

stock is held in cold storage. Chickens will bring 9c and turkeys 12 1-2c; geese 9 to 10c. Ducks would bring about 8c.

DRESSED MEATS—Frozen beef is slow sale as the season is well advanced to handle this class. Fresh beef is firmer and tending higher. Mutton is steady with liberal supplies of frozen held in cold storage. Hogs steady and firm. Frozen beef 3 to 4 1-2c as to quality. Fresh killed beef 6 to 6 1-2c. Mutton, good to choice, 6 to 7c; hogs, round lots, 6 1-4 to 6 1-2c. Choice hogs in small lots to butchers, 7c.

CURED MEATS and LARD—Prices are firm. Lard has advanced 1-4 to 1-2c, breakfast bacon is 1-2c higher and mess pork 50c higher. See quotations on another page.

HIDES—Prices are the same here, though advices reported eastern markets easier. There are scarcely any hides offering here. Hides at this season of the year are about at their worst in point of quality and buyers are naturally more careful about selection. One feature of our hides here is that they are free from grubs, while eastern and southern hides are usually badly damaged on account of grubs at this season. We quote: Green frozen hides, 6 3-4 to 7c flat; 5 lbs tare; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 9c per lb; deacon skins, 15c to 25c each; sheep pelts will average 46 to 75c each; horse hides, 75c to \$1.75 each, colts, 25c each.

WOOL—Nominal at 8 to 10c here for unwashed fleece.

TALLOW—Quoted at 3 1-2c for No. 1, and No. 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades as to quality.

SENECA ROOT—The market is weak. About 18c is now offered.

VEGETABLES—Prices as follows: Potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel; carrots, \$1 to \$1.20 per bushel; onions, native, 2 to 2 1-2c per lb; imported, 3c; celery, 60 to 75c per dozen bunches; cabbage, 40c to \$1 per dozen; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2 to 2c.

HAY—\$6 to \$6.50 per ton is quoted for baled hay f.o.b. country points.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—In butchers' cattle a very limited business is doing, as considerable frozen beef is still being used. Prices are firm; 4c was paid this week for one car of steers, and good cows would bring 3 1-2. Quite an active movement has started in stocker cattle for shipment to the United States. Buyers for such are paying \$10 to \$12 per head for yearlings and \$15 to \$22 for two years old, in the country. Several good sized lots have been shipped recently.

HOGS—The market for live hogs is firm at unchanged prices. We quote choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 lbs at \$5 per 100 lbs; 250 to 300 lbs \$4.25 to \$4.50; heavy hogs over 300 lbs, \$3.25 to \$4 as to quality, live weight.

Minneapolis Markets.

Flour 5 to 10c lower. Oats shade higher. Flax seed 4 1-2c lower. Eggs 1c lower. Butter 1c lower. Hides 1c lower for frozen stock.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$5.10 to \$5.20; second patents, \$4.90 to \$5.05.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$9.50 to \$9.75; bran in bulk, \$9.75 to \$10.00; corn feed, \$11.25 to \$13.00 per ton, as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 27 3-4 for No. 3. Oats—Held at 26 3-4 for No. 3 white.

Barley—Feed quoted at 30 1-2 to 31c.

Flax seed—\$1.17 per bushel.

Eggs—10 to 10 1-4c for strictly fresh, including cases; seconds, 6c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 8 1-2 to 9 1-2; fair to good, 6 1-2 to 7c.

Butter—Creamery 37 to 38 1-2c; seconds, 14 to 15c; dairy, 14 to 17c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 4 to 6c; lambs, 5 to 8 1-2c; hogs, 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 for heavy and 4 3-4c for medium and light.

Potatoes—Car lots mixed, 36 to 38c; choice named varieties, 40 to 55c.

Poultry—Chickens, 6 to 8 1-2c; old fowls, 4 to 7c; turkeys, 9 to 11c; ducks, 9 to 9 1-2c; geese, 8 1-2 to 9c.

Hides—Green, frozen hides, 7 to 8c; bulls, oxen and brands, 6 to 7 1-4c; sheepskins, 40 to 70c each; tallow, 2 1-4 to 3 1-4c; seneca root, 18 to 22c.

Cattle—Sales: 4 stockers, av. 625 lbs, \$6.70; 3 stock calves av. 240 lbs, \$4.25, 3 cows av 985 lbs, \$3.40; 2 cows, av 863 lbs, \$2.90; 1 av 807 \$3; 5 helpers, 296 lbs, \$5.35.

Hogs—Shade lower. Sales: 103, hogs, av 184 lbs, \$3.80; 88 hogs, av 194 lbs, \$3.80; 37 hogs, av 406 lbs, \$3.75; 48 av 191, \$3.72 1-2.

Sheep—Sales: 23 lambs, av 73, \$4.25; 21 av 97 \$5.25; 46 muttons, av 127, \$4.

George Craig Estate.

The stock of the estate of George Craig & Co., Winnipeg, including store furniture and fixtures, was sold this week and brought 50 cents on the dollar. The purchasers were Mr. Campbell, owner of the block in which the business was located, and brother, of Carman. Messrs. Campbell have arranged with Mr. Craig to continue the business, and the store will be opened for business again to-day. It is Mr. Craig's intention to go out of the grocery, boots and shoes and carpet departments, and continue the dry goods, clothing, furnishings and millinery branches. Mr. Craig is an energetic business man and he will now no doubt make a success of the business. He has been badly handicapped in the past owing to the heavy load which he was carrying, and for years he has made a gummy fight against big odds.

Cornell Spera Stock.

The stock of small wares and furnishings of the estate of Cornell Spera & Co. was sold this week and was bought in by the mortgagees at 58 cents on the dollar. After paying off preferred claims for rent, wages, etc., amounting to about \$1,500, the amount realized would about meet the mortgage claim against the stock. The stock amounted to \$19,900 and the mortgage \$10,000. About \$5,000 in book accounts remain to be distributed among the creditors. It is understood an arrangement is being made whereby the business will be resumed.

Western Business Items.

H. Humby, confectionery, Fort William, has assigned.

W. Blackadar, flour and feed, Winnipeg, has sold out.

Seager & Hall, surveyors, Fort William, have dissolved.

W. H. Kinnikston, tobaccos, fruits, etc. Calgary, is dead.

R. Gibson, is opening a private bank at Wolseley, Assa.

J. F. Brownridge is opening in fancy goods at Morden, Man.

R. E. A. Leech has again opened in the grain trade at Brandon.

W. T. Clark, harness, Hilton, Man., has sold out to David Dalgleish.

M. H. Ritchie, general store, Poplar Point, has sold out to Adam Cunningham.

The Dominion City, Man., Farmers' Elevator Co., is applying for incorporation.

G. L. Meikle, late of Saltcoats, is moving to Russell, where he will establish a paper.

E. J. Brooks, of Indian Head, Assa., has disposed of his stock of furniture to J. A. MacCaul & Co.

M. E. Boughton, & Co., general store, Arden, Man., have changed style to McCams & Boughton.

Edwards & Dermody, publishers, Saltcoats, Assa., have dissolved, and are succeeded by Edwards & Ward.

The operators of the creamery at St. Eustache, Man., contemplate adding the manufacturing of condensed milk.

Scott & Chambers, Hamiota, are making preparations to build a large addition to their general store at Hamiota, Man.

Hugh Jack, of Perth county, Ont., has bought Mr. Gray's interest in the Lion brewery at Brandon, Man. The new firm will be Koller & Jack.

Neil McKelvie, of Rapid City, Man., whose stock of dry goods and groceries was partially destroyed recently by fire, will reopen for business next week.

Senkbeil Bros., manufacturers, felt boots, etc., Brandon, Man., have dissolved partnership, C. Senkbeil has bought out the interest of his brother, Wm. Senkbeil.

The business of Hinton & Williams, spice mills, Winnipeg, who recently dissolved partnership, has been amalgamated with Dyson & Gibson, in the same line, here.

Jas. Burrledge, manager of the Gurney Stove and Range company, Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to British Columbia. He reports that business is simply "booming" at the coast.

G. B. Housser & Co. have put in some new machinery during the winter in their planing mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., including a joiner and buss saw. J. M. Taylor, of the same place, has also added to his plant.

J. Wright, blacksmith, Pipestone, has bought out the share of James Rattray in the hardware business of Rattray & McKinnon. The business will now be known by the name of McKinnon & Wright, hardware and general blacksmiths.

There was very little demand for wheat at New York to-day. Thirty-five loads of corn were worked for export.

An Argentine cable via London reads: "The grain market is weak, with fair demand. Advices are less favorable. Marketing is retarded by the recent bad weather. Corn is ripening late. Fine weather is absolutely necessary."

The Commercial has received a copy of "The Klondike Official Guide," from the Consolidated Stationery Co., Winnipeg, who are handling this book to the trade. This is the famous Klondike book prepared by Wm. Ogilvie, Dominion government explorer and surveyor.