

per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 35c per cwt.; rubber boots and shoes free from arctics and rivets, 6c per lb. Good quart beer bottles are worth 25 to 30c per dozen; plums, 10c per dozen; square gin bottles, 30 to 35c per doz.

STATIONERY AND FANCY GOODS.

Leading Winnipeg houses are doing an active trade in these lines. Travelers are out with Christmas samples and are meeting with excellent results. Already a considerable quantity of Christmas goods has been delivered to country customers and shipments are going forward daily. The paper and stationery trade is all that could be desired.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat market has been remarkable for nothing this week except an almost continuous decline, which has carried prices in the American markets down about 2c per bushel since last report. All continental markets show heavy declines, and the English market alone has made a fair show of firmness. Trading has been moderately active. Primary receipts have been liberal, although not so heavy as at this time last year. Export shipments have been large. Reserve stocks are increasing at almost every point of accumulation. Any influence that could be claimed on account of the war in South Africa seems to have vanished, and the trade seems left again to the influences ordinarily surrounding it. In fact all the statistics, and generally all the items of information are for the moment of a bearish nature, and in face of them the market does not hold up. Last week the English visible supply increased 1,172,000 bushels. The American visible supply increased 2,979,000 bushels, and now stands at 47,317,000 bushels, against 14,598,000 bushels same time a year ago. The world's visible supply increased 6,536,000 bushels. The world's shipments were large \$619,000 bushels. The new crop of winter wheat in the States is now all seeded. A good deal of it has been put in, in ground too dry, and continued lack of moisture has been against a favorable start. Rain has fallen in some districts, while others are still complaining of drought. The weather being dry and warm, has been favorable for insect pests, and complaints come from several sections in regard to the fear of damage from them. The acreage under winter wheat will not vary much from last year. Continued favorable reports come from the Argentine and Australia, concerning the growing crops in these countries, while from India, increasing distress is reported, owing to a renewal of the drought, and apprehensions are entertained for the future of the crops. In Manitoba the long spell of fine weather has been broken. Rain has fallen plentifully in the Red river valley, but the western part of the province, and the eastern part of Assiniboia has had a heavy fall of snow, and much of the grain in the west being still in stook or stack considerable damage will probably result. It is estimated that about half the crop in the Territories is still unthreshed.

The local market has been fairly active, and would have been more so if the railways were moving the wheat faster. Great complaints continue to come from every country shipping point, regarding the utterly inadequate supply of cars, and elevators at several

places have had to close, being full to the roofs. Last week 1 hard in store Fort William, spot or October delivery was fetching 70c per bushel at the close. Monday's market was steady at 7c most of the day, but in the evening sales were made at 69 3-4c. On Tuesday there was a big decline in outside markets, but this market held fairly strong and price of 1 hard was 69c to 69 1-4c. Wednesday saw very little business doing but prices a shade better at 69 1-4c to 69 1-2c, with holders firm and not disposed to sell. Thursday was Thanksgiving Day, but some business was doing at 69 1-4c. Yesterday made a big break, exporters were selling freely in this market for delivery first half November at 68 1-4c for 1 hard. For spot or October delivery, sales were made early at 69 1-4c, but after market closed 69 1-2c was best bid. At this price holders would not let go. Above quotations are all in store Fort William. Sales of 1 hard in store Duluth spot were made at 68c. Two hard and 1 northern are 3c less than 1 hard; 3 hard and 2 northern 7c less than 1 hard; 1 frosted 12c under 1 hard.

FLOUR—The demand for flour is steady. Business has been done on a different price basis this week, a 5c advance having been made on Monday. We quote now as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; XXXX, \$1.15; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.00; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Second Bakers, \$1.15; XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 95 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$11 per ton, and shorts at \$13, with the usual reductions for round lots. This is an advance of 50c over a week ago.

GROUND FEED—Quoted now as follows: Oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$16 per ton. Oil cake, per ton, \$24.

OATS—Deliveries are very slow and the greatest difficulty has been experienced sometimes in securing enough for local requirements. If anything prices are a little higher this week and we quote 27 to 28 1-2c per bushel for earlots on track, Winnipeg. At country points 21 to 23c is being paid for ear lots on track.

BARLEY—The market for barley is very quiet. A good many quotations are being asked for, but farmers do not seem anxious to deliver at prevailing prices and the movement is consequently light. Some dealers are shipping all they can get to Ontario. Early in the week about 20c was being paid for earlots at country points. Today at Winnipeg, the quotation is 26 to 28c for feed, and for malting 32 to 33c, ear lots. Fine samples would bring a little more.

WHEAT—Manitoba country markets.—The weather which set in wet last week, continued unsettled this week, checking deliveries of wheat by farmers at country points. Wheat deliveries have been very light this week, compared with the heavy rush previous to the rains. The moisture has greatly improved the ground for plowing and farmers are giving their time mainly to fall plowing now. Daily marketings of wheat have ranged from about 50,000 to 75,000 bushels in the aggregate. The ear lot movement eastward to Lake Superior ports has continued active, as the elevators were crowded and both the railway companies and buyers have been glad of the stoppage of deliveries by farmers,

as the situation was becoming badly congested. Even yet, with two weeks of light deliveries, there is still some complaint about scarcity of cars. Shipments to lake ports have averaged about 300 cars per day. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets have ranged at 51 to 58c, according to freights and local conditions.

OATMEAL—The market is very firm. A big demand, coupled with the high price of oats, has led to an advance of 10c per sack and we quote Manitoba meal now at \$1.80 per 50 pound sack.

FLAX—Good prices continue to prevail everywhere for flax seed and the farmers who have a crop this year stand a chance of making some money on it. This week the Manitoba quotation has stiffened somewhat and is now given at \$1.05 at some points and \$1.00 per bushel at others.

HAY—Baled hay on track Winnipeg, \$6.00 to \$6.50 per ton. Loose, on the street, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per ton. The supply is light.

BUTTER—Creamery—A good many of the factories are now closed for the winter and the last of their make has been sold. The price advanced another cent this week making the regular quotation for choice creamery now at the factories 22c. Some factories have not yet sold.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is firm at last week's prices. Dealers are paying 15 to 16c in the country for choice and 9 to 14c for second grades.

CHEESE—Ontario cheese is beginning to come in in car lots. A good many of the factories have been obliged to close down by the cooler state of the weather. Choice cheese is worth 12c per pound delivered at Winnipeg.

EGGS—The local supply is becoming very light and some eastern eggs have been brought in to supply the deficiency. Fresh eggs are worth 17c delivered at Winnipeg, subject to candling.

VEGETABLES—There is little or no change in the situation. Potatoes are a little firmer, deliveries during the week having been light compared with the demand. There are a good many poor potatoes in the neighborhood of the city. We quote now as follows: Potatoes, 30 to 35c per bushel; citron, 1 1-2 to 2c per pound; carrots, 35c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 11-4 to 11-2c per pound; cauliflower, 50 to 75c per dozen; onions, 1 to 1 1-2c per pound; cabbage, \$10 to \$12 per ton; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; pumpkins, 75c to \$1.50 per dozen; squash, 1c per pound for ordinary, 11-2c for Hubbard; marrow, 30 to 60c per dozen.

HIDES—The higher price for hides noted last week has not been held, and quotations are now uniform at 7c for No. 1 hides. It should be remembered that as the season advances hides become less valuable because of the greater amount of hair and dirt which they bear. Quotations now are: Inspected hides, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5c. Branded hides grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3; kip, 6 to 6 1-2c; calf, 8c; deakin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, fresh killed, 50c each, country skins and lambs 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitoba fleece is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—Receipts are very light. Current quotation is 35c per pound