

PRICES ARE FIRM

But Jobbing Trade in Turkeys Is Not Brisk.

SUPPLY IS NOT LARGE

Many Retailers Get Their Stock Direct From the Country.

Live Poultry Market Is Dull.

The Christmas turkey market is slow in opening on Front street. Receipts on Sunday and Monday were comparatively light and it is questionable whether many will come in today.

Several of the large retailers secured their supply direct from the country and consequently were not seen on the street. A good portion of the jobbing business was done with outside points, so, on the whole, the city market was a quiet one, as compared with previous seasons.

ACTIVE BUYING IN HOP TRADE.

Transactions at Prices Formerly Quoted. Conditions in Germany. Reports were current in the hop trade yesterday of a good deal of buying, but except in a few cases the identity of the buyers and sellers was not known.

Our market was rather active in the month of November and big quantities of second-class qualities have been cleared off for England, and our market shows, therefore, sensibly reduced; good greenish hops especially are very scarce.

The attention is recently called to the fact that actually the prices have reached a level which is the lowest one within the last 28 years, and offers an unprecedented opportunity to buy a second and good product at an extraordinary low price.

First choice qualities... 2.15 to 2.50 Medium to common qualities... 1.50 to 2.00

GRAIN PRICES HOLD THEIR OWN. Holiday Tone Prevails in the Local Markets.

The grain markets were without special feature yesterday. Wheat was steady in price with trade light and likely to continue so until after the holidays.

Barley and oats were firm at last prices. Country mills are offering feed in considerable quantities, but the market holds steady.

Flax is arriving in sufficient quantities to meet local requirements and prices are unchanged.

The sale of two cars of bran at \$25.50 track was posted at the Board of Trade with the following bid and asked grain prices:

Table with columns: WHEAT, Bid, Asked. Rows for December, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November.

Receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Table with columns: Dec 18-20, Dec 21, Dec 22. Rows for Wheat, Barley, Oats, Rye, Corn, Flour.

The weekly grain statistics of the Merchants Exchange follow:

Table with columns: December 21, 1908, Bushels, Increase. Rows for Wheat, Barley, Oats, Rye, Corn, Flour.

Decrease Quantities on hand—Week ending Dec 19, 1908. Week ending Dec 21, 1908.

From—Wheat, Barley, Oats, Rye, Corn, Flour. To—Wheat, Barley, Oats, Rye, Corn, Flour.

Estimated—Official Figures—1907-1908. 1908-1909. 1909-1910.

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From the above you will see the government estimate of total output this crop is only slightly under last year's record-breaking figure in wheat and flax.

The general opinion prevails among the best-informed in the trade that government estimate is not very far wrong. Some alarmist reports were sent out from here to the effect that the crop was damaged at least 25 per cent and that loss to the crop would be at least 1,000,000 tons of wheat. These were authoritatively denied within a few days, but a difference of opinion as to the extent of damage prevailed until the government report came out.

Break Demand for Fruit. Because of the delayed trains, there were no carlot arrivals of fruit or vegetables on Front street yesterday. A good supply was on hand, however, and the holiday trade was brisk. The principal movement in the fruit line was in oranges, which were very firm. Apples also moved well. There was a steady demand for cranberries, with the bulk of \$15 generally quoted.

SELLING'S READY

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