

stagnant. Navigation at Fort William is still open and up till yesterday the weather there is reported mild and scarcely freezing, so that the river is quite free of ice. Tonnage seems fairly plentiful, and the freight rate, Fort William to Buffalo, is easy at 23-4c per bushel. Last year at this date it required 5c per bushel and over to bring the last boats to Fort William. The large shippers seem to be well supplied with wheat to fill all the space they have chartered, and holders who have been anticipating an eager demand, at good prices, for wheat to fill space, are rather disappointed. Last week prices closed easy, with 1 hard spot Fort William at 70c. Monday and Tuesday the price remained nominally at 70c, but large shippers would not bid over 69c, and very little business was done. Wednesday with the drop and weakness in outside markets, the local market became fairly demoralized. Large buyers would not bid over 67c for spot 1 hard, and 63c spot 2 hard, or 1 northern and 1 no one wanted wheat. Some basis 1 hard for Dec. delivery was sold at 65 1-2c. With better markets on Thursday, the feeling regained strength again, and the price of 1 hard Fort William was advanced to 68c, and yesterday to 68 1-2c, with 1 northern and 2 hard at 65c, sales being made at these figures, but the trade lacked life. The close of navigation at Fort William means a drop of 3c to 4c per bushel in value, unless a corresponding advance takes place in outside markets. Every dealer is endeavoring as far as possible to keep clear of having wheat left on hand at the close. 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring are worth 7c to 8c less than 1 hard. A few cars of no grade, tough wheat, have been sold at 5c to 7c under the price of same grade in good condition, but there is no demand for this wheat at present. The drying plant at Fort William is not quite ready for operating yet, but will be very shortly. Scoured wheat is in much the same position as damp wheat, there is no demand for it in the meantime. Scoured 1 and 2 hard and 1 northern is worth about 60c per bushel Fort William.

FLOUR—Quotations are the same as last week. Shipping business is now quiet, as navigation is closed so far as flour is concerned. A lot of flour has been shipped east during the past month to take advantage of the lake route rates before the close of lake navigation. Prices here to retail dealers are as follows: \$2.05 for patent, \$1.55 for strong bakers \$1.45 for second bakers and \$1.15 for XXXX per sack of 95 lbs. Discount of 5c per sack net.

MILLFEED—Prices are the same as last week. Bran is quoted at \$8 and shorts at \$10 per ton, with an advance of 50c per ton on these prices for small lots.

GROUND FEED—There is quite a variety of ground feed in the market, the price varying from 12 to \$19 per ton, as to quality. Good oat chop is quoted at \$18 to \$19 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$16 to \$17, and wheat mixtures 12 to \$14. A little local mill oil cake is now offering at \$23 per ton.

OATMEAL—The market is easier, but the limited supply obtainable prevents an immediate decline in jobbers' prices. Dealers have been holding off until the Manitoba mills were able to supply the demand from the new crop and as a consequence stocks are very

light as the mills have not yet been able to offer in large quantities. The new Winnipeg mill is about ready for operation, and will soon be offering meal. Prices hold at about \$1.60 for car lots of rolled meal, per 80 pounds sack.

OATS—Offerings have not been as liberal this week, owing no doubt to the slow demand caused by too liberal supplies last week. There are plenty of oats available, however, at country points, should they be wanted. As there is no shipping business, it does not take a very large quantity to supply the local demand. Prices have ruled about the same as last week. Sales of feed oats have been made at 24 and 25c as to quality per bushel of 34 pounds for cars on track here. Choice milling samples will bring 1c more. The bulk of the offerings are poor quality.

BARLEY—There is very little demand for feed barley, which is quoted at about 26 to 28c per bushel of 48 lbs. Malting barley is in good demand at 30 to 35c as to quality.

WHEAT—Local street market—There is an over supply of low grade wheat offering for chicken feed, etc., at 25 to 35c per bushel of 60 lbs.

FLAX SEED—In Manitoba country markets 65c per bushel is being paid to farmers. The amount offered has been a little larger lately.

CORN—A little corn is coming in from the States. Car lots on track here would cost about 40 to 41c per bushel of 56 lbs.

BUTTER—Creamery—The market is steady, at about the same prices as quoted last week. Factories are all about closed out. Jobbers are quoting 22 to 23c as to quantity and quality.

BUTTER—Dairy—The market is easier at 14 to 15c here, as to quality for choice lots of fresh goods. The market has declined 1-2 to 1c from the top price paid recently. Mostly small lots of late made goods now offering.

CHEESE—The market is quoted the same as last week. Factories are about cleared out. Jobbers quote 9 1-2c for large and 10c for small sizes.

EGGS—There are no new Manitoba eggs offering. Held Manitoba fresh or Ontario fresh are quoted by jobbers at 18 to 20c, as to quality, and lined at 16 to 17c.

POULTRY—There is a steady demand for all kinds of poultry and prices remain at about last week's quotations. Some poultry is being brought in from Ontario, as the Manitoba supply is hardly sufficient for the demand. A shipment of Ontario fowl is now on the way to arrive next week. Prices this week are: Spring chickens, 8c to 9c per lb.; hens, 6c; turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c, and ducks and geese, 8c to 10c.

GAME—Rabbits are quoted at about 8 1-2c each or three for 25c. There is a good demand for pigeons and 20c a pair can be obtained for those from Winnipeg dealers.

DRESSED MEATS—There is very little change in the situation this week. Some frozen meat is being brought in by farmers and there is a good demand for all kinds of meat. Coarse grades of beef are being taken for the lumber camps. Hogs for packing are scarce and packers have had to resort pretty freely to Ontario to supply their wants. Ontario hogs can be laid down in Winnipeg at about \$6.15 per cwt., whereas \$5.25 is being offered for selected packing hogs of Manitoba production. These are worth the difference. Three cars of Ontario hogs

arrived for one concern this week and in all about seventeen cars have been imported during the season by Winnipeg houses. Prices are: Beef, best grade, 5c, country frozen beef, 4 to 4 1-2c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7c; lamb, 7 1-2 to 8c; veal, 5 1-2 to 7c; pork, 5 3-4 to 6 1-4c as to weight and quality. More fresh killed meat is being used each succeeding winter, and is taking the place of frozen stock, which a few years ago was used nearly altogether during the winter season.

VEGETABLES—Prices are: Potatoes 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 15 to 20c bushel; parsnips, 1 1-2c per lb.; carrots, 35 to 40c; beets, 35 to 40c per bushel; celery, 25 per dozen; cabbage, 25 to 60c per dozen; onions, 30c to \$1 per bushel; Spanish onions, \$2 per crate.

WOOL—Nominal, 8 to 8 1-2c per lb.

SENECA SCOT—Nominal at 21c.

HIDES—The decline foreshadowed previously, has gone into effect, prices having dropped 1-2c on the first of the month. Frozen hides are now quoted at 6c here flat rate for all grades, 5 lbs tare. For inspected hides prices are as follows: No. 1, 6 1-2c; No. 2, 5 1-2c; No. 3, 4 1-2c. Branded hides: usually grade No. 2, and bulls No. 3 kip, 6c to 6 1-2c; calf 8c; deacon, skins, 15c to 25c each; sheepskins and lambskins have advanced 5c to 10 to 55c; horse hides 75c to \$1.50 each.

HAY—Considerable loose hay is offering and it is mostly of poor quality. This is quoted at 7 to \$10 per ton, while baled hay, on track, Winnipeg is worth 7 to \$8 per ton.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The export season may now be said to be closed and the statistics for the year are given elsewhere in this issue, both for Montreal and Winnipeg. Some shipments were made this week; one of seven cars going forward on Tuesday and others have followed since. Some stockers have also been moved, a train load passing through Winnipeg for St. Paul. A number of cattle men have been in the city settling up. Cable advices indicate a good advance in old country markets this week and shippers are watching with considerable interest the results from the final arrivals. Some eastern shippers have been encouraged to take space in vessels from Portland and other United States points by the strong cables. At Winnipeg the market closed at 31-4c for export cattle. Stockers are quoted at 21-4 to 21-2c and butchers' cattle at 21-2 to 2c.

HOGS—Offerings are light and the demand good. About 5c per lb., off cars, is the ruling quotation for selected weights, and others in proportion.

SHEEP—Very few coming in. Prices continue at 31-4 to 31-2c off cars here. Lambs dull at 31-2 to 4c.

MILCH COWS—The market has eased off a little this week and prices range now from \$25 to \$40. The quality of the animals offering is not all that could be desired, which is largely responsible for the weaker state of the market.

HORSES—The demand for horses is not so keen. The lumber camps are pretty well supplied and the general inquiry is falling off. Two carloads are now on the way from Montana and a third will follow a few days later for this market. The first lot will be sold by auction on the 6th and the others about the 9th. A good driving horse is worth \$125 in Winnipeg to-day, and work horses all the way from \$125 to \$175 each.