

ship promptly. The few farmers' loads brought in brought 28 to 30c here. So far the quality shows up poor. The samples sent in for the grain standards board this week were mostly very trashy stuff.

**BARLEY**—A few cars have been taken at 30c per bushel of 48 pounds for grinding for feed, but the tendency is lower, and as soon as the present scarcity of feed stuffs is relieved, lower prices are looked for. Brewers are offering 30c.

**BUTTER**—Creamery—The market is firm, at about the same range as last week. Some of the factories are holding out for 20c. Buyers have paid 19 to 19 1-2c, as to quality. The pastures have been unusually good this fall, and the make should be large. Seldom has Manitoba had such a favorable season so far as the pasture is concerned.

**BUTTER**—Dairy—The market is firm. Round lots of good average quality bring 13 1-2c here, and up to 14c has been paid for choice lots. We hear of some large lots having been bought in the country at 13 1-2c, which is about equal to 14c here. The supply seems fairly liberal.

**CHEESE**—The local market has been firm and a fraction higher has been paid, ranging up to 9 1-2c for choice September goods. We quote 9 to 9 1-2c as to quality, to factories.

**EGGS**—The market is firm. Prices this week show a tendency to advance, 1-2 to 1c higher having been paid, owing to light receipts. Fresh stock is selling here at 16 to 17c and dealers are paying 15c here for receipts. Market firm and offerings light.

**DRESSED MEATS**—Pork continues very scarce. Veal is plentiful. Mutton holds steady and at a comparatively high price. There is a wide range in the quality of beef offering, but 5 to 5 1-4c is the general price. Mutton, 7 to 7 1-2c; lamb 9c; dressed hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c; veal, 6 to 7c; beef, 4 3-4c to 5 1-2c.

**POULTRY**—There is a good demand for poultry, supplies of which have not been sufficient for requirements. Quotations are as follows: Chickens, 50 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens, 30 to 50c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys, 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 80c per pair, or 8c per pound live weight; geese, none.

**GAME**—Mallard ducks bring 25c to 30c per pair; canvas backs, 35 to 40c, and small varieties 15 to 20c per pair.

**VEGETABLES**—Quotations are as follows: Potatoes 25 to 35c per bushel; turnips, 20c bushel; carrots, 40c; cets, 40c per bushel; cabbage, 25c to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 40c to \$1 per dozen; celery, 20c to 25c per dozen; cucumbers, 10c per doz, corn, sweet, 8 to 10c per doz ears; onions, 75c to 90c per bushel; green tomatoes, 40c per bushel. Local ripe tomatoes, 2 to 3c lb; mushrooms, 10 to 12 1-2c per lb. Citrons scarce at 1 to 1 1-2c lb.

**HIDES**—Hides easy at unchanged prices. We quote hides, No. 1, 7 1-2c; No. 2, 6 1-2c; kip 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; calf, 7c to 9c; deacon skins, 15 to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins 20 to 40c; horse hides 75c to \$1.75 each; colts, 25c each.

**WOOL**—We quoted 8 1-2c to 9c for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

**TALLOW**—No. 1, 3 1-2c; No. 2, 2 1-2 to 3c.

**SENECA ROOT**—Nominal at 19 to 20c.

**HAY**—The market is firm owing to damage from wet weather. The recent heavy rains, it is said, have flooded some of the hay meadows and done much damage to stacks. On account of the rains earlier in the season, some farmers left their hay until after cutting grain, hoping the weather would be better, but it has been worse, and such persons have had great difficulty in getting any hay put up. Hay is quoted at about \$6 on cars here for baled per ton.

#### LIVE STOCK.

**CATTLE**—Export cattle are quoted in Winnipeg at 3 to 3 1-4c, and butcher's 2 1-2 to 3c as to quality, the latter prices for butchers', being an extreme price for choice cattle, such as only a few butchers use for the best class of trade.

**SHEEP**—Prices are steady at last week's quotations of 3 to 3 1-2c for good to prime animals, the top price being for straight lots of good wethers, and 4 to 4 1-4c for lambs.

**HORSES**—Good, smooth horses of ten to eleven hundred pounds weight \$125. to \$175 each, bronchos, 25 to \$50 unbroken.

**HOGS**—Offerings are very light. All coming are taken by butchers at 5 to 5 1-4c off cars here. Packers are not getting any, but offerings to ship later on are being made more freely.

#### Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago, flour is 20c per barrel lower, milled 25c ton higher, flax seed 3-4c higher, corn, oats and barley not materially changed, eggs 1-2 higher, butter 1-2 to 1c lower, cheese 1c higher.

**Flour**—Prices in barrels. First patents, \$3.55 to \$3.75; second patents, \$3.35 to \$3.55.

**Milled**—Shorts in bulk, \$8.00 to \$8.25; bran in bulk, \$8.00 to \$8.25; corn feed, \$10.75 to \$12.25 per ton as to quality.

**Corn**—Corn quoted at 27 1-4c for No. 3.

**Oats**—Oats held at 22 3-4 to 23c for No. 3 white.

**Barley**—Malting 31 to 38c, feed quoted at 23 to 30c.

**Flax seed**—\$6 1-4c per bushel.

**Eggs**—12 1-2 to 14c for strictly fresh, including cases: seconds, 6 to 7c.

**Cheese**—Choice fancy, 9 to 10 1-2c; fair to good, 8 to 9c.

**Butter**—Creamery, 18 1-2 to 19 1-2c, seconds, 15 to 16c; dairy 15 to 17c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12 to 14c.

**Dressed meats**—Mutton, 5 1-2 to 7c; lamb, 6 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8 1-2c.

**Potatoes**—Car lots mixed, 25 to 27c.

**Poultry**—Hens, 6c; roosters, 4c; spring chickens, 8 to 9c; turkeys, 7 1-2 to 8c, ducks, 7 1-2 to 8c; geese, 5c; all live weight.

**Hides**—Green salted hides 9 1-4c for No. 1 8 1-4c; No. 2: bulls, oxen and brands 7 to 8 1-4c; sheepskins 25 to 80c each; veal calf, 9 1-2 to 11c; tallow 2 1-4 to 3 1-2c; seneca root, 20 to 21c.

**Wool**—Unwashed, fine 11 to 12c; medium 13 to 14c, coarse 15 to 16c.

**Hay**—\$7 to \$7.50 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$4.50 to \$5; prairie \$4.50 to \$6.50.

**Cattle**—Good butcher cattle in demand. Cows sold from \$1.90 to \$3.45; stockers from \$3.50 to \$5.00; heifers \$3.50 and calves \$4 to \$5.50.

**Sheep**—Lambs \$5.00; buck lambs, \$3.60; muttons \$3.80 to \$4; stockers \$3.60 to \$3.75.

#### Fixing the Standards.

The grain standards board met in Winnipeg this week and fixed the standards for grading the present crop. The persons composing the board were mentioned in a previous issue. The samples of wheat gathered in from various parts of the country showed considerably more variety in quality than last year, though most of the wheat is of very good quality. The color of the wheat is not as good as last year, but last year's crop was an exceptionally fine, even sample. Standards for the following grades were made—  
Extra Manitoba hard, No. 1 hard, No. 2 hard, No. 3 hard, No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern. No standards were fixed for white type. Very little of this wheat is grown, and the grade is practically obsolete. A few samples of frosted wheat showed up; but the quantity of this is very limited, and confined to a few districts. Owing to there being some low grade wheat it was found necessary to make a standard for one grade lower than No. 3 hard, consequently a No. 4 hard standard was made. Into this some frosted wheat was mixed and the grade was dubbed No. 1 frosted. This seems to be a very absurd action on the part of the standards board. The standard is really a No. 4 hard wheat, bleached and showing some frosted grain, but really containing much good wheat. It looks as though the board wished to take special pains to advertise the fact that a few patches of wheat in some isolated districts were somewhat frosted. Besides this, it is wrong to class a No. 4 grade as a No. 1 wheat. The reason given for this apparently stupid action is that the wheat might not sell well if classed as No. 4, hence it is called a No. 1. While it may serve the purpose of the grain men to have a frosted grade, the country should resent the action of the board.

No standards for oats or barley were selected, owing to the small number of samples received of these grains. The few samples of oats were very poor.

#### Manitoba Country Markets.

Prices for wheat to farmers, at Manitoba country markets, at points having a 16 1-2 and 17 1-2 cent freight rate to Fort William, range at about 52c most of the week, but notice was sent out on Thursday night to buyers to advance 3c, consequently yesterday's prices were as follows: No. 1 hard, 55c; No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern, 52c; No. 3 hard and No. 2 northern, 46c; No. 1 rejected, 40c; No. 2 rejected, 36c. Prices, however, varied greatly in different markets, according as they were influenced by local conditions. There was a great deal less business doing this week than last, owing to the bad weather. At Winnipeg there was a very heavy rain, and thunder storm, lasting all night on Saturday night last, but in western Manitoba and Assinibola the storm was more prolonged, the rain turning to a heavy snow storm. The snow went off slowly and left the roads in bad shape, so that little or nothing has been done at many markets during the week, either in delivering or threshing grain.

Mr. Head, cattle buyer, shipped 75 head of cattle from Strathclair, Man. last week. He also drove about 200 head of stockers to Rapid City.