

lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tanned felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices remain steady and unchanged as follows: Spanish sole, 30 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, \$5 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 65c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock; American oak sole, 55 to 60.

LUMBER.

The call from the city for the week was not as extensive as for the past few weeks, but has nevertheless been of fair proportion. From the country the demand has not developed as rapidly as was expected, but the movement in this direction promises to become fairly active within the next few weeks.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

The feeling is still quiet and trade is undoubtedly backward for the season. Prices are: linsed oil, raw 75c per gal., boiled 78c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.00 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl; Portland cement, \$5; white lead, genuine, 7.50; No 1 \$7.00; No 2, \$6.50 and window glass, first break, \$2.50.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

In the manufacturing departments considerable activity exists, several good orders having been received from contractors. In saddlery hardware the demand at present is limited.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Dealers are having a moderate call for their goods, and though trade is not particularly active, yet it is not to say dull. Collections fair.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Scarcely any movement in this branch, and little business looked for until the new licenses have been granted. Quotations are: Gooderman & Wot's 5 year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.80; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6 Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port wine, \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry \$2.25 and upwards, Jamaica rum, \$3.50. DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.50 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Very little active interest has been manifested in grain circles for some time back, and a number of the city commission men nearly concluded their operations for the season before the commencement of spring seeding operations. Of course an occasional transaction takes place among local dealers, but that activity existing throughout the winter has long since disappeared, and will not again set in before the crop of 1886 commences to come to market.

Deliveries of grain at provincial points have been fairly large for the season. Reports from the country as to the condition of the growing crop continue of a most favorable character. The weather has been warm and in every way conducive to a rapid and healthy growth.

WHEAT.

The bulk of the grain delivered by farmers throughout the province since the conclusion of seeding operations has been wheat, in fact nearly all wheat. Of this grain a considerable quantity for the season has been delivered and has nearly all gone into the hands of millers. Prices as a rule have held steady at about 65c for hard wheat by sample, at outside points, though at some places where competition among local millers was keenest, as high as 75c was paid. Prices here by grade are unchanged as follows: No. 1 hard, 78c; No. 2 75c; No. 1 northern, 75c; No. 2 70c; No. 3 60c.

FLOUR.

The export flour market still continues quiet and in consequence local millers have not been putting forth much effort in the way of production. The city mills have been running on half time, and some provincial mills will probably close down entirely. The C.P.R. Company have reduced the freight tariff on flour to within 2 or 3c of the tariff on wheat, which is a good deal better than the rates first submitted, though the millers would like to have the tariff on wheat and flour entirely equalized. Six cars of Manitoba strong bakers were sold in Montreal recently at \$4.70. Prices here are as follows: patents, \$2.45, strong bakers, \$2.15; XXX \$1.70, and superfine \$1.10 to \$1.20.

BRAN AND SHORTS

Prices have taken a drop of \$2 per ton on both of these products. At the mills bran is now worth \$8 and shorts \$9.

EGGS.

Receipts of eggs continue fairly liberal and all offered are taken, both for immediate use and for curing. Prices are fairly steady at from 9 to 10c.

OATMEAL.

Prices remain steady and unchanged at \$2.25 for standard and \$2.50 for granulated.

POTATOES.

Offerings continue fairly liberal and prices about the same as previous quotations, at 25 to 30c.

CHEESE.

There is no change to note in this product. Prime home manufactured is quoted at from 10½ to 11c and medium at 9½ to 10c.

BUTTER.

There has been a steady increase in receipts of butter, nearly all in rolls, and prices still continue to tend downward. Dealers are already talking of a large quantity of surplus butter for this market during the summer, and are commencing to think about what they shall do with it. However, some means of disposing of the surplus product will probably be found, though consignments will not realize as high prices as heretofore if export has to be resorted to; and besides, the great bulk of the butter coming to this market is not put up in good shape for export. Some other than the present promiscuous system will have to be adopted to make butter exportation profitable, and the only way open is to manufacture by the improved dairy and creamery system. Consignments sent to this market during the past week have realized from 12½ to 15c with the feeling easy and prices likely to go lower.

OATS.

There has been very little doing. Car lots were not wanted and would not bring over 24 to 25c. Stocks in the city are quite large enough for all demands.

BARLEY.

There have been no transactions in this grain

for some time, and it is doubtful if there is any quantity left in the country.

BACON.

An improvement has been noted in the demand for hog product generally, and the distribution to country points has increased to fair proportion. Prices have been steady and firm, with breakfast quoted ½c higher. Quotations are as follows: Dry salt, 8½ to 8½c, smoked 9½ to 9½c, rolls 11c, breakfast bacon 11½c old dry salt 7½c.

HAMS.

Have been in improved country demand and steady city trade. Prices are firm and quoted 1c higher, at 13½ to 14 for smoked.

MESS PORK.

Easier and quiet at 14.50 to \$15.00.

MESS BEEF.

In very moderate demand and unchanged at \$15.50.

LARD.

Pails have advanced 15c and are now quoted at \$2.25. Tierces steady at 9½c per lb.

DRESSED HOGS.

Offerings have been limited in extent and taken by lutchers at 5½ to 6c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef unchanged at 9½ to 10c for hind quarters and 7 to 8c for full carcasses. Mutton was almost entirely out of the market at one time last week, but a flock of 3000 sheep from Montana arrived later. Quotations nominal at 14c. Veal steady at 16c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The bulls had a very brief and unsatisfactory inning the fore part of the week, and the bears then went to bat and made several home runs. There is no harder task in the commercial field, to-day, than an endeavor to bull wheat. There may be a change during the next month, but despite all the wild stories in circulation, conservative operators believe that the world's wheat crop will be equal to or slightly above the average of good wheat crops, and that without general or noteworthy improvement in business supplies will so far exceed requirements as to hold values down pretty low until another crop can be heard from. Prospects abroad are not, on the whole, as good as they were at the same time a year ago, but they are not as yet bad enough to justify some of the gloomy predictions which are being made in certain quarters. There are frequent rumors of serious damage to winter wheat by flies and bugs, but none have yet been traced to authentic sources, or if they have, the area threatened was too small to create alarm, hence the bears are still in control of the market, with "no bottom" as their motto. The bulls throw out the old chestnut about a "long lane," but that seems to exhaust their strength so that they have none left for pushing prices up.

Receipts continue fairly large and shipments are quite heavy. The mills are drawing upon local stocks, and show signs of making a steeper and heavier run, but there will be plenty of old wheat for them, despite all reports to the contrary. The only apprehension felt by millers is that the flour market will weaken, or the demand fall off so that they cannot run without consigning nearly the entire output, but this is not probable.

The highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on change during the week ending to-day, closing prices, and the prices one year ago were: