

The following were the highest and lowest prices by grade on 'change during the week ending Friday, together with that day's closing prices:—

Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 1 hard.....	\$1.01 ..	\$1.00 ..	\$1.00
" 2 " .....	94 1/2 ..	92 3/4 ..	92 3/4
" 1 northern ..	91 1/2 ..	90 ..	90
" 2 " .....	86 ..	84 ..	84

**MILLS.**—Has been in active demand and very firm. The mills are mainly sold ahead and will not make further contracts, though buyers are anxious. Bran has advanced 50c per ton the past week and closed strong at \$10 to \$10.25 for bulk, with sacked quotable at \$11.50 to \$11.75. Shorts are firm at \$10.50 to \$11.75 for fine to coarse.

**FLOUR.**—There has been no change in the market, but now that the holidays are over, the limited production and growing scarcity of Minnesota flour in other markets is expected to work an improvement before long. Quotations at the mills are as follows:

Patents, \$5.80 to 6.50; straights, \$5.40 to 5.60; first bakers', \$4.60 to 5.00; second bakers', \$4 to 4.40; best low grades, \$2.40 to 3.00; red dog, \$1.80 to 2.10.

The operations on the platform are very similar to a week ago, the production of flour ranging the lowest of any time on this crop. A new deal has been made among the mills about running, the proportion of capacity kept in operation being reduced from two-thirds to one-half. Under this arrangement the power of those mills running is kept steadier, enabling more satisfactory work to be done. On last week's run, the water was quite low Thursday and Friday, improving somewhat on Saturday, making a rather poor average for the six days. The daily production amounted to 9,275 barrels against 9,450 barrels the preceding week. This week was started off with an excellent head on Monday, followed by nearly as good Tuesday, but a lower one on Wednesday and Thursday, and the prospects seem to be favorable to a heavier output of flour than for the last two weeks. Six mills, with a total capacity of 6,500 barrels, are doing no work at all, in most instances undergoing repairs. The flour market has undergone no change, remaining fairly strong, with an undercurrent sentiment prevailing that an improvement will soon take place.

Our receipts and shipments were as follows for the week ending Jan. 1:

	Received.	Shipped.
Wheat, bush.....	216,500	75,500
Flour, bbls.....	5,750	64,375

#### LAST WEEK.

Flour, bbls.....	3,650	46,174
Wheat, bush.....	204,500	65,500

The stock of wheat in store in the elevators (including the transfer) and mills of the city on Wednesday, was about 3,250,000 bush. At St. Paul there were 1,150,000 bush., the same as last week, and at Duluth 2,255,000 bush., against 2,348,000 bush. the previous week.

—Northwestern Miller.

#### CHICAGO.

The market for the week has been rather quiet, not having yet fully recovered from the

holiday season. On Wednesday wheat was in good demand and lower. Corn and oats were unsettled. Provisions firm with a tendency to advance. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Jan., \$0.94 1/2	Feb., \$0.95 1/2
Corn.....	" 57 1/2	" 57 1/2
Oats.....	" 32 3/4	" 33
Pork.....	" 14.15	" 14.35
Lard.....	" 8.75	" 8.87 1/2

On Thursday wheat was active but easy. Corn and oats remained very much as they were. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Jan., \$0.94	Feb., \$0.95
Corn.....	" 57 1/2	" 57 1/2
Oats.....	" 32 3/4	" 33
Pork.....	" 14.20	" 14.40
Lard.....	" 8.80	" 8.90

On Friday wheat was more active and stronger. Corn was unsettled and oats quiet. Provisions were fairly active. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Jan., \$0.94 1/2	Feb., \$0.95 1/2
Corn.....	" 57 1/2	" 57 1/2
Oats.....	" 32 3/4	" 33
Pork.....	" 14.25	" 14.45
Lard.....	" 8.85	" 8.95

On Saturday wheat was quiet. Corn advanced a little and oats were steady. Provisions were in fair demand but not specially active. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Jan., \$0.94 1/2	Feb., \$0.95 1/2
Corn.....	" 57 1/2	" 57
Oats.....	" 33 1/4	" 34
Pork.....	" 14.57	" 14.60
Lard.....	" 8.90	" 9.00

#### TORONTO.

##### STOCKS.

The stock market remains almost as it was, showing no special indications of either weakness or strength. On Wednesday closing bids, as compared with Dec. 19, were:

	Dec. 19	Jan. 2
Montreal ..	177	175
Ontario ..	102 1/2	98
Molson ..	112	112
Toronto ..	167	165
Merchants ..	107 1/2	108 1/2
Commerce ..	119	118 1/2
Imperial ..	132	130
Federal ..	123	122 1/2
Dominion ..	157 1/2	157 1/2
Standard ..	109	108 1/2
Hamilton ..	115	115
Ontario & Qu'Appelle ..	95	95
North-west Land ..	67	65

##### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The holiday season kept business quiet, but circumstances outside were not such as to have created any activity. Receipts were light and prices remain very much as they were.

##### WHEAT.

The demand has been light and offerings have not amounted to much. The quality of grain offering has as a rule been inferior. Values are unsettled with a downward tendency. Quotations are: Fall wheat No. 2 \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.05; Spring do., No. 1, \$1.12; No. 2 \$1.10.

##### OATS.

There is very little enquiry and prices tend to decline. Cars on track have sold at 33c and 34c. On the street from 35c to 36c is paid.

##### BARLEY.

Movement during the week has been very light, but prices have been fairly well maintained, and holders are not anxious to press sales. Quotations are: No. 1, 71c; No. 2, 66c; extra No. 3, 61c. There has been no No. 3 offered.

##### RYE.

is quiet, and the quotation both for car lots and loads off the steet is 62c.

##### PEAS.

There is a good steady demand, and all offered are readily taken. No. 2, in car lots, is quoted at 75c; No. 3 at 71c. Street prices range from 74c to 75c.

##### FLOUR.

Dullness and inactivity still characterizes the market. Holders are not inclined to press sales, or make concessions to induce buyers. Superior extras is quoted at \$5.00 to \$5.10 per barrel; extra at \$4.80 to \$4.85.

##### POTATOES.

Offerings are liberal. Cais have been sold at 70c to 72c, the former figure prevailing at the close. On the street from 55c to 90c a bag, is paid.

##### BUTTER.

Receipts for the past week have been on the heavy side; but the demand still continues light. First-class quality has sold at from 18c to 19c; medium 15c; inferior 12c to 13c. Box lots are weak at 15c to 16c. On the street pound rolls sell at from 20c to 24c according to quality; large rolls 18c to 20c; tubs and crocks of dairy 19c to 20c.

##### EGGS.

The supply for the week has been sufficient to meet all demands and prices are easier, closing at 22c for hined and 24c for fresh in round lots. Really fresh bring 27c to 30c on the street.

##### CHEESE.

is steady at 12 1/2c for fine and 11 1/2c to 12c for medium in small lots.

##### PORK.

is inactive but firmer at \$16 for small lots.

##### BACON.

The market is quiet, but prices are firm with an upward tendency. Long clear in tons and cases is held at 8 1/2c to 9c; Cumberland 7 1/2c to 8c; rolls, 11c; bellies, 12c.

##### HAMS.

There is very little movement to report in hams. Prices are firm at 12 1/2c to 13c.

##### LARD.

is firmer. Offerings are light. Pails are quoted at 11c.

##### APPLES.

There is no change in the market. Car lots are held at \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel. On the street the prices range from \$2.75 for poor to \$3.50 to \$3.75 for choice.

##### POULTRY.

The market is easier owing to heavier supply. Box lots of turkeys are worth 10c to 11c per lb; geese 7c to 8c; fowl 45c to 55c per pair; ducks 60c to 70c.

##### SUNDRIES.

Dried apples 9 1/2c to 10c; oatmeal per 136 lbs, \$4.00; cornmeal \$3.54 to \$3.2.

### Commercial Travellers' Reunion.

On Friday, evening there happened at the Grand Union Hotel, one of the most pleasant reunions which it has ever been our pleasure to witness. The occasion was the annual dinner of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association. They're a jolly lot of good fellows always, and when they take anything special in hand you can always rest assured it will be done well. The Menu was in the best style the excellent hostelry could provide, and reflected great credit upon the establishment. Previous