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## DRESSED MEATS.

The general situation in dressed meats is firm, though perhaps not quite as strong as a week ago. Further advances are not looked for, while an easier tendency may be expected in some lines at least. Mutton has already declined slightly. Two or three lots of sheep have been brought in, some from western ranches, and some from the south, and these with the native Manitoba article have kept the market better supplied. Prices by the carcass have declined 1c to 13c per pound, and a quotation of 12½c was heard of. Larger importations are expected from the south, with probably lower prices to follow. Pork is scarce at times, and prices vary according to how badly the article may be required. Quotations for dressed hogs may be said to range from 7 to 9c per pound. From 8 to 8½c is nearer the usual range. Beef is more plentiful than it was expected earlier it would be. Wholesale butchers are holding at 8c as the usual figure for good beef. Some sales have been reported as high as 8½c, but this has either been for something extra choice, or a sale perhaps in the nature of a squeeze, to an undesirable credit customer. On the other hand beef has been sold as low as 7c, but not of good quality. The extreme range of prices may be given at 7 to 8½c as to quality for sides or carcass. Veal selling at 7 to 9c, and really choice not too plentiful.

## POULTRY AND GAME.

Chickens are still very scarce and now bring 80c to \$1 per pair. Turkeys 20 to 23c per pound and scarce. Hardly any ducks or geese offering, and worth about 15c per pound. Wild ducks were plentiful, and brought 20 to 35c per pair, with the market becoming overstocked, and prices tending lower.

## HIDES AND TALLOW.

Eastern advices were firmer on hides. Best green bought 5c at Toronto last week. United States markets are also reported to be looking up, and it is hoped that prices have touched bed rock and that a better range of values may now be looked for. Very little business is doing locally, as offerings are light. Country hides in the Winnipeg market are worth about 2½ to 3c per pound. Heavy steers are worth 4½c for No. 1, and 3½c for No. 1 cows; No. 2, 3½c for heavy steers and 2½c for No. 2 cows; No. 3, 2c. Calveskins, No. 1,

5c, No. 2, 4c. Sheepskins, 50 to 55c. Tallow, 2½ to 3c for rough and 4½ to 5c for rendered.

## HAY.

Pressed on track held at \$11.50 to \$12.50 per ton and firm, with prices higher South, which will increase cost of further importations. Scarcely any loose offered on the market, owing to bad roads. Retail in ton lots at about \$13 to \$13.50.

## VEGETABLES.

Generally firmer. Several car lots of potatoes arrived from the south, and held firm, as prices are slightly higher south. Car lots held at 60 to 65c per bushel, and smaller lots from store at 70c. On the market native potatoes bring 70 to 75c, as they are in demand owing to better quality. Onions are higher. Carrots are hardly obtainable, and very firm; beets lower; cabbage strong. New cabbage arriving; also rhubarb. Quotations are as follows: Carrots, \$1.50; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 45 to 50c per bushel on the market, but 70c in a jobbing way; onions 5½c per pound; new cabbage 57 per crate of 100 pounds, old cabbage 5c per pound, and hardly obtainable in quantities; rhubarb or pie-plant, 8c per pound; leucitice, 40c per dozen bunches.

## BEANS.

White beans higher and held at \$2.10 to \$2.25 per bushel.

## LIVE STOCK.

A good many lots of cattle have been offering, and there does not appear to be that scarcity which was talked about a few weeks ago. Nothing further has been heard about importing cattle from the south, and it is now conceded that the local supply will be equal to the demand. Dealers were wondering a while ago where the cattle would come from, but all the same they seem to come from somewhere about as fast as they are wanted. It is stated that some dealers are fairly well supplied for some time ahead. Really choice cattle are none too plentiful, and there will be more or less of a scarcity of choice animals for some time yet, but the supply of common to fair will be large enough, it is expected, to keep prices within the present top range of values. There is always more or less uncertainty about prices realized for cattle, but it is understood that up

to 4½c live weight has been paid for fed cattle, delivered here. A small lot is reported to have brought that figure last week, for pretty good animals. Another rail lot from a northwestern point was reported offered at 4c for some days without takers, but these were not desirable animals. A few lambs are coming in, and though mostly small, bring fancy figures, at \$4 to \$5 per head.

## Insurance Briefs.

The following items are from the *Insurance and Commercial Magazine*, of New York:—

The new business of all Life Insurance Companies worthy of confidence of the public, shows a steady increase thus far in 1890 over same months of last year.

The Employers' Liability Insurance Company of U. S., has a paid-up capital of \$125,000, an amount \$25,000 in excess of that required by the most rigid laws of any State.

March past without extraordinary losses to fire insurance companies, though business and commercial pursuits remain abnormally dull, interest for use of money low, mercantile failures numerous, and of large amounts respectively.

The new business of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association thus far this year, indicates an aggregate for the year exceeding \$50,000,000, with a correspondingly large increase of its guarantee fund. The Mutual Reserve is the largest "pay-as-you-go" company in this or any other country.

N. D. McDonald, of Winnipeg, has secured the contract for the plumbing and heating apparatus for the new court house at Calgary.

The insolvent estate of Booth Bros., fruit and tobacco dealers, Brandon, will be sold by public auction, at Winnipeg, on Friday the 2nd day of May. The stock and fixtures amounts to \$1,407.