

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

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

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 27.

The commencement of railway construction and the opening of navigation has improved the situation. Navigation opened at Fort William, Lake Superior, the first of the week, and the heavy stocks of grain have now commenced to move out, though at present wheat prices there is not much margin left when carrying charges are covered. Stocks of heavy staples will be replenished, now that the cheaper water route is open. Railway construction has made a special demand for provisions and certain other lines, though the amount of railway work going on is not great. The financial difficulties of the Manitoba North-western railway is rather a discouraging feature of the railway outlook, and may depress prospects for immediate future railway enterprises. The development in the mineral country of interior British Columbia, is felt in the general trade of the city, in an increased demand for supplies from that region. In United States markets, prices of wool, cotton, wheat, tobacco, lumber and live hogs have all gone off during the week, advances being relatively few, those in corn and oats being speculative.

DRIED FRUITS—We quote: Dried apples, 6½ to 7½c; evaporated, 10½ to 11c; figs, layers, 10 to 18c; dates, 6½ to 9c. Valencia raisins, \$1.65 to \$1.70; London layers, \$2.70 to \$2.80 per box; Sultanahs, 9½ to 10c per pound. Currants, 6 to 6½c; prunes 7½ to 9c. Evaporated fruits are quoted: Apricots, 19 to 20c; peeled peach, 47 to 18c; pitted plums, 15 to 16c; cherries, 19 to 20c; pears, 14 to 16c.

FISH—The first new catch of Manitoba white fish for the season came to market on Thursday. No fresh Lake Superior fish have arrived yet, though now that the lake is open, fishing will begin at once. British Columbia salmon and halibut have been coming forward and jibbing at 15c. Pickerel, 4c; white, 6½c. Cured fish are quoted: smoked herrings, 20 to 25c box; Yarmouth bloaters \$1.50 per box; Labrador herrings, \$4.50 to 4.75 per half barrel; boneless codfish, 7½ to 8c pound; boneless fish, 6c lb; salt salmon, 7 to 8c lb; smoked white, 9 to 10c lb.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples were just about out of the market this week. A few more small lots may be brought in, but they will sell high. Messina lemons are coming forward from direct ships recently arrived at Montreal. Lemons are held at 4.25 to \$6 per box as to quality, lower priced stock being suitable for immediate use, but not for holding for summer trade. There is a large sale of California oranges, at \$3.50 to 3.75 for seedlings, \$4.25 to 4.50 for Navels, \$4.50 for Riverside Mediterranean sweets, and \$4.75 for fancy Ross-Moyno stock. Bananas are in brisk demand, at \$2.75 to \$3.50 per bunch as to size. Strawberries \$5 to \$5.50 per crate of 24 boxes; pineapples, \$3.50 to 3.75 per dozen. California cherries are now arriving.

GROCERIES—Local sugar prices are as follows: Yellow at 5½ to 5½c; granulated at 6½c. Lumps, 6½c; icing 7c; sugar syrups 2½ to 3½c; maple sugar, 10 to 12c a lb.

NUTS—Prices range as follows: Almonds per pound, 16 to 18c; walnuts, per pound, 12 to 14c; pecans, 15 to 16c; filberts, 12 to 14c; Brazils 12 to 14c; peanuts, 14 to 15c; cocoanuts, \$9 to 10 per 100.

RAW FURS—We quote the following as a fair range of prices, in the Winnipeg market, covering very poor to prime No. 1 skins:—

Badger, per skin.....	\$ 05 to \$ 80
Bear, black.....	50 to 30 00
Bear, brown.....	50 to 30 00
Bear, grizzly.....	1 00 to 20 00
Beaver.....	2 00 to 7 00
Beaver, castors, per pound..	2 50 to 1 00
Ermins, per skin.....	01 to 02
Fisher.....	50 to 7 00
Fox, cross.....	75 to 6 00
Fox, kit.....	10 to 45
Fox, red.....	25 to 1 70
Fox, silver.....	5 00 to 80 00
Lynx.....	25 to 4 00
Marten.....	75 to 2 50
Mink.....	25 to 1 75
Musquash.....	02 to 10
Otter.....	1 50 to 10 00
Raccoon.....	50 to 85
Skunk.....	05 to 80
Timber Wolf.....	25 to 3 50
Prairie Wolf, large.....	25 to 1 00
" " small.....	25 to 65
Wolverine.....	50 to 3 50

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

WHEAT—Wheat has experienced a dull and easy week. There has been very little fluctuation in prices in leading markets, and generally an easy tendency. There were reports on Monday that hot winds had done damage to the crop in Kansas and Missouri. The visible supply statement on Monday showed a decrease of 1,190 bushels. The corresponding week of last year the visible decreased 4,504,000 bushels. The total visible is now 71,492,000 bushels and a year ago was 30,607,000 bushels. Wheat on ocean passage, as per statement on Tuesday, showed an increase of 2,176,000 bushels, and India shipments showed an increase of 220,000 bushels. France estimated a crop below an average. Cables were lower and markets weak generally. On Wednesday cables were lower, weather favorable and wheat receipts large. Seeding in North Dakota was reported about finished, and considerable damage was reported there by high wind. On Thursday prices gave evidence of some strength, particularly at Chicago, but prices were lower again on Friday.

Exports of wheat (flour included) from all United States ports, both coasts and from Montreal aggregated 3,106,000 bushels this week, about 800,000 bushels more than in the like week last year, about 700,000 bushels more than that week in 1891, about twice the quantity exported in the last week of May in 1890, and two and a half times the aggregate in that week of 1839. Available stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada, both coasts, decreased 2,774,000 bushels last week, a fact which was offset by information that similar stocks afloat for and in Europe increased 2,776,000 bushels last week.

The most important feature in the local situation is the opening of navigation on Thunder bay (Lake Superior), which opens our elevator ports of Fort William and Port Arthur. Stocks stored there have now begun to move forward. In consequence of the late date of opening of navigation, winter storage date has been extended 10 days, to June 10. Stocks in store will therefore not be subject to extra storage charges until June 10, instead of June 1 as formerly. Stocks in store at the two ports amount to 3,320,885 bushels, showing an increase of 35,490 bushels for the week. A year ago stocks at these ports amounted to 1,669,000 bushels, being a decrease of 328,768 bushels for that week. It is not likely that elevator stocks at the lake ports will decrease very fast, as owing to the fact that the elevators are full, hundreds of cars of wheat are standing on track at various points waiting for room in the elevators. No 2 hard wheat is quoted at 73c per bushel afloat Fort William.

FLOUR—The flour trade is quiet. The large Ogilvie mill, which has been closed down for about six weeks for large additions to machinery and general overhauling, was started this week, but had to be stopped at once for further readjustment of machinery, which, however, will only take a short time, when the mill will be started at once permanently. There is said to be some cutting in flour for large broken lots, but regular quotations are unchanged. Prices in broken lots, to the local trade are as follows: Patents, \$1.95 strong bakers' \$1.75; XXXX \$5 to 95c; superfine 60 to 70c. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10c under these prices, even in small lots.

MILLSTUFFS—Are quieter at the decline noted last week. The price to the local trade, less than car lots, delivered is \$11 for bran and \$13 for shorts.

OATS—Oats are held firm locally, at 30c for average feed quality, car lots on track here, and at about 25c per bushel on track at country points, on the average freight rate. There has been some demand for car lots to go west, for railway construction camps, etc. The price, 25c on track country points, is rather above an export basis for shipment eastward, but the local demand is good at present.

Barley—Limited demand and held on track here at 28 to 30c per bushel. Considerable has been sold in small lots by city dealers for seed at 40c per bushel.

GROUND FEED—Firm in sympathy with oats, and held at \$15 to \$17 per ton, as to quality. Oil cake meal, sacked, \$26 per ton.

OATMEAL, L.T.C.—Prices are generally higher, those who had not previously advanced, having now done so. The Winnipeg agent of an eastern mill received word yesterday that prices were 20c higher. Here the jobbing prices for oatmeal is \$2.15 for rolled and granulated, and \$1.95 for standard.

CURED MEATS—We quote: Dry salt long clear bacon, 11 to 11½c; smoked long clear, 12 to 12½c; spiced rolls 11 to 11½c; breakfast bacon 14 to 14½c; smoked hams, 13 to 14c; the lower price for heavy hams; boneless ham, 13 to 13½c; mess pork, \$20.00 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 9c; bologna sausage, 9c lb; German sausage, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet.

LARD—Pure held at \$2.60, in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound, \$2.35 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is rather easier, and owing to increased competition it has been offered as low as 5½c, though it is said there is no money in it at that price. The usual price is about 6c, and extra quality brings up to 6½c. Mutton steady at 14c. A car of sheep arrived from Ontario for the local market, said to be a good lot. Pork quiet at 7 to 7½c. Veal, 7 to 9c.

EGGS—Hold steady, and have not come forward as freely as was expected. Dealers are paying 12½c acts for receipts, and selling at 13½ to 14c in small lots.

BUTTER—The butter market continues firm, as receipts have not been large yet this season, and there is a good demand for what is coming. The market is pretty bare of old stocks. Good to choice dairy brings 18 to 20c per pound, the top price for selected packages.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have had an advancing tendency and bring 50c per bushel on the Winnipeg street market. A lot of 400 bushels sold at 50c from store. Some car lots have been loaded at country points, for western shipment, at 35c per bushel. Onions are scarce, native stocks being exhausted, and imported selling at 4½ to 5½c per pound. Cabbage, now 4 to 5c lb, old, 3c lb. Stocks of other old vegetables are about used up. Aparagus, 75c to \$1 per dozen bunches; onions, green, 25c per dozen; lettuce, radishes, 40c per dozen bunches; Rhubarb, \$2 to \$2.25 per box.

POULTRY—Chickens bring 75c to \$1 per pair, as to quality and size. Turkeys 10 to 12c per lb live weight.