

On Friday a fair amount of trading was done. The market was considerably unsettled, but fluctuations were within a moderately narrow limit. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat,	Nov., \$0.98	Dec., \$0.99
Corn,	" 54½	" 54
Oats,	" 30½	" 30½
Pork,	" 12 85	" 13.65
Lard,	" 8.30	" 8.50

On Saturday wheat was active and in good demand. Corn and oats were weaker. Provisions were unsettled and tending downwards. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat,	Nov., \$0.97	Dec., \$0.98½
Corn,	" 54½	" 54½
Oats,	" 30½	" 30½
Pork,	" 12.55	" 13.40
Lard,	" 8.22½	" 8.55

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The stock market still remains in a badly demoralized condition. For the past week the bears have ruled the market, and prices have still a downward tendency. As compared with the previous week's quotations, closing bids on Wednesday were:

	Nov. 21.	Nov. 28.
Montreal	181	172½
Ontario	100½	93
Toronto	166½	159
Merchants	109	104
Commerce	123	116½
Imperial	135½	130½
Federal	130	126½
Dominion	187½	186
Standard	112½	108
Hamilton	114	..
North-west Land	64	62

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The general tone of the market for the week has been very much as reported a week ago. There has been very little improvement in receipts, farmers being inclined to hold for higher prices. Stocks of barley have decreased, but other grains have held about the same. The close of navigation and the adoption of winter rates of storage will no doubt have a tendency to keep prices from advancing.

WHEAT.

There is a good demand at firm prices from the mills, but there has been no enquiry for shipping. The market closed steady at the following quotations: Fall wheat No. 2 \$1.11; No. 3, \$1.07 to \$1.09; Spring do., No. 1, \$1.16; No. 2, \$1.14.

OATS.

The market has been quiet and with a downward tendency. Cars on track have sold at 34c to 34½c. On the street 35c to 39c has been paid.

BARLEY.

There was a fair demand early in the week at falling prices. Later on inactivity set in and values were weak. Quotations are: No. 1 73c; No. 2, 67c; extra No. 3, 63c; No. 3, 52c to 64c.

RYE

is inactive at 63c for car lots or on the street.

PEAS

are scarce and steady at 75c f.o.c. for No. 1 and 73c for No. 2. On the street 75c to 74c have been the ruling figures.

FLOUR.

The market remains much as it was, and signs of improvement are entirely wanting. Buyers are scarce and transactions few. The market closed weaker than a day or two previous with superior extra held at \$5 to \$5.20; extra \$4.90 to \$4.95.

POTATOES.

Car lots have sold at 85c on track, and are quiet and steady at that figure. On the street receipts are light, and worth from 85c to 90c per bag.

BUTTER.

The market this week has been characterized by less activity than the previous one. Receipts of poor qualities have improved, but the demand for shipment has been slack. Choice quality sells readily. Medium to good store-packed with the white thrown out has sold at 15c to 16c; culls at 12c. Choice is scarce and wanted at 18c to 18½c. Best lots of rolls are quoted at 16c to 18c, according to quality. On the street pound rolls have sold at 20c to 23c; large rolls 17c to 19c; tubs and crocks of dairy 18c to 20c.

EGGS.

Round lots of fresh have sold readily at 23c, and all offered are wanted. There is no movement in limed. On the street fresh have been steady at 24c to 25c.

CHEESE

is quiet at 12c to 12½c for fine qualities; no poor offering.

PORK

is inactive and the quotation of \$14.50 to \$15.20 is almost nominal.

BACON.

Stocks are small and demand light. New rolls are quoted at 11c; bellies 13c; long clear 8½c to 9c; Cumberland 7½c to 8c for cases and small lots.

HAMS.

A few smoked have offered, but prices are unsettled and almost nominal at 13c to 14c.

LARD.

There seems to be no change in the condition of the market. Pails have sold at 11c to 11½c.

APPLES.

There is an active demand for all offered. Prices have ranged from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per barrel.

POULTRY.

The supply is hardly so liberal as a week ago. Turkeys and ducks are quoted at from 7c to 8c per lb.; fowl and geese 5c to 6c.

SUNDRIES.

Dried apples 9½c to 10c; white beans \$1.75 to \$1.85; oatmeal per 136 lbs, \$4.10 to \$4.20; cornmeal small lots \$3.54 to \$3.62.

The Value of Northwest Grain.

Recently tests of Manitoba grain were made by experts in Toronto. Their report, which is as follows, is very encouraging for this country. The text reads: We, the undersigned examiners of grain appointed by the Board of Trade of Toronto, have examined the exhibit of grain of the Northwest Land Co., and beg to report as follows:—The fall wheat is of plump, full size, being well grown and matured, weighing 64 lbs to the bushel. The spring wheats are principally of the Fyfe variety, one sample especially being remarkably pure and fine, weighing 65½ lbs to the bushel. We should estimate its value at from 10c to 15c per bushel above the value of our No. 1, notwithstanding the fact that the crop of spring wheat in Ontario is the best that has been raised for many years. Both the fall and spring wheats are valuable to millers for mixing with our crop, owing to their strength for manufacturing into flour, an element that is lacking in the wheats grown in

Ontario. Barley, though not as fine as some samples raised in Ontario, is remarkably good and far ahead of any that we have seen raised in the Northwestern States. Peas cannot be better. Oats are very good, but have seen equally as fine raised in this Province. Timothy seed is very choice. In fact we are assured it would have been very difficult, if possible, to have procured as good a selection of grain from the whole produce of Ontario this year.

Signed: Geo. A. Chapman, J. D. Laidlaw, H. W. Baird, W. D. Matthews, Jr., L. Coffee, Esq. in Grain, port of Toronto; (Signed), J. Harris, Inspector of Grain; (Signed by or ordered signed), Edgar A. Wills, secretary.

Storing Grain.

It is a long recognized fact that grain stored in prismatic receptacles does not have a weight upon the floor of the same corresponding to the weight of the column of grain above it. This is owing to the fact that the grain forms a fixed curve or arch-shaped layer so that a part of the weight of the mass bears against the side walls, and only the weight of that portion lying under the arch is sustained by the floor itself. Isaac Roberts gave before the British Association in Southampton an account of the series of experiments which he made with different grains in receptacles of various shapes, the floor being connected with an arrangement of scales. He found that up to a certain depth the pressure increased in proportion to the quantity of grain, but beyond this sometimes quickly reached limit, the pressure remained constant, however much the height of the column was increased.

How Monopoly is Perpetrated.

The situation is that great moneyed corporations go to the State capital and use all their power and resources to secure legislation that suits their purposes and to prevent that which would interfere with their designs. They concern themselves in politics sufficiently to secure representatives of their interests in the legislature and to place upon the bench judges that will be serviceable to them, and when a case goes from one of these judges to the tribunal of final appeal it finds a part of the occupants of the bench disqualified to sit in the case because they have been secured as stockholders of the corporation, and the others ready to hold themselves bound by the "findings" of the judge before whom the case was tried.—N. Y. Times.

VICTORIA, B.C., wholesale prices are: Flour, \$6.25 to \$6.50; barley, \$1.50; oats per 100 lbs, \$2.75; hay per ton, \$20 to \$22; potatoes per lb, 1½; onions 2½c per lb; cornmeal \$4 per 100 lbs; butter 45c per lb; eggs 53c per doz; beef 8c to 9c per lb; veal 12c; mutton, 10c; pork, 16c.

RAT PORTAGE was visited by a disastrous fire on the 27th inst. R. D. Coats, druggist; J. Connelly, hotel. Hennessy & Mulligan, saloon; Jacob Hose, tins, etc.; H. D. McDonald, grocer and baker. The total loss is estimated at \$15,000, on which there is very little insurance. A subscription list has been carried round and a liberal amount of money received for the benefit of the sufferers.