

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are whole sale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions for large quantities and to cash discounts.]

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, January 7.

The week has been a very dull one in about all branches of trade, amounting to almost absolute stagnation in many branches. This applies to wholesale mercantile lines, and also to a considerable extent to produce, grain, etc. In general country produce receipts have become almost nil since the holidays, and meats are very dull. Wheat prices remain firm at the advance noted a week ago. A sharp decline in dressed mutton, owing to imports of frozen stock from Ontario, is the most important feature of the markets in the direction of changes in prices. Cash collections are a subject of general complaint. Though the large land corporations have made very much larger sales the past year than in previous years, yet farm lands locally are very dull, and private speculative holdings are offering lower in some instances. This is explained by fact that the large land companies sold direct to actual settlers, but in a speculative way the demand for farm lands is very dull, consequently private speculative holdings are almost impossible to sell at concessions from usual prices.

DRY FRUITS.—New layer figs are in good supply at 14 to 18c per pound as to quality for fair to good stock. Fine E'comes are held at 18c, while poor stock may be had as low as 12c per lb. We quote: Dried apples 6 to 6½c; evaporated, 8½ to 9c; figs, layers, 12 to 13c; dates, 6½ to 9c. Valencia raisins, \$1.75 to \$2; London layers, \$2.75 to \$2.80 box; Sultanias 9½ to 10c lb. Currants, 6½ to 7c; prunes, 7 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 6c; trout, 10c; B. C. salmon 15c; Cod 10c; Cured fish are quoted: smoked herrings, 20 to 25c box; smoked haddies 9c; Yarmouth bloaters \$1.75 per box; Labrador herrings, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per half barrel; boneless codfish 7½ to 8c pound; boneless fish, 6c lb; oysters \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.25 for selects; can oysters 50c each for standards and 55c selects.

GREEN FRUITS.—Apples held at steady prices, fancy stock, selected varieties, selling at \$4 per barrel, and other varieties \$3.40 to \$3.75 as to quality. Florida oranges of good quality held at \$5.00 to \$5.50 and up to \$6.00 per box for desirable sizes. Lemons, now Messina, good, at \$6.50 to \$7; Malaga grapes, \$9 to \$10.50 per keg as to size of package; cranberries, \$10.50 barrel; California winter pears \$4.50 per box; Apple cider, 35c per gal.

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.

SUGARS.—Sugars are stronger and quoted ½c higher, following an advance of refiners. In the Winnipeg market yellow is quoted at 4½ to 4¾c; granulated at 5½ to 5¾c, the inside price is for barrels, and ½c higher for bags. Lumps, 6c; icing, 6½ to 7c; sugar syrups, 2½ to 3½c; maple sugar, 9 to 12c a lb.

GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.—There has been a rather improved feeling in wheat, and the range of prices in leading markets has been about 1c higher than previous week. The markets opened on Tuesday, Monday being New Year's holiday. On Tuesday United States markets gained nearly 1c. Cables were higher and receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth

were smaller. The quantity on ocean passage decreased 458,000 bushels, and the English visible supply it was estimated had decreased 1,075,000 bu during the past week. The export clearances from both coasts for the week were reported 1,300,000 bu less than the preceding week. India shipments were 100,000 bu larger than the preceding week. The visible supply increased 1,401,000 bu, and the same week a year ago increased 1,132,000 bu. The aggregate supply is now reported at 81,238,000 bu and a year ago was 45,907,600 bu. Receipts at Duluth were 680 cars, and at Minneapolis 693 cars—a total of 1,372 cars for 4 days, against 586 cars Friday, and 700 cars the corresponding 3 days a year ago. On Wednesday United States markets showed no material change at the close of the day. Cable news was generally favorable to firmer markets. Duluth receipts were 142 cars and Minneapolis 253 cars, a total of 395, as compared with 425 cars corresponding day a year ago. On Thursday the final official crop estimate of the United States for 1892 was the principal feature of interest. The report was made public on Wednesday evening, and made an increase in the wheat crop over previous estimates, the total crop of the United States being placed at 515,949,900 bushels. This bearish report did not have as much influence upon prices as might have been expected, for the reason that the large marketings of wheat had prepared the trade to look for an increase in the final official estimate of the crop. On Friday cables were lower, but United States markets firmed up in the afternoon and closed fractionally higher.

Exports of wheat from both coasts for the week ended Jan. 4 (Bradstreet's report) equal (four included) 3,008,020 bushels, against 2,917,900 bushels last week, 5,321,500 bushels one year ago, 2,076,000 bushels in the week two years ago and 2,317,000 bushels three years ago.

Total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since Aug. 1st the beginning of the crop year foot up: Minneapolis 34,249,477 bu, Duluth 29,010,334 bu, Chicago 37,271,547 bu, Milwaukee 8,756,740 bu, making a total of 114,288,100 bu, against 107,353,493 bu, during the same time last year and 52,995,128 bu in 1890. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July to date are 60,740,590 bu, against 52,099,611 bu in 1891 and 19,978,049 bu in 1890.

LOCAL WHEAT.—The big boost given to wheat prices by a large milling company, as reported a week ago, has kept prices firm all this week. There were some sharp spurts this week in some country markets, and up to 55 and 56 cents per bushel was paid to farmers for best samples of hard wheat, but there was usually a reaction to about 50 to 52 cents, which is about the general price in country markets for No. 2 hard or better, though at some points No. 2 hard will not bring 50c. Stocks showed a moderate increase for last report, stocks of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 31 being 2,175,419, this being an increase of 73,132 bushels for the week.

FLOUR.—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 90c; superfine 60 to 70c. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots.

MILLSTUFFS.—We quote bran selling to local dealers at \$3 to \$9 per ton, as to quality, and shorts \$10 to \$11 per ton.

OATS.—Offerings in the Winnipeg market have been light, and prices unchanged at from 18 to 20c per bushel of 34 pounds, for fair to good quality. In Manitoba country markets the range is from 13 to 14c per bushel.

BARLEY.—Prices for feed barley are about the same as oats, per bushel, but slower sale than oats.

GROUND FEED.—Prices are unchanged. Finest brings \$13 to \$14 per ton, as to quality, and lower qualities \$11 to \$12 per ton. Some mill

feed is offered as low as \$9 per ton, composed of wheat and other mixtures.

MEATS, ETC.—Oatmeal is jobbing lower. Rilled and granulated oatmeal held at about \$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.—Meats remain very strong. Very high prices are still being paid in eastern Canada markets for hogs, carcasses of dressed hogs having sold as high as \$8 or 10½ pounds. This is a fancy price for hog and indicates further advances in cured meats. Chicago was again away higher for hog products on Friday, May pork selling at \$18.50 per barrel, as compared with the closing price of \$11.80 per barrel a year ago to day. Local prices are: Dry salt long clear, bacon, 9 to 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½ to 10¾c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; smoked hams, 13 to 13½c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 9c; bologna sausage, 9c; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb packet.

DRESSED MEATS.—Meats are very flat since the holidays. Dealers are stacked up, and are not buying. The principal feature is the tumble in the price of mutton to 7½ and 8c per lb, owing to the arrival of car lots of eastern frozen mutton. Pork is rather firmer. Packers are paying 6½ and 6¾c, as to quality, and a nice lot would probably bring a little better. Butchers have paid 6½ to 7c for fancy light fat hogs, but require only a very few to fill present wants. There is no beef selling and the price nominal at 5 to 5½c for city dressed, and 3 to 5c for country.

POULTRY.—The stock of poultry in the city is heavy, and as the season of active demand is over, prices are easier. Dealers are stacked up, and though quotations are nominally not greatly changed, yet it would be hard to make sales except at concessions. We quote chickens, 8 to 10c; ducks, 10 to 11c; geese, 9 to 10c; turkeys, 10 to 12c.

LARD.—Compound held at \$1.65 to 1.70 per pail. Pure at \$2.20 to \$2.30 per 20 pound pail. In tins, 12 to 12½c per pound.

BUTTER.—Butter remains about the same as last week, and receipts light. Single tubs of choice dairy have sold at about 18 to 20c, and we quote round lots of good to choice dairy at 15 to 16c. A selected lot would bring up to 17.

CHEESE.—Jobbing at 10 to 10½c per lb.

EGGS.—Single cases quoted at 20c per dozen, larger lots 18 to 19c as to quality. Fresh not quotable.

VEGETABLES.—Following are prices at which dealers buy on the street market: Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips 25c bushel; cabbage 40 to 75c dozen; celery 30 to 50c dozen. Onions 2 to 2½c per lb. Carrots 30 to 40c a bushel; beets, 30 to 40c bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 2c lb. Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Country frozen hides bring 3 to 3½c, uninspected in the run. We quote: No. 1 cows, 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 1 heavy steers, 5c; No. 2 steers, 4c; No. 3, 2c lb. Real veal 8 to 13 lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound, or about 40c per skin. Kips about same as hides. Sheep and lamb skins 50 to 60c each for recent take-off. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2½c rough.

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

HAY.—Baled held at about \$4.75 to \$5 per ton on track at point of shipment. Loose hay on the street market plentiful at about \$4 per ton.

The British Grain Trade.

The *Mark Lane Express*, of January 2, in its weekly review of the British grain trade says: Owing to small deliveries English