

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The local receipts of grain have been rather a disappointment to millers and dealers during the past week, not being so liberal as was anticipated a week ago. Street receipts are very limited indeed, and car lots, although liberal, are all wanted to fill the demand. Shipments of car lots of flour to the Eastern markets has commenced, and at least a dozen cars have been shipped during the week. It is not at all likely that there will be any great increase in that business for a few weeks, as the supply of milling wheat is still too limited to give any great surplus over the local demand, which in flour is still very active, while bran cannot be had to fill present orders. Oats are coming in freely in car lots, but the sales are increasing and prices hold firm.

WHEAT

has sold in the streets at from 85c to 90c, only the finest lots of hard Fife bringing the latter figure.

OATS

have ranged from 50c to 55c, and a large proportion have brought the latter figure, the quality of receipts being as a rule very good.

BARLEY

is still very scarce, and quotations are nominal. From 60c to 65c are offered, but only a few lots of this season's crop have as yet been received. The quality so far is very good.

FLOUR

has remained unchanged in prices, and with the continued scarcity of wheat, there is no prospect of a decline. Prices are, Patents, \$3.60; bakers or four x, \$2.80; dealers or three x, \$2.

BRAN

is quoted at \$10 a ton, but this quotation is nominal, as millers have all the supply contracted for some time ahead.

SHORTS

still sell at \$12 a ton, with but a light demand.

It was generally expected a week ago that a decline in grain was at hand, but the continued scarcity has prevented such, and the advance at Minneapolis and other points may have assisted to some extent. Winnipeg millers are now buying on an 18c margin of Minneapolis, which is still 4c to 5c above a shipping margin, not to mention the tariff charged on entry into the States. The probability of a decline is now less than a week ago, and only a great increase of receipts would cause one.

BUTTER.

Last week we reported liberal receipts of butter from the East, and this week they are so heavy that some dealers anticipate a regular glut of the market. At least a dozen car-loads have arrived during the past ten days, and quite a number more are in course of transit. Eastern dairies and shippers have evidently been packing for some time with the intention of shipping during cool weather, and this city is now receiving these stored up stocks. Prices have naturally declined, and a further fall is very probable. Prime Ontario lots are quoted from 25c to 28c, and lower grades from 20c to 24c. Local dairy cannot be had except at fancy prices.

EGGS

have been very scarce during the week, but some consignments from Iowa have given a little relief. Sales are made at 35c.

HAM.

A good demand still exists, and prices hold firm and unchanged. Sales have been made

principally at 19c, but a number of transactions have taken place at 19½c.

BACON,

like all other pork products, holds firm in price, and a good demand promises to keep it so. Canadian is quoted at from 17½c to 18½c, and American from 19c to 20c.

MESS PORK.

During the early portion of last week an advance was made to \$30, and although an easier feeling was developed further on no noticeable reduction has taken place, although a few sales have been made at \$29.50. The feeling prevails that a speculative ring have got possession of the Chicago market, and higher prices are daily expected. It will require a material decline in Chicago to make local dealers relax the advance they have secured.

CORNEB BEEF

has kept steady during the week, although a lively demand exists. Prices have scarcely moved, and quotations are now \$19.50.

CHICAGO.

Tuesday's market developed rather a weak feeling in grain all round, and the hopes of high prices which were built up for a few previous days came to disappointment. Even pork did not make any advance, and was lacking in the firmness which it has displayed of late.

WHEAT opened at 96½c, declined gradually and closed at 95½c.

CORN opened at 68½c, declined to 68c and closed at that figure.

OATS opened at 35c, declined slowly to 34½c and closed weak at that figure.

PORK had but few fluctuations and little trading was done. After an uneventful day the closing price was \$24.25.

LARD opened at \$12.37½, advanced to \$12.45, declined again to \$12.32½ and closed at that.

Wednesday's market showed somewhat of a recovery from the weak feeling of the previous day. Both wheat and corn advanced, while oats were also firm. Pork made no improvement and was in a lifeless state.

WHEAT opened at 95½c, and soon advanced to 96½c, at which it held firm and closed.

CORN opened at 68½c, advanced steadily to 69c and closed at that figure.

OATS held firm all day at 35½c.

PORK opened at \$24, dipped for a few minutes to \$23.90, recovered again, and held firm all the balance of day, closing at the opening figure.

LARD showed some weakness, and after a dull market closed at \$12.95.

THURSDAY, Oct. 18.

WHEAT.			
Opened at	Oct. 8	Nov. 8	98
Highest point	"	"	98
Lowest point	"	"	96½
Closed at	"	"	96½
CORN.			
Opened	Oct. 8	Nov. 8	68½
Highest point	"	"	68½
Lowest point	"	"	67½
Closed at	"	"	67½
OATS.			
Opened at	Oct. 8	Nov. 8	34½
Highest point	"	"	34½
Lowest point	"	"	34½
Closed at	"	"	34½
PORK.			
Opened	Oct. 8	Nov. 8	\$21.07½
Highest point	"	"	\$21.07½
Lowest point	"	"	\$20.75
Closed at	"	"	\$20.75
LARD.			
Opened	Oct. 8	Nov. 8	\$12.32½
Highest point	"	"	\$12.32½
Lowest point	"	"	\$12.05
Closed at	"	"	\$12.05

MINNEAPOLIS.

There was considerable life on grain transactions on Tuesday, and quite a quantity of stored wheat changed hands, although receipts were limited and prices firm. Corn was firm, but nominal.

WHEAT was quoted, No. 1 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.02 to \$1.05; No. 1, \$1.02 to \$1.05.

CORN quotations were 64c to 65c for No. 2; rejected, 61c to 63c.

OATS.—No. 2 white were quoted at 35c to 35½; No. 2 mixed, 34; rejected, 29c to 32c.

FLOUR quotations were: Patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2 to \$3.50.

BRAN was quoted at \$8.25 to \$8.50 a ton, free on board in bulk, but these quotations were nominal, as millers were all sold ahead.

SHORTS were quoted at \$9 to \$10 a ton, and a weak feeling prevailed.

Wednesday's market was an active one in grain, and the demand for finer grades of wheat was much in advance of the supply. An advance on cash prices was made, but future deliveries were rather lower.

WHEAT sold, No. 1 hard, \$1.08 to \$1.09; No. 2 hard, \$1.02 to \$1.05; No. 1, \$1.02 to \$1.07.

CORN was quoted at 66c to 68c for No. 2; rejected, 63c to 65c, but the quotations were nominal.

OATS were quoted, No. 2 white, 35 to 35½; No. 2 mixed, 34c; rejected, 31c to 33c.

FLOUR held steady, and no change in prices are to be quoted. Patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6; clears, \$5 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2 to \$3.50.

BRAN was very scarce, with a good demand. Quotations were \$8.25 to \$8.50 free on board in bulk.

SHORTS were quoted at \$9 to \$10 a ton. Offerings were liberal, but the feeling was weak.

THURSDAY, Oct. 18.

There was a lack of sufficient offerings to supply the demand. This condition was particularly noticeable in the wheat market and in the bran market. Buyers refused to go any higher for bran, but buyers of wheat were at 1 to 1½ above yesterday's prices. Some cautious dealers predicted an early decline, while others were ready to buy for November delivery at a small discount from present prices.

WHEAT.—By grade and sample the following were the closing quotations on 'Change. Lower quotations on bids by grade, higher on sales for extra by sample in store.

No. 1 hard	1.00@1.10	No. 2	97c@1.00
No. 2 hard	1.02@1.05	No. 3	80c@90c
No. 1	1.02@1.05		

CORN was quoted as follows:

No. 2	67c@68c	Rejected	64c@65c
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This market nominal.

OATS.—Prices on 'Change to-day were:

No. 2 white	35c@35½	Rejected	31c@33c
No. 2 mixed	34		

Sales at 36c for No. 2 white f. o. b.

RYE.—Nominal at quotations:

No. 2	45c@48c	Rejected	43c@45c
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No sales.

BARLEY.—Quotations:

No. 2	70c@80c	No. 4	40c@45c
No. 3	50c@55c	Rejected	35c@45c

No sales reported. No. 3 was offered at 55c in store.

FLOUR.—Quotations: Patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2 to \$2.50.

BRAN.—Free on board, \$8.25 to \$8.50 asked per ton in bulk, nominal. In sacks, \$10 to \$10.25. The offerings small and firmly held at about \$8.50; good demand. Sales, 5 cars at \$8.25.

SHORTS were quoted at \$9 to \$10, according to quality. The feeling weak. Fair offerings. Sales, 1 car at \$9.50.