

winter, and probably sour and rot before it can reach a consumptive market in the summer. But this was not all. The losses of this outrageous "through business" had to be made up, and Canadian dealers and farmers in addition to all their other burdens had to pay it. No sooner had navigation closed—stopping the supplies of through freight, and closing other avenues of transit for local freight—than the rates on the latter were advanced to a figure unprecedentedly high, increased in a single day, and with less than a week's notice, fully twenty per cent. This, too, with every available storehouse along the line filled with property that had been bought at the then existing rates of freight, and on the understanding that the road would provide for its removal certainly before the winter rates would be enforced. So that, in addition to all the risks of delay in an unsettled market, the accumulating interest for the money invested, the possibility of loss by deterioration of the property, and the annoyance and perplexity incident thereto, holders were compelled to pay a rate ruinous to themselves, and we believe almost without precedent on any other road. And the end is not yet seen; there are yet to be encountered all the contingencies of higher ocean freights, insurance, and what is more than all, the possibility of the stuff in transit getting into such a sorry condition that it will not bring half the price paid for it.

We hope that another autumn will not witness a repetition of this policy by the Grand Trunk. Its effect will certainly be to destroy all confidence in the management, render it impossible for dealers to buy with certainty, and seriously interfere not only with the marketing of the leading staple of the West, but hamper and embarrass all departments of trade dependant upon the movement of the crop. Aside from this, it is the interest of every well-wisher of the Province to get its produce into consumption before the succeeding summer months begin to destroy it; and unless the Grand Trunk Road does its part better than it has hitherto done, the responsibility of immense injury to individual as well as to the general interest of the country must rest with it.

In all descriptions of lighter grains the year's business was favourable. Barley, especially, yielded a good return both to producer and dealer. The yield was not much in excess of the previous year, though a larger area of land is yearly being put under its cultivation. Oats were a magnificent crop, more than usually in excess of the consumptive wants of the country. Very considerable shipments were made to the United States at rates that yielded a good return. Pease were also a large crop, and, as will be seen elsewhere, brought a good return to the farmer in the shape of increased prices for pork. Hay, root crops and fruit yielded well, and on the whole farmers, as a class, must have added somewhat to their means by the year's product.

## THE PRICE OF PRODUCE.

The following is an interesting statement, showing the average and highest price for Fall and Spring Wheat, and for Superfine and Extra Flour every week for the year. We are indebted to the courtesy of Messrs. Jno. Miller & Son, reliable produce dealers at this point, for the figures.

		FALL WHEAT.		SPRING WHEAT.		FLOUR.	
		Ave. <i>ge.</i>	Top.	Ave. <i>ge.</i>	Top.	Super.	Extra.
January	3—	92	97	82	83	\$3 95	\$4 35
"	10—	93	98	83	85	4 00	4 40
"	17—	94	99	84	85	4 0	4 40
"	24—	94	100	84	86	4 05	4 40
"	31—	95	98	84	85	4 13	4 50
February	7—	93	97	84	84	4 05	4 50
"	14—	94	98	84	85	4 00	4 50
"	21—	93	97	84	86	3 90	4 40
"	28—	94	99	84	85	3 85	4 40
March	7—	91	96	84	85	3 90	4 45
"	14—	90	96	84	85	3 80	4 35
"	21—	91	97	84	85	3 80	4 35
"	28—	92	97	83	84	3 80	4 30
April	4—	92	98	82	84	3 85	4 30
"	11—	93	98	83	84	3 90	4 40
"	18—	92	97	83	84	4 00	4 45
"	25—	93	98	81	83	4 00	4 40
May	2—	93	99	82	83	4 00	4 35
"	9—	94	99	81	84	4 10	4 3
"	16—	95	99	83	85	4 00	4 30
"	23—	95	99	84	85	4 09	4 30
"	30—	96	100	83	85	3 95	4 30
June	6—	95	99	84	85	3 85	4 24
"	13—	96	100	84	85	3 75	4 15
"	20—	97	100	83	85	3 75	4 20
"	27—	93	98	83	85	3 85	4 27
July	4—	91	97	83	85	3 75	4 25
"	11—	89	96	82	85	3 75	4 25
"	18—	90	96	81	86	3 80	4 30
"	25—	91	95	84	87	3 80	4 30
August	1—	87	95	84	87	4 05	4 35
"	8—	89	96	85	88	4 10	4 40
"	15—	88	97	85	87	4 00	4 40
"	22—	87	95	87	87	4 00	4 4
"	29—	88	94	86	87	3 90	4 30
Sept'ber	5—	89	96	78	80	3 95	4 30
"	12—	89	95	77	80	3 95	4 25
"	19—	94	97	80	84	3 95	4 30
"	26—	98	104	98	79	3 95	4 30
Oct'ber	3—	100	105	78	80	3 85	4 25
"	10—	100	105	78	79	3 85	4 30
"	17—	101	104	78	80	3 85	4 40
"	24—	102	105	79	80	3 75	4 70
"	31—	92	97	79	81	3 85	4 35
Nov'ber	7—	93	97	79	81	3 77½	4 40
"	14—	92	98	78	81	3 80	4 35
"	21—	92	99	78	81	3 75	4 40
"	28—	96	100	77	79	3 75	4 30
Dec'ber	5—	98	104	79	82	3 75	4 30
"	12—	99	103	82	85	3 75	4 40
"	19—	101	104	82	84	3 75	4 40
"	26—	101	104	82	84	3 75	4 40