

The new crop shows a good sample. Samples from the Greta region have a dark, bleached appearance, and from points west of Brandon some samples damaged by frost have been shown. There are about 1,000,000 bushels of old Manitoba wheat held at our lake ports and west, and millers are well supplied, so they are not anxious buyers of new wheat. Prices are normal. In Ontario new wheat is selling in country markets at 60 to 65c. New wheat in Manitoba, based on export values, is worth not more than 50c per bushel on track at country points, average freight rates, for No. 1 hard. There is no buying, however, to establish prices. Last year a few cars were moving the third week in August. Freight rates, Duluth to Buffalo, early September shipment, are quoted at 3½c per bushel for wheat. One car of new wheat was graded at Winnipeg this week, No. 1 hard, from Greta. It was the same car we reported last week as having been loaded at Greta, for shipment by the Lake of the Woods Milling Company.

FLOUR.—The market is weak and lower. Prices have declined sharply in the eastern markets, for Manitoba grades. Here prices were dropped 10c per 98 lb. sack by millers, but this is not equal to the decline in the east, and still lower prices are looked for. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.95 for patents and \$1.75 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs. delivered to city retail dealers. Second bakers \$1.55 to \$1.65, XXXX about \$1.25 to \$1.30 per sack according to brand. These are net cash prices the nominal quotation being 5c higher.

MILLSTUFFS.—Millstuffs are still rather scarce, and prices firm. The quotation to the local trade is \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts per ton, with small quantities held at \$1 per ton more.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$19 to \$21 per ton, as to quantity and quality, for ground oats and barley feed.

OATMEAL.—The tendency is easier, in sympathy with the lower tendency in oats. We quote \$1.90 to \$2 per sack of 80 pounds, in broken lots to retail dealers, as to quality. Standard and granulated meal, \$2.15 in small lots, per sack of 100 lbs. for best grades. Eastern markets have made a further decline of 10 to 15c per barrel.

OATS.—The market is easy and prices are sliding downward. A few farmers' loads of new oats have come in and have been bought at about 22 to 25c per bushel of 34 pounds, but no quantity would be taken at this price, and buyers would not likely pay over 20c for a quantity. Cars were offered to ship here at 25c c.i.f., but no sales reported. Cars of old held at about 27 to 28c. In the Eastern Canada markets prices have further declined. Low prices will likely rule for oats, as our crop is a large one, and prices are low in outside markets. In Ontario country markets prices are down to 22 to 24c per bushel, as to quality, for feed oats.

BARLEY.—A few loads of new barley have been taken at 30c per bushel of 48 pounds, but there is very little offering yet.

OIL CAKE.—Ground oil cake meal is quoted at \$24 per ton in sacks, with small lots at \$25.

BUTTER.—The markets are steady locally and abroad. Some lots are going forward all the time to the East, both in dairy and creamery goods. We quote round lots of dairy at 8 to 8½c, and for a very choice lot possibly a fraction higher would be paid. Creamery, fair to choice, 14 to 15½c. A letter from Montreal said that the "finest Manitoba creamery could be bought to sell at 17½c in that market," but the average Manitoba creamery would not come up to the standard.

CHEESE.—The spurt in cheese in Ontario

country markets has strengthened the price here, and ¼ to ¾ higher is quoted this week. We quote 6 to 6½c for Manitoba cheese, 6½c was the highest price bid for a lot of 10,000 lbs. offered here this week, but a real fancy lot would probably bring the ¾c. Last week we quoted as high as 8c paid at some of the Ontario country markets that week, but at Belleville, which was held later in the week, as high as 8½c was paid. Montreal advices say these higher prices are not warranted by the condition of the export business. At the Ontario country markets this week prices ruled about the same as last week, the range being from 7½c to 8 1/16c, at some points 7½ to 7¾c were the highest bids. Exports at Montreal are dull, as country markets are higher than export prices will warrant.

Following is an extract of a letter from a Montreal commission house, received by Mr. Macdonald, provincial dairy instructor: "Re Manitoba cheese, we have received a shipment from J. Y. Griffin & Co., of Winnipeg, of both butter and cheese. The cheese came in in very good order, especially one lot, but they all seemed to be branded with the same brand. Griffin's cheese were all marked over with blue pencil and the weights were marked in several places with pencil. Quite a number of boxes were all scrawled over with blue pencil, making them look very slovenly, and even worse than Quebec. The quality of this consignment was more or less mixed, some high and some light color, some very bad flavor, but the quality was very nice and full of fat, just the kind of cheese we want, but they can improve very much by having the boxes perfectly clean and only one brand on them. Factories should have a distinctive brand and nothing less should be on the boxes but the factory brand and weights and these weights should be stenciled."

EGGS.—Receipts are larger, sales are slow and the tendency easier. Buyers are still paying 11c, however, and selling candled stock at 12 to 12½c.

LARD.—Prices are the same. We quote, Pure, \$1.80 for 20 pound pails, and \$4.50 for 50 lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9c pound.

CURED MEATS.—Hams have been advanced ¾c, but other lines are about the same, except back bacon, which is lower. Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 12½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12½; do backs: 0½c; picnic hams, 9½c; short spiced rolls, 7½c; long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 8c; smoked long clear, 10c; smoked jowls, 5½c. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 9c per lb; shoulders, 7c; backs, 9½c; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ¾c per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00; clear mess \$16.00; short cut, \$18.00; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 7c; German sausage, 7c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

VEGETABLES.—Prices are: Potatoes, easy at 20 per bushel; green stuff, including all roots, onions, etc., per doz. bunches is quoted at 5 to 8c all around; cabbage 15 to 25c per dozen; cucumbers 7 to 15c per dozen; cauliflower 20 to 40c per dozen, as to size; green peas, in pod, 30c per bushel; celery 20 to 25c per dozen bunches; green beans 1 to 1½c per lb.; rhubarb 10 to 12½c per dozen bunches; onions, per bushel 1½ to 1¾c per pound; turnips 20c per bushel; corn, 7 to 8c per dozen ears. A few ripe native tomatoes are offering at 6 to 7c per lb. and Eastern tomatoes \$2.50 per bushel basket.

POULTRY.—Prices are the same. Chickens 35 to 40c per pair; spring chickens, 25 to 35c per pair; turkeys 8 to 9c per lb. live weight. No ducks or geese selling. Wild ducks 20 to 30c per pair.

DRESSED MEATS.—Prices are unchanged for beef. We quote beef at 4 to 5c, as to quality. Good beef is selling at 5c; mutton easier at 6 to 6½c, mostly going at 6½; lamb, 6½ to 7c; pork 5½ to 6c; veal, 4 to 6c.

HIDES.—We quote: Hides, Winnipeg inspection, green, 7½c for No. 1 cows, 6½ for No. 2, and 5½c for No. 3. No. 1 heavy steers, 7½c, No. 2 Steers, 6½c; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 6 to 8c per lb. Deacons, 25 to 40c each. Kips 5 to 6c. Sheepskins, recent kill, 30 to 35c. Lambskins, 30 to 35c each. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—We quote 10 to 11½c as to quality for unwashed Manitoba fleece. Over 12c was paid for one lot of ordinary fleece, on sale by tender, this week.

SENECA ROOT.—About 18c is the usual price for small lots of dry root, and up to 19c for choice, fine bright root; dark coarse root is slow sale, and the general feeling is easier. It is reported that dealers made sales at 20c this week to ship.

HAY.—Loose hay on the street market is selling at \$3 to \$4 per ton. We quote new baled prairie at \$5 on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

This has been an active week at the yards here, and the large addition to the yards is already fully required, with the prospect that a further enlargement of the yards will be necessary. A few electric lights about the yards would prove a great accommodation to shippers.

CATTLE.—The principal business has been in cattle. Gordon & Ironside made up no less than nine train loads to go east this week, including 2,700 export and 200 butchers' cattle. About 1,000 of these came from the Walrond range and the balance were domestic cattle, gathered up from various sections of Manitoba and the territories. Mr. Prince, of Dundurn, had 200 cattle in from his district, Prince Albert branch, which he shipped east. There was also a mixed lot of cattle and sheep—150 cattle—shipped east by Medicine Hat ranchers. A large number of cattle have come from Eastern Assiniboia lately, from the district between Moosomin and Moose Jaw, and also from the district west of Melita, on the Estevan line. These are not range cattle, but belong to the domestic class. Santon of Regina, had in 200 head and Scott & Johnson had in about 300 head from the Qu'Appelle country. These were sold and included in Gordon & Ironside's shipments. Quite a number of cattle have also come off the Prince Albert branch. Another feature of the cattle trade was the arrival this week of about 1,000 head of young cattle from Ontario, which are being shipped west to the ranges to be prepared for the market. Owing to the drought in the east, young, lean cattle can be bought pretty cheap, and some of the western ranchers are taking advantage of this to stock up with young cattle. Prices here are much the same. Local butchers are paying 2½c for good butchers' stock here, and up to 2½c would be paid for a few picked animals, but the price of beef is too low to pay over 2½c for loads. Export cattle up to 3½c.

HOGS.—Very few hogs moving. We quote 4 to 4½c off cars here.

SHEEP.—There were 400 sheep in the mixed lot shipped east by Medicine Hat range people. Gordon & Ironside's shipment did not arrive this week, but they will have a bunch of export sheep in next week. They have purchased 7,000 sheep from the C. A. C. Co., and will ship the first bunch next week. We quote local butcher's sheep at 3c off cars here, and lambs at \$2 to \$2.25 per head for good lambs.

HORSES.—A car load of western range horses was sold here by auction this week.