

very light, and business in wheat at primary points is thought to be about over until after sowing. Opinions of course differ widely as to the quantity of wheat being held for summer marketing, but it is thought to be even lighter than usual.

FLOUR.

Flour holds firm at the late advance, and there is no immediate prospect of any reduction in values unless the wheat situation changes further. If stocks of wheat in the province are as light as generally supposed, there is not much prospect of lower flour prices. Quotation to the local trade are: Patents, \$3.20; strong bakers, \$3.00; XXXX, \$2.40; superfine, \$1.80 to \$1.85; Graham flour, \$3.00; middlings, \$3.20.

MILLSTUFFS.

Prices hold unchanged at \$10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts, with \$1 per ton advance asked for small lots.

OATS.

Prices hold firm in this grain. Farmers' deliveries in this market are light, and prices range from 30 to 33c paid for loads on the market. Good milling oats bring from 32 to 33c, and ordinary, 30 to 32c. Prices are higher at outside provincial points, some markets ranging up to 30c per bushel. Car lots cannot therefore be laid down here from the country at under top local quotations for loads on the market.

OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Oatmeal advanced 10c per hundred, in sympathy with the advance in oats. Rolled oats were not changed in price. Quotations are \$2.60 for standard oatmeal and \$2.75 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, \$0 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal was held at \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

BARLEY.

Barley continues dull. There is little movement, and that is mostly in feed qualities, which are worth only about the same as ordinary feed oats. About 25c per bushel is the usual figure in outside markets. In the city good malting barley will bring from 35 to 40c for local use.

CHEESE.

This commodity appears to be somewhat of a drag, though now when the season is about at hand when it can be shipped without danger of frost, it should move more freely. Quite a quantity is held in the city, in comparison with the local demand, but should any outside demand arise, the quantity held here would soon be disposed of. Some cheese of very fine quality is held. Prices are quoted at 10 to 11c, but in the city 10c is usually accepted for cash bids, or short time.

BUTTER.

Stocks of really choice butter appear light, and by the time new butter commences to move freely, the quantity of such will not be very great. The amount of old butter to be carried over will be less in all probability than for the past two years. Still, the demand is very light, and the western territorial trade, which formerly took a good deal of butter from this market, is now being supplied largely by local producers in the respective districts. It is therefore becoming apparent that the surplus of butter in Manitoba will have to look for a market eastward to a greater extent than heretofore. The western territorial trade promises to be entirely cut off in a short time. Districts in the western part of the Territories which formerly imported butter from Manitoba will not only soon supply their own local markets with butter made at home, but they will also in time commence to ship butter into the mountain districts of British Columbia, etc. Prices here hold at about 20c per pound for best dairy, with some sales reported at 21c.

EGGS.

Imports from the south were lighter last week, and on one or two days the market was

bare of supplies. Prices, however, held steady at 20c per dozen, in case lots, for fresh, which are the only quality in the market. Country eggs are not coming in very freely yet.

LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago at \$2.35.

CURED MEATS.

The lower prices in the following quotations are for cash or very short time sales, mostly to the city trade. Prices are:—Mess pork, \$19 per bbl; long clear dry salt bacon, 10 to 10½c per lb; smoked breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c per lb.

DRESSED MEATS.

As noted last week, dressed hogs were a shade firmer, and this firmness has led to an advance of ½c per pound in the range of quotations, which may now be given at 7 to 7½c. Sales were heard of at 7c per pound, but all good will now bring 7½ to 7¾c. Receipts were light, and it is thought few hogs will be received between now and the commencement of the summer movement. Fresh beef holds at 6 to 6½c, for good to choice, with frozen beef still offering and slow at 3 to 5c. Mutton, 9 to 10c. Veal, 8 to 9c.

POULTRY.

Fresh chickens bring 12 to 12½c readily; turkeys and geese, old stock, 10 to 11c, with no fresh stocks offering to speak of.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are easier, and were bringing 25c per bushel, in quantities, this being the price paid on the market for loads. There is some movement in car lots to western provincial and territorial points, where the crop was a failure last year. It is difficult to say how prices may be a few weeks hence, though some look for higher figures, on a alleged reason that there is a shortage. Other vegetables are generally higher as follows:—Onions, \$1.40 to \$1.50; carrots, 60c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, \$1.20; beets, 50 to 60c, all per bushel. Cabbage average \$1 to \$1.50 per dozen for good.

A LARGE party of Scotch Crofters are on their way to Canada. They will settle near Wolseley, Assa., where land has been reserved.

W. E. BROWN, boot and shoe merchant, Ottawa, Ont., has been arrested charged with unlawfully conveying stock to the value of \$20,000 with intent to defraud his creditors. He assigned this morning, and it is thought his liabilities will reach \$150,000.

J. E. MCGARVIN, of J. E. McGarvin & Co., trunk and valise manuf. ers, Berlin, Ont., is on a business trip to western Canada. Mr. A. W. E. Thompson, manufacturers' agent, etc., Winnipeg, has been appointed to represent this firm throughout the west.

ONTARIO is to have a railway to Hudson's Bay. The Ontario Legislature has voted a cash subsidy of \$3,000 per mile for the first 50 miles of the road: \$3,000 per mile for 50 miles has also been voted to a road from Port Arthur to Fort William and thence westerly in the direction of Sand Lake.

THE Monarch mine at Field, B. C., which has been working with a force of about 40 men, was closed last week. The company which operates this mine, also owns the new smelter at Vancouver, B. C., and it is said it will be two months before the smelter will be ready for work, some alterations having to be made. This is thought to be the reason for closing the mine, as the ore is shipped to Vancouver for smelting.

Wheat Statistics.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The following shows the stocks in bushels, of wheat at the principal points in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains; also, in transit by lake and rail, on the dates named, according to the Chicago statement:—

	1889	1888	1887
February 10.....	33,135,081	39,505,687	59,880,370
February 23.....	32,739,834	38,402,924	57,027,358
March 2.....	32,000,075	37,516,274	55,781,594
March 9.....	31,774,353	36,060,000	54,200,178

Decrease for the week ended March 9, 225,600 bushels.

WHEAT IN STORE.

The following shows the wheat in store, in bushels, at the points mentioned, on March 9:—

Chicago.....	4,651,110
Minneapolis.....	6,439,950
Duluth.....	1,791,493
Montreal.....	438,882
Toronto.....	131,000

BREADSTUFFS ON PASSAGE.

The following shows the quantity of wheat and flour equivalent to wheat, expressed in quarters, (8 bushels to the quarter) on passage to Great Britain and Europe, on the dates named:—

	March 9, 1889.	Mar 2, 1889.	March 10, 1888.
To Great Britain.....	1,950,000	2,078,000	1,840,000
To Europe.....	292,000	454,000	290,000

WHEAT AT PRIMARY MARKETS.

The following table shows the receipts of spring wheat at the markets mentioned from June 30, 1888, to March 9, 1889, compared with two previous years:—

POINTS.	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87
Chicago.....	10,703,600	10,732,000	15,456,000
Milwaukee.....	4,000,000	7,116,000	6,630,000
Minneapolis.....	30,577,000	35,173,000	27,945,000
Duluth.....	4,850,000	13,864,000	18,811,000

Total bu..... 51,135,000 66,885,000 68,822,000

The total receipts of winter wheat at the markets mentioned from July 30, 1888, to March 9, 1889, compared with two previous years, were as follows:—

POINTS.	1888-89	1887-88	1886-87
St. Louis.....	11,031,000	11,150,000	10,733,000
Toledo.....	7,038,000	8,216,000	11,814,000
Detroit.....	6,365,000	5,714,000	8,457,000
Kansas City.....	1,734,000	1,817,000	2,508,000
Cincinnati.....	1,501,000	1,265,000	2,602,000

Total bu..... 27,719,000 27,632,000 30,419,000

EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The exports of wheat and flour (expressed in bushels) for the first seven months of the fiscal year ending January 31, last, were as follows:—

	1888-89	1887-88
Atlantic ports, bu.....	32,272,286	64,267,203
Pacific ports.....	24,891,178	15,287,162
Total.....	57,164,464	79,554,365

The exports for the month of January were:—

	1889.	1888.
Atlantic ports, bu.....	2,555,913	5,358,717
Pacific ports, bu.....	3,661,281	2,162,145
Total.....	6,217,194	7,520,862

Exports from principal Atlantic ports for the week ending Mar. 9, and the corresponding week last year were:—

	1889.	1888.
Flour, brls.....	52,200	188,200
Wheat, bu.....	49,320	331,600

WHEAT IN FARMERS' HANDS.

The official report for the United States, issued at Washington on March 11, estimates the amount of wheat remaining on hand March 1, at 112,000,000 bushels; the amount of corn at 757,000,000 bushels, against 122,000,000 and 508,000,000 bushels respectively, a year ago. This government report is not usually considered as very reliable, in grain circles, as it is considered impossible to even approximately estimate the amount of grain held in first hands.

THE stock of B. D. Deering, boots and shoes. Winnipeg, was sold by the sheriff last Wednesday. It brought 42c in the dollar.