

very unsafe to leave grain in bags outside. In fact some damage has already resulted to grain outside from soft weather, and a serious destruction of grain was only averted by a change in the weather from threatened rain to a colder temperature. Grain exposed out doors now at railway stations is in great danger, and as farmers are unable to sell, there is further danger of serious loss and damage to grain still held by farmers, who are without proper granaries for protecting wheat from the weather. Dealers have now given up all hope of any improvement in the situation before the opening of navigation. Farmers were unable to sell wheat at some provincial markets last week, which have remained open all winter previous. This time, which shows that the blockade is not being raised. In eastern shipments it was out of the question to attempt to do business, and quotations equal to 55c for No. 1 hard, and 52 to 53c for No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern on track here, were little better than nominal.

FLOUR.

Eastern shipments are still greatly hampered by the scarcity of cars and the length of time which shipments are in transit. As millers cannot guarantee delivery in anything like reasonable time, sales are greatly hampered. Local quotations were unchanged as follows: Patents, \$2.05; strong bakers, \$1.80; XXX, \$1.30; superfine, \$1.10.

MILLSTUFFS.

A decline of \$1 per ton is to report in bran and shorts, quotations now being: Bran, \$11 per ton, shorts \$13 per ton.

OATS.

From 28 to 30c is about the usual price paid for deliveries on the market, and on track a good sample would bring the latter figure.

OATMEAL.

Some eastern shipments could be made, but the difficulty seems to be in getting cars through within the time desired. Quotations in less than car lots to the local trade are: Standard, \$2.45; granulated, \$2.60; rolled oats, \$3.00.

EGGS.

Receipts of country eggs have not yet amounted to much. The market is generally lightly supplied with eggs of rather mixed quality. Prices usually about 25c in case lots.

BUTTER.

This market remains in a dragging and unsatisfactory state. There is a limited demand for choice qualities, of which stocks are light. A party who wanted some really choice offered 20c, but could hardly find anything which came up to his ideas. Of the receipts, only one or two packages in ten or a dozen can be offered as really good. For common and medium qualities, which form the great bulk of the butter in the market, there is really no demand at any price, and a market will have to be found for this eastward at a low price, say from 5 to 8c per pound. One car of butter was made up for eastern shipment.

CHEESE.

Cheese is quoted in small lots at 13 to 13½c, and only moving in limited quantities.

LARD.

The prices of both local make and Chicago is \$2.30 in 20 pound pails.

CURED MEATS.

There is a light, but somewhat better movement in provisions. Prices are: Home cured quoted as follows: Long clear bacon, 21 to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 13c; hams, 14½ to 15c; pork sausage, 10c per pound. Eastern Canada quoted: Long clear, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 14c; rolls, 13c; hams, 14 to 15c; Chicago mess pork, \$21 per bb.

DRESSED MEATS.

Very few hogs arriving, and it is considered receipts of these are about wound up. Prices appeared to be some stronger again, and ranging from 7½ to 7¾c. Beef sides, country dressed, 5 to 6c, city dressed, 6 to 6½c, mutton, 10c.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are in good demand, though none are moving except in loads on the market by farmers. For these 35 to 40c is paid. Further shipments for export to Chicago being made up. For such, good potatoes, not mixed, are wanted. Other quotations are: Onions, \$1.50 to \$1.80 per bushel; cabbage, \$10 per 100 for good; celery, 50c to \$1 per dozen bunches, as to quality; carrots 50 to 60c per bushel; turnips, 25c per bushel.

HAY.

Pressed, in car lots on track is worth from \$8 to \$8.50 per ton.

The Brandon board of trade has invited Mr. Wiman to lecture there on Commercial Union.

The Moosomin Agricultural Society will hold its first spring fat stock fair on 25th of April.

INGLIS & SMITH, butchers, Moosomin, Assa., have during the past week consigned a car-load of fresh pork to Calgary.

G. L. DODDS, merchant, has secured the agency for the Northwest Land Co. in the Melita district.

MISS E. McMILLAN, has recently opened a dress and mantle making establishment at Killarney, Man.

J. F. SHILLINGTON, general dealer, Elmore, Assa., visited Winnipeg last week for the purpose of replenishing his stock.

THE *National Park Life* will be the name of the new paper which will shortly be started at Banff, by Isaac Hunter and Chas. B. Halpin, of Calgary.

J. DEAN, hardware dealer, of Gladstone, Man., who was recently burned out; was in Winnipeg last week arranging his insurance and purchasing a new stock.

E. M. GATLIFF, hardware dealer, Emerson, visited Winnipeg lately and selected his spring stock. He has not sold out his lumber department, as was reported in a local paper.

A rumor from Ottawa is to the effect that the Government will introduce a bill placing the Northwest Territories under the same license system as prevails in the provinces, thus abolishing totally the prohibition system which has prevailed so long. Provision will be made in the bill for local option, so that any county, town or municipality may have prohibition by voting for it.

DELOIRNE (Man.) *Times*, March 16: There is a very bad state of things to report of the wheat market. No buyers on the market, and every elevator and storehouse full since Wednesday morning, some of them two days before. In addition there are fully 10,000 bushels in bags piled on platforms, on the snow, and waiting in farmers' sleighs in the streets. On Wednesday a thaw set in, and the sad spectacle was seen of good wheat piled in bags alongside the track standing in water. As the grain is unsold the loss will fall on the farmer. Grain delivery is stopped completely, this being the worst blockade of the season. The damage done will prove very great.

KILLARNEY wants a grain elevator badly.

WM. BROOKS, farming near Emerson, Man., will open a wagon shop at the place named, in which business he was formerly engaged at Emerson.

THE implement men are now on the war path, taking orders for machinery and binding twine. They usually report great success. Payments are said to be well met.

M. C. SWALLOW, formerly in the employ of L. Stockton, merchant tailor, Brandon, has purchased the tailoring business of R. S. Humphries, of Carberry, Man.

SOMERVILLE & Co. and D. McKelvie, merchants, Brandon, have amalgamated under the name of Somerville, McKelvie & Co. They will do business as general merchants.

Two car-loads of horses from the Chipman Ranch, Alberta, have arrived at Brandon. A great many horses are also being imported to Manitoba from the east this spring. Car-loads are arriving almost daily.

C. EMERSON, tent and mattress manufacturer, Brandon, has purchased the building erected by Clendenning on Tenth street, and will considerably enlarge his business. Trade is evidently extending with Mr. Emerson.

THE amount of wheat marketed by farmers at Brandon, from this crop, has now reached 1,000,000 bushels. Prices were: Wheat, 48c to 50c; oats, 24c to 26c; barley, 30c to 34c; potatoes, 35c; butter, 17c to 20c; dressed hogs, 7c.

THE ratepayers of Franklin municipality will be asked to vote, on the 14th of April next, on a by-law granting a bonus of \$2,500 for the erection of a roller grist mill at Dominion City, Man. The total bounded indebtedness of the municipality is \$95,000.

THE Wapella, Assa., Agricultural Society is already to the fore with the prize list for the annual exhibition, to be held on the 2nd of October next. The list is neatly printed in pamphlet form, twenty pages, and was done at the *Journal* office, Regina. A couple of pages are devoted to a brief sketch of the town and district of Wapella.

TWENTY new rooms have been added to the Leland House, at Vancouver. They have been furnished up in fine style, the furniture having been brought from an Ontario factory specially for the purpose. The rooms are heated with stoves and grates, and furnished with gas and other conveniences. The Leland continues to maintain the lead as the commercial hotel of Vancouver.

LOCAL quotations at Vancouver, B. C., are given as follows: Manitoba patent flour, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per barrel; strong bakers', \$5; hams, 17 to 20c; bacon, 15 to 18c; eggs, 30 to 35c per doz.; butter, 25 to 35c per lb.; cheese, 20 to 25c per lb.; steaks, 15 to 18c per lb.; roast, 12½ to 15c per lb.; pork chops and roasts, 15c per lb.; ground feed \$33 to \$35 per ton; oats, \$35 per ton; hay, \$20 to \$25 per ton; straw, \$1.25 per bale; planks and rough lumber, \$10 per M.; sized lumber, rough, \$12.50; clear fir, \$14; flooring, \$16 to \$22.50; rustic cedar, \$25 to \$40; shingles, \$2.25; lath, \$2.50; finishing d.d., \$22 to \$25.