

to the ravages of the Hessian fly, and out of an aggregate of about 8 million acres in the three states, probably 8 million has been ploughed up and put to other crops. The states bordering on these are somewhat touched in the same way in certain districts, while having very fine crop prospects in other parts. There is, however, abundant promise in Kansas, Oklahoma and the western winter wheat country generally, but a great part of these crops are never safe till harvested, as a few days hot wind often cuts down the yield tremendously. The northwest spring wheat country has just finished seeding under most favorable circumstances, 2 to 4 weeks earlier than usual, and the only probable drawback to its progress in the near future is the dry tendency of the weather. It has not advanced far enough yet to be suffering for want of rain, although complaints to that effect are beginning, but there has been no general rain since October and rain will be badly needed before long. In Europe the weather has been more or less unfavorable for several months, the crops there are three to four weeks late, and it is generally estimated that this year's wheat crop in Western Europe will yield much less than those of the two last seasons, which were both good. If the world's crop this year turns out a good average prices might be weak, but not much if any lower than at present, and if under average it will not be very long before present prices seem extremely moderate.

The local market has continued quiet with not much business passing, although one large block is reported to have changed hands at top prices, but towards the end of the week there has been a much stronger tone as to price, and an advance in cash wheat has been secured in face of easy and unchanged markets outside. Lower lake freight and demand on part of shippers for spot wheat seem responsible for the advance. Last week closed with the price of 1 hard spot Fort William at 68c. It fell to 67 1/2c in the beginning of the week, but advanced on Wednesday to 68 1/2c at which figure it closes, although the demand at the close is rather restricted compared to two days ago. 2 hard and 1 northern sell for 2 1/2c less than 1 hard, and 3 hard 4 1/2c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—Demand is moderately active and prices steady. We quote: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.95; Glenora patent, \$1.75; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.45; XXXX, \$1.10; Lake of the Woods Five Loaves, \$1.25; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Melora, \$1.10. XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 96 pounds, delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLEED—Prices are: Bran, \$14.50 per ton; shorts, \$16.50.

GROUND FEED—We quote now: Oat chop, \$23 per ton; barley chop, \$17; mixed feed of barley and oats, \$20; corn chop, \$19; oil cake, \$27.

OATS—Values are hard to fix as brokers have so many ideas of what they ought to get. Business has been very quiet and prices realized about as follows: No. 2 white oats, 50 to 51c per bushel in carlots on track here; No. 2 mixed 29 to 30c.

BARLEY—Deliveries are very light. Carlots on track are worth from 33 to 36c according to quality.

CORN—Corn is practically unchanged. We quote carlots on track at about 45 1/2c per bushel.

WHEAT—The wheat market in the country is very quiet. Buyers quote

from 52 to 54c per bushel to farmers according to freight rate.

FLAXSEED—No business doing.

OATMEAL—Manitoba millers are selling to the retail trade at \$1.65 per sack of 60 pounds.

HAY—The market is very dull. Fresh baled hay is worth \$3 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, \$3 to \$4.

BUTTER—Creamery—Some creamery butter was offered to commission houses this week, but sellers view as to price were regarded as being too high and the movement has been restricted. As high as 20c per pound f. o. b. at factories has been asked for fresh made creamery, which is a stiff figure compared with the value of creamery in eastern markets.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is a good demand for choice dairy butter in tubs and good prices can be realized for a choice article, but inferior stock is not wanted. There is an over supply of second grades. The ruling quotation for best dairy butter is 16 to 18c, commission basis, while second grades are only worth from 10 to 14c.

CHEESE—Old cheese is quoted at 14 to 14 1/2c to the retail trade. The new cheese offered this week was poor in quality and was not wanted by buyers here.

EGGS—Commission houses are paying 10 1/2c per dozen net for fresh eggs in cases delivered here. Receipts are large.

VEGETABLES—Supplies of home grown and imported vegetables are fairly liberal and the demand moderate. Potatoes are weaker again this week produce houses having filled the market with potatoes from country points in carlots. About 35 to 45c per bushel represents the value here for wholesale lots. Cars have been offered this week at 40c per bushel, a decline of 5c from a week ago. We quote: Potatoes, 35 to 45c per bushel; turnips, 30c; carrots, 75 to 90c; beets, 4c to 50c; parsnips, 11 1/2c per pound; onions, 3c per pound; California cabbage, 6c per pound, lettuce and parsley, 30c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20c per dozen; spinach, 10c per pound asparagus, \$1 per dozen. Rhubarb, \$2.50 per box of 50 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS—Dressed meat is plentiful and the market steady at last week's prices, which were as follows: Beef, 6 to 7c per pound; veal, 8 to 9 1/2c; fresh killed mutton, 10 to 11c; frozen mutton, 8 to 9c; hogs, 6 1/2 to 7c for choice weights.

POULTRY—Best Smith's Falls turkeys wholesale at 13c per pound; ducks sell at 10c, geese, 9c; chickens, 12c. Dealers pay 50 to 60c each for wild geese. Live chickens are worth 75c per pair.

HIDES—Receipts are light as butchers are not killing many cattle at present. We quote: No. 1 inspected hides, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls, No. 3, kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 9 1/2c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, 40 to 50c each; horsehides, 50 to 75c each.

WOOL—The London sales which open next week will determine to a large extent the price which is to be paid for wool this spring. Dealers expect prices to rule lower. New Manitoba wool has offered this week in limited quantities. Dealers are quoting from 8 to 9c per pound delivered here.

SENECA As high as 40c is being paid for new Manitoba root at Minneapolis, but as none has offered yet

it is hard to say just what would be paid.

TALLCOW—Dealers are paying 31 1/2c for No. 1 tallow at country points. No. 2 is worth about 2 1/2c.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The feature of the week has been the large stocker shipments both south and west. Export business is dead for the time being. High ocean freights prevent shipments. Reports this week indicate that with the opening of navigation in the St. Lawrence river freights have become somewhat easier without very much actual decline in rates. Choice beef cattle are worth 33 1/2c per pound off cars here. Next grades rule at from 3 to 3 1/2c and common stock at 2 1/2 to 3c. Yearling stockers are mostly being bought at from \$15 to \$18, and two year olds at from \$22 to \$26.

SHEEP—Buyers offer 43 1/2c to 5c per pound for choice stock weighed off cars here.

HOGS—The market is steady, receipts moderate and prices if anything easier. We quote: Choice hogs 5c per pound; second grades 4 to 4 1/2c per pound according to weight and quality.

MILCH COWS—Cows are in good demand and readily bring from \$30 to 40 each.

HORSES—Business is dull. Good work horses weighing about 1300 lbs. are worth here from \$150 to \$175 each, roadsters from \$150 to \$200 each and extra heavy teams from \$350 upwards. Western horses of lighter weight run from \$100 to \$140 each when halter broken.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$3.40 to \$3.50; second patents, \$3.20 to \$3.30.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00 per ton; bran in bulk, \$10.50 to \$10.75 per ton.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1/2 to 24c.

Barley—34 to 39c.

Corn—Quoted at 37c for No. 3.

Flax Seed—\$1.72 per bushel.

Eggs—10 1/2 to 10 3/4c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1/2 to 17 1/2c for choice to extras; seconds, 15 to 16c; dairy, 13 to 15c for choice to fancy, seconds, 12 to 13c.

Cheese—Old, 8 to 12c per pound; new, 9 1/2 to 10c.

Poultry—Live chickens, 10c; turkeys, 6 to 7c; ducks, 7c; geese, 7c.

Potatoes—15 to 25c per bushel for car lots.

Hides—Green salted hides, light, \$1.2 for No. 1; 7 1/2 for No. 2; steers over 60 pounds, No. 1, 9 1/4c; No. 2, 8 1/4c; sheepskins, 25c to \$1.20 each; veal, calf, 10 and 11 1/2c for No. 2 and No. 1; tallow, 33 1/4 to 43 1/4c; seneca root, 36 1/2 to 40c, according to quality.

Wool—Unwashed fine, 13 to 17c; medium fine, 16 to 17 1/2c; medium, 15 to 19c; coarse, 16 to 17c.

Hay—Timothy ranges at \$7.25 to \$10, as to quality.

Dressed Meats—Veal, \$1.2 to \$1.2c; mutton, 5 to 7c.

Beans—Hard picked, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per bushel, good medium, \$1.75.

Live Stock—Hogs, bulk, sold at \$5.10 to \$5.15, as high as \$5.30 paid for choice; cattle, choice steers sell as high as \$4.80 per hundred; cows and heifers, \$1.20.