

OATMEAL.—Rolled oatmeal is unchanged. We quote \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades.

OATS.—The feeling in oats continues easy. Prices have made still further declines in eastern Canada markets. Prices declined 1 to 1½¢ at Montreal on Tuesday. We quote 88 to 83½¢ for cars here, per bushel of 34 pounds for feed grade.

Barley.—Held about 40¢ per bushel of 48 pounds, for feed quality.

FLAX SEED.—Dull at about \$1.50 per bushel in a retail way.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

FEED WHEAT.—Feed wheat is lower and brings 70 to 75¢ per bushel.

BUTTER.—There is no material change in the local market, and we quote dairy at 8 to 10¢, and creamery at 13½ to 15¢, as to quality, etc. Outside markets have been a little better lately. British markets lately were reported 1¢ higher, and as high as 16½¢ has been paid for the finest creamery at Montreal, but this is regarded as an extreme price as the market now stands. Toronto quotes 9 to 14¢ for dairy grades. Several shipments of Manitoba dairy butter have gone east lately. We learn of one straight car lot going to Toronto, and a couple of other shipments, with cheese also, going east. There is no use sending dairy butter to British Columbia, as the markets there are over-stocked with this class, and it is no doubt the only plan open to ship it east. It is probably the best plan to ship it at once, regardless of prices, than hold here until the goods become stale.

CHEESE.—The Commercial pointed out a few weeks ago that Manitoba would have more cheese this year than the western markets could take care of, and that the surplus would have to go east. This movement eastward has now begun. The Parsons Produce Company shipped this week to Montreal the first car of cheese ever sent eastward from Manitoba. The lot is made up from two factories and is believed to represent a fair average quality of the Manitoba product. It will be interesting to learn how this cheese is received in the east. J. Y. Griffin & Co. are also shipping a car of dairy butter and cheese to-day eastward, and thus the shipment eastward of dairy goods has been fairly inaugurated. Cheese prices were a shade lower last week in Eastern Canada markets, and again this week prices were a shade lower at the leading markets, 8¢ being the price paid at several markets and as high as 8 3/8-16 at Ingersoll. These prices average ½ to ¼¢ lower than a week ago and ¼ to ½¢ lower than two weeks ago. Here we quote 6 to 6½¢ at the factories.

EGGS.—Receipts are lighter and prices are firmer. Some dealers offer 9¢ per dozen for sound stock, after candling, and are selling at 9 to 9½¢ for uncandled, as they are received from the country and 9½ to 10¢ for candled.

LARD.—Prices are a little easier. We quote. Pure, \$1.85 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9¢ pound.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12¢; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs, 11½; picnic hams, 9½; short spiced rolls, 7½; long rolls, 7½; shoulders, 8¢; smoked long clear, 10¢; smoked jowls, 5½¢. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9¢ per lb; shoulders, 7¢; backs, 9½¢; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, 4¢ per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$18.00; rolled

shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7¢; bologna sausage, 7¢; German sausage, 7¢; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10¢ per package; pickled hocks, 2¢; pickled tongues, 5¢; sausage casings, 30¢ lb.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are: Potatoes, 45 to 50¢ per bushel; new 75¢ to \$1.00. Green-stuff, per dozen bunches is quoted at 5 to 10¢ all around, and is very abundant; spinach, per lb. 1 to 2¢; cabbage, 40¢. per dozen; cucumbers 50¢ per dozen; cauliflower, 30 to 60¢ per dozen as to size, southern onions, 4¢ per lb. Green peas in pod, 75¢ to \$1.00 per bushel.

POULTRY.—Prices are the same. Chickens 40 to 45¢ per pair. Turkeys 8¢ per lb live weight. No ducks or geese selling.

DRESSED MEATS.—Prices continue generally easier. Beef and mutton are rather lower, particularly the latter. The top price of mutton is again ½¢ lower than we quoted a week ago. The top price of beef is the same but very little is selling at the top price. We quote beef at 5 to 6¢, as to quality, with a lower tendency; mutton 7¢ is the general price this week, but some sold at 6 to 7¢ with a lower tendency; lamb 7 to 8¢; pork 5½ to 6¢; veal 4 to 6¢.

HIDES.—There is no change in prices here. The outlook is uncertain. Many are of the opinion that prices are too high, and it would be unwise to hold any considerable stock at present high prices. We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green cured, 7½¢ for No. 1 cows, 6½ for No. 2, and 5½¢ for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 7½¢, No. 2 Steers, 6½¢; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 8¢ per lb. Deacons, 25 to 40¢ each. Kips 5 to 6¢. Sheepskins, full wool, 60 to 75¢ each, as to size, etc. Clips, 10 to 15¢ each. Lambskins, 15 to 20¢ each. Tallow, 4 to 5¢ rendered and 2 to 3¢ rough.

WOOL.—Wool is generally firm. London sales opened 10 to 15 per cent higher on cross breds and 5 to 8¢ higher for merino. The usual quotation in this market is 9 to 10¢ for unwashed Manitoba fleece, as to quality, but we have heard of about 10½¢ and in one case 10½¢ being paid for lots put up for sale by tender here.

SENECA ROOT.—Buyers quote 16 to 19¢ as to quality, with the feeling easy.

HAY.—We quote prairie baled at \$1 to \$4.50 per ton for car lots on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—Exports of live stock have increased considerably and those that went forward this week were mostly Manitoba farmers' cattle. Gordon & Ironside shipped two train loads (including one to go forward to-day) or in all about 520 head. Of these about 300 were farmers' cattle, picked up in car lots from various districts, and the balance were western range cattle. There were also two trains from the Manitoba Northwestern country, shipped by a combination of local dealers from that section. They were mostly butchers' cattle and numbered about 650 head in all. It is said that some were not in first class condition and would have been the better of a few weeks feeding yet. Outside advices are not encouraging this week for cattle. Locally we quote 2½ to 2¾¢ for butchers and up to 3½¢ for export stuff. Some butchers were received which cost 2½¢ off cars here and one load we heard cost 12½¢ per cwt. higher than this, but the tendency is easier.

HOGS.—The weather is too warm to ship hogs and very few are moving. There were only a few car lots in. One car went east, attached to a load of cattle, and one car went west to Calgary, with a few for the local trade. Prices here are about the same, but better advices are received from outside. Hogs

advanced again some at Toronto on Tuesday, and they were 35¢ per cwt higher at Montreal on Monday. Chicago was 5 to 10¢ higher yesterday. Here we quote 4¢ off cars for good bacon hogs, and in the country buyers are paying 3½¢ to ship.

SHEEP.—There was nothing doing in sheep and the market is weak, on account of the steady decline in mutton. The sheep received from the western ranges, which we mentioned last week as costing 4 to 4½¢ here, are being sold by local wholesale butchers at a loss. These sheep cost \$3.15 to \$3.40 per head in the west, but western ranchers cannot expect similar prices for any more, as they are making a heavy loss to the buyers. There are plenty of sheep offering by Manitoba farmers to supply this market, at lower prices, without going west. We quote 3 to 3½¢ off cars here for sheep and \$1.50 to \$2.50 per head for lambs.

Cables this week reported cattle easy at Liverpool at 11½ to 11¾¢ for best Canadian cattle. Sheep weaker at 11½ to 12¾¢. At London best Canadian steers were quoted at 11½¢ and sheep 11½¢.

At Toronto on Tuesday export cattle were slow at 4 to 4¾¢. Choice scarce. Butchers cattle ranged from 2½ to 4½¢, with good scarce, and too many common. Hogs firm at \$4.70 to \$4.75 for best bacon. Sheep 3½¢ for export and 3¢ for bucks. Lambs, \$2.00 to \$3.25 per head.

At Montreal on Monday, hogs advanced sharply 20 to 35¢, to \$4.60 for best. No export cattle selling, and butchers stuff went at 2½ to 3½¢. On July 11 at Montreal, the market was reported dull and easy for cattle at former values.

C. H. Mahon, boot and shoe jobber, Winnipeg, who has been in financial trouble for some time, has assigned.

The rains of ten days ago in Ontario do not appear to have done much good, or perhaps they were only local. A Toronto report says: From Chatham in the west to Cornwall in the east the crops are fairly burning up. Hay is ruined. It is now being shipped here from Montreal, farmers are bringing in hay at \$17 to \$18. One farmer near here only got one ton of hay off six acres. Mill feed is in active demand and scarce.

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