

Chickens 50 to 60c per pair live; spring chickens 25 to 30c per pair as to quality and size; turkeys 10 to 11c per pound live weight; ducks, 65 to 70c per pair; geese, no demand.

GAME—Wild ducks are now in season. Mallards bring 25 to 30c per pair, canvass back, 35 to 40c and small varieties 15 to 20c per pair.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Export cattle have been coming in freely this week and one firm alone has handled some 1,500 head. Prices are a little easier at the following ranges: Exports, 23-4c to 31-1c; butchers, 21-2c to 3c. Stocker cattle are easier and are quoted at 21-2 to 23-4c.

SHEEP—The market is easy at 3 to 31-2c off cars here as to quality. Lambs are quoted at 4 to 41-2c here.

HOGS—None offering. The market is nominal at 5c for choice bacon hogs. We quote choice bacon hogs, weighing 150 to 250 lbs. at 5c per lb.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.75; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3 to \$4, as to quality, live weight.

COWS—A large number of cows have been condemned in the city dairies for tuberculosis, and these it is said are being sold at very low prices to farmers and others, and some are going west to the range country. If this is true, and the cows are really infected with an infectious disease, it seems wrong that they should be distributed around the country in this way. It is said over 40 per cent of the cows in the dairies are being condemned by the test now being carried out, whereas in former tests a very much smaller number were condemned.

HORSES—The demand for horses continues good and arrivals from the western ranges have been liberal during the week. Some American horses have also been offering. Prices for best breeds range from \$150 to \$200 a team.

Western Business Items.

F. O'Neil, harness, Napiuka, Man., has sold out.

The Grand Central hotel, Virden, is offered for sale.

L. P. Westergard, livery, Foxwarren, Man., has sold out.

The estate of Sibbald & Co., Winnipeg, has been sold to T. Finklestein.

W. G. Blyth & Co., dry goods, etc., Melita, Man., have dissolved partnership.

A. Kingston & Co., brewers, Rat Portage, have assigned to A. Carmichael.

The Royal hotel, Winnipeg, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$500 Friday morning.

Tenders for the erection of a Presbyterian church in the village of Dauphin, Man., will be received up to Sept. 12 by S. Geekie, Dauphin.

J. J. McDonald, of Rat Portage, has rented J. Broadbent's new store, at Thornhill, Man., and will open business as general merchant about September 15.

A drove of 700 cattle from Prince Albert, is being driven across the plains to Yorkton, from which place they will be shipped in three trains on Monday and Tuesday by Gordon & Ironside for the British markets. Friday morning a train load of beef cattle for this firm arrived in Winnipeg from Yorkton.

A meeting of the directors of the Elkhorn Milling Co., Elkhorn, was held recently, when various offers for leasing the mill for the current year were considered. It was decided to accept the offer of A. B. Clifford and Wm. Hopps, and these gentlemen have taken possession and will operate the mill until further notice.

J. K. McLennan shipped 6,000 bushels of new Manitoba wheat from Fort William on Thursday, for the Ontario milling trade. This is the first shipment made this season east of Fort William, of new wheat.

Saskatchewan.

S. N. Hart, tailor, who recently opened business at Prince Albert, has closed his shop and moved back to Portage la Prairie, Man.

Donald McLeod has opened a general store at McKenzie's Crossing, Prince Albert district.

British Columbia Items.

Mrs. H. M. Strang, groceries, Victoria, is opening business.

V. C. Rackliffe, groceries and clothing, Slocan City, has sold out.

Crow's Nest Development Co., Ltd., Swansea, are applying for license.

Edward McQuade, of P. McQuade & Son, ship chandlers, Victoria, is dead.

Martin Markeson, baker and confectioner, Slocan City, has been burned out.

H. A. King & Co., fancy goods, stationery and confectionery, have opened at Greenwood City.

W. J. Mackintosh, dry goods, etc., Victoria, has had his stock taken over by principal creditors.

Partridge & Ryan, Australian hotel, Victoria, have been closed out by landlord, and are succeeded by A. R. McDonald.

Weather and Crops.

Last week wound up very unfavorable for harvest work. There were heavy general rains all over the wheat belt, entirely stopping the work of threshing, which was just nicely starting at many points. The early part of this week also continued wet. Threshing from the stock was again resumed to some extent yesterday and Thursday. A report from Carman said threshing had been started on Thursday, and threshing was being done yesterday in the Winnipeg district. It is feared, however, that the grain is hardly in fit condition to thresh, and if not thoroughly dry, it is certainly a mistake to begin either threshing or stacking. The custom of threshing from the shock appears to be growing, though it is claimed the quality of the grain is improved by being stacked for a while before threshing. The rains of Friday night last week were very heavy in the west and prolonged. In the eastern part of Manitoba they were lighter and came later, on Saturday, in the form of light intermittent showers, continuing at intervals on Sunday. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were showery pretty much all over the country, but with a low temperature and brisk cold wind, which would prevent the grain from suffering much from the soaking. Wednesday and Thursday the weather was much improved, though showers were reported in limited districts. There were killing frost on Wednesday and Thursday nights in many districts, but as

grain was practically all cut, the frost is not now a matter of any concern. So far as the rain is concerned, we do not believe that the crop has suffered material injury, owing to the low temperature and heavy winds which quickly dried up the moisture. The result, however, has been to delay harvest work about a week.

To-day the weather is bright and fine and the barometer favorable.

Visible Supply.

New York, Sept. 7.—Special cables and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday, as compared with the previous Saturday.

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,891,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decrease 200,000. Total supplies, net increase 1,649,000.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 39,000 bus.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,795,000 bus.

Montreal, Sept. 9.—Can. Pac. in London, 91 1-8; Co, Cable, 184.

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