

ton; wrought iron scrap, \$8.50 per ton, heavy copper, 10c per pound; copper bottoms, 8c per pound, red brass, 8 to 8 1/2c per pound; yellow brass, heavy, 7 1/2c per pound; light brass, 4 1/2 to 5c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1/2c per pound, zinc scrap 1c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c. rubber, free from rivets, buckles and articles, 5c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets during the past week have recorded a continuation of the decline in values. At the present time nothing is recognized as having any influence towards higher prices, and consideration is given only to such information and statistics as are of a bearish nature, and there is no lack of these published day after day. Consequently prices continue to decline and the demand for wheat for either export demand or domestic use is at a low ebb. Lake navigation is at about a close for the season. Vessels are scarce mostly owing to the indifference of vessel owners to make last trips unless at a heavy freight rate, and the trade has to consider all rail shipment and higher freights in the immediate future. The American markets have declined 1 1/2c per bushel or the week. The American visible supply increased 1,555,000 bushels last week, making the total 55,936,000 bushels, against 23,569,000 bushels in 1895, and 33,656,000 bushels in 1897. The world's shipments to Europe were 6,229,000 bushels, compared with 6,904,000 bushels the previous week, and 7,761,000 bushels a year ago. The world's visible supply increased 1,358,000 bushels, against 716,000 the previous week, and 3,508,000 bushels last year. Growing crops are doing well everywhere. From the Argentine growing accounts come of the harvest about commencing. Harvest begins in the earlier districts about the beginning of December and continues for about two months until the latest districts are cleared. South Australia and Victoria are now harvesting their wheat and an immense yield is predicted. The young winter wheat crops in America and Europe are all doing well. India alone lags behind, there is no improvement on the crops there.

The local market has declined about 2 1/2c per bushel on the week. Besides the effect of the situation in the outside markets, shippers have been opposed by the difficulty of getting lake freight, and the advance in rates asked by vessel owners, also by the advance in insurance which takes place 1st inst. The demand therefore has been light and unimportant and at the close of the week shippers are out of the market, and wheat cannot be sold except by cutting the price. The value of 1 hard at the end of last week was 66 1/2c in store Fort William spot or on route. It has gradually declined from that until yesterday sales were made at 64 1/2c, but in the after part of the day 64 to 64 1/2c were best bids. During the past week it has been increasingly difficult to sell anything but 1 hard. Sales were made of 2 hard at 21 1/2c under 1 hard in the forepart of the week, but latterly it could scarcely be sold at all, and the difference has widened to 3c. 1 northern has been little heard of during the week, but it is in the same position as 2 hard. 3 hard is 6c under 1 hard, and 1 frosted 12c under 1 hard all in store Fort William.

FLOUR—Prices as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; A.N.A., \$1.15; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.00; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Madona \$1.50; A.N.A., \$1.30 per sack of 98 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLEED—Ogilvie bran is worth \$11.50 per ton, and shorts \$13.50 net; Lake of the Woods bran, sacked, \$12, and shorts, sacked, \$14 per ton.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats, \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$16 per ton. Oil cake advanced \$1 to \$28 per ton.

OATS—Receipts are still light, but offerings at country points are more liberal than last week. Prices remain unchanged as follows: Choice milling grades worth 26 to 27c per bushel in carlots on track here, feed grades 25 to 26c; street oats 25 to 26c; carlots at country points 17 to 20c per bushel.

CORN—Worth 41 to 42c per bushel on track. In good demand.

WHEAT—48 to 54c per bushel is being paid for farmers' loads at country points according to freight rate and quality.

FLAXSEED—Buyers are quoting \$1.20 per bushel at country points to farmers. Movement very light.

HAY—The demand for baled has fallen off a little owing to the increased offering of loose hay. We quote: Car lots, baled, on track, \$5.50 to \$6 per ton, loose hay on the street, \$5 to \$6 per ton.

OATMEAL—Per sack of 80 pounds, \$1.70. United States meal of good quality is offering freely in sacks, half sacks, and quarters. Our quotation is the price which retail dealers are paying for meal in such quantities as they usually take. Carlot prices are correspondingly lower.

BUTTER—Creamery — The market here is very quiet and values practically unchanged. There is not much demand for creamery in the local market as consumers prefer dairy butter when they can get it good. About 21c would be paid for choice creamery delivered at Winnipeg.

BUTTER — Dairy — Receipts are fairly liberal. Most of the offerings are second and third grade goods, some dealers estimating that only about 25 per cent of the butter coming in is choice. Buttness and uncleanness in the handling is spoiling some otherwise good lots of butter. One lot which came in this week from a well known butter maker at a provincial point was put up in bricks, wrapped in common tissue paper, instead of the regulation butter wrappers—and packed in a soap box. The consequence was that a price several cents below the top was obtained for the lot, as it looked bad and tasted of soap. Finest dairy, put up in brick form, will bring from 20 to 22c per pound delivered at Winnipeg, and in tubs from 18 to 20c. Second grades are worth from 15 to 17c and lower grades 12 to 13c.

CHEESE—Dealers are asking 13c for Manitoba cheese and 13 1/2c for Ontario. About 11 1/2 to 12c will be paid for choice lots of Manitoba make delivered Winnipeg.

EGGS—Receipts are light. Dealers are buying on a basis of 18c delivered at Winnipeg. Strictly fresh eggs would bring 20c per dozen.

VEGETABLES—Bad roads are making deliveries light. We quote: Potatoes, farmers loads 40c per bush, carlots 27c

at country points; carrots, 85 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel, beets, 50c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1/4 to 2 1/2c per lb, pumpkins, 1 1/4c per lb; dry onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel, cabbage, 3/4 to 1c per lb; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; squash, 1c per pound for ordinary 1 1/2c for Hubbard, marrow, 10 to 80c per dozen; green house lettuce, 35 to 40c per dozen bunches; green house parsley, 25c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—Offering continues light. We quote prices as follows: No. 1, 75-1c; No. 2, 63-1c, No. 3, 53-1c, Branded hide grade No. 2 and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 9 1/2c; stakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitob a fleece is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—37c per pound. Season about over.

DRESSED MEATS—The absence of winter weather is affecting the market detrimentally, and some concern is felt over the outlook. Meat which was killed in expectation of the usual freeze up is giving the owners trouble to keep it from spoiling, and a good deal of killing remains to be done, the animals in the meantime being fed in the neighborhood of the city. Advice received yesterday from country points indicate the same state of affairs. One city dealer has a letter from the Lake of the Woods country, stating that the winter stocks of meat in the mining camps and on the Rainy river were spoiling on account of the warm weather. We quote prices here as follows: Beef 5 to 6c per lb.; mutton 9c per lb.; and likely to lower shortly, lambs, 5 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8c; hogs, 5 1/2 to 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Stocks are being affected by the weather. Turkeys, choice, will bring 12c per pound, and range from 11 to 12c. Geese, and ducks are worth 9c per pound, chickens 9 to 10c.

TALLOW—Demand active. As high as 1c is being paid for best grades of tallow by consuming concerns here. Dealers are offering from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c at country points according to quality.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The export movement is about over for the season. Choice, s.e.s. butchers are worth 3 1/2c per lb. off cars here; exporters, 3 1/4 to 3 1/2c at point of shipment; common cattle, 2 1/2 to 3c.

SHEEP—We quote 4c per pound for choice grades of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Buyers are quoting 4 3/4c per pound for choice weights, and 4 1/2c for cecenas. Receipts have been liberal over 1,500 head having been received by one concern, mostly from south western points. It is not expected that such liberal receipts will continue as farmers have probably made a special effort to close out their holdings while they are in good shape.

MILCH COWS—Worth from \$25 to \$45 as to quality.

HORSES—Lack of sleighing is lessening the demand somewhat. When the snow comes the demand for horses for bush work will improve. Good heavy animals weighing not less than 1,400 pounds are worth from \$125 to \$175 each. Lighter horses for delivery or road purposes are worth from \$110 to \$140 each.