

## WINNIFEG MARKETS.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, March 11,

A break up in the weather during the week made it appear as if the spring activity would not be far off. It was very mild for the season all the week, with a drizzling rain on Friday. To-day is more wintry-looking again, and it is highly likely that spring has come to stay yet. Holders of frozen meats, and such commodities, however, began to feel rather uneasy, but it is likely they will have a little while yet to run off such perishable commodities, before warm weather sets in for good. Building trades are beginning to assume some activity. Quite a number of residences are going up about the city, and contracts are now being let more freely. In the dry goods trade spring stocks are well out, but in the clothing branch a good many orders for spring stocks have not been filled yet. Among the recent mercantile failures there are several of rather a disagreeable nature, showing decided indications of dishonesty. This is not a pleasing feature of the situation.

**DRIED FRUITS**—We quote: Dried apples 6 to 6½c; evaporated, 8½ to 9c; figs, layers, 10 to 18c; dates, 6½ to 9c. Valencia raisins, \$1.70 to \$1.80; London layers, \$2.70 to \$2.80 box; Sultanias 9½ to 10c lb. Currants, 6½ to 7c; prunes, 7½ to 9c. Evaporated fruits are quoted: Apricots, 19 to 20c; peeled peaches, 17½ to 18c; unpeeled peaches, 12 to 12½c; pitted plums, 11 to 11½c; cherries, 13 to 13½c; pears, 12½ to 13c.

**FISH**—Prices for fresh fish are: Jackfish, 3c; pickerel, 4c; whitefish 5½ to 6½c; trout, 9c; Cod 8c; halibut, 14c; B.C. salmon, 16c; tommy cods, 8c; herring, 50c dozen; smelts, 12½c. Cured fish are quoted: smoked herrings, 20 to 25c box; smoked haddies, 9c; Yarmouth bloaters \$1.50 per box; Labrador herrings, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per half barrel; boneless codfish 7½ to 8c pound; boneless fish, 6c lb; salmon, 10c lb; oysters \$1.90 per gallon for standards and \$2.00 for selects; can oysters 50c each for standards and 55c selects.

**NUTS**—Prices range as follows: Almonds per pound, 16 to 18c; walnuts, per pound, 12 to 17c; pecans, 15c to 16c; filberts, 11 to 14c; Brazils 10 to 13c; peanuts, 14 to 15c; chestnuts, 14 to 15c; cocoanuts, \$9 to \$10 per 100.

**GROCERIES**—Sugars—Prices steady a few lows: Yellow at 4½ to 4¾c; granulated at 5½ to 5¾c, the inside price is for barrels, and ¾c higher for bags. Lumps, 6c; icing, 6½ to 7c sugar syrups, 2½ to 3½c; maple sugar, 9 to 12c a lb.

**Green Fruits**—Stocks of apples are said to be getting quite low for good fruit. Car lots will be coming in from the east soon, but they will cost high, owing to the advance east, and will sell here at \$5 to 6 per bbl. for choice fruit. In the meantime prices remain as last quoted. California oranges are being received freely. A few bananas are coming in, but not in active demand, while the weather remains wintry. Prices are: Apples, \$4.50 per barrel, for fancy and other varieties \$3.25 to \$4 as to quality. California oranges, \$4 to 4.50 per box. Florida oranges held at \$5.00 to 5.50; Lemons, new Messina, good, at \$5.50 to 6.00. Cranberries, \$9 to 10.00 per barrel; bananas, \$4.25 to 4.50 per bunch. Apple cider, 35c per gal.

**GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION**—The week has been a bad one for the wheat bulls, and prices have been weak and declining, particularly on Thursday. On Monday United States markets were inclined to be dull and lower. Cables were irregular, but generally more favorable to sellers. The visible supply statement showed a decrease of 475,000 bushels, which was a smaller decrease by one half than

was expected. The total visible supply at principal ports in the United States and Canada east of the mountains is now 79,088,000 bushels, as compared with 41,555,000 bushels a year ago. On Tuesday United States markets showed an easier tendency, and were generally quiet, but without important features. Cables were generally lower. Wheat and flour on ocean passage increased equal to 880,000 bushels. On Wednesday the tendency in United States markets continued easier and dull, but without much actual change in prices. The weather was considered favorable for the winter wheat districts. Cables again came in lower. Duluth receipts for the day were 36 cars and Minneapolis 381 cars, a total of 417 cars, as compared 281 cars of wheat on Tuesday and 605 cars the corresponding day a year ago. On Thursday cables continued unfavorable to holders. There was a disposition to await the official report of stocks of wheat in farmers' hands, to be issued on Friday, and in expectation of a bearish report, United States markets were more active and irregular. New York closed 1 to 1½ lower. Chicago was active under speculative manipulation: May wheat was forced up 2½c at the latter market, but July option dropped 1½c. This bulge in May was due to buying by shorts in that option, and when this demand was satisfied, prices declined.

**LOCAL WHEAT**—Local wheat markets are now very quiet. In view of the slump nature of outside markets, there was little disposition to do business here. Prices have had a downward tendency in Manitoba country markets, and at some points about 50c per bushel is the highest price to farmers.

**FLOUR**—Eastern advices were not favorable to holders, and it is feared the decline in wheat will make flour markets very unsatisfactory again. Prices here are quoted as follows to the local trade in small lots per 100 pounds: Patents, \$1.95; strong bakers' \$1.75; XXXX 75 to 95c; superfine 60 to 70c. Some brands nominally quoted 5c higher. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots. Round lots at a discount under quotations.

**MILLSTUFFS**—This line is about the only strong feature, the usual spring demand making prices firm and higher east. Here prices are unchanged. We quote bran selling to local dealers at \$8 to 9 per ton, as to quantity; and shorts \$10 to 11 per ton.

**OATS**—Eastern markets were lower at latest advices. Local prices are held at about 25c per bushel of 34 pounds, which is the usual price city dealers have, been paying to farmers for feed qualities. Car lots, country points, 18 to 20c.

**BARLEY**—Held at 19 to 21c on track, car lots, at outside points.

**GROUND FEED**—Firm in sympathy with feed grains. Clear oat and barley feed brings \$14 to 15 per ton, as to quantity and quality. Mixed mill feed at \$10 per ton upward.

**MEALS, ETC.**—Rolled and granulated oatmeal held at \$1.80 to 1.90 per sack, according to brand, and standard meal 5c lower, these being prices to retail traders. Cornmeal \$1.65 to 1.70 per 100 lbs. Split peas \$2.60 to 2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$1.75 to 1.90 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$4.00.

**CURED MEATS**—Prices continued firm. Local prices are: Dry salt long clear, bacon, 11½ to 11¾c; smoked long clear, 12½ to 12¾c; spiced rolls, 12c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 14¾c; smoked hams, 13½ to 14c; boneless ham, 13½ to 13¾c; mess pork, \$21 to 22 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 9c; bologna sausage, 9c; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet.

**LARD**—Pure held at \$2.75, in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound, \$2.45 per pail.

**DRESSED MEATS**—There has been rather a slump feeling for frozen meats, the very soft weather which has prevailed having caused an uneasy feeling among holders. Dressed hogs

have made a further decline, and packers were only offering 7c at the close of the week. One packer said he had hogs bought at 6½c. The packers have a considerable amount of hogs on hand, and with such very mild weather for the season prevailing, they are not anxious buyers. The local supply of hogs has been larger than was expected. Higher prices for winter dressed hogs are hardly probable for the balance of this season. Beef was easier on account of mild weather, as there was more pressure to sell frozen stuff. Good fresh beef, however, was held at 6c. Mutton held at about 10c. A car lot of eastern mutton was received during the week. Veal 8c.

**BUTTER**—No movement in new folder butter yet to speak of. Prices are steady, and 20c is about the top price obtained by dealers for selected dairy, in small lots.

**EGGS**—Further receipts of Minneapolis fresh were received, and sold here at 30c per doz. n. Limited are well cleaned out, and held at 25c.

**CHEESE**—Selling by jobbers at 10½ to 11c.

**VEGETABLES**—Potatoes lower in consequence of mild weather at 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips 25 to 30c bushel; cabbage 60 to \$1.00 dozen; Onions 2½ to 3c per lb. Carrots 30 to 40c a bushel; beets, 30 to 40c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 2c lb. Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate.

**POULTRY**—Prices are firm for desirable stock. Chicken, 13 to 14c; ducks, 12 to 13c, geese, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 12½ to 14c.

**HIDES AND TALLOW**—Very few hides coming in. Country frozen hides bring 3 to 3½c, uninspected as they run. We quote: No. 1 cow, 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 3, 2c; No. 1 heavy steers, 5c; No. 2 steers, 4c; No. 3, 3c lb. Real veal 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound, or about 40c per skin. Kids about same as hides. Sheepskins worth 75 to 90c for full wool skin. A few very large full wool have sold up to \$1, but this was only for a very few extra fine skins. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2½c rough.

**WOOL**—Prices here range from 9 to 10c for unwashed Manitoba fleece, as to quality.

**HAY**—Loose hay sells at \$4 to \$5 per ton. Baled held at \$4.50 to \$5 at point of shipment.

## Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Below is shown the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for five weeks:

Grade.	Feb. 4.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 25.	March 4.
Extra Manitoba					
hard .....	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard .....	16	5	19	13	16
No. 2 hard .....	33	20	55	60	56
No. 3 hard .....	10	8	15	8	16
No. 1 Northern ..	3	2	5	3	12
No. 2 Northern ..	1	0	0	0	3
No. 3 Northern ..	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 White type ..	1	0	2	0	0
No. 2 White type ..	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 Spring .....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Frosted .....	4	2	3	4	5
No. 2 Frosted .....	2	0	2	3	8
No. 3 Frosted .....	1	0	0	0	0
Rejected .....	17	2	18	22	11
No Grade .....	7	4	11	17	25
Feed Wheat .....	0	0	1	1	4
Total .....	96	43	131	131	167
Same week last year	424	377	257	334	451

## The British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express*, of March 6, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: "The price of English wheat has fallen 2d off the imperial average and 51 on the London average, 61 per quarter being the concession made by the moiety of the leading markets and the remainder being unchanged. The net mean fall is 3d a quarter. In foreign wheat the trade is dull at a decline of 6½, while California and American red winter wheat are 3d cheaper. The average imports of wheat and flour since the harvest have been 430,572 quarters weekly. The stocks in hand remain excessive, the home deliveries of wheat and flour amounting to 130,000 quarters."