

inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; $\frac{1}{2}$ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00 Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices are quoted as follows: Turpen in barrels, 80c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 68c, boiled 71c; benzine and gasoline, 59c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar, \$6 a barrel; Port land cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 34c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whiting in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

Wheat opened dull at Chicago and other markets last week, and the general features were bearish. Advances as to the European crop received early last week were conflicting, and as the European crop outlook is the main feature, matters were unsettled. In fact the only hope for higher prices here is based on the crop outlook in Europe, and though some profess to believe in a serious shortage there, yet the reports to that effect seem to have little effect in inducing the bulls in American markets to take hold. With the big crop of winter wheat just harvested in the United States, and a very good crop of spring wheat now nearly all safely gathered in, it requires a good deal of nerve to strike out on the bull side, on the influence of the European crop scare, reliable news in regard to which is very difficult to get. One authority reports, that while the crop this year is short in Russia and Eastern Europe, yet there are big reserves of old wheat on hand, to draw upon. One thing is noticeable, and that is, that the foreign speculators who started in buying so actively, have already apparently flattened out.

The visible supply decreased 60,000 bushels for the week ended July 27. Deliveries of new wheat have been checked by rains, hence the decrease in the visible, at a time when it usually commences to increase. Exports for the week ended July 27 were equal to 1,101,350 bushels, including flour. Some new wheat has already appeared at Minneapolis, and is said to be of fine quality.

The principal feature in the local situation is the commencement of harvesting. Reports were coming in from different parts of Manitoba, to the effect that the cutting of wheat and barley had commenced. Last week only a field here and there, which was in advance of the general crop, was ready for the binder, but with favorable weather the harvest will come on rapidly this week. The weather was cool

and showery last week, but rains were light and local in their nature. Estimates of the crop are steadily climbing up to respectable proportions, and some pretty big estimates—to big to repeat here—have recently been given as to the probable total crop of the province this year. Previous estimates, however, in Manitoba, have invariably proved excessive, and are liable to be the same way this year. There is a good deal of speculation at present as to the prices which will likely prevail for new wheat when it begins to come into the market. An idea seems to have gone abroad through the country, fostered by provincial papers, that prices will be high, and it is therefore likely that farmers will be inclined to hold their wheat, instead of marketing early at prices offered. The idea that prices would be high, has probably originated from the reports of short crops in Manitoba and Dakota, but even with crops light in these two divisions, it does not follow that prices will be abnormally high. Present indications point to moderate prices for the commencement of the new crop this year.

FLOUR.

Prices have held at the decline noted last week. Quotations to the local trade at the close of the week were as follows: Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers, \$2.50; second bakers, \$2.35; XXXX, \$1.90; superfine, \$1.30. Graham flour, \$2.50; middlings, \$2.70 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.

Quotations are unchanged as follows. bran, \$12, per ton; shorts, \$14 per ton. Ground feed, \$22 to \$23 per ton.

OATS.

The situation is a little mixed at present. Holders are asking stiff prices in expectancy of a short crop this season. Opinions, however, differ as to the probability of a shortage in the supply this year. Cars on track at outside points are held at about 38c per bushel, and as high as 40c has been talked on track here. These prices are thought to be beyond the mark by some, who think 30 to 35c nearer the value.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, POT BARLEY.

Prices remain as follows: Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.70; granulated, \$2.85; rolled oats in 50 lb. sacks, \$3.10. Cornmeal is held at \$1.75 per 100 pounds. Pot barley, \$3 and pearl barley, \$3.50 per 100 pounds.

BUTTER.

This market remains very dull, and there is scarcely any demand from any quarter. The statement published in one of the city dailies a short time ago that butter had advanced several cents, was pure nonsense. At that time and ever since the market has been lifeless and prices easy. Several country merchants have been writing in to dealers here in consequence of the publication of the report referred to above. There is no prospect of any improvement in this market. There must be a good deal of butter held in the country, a portion of which will have to find an export market, which means that it will have to be shipped east, if it is to be sold at all, as the western market is only capable of consuming a limited quantity. For eastern shipment, 12 to 13c is about the best that could be paid on the present basis of values east, and even at that exporters from eastern markets are complaining that prices are too high to admit of the shipment of butter to British markets. Local prices in the city, for what little is moving, range from 12 to 14c.

CHEESE.

Prices continue irregular, small jobbing lots being held at about 9c. Eastern markets are somewhat unsettled. Prices for export at Montreal last week ranged from 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, as to quality.

Unchanged at about 14c in jobbing lots.

LARD.

Home rendered is offered at \$2.15 per 20 lb. pail.

CURED MEATS.

There is a considerable range in prices. Hams are held at 14 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, breakfast bacon at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14c, rolls at 12 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and long clear at 10c. Some home cured is offered at 13c for hams, breakfast bacon at 13c, and rolls 11c. Bologna sausage held at 7c per pound. Mess pork \$18 to \$19 per barrel.

DRESSED MEATS.

Prices were not materially changed. Beef was offered, of good quality, at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, and pork at 7c, with quotations as low as 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Mutton sold at 9c per pound. Veal brought 6 to 7c and lamb 11c per pound.

POULTRY.

Spring chickens bring about 30 to 40c per pair, and old fowl about 10c per pound.

LIVE STOCK.

About 3c seems to be near the top price obtainable for cattle, and from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c per pound as the range, as to quality. There were no large lots of hogs in last week, but values appear to be unchanged at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c per pound at the yards here. Some car lots of hogs and cattle are expected early this week.

VEGETABLES.

The outlook for a supply of vegetables has greatly improved. Vegetables of all kinds have been making great headway during the last few weeks, and the crop will now be a fair one. Prices for green stuff and vegetables are: Beets and carrots, 30 to 40c per dozen bunches; radishes, 25 to 30c; onions, 20 to 25c; lettuce, 15 to 20c, per dozen bunches; cabbage, 50 to 75c per dozen; cauliflower, 40 to 75c per dozen; green beans, \$2 per bushel; peas in pod, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel. New potatoes, 90c per bushel.

"Love Powders" in Demand.

Some strange letters are sometimes received by wholesale merchants from country correspondents, but here is one somewhat out of the ordinary line, received by a Victoria drug house:

PORT ISSINGTON, B.C.

GENTLEMEN,—I write to ask you if you can get me anything to win girls' hearts. If you can, forward it, and oblige

Yours truly, ———

The writer was advised to come down and try his hand on the Victoria girls, who might be more easily won than those of the northern port.

SINCLAIR & Co., have purchased the seed and grain business of Hanbury & Evans of Brandon.

The debentures issued by the Winnipeg school board, bearing interest at 6 per cent., are offered for sale.

Stewart Bros. have sold out their blacksmithing business at Brandon to Gibson, who will carry it on in the future.

Now that Port Arthur has voted its railway bonus, the *Sentinel* calls a halt, and comes out strong against the proposal to spend \$30,000 for local improvements.

Excursion tickets to Toronto, Kingston, Brockville, Ottawa, Montreal, Boston, Portland, St. Johns, Moncton, Halifax, Quebec and other points, good to go up to Aug. 9th and return up to Sept. 15th, are now on sale at the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway offices in Manitoba.