

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 75c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 31 to 34c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 23 to 25c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Quotations are as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c 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, 25c; water white, 28c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$1.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.25; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2 \$6.25; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquit 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, \$1.00 to \$1.50; 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.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT.

For weeks there has been talk of a grain block on the C. R. but it never was complete until now. Fine mild weather has increased receipts from farmers at all points, and at the few where grain could be bought two weeks ago every available place for storage is packed. Scores of thousands of bushels of farmer's grain is now tiered up along the main line and branches at the different stations, or stored in sheds or anywhere poor farmers can leave it, to avoid the work of hauling it home again to their farms. There is practically not an open farmer's market in the province except such as may be created by the limited demands of local mills not yet fully supplied. The C.P.R. managers have really no cars at present, and are making about as much headway in handling the grain crop, as they would at carrying water in a sieve. With this state of affairs outside the grain Exchange is an ornamental institution, plenty of business could be done if cars were procurable, but for at least two days in the end of the week not a transaction took place. With cars available No. 1 hard would have brought equal to 58c on track here, and 2 hard and 1

Northern 56c. But dealers could do nothing, and amused themselves reading the quotations on the black board, or trying to crack grain jokes.

FLOUR.

No cars to ship east and no demand from either east or west, the local business is equally slow. Mills are storing until their storage capacity is about filled. Prices here are steady and as follows: Patent, \$2.15; strong bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.20.

MILLSTUFFS.

Cars for eastern shipment cannot be had, but prices are held firm, although it is not likely that they can be long maintained. Bran is held at \$12 a ton and shorts at \$14.

BARLEY

Only two cars could be heard of as changing hands during the week. A good No. 3 would have brought 40c, and Extra 3 45c. Feed sells at 30 to 35c.

OATS.

Street receipts have increased amazingly during the past ten days, and the supply is now fully equal to the local demand. Prices have eased off quite a little, good milling lots sold at 30c, and some even lower, and lower grades at 28c.

OATMEAL.

With the easing off in the price of oats this product has also dropped in price. Rolled meal is still held at \$3, but granulated is quoted at \$2.60, and standard at \$2.45.

EGGS.

Local dealers were taken somewhat by surprise last week when a large lot of eggs from Toronto appeared suddenly on the market. On an attempt of the shippers to dispose of them to retailers prices were dropped 5c, from 25c to 20c per dozen. The shipment which arrived amounted to about 100 barrels. Prices closed at 20 to 22c per dozen in case lots.

BUTTER.

The situation remains about as it was, 17 to 18c being about the usual quotation for average Winnipeg No. 1 quality; medium to good 13 to 15c. Receipts are not very large, from the reason that dealers here have discouraged shipping to this market. Dealers now generally recognize that the advance during the fall and early winter was a mistake, but it is now too late to recover a large amount of trade which has been lost. One leading dealer said that prices should have never gone beyond 17c, and that in the end the advance, though perhaps beneficial to a few, will cause a considerable loss to the country at large.

CHEESE.

Quiet at about 13c in small lots.

LARD.

Local in 20 lb. pails held at \$2.30, and Chicago at \$2.25.

CURED MEATS.

Prices unchanged. Home cured quoted as follows: Long clear bacon, 11 to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½; rolls, 12½ to 13; hams, 14½ to 15c; pork sausage, 10c per pound.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef is firm. Sides are quoted, No. 1, 6 to 7c; No. 2, 5 to 6c. Hogs hold steady at 7½c; mutton, 10c.

POULTRY.

Chickens are quoted at 9 to 10c; turkeys 13 to 14c; ducks and geese 11c.

HAY.

Pressed, in car lots on track is worth from \$8 to \$8.50 per ton.

The Grain Blockade.

A wail commenced by the farmers, taken up by the storekeepers, re-echoed by the merchants and sounded by the public generally, has commenced in the province, over the tremendous grain blockade. By the time the last is heard of it, monopoly is likely to be swept to the four winds. Universal stagnation and serious dependency are two results of the state of affairs, and it is feared the province may suffer far worse unless something is done to remedy the evil. Some of the grain men were seen, and they all tell the same story. They freely admit that the C.P.R. is doubtless doing its best with the facilities at its disposal to get the wheat out of the country, but they are not moving a thousandth part of what is desired. The statement was made on excellent authority, and corroborated in several quarters, that there are at present over 800 cars of wheat lying in the C.P.R. yards here.

But one story is sent in from the towns and stations along the railway: No cars; every available place packed with wheat, and thousands of bushels stacked about the station and in the streets. This latter is unprotected, exposed to the weather, and liable to destruction. The state of affairs is seriously affecting the value of the grain, as buyers are unable to pay what they otherwise would, did they but have any prospect of sending it out of the country. The policy of the company seems to be to keep the stations, from which adverse reports are likely to emanate, pretty well supplied with cars. At Glenboro there are 10,000 bushels of wheat stacked on the streets; at Deloraine there are no cars, and wheat piled all round; at LaRiviere the grain is piled in vast quantities on the streets and along the track; at Cartwright the same state of affairs prevails, and at Minnedosa many of the farmers are unable to sell their grain because of the lack of facilities for shipping it out. The statements here given are supplied by men in the business, but whose names are withheld for reasons already known.—Winnipeg Sun.

The estate of the late firm of S. J. Hogg & Co., lumber dealers and implements, Calgary, was offered at sheriff's sale lately. The lumber and doors and sash were withdrawn, the Royal City Planing Mills Co. being the only bidder.

A Moose Jaw, Assa, correspondent writes: Ben. Smith shipped a car of barley to Davis & Co., Montreal, last week. The sale was made through a sample that was forwarded some time ago, and the letter that accompanied the order for shipment pronounced it the best barley received this season. The price paid was 42½ cents per bushel on board cars.

Deloraine, Man., Times: LaRiviere's store goods and other chattels, at Wakopa, were sold Wednesday under an execution in the hands of the sheriff in the Western Judicial District, at the instance of Stobart & Son, of Winnipeg.