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#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

In this business the past weeks sales have continued fairly good, there being a pretty fair demand from the country while in the city matters have also been moving along quite briskly, but no particular rush in this line is noticed at present, but there are prospects of a good trading setting in shortly. Collections are reported quite fair. Prices of goods have not made any change, quotations being as follows: Spanish sole, 31 to 33c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.10; French kip, \$1 to 1.10; B Z kip, \$5 to 90c; slaughter kip, 65 to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

#### LUMBER.

In this line business during the past week cannot be said to show much improvement if any on the preceding one still the sales made are reported to have been quite fair, while it appears as if the demand is likely to continue, although no great activity exists at the present time. Mills as a rule are working to their full power, and prices are not over firm though we cannot hear of any actual cutting having taken place.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

In this branch business during the past week has been moving along in a fairly steady way, but as yet there is not much activity shown, the demand from the country at present being rather light, while in the city matters cannot be said to be over bright. As there are some buildings being pushed forward there are good prospects of a better trading setting in in a short time. Prices of goods have not made any change, quotations being as follows: Linseed oil, raw 70c per gal., boiled 73c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 15c per lb.; lard, No. 1 \$1.25 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 27c; water white, 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$7.75; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2, \$6.25; and window glass, first break, \$2.40.

#### SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

In this trade a very good business has continued to be done all through the past week. There has been a very good demand from the country, while in the city, this has also been quite active. Collections are also reported to have been on the whole very good and quite satisfactory.

#### STATIONERY AND PAPER.

In this line business has continued to be very good during the past week, the demand has kept up very well, especially from the country and in the city matters have also been active, the aggregate of sales made being considered very satisfactory. Collections are also reported to have been up to a fair average.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

In this branch, business during the last week is reported to have been quite brisk, there being a continued fair demand, with a good average of sales. Prices have not changed any, quotations given being as follows: Gooderham & Wort's, 5 year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.80; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet, Debouche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port Wine \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry, \$2.25 and upwards; Jamai rum, \$3.50; DeKuyper red gin \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin \$6 per case; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

## THE MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The wheat market during the past week gone by has not shown any improvement on several preceding ones, there has been much the same quiet and lifeless feeling and few transactions can be heard of, there is very little moving, and not much prospect of any activity setting in till the new crops are received. Prices however are quoted at their old figures. In oats the activity which set in, the week before this, has continued, due to the same reason, namely supplying railway construction demands. The supply is good and about equal to all wants but is not more than will be able to fill orders that are expected to turn up. A very good trading is in prospect and prices are at an advance and decidedly firm. In flour there has also been a very good demand from western points and from the east, although there cannot be said to be any particular activity prevailing, some good shipments are being made. In provisions, matters during the week have been rather quiet, due in some instances to a scarcity of supplies for a few days and prices have been firm, although no change has taken place. In butter, there has been a slightly better demand for the best classes, and the supply being plentiful, business on the whole was very fair, while prices have not changed in any way. Of old there still remains a good quantity in stock, for which there is little demand, although some lots are got rid of now and again.

#### WHEAT.

In this market business has continued to be as dull during the past week as it has been for some time back. There is very little moving at present and not much prospect of any activity this side of harvest, until new crop comes in. Few sales are heard of. Prices have not changed any, quotations being the same as follows: No. 1 hard, 75c; No. 2, 70c; No. 1 regular 65c; No. 2, 60c; No. 3, 52c, and rejected 36 to 44c.

#### OATS.

In this market the improvement reported in our issue of last week has continued. The demand has kept up very well, being mainly for railway construction requirements, while the supply being received is good and equal to all wants, but is apparently not more than will be able to hold out, till the new crops are received. A good active trading is reported, quotations given are from 45 to 50c, being firm at these figures.

#### BARLEY.

There is nothing doing and we hear of no demand. Prices are nominally as follows: No. 2, 65c, extra No. 3, 60c, and No. 3, 55c.

#### FLOUR.

In this market business during the past week has continued to be very good. The demand from western points has been keeping up very well, and in the city there is also a good trading being done, while to the east considerable shipments are being made. Altogether the transactions of the week although there is no great rush, are stated to be up to a fair average. Prices however have not changed any, millers and dealers quotations being as follows: patents, \$2.50; strong bakers, \$2.20; XXXX \$1.70, and superfine, \$1.30.

#### BRAN AND SHORTS.

During the past week, in this market business has continued to be very fair, the demand has kept up very well, and the aggregate of sales made are stated to have been about a good average. Prices have not changed any quotations being the same as in our preceding issue, and are as follows: for bran \$10 per ton on track, and for shorts \$11 per ton.

#### POTATOES.

In this market business during the past week cannot be said to have shown much improvement if any on the previous one. The supply of new imported is almost finished but what is left has been selling off at \$2 a barrel, while natives are bringing from 40 to 50c a bushel. Of old there is still a good supply in store, for which there appears to be little demand, scarcely any sales of these having been made.

#### EGGS.

In this market a very good business was done during the last week but no great activity is noticed. The supply is not nearly equal to the demand, and owing to this being light prices have considerably advanced, quotations given now being from 18 to 20c, and these figures are likely to hold firm, unless supplies are increased.

#### CHEESE.

The business in this market has been very fair during the week, there has been a good supply of new Manitoba on hand which has been selling off at 11c, and for which there is a good demand. There is very little of new Ontario in the market at present, of old cheese there appears to be very little in stock.

#### BUTTER.

In this market a pretty fair business was transacted during last week, the supply is plentiful, there has been a slightly better demand for the best grades, but prices have not made any material change, quotations given at the same figures as in our last issue, there being as follows: gilt edge 12 to 15c, medium 6 to 8c, and old 4 to 6c. There still remains a good quantity of old in stock for which there is very little demand, although we hear of some lots, being sold off, now and again but sales of these as a rule are at a reduction.

#### BACON.

In this market business during the last week has been rather quiet and limited, sales made being of a rather light character, owing to a scarcity of supplies especially of rolls and breakfast bacon, which appear to have been almost exhausted during the first part of the week.