

## MINNEAPOLIS.

The grain market for the week fluctuated considerably, and provisions also acted in sympathy with the ups and downs in the grain trade. Various reports as to the weather in the grain producing districts on this continent and abroad, and the manipulations of speculators through combinations had their effect. On Tuesday the feeling was weak, and buyers were holding back. The business of the day is represented by the quotations given below:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.11; No. 1, \$1.05 to 1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.04 to \$1.07; Scotch Fife seed wheat was held at \$1.20 to \$1.25.

CORN, No. 2 51c to 51½c; no grade, 45 to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c; No. 2 40 to 40½c; rejected, 35 to 38c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65; low grades, \$2.25 to \$3.25.

On Wednesday the market was dull but steadier than for a day or two previous. The business of the day is represented by the following quotations:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.11; No. 1, \$1.01 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.05 to \$1.08.

CORN, No. 1, 51 to 51½c; no grade, 45 to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c; No. 2 40 to 40½c; rejected, 35 to 38c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65.

Thursday was another dull day in the market, but notwithstanding prices advanced slightly in sympathy with eastern advices. The following quotations represent the business of the day:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.10½ to \$1.11½; No. 1, \$1.00 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.06 to 1.08.

CORN, No. 2 new, 51 to 51½c; no grade, 45 to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 42c; No. 2, 39 to 39½c; rejected, 35 to 38c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65.

Friday being a holiday there was no meeting of the Board.

On Saturday the receipts were very small and transactions light. Wheat held about the same. Corn was weak and lower, Oats firm. The business of the day is represented by the following quotations:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.10½ to \$1.11½; No. 1, \$1.01 to \$1.07½; No. 2 hard \$1.06 to 1.08.

CORN, No. 2 new, 50 to 51c; no grade, 45 to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c; No. 2, 39½ to 40½c; rejected, 35 to 38c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65.

There was no meeting of the Board of Trade on Good Friday.

## CHICAGO.

The produce markets have been very irregular during the week and subject to considerable fluctuation. The general tendency has been in a downward direction, and the probability is that bottom has not been reached yet, especially in wheat. Provisions have also fluctuated, but not to any great extent.

On Tuesday the market was slow and irregular. Wheat was very unsettled, and the same

remarks were true of corn. Oats were slightly firmer, and so were provisions. Towards the close quotations were:

Wheat, March, \$1.05	April, \$1.05½
Corn, " 54½	" 55
Oats, " 40	" 40½
Pork, " 18.10	" 18.22½
Lard, " 11.20	" 11.25

On Wednesday the market was generally dull, with a good deal of anxiety on the part of buyers. Wheat declined and coarse grains were weak. Provisions dropped considerably and closed at the lowest figures for the day.

Quotations toward the close were:

Wheat, March, \$1.04½	April, \$1.04½
Corn, " 53½	" 54
Oats, " 39½	" 39½
Pork, " 17.90	" 18.05
Lard, " 11.87½	" 11.15

On Thursday there was considerable activity in the market; wheat was firm and prices advanced slightly on account of reports of the damage done to the California crop on account of drought. Corn dropped slightly and oats were unsettled. Quotations toward the close were:

Wheat, March, \$1.05½	April, \$1.05½
Corn, " 52½	" 53
Oats, " 39½	" 39½
Pork, " 18.00	" 18.07½
Lard, " 11.07½	" 11.15

On Saturday the market was tolerably steady and prices remained about the same. Towards the close quotations were:

Wheat, March, \$1.05½	April, \$1.05½
Corn, " 51	" 51½
Oats, " 39½	" 39½
Pork, " 17.95	" 18.30
Lard, " 11.08½	" 11.22½

## TORONTO.

## STOCKS.

Canadian stocks for the week have been quiet, but there has been much more firmness than for some weeks past. It is not expected that there will be any special activity for some days, but the bulls then are looking forward to a marked improvement. The Montreal market has improved somewhat. The closing bids in Toronto on Wednesday were: Montreal, 199½; Ontario, 111; Molsons, 120½; Toronto, 182; Merchants, 121½; Commerce, 133; Imperial, 139½; Federal, 159; Dominion, 200; Standard, 114; Hamilton, 113; North-west Land Company, 88; Ontario and Qu'Appelle, 197.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The past has been another dull week in the grain and produce trade, and prices have been weak with a tendency to decline. The blockade on railways caused by the recent storm has helped considerably to bring about this state of affairs. The difficulty of shipping goods either in or out has made business men inert.

## FLOUR.

The market has been inactive and considerably unsettled. There has been very little business. Quotations are, f. o. c.: Superior extra, \$4.45 to \$4.50; extra, \$4.35 to \$4.40.

## WHEAT.

A dull feeling pervades this as well as all other branches of produce business. The market for the week has been dull and prices weak and unsettled. Some days there was scarcely a business transaction to record. Quotations are: Fall wheat, No. 1, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 2, \$1; No. 3 95c; spring wheat, No. 1, \$1.05; No. 2, \$1.06; No. 3, 95c.

## OATS.

The receipts for the week have been insufficient to supply the demand, and prices have

been firm. Good Canadian oats are worth 44 to 45c, f. o. c. Sreect prices are 48 to 50c.

## BUTTER.

There has been no shipping demand, but all good quality offered is wanted for local consumption. Choice is scarce and firm at 21 to 22c; medium, 15 to 18c; inferior, 13 to 14c; rolls, 18 to 20c.

## Markets by Telegraph.

## STOCKS.

TORONTO, March 26.—The stock exchange adjourned on Thursday to Tuesday, so no report for three days. The feeling was generally firmer. There was but little advance on banks. Closing bids: Montreal, 201; Ontario, 111; Toronto, 182; Merchants, 122½; Commerce, 132½; Imperial, 139½; Federal, 159; Dominion, 200½; Standard, 114; North-west Land, 60; Ontario and Qu'Appelle, 195; Manitoba Loan was held at 23½.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

TORONTO, March 26.—Produce generally dull and inactive with rather more demand. Sales of superior extra flour at \$4.50; extra \$4.40 to \$4.42. Bran, very scarce with \$14.50 bid. Wheat, neglected, but held steadily, No. 2 fall worth \$1; No. 1 spring, \$1.08; No. 2 spring, \$1.06. Oats, firm, sales at 45c. Barley, quiet and weak, No. 1 sold at 75c; No. 2 worth 70c; extra No. 3 offered at 64. Peas, nominally unchanged. Rye, firm at 66. Clover scarce and firmer at \$7.75 to \$8.10. Butter, scarce and steady at 16 to 18c; medium, 21 to 22c. Choice meats, firm, four cars sold for Manitoba, mostly long clear, at 11c. A lot of lard in pails sold at a cut 14c.

Monday being Easter Monday we are without our usual telegraphic dispatches from Chicago and Minneapolis.

## Rat Portage.

A representative of THE COMMERCIAL made a short visit to this promising town during the past week, and took in the general rounds including a visit to and descent of the shaft of the Keewatin Mining Company's works. Any description of these would only be a repetition of what appeared in THE COMMERCIAL a few weeks ago. Gold mining in the Lake in the Woods district is now in such a state that the production of a gold brick or two is what is wanted to confirm the growing belief of the wealth of the finds. Indications of gold we need not mention, as they can be found at a hundred points around the Lake.

People at a distance are too apt to look only at the mining prospects of Rat Portage and its surroundings, and overlook the value of the town as an industrial and commercial center. Situated as it is in the finest lumber region of the North-West, and with a natural water power unequalled north of Minneapolis, it must soon become a great industrial center. Already two large lumber mills are being constructed. Other industrial institutions are bound to spring up, and the town of Rat Portage, supposing not a dollar's worth of mining work was carried on, cannot help being a prosperous and busy point in the near future. In Manitoba, as in all other portions of the American Continent, people are too apt to have all their attention turned westward, as the direction in which success lies. It would be well for the intending settler to look eastward to Rat Portage, especially if he wishes a mercantile or manufacturing location. Few points seen in the North-West offer better advantages,