

On Monday the wheat market opened with a fairly active business and prices ended firmer. Ending by selling up 1.37-8 above the lowest figures of Saturday, but the advance was not fully sustained and some of the gain was lost. Cables continue dull and weak, but there were rumors that the visible supply would not show much if any increase, but later on other estimates were circulated that the increase would be over half a million. Corn was weak all through, oats slow, pork uninteresting, while lard was held steady. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$0.87½	\$0.84½
Corn	37½	36½
Oats	27½	27½
Pork	8.95	9.75
Lard	5.92½	5.97½

On Tuesday the wheat market again showed a fairly active business and prices generally stronger. A good advance was made at the opening, the improved feeling being principally one to the light increase to the visible supply. Shorts were pretty active buyers but later on as the most urgent demand was pretty well filled prices fell off, the situation at the close being considered even weaker than the present day, corn was again weak and values lower, oats a little improved and in pork the feeling was strong and prices at a slight advance. Lard was rather dull. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$0.84½	\$0.84½
Corn	37½	36½
Oats	27½	27½
Pork	9.02	9.82½
Lard	5.05	5.97½

On Wednesday a quiet feeling prevailed in the wheat market, and very little outside business was done. The opening was still easier, being a combination of yesterday, afterwards weakness, but a little advance was soon gained on moderate buying, but other home markets being weak and lower, the advance was lost, but again improved on a fair demand springing up. There was some enquiry for export flour, which may have had some effect. Corn was quiet and a shade easier. In oats a weak feeling prevailed. Pork was heavier and in lard trading was comparatively light. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$0.84½	\$0.84½
Corn	36½	36½
Oats	27½	27½
Pork	9.70	9.82½
Lard	5.92½	5.95

On Thursday in the wheat market, trading was very light and to all appearance decidedly of a holiday character, no new features were developed and the market was governed by purely local causes. If the demand exceeded offerings, prices rallied and attempts to realize caused a decline. The receipts were only moderate and shipments light, with small export clearing from the seaboard. In corn a dull feeling existed. Oats were slow. Pork was quiet and steady and lard a trifle higher. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$0.84	\$0.84½
Corn	36½	36½
Oats	26	27½
Pork	9.00	9.85
Lard	5.92½	6.05

On Friday and Saturday, no sessions of the Board of Trade were held, the Board having adjourned for both these days owing to the Christmas holidays.

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The local stock market in this city has been a rather quiet and uninteresting one during the past week, and none of the leading bank stocks show any improvement since our last report. On the contrary some of them have suffered a slight decline in values, while Northwest Land notably suffered quite a heavy fall. Miscellaneous and loan and savings stocks were very quiet at the close. The subjoined closing bids of Wednesday, Dec. 16th and 23rd, will serve as an index to the tone of the market.

	Dec. 16.	Dec. 23.
Montreal	201½	200½
Ontario	105	105
Toronto	184½	184½
Merchants'	114	113½
Commerce	—	117½
do X D	118½	—
Imperial	128	127
Federal	100	99½
Dominion	200	200
Standard	—	117½
do X D	117½	—
Hamilton	126	126
Northwest Land	57½	53½

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

In the local market, continued dullness outside, the near approach of the holiday season, and the close of navigation, have combined to increase the inactivity previously prevalent for some weeks back. Trade all over has been very quiet all this week, there being seemingly as little inclination to sell as to buy. The prevailing sentiment is that there will be no attempt at doing any business until the holidays are over, and in consequence of the indisposition to push sales, prices as a rule have been fairly well maintained and receipts have usually gone into store, so that stocks have been on the increase. In wheat there was scarcely any movement effected. Oats showed a considerable range in prices, according to quality. The higher grades of barley were very scarce and in fair demand, but the lower grades were not wanted. Provisions have shown but little change during the week, and business in dairy products was quite active, these generally selling off fairly well, though in some cases the supply is increasing and in excess of the demand.

WHEAT

There was scarcely any movement in this market during the week, there seemingly being very little inclination shown to either buy or sell. No. 2 fall sold at 85c. Spring was less offered or wanted even than fall, but No. 2 sold at 86c.

OATS.

The values have remained much the same as the previous week, but there is a considerable range in prices according to quality. Car lots of feeding quality sold at 33 to 34c, and milling at 35c on track.

BARLEY.

The higher grades have been very scarce and in fair demand, but the lower grades which were offered were not wanted. No. 1 inspected sold from 92 to 94c, No. 2 from 81 to 82c, extra No. 3 equal to 70c. Average qualities are still offered at 58c, without buyers.

RYE.

Nominally unchanged at about 60c.

PEAS.

These seem to have been rather easier. Car lots of No. 2 brought 60c, which price would have been repeated at the close.

POTATOES.

Car lots were quiet and easy. One or two lots brought 50c during the week, and there were more offered at this price at the close.

EGGS.

The receipts have been on the increase, causing prices to decline. The feeling at the close was unsettled at about 19c for round lots of fresh and 16c for pickled, with supplies probably in excess of the demand.

BUTTER.

There has been no demand heard of for shipments during the week, and as the qualities usually taken for it have been coming forward freely, stocks are accumulating so heavily, that uneasiness exists amongst the dealers as to the future prospects, seeing that they are qualities that will not stand very long without deteriorating, so that prices of these and of inferior have been purely nominal. Choice in the shape of selections have been in active demand at steady prices, all obtainable being readily taken at 15 to 16c, with a few gilt edge bringing 17c. The supply of roll has been increasing, but good qualities sold fairly well at 12½ to 14c, very choice occasionally bringing 15c, and inferior went off at 9 to 10c.

CHEESE.

Small lots have been selling fairly well, and at steady prices. Choice at 9 to 9½c, and inferior to medium at 6½ to 8c., the demand for the latter, however, being rather slack.

PORK.

Quiet but firmer. Small lots have been bringing an advance of 50 cts. and selling at \$13.50.

BACON.

Inactive all over, with offerings very small but sufficient. Long clear sold to a small extent, usually at 7c. Cumberland was not offered. Ribs were quiet at 8½ to 9½c., and bellies at 10½ to 11c with boneless at 11½c.

HAMS.

Small lots have continued in demand and steady at 11½c., with larger lots obtainable at 11c.

LARD.

A steady enquiry has continued at prices the same as before, or 9 to 9½c. for pails which were the only sort offered.

APPLES.

These were quite steady in value, with car lots of greenings selling at \$2.25.

POULTRY.

The supply has been abundant, all offered taken at 9 to 11c. per lb for turkeys, and 6 to 6½ for geese, ducks at 50 to 60c., and fowl at 25 to 40c. per pair.