinists, etc., Victoria, have sold out to E. Baines & Co.

Arthur Smith, locksmith, Victoria, is out of business.

Mrs. Fred. Vater, millinery, Wellington, has moved to Union.

The stock of W. W. Ferris, general store, Westholm, is advertising for sale by auction.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Sept. 55 1/2c, Dec. 57c, May, 61 1/2c.

Tuesday—Sept. 55 1/2c, Dec. 57c, May 61c.

Wednesday—Sept. 54 1/2c, Dec. 56 1/2c, May 60 1/2c.

Thursday—Sept. 54 1/2c, Dec. 56 1/2c, May 60c.

Friday—Sept. 55 1/2c, Dec. 57 1/2c, May 61c.

Saturday—Sept. 54 1/2c, Dec. 56 1/2c, May, 60c.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 55 1/2c for September, and 57 1/2c for December. A year ago September wheat closed at 53 1/2c, and two years ago at 67 1/2c. No. 1 hard is quoted at about 7c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern 3c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, December wheat closed at 61 1/2c, and May delivery at 67 1/2c. A week ago wheat closed at 65c for September and 68 1/2c for December.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 59 1/2c for September delivery, December at 59 1/2c and May at 57 1/2c. A week ago September wheat closed at 54 1/2c.

Wheat Stocks Errata.

Under the heading "Wheat Stocks" in this issue of The Commercial, a typographical error occurred in Bradstreet's report of stocks in the United States and Canada. Stocks east of the mountains on Sept. 2 should read 41,732,000 bushels, and similar stocks a year ago should read 79,826,000 bushels.

The Weather and Crops.

Since the rains of Thursday and Friday of last week there has been a good deal of unfavorable weather to delay stacking and threshing. Work was not generally resumed after the general rains of last week until Tuesday of this week, and there has been considerable interruption since then from wet weather. The weather has been cloudy and unsettled almost all the week. The rains were mostly of a light, drizzling nature, not much water falling in proportion to the duration of the showers. They appeared to be more frequent in the west than in the eastern sections of the wheat belt, very little delay having occurred in eastern districts, while some western points reported very frequent showers. As a result of these rains some damp wheat was coming in towards the close of this week, evidently threshed damp from the stock. It is to be hoped farmers will be very careful about stacking or threshing damp grain.

There was frost all over the country on Saturday night of Sept. 7, very severe in the

far west, varying from 6 to 9 degrees in the extreme western and northwestern portions of the Territories, to 1 to 2 degrees in Eastern Manitoba and the Red River valley. At Winnipeg the official observatory reported 1 1/2 degrees of frost, which is the lowest temperature of the season here to date. The frost did more or less damage in the far west and northwest, where the crops were much later than in Manitoba, but, with the exception of the extreme northwestern portion of Manitoba, there was practically no grain left to be damaged. About Winnipeg many of the market gardens show very little traces of frost, and nearly all kinds of green stuff is still being marketed.

There is no question as to the very heavy crop of all grains in Manitoba. Threshing returns are showing individual yields of wheat running up to 50 to 60 bushels per acre, and oats running up to 120 bushels per acre. There is no doubt but that the official estimate of oats in Manitoba of 45 bushels per acre, is much too low; while the quantity of merchantable wheat will no doubt come up very close to the official report of 25 bushels per acre. The average quality of the wheat crops, however, will be low, especially if the present broken weather keeps up. The principal damage as shown by receipts so far, is from uneven ripening, owing evidently to patches being down. A good deal of wheat mixed with green berries, has already been seen, and more frosted wheat is showing up in some districts than was looked for. Still there will be a large quantity of choice wheat.

In the territories it is more difficult to speak of the crops with any degree of certainty, owing to the vast extent of country over which settlement is thinly scattered. As the crops were generally much later in the Territories than in Manitoba, it is not expected, however, that the average quality will be as good as in the province, and the proportion of frosted grain will be greater.

Don't Thresh Damp Wheat

A few loads of damp wheat were coming in late in the week, indicating that farmers were threshing too soon after the recent rains, evidently from stock. This is a great mistake, and will result in heavy loss. Damp grain cannot be taken into store, and is a very risky thing to handle at best.

Winnipeg Markets a Year Ago.

Wheat.—No. 1 hard, c.i.f. Fort William afloat, 55 to 56c new wheat, and 40 to 42c to farmers, Manitoba country points.

Flour.—Local price, per sack, Patents, \$1.55; Bakers, \$1.45.

Bran.—Per ton, \$11.

Shorts.—Per ton, \$13.

Oats.—Per bushel, new, 22 to 23c.

Barley.—Per bushel, _____

Butter.—Dairy 10 to 12c, round lots.

Cheese.—9 to 9 1/2c.

Eggs.—Fresh, casier at 9c, round lots.

Beef.—Fresh, per lb., 5 to 5 1/2c.

Mutton.—Fresh, 5c.

Hogs.—Dressed, 5 1/2 to 6c.

Cattle.—Butchers, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c.

Hogs.—Live, good packing 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c, off cars, Heavy, 1 to 1 1/2c.

Sheep, average butchers 3c, live weight.

Sonoca Root.—23 to 25c per lb.

Chickens.—per pair, 45 to 50c.

Hides.—No. 1, 2 to 2 1/2c.

Potatoes.—new 25 to 30c per bushel.

Hay.—\$1.50 to \$5.00 per ton, car lots.

Wool.—6 to 8c, unwashed fleece.

This week last year wheat was moving actively, receipts at country points reaching 5,000 to 10,000 bushels per day at each of the principal country markets.