

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION—United States grain markets have been firmer this week, advances having been made on wheat, corn and oats. The leading influences have been firmer European markets, better export demand from the Atlantic coast, some unfavorable reports from threshing returns of winter wheat in the southwest, and rust in the northwestern spring wheat region. A weak feature was an increase in the visible supply, the first for sometime. Exports of wheat, flour included, from both coasts of the United States and Montreal, this week, amount to 2,953,000 bushels, against 2,167,000 bushels last week; 1,652,000 bushels in the corresponding week last year; 1,873,000 bushels in the second week of July, 1891, and as compared with 5,007,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION—The improvement in the general situation of wheat caused a better feeling locally, but the market was not active. A little better prices, however, were obtained. There were sales Thursday and yesterday at 57c for No. 1 hard, afloat Fort William, and possibly a shade better yesterday. No. 2 hard was quoted at 55c and No. 3 hard at 52 to 52½c. Receipts of wheat at Fort William last week were 381,821 bushels, shipments 129,819 bushels, in store 2,108,025 bushels. While many favorable crop reports come in from some districts, some very unfavorable reports have come in, principally from the eastern and southern portions of Manitoba where the excessive rains and recent hot weather appear to have injured the crop. A lot of samples of wheat in straw shown at the exchange this week, were all more or less affected with rust, the roots had no depth, and the heads were thin and short. Some samples were not headed out. From the western districts of Manitoba reports were more favorable, but rain was needed in some sections.

FLOUR—There is still no change in the local market, but the feeling is easier in consequence of lower prices East. Sales by millers here are made at \$1.75 to \$1.90 for patents and \$1.55 to \$1.60 for strong bakers per sack of 98 pounds, delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers \$1.30 to \$1.35; XXXX \$1.05 to \$1.10, delivered. Brands of country mills usually sell at 5 to 10c under these quotations.

MILLSTUFFS—City mills are still selling at \$8 per ton for bran and \$10 for shorts, delivered in the city, in broken lots. These prices do not include sacks.

OATS—There has been some improvement in oats this week in United States markets. At Chicago prices were up about 2½ to 3c from the bottom at the close of the market yesterday. The local market continues quiet but firmer, in sympathy with the advance elsewhere, and a fraction more could be obtained for car lots. In Manitoba country markets the price to farmers is about 8 to 9c at most points. About 10½c per bushel of 34 pounds is the outside price which would be paid for car lots of choice white, at country points on average through freights and we quote 10 to 10½c as about the range of values. A round lot of No. 2 Manitoba white sold afloat Duluth at 18c. In this market cars have been offered, local freights paid, at 15 to 16c. The street price to farmers here is 1c lower at 14 to 15c per bushel of 34 pounds.

BARLEY—Barley is almost unsaleable. The quotation of 12 to 13c in the country for car lots is nominal. There is no demand local or otherwise.

GROUND FEED. Prices range from \$10 to \$12 per ton, as to quality, the top price for rolled oat feed, and the lowest price for mixed mill feed.

OATMEAL—The following are the jobbing prices here for oatmeal: Rolled oats, 80 lb sacks, \$1.85; 40 lb sacks, 70c, 20 lb sacks 86½c; Granulated and standard meal, 98 pound sacks \$1.55, 49 lb sacks, 80c; rolled wheat, 80 lb sacks \$1.70.

OIL CAKE.—Oil cake holds at \$16 per ton, including bags, for nutted or ground meal.

BUTTER.—There is no material change in butter this week. If anything the market is easier, but there is not much change either way, and prices hold about steady as we quoted last week for both creamery and dairy grades. British Columbia markets are no better, the supply there being large and prices there tend lower. From the east the last report was dull for creamery the quotations being 16 to 16½c at Montreal for choice, and 14 to 15c for under grades. Here 14c is being paid to nearby factories for creamery and in some cases 14½c has been paid for fine goods. In dairy butter the market is nominal so far as local business is concerned. We quote good to choice dairy at 7 to 9c as to quality. There has been some buying of dairy at 8 to 9c.

CHEESE.—There has been little or nothing doing in cheese this week. Factories have not been offering much and buyers have not been hunting for goods. We quote 5½c as about the idea here, and 5½c is the outside price for finest. Eastern markets are lower again this week. At Montreal yesterday Ontario was quoted at 6½ to 6½c, and Quebec goods ½c lower. These prices show a decline of ½c since a week ago. At Ingersoll on Tuesday one sale of 510 boxes was made at 6½c, balance June make, and at Belleville on the same day there were sales at 6½c white and 6½c colored.

EGGS—The market has been a little firmer, but the price has been the same, dealers paying 8c, and reselling at 9 to 10c. Higher prices are offered for next week, and a sharp advance is looked for.

LARD.—Prices are: Pure \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$1.90 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.25 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 8½c pound; cases of 30, one lb. tins, \$3.50.

CURED MEATS.—For canvassed meats, add ½c per pound to prices below or ½c for parchment paper wrapping. Smoked meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 10½c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 11c; do., backs, 10c; picnic hams, 8c; short spiced rolls, 7½c long rolls, 7½c; shoulders, 7c smoked long clear, 8½ cents; Fancy clear, 8½ cents; smoked jowls, 5½ cents. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 7c per lb.; shoulders, 6c; backs, 8c; barrel pork, heavy mess \$18.00; clear mess \$13.00; short cut, \$16.00; rolled shoulders, \$14 per barrel. Pork sundries, fresh sausage, 7c; bologna sausage, 6c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 2½c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage casings, 30c lb.

DRESSED MEATS.—There is no change in anything this week. Good lambs continue scarce. At this date last year, lamb was selling about the same price as mutton. We quote city dressed beef steady at 5 to 5½c. Fresh mutton, 8c; dressed lambs, 12c. City dressed hogs, 5½c; country dressed 5c. Veal, easy at 5½c to 6½c.

POULTRY.—Chickens hold at 40 cents to 50 cents per pair as to quality. Turkeys would bring 10c per lb live weight, if they could be had, but none offering. No other kinds offering.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes have sold at 15c per bushel on the street market, for old, and very slow at that. New native are now offering. There is a good supply of vegetables and green stuff.

HIDES.—The regular price is now 5c for No. 1 green or green salted. We quote: Hides, green cured, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; calf, 8 to 15 lb. skins, 6 to 7c per lb.; dekins 15 to 20c each; kips 4 to 5c; sheep 50 to 65c; shoerlings, 5 to 10c; lambskins, 10c; Horsehides, 75c to \$1.25.

TALLOW.—We quote No. 1 rendered, 8½c per lb, and under grades 2½ to 3c. Chicago prices have declined further to 3½c for primo tallow.

WOOL.—The feeling is easier in the local market, and though occasionally ½ to 1c above the usual range of prices has been paid for a lot put up far tender, these prices do not represent the real value. Considerable wool has been bought at between 5 and 7c, but the bulk offered here has been taken at from 8 to 9c. This week 8c was the most some were bidding. Fine merino wools are particularly low, owing to the offerings of imported wools of this class in Eastern Canada markets. The most saleable wool is bright wools, of long staple, such as lesters or similar quality, and wool of this class when clean and bright will bring up to 9c, according to quality. Clothing, or medium wools, shropps and crosses come next in point of value, and fine heavy wools of the merino class are the slowest sale and lowest value, ranging down to 5c per pound. Chaffy, dirty and dark colored wools at a reduction for all grades.

SENECA ROOT.—Some lots are coming in, and 15c per lb is about the top price paid for fine, well dried and clean root, and bulby and dirty 12 to 13c.

HAY.—Very dull at about \$5 to \$5.50 per ton for baled prairie on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Exporting was resumed this week, Gordon & Ironside shipping the first lot of grass fed cattle yesterday, from the yards here. They came from the western ranges in the Territories. Manitoba grass cattle are not fit to ship yet, and the supply even for local butchers' use has been light, it having been difficult for some time to get choice stock, the range cattle being too heavy for this market during warm weather. Cattle have not fattened up fast here this year, owing to the grass being soft from too much rain, and the supply of grain fed animals was limited. We quote prices at 2 to 3c as to quality for butchers' cattle.

HOGS.—Packers were not buying, this week and the price is nominal at about 3½c off cars here for good packing hogs, averaging 150 to 300 pounds, heavy and light hogs 2½ to 3c, as to quality; stags 1½ to 3c.

SHEEP.—Prices are again lower. There were two or three lots in for local butchers', which are said to have been bought at 3c off cars here, some sheep not up to standard being thrown out, showing a further decline of about ½c, and 3c is now the outside quotation here. Good lambs are scarce and bring \$3 to \$4 per head.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending July 14, were \$1,201,728; balances, \$269,844. For the previous week clearings were \$1,146,831. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$926,617 and for the week two years ago, \$779,047. For the month of June clearings were \$1,091,511 as compared with \$3,865,181 for April, 1895, and \$3,829,427 or May, 1894. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal	\$11,848,107
Toronto	9,185,331
Halifax	1,630,397
Winnipeg	1,146,831
Hamilton	826,196

\$24,136,965