

being more particularly true of the western part of the province.

The United States markets have shown a much firmer tone during the past few days particularly for the finer grades of Northern States eggs. The weakness in the market at present is the large proportion of under grades in the receipts which are principally from the south, but even amongst those from the north there is evidence of deterioration in quality from the effects of heat. Receipts are not as heavy as they were at this time last year, but have not fallen off to the extent many in the trade thought they would. The report of eggs in storage June 1st furnished by the American Warehouse Association states that the quantity now in the coolers is just about the same as on the corresponding date last year, indicating a lighter May input this year than last.

POULTRY.

There is little new to report in the poultry situation. Receipts continue light and about the same as the week previous. Arrivals consist mostly of live hens with a sprinkling of cocks. A few broilers are coming and the quantity is showing a gradual increase. The market is very firm for all classes at full prices. With the exception of a few turkeys and chickens storage stocks are about exhausted.

Reports from consuming centres in the United States indicate stronger markets for poultry under lighter arrivals, and good consumptive demand. Storage stocks in the States are getting very low. Many varieties are about at an end. Holders of remaining stocks are very firm in their views. It is reported that the United States Government bought a quantity of frozen poultry recently for army purposes. This has given further strength to the situation.

STANDARD OF CHEESE IS HIGHER.

Ottawa, June 14.

That a higher standard in the manufacture of Canadian cheese has been attained during recent years is indicated in an analysis made by A. McGill, chief Dominion Analyst and reported to the Inland Revenue Department. Of 166 samples analyzed only six were found to contain less than forty-five per cent milk fat, the minimum percentage allowed in the manufacture of good cheese.

Two samples were found to contain over sixty per cent fat, 27 from 55 to 60 per cent, 91 from 50 to 55 per cent, 39 from 45 to 50 per cent, and six less than 45 per cent. In his report Mr. McGill says: "Our last systematic inspection of cheese was made in 1912. Of 141 samples examined only 43 were found to contain above 50 per cent fat; and the results herein furnished appear to justify the inference that Canadian cheese has improved in quality, so far as fat is concerned within the last six years."

PROVISIONS.

The market in live hogs was quiet, and there was only a moderate demand for dressed hogs, which sold at from \$29 to \$29.50 per 100 lbs. The trade in smoked and cured meats on out of town account was fair.

We quote current prices as follows:

	Per lb.	
Hams:		
Smoked Hams, 8-10 lbs.	0.38	....
Do., 12-15 lbs.	0.33	0.34
Do., over 25 lbs.	0.32	0.33
Bacon:		
Breakfast	0.41	0.42
Windsor Bacon, selected	0.44	0.45
Windsor Bacon, boneless		0.46
Pure Lard:		
20 lbs. pails	0.32	0.33

FLOUR.

A fair amount of business was done during the week in spring wheat flour at the fixed price for Government standard grade, namely for shipment to country points, \$10.95 per bbl. in bags f.o.b. cars Montreal, and to city bakers at \$11.05 per bbl. in bags delivered. Sales of winter wheat are mentioned at \$11.40 to \$11.50 per bbl. in new cotton bags and at \$11.20 in second hand jute bags, but the market is quiet.

The trade in substitutes was quiet and prices showed little change, sales being reported of jobbing lots of rye flour at \$13.50; Graham flour at \$11.00 to \$11.10. Corn flour at \$12.00 per bbl., and rice flour at \$9.00 per 100 lbs. to 220-lb. sacks.

MILLFEED.

The demand for bran and shorts continues very limited since grass feed is now plentiful. Bran and shorts sold at: Bran \$35.00 and shorts \$40.00, the de-

mand having fallen off since grass feed has become more plentiful. Pure grain mouillie is still firm at \$72.00 and mixed at \$51.00 per ton.

ROLLED OATS.

The sale of car lots standard grade of rolled oats are quoted at \$4.85 to \$4.90 small lots selling at \$5.10 delivered. Pure grain mouillie is steady at \$72.00 per ton. Corn meal is steady, jobbing lots of Golden brand, selling at \$6.25 and bolted at \$4.50 to \$4.65 per bag delivered.

LOCAL GRAIN.

The local market showed practically no changes last week, prices remaining almost the same. The demand from all sources was very limited which made business dull. The market for barley was quiet and prices showed a decline compared with those of the previous week. The Chicago option market closed easy with a decline of 3/8c to 1c per bushel and the Winnipeg market closed 3/8c lower. Fluctuations in grain on Friday at Winnipeg were:

Oats:		
No. 2 C. W.	0.83%	
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.81%	
Do., extra No. 1 feed	0.80%	
Do., No. 1 feed	0.77%	
Do., No. 2 feed	0.74%	
Barley:		
No. 3 C. W.	1.15	
No. 4 C. W.	1.19	
Flax:		
No. 1 N. C. W.	3.77	
No. 2 C. W.	3.70	
No. 3 C. W.	3.44	

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

The receipts of grain and flour in Montreal for the week ending June 15th, 1918, amounted to:

Wheat, bushels	163,208
Oats, bushels	271,953
Barley, bushels	325,585
Flour, bushels	64,333
Hay, bales	9,961
Straw, bales	402
Meal, bushels	940
Flax	2,350
Peas	1,360

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending June 13th, 1918, and the previous week were:

	Week ending, Same date June 6, June 13, last y'r.		
No. 1 Northern	718	547	....
No. 2 Northern	228	216	....
No. 3 Northern	143	166	....
No. 4 Wheat	49	50	....
No. 5 Wheat	43	38	....
No. 6 Wheat	24	25	....
Feed Wheat	4	9	....
Rejected	19	19	....
No. Grade	20	12	....
Totals	1,252	1,083	2,577
Oats	173	152	657
Barley	30	33	74
Flax	19	27	102

CANADIAN WHEAT CROP.

Winnipeg, June 15. — Messrs. Baird & Botterell wired the following:

There was considerable territory in the Canadian West that is causing apprehension by reason of dry conditions and high temperatures during the early part of the week. At this date don't consider the situation serious other than in a very limited area, but a good general rain is needed to check existing apprehension, which in my opinion, is well founded. Weather elements in this immediate locality are working for moisture and it would not surprise me to take note of good showers over the week-end in western territory.

Without rain over the week-end reports will be coming more general as to damaged conditions, but we must not forget that our crop went into the ground under ideal seed-bed conditions and this in itself will take care of a little dry weather.

WESTERN FARM PROSPERITY.

A remarkable increase during 1917 in handlings of live stock and of butter, cheese, eggs, dressed meat, and dressed poultry, over its lines in Western Canada is indicated in a statement compiled by the Freight Department of the Canadian Northern Railway. Any great increase in tonnage in these commodities, of course, could not be accomplished without pronounced progress in permanent farming in areas served by the C. N. R. in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. It is significant that the prairie provinces are becoming exporters of dairy products, where in recent years they were importers on a considerable scale.

During 1917, 11,363 cars of live stock were handled over the lines of the Canadian Northern Railway system as compared with 7,245 during 1916. This is an increase of 4,118 cars, or 57 p. c.

Of cattle in 1917, there were handled 5,421 cars as compared with 2,900 in 1916; hogs, 2,274 cars, and 1,768; sheep, 261 cars, and 76; mixed stock 3,407 and 2,501. The percentage of increase in cattle was 87 p. c.; of sheep, 243 p. c.; hogs 29 p. c.; and mixed, 36 p. c.

During 1917 the produce shipped from stations on the Canadian Northern western lines reached a total of 24,618,000 pounds, compared with 6,826,000 in 1916, an increase of 3,182,000 pounds or 15 p. c. The butter shipped amounted to 8,146,000 pounds compared with 6,826,000 in 1916, an increase of 1,320,000; cheese shipped totalled 1,072,000 pounds, compared with 789,000, increase 292,000; eggs 5,980,000 pounds and 5,682,000; increase 298,000. Dressed meats handled over the lines amounted to 9,108,000 pounds in 1917, against 7,866,000, increase 1,242,000. Dressed poultry shipments totalled 312,000 pounds, against 282,000. The percentage of increase for butter handled was 19 p. c.; cheese 37 p. c.; eggs 5 p. c.; dressed meat 16 p. c.; and dressed poultry 11 p. c.

THE LOCAL FLOUR MARKET.

The trade in Government standard spring wheat flour for export account has been quieter owing to the fact that the offerings from the mills in Canada has steadily decreased of late which is attributed to the increasing scarcity of wheat, and according to information obtained from reliable sources the prospects are that there will be little flour available in Canada for export after the middle of next month, and that the movement from then on until the new wheat crop is harvested will be small in this direction. The flour department of the Wheat Export Co., Ltd., report that their purchases for the week were much smaller than usual, and that the bulk of the offerings were for first half of July delivery for which \$10.60 per bbl. in bags, f.o.b. vessel was paid for rail and water shipments from the West, and \$10.64 for all rail shipments.

Owing to the increased offerings of corn flour an easier feeling has prevailed in the market, and prices for car lots have ruled lower with sales at \$11 to \$11.20 per bbl., in bags, ex-track. At this reduction there has been an increased demand for supplies and some fair sized purchases were made from Minneapolis millers for distribution to the millers throughout Canada. There has been no change in prices on spot for broken lots for which the demand has been steady at \$12 per bbl. in bags, delivered to the trade.

There is an easier undertone to the market for rye flour, but no actual change in prices has been announced as yet. The demand has been quiet owing to the fact that buyers seems to be fairly well supplied for the time being, and the volume of business in broken lots was small at \$16.50 to \$17 per bbl. in bags, delivered to the trade. Barley flour is selling at \$13.50; graham flour at \$11.05 per bbl. in bags, and rice flour at \$9 per bag of 100 lbs., put up in 220-lb. sacks, delivered to the trade.

The trade in Govt. standard spring wheat flour for domestic and country account has been slow, with car lots for shipment to country points quoted at \$10.95 per bbl. in bags, f.o.b. cars, Montreal, and to city bakers at \$11.05 delivered. Supplies of winter wheat flour on spot are very limited, and in consequence prices are maintained with sales of broken lots at \$11.40 to \$11.50 per bbl. in new cotton bags, and at \$11.20 in second-hand jute bags, ex-store.