

city, although there have been considerable receipts during the week. Some dealers still hold to \$1 a bushel, but 90c was quoted in some instances. With the continued good weather and roads receipts will doubtless soon increase and prices soon decline.

BUTTER.

There has been almost no change in the butter market of the city during the past week, except that creamery has been a shade easier in price, 30c being the highest quotation heard. Choice dairy still sells at 26 to 27c, with 28c for gilt edged. Lower grades range from 21 to 25c. The stock of really good butter in the city is still small, and receipts promise to be light for weeks to come. Poor qualities are still plentiful, although little in demand and hard to sell. None of the new season's butter has yet been received from Ontario, but some consignments are expected during the current week.

EGGS.

There has been quite an effort to hold up the price of eggs during the week, and the slight stiffening in Ontario and United States during the early days enabled dealers to do so to some extent. Still a drop has taken place to 22 and 23c, and a still further decline is expected soon. One dealer reports quite a liberal supply from local sources, and hints that during the coming summer the city will be very little dependent upon imported lots. The stock in the city is growing and will be liberal from this date forward.

CHEESE.

There has been no change in this commodity, and the price of prime goods during the week remained steady at 16c. New Ontario goods may soon be expected here, and a decline in them not unlikely.

HAMS.

There has been a stiff feeling in hams during the week, caused by the advances at curing centers and an active local demand. Prime smoked sold up to 16½c and ordinary at 16c. There is at present a good supply of prime Canadian goods, which hold their own in price with the finest American.

BACON.

As in hams, the feeling has been firm during the week, and prices if they have not advanced have been more easily obtained by dealers than during the previous week. Dry salt has been in good demand at from 14 to 14½c; long clear smoked has sold at 15c, and spiced roll at 16 to 16½c. Breakfast bacon was quoted at 16½c.

MESS PORK.

With the advance in prices at Chicago and other packing centers there has been a corresponding firmness in this city. Early in the week the quotation of our last report, \$25.50, was adhered to, but near the close an advance to \$26 was made, and the current week opened with some quotations at \$25.50. It seems evident from the packing figures of the present year, compared with last, that pork must hold firm for some time to come, and it is not improbable that a further advance will take place in this market before the close of May.

MESS BEEF.

There has been very little demand for this product during the past week, and although quotations have held at \$19, they are to some extent nominal, and it is probable that a heavy purchases could be made at \$18.50. The stock in the city is still quite liberal.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The grain markets of the past week have again been buoyant, and a steady advance has been maintained. The week opened with a steady feeling, and until Thursday no marked rise was made, although an upward tendency was evident. From that day the advance was

rapid. Corn made a slight advance on Wednesday, but did not retain it on Thursday. Oats have shown some firmness but have not been active during the week. Flour has shown a log-like steadiness, scarcely a fluctuation occurring during the week.

On Tuesday the market opened with a steady feeling all round which was varied very little during the day. Quotations were as follows.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.12 to \$1.12½; No. 1, \$1.07 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.08.

CORN, No. 2, 50 to 50½c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 42c; No. 2, 40½ to 41c; rejected, 37 to 40c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$6.90; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.40.

On Wednesday there was a slight upward tendency in wheat, but no actual advance, while No. 2 corn advanced about ¼c. Flour was unchanged. Quotations for the day were:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.12 to \$1.12½; No. 1, \$1.08 to \$1.010; No. 2 hard, \$1.08 to \$1.10.

CORN, No. 2 50½c to 51c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 42c; No. 2, 40½ to 41c; rejected, 37 to 40c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$6.90; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.40.

On Thursday wheat made a decided advance, No. 1 hard rising about 1c. Corn eased off a little, while oats were unchanged. Flour did not make any change. Quotations of the day were:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.13 to \$1.13½; No. 1, \$1.08 to \$1.10; No. 2 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.11.

CORN, No. 2, 49½ to 50c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 42c; No. 2, 40½ to 41c; rejected, 37 to 40c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6.50 to \$6.90, straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.00 to \$5.40.

On Friday receipts of wheat were liberal, amounting to 55,000 bushels. The demand was good and sales were free, quotations changing very little from those of Thursday. The following are those of the day's business:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.13; No. 1, \$1.09 to \$1.10; No. 2 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.11.

CORN, No. 2, 49½ to 50c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c; No. 2, 40½ to 41½c; rejected, 37 to 40c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

On Saturday wheat receipts were again liberal, but prices held firm, while flour maintained the slight advance it had gained on Friday. Quotations for the day were:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.13; No. 1, \$1.09 to \$1.10; No. 2 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.11.

CORN, No. 2, 49½ to 50c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 42½c; No. 2, 40½ to 41c; rejected, 37 to 40c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

CHICAGO.

The past week's markets have developed a very firm feeling in all kinds of grain, and, contrary to the expectation of many, a general advance in prices took place. Wheat held steady during the first two days, but started upward on Thursday. Corn did not make any very marked advances but kept steadily on the upward tendency, while oats followed a similar course. Pork has not made a great advance

during the week, but no symptoms of any decline are apparent.

Tuesday was rather a weak day in wheat, while corn held firm and steady, as did oats and pork. Closing quotations were:

Wheat,	May,	\$1.12	June	\$1.14½
Corn,	"	55½	"	57½
Oats,	"	41½	"	42½
Pork,	"	\$19.47½	"	\$18.60
Lard,	"	\$11.65	"	11.80

On Wednesday wheat opened lower, but advanced near the close. Corn was a shade lower and oats firmer. Pork and lard both closed easier. Closing quotations were:

Wheat,	May,	\$1.12½	June,	\$1.14½
Corn,	"	55½	"	57½
Oats,	"	42½	"	43
Lard,	"	11.65	"	11.77½

On Thursday there was a complete recovery in wheat, while corn and oats both advanced slightly. Pork and lard shared in the general advance. Closing quotations were:

Wheat,	May,	\$1.13	June,	\$1.15½
Corn,	"	55½	"	57½
Oats,	"	41½	"	43
Pork,	"	19.62½	"	19.75
Lard,	"	11.75	"	11.90

On Friday wheat again opened weak, but strengthened near the close. Corn held steady and firm, while oats eased off a little. Both pork and lard were firm and higher. Closing quotations were:

Wheat,	May,	\$1.13	June,	\$1.15½
Corn,	"	55½	"	56½
Oats,	"	41½	"	43
Pork,	"	19.62½	"	19.75
Lard,	"	11.75	"	11.70

Saturday developed no new features. Wheat fluctuated some and closed a shade lower than on Friday. Corn was steady and oats very little changed. Pork and lard were steady. Closing quotations were:

Wheat,	May,	\$1.12½	June,	\$1.14½
Corn,	"	55½	"	56½
Oats,	"	41½	"	43½
Pork,	"	19.92½	"	19.95
Lard,	"	11.67½	"	11.80

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

In contrast with the fluctuating state of New York, the stock market of Toronto has remained reasonably steady during the past week, and rather a firm feeling has prevailed. The bonus declared by the Toronto Bank has been followed by high expectations regarding other banks, and it is already known that several will make a very favorable showing for the past half year. The advance in Canadian Pacific shares in the New York stock market was also a help in increasing faith in Canadian investments generally, and was taken by most brokers as a very very favorable indication. Some have become a little jubilant over the present state of matters, are beginning to predict an easy money market at an early date. These hopes are no doubt a little premature, but they serve to keep stocks a little buoyant, and have contributed towards the firmness of the past week. On Wednesday there was a slight advance in Montreal, Toronto, Merchants and Federal, while Imperial was slightly easier. Closing bids on that afternoon were: Montreal, 200, Ontario, 115, Toronto, 195½, Merchants, 125, Commerce, 130½, Imperial, 145½, Federal, 158½, Dominion, 198½, Standard, 115½, Hamilton offered at 116½, North-west Land Co., 78½, with 79½ asked.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The grain market of the past week has been