

paid yet has been 4c, which was paid by a city butcher for one load of good domestic cattle. About 31-2c is the usual quotation for butchers' cattle.

SHEEP—No sheep have been wanted. The market is still supplied with held stocks of frozen mutton. The quotation is nominal at about 4c.

HOGS—Quoted at 43-4c off cars for selected weights.

MILK COWS—Prices range from \$25 to \$40 per head for new milkers. **HORSES**—There is a good demand for farm horses for the spring work. A considerable number of horses are being brought in from Ontario and the United States. The general range of prices for horses suitable for farm work is from \$200 to \$250 per team.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago the principal changes in this market have been as follows: An advance of 75c on the lower grades of corn feed a decline of 3-4 to 1c on corn; a decline of 1-4 to 3-8c on oats; a decline of 1 to 2c on malting barley; and an advance of 1c on feed grades, eggs have jumped up to 27c and the market has been very much excited, owing to the corner in the market, packing butter is firmer, cheese has advanced slightly, and No. 1 and 2 hides have advanced 1-4c.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.55 to \$3.65, second patents, \$3.35 to \$3.45.

Milfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00, bran in bulk, \$10.75 to \$11.00; corn feed, \$14.00 to \$15.00 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 313-4c for No. 3 yellow, and 31c for No. 3.

Oats—Held at 233-4c for No. 3 and No. 3 white.

Barley—Malting, 38 to 42c; feed, quoted at 40 to 41c.

Flax seed—\$1.143-4 per bushel.

Eggs—27c for strictly fresh including cases, seconds, 18c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 12c, fair to good, 81-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 171-2 to 20c; for choice to extras seconds 13 to 15c; dairy, 14 to 17c for choice to fancy; seconds, 12c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 61-2c; lamb 5 to 8c; veal, 61-2 to 8c; hogs, light 41-2c, medium, 41-2c; heavy, 4c.

Poultry—Chickens, 81-2 to 11c; hens, 7 to 9c; roosters, 4 to 5c; turkeys, 8 to 101-2c; ducks, 6 to 9c; geese, 5 to 8c. Frozen stock 1c less.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9c for 1, 8c for No. 2; green salted steers, 91-4c; bulls, oxen and brands, 61-2 to 71-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 30c each; veal, calf, 93-4 to 111-4c; tallow, 21-2 to 31-2c; seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Straight varieties per bushel, 33 to 40c; mixed, white, 35 to 37c; mixed, red, 30 to 35c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$4.75 to \$5 per barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 10 to 13c; medium, 14 to 15c; coarse, 13 to 14c.

Hay—\$7.00 to \$7.50 per ton for timothy, mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight, \$3.30 to \$3.50. Sheep range, \$4 to \$4.75; cattle, stockers, \$3.25 to \$4.45, butchers' steers, \$3.75 to \$4.50.

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

A meeting of the council of the Winnipeg board of trade was held on Thursday afternoon at which there was a good attendance of members.

It was brought to the notice of the

board that, in all probability, the president of the Northern Pacific railway system would be in the city in the near future, and it was considered desirable that the board should meet him in connection with the rebuilding of the Manitoba hotel. All arrangements in this regard were left in the hands of Mr. E. L. Drowry, president of the board.

The following committee was appointed to see to the carrying out of the steps suggested by the board for the improvement of St. Andrew's Rapids: Messrs. Wm. Hespeler, John Russell, D. W. Bole, Lt.-Col. Rutan, A. M. Nanton, H. S. Crotty and J. H. Ashdown. These gentlemen will see that every effort is put forth to have the proposed work carried out.

Mr. W. A. Cavanagh, general agent of the McCormick Harvester & Machine Co., was elected a member of the board.

A communication was read from Lt.-Col. Scoble on the subject of the proposed improvement of the waterways between Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay. Col. Scoble requested that he be given an opportunity of meeting the board and addressing them on the subject. It was decided to grant the request, all arrangements being left in the hands of the president.

Double Track to Fort William

Wm. Whyte, manager of C. P. R. lines west of Fort William, returned to Winnipeg on Thursday, from Montreal, where he has been submitting to the head office estimates for changes and improvements to be made this year in the divisions over which he has charge. He reports that improvements will be in the direction of enlarging the capacity of the carshops at Winnipeg. East of Winnipeg there will be many changes along the line, the more important of which will be the replacing of the wooden bridges with more solid structures. Rat Portage will get a handsome new station, round-house and enlarged yards. West of Winnipeg there will be many prairie bridges filled in with archways of cedar blocks and vitrified pipe or masonry, where the pipe would not be strong enough. The station building at Virchen which was destroyed by fire will be rebuilt. Right through to the Pacific coast the policy of introducing substantial improvements will be kept and in any wooden bridges will be replaced with steel structures and handsome depots will be erected at New Westminster and Seacombs.

The question of having a double track between Winnipeg and Fort William will be under consideration this year, said Mr. Whyte, and as soon as the snow goes a competent engineer will go over the ground and prepare an estimate of the cost. The time is coming shortly when double tracks to Fort William will be absolutely necessary and we are going to be ready with an estimate of what the work will cost.

The Brandon Creamery company have leased the Portage Cold Storage company's building at Portage in Prairie, Man., and will collect cream by rail from points not represented by local creameries. J. Bousfield will assume the management of both the Brandon and Portage creameries. Mr. Bousfield has shown much energy and dash in conducting the enterprises with which he has been connected in the past, and he will no doubt make a success of the new venture.

MINING NOTES

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A. A. McKenzie, formerly of Winnipeg, but now of Rossland, mine owner, arrived from the east this week on route home. Mr. McKenzie has been in Montreal in connection with mining deals.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

The coming summer will see four stamp mills at work in the Manitou district.

Barker Bros. have closed the deal for the Woodworth-Sanderson locations near Calder Lake, Lower Manitou district.

The machinery for the Lake Manitou Gold Mining Company's location near Carlton Lake, has arrived at Wabigoon.

There is considerable excitement at Rat Portage over the rapid rise in Golden Star stock, the quotation being 94.

The cleanup of the Golden Star mine for January was a seventy-four pound gold brick valued at \$15,000. This makes \$10,125 in gold produced since the middle of November, which is nearly one-half of the total cost and expenditure of the mine, including property, buildings, plant and development work.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Victoria-Alberta Gold Dredging syndicate, has been floated in London, for the purpose of mining on the Saskatchewan river. The capital of the new company is £100,000 in 41 shares of which £10,000 are allotted to the vendors of the dredging leases of 30 miles of river bed and £25,000 are set aside for working capital. The vendors' stock is largely held by South Edmonton parties. Five miles of the company's leasehold lies just below the town of Edmonton and 25 miles in the vicinity of Victoria.

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