

cording to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business still continues satisfactory in this branch. Prices are unchanged and as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada calf 90 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.

LUMBER.

There is really no change in the state of this trade since our last report. Manufacturers and dealers report a moderate volume of sales at small but steady profits all round.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business has been rather quiet in this branch and dealers are rather impatient in expectation of things settling down to a more active state. There are no changes in prices, and scarcely enough of business to call for quotations which are to a great extent nominal and as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2, according to quality; machine oil's, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine. 7.00; No 1 \$6.50; No 2 \$6.00 and window glass, first break, \$2.40.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business in this branch is in a fairly satisfactory state. Sales hold at a steady if not heavy volume, and the tendency is towards an increase. Demands come about equal from all parts of the country.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

There is no cause for complaint in this branch, although sales are not heavy, but steady in volume. Collections are reported satisfactory.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

There is a rather quiet feeling in this trade, the week's sales being somewhat below an average. Collections are also reported slow. Prices are not changed and are as follows: Gooderum & Wort's 5 year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3.00; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50 Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.45; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

WOOL.

No change to report in this trade, prices are: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c; cotted and broken, washed, 10c unwashed 8c; Southdown, washed, 16 to 18c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 22c.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The grain market of the city registered another blank last week, there being no movement worthy of notice. There was a little moving of old grain from storage points west, but this did not cause any sales, as it was only going from storage to mill or elsewhere at owner's instructions. One car of new wheat arrived in the city on Wednesday, and others are about to arrive. These, however, were for local millers, and were not sold on this market, so that their arrival furnishes no key to prices. It is exactly similar with barley prices, and nothing but samples of the latter have yet appeared. With wheat there seems to be a delicacy about fixing prices, no firm in the trade being desirous of taking the responsibility of making the first bid. This fall, unlike previous ones, millers are not hungry for wheat, and are not compelled as they formerly have been to start in with prices far above what will allow a shipping margin, and they would just as soon lay off a little and let export buyers fix the opening figures. This the latter are by no means anxious to do, and are waiting for the local millers to strike the first blow. There is certainly no chance of prices going above shipping margin figures, but the quality of wheat promises to be so good, and the grain all sound and without damage, and we may expect that buying will be done on very close margins. There are no new oats offered yet, and even samples of hand threshed are very scarce. Flour has been in moderately steady demand for local and western trade, but there is no export business going on, and millers are not prepared to do any, unless at figures which cannot be secured. In provisions the movement has been rather light and prices have changed very little. Meats are very firm and would be higher had imports to be made now, present prices being only about what the goods can be laid down at. Dairy products are moving quietly and steadily, and almost at fixed prices.

WHEAT.

One car of good hard wheat reached the city on Wednesday, and others are hourly expected. A bona fide offer for new crop cannot be had, but from the feeling manifested, we should say that good hard samples would bring about 60c; but of course that is purely a matter of judgment. The quotations here by grade here are purely nominal as follows: No. 1 hard, 70c; No. 2, 65c; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2, 60c; No. 3, 55c.

FLOUR.

The local trade has been moderately active, but no exports are reported. Prices are steady. Quotations are unchanged as follows: patents, \$2.60 strong bakers, \$2.00; XXXX \$1.50, and superfine, \$1. Prices are for broken lots, delivered in the city or f.o.b.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

Sales of these products have been up to a regular average, and prices have been steady at \$9 a ton for bran and \$10 for shorts. It is understood that car lots might be had a little cheaper.

OATMEAL.

There is no change to report and none is expected, until the new oats are available.

OATS.

No new offered yet, and old are held firmly at 30c. Buyers are slow to take hold at that figure, and the sales of the week have been confined to a few cars.

BARLEY.

None offered not even by sample, and no quotations are to be had.

POTATOES.

Small lots from farmers' wagons are still being sold at 75c, but no round lots are yet offered. It is now becoming generally known, that the yield of late varieties will be much heavier than was expected three or four weeks ago.

CHEESE.

There is really no change to report. Sales have been about an average and prices stand, medium 9½ to 10c; good to choice 10½ to 11c.

EGGS.

The supply is still ample and the demand only moderate. Prices have a wide range according to quality. Some cases sell as low as 10c, but really fresh range from 12 to 12½c.

BUTTER.

There is still very little if any change to report. Receipts are still, rather light, and there has been an opening for more choice to fancy lots than could be secured, although receipts keep up to a very good average in quality, and there is an absence of inferior stuff. There is no export business doing, and the local trade has been moderately active. Medium lots sold from 9 to 10c; good to choice from 11 to 12½c; while some small fancy lots sold from 13 to 14c.

BACON.

The demand is steady, and fears of supply coming short still exist. Lots imported now could not be sold at a profit at present prices, and figures are consequently firm and inclining upwards. Dry salt-cured last week at 9½ to 10c; smoked at 11 to 11½c; holls 12c, steady and breakfast 12½c.

HAMS.

Demand has been moderate and prices firm. A few lots of smoked sold as low as 15½c during the week, but no canvassed could be had under 16c, and they were held firm at that.

MESS POPE.

There is almost no change to report. Sales have been moderate and prices have been \$15 for round lots, and \$15.50 to \$16 for small lots and single barrels.

LARD.

The demand has been steady and prices firm and steady. Pails stood all week at \$2.25.

DRESSED HOGS.

Not enough receipts to allow of reliable quotations.

LIVE HOGS.

No shipments are reported and a scarcity prevails. No quotations can be had.

MINNEAPOLIS

The wheat market has been excited and higher, for a few days, but the bulls find a lift of two or three cents very exhausting, and in the face of a weak situation are compelled to halt just when they ought to be getting a good grip on the market. The visible supply is beginning to move back toward the phenomenal figures of last year, the spring crop is not yet moving freely, and the marketing of winter wheat is not as lively as it is likely to be another month. The heavy movement along the Manitoba road, expected as a consequence of reduced rates, has gone mainly to Duluth, where the increase in store was nearly a million bushels last