

\$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.50 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 28 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 7 to 7½c.

HIDES.

Prices unchanged. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4c; calf, fine-haired rearing, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter ole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices are as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil, \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 75c per gallon; boiled, 78c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal.; olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Focene, 34c; water white, 3; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices do not give any sign of change. Quotations are: Gooderham & Worts' five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., \$4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

WOOL.

Prices are: Cotswold and Leicester, washed and in merchantable condition, 12 to 15c; do. un-
washed, 10 to 12c. Montana and Oregon fine wools, unwashed, 13 to 15c, when in good condition.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

The weather during the week has not been as favorable to harvesting operations as could have been desired. On Saturday and Sunday, August 21st and 22nd, there were heavy showers in some sections of the province, with light local sprinkles on Monday in some

districts. Though some days were fairly warm, the past week, as a rule, has been too cold to expedite the ripening of the few fields of late grain which are found in some parts of the province. Cutting has not been materially interfered with, and has gone right along, the rains only causing a few hours delay on Monday forenoon. There has been no damage to crops reported from any quarter. From a number of districts advices were received to the effect that harvesting had been completed, and by the close of last week there was certainly very little grain standing, except in a few late districts, where perhaps a small balance of the crop remains to be cut.

WHEAT.

Outside markets have continued sluggish and there seems to be very little ambition in wheat operators. Prices are still lower than after the collapse of the "deal" at Chicago, over two months ago. Exports of wheat and flour from the Atlantic coast, for the week ended August 20th, were 3,151,500 bushels of wheat and 253,200 barrels of flour, which show that the movement keeps up well. The last visible supply statement showed a further decrease in stocks of 771,397 bushels. Crop news have also continued unfavorable, from the spring wheat States. Still the bulls seem to regard all these features with complacency and make no effort to take advantage of the situation. It is said the Minnesota and Dakota crops are not panning out three to six bushels per acre as large as estimated. New home-grown wheat is now coming into the British and European markets, which should soon tell in reducing exports of American, but so far the movement still keeps up. Local dealers do not seem anxious to take hold and start the markets here in the face of the existing depression. At present outside prices, 50 cents would be the top figure, which could be paid at provincial points in Manitoba. There is also the question of freight rates to be settled. So far the C.P.R. has made no move to fix rates for the season. All the roads in the Northwestern States are reducing their grain tariffs, and our dealers are anxious to know what the C.P.R. proposes doing before they start in to purchase wheat. The new tariff from Dakota points to Duluth is 35 per cent. under C.P.R. grain rates to Port Arthur. A few loads of wheat have been delivered at provincial points, but nothing to speak of.

FLOUR.

Flour markets are dull and easy in the East. Country millers are not doing much, and mills are being overhauled for the commencement of the new season. Quotations to the local trade were as follows: Patents, \$2.15; strong bakers, \$1.80 to \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.35 to \$1.40; superfine, scarce at \$1.15 to \$1.25.

MILLSTUFFS.

Steady, at \$10 for bran and \$12 for shorts, per ton; Ground feed, \$25 to \$30 per ton.

OATS.

One car of new oats has been received. A car of old oats on track sold at about 40c. New on the market sell about 30c. The tendency of prices is easier and any considerable arrivals would reduce values.

OATMEAL.

Granulated held at \$2.60 per sack, and standard at \$2.45.

POTATOES.

Offered freely at 30 to 35c per bushel.

EGGS.

Steady at 15c in case lots, with receipts hardly up to requirements.

BUTTER.

Fresh butter of good quality now arriving will bring from 12 to 15c, in small lots to the city trade, according to quality. Several sound lots of butter in stock from early spring receipts

were disposed of at 8 to 11c, believed to be to make up a car lot for eastern shipment. A large quantity of this quality of butter still remains in stock, and there is also a considerable amount of last year's butter in the city, worth about 5c. It is understood an order has been received from the east for a car of mixed butter, medium to good qualities, but definite arrangements have not been made for shipment. The British Columbia trade appears to have been overdone for the present, the markets there not being large enough to consume any extensive quantities.

CHEESE.

There appears to be a considerable difference of opinion as to the value of cheese in this market. Factorymen seem to be holding mostly at above 10c, and as high as 11c in some cases. Small lots to the retail trade sell at about 12c. The need of some system for disposing of cheese is badly felt. A commission or wholesale dealer will receive an order for cheese, and will be obliged to write to factories for quotations. Often the answer comes back: "What will you give." In this way valuable time is consumed before a sale can be arranged, and in the meantime the order is filled elsewhere. Thus whilst local dealers had been trying to get prices, orders from western points have been filled from Ontario, earlier in the season. Factories sometimes hold a meeting of patrons before deciding what price will be accepted, and in the meantime the order is lost. A cheese fair at a central point, or something of the sort, will soon be a necessity.

LARD.

Unchanged at \$2.30 per 20-pound pail nett; 10c allowed for pail on return.

PROVISIONS.

The feeling in this market continues strong, and prices have advanced all around. Quotations however are somewhat irregular. The Chicago product is quoted here as follows: Hams, 15½ to 16c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15; rolls, 13 to 14c. Home-cured product is quoted: Long clear, 10 to 10½c, with a probability of 10½c as the lowest figure this week; smoked breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11½ to 12c; pickled shoulders, 10½c; hams, 14c; mess pork, \$20 per barrel; mess beef \$12 per barrel; Bologna sausage, 8c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef unchanged at 5 to 5½c; pork firm at 7c; mutton, 10c; veal, 7 to 8c.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle unchanged, at 2½c for about the best offering and 2c for fair to good. One lot of hogs (½ car) brought 5c, and a car lot, averaging well on to 300 pounds, also brought about 5c. Another car, averaging about 200 pounds, brought about 4½c. About 5c can be considered the established value at present.

The official record of imports of wheat into the United Kingdom for the first half of the present year shows a large increase in the proportion furnished by the United States—68 per cent, against 54 per cent. in the first six months of 1886 and 1885. Counting flour as wheat the proportion is 73.5 per cent. against 60.8 in a similar period of 1886 and 60.6 in 1885. There is a great reduction in receipts from Russia, a decrease from India of 20 per cent., as compared with the first half of last year, and a decrease from Australia. The quantities of wheat imported from January to June inclusive, with value and average price, are as follows:

Country.	Bushels.	Value.	Value per bn.
Russia.....	2,782,608	\$ 2,847,311	\$1.02
Germany.....	1,113,629	1,236,154	1.10
Canada and U. S.....	32,713,276	34,870,514	1.07
Chili.....	1,063,011	1,101,367	1.04
India.....	6,725,790	6,720,429	.98
Other Countries.....	3,060,170	3,736,948	1.21
Total.....	48,053,484	\$50,412,723	\$1.05