

than earlier estimates. The Cincinnati Price Current on Thursday this week estimated the United States crop at 70,000,000 bushels greater than the government report indicated. Exports of wheat from both coasts of the United States and Canada for the week ending Sept. 13 (flour included as wheat (total 2,789,000 bushels, compared with 3,207,000 bushels last week, 5,357,000 in the second week of September last year, 3,381,000 in the week two years ago and with 6,974,000 in the week three years ago.

The new crop in the United States is being marketed fast. The four principal spring wheat markets have received 24,111,000 bushels already this year, as compared with 11,653,000 bushels to the same date last year. The four principal winter wheat markets have received 19,898,000 bushels from this crop, as compared with 17,184,000 bushels to the same date last year.

In Manitoba the movement has increased as threshing has progressed, and deliveries by farmers at a number of country points have been quite large, between 5,000 and 14,000 bushels per day coming in at the principal country points. Most of the wheat, however, is being stored on farmers' account. High winds and some showers interfered with threshing but considerable progress was made, and some points report 25 per cent. of the crop threshed. Stacking is practically completed. Prices paid to farmers in Manitoba country markets range from 40 to 42c according to freight rates, for No. 1 hard, and 38 to 40c for No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern. Stocks of wheat in store at Fort William on September 8 were 721,417 bushels, receipts for the week were 121,077 bushels, and shipments were 227,377 bushels. A year ago stocks were 938,507 bushels, being a decrease of 161,300 for that week. Business has been quiet in this market, but a little trading has been done at from 55 to 56c per bushel for No. 1 hard, basis Fort William delivery.

**FLOUR.**—Nothing new to report in the flour market. We quote lots to the local trade, delivered in the city unchanged as follows:—Patents, \$1.55; strong bakers, \$1.45. Low grades 75c to \$1 as to quality. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—The market is easier, but prices are about the same as a week ago. Millers hold at \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts, with small lots held at \$1 per ton higher.

**OATMEAL, ETC.**—There is no change but the tendency is lower. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.25 for 80 pound sacks: standard, in 98 pound sacks, \$2.10 and granulated, \$2.40.

**GROUND FEED.**—Prices are decidedly easy, and lower quotations are looked for, range from \$19 to \$20 per ton as to quality for pure oat and barley feed.

**Oats.**—The declining tendency has continued in oats, as was expected, and prices are about 9c per bushel lower than a week ago, but notwithstanding the decline, prices are not quite down to a shipping basis yet. It is generally believed now that there will be a fair surplus of oats to ship out, and prices will have to rule at a shipping basis, which would be equal to 15 to 17c to farmers in Manitoba country markets. A few farmers' loads of new oats have been marketed in Winnipeg, and sold to private parties at about 25c per bushel. Dealers are not buying. Car lots of new oats have been offered at about 22c per bushel, on track Winnipeg. Oats are selling on track at Ontario country points at 26 to 27c per bushel.

**Barley.**—No transactions reported, and no movement in this grain heard of. Feed barley in Ontario is quoted at 38 to 40c.

**Oil Cake.**—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25,

**Butter.**—Nothing new to report in butter. The movement is slow and demand quiet. We quote small lots 13 to 14c for selected dairy and round lots at 10 to 12c per pound for fair to good quality.

**Cheese.**—Good late cheese is held at 9 to 9½c and jobbers are selling at 10 to 10½c lb.

**Eggs.**—Prices are about the same. We quote 9c in round lots, with case lots held at 10 to 11c for candled stock.

**CURED MEATS.**—Prices steady. Quotations are: Hams, 12c for heavy, and 13c for assorted sizes; breakfast bacon, backs, 13c; bellies, 13½c; dry salt long clear bacon, 8½c; smoked long clear, 9½c; small smoked sides, 10c; dry salt shoulder, 8½c; dry salt backs, 10½c; spiced rolls, 9½c; mess pork, \$15, seceded mess, \$18 to \$18.50 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: Fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 7½c per pound; German sausage, 7½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half pound packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pair; pickled hocks, 3c lb; smoked jowls, 6c.

**LARD.**—No change. Pure, \$2 for 20-lb pails, and \$5 for 50-lb pails; compound at \$1.70 per 20-lb pail; compound in 3 and 5 pound tins, \$6 per case of 60 lb. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—The only change is in lamb, which is easier. Beef is selling at 5c per lb. for good quality, with 4 to 4½c higher obtained for some. We quote 5 to 5½c for beef. Hogs, firm at 5½c for country dressed, with city dealers selling at 6c. Mutton, 8c; lamb, 8 to 9c. Veal, dull at about 6c.

**Poultry.**—Prices are: 14c for turkeys dressed, or 10c per pound live weight. Ducks about 60c per pair, or 10c per pound live weight. Chickens, 45 to 50c per pair, as to quality, and spring chickens 30 to 35c per pair. Wild ducks, 25c per pair.

**VEGETABLES.**—Vegetables have improved greatly in quality of late. There are large offerings of locally grown tomatoes. Some very fine onions are also offered. Potatoes have sold mostly at 30c per bushel for loads on the market, though a few loads have sold at 25c. Prices are: Onions 2 to 2½c per pound; cabbage, 30 to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 30 to 50c per dozen; celery, 20 to 25c per dozen; tomatoes, 1½c per lb; green tomato, 40c per bushel; cucumbers, 7 to 10c per dozen as to size; citrons, 50 to 75c per dozen; vegetable marrow, 50c per dozen.

**WOOL.**—We quote 6 to 8½c for unwashed Manitoba fleeces. Very little doing.

**HIDES.**—The local market is rather firmer, and it is stated that higher prices are being paid in the country. There seems to be considerable competition at present among dealers, and quotations are evidently exceeded in some cases. Some local dealers quote 2c for No. 1 cows, 1½c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3, and 2½c for No. 1 steers, and 1½c for No. 2 steers, 1½c for heavy branded steers. One house quotes 2½c for No. 1 cows and steers alike, 1½c for No. 2 and 1c for No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. Sheepskins, 20 to 25c. Lambskins, 20 to 25c. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

**SENACA ROOT.**—Higher prices have been paid this week, we learn of over 26c being paid for one lot put up for competition.

**HAY.**—Not much doing, and baled offering at \$1 to 4.50 per ton at point of shipment.

#### WINNIPEG LIVE STOCK TRADE.

**CATTLE.**—The activity in export shipment of cattle keeps up. Train loads are going forward from all parts of the country. Shipments are being made from Manitoba points, also from the western ranges, and from the Prince Albert branch district. We quote 2½c as about the best price

here for butchers' cattle, though it is said that up to 3c has been paid in the country for export cattle.

**HOGS.**—The available supply of hogs fit for marketing at present, appears to be about exhausted, and recent efforts to purchase hogs in the country have not been very successful. J. Y. Griffin & Co., who were to start up their packing house here this week, have been compelled to put it off two or three weeks later owing to scarcity of hogs fit for the market. There are a good many hogs in the country that will be ready for marketing later on. We quote good packing hogs at 1½ to 1¾c per lb. Thick fats, etc., 4 to 4½c.

**SHEEP.**—The principal interest in sheep centres in an order from the local government to the effect that sheep brought in from the western ranges will be quarantined here, on account of the alleged existence of scab in the west. This order is looked upon as a somewhat peculiar document by the local dealers, in view of the condition of things here for the past year or eighteen months. Last summer, all the season through, there were several flocks of sheep, numbering over 1,000 head, pasturing in the vicinity of Winnipeg, which were badly affected by scab. The Commercial called attention to the matter, but no notice was taken of it. A good many of these sheep were slaughtered for the city market, but it is alleged that a number of them were sold to farmers and distributed throughout the country. The scab existed in flocks brought from Ontario as well as lots which came in from the west. Remnants of these scabby flocks may yet be found in the vicinity of Winnipeg. A strong effort was made last year to stamp out the scab in the western ranges, and it appears to have succeeded very well, as the sheep brought down this year are in good condition, and in fact are the best sheep ever brought to this market from the west. Scab may exist in some of the western flocks, but if this is the case, it is limited in comparison with last year. The dealers and shippers think it strange that the government should step in now and threaten to quarantine western sheep, when the disease is understood to be about stamped out, while no attention was paid to the great prevalence of scab in flocks about Winnipeg during the last eighteen months. It is feared the order of the government may check the export movement which has lately started in ranch sheep. Two lots of western ranch sheep of seven hundred each have so far passed through for export lately, this being the first movement ever undertaken to export sheep from Western Canada. The first lot came from the ranges of the Canadian Agricultural company, and was composed of three year old fat wethers. The second shipment was from the range of W. L. Nichol, of Medicine Hat. Both lots were shipped by Gordon & Ironsides. We quote butchers' sheep at 3c per lb. Winnipeg.

#### LIVE STOCK NOTES.

A Prince Albert paper of September 12 says: "A train load of beef cattle for the old country markets is expected to leave Prince Albert this week, and one from Saskatoon district next week. Gordon & Ironsides are the shippers."

Two stock trains arrived on Thursday from the Manitoba Northwestern district, one from Russell for Wilson and Mullins, and the other from Churchbridge, Langenburg and Bin-scarth for Thomas Almack. They went east for export.

The Grenfell paper of Sept. 13 says:—"Love & Tyron contemplate shipping to-day a train, consisting of fourteen cars of cattle amounting in all to about 250 head. The beasts are all fat and in prime condition, and will go straight through to Toronto. This is the biggest transaction of this kind yet recorded here, being the first train load of cattle shipped from this point."