

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 55c; boiled, per gal., 58c in barrels; less than barrels 5c per gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 58c; less than barrels, per gallon, 58c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear machine oils, 33 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, \$1.20; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

NUTS.—New nuts are now mostly in stock. Walnuts arrived this week. Tarragona almonds, 16c; Sicily filberts, large, 15c. Filberts ordinary, 12c, peanuts, roasted, 12c; peanuts, green, 9c, Ontario Chestnuts 12c, Ontario butternuts 9c. Grenoble walnuts, 15c; French walnuts, 12c lb.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—Coal oil has experienced another sharp decline in the Winnipeg market. A few weeks ago the price of refined petroleum was reduced here 3c per gallon and now another cut of 2c has been made this week. This is a big decline for a staple commodity in such a short time. On the best grade of imported oil the decline this week is 3c and 2c on other grades of Canadian and imported oils. The decline is attributed to local competition. The discount on car lots has been reduced to 1c per gallon, instead of 2c as formerly, owing to the low prices now quoted. Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 19c; crescent, 22c; oleophene, 24c in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 28c for coccone and 25c for sunlight.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION.—The general tendency of wheat has been lower this week in leading markets, and yesterday prices closed about 5c under the top price of last week. Cables were lower on several days and receipts were larger at northwestern states' points on some days than had been expected. The improved crop outlook in India owing to rains there was also a factor. Then there is the usual dullness in the trade as the holiday season approaches. American stocks continue to decline, the statement of stocks east of the mountains showing a decline of 2,600,000 bushels this week, and stocks according to this statement are now down to 56,912,000 bushels, compared with 63,786,000 bushels a year ago. So called world's stocks of wheat are placed at 148,484,000 bushels, compared with 161,348,000 bushels a year ago. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States this week show a marked increase as compared with preceding years: amounting to 4,222,714 bushels, contrasted with 3,653,000 bushels last week; 2,458,000 bushels in the corresponding week last year; 2,586,000 bushels in the week two years ago; 3,217,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 3,277,000 bushels in corresponding week of 1893.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—Prices are lower in Manitoba country markets, but prices are so irregular that it is difficult to give any regular quotations. The nominal price for No. 1 hard wheat to farmers, at 18c freight rate points to Fort William is 63c, which is 9c lower than a week ago, but prices vary very widely, ranging all the way from 59c at western points to 66c at other points. The markets are governed by local conditions at different points. There is very little doing in country markets in Manitoba, but at some points from Mocsomin to Moosejaw, in Assiniboia, there is considerable wheat coming in, and quite a lot of wheat is held yet at some of these

western points, by farmers. Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ended December 5 were 171,442 bushels; shipments, 793,752 bushels; in store, 1,517,081 bushels. In the Winnipeg market this has been the duller week of the season. There has been scarcely enough business doing on which to base quotations. Early in the week the idea was about 78c for No. 1 hard, Fort William, but yesterday No. 1 hard sold at 70c, basis of delivery at Fort William. Today the feeling is a little better, and we quote 76 to 77c for No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard 2 1/2c under No. 1. This is above a parity with May wheat at Duluth, adding 6 to 7c carrying charges to May.

FLOUR.—Quotations are the same as noted last week. The extreme range of quotations in the local market is from \$2.30 net for patents up to \$2.45, and \$2.10 net for bakers to \$2.25. XXXX \$1.50, second bakers \$1.75. These are prices delivered to retail dealers in the city.

MILLSTUFFS.—There is no change in bran and shorts. City mills are selling at \$7 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts, delivered in the city, in small lots. These prices do not include sacks. Larger orders are filled at \$6 and \$8 per ton.

BARLEY.—For feed barley 20 to 24c per bushel of 48 pounds has been paid to farmers, but very little is offering. City brewers are paying 25c for malting samples to farmers here, and 27 to 28c on track here for car lots. There has been no shipping business this season in barley.

OATS.—Prices about the same as quoted last week. Car lots on track here have been quoted from 24c per bushel of 34 pounds for feed quality up to 27c for choice. A few cars have sold for the woods. The street price in Winnipeg ranges from 20 to 23c as to quality to farmers. In Eastern Canada markets prices are easy and rather lower this week.

OATMEAL.—Prices are higher, owing to the high price of oats suitable for milling. Following are prices in large lots, with small lots to retail dealers held about 15c more. Rolled oatmeal in 80 lb sacks \$1.65 per sack; standard, \$1.90 and granulated \$1.90 in 98 lb sacks. Rolled wheat, 80 lbs, \$1.60 in round lots. Pot barley, \$1.70 in round lots. In Eastern Canada markets oatmeal is lower, and at summer freight rates oatmeal could now be brought in here. Here, however, prices are very firm and millers have refused to book orders for January shipment at these prices.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$10 to \$15 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed. Ordinary mixed mill feed is held at \$12 to \$13 per ton. Anything under \$12 would be damaged wheat and mixed grains.

FLAX SEED.—The prices paid to farmers at Manitoba points is still 40 to 50c per bushel for good milling seed.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BEANS.—Round lots to jobbers held at about \$1.10 per bushel.

BUTTER.—The market is decidedly easier for butter. The western trade is stocked up for the winter, and there is very little demand for dairy goods. The local city trade is largely supplied by farmers. While western buyers were stocking up, there was a good demand here, and some rather extreme prices were paid. As intimated in The Commercial at the time, the market has been very dull since this trade was supplied, consequently prices have declined fully 2c from the extreme figures paid a few weeks ago. One of the peculiarities of the situation is, that both dairy and cream-

ery butter shipped from Manitoba to Montreal, has been shipped back west again for the trade. A lot of Manitoba dairy was purchased a short time ago in Montreal at 12c and shipped west, and a car of Manitoba creamery was also shipped to the coast from Montreal. Even if there were a good western demand, fancy prices could not be had here, in the face of the easy market at Montreal, as western buyers could buy in the latter market. We quote good dairy at 11c, culls thrown out, in round lots. Creamery is held in a jobbing way at 22 to 23c.

CHEESE.—Quiet. We quote the jobbing price at 8 1/2c to 9 1/2c as to quality.

EGGS.—Dealers are still paying 20c per dozen here for receipts of fresh, and selling limited at 17c. Some eastern eggs have been offered.

POULTRY.—Ontario turkeys and geese are offering. The supply of Manitoba poultry is moderate, and the quality is not choice, of much of it. There is a good demand. Prices are as follows: chickens, 6 to 7c per lb; turkeys, 11 to 12c per lb; ducks and geese 8 to 9c per lb. Jobbing prices are about 1c higher than these quotations.

LARD.—Prices are lower and there has been some sharp cutting on round lots. Prices are: Pure \$1.50 for 20 lb. pails, and \$3.75 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 7 1/2c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.00.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; short spiced rolls, 7 1/2c shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8 cents; Fancy clear, 8 1/2 cents; Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 6 1/2c per lb; shoulders, 6 1/2c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$15.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 8c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 8c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 25 to 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—The soft weather this week has been very unfavorable for frozen meats. The quantity of country beef offering is not large. There is a good demand for beef for shipment to the lumber woods. The quality required for this trade will bring 3 to 3 1/2c. Country frozen beef sells at 3 to 4c as to quality. There is a good demand. City dressed beef brings 4 to 4 1/2c for fair to good and 1/2 to 3/4c more for choice. There is a good demand for dressed hogs from packers, at 4 1/2c for heavy hogs up to 4 3/4c for fancy weights. Mutton is quoted at 5 to 6c, 5 1/2c being the usual price. Dressed lambs, 5 1/2 to 6c. N. Rickardike, of Montreal writes as follows: "In regard to Northwest beef, prices ruling at Montreal are too low to permit shipments here, as the freight on such is 1 1/2c per lb, and at present values it will pay the ranchers better to ship their stock to the east and mining districts. Choice headquarters of beef are selling in Montreal at 5c per lb, and fronts at 3c per lb. Lambs at 6 1/2 to 7c, mutton, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2c, and hogs at 5c per lb, in a jobbing way.

HIDES.—The market is off again another 3c and it is not thought the bottom has been reached yet, as advices from other markets are unfavorable, and the price of leather has been below a parity with hides. About 1 1/2c is the general price for country frozen hides, or 5c for No. 1 and 4c for No. 2. We quote: Hides, green, 4 1/2c; calf, 8 to 15c lb. skins, 4 to 6c per lb., skins 10 to 20c each; kips, 4 to 5c; sheepskins range from 40 to 60c according to quality. Horse hides, 75c to \$1.25.

WOOL.—Nothing doing here and prices nominal at 7 to 9c. The London wool sales