

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, July 3.

The crop outlook continues favorable. The weather has been warm and showery this week and reports from the country are encouraging. The outlook is very hopeful. Bank clearings at Winnipeg show a considerable increase over the corresponding weeks of the past two years. There is considerable talk of collections being slow.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

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DRUGS.

Advices from abroad report a very firm market for cream of tartar, at higher prices. Sulphur has also advanced 3s to 4s per cwt. Local prices are the same as last reported.

FISH.

There is no change this week in prices of fish. The washouts on the C. P. R. west of Calgary stopped B. C. supplies temporarily, and fresh salmon has been coming in from Seattle via the Northern Pacific railroad. Jobbing prices here are as follows: White 51-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, haddock 8c, salmon 12-1-2 to 15c lb., kippered goldeyes, 30c doz. Oysters are quoted at 70c for selects in cans.

GROCERIES.

In canned goods strawberries are getting scarce and prices are firm but new are expected in soon, when prices will likely be lower. New salmon, the new pack, which is opening at the coast at about 50c under last year, for first shipments. Evaporated and dried apples are very firm, owing to large sales of evaporated apples in Eastern Canada for export to Germany. It is said 5c. has been paid in eastern markets for large lots for export. Second qualities are particularly scarce. See Winnipeg grocery prices on another page.

GREEN FRUITS.

A few apples have been received in small express lots, but none are fit to re-ship, and they are sold at fancy prices. California peaches, pears and plums have been coming forward to some extent, of the earlier varieties, which are not as good keeping quality as varieties which will come a little later on. The season for strawberries is over, unless some Minnesota berries come in. The few received this week have been very poor. Lemons are firm at the advance and likely to go higher. Late Valencia oranges are the only good shipping oranges now in the market. They are higher this week. Bananas have been scarce owing to the 4th of July demand in the States, and this week prices have been higher at \$2 to \$3 per bunch, but will likely return to the old quotations soon. Cabbage, tomatoes and cucumbers lower. Prices are: California late Valencia oranges \$8 to \$6.50 box; Mediterranean sweets \$1.50 per box; St. Michaels, \$5.25 per box; Messina tomatoes, \$5.50 to \$6; bananas, \$2 to \$2.75 per bunch; pineapples, \$3 to \$3.75 per dozen; pineapple plants, 11-2 cents per pound; strawberries, \$4 to \$4.50 per case of 24

baskets; tomatoes, \$1.75 per crate of 4 baskets; California cherries, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per box; apricots, \$2 box; California plums, \$2.50 box; California peaches, \$2.25 to \$2.50 box; onions, \$4 per 100 lbs; new cabbages, \$3.50 to \$4 per 100 lbs. Dates 01-2 to 7c lb; layer figs, 12-1-2 to 15c lb; asparagus, local, 40c dozen; cucumbers 75c to \$1 dozen; watermelons \$8.50 to \$9 per dozen.

HARDWARE.

There are no changes in prices this week, and no special features to note. Business is fairly good. See quotations on another page.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

Business quieting down in this branch the usual brisk demand in the early part of the season being over. Prices are steady and without change this week. See quotations in another column.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat market has been quiet so far as business on the spot is concerned. There is still considerable movement of wheat from interior points to Lake Superior ports, but there is very little doing in the country in new deliveries. The tendency of prices has been lower. Early in the week sales were made at 71c but yesterday 70c was the quotation for No. 1 hard, afloat at Fort William. Holders asked more in many cases and business was slow. No. 2 hard, 3c under No. 1. No. 3 hard 4c under No. 3.

FLOUR—Prices are irregular at the quotations of a week ago. Business is rather quiet. Prices as follows: Patent \$1.95 to \$2; bakers' \$1.75 to \$1.80; second bakers', \$1.40; XXXX, 90c per sack of 98 pounds, to the local trade, delivered in the city.

MILLEED—There is a large demand for millfeed, particularly for shorts and supplies have been short, the output being well cleaned up. Prices are firm at the advance quoted last week. Millers are now quoting \$6.50 for bran and \$8.50 for shorts per ton in small lots, with large lots shaded about 50c.

BARLEY—Nominal at 23 to 24c for feed grade.

OATS—Several car lots, grading No. 2 white, sold at 22-1-2c on track here, but dealers generally stick out for better prices. We quote No. 2 mixed at 21 to 22c; No. 2 white, 22 to 23c per bushel of 34 pounds. Prices higher at Montreal this week.

CREALS—Rolled oatmeal 50b. sacks \$1.50 per sack; granulated, 98 lbs., \$1.75; standard, 98 lbs., \$1.75. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs., \$1.75 sack; pot barley, 98 lbs., \$1.75; pearl barley, 98 lbs., \$3.25 sack.

GROUND FEED—Rolled oats are held at \$15 per ton, ordinary mill chop, per ton, \$13.

BUTTER—Creamery. The market is steady. The present basis for business is about 14c to 14-1-2c at the factories here, and buyers have been taking round lots freely at about these prices, f.o.b. at factories; 14-1-2c being the general price paid, and we did hear of 1-8c above this figure in a special case.

BUTTER—Dairy. Dealers are paying 8c to 10c for round lots here. There is very little demand and receipts are going into cold storage.

CHIESE—The market is easier. Deals have been made at 63-1 to 7c to factories.

EGGS—Buyers are paying 9c net, and selling candled stock in a small way at 11c. Receipts have been rather light.

POULTRY—A few spring chickens have come in, and brought 30c per pair. Chickens are rather firmer. Chickens, live, 50c to 55c pair, or 10c lb. dressed. Turkeys, 91-2c to 10c lb., live weight, ducks, 50 to 60c pair.

LARD—Prices are: Pure \$1.70 to \$1.75 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4.25 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$8.00 per case of 60 pounds, tins 8 to 81-4c.

CURED MEATS—United States meats and lard have been offering here, but very little meat has been brought in, what has come being mostly lard. Prices are steady. Prices are: Hams, assorted sizes, 101-2 to 11c; breakfast bacon, bolles, 101-2c to 11c; do., backs, 91-2 to 10c; short spiced rolls, 71-2 to 8c; shoulders 8 to 61-2c; smoked long clear, 81-2 to 9c; fancy clear, 8 to 81-2c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 7 to 71-2c per lb.; shoulders, 51-4 to 53-4c; boneless shoulders, 61-2 to 7c; backs, 73-4 to 81-4c; extra charge of 1-2c for canvassed meat; barrel pork, clear mess, \$12.00 to \$13.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolled shoulders, \$18 to \$15.50; per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage 71-2c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 3c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pair.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is easier, for No. 1 hides and a fraction higher. Very little is now going at over 61-2c and only choicest brings 7c. The usual price for ordinary beef is 6 to 61-2c for fair to good. Mutton is easier and ranges from 61-2c to 81-2c as to quality. A typographical error made the general price appear as 7c in our last report, when it should have been 8c. The tendency of mutton is lower. Dressed hogs bring 51-2c to 6c. Fat 4 to 6c as to quality. Lambs \$1.00 per carcass.

HIDES—Dealers are paying 61-2c has been paid for city hides in special cases. The immediate future of the hide market is uncertain, owing to the duty which has been placed on hides by the U. S. This will go into effect probably in a few days, and will stop exports of hides from here to the United States. On this account lower prices are looked for by dealers. Hides quoted at 61-2 for No. 1, and 51-2c for No. 2; calf 8 to 15c lb., 6 to 8c per lb; skins 10 to 20c each, 5 to 7c; sheepskins range from 75c each to 90c according to quality; clips 10 to 20c; lambskins, 10 to 15c; horsehide, 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—The prices generally quoted is 15c per lb.

WOOL—It is difficult to say anything definite about wool. The market is very uncertain. The United States tariff has not gone to effect yet, but it may be reached through now any day. Dealers are afraid to buy wool now on the basis of getting it into the United States before the new tariff goes into effect. At Toronto prices have dropped 2-3c. Here 9 to 10c was paid the first part of this week, and even a fraction over 10c in some cases. Just at