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A few sample cars of wheat sold on Thursday at the usual wide range of prices but nothing was done in grades. Buyers were bidding 98c for No. 1 hard and 93c for No. 2 hard in store. 99c was bid for No. 1 hard seller January, and 92c for No. 2 hard seller January. \$1.00 was bid for No. 1 hard February. All other grades sell by sample. 37c was bid for all the No. 2 oats in the city, or any part of them in car lots, to be delivered at Central Elevator. A few cars were transferred on that bid. There was but a small amount of hard wheat offered, and this was bid at 55c. 55c was bid for good, sound, grade corn; 60 was asked; no sales. Feed and millstuffs quiet and unchanged. Hay steady. Barley dull.

WHEAT—The cheaper quotations in the following table represent bids by grade, the dearer are based on sales of extra lots by sample.

No. 1 hard, 98c to 99c; No. 2 hard, 93c to 94c; No. 1, 91c to 95c; No. 2, 83c to 90c; No. 3, 75c to 83c; No. 4, 55c to 70c.

CORN—Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 60c to 65c; No. 2 new, 58c to 60c; rejected old, 58c to 60c; rejected new, 45c to 55c. Nominal.

OATS—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 37c to 38c; No. 2, 36c to 37c; rejected, 33c to 34c; samples, 33c to 37c.

FLOUR—Quotations: Patents, \$6.25 to \$6.65; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.00; clears, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Hinkle's Gold Dust, \$6.65; do. Inland, \$5.50, steady.

Friday's market developed more of a disposition to do business on the part of buyers. Some 50 cars changed hands, but there was no material change from the prices of the previous day. The following was the range of quotation:

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No. 1 hard, 98c to 99c; No. 2 hard, 93c to 94c; No. 1, 91c to 95c; No. 2, 88c to 90c; No. 3, 75c to 82c; No. 4, 55c to 60c.

CORN—Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 60c to 65c; No. 2 new, 58c to 60c; Rejected, old, 58c to 60c; Rejected, new, 45c to 55c. Nominal.

OATS—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 37 to 38; No. 2, 36 to 37; Rejected 33 to 34; Samples 33 to 37.

FLOUR—Quotations: Patents, \$6.25 to 6.65; straights, 5.50 to 6.00; clears, 5.00 to 5.50; Hinkle's Gold Dust, 6.65; do. Inland, 5.50, steady.

There was a good attendance on change on Saturday, and a better feeling between buyers and sellers still continued. The storms over the North-west were expected to cause some new developments. The following were the range of quotations:—

WHEAT—The cheaper quotations in the following table represent bids by grade, the dearer are based on sales of extra lots by sample. No. 1 Hard, 90c to \$1; No. 2 Hard, 94c to 95c; No. 1, 89c to 95c; No. 2, 83c to 90c; No. 3, 75c to 83c; No. 4, 55c to 70c.

CORN was quoted as follows: No. 2, old, 60c to 65c; No. 2, new, 58c to 60c; Rejected, old, 58c to 60c; Rejected, new, 45c to 55c; nominal.

OATS—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2, White, 37c to 38c; No. 2, 36c to 37c; Rejected, 33c to 34c; Samples, 33c to 37c.

FLOUR—Quotations: Patents, \$6.25 to \$6.65; Straights, \$5.50 to \$6; Clears, \$5 to \$5.50; Hinkle's Gold Dust, \$6.65; do. Inland, \$5.50, steady.

TORONTO. STOCKS.

The sudden improvement in stocks generally with which the week opened cast quite a ray of hope on the stock market, and inspired quite a little confidence. The feeling kept up as the week advanced, and although stocks have not advanced very rapidly, there has been a much

healthier feeling during the week, and the feverish feeling of two weeks ago has almost entirely subsided. After the decided firmness with which Monday opened, there was a slight reaction on Tuesday, but not enough to shake confidence, and the market of the day was altogether a fairly active but steady one. Closing bids on the afternoon board were, Montreal, 201½ and 200½, sales during the day at 201; Ontario, 117½ and 117; Toronto, 173 and 172½, sales at 173; Merchants, 122½ and 122, sales at 122; Commerce, 136½ and 135½, sales at 136½; Imperial, 141½; Federal, 158 and 157½, sales at 157½; Dominion, 198 and 197½, sales at 197½ and 197½; Standard, 118½ and 118½; Hamilton, 118; North-west Land, 52½ and 54.

Wednesday and Thursday developed no very marked changes, and the same feeling of returning confidence continued to a greater or lesser extent.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The markets in these products have not been active during the week, and in grain there has been a continued weakness. Either the advent of snow and good sleighing, or the fact that farmers have got tired of holding, has added to the street receipts, which for several days were unusually heavy. Prices under the circumstances have held moderately firm, although a decline in some kinds of grain has taken place. No. 1 spring wheat sold on Wednesday as high as \$1.02, and No. 2 at \$1 to \$1.01. No. 1 fall sold 92c to 94c, and goose 78c to 81c. Oats were offered at 42c, with 41c bid. No. 1 Barley was offered at 78c, No. 2 at 73c, Extra No. 3 at 61c, No. 3 at 52c. The feeling was very weak. Peas sold at 73c to 74c. Rye 60c. Flour sold Superior Extra \$4.50 and Extra \$4.40. Butter sold at 20c to 21c for good choice dairy, and a few sales were made at a slight advance upon the latter figure. Bacon was not very plentiful and sold at 13c per long clear smoked, and 12c for Cumberland cut. Hams sold at 14c to 14½c. Eggs were very scarce and sold readily at 25c.

Markets by Telegraph.

Special Dispatch to The Commercial.

TORONTO, Dec. 11th.—Grain and produce markets have been very dull for several days and closed to-day still more so. Great complaints are made about no through ocean freights, which is one reason for the dullness. Latest sales of flour were at \$4.48 for superior extra, and offers were at \$4.45 at closing. Wheat keeps declining. No. 2 fall sold at 90c to-day F. O. C., and for May delivery sellers offered at \$1.00. No. 1 spring was worth only 96c and No. 2 94c. Oats were heavy and dull, a few light sales being reported at 39c. Few buyers for barley, which was offered at 75c for No. 1, 79c for No. 2, 60c for No. 3 extra, and 50c for No. 3 with no bids for the two lowest grades. Peas worth 72c to 73c; butter unchanged. Choice dairy scarce, and 19c to 21c bid. Eggs steady but scarce, round lots selling 25c. Meats tending downward, round lots quiet.

Special to The Commercial.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—For two days a reaction after the rise of the beginning of the week has been at work, and culminated in a heavy decline to-day, and an exceedingly weak closing of the market. Closing bids were: Montreal, 198; Ontario, 113, sales at 115½ to 114½; Toronto 171; Merchants 119½; Commerce 133½, sales 133½; Imperial 141; Federal 155½, sales 155½; Dominion 196½, sales 196½; Standard 117½; North-west Land Co. offered at 47 and no bids.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 11th.—The wheat receipts not heavy to-day. Buyers very shy and unwilling to take hold. Sellers demanding higher prices, and holding for the same. The market altogether a dull one and transactions not heavy. Quotations based on the day's transactions were, Wheat. No. 1 hard, 98c; No. 2 hard, 93c to 94c;

No. 1 92c to 94c. Corn, old No. 2 65c, rejected 60c; new No. 2 38c to 60c; oats No. 2 white 35c to 37c; No. 2 mixed, 35c to 37c. Flour, Patents \$6.25 to 6.65; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.00; clears, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Market to-day was rather active, and a good share of business was done in wheat and corn futures. The former showed considerable firmness. Oats advanced slightly under a brisk demand for immediate wants. Closing quotations were wheat, December, 95c, January, 95½c. Corn, January, 37½c. Oats, December, 36½, January, 35½. Pork, December, \$17.40, January, \$17.32½. Lard December \$10.62½, January \$10.65.

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been a continuation of the stringency in money matters in the city during the entire week, although there has been a feeling of hope for the future, and a growing belief that matters had reached their worst. The sudden improvement in Eastern centres which took place early in the week, and the consequent advance in bank stocks, no doubt stimulated this feeling, and as matters in the East have had but little reaction the week closed here with a decidedly more hopeful feeling. There has been no actual reduction of rates at the banks, and bankers are as careful as before in their selection of business, nor is there likely to be any decline in rates for some time to come. The general increase of grain receipts all over the province has made money a little more plentiful among the mercantile classes generally, and this has doubtless eased to some extent the drain upon the banks, and lessened the demand for small loans. The loans placed in real estate mortgages during the week have not been numerous, and the rates of interest have not changed, 9 to 10 per cent. being the range. First-class commercial paper is still accepted at from 8 to 10 per cent., and ordinary at from 10 to 12. The demand for the same keeps active in regular commercial circles, and in the ordinary course of trade and business.

BUILDING operations have been brought near to a close in Winnipeg. The only prominent buildings that are any distance from completion are the new C. P. R. Depot and the front addition to the City Hall. The former is being covered in, and will soon be in a position for going on with the inner fittings. The latter building is still far behind and will probably not be finished this winter.

THERE is a report of Jas. McLean of Gladstone having struck in his boring operations, an oil bearing rock. Plenty of samples of such have been peddled around, but a little oil would be a more definite proof of the wisdom of the boring operations.

DURING the month of November the number of parties giving up business in Winnipeg was nineteen, thirteen of whom sold out to new parties. The new concerns started during the same time numbered over twenty-five. The increase to the business institutions of the city is therefore going on steadily, although not so rapidly as during the summer.