

LAWS AND CUSTOMS--BUYING AND SELLING FARM PRODUCE.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

In contracts for the sale and delivery of any of the undermentioned articles, the bushel shall be determined by weighing, unless a bushel measure is specially agreed upon—the weight equivalent being as follows :

NUMBER OF POUNDS IN THE STANDARD BUSHEL.

Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
†Barley.....48	†Clover Seed.....60	†Beets.....60
†Beans.....60	†Flax Seed.....50	†Carrots.....60
†Buckwheat.....48	†Hemp Seed.....44	†Onions.....60
Bran.....20	Hungarian Grass.....48	†Parsnips.....60
†Corn, shelled.....56	Millet Seed.....48	Peaches, dried.....33
Corn, in ear.....70	Meadow Fescue Seed.....12	†Potatoes.....60
Corn meal.....50	Orchard Grass Seed.....14	†Turnips.....60
†Malt.....36	Rape Seed.....50	Charcoal.....22
†Oats.....34	Redtop Seed.....14	Coal, anthracite.....80
†Peas.....60	Rye Grass Seed.....22	†Coal, bituminous.....70
†Rye.....56	Tares.....60	Coke.....50
†Wheat.....60	†Timothy Seed.....48	Lime, unslaked.....80
Bent Grass Seed.....14	Turnip Seed.....50	Plastering hair.....8
†Blue Grass Seed.....14	Apples, green.....56	Salt.....56
†Castor Beans.....40	Apples, dried.....22	Ice, per foot.....63

NOTE—The statute mentions only those articles preceded by the †; the weights of the others are weights sanctioned by custom and general use amongst dealers.

In using a Dominion measure of capacity, the same shall not be heaped, but either shall be stricken with a round stick or roller straight, and of the same diameter from end to end, or if the article sold cannot from its size or shape be conveniently stricken, shall be filled in all parts as nearly to the level of the brim as the size and shape of the article admits of.

Every contract, bargain, sale or dealing made or had in respect of any work, goods, wares or merchandise, or other thing which has been or is to be done, sold, delivered, carried, or agreed for by weight or measure, shall be deemed to be made according to one of the Dominion weights or measures ascertained by the act.

The use of local or customary measures, or of heaped measures shall not be lawful.

GRAIN CLASSIFICATION.

Countries and localities have each their own customs in respect to the grading and purchase of cereals—of wheat in particular. In some places wheat weighing over 58 lbs. to the standard bushel, is rated "merchantable," for which one ruling price is paid, at the standard bushel of 60 lbs.; if weighing 58 lbs. only, or under, 2 lbs. for every lb. under is taken for make-up weight; say, for instance, if wheat weighs only 58, 57 or 56 lbs., then 62, 63 or 64 lbs. will be taken as a standard bushel.

The following classification is the one authorized by Statute for the Province of Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest and is the same as that prevailing in Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, and other American grain centres.

Attached to the grading will be seen the difference in price governed thereby.

No. 1, Red Wheat of 62 lbs. and over,	price 5c. above, or.....	\$1.05.
No. 2 " " 60 " " "	0c., Standard, or..	1.00.
No. 3 " " 57 " " "	2c. 6c. under, or.....	.94.

Strangely enough, prior to the introduction of the grain tester, the prevailing custom of Western Canada has been an expert eye classification—a faulty one at best—the price governed by appearance of sample, and paid for accordingly at the rate of the standard bushel.

THE GRAIN TESTER.

An instrument now intimately known to every farmer is,—like weigh scales for weighing—thoroughly reliable (being subject to Government verification) and will correctly determine the weight of the measured bushel of any sample of wheat, &c., and so, other things being equal, govern the price, which, under the tariff of the Millers Association, is as follows :