

**NOTES**—Fancy stock is quoted: Taragona almonds per pound, 18 to 19c; Grenoble walnuts, per pound, 17 to 18c; polished pecans, 20c; Sicily filberts, large, 14 to 15c; Brazils, 15c; chestnuts, 15c; peanuts, green, 14 to 15c; peanuts, roasted, 16 to 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$10. Some stock may be had at 3 to 5c per lb under these quotations.

**LUMBER**—The lumber trade was one of the branches which was likely to be most seriously affected by the strike. Orders for the usual spring stocking up of yards are commencing to come in, and the material will soon be wanted for use. The early settlement of the strike is therefore a decided relief to this branch. The higher prices ruling for lumber in the States this season, has a firming influence upon the trade here, as Minnesota lumber comes into competition with the home article at some points in Manitoba reached by the Northern Pacific railway, such as Winnipeg, Portage, Brandon, Emerson, etc. In the new list of quotations of lumber prices at Lake of the Woods mills, 2x4 dimension from 18 feet up is advanced \$1 over last fall's prices; 8x10 to 12x12 is also advanced \$1; 8 and 10 in. ship lap is advanced \$1 to \$1.75; cull ceiling, siding and flooring is \$1 lower at \$9; and rough cull boards are also reduced from \$10 to \$9. These reductions in culls have been made to meet competition of spruce mills. Last week we gave the new list prices of lumber at the yards in Winnipeg, omitting timber and dimensions. The latter we will now give, these being prices to contractors, etc., at the yards here:

Sizes	6 ft	8 ft	10 ft	12 ft	14 ft	16 ft	18 ft	20 ft	22 ft	24 ft
2x4	18.00	18.00	22.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	24.00
2x6	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
2x8	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
2x10	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
2x12	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
3x6	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
3x8	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
3x10	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
3x12	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
4x6	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
4x8	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
4x10	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
4x12	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
6x6	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
6x8	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
6x10	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
6x12	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
8x10	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
8x12	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
10x10	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
10x12	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00
12x12	18.00	18.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	24.00

\$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 ft in length.

\$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width.

Tamarac dimension same price as pine.

Spruce dimension at \$2 per M less than pine.

Cull plank—all widths at \$14 per M.

#### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION**—In our last report we said that the week was one of the most unsatisfactory on the crop, and that prices had reached the lowest range so far this crop year. If last week was a dismal one for the bulls, this one has proved even worse. Prices have continued to decline, and have touched several cents under quotations of the previous week. Those who bought May wheat at \$1 and upward, Chicago quotations, would feel very sick to see the market go down to about 80 cents for May, as it did last week, that is if they still hold on to their purchases, but the probability is that these unfortunate bulls have been about all shaken out long ago.

May wheat at 80c Chicago is certainly a humiliating wind-up to all the bull talk and boom literature which was scattered around concerning wheat a few months ago, but facts are stubborn things, and it is the case that May wheat has touched in the vicinity of 80c at Chicago this week, this being a decline of 25 to 30 cents per bushel since last fall.

On Monday United States markets were weak and closed 1 to 2c lower than Saturday's close. Crop damage rumors had no influence to stay the markets. Financial troubles in European doubt depressed markets there, bank failures being reported at Paris, and in Spain. Cables were irregular, with Liverpool  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$ d higher, London 6d lower, Berlin higher, Paris lower. The visible supply for the United States and Canada, east of the mountains, showed an increase of 322,000, making the total 41,139,000 bushels, as compared with 23,059,000 bushels a year ago. Duluth wheat receipts were 429 cars and Minneapolis 675 cars. On Tuesday United States markets sold lower, but recovered and closed only a trifle under Monday. The weakness was owing to lower cables, speculative selling and favorable crop weather. Wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 800,000 bushels. Imports and home deliveries of wheat in England were 465,000 bushels in excess of consumption, for the week. Duluth receipts were 366 cars and Minneapolis 382 cars, which was nearly three times as much as these two points received the same day a year ago. United States markets took another sharp drop on Wednesday, closing about 2c lower. Liverpool cabled  $\frac{1}{4}$ d lower, and London 3d lower on some lines. *Bradstreet's* weekly statement reported a decrease of 1,330,000 bushels in stocks east and west of the Rocky mountains. Duluth receipts were 269 cars—and Minneapolis 371 cars—nearly three times greater than a year ago. On Thursday prices still tended lower in United States markets. New York closed about 1c lower. Duluth dropped to 80c per bushel for No. 1 northern, May delivery, as compared with \$1.04  $\frac{1}{2}$  the same day a year ago. Chicago closed at 80  $\frac{1}{2}$ c, being the lowest price yet reached on this crop. Cables were lower, Weather was fine for crops, and the Cincinnati *Price Current* crop summary predicted a favorable outlook for winter wheat. Duluth receipts were 262 cars and Minneapolis 402 cars. On Friday wheat displayed considerable energy towards the close of the day, in U. S. markets. Early in the day Chicago prices were weak, but there was good buying by shorts, and the Behring Sea trouble influenced the market considerably. Closing prices were 1 to  $\frac{1}{4}$ c higher. Total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up, Minneapolis, 50,336,602 bushels; Duluth, 37,871,443 bushels; Chicago, 36,662,542 bushels; Milwaukee, 9,392,864 bushels, making a total of 134,263,451 bushels; against 68,615,687 bushels during the same time last year, and 72,829,934 bushels in 1890. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 58,409,213 bushels, against 23,742,067 bushels in 1891, and 27,537,550 bushels in 1890.

The exports of wheat from India during the week ended March 19 were 560,000 bu, of which 340,000 bu were to the United Kingdom and 220,000 to the continent. The shipments for the corresponding week of 1891 were 280,000 bu. Total shipments since April 1 were 52,714,000 bu, of which 26,230,000 bu were to the United Kingdom, and 26,484,000 bu to the Continent. The total shipments for corresponding time last year were 26,160,000 bu, of which 18,380,000 bu were to the United Kingdom and 7,780,000 bu to the Continent.

The special cable to the Chicago *Trade Bulletin*, dated Liverpool, March 21, says:—"Shipments of flour and wheat to Europe during the past week were as follows: To United Kingdom, equal 3,230,000 bu; to Continent, 2,800,000 bu; total, 6,030,000 bu,

Argentine shipments heavy. Shipments during the previous week, 7,230,000 bu. Requirements, 7,000,000 bu." The clearances of flour and wheat to Europe since August 1—thirty-three weeks—as cabled to the *Trade Bulletin*, have been as follows: To United Kingdom, 130,434,000 bu; to Continent, 130,662,000 bu; total, 261,096,000 bu. Requirements, 231,000,000 bu.

**LOCAL WHEAT**—The strike put a quietus on what little disposition there was to do business, and during the week practically nothing was done on the Winnipeg change. Farmers' deliveries were larger at several points, the weather being favorable, and farmers no doubt desirous of marketing some grain before they commence their spring work. At one or two points elevators were full, and wheat had to be piled up in bags outside, as it could not be shipped while the strike continued. The weather was clear and mild all the week, and favorable to the drying out of stacks, so that threshing will likely be resumed actively again, if it continues fine. Wagons were in use in some districts, but in others there was sleighing, but the snow was going. Prices to farmers in Manitoba markets have been kept up pretty well, the price for good samples of hard wheat ranging between 60 and 70c per bushel, to farmers in country markets. Stocks in store at Fort William at last weekly report, were 2,030,884 bushels, an increase of 62,873 for the week. A year ago Fort William stocks were 631,290 bushels, an increase for that week of 31,170 bushels. Business is usually transacted on track at country points, or delivered at North Bay, or for delivering afloat at Fort William, May. Prices on track, Winnipeg, are approximately as follows: No. 2 hard 67  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 69c; No. 3 hard, 59 to 60c; No. 2 northern, 60  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 61c; No. 1 regular, 47 to 50c; No. 2 regular, 38 to 40c; No. 3 regular, 26 to 28c.

**FLOUR**—The strike stopped shipping business and some mills were on the eve of shutting down on account of lack of storage space. The mills held plenty of wheat on hand to keep at work on, but the difficulty was about storing the output. Notwithstanding the continued decline in wheat in the United States, Manitoba millers are still paying comparatively high prices for good samples of wheat, at their country buying stations, consequently flour prices locally are maintained. Jobbing prices to the local trade in broken lots are as follows per 100 pounds: Patents, \$2.40; strong bakers', \$2.20; second, do \$1.80 to \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.20 to \$1.40; superfine, \$1.10 to \$1.15. Less than 100 pound sacks 5c extra per hundred.

**MILLSTUFFS**—Stocks were lighter, as no country shipments could be received, but there was no scarcity. Quoted at \$10 to \$11 per ton for bran and \$12 to \$13 for shorts, in small lots, delivered in the city.

**OATS**—About 16  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 17c per bushel of 34 lbs, represented the views of buyers, for car lots of feed quality on track at country points, but there was little or no business transacted. Holders asked generally  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c more. Winnipeg street prices about the same at 19 to 21c. There is considerable demand in a retail way for choice oats for seed, at 25c and upward per bushel.

**BARLEY**—Buyers offered 19 to 20c per bushel for feed barley, on track country points, and holders at 20 to 21c per bushel of 48 pounds. Clean barley for seed, 22 to 25c.

**MEAL, OIL CAKE, BEANS, ETC**—Jobbers are selling at \$2.35 for rolled oats and granulated meal, per 100 lbs, and \$2.30 for standard oatmeal. Some brands of granulated are quoted at \$2.30, and \$2.25 for standard. Oil cake, in bags, \$20 per ton; oil cake meal, \$23 per ton, these prices for five ton lots; cornmeal is held at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per 100 lbs. Split peas, \$2.60 to \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.65 to \$2.70 per 100 lbs.

**BUTTER**—Stocks are not large, and there is not much coming in, but an increase of roll is looked for. Dealers get 18 to 20c for fair to