

agency for foreign shipments of the Portage Milling Co., being now in Winnipeg, business may be expected to greatly increase. Prices are the same as last week, namely. Patents Baker's, or 4 x, at \$2.55; and traders or 2 x, at \$1.50.

BRAN.

Remains unchanged in price, quotations being \$12 a ton on track or \$13 delivered. There is a steady active demand, and no surplus is accumulating.

SHORTS.

Are still quoted at \$14 a ton on track or \$15 delivered. The demand is not unusually active but is sufficient to hold prices moderately firm.

CHOPPED FEED.

This article still finds ready sale at \$30 a ton, is much in demand, and is now recognized as a regular product on the market.

POTATOES

Are getting gradually scarcer, and during the week the receipts have been rather limited. There has been no change in price worthy of note, although a firmer feeling has been general; \$1.00 a bushel has been the general quotation for several days.

BUTTER.

During the week there has been a heavy increase to the stock of poor butter in the city, while the supply of choice grades has been comparatively scarce. Several car loads have arrived from the East, a few accompanied by the shippers, who have evidently fallen into the mistaken belief that anything will sell in the North-west. There is therefore quite a glut of the lower grades in the city at present, and the prices are now ruled by the eagerness of the holders to get clear of their unsalable goods. It is understood that quite a number of other such consignments are on their way to meet a similar fate. Good to choice dairy still sells at from 25c to 27c and some picked lots have sold at 27½c. Prime creamery is becoming more general in the city, and finds ready sale at from 33c to 35c. There is a prospect of these fine grades retaining their firmness if not advancing in price.

EGGS.

Notwithstanding the extreme cold weather, eggs are rather plentiful in the city, and several car lots are now in course of transit. During the week sales were made as high as 38c, but prime Iowa consignments are now to be had at 35c, and one house intimates their intention of holding at the latter figure for a month to come. It is a certainty that eggs are not going to be anything like as scarce as they were last winter.

BACON.

There is a steady downward tendency in this product, and heavy consignments have reached the city during the past week. The variety has also extended with the quantity. Dry salt can be had at 16c, and long clear smoked at 17c. Some choice breakfast bacon has sold at 18c. The poorer qualities are not so much in demand but the choice breakfast is wanted even at an advance on the price quoted.

HAMS.

There has been quite an active demand for these during the week, although there has been rather a downward tendency in prices. There is not a very heavy stock in the city, although it is known that a number of heavy consignments are on their way here. Quotations early in the week were 18c, and towards its close 17½c was the general price.

MESS PORK.

The effort to hold up the price of this product has been successful to some extent, and the decline in price during the week has been very slight. There has still remained to some extent the belief in a material advance at the great packing centres, and the general firmness which have attended these markets, notwithstanding the strong effort to force prices down, have put

some color to the belief. As packing has commenced generally all over, there is not much probability of any marked advance, and prices in this city must decline very soon. The week opened with quotations of \$27.00, at this figure a stand was made until near its close, when \$26.50 was reached, at which it now remains. Another small drop during the current week is not improbable.

CORNEB BEEF.

There has been no change in the price of this product during the week; \$18 being the steady quotation. The demand has been reasonably active, although slow towards the close of the week.

MINNEAPOLIS.

There was practically no trading on change on Tuesday. A few samples of wheat, oats and corn were offered at the late price for each but went over unsold. By grade No. 1 hard wheat was offered at 99c for spot, 98c bid. No. 2 wheat was offered at 86c, nothing bid. No. 2 oats was offered at 36c, 35c bid. No. 2 new corn was offered at 60c, no bid. A little bartering was indulged relative to futures, but nothing done. \$1 was bid for 10,000 No. 1 hard wheat, seller January, \$1.02 was bid for Feb., \$1.10 bid for May. There was no offers to fill futures. On the whole the markets were as dull and lifeless as can be imagined. A car of flax seed brought \$1.05. Some sample oats 36c, and some sample wheat 81c and 85c. These sales comprised everything done.

WHEAT.—The cheaper quotations in the following represent bids by grade, the dealer are based on sales of extra lots by sample: No. 1 hard, 98c to 98½c; No. 2 hard 93c to 94c; No. 1 89c to 95c; No. 2 83c to 90c; No. 3 75c to 83c; No. 4 55c to 70c. Sample sales at 81c to 85c.

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

OATS—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c; No. 2, 35c to 35½c; 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.

There was no trading of any consequence on Wednesday. There were moderate sales out side of wheat, corn and oats at the current quotations. Buyers were in all cases of that class that wanted the stuff for home consumption. Nothing was attempted in a speculative way or for shipping account. The unsettled and unsatisfactory condition of the freight dispute between railroads was credited with the current state of inactivity in grain. Prices were substantially unchanged, excepting for corn and bran, both being lower. In all others this tone was steady though the movement was nominal.

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CORN—Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 60c to 65c; No. 3 new, 54c to 55c; Rejected old, 55c to 58c; Rejected new, 45c to 55c. Sales: 2 cars No. 2 Kansas 55c.

OATS—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c; No. 2 35c to 35½c; 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.

The freight war having been ended there was more confidence in the grain markets on Thursday, and while prices were but slightly affected there was a better tone. Wheat was ½ cent

higher and there were more bidders. Bids were free at \$1 for No. 1 hard for seller January; and \$1.11 was bid for 10 cars, seller May. Round lots could have been sold at \$1.10, seller May. \$1.03 was bid for seller Feb. For spot in round lots 99½c was bid at the close, and for a few cars \$1 was bid in B at the close. Oats were quiet and No. 2 offered in B at 35½. There was some No. 2 corn offered but there was no apparent desire to buy. \$7 was bid for 10 cars bran, January delivery; \$8.25 was bid for prairie hay for January. Barley remained lifeless. Eastern grain markets slightly lower and weak.

WHEAT—The cheaper quotations in the following represent bids by grade; the dealer are based on sales of extra lots by sample: No. 1 hard 98½c to 99½c; No. 2 hard 94c to 95c; No. 1 89c to 95c; No. 2 88c to 90c; No. 3 75 to 83; No. 4 55c to 70c.

CORN—Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 60c to 62c; No. 2 new 54c to 55c; Rejected old, 52c to 55c; Rejected new, 45c to 55c. Sales: 1 car Iowa 50c.

OATS—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c; No. 2 34c to 35½c; Rejected 33c to 34; 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.

There was hardly anything done on change on Friday in grade sales. No. 1 hard wheat was offered in round lots at \$1, with 99c the best bid. No. 2 hard ranged 5c below No. 1 hard. A few sample cars sold at outside quotations. These sales were only of a few cars just to meet a present limited demand for shipment to out mills. Home millers bought lightly at their offices at current quotations. Corn was unchanged, and oats sold in limited quantities at about former figures. Mill stuffs steady, and a moderate demand existed for hay.

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OATS—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c; No. 2 35c to 35½c; Rejected, 33c to 34c; Samples, 33c to 37c.

FLOUR—Quotations: Patents, 6.00 to 6.40; straights, 5.25 to 5.75; clears, 5.00 to 5.50; Hinkle's Gold Dust, 6.40; do. Inland, 5.25, steady.

There was a continuation on Saturday of the late dullness prevailing for some days in the local grain markets. Nothing was done in grade wheat. The bids for No. 1 hard were at 99c, and sellers asked \$1. Receipts are falling off here and the same is reported from country stations. The tendency in the local corn market is to lower prices. Oats are not strong though the day's sales were at former figures. Feed is offering very firmly and while holders are trying to sell at late prices there is some cutting to make sales, even below quotations. Bran was rather weaker to-day and more offered; shorts offered freely; hay steady.

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OATS—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c; No. 2 35c to 35½c; Rejected, 33c to 34c; samples 33c to 37c.

FLOUR—Quotations: Patents, 6.60 to 6.40;