

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago flour is 40c per barrel lower; millfeed 50c ton lower, corn 1-4c lower, flax 17-8c lower, eggs 3-4c lower, butter 1-2 to 1c higher for choicest; poultry 1-2 to 1c higher, hides and calfskins 1-4c lower.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80; second patent, \$3.50 to \$3.60.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.75 to \$10.00; bran in bulk \$10 to \$10.50; corn feed, \$13.25 to \$15 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 31-1-4c for No. 3 yellow, and 33-3-4 for No. 3.

Oats—Held at 29c for No. 3 white, and 29-3-4c for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 42 to 47c; feed quoted at 39 to 41c.

Flax seed—\$1.14-1-4 per bushel.

Eggs—161-1 to 161-2 for strictly fresh, including cases, seconds, 10 to 11c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 11 1-2c; fair to good, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 15 1-2 to 18c; for choice to extras: seconds 12 to 14c; dairy 12 1-2 to 16c; for choice to fancy, seconds 11c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1-2c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 5 to 8c; hogs, choice, 4 1-4c; medium, 4c; heavy, 3 1-2c.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 6 to 10c; hens, 6 to 8 1-2c; roasters 4c; turkeys 7 to 10c; ducks 5 to 9c; geese 5 to 8c. Frozen stock 1c less.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9c for No. 1; 8c for No. 2; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 1-2 to 7 1-2c; sheepskins, 25 to 80c each; veal, calf, 9 3-4 to 11 1-4c; tallow, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c; seneca root, 21 to 24c.

Potatoes—Mixed lots, 25 to 28c, white, 30 to 35c.

Apples—Good winter stock, \$4.50 to \$5 per barrel.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 13c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 13 to 14 1-2c.

Hay—\$6.50 to \$7.00 per ton for timothy; mixed clover, \$5 to \$6.

Live stock—Hogs, medium weight \$3.60 to \$3.70; lights and culls, \$3.25 to \$3.35 per 100 lbs. Sheep, \$3 to \$3.75. Lambs \$4.25 to \$4.50. Cattle, stockers and feeders \$3 to \$4.50; cows and heifers, \$3 to \$4.25; butchers steers, \$3.90 to \$4.75; cows and heifers, \$2 to \$3.60; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.75.

British Columbia Items.

F. Guse, clothing, is opening at Columbia.

Shaw & Collins, stationery, are starting at Greenwood.

R. Oliver, grocer, contemplates opening business at Greenwood.

W. C. Haywood, hotel, Penticton, is succeeded by Rose & McAuley.

R. S. Wilson, tailor, Revelstoke, advertisements closing out business.

Blanchard & Moore, blacksmiths, have opened business at Cascade City.

Dykes (formerly Dykes & Temple), general store, Arrowhead, has assigned.

Ripstein & Berkman, hotel, Wardner, have dissolved, J. Berkman continuing.

J. Manson, hotel, Rossland, is applying for transfer of license to Moses & Stillwell.

Klockman & Peiser, saloon, Rossland, have dissolved partnership, A. Klockman continuing.

J. Hutcheson & Co., dry goods, Victoria, new company being formed to take over this business.

Kane Bros., general store, are reported to have sold their Craigton branch business to R. E. McLaughley.

The electors of Vancouver have passed a by-law to raise \$100,000 by debentures for waterworks extension.

The following are reported from Vancouver: Hodson & Dempsey, hotel, dissolving partnership; sale by tender Feb. 18. Thorne & Co., wholesale commission, are opening business. King Bros., fruits, produce, etc., have sold out to C. W. Ford. McLeod & Russell, saloon, have sold out to Ben. Wehrfritz. Griffiths & Macpherson, drugs, have sold out to Wallace & Engleson.

The Royal Canadian Canning company's property on the Skeena river was sold at auction at Victoria on Feb. 1, the purchaser being S. S. D. Schultz representing eastern and local parties. The price paid was \$27,500. The property comprises some 150 acres of land, dwelling houses, cabins, store and stock of goods, saw mill and a completely equipped cannery. The purchasers were shareholders in the original concern.

The annual meeting of the Kaslo board of trade was held on Feb. 20. The election of officers resulted as follows: G. O. Buchanan, president; G. B. Gerrard, vice-president; O. A. Sutherland, secretary. For the council the following were elected: Robt. Irving, H. Giegerich, R. F. Green, Geo. Whiteside, A. Goodenough, A. McCollum, O. T. Stone, G. T. Kane, Chas. F. Caldwell, J. W. Cockle, W. F. Whelams, G. E. Martin.

Raw Furs.

The London March sales will be from March 14th to 24th. The Hudson's Bay Co. will then offer their year's collection, except beaver and muskrat, which were sold in January. At these sales all kinds of furs will be offered. The March sale is the most important of the year, and furs for these sales should be shipped in promptly during the next four weeks. At the March sale buyers supply the bulk of their wants.

The Minneapolis Market Record says: Furs continue active at high prices for most all kinds except muskrat. The London January auction sales were not as good as was to be expected, considering the rise here. Prices are relatively higher here now than in Europe. It is quite evident that at the next March sales, unless prices advance on mink and skunk, they will have to be reduced here as were rats, but one thing in favor of mink and skunk prices being maintained is that they are wanted by American manufacturers, while nearly all the rats are used in Europe, consequently they can dictate what they are willing to pay for them. To those who think rats are not likely to decline any more we will call their attention to the fact that in the spring of 1884 good average rats sold for 3 and 4c. While it is not likely any such decline will take place, what has happened might happen again.

Dun's Trade Review

New York, Feb. 4.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-day has to say: There is an epidemic of consolidation. Never before have so many organizations of that sort been

in operation or in progress. While ignorant prejudice condemns all, though many are benefitted, it seems probable that the business is at present being overdone. The most remarkable feature of the week has been the decline of five cents in wheat with only half a cent in corn and only a sixteenth in cotton. The government estimate of the wheat crop, 675,000,000 bushels, has more influence than any other from that source for a number of years, because it is recognized as the result of great efforts to get at the truth and is therefore considered about the lowest estimate possible. With ordinary consumption and present exports of 150,000,000 bushels from the crop of 1898, flour included, there will be less than 100,000,000 bushels for the replenishment of stocks, for farmers holding and for exports in the next five months, and the exports of 1,942,436 bushels, flour included, from Atlantic ports against 3,094,517 last year, and 1,495,604 from Pacific ports, against 776,940 last year, besides 309,855 from Duluth and Portland Maine, shows a stress of foreign demand which may well excuse some recovery in prices.

Personal Notes

John Galt, of G. F. & J. Galt, returned Thursday from a trip east.

Mr. Merrick, of Merrick, Anderson & Winnipeg, returned from Montreal on Monday.

J. Y. Griffin leaves to-day for Vancouver to look over the branch houses of his firm in British Columbia.

M. A. Whiting, western travelling representative for M. Erb & Co., of Berlin, Ont., died at Calgary last week of pneumonia.

Geo. A. McBean, of Toronto, formerly connected with the grain trade in Winnipeg, is spending a short time in Winnipeg in connection with the business affairs of his father, the late Arch McBean. Mr. McBean is still interested in the grain trade at Toronto. He says the Ontario crop is coming out very slowly as the farmers are holding on account of low prices. Some farmers, he said, sold wheat on the high prices last year, which they had carried from five to ten years.

The Sugar Market

A report from Montreal, dated Wednesday last says:

A weaker feeling has developed in the local sugar market, for the higher grades of yellow and prices for those known as Creams and Bright coffee have been reduced by refiners 10c per 100 lbs., but the darker grades are unchanged and the range of prices now is from \$3.75 to \$4.15 per 100 lbs., at the factory. Granulated is also steady at \$4.30 per 100 lbs. The demand has improved some of late and a more active business is reported.

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