

venner sufficient to do throughout the winter, so that in a week or two the trade will be over for the season. Very few fresh killed sheep are wanted during the winter, as held frozen stock is used almost entirely. About 900 head of sheep were shipped to Emerson this week to be fed at the Northern Elevator Co.'s elevator for the spring market. These sheep were gathered up here during the last week or so. A year ago sheep were selling here at 2 1-2 to 2 3-4c.

HOGS—Hogs are still very scarce. J. Y. Griffin & Co. got one car this week for packing, which is the first car for the fall trade. We quote good bacon hogs 5 1-4c off cars here.

How the Wheat Grades.

While there is a great deal of speculation as to the quality of the wheat crop and the amount of damage that has been done by the wet weather, it is worth while turning from hearsay reports to facts. The actual quality of the wheat is shown by the close of last week 1,764 cars of this season's wheat had been inspected at Winnipeg and duly graded by the Dominion government inspector, with the following result:

Extra hard—5 cars.
No. 1 hard—741 cars.
No. 2 hard—225 cars.
No. 3 hard—9 cars.
No. 1 northern—315 cars.
No. 2 northern—91 cars.
No. 1 white Eye—3 cars.
No. 1 spring—54 cars.
No. 1 rejected—49 cars.
No. 2 rejected—11 cars.
No. 1 frosted—1 car.
No. 2 frosted—1 car.
No grade (dump)—29 cars.
Total—1,764 cars.

No fault can certainly be found with the quality of this wheat. It will be noticed that 1,516 cars of the total go into the three grades of No. 1 and No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern. These are all high grades. The only complaint that can be made is that there is a lot of No. 1 northern but this grade is an excellent wheat. The proportion of low grade wheat is not greater than usual so far as the inspection returns to date show.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour shows a decline of 10c, oats an increase of 1c, barley an increase of 1c, flax an increase of 5 1-4c, eggs an increase of 1 to 2c, butter a slight increase, poultry a decrease all round, and hay an increase of \$1.50 to \$2.

Flour—Prices in barrels. First patents \$3.65 to \$3.75; second patents, \$3.45 to \$3.55.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.75 to \$9; bran in bulk \$8.75 to \$9; corn feed, \$12.50 to \$13.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 30c to 30 1-2c for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 24 1-8c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Malting 35 to 40c; feed quoted at 33 to 34c.

Flax seed—98 1-4c per bushel.

Eggs—16c for strictly fresh, including cases; held fresh, 14 1-2 to 15c; seconds, 8 to 9c.

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

Butter—Creamery, 20 1-2 to 22 1-2c; seconds, 16 to 17c; dairy, 15 to 20c for choice to fancy; seconds, 13 to 14c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 1-2 to 7c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 5 to 9c.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 17 to 22c per bushel.

Poultry—Hens, 4 1-2c; roosters, 3c; spring chickens, 6c; turkeys, 5c; ducks, 6c, geese, 5c; all live weight.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 1-2c for No. 1; 8 1-2c No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands 7 1-4 to 8 1-2c; sheepskins 25 to 30c each; veal calf, 9 3-4 to 11 1-4c; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-2c; seneea root, 21 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1-2 to 15 1-2c.

Hay—\$8 to \$9 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$6 to \$6.50.

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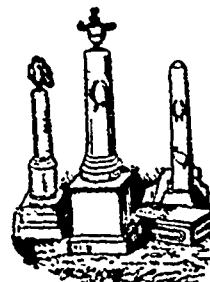
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