

store at the points named on Feb. 21: Winnipeg, 320,000 bushels; Manitoba country elevators, 1,390,000; Kewatin, Port Arthur and Fort William, 1,093,000; Toronto, 125,000; Montreal, 120,000; Kingston, 20,000 bushels.

FLOUR.

There has been no further change. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade, per 100 pounds are: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers', \$2.40; 2nd bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.35; superfine, \$1.15; middlings, \$2.50; graham flour, \$2.30; cracked wheat, \$2.30; buckwheat flour, \$3.75.

MILLSTUFFS.

Prices are firm but unchanged at \$12 for bran, and \$14 for shorts. Free shipments east continue, and a good local demand.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Prices are firm at the recent advance, and may again go higher soon. Oil cake, in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, \$26.50; in car lots f.o.b. \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$2.70; granulated, \$2.80 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.80 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.85 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

GROUND FEED.

Prices are advancing for good oat chop, and quoted at \$22 per ton for choice ground oat feed. Mixed feeds are quoted from \$18 to \$20 per ton, and ground damaged wheat at \$13 to \$14 per ton, with the demand for cheap feeds increasing, on account of the advance in oats.

OATS.

The steady advance in oats keeps on, and prices are again 2 to 3c higher per bushel of 34 pounds. Offerings in the city by farmers are light, and it also seems very hard to obtain supplies at country points. In fact the country seems to be oversold on oats. Stocks in the city are very light for this season of the year. In other years stocks have been stored in the city from receipts from country points, but this year car lot shipments have been made right through to eastern Canada markets, and no stores have been gathered in Winnipeg. Now that it appears that shipping business from the country has been over done, and stocks left are not larger than local requirements, there are no storage stocks in the city to fall back upon. Prices paid by dealers for offerings on the Winnipeg market ranged from 36 to 41c per bushel, 38 to 40c being common prices for ordinary feed qualities.

BARLEY

The high price of oats has increased the demand for feed barley. In the city ordinary quality barley would bring from 30 to 35c per bushel of 48 pounds.

BUTTER.

Choice dairy butter is scarce. The bulk of the butter called choice offering is of very ordinary quality. Prices, however, are not expected to go any higher, and for such as can be had, 20c per pound appears to be the top price asked, for dairy qualities, with some called good offering at 18c, and downward for poor. As the scarcity for choice becomes more marked higher quotations are asked for poorer qualities.

EGGS.

Eggs are held at 19 to 20c per dozen as to quality. Fresh country are of rather mixed quality, and for candled stock 20c is asked.

CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, ETC.

Prices are easy and irregular, but quotable about as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9 to 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11 to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 12½; smoked hams, 13½ to 14c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at \$2.25 per 20 pound pail, with compound lard at \$2 per pail.

HIDES.

Round lots of frozen hides are quoted at 3½ to 3¾c per pound. Inspected cows quoted: No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Calf, 4 and 5c for No. 1 and No. 2. Sheepskins are quoted at 50 to 75 cents each as to quality. Tallow 2½c for rough to 5c for good rendered.

VEGETABLES.

Several parties are now buying potatoes for shipment to the States, though there has not been much movement as yet. The price offered is 30c per bushel to farmers, for stock delivered at the cars. Onions are very scarce, and cabbage are becoming likewise. Prices are: turnips, 25c to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, 75c per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; cabbage, 75c per dozen, for good, as to quality; onions, 3 to 4c per pound; Spanish do., \$1.50 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 35 to 60c doz. heads.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Stocks light. Good turkeys will bring 15c per pound and chickens 13c, for choice.

DRESSED MEATS.

Dressed hogs are quoted about 6½ to 7c per pound. Choice light bringing the higher price while heavy have sold at 6½c. Country frozen beef is quotable at 2 to 4c per pound. City dressed beef, 5 to 6c, the top for fresh unfrozen. Mutton is firmer at 10 to 11c per pound.

HAY.

Hay is offering freely on the market at \$4 to \$5 per ton, with pressed on track worth \$6 to \$7 per ton.

Statistical Wheat Information.

Imports into the United Kingdom during the week ended Feb. 28, aggregated 187,000 barrels of flour and 1,392,000 bushels of wheat.

The 1891 wheat crop of the state of Washington is estimated at 20 per cent. more than in 1890, when the production was officially reported at 8,071,000 bushels.

The visible supply for the United Kingdom decreased 731,000 bushels last weekly report; that is the consumption exceeded the imports of wheat and flour and farmers deliveries by that amount.

The area sown to wheat in the Punjab, India, is reported at 6,363,000 acres, or 140,000 acres more than last year. In the northwest provinces and Oudh the area is six per cent. larger than last year.

A year ago Thursday last, May wheat at Duluth closed at 81½c. Chicago closing was 78 March, 78½c May, on the same day, while at Minneapolis, May ranged at 77½ to 78½c and March at 77c.

For the previous week *Bradstreet's* report, published on Wednesday last, showed a decrease in the available stocks east of the Rockies of 1,145,000 bushels and 627,000 bushels on the Pacific coast, making the total decrease 1,772,000 bushels.

Minneapolis public elevators contain 6,109,470 bushels of wheat. Of this, 26,605 bushels are No. 1 hard, 4,059,275 bushels No. 1 northern, 1,089,221 bushels No. 2 northern, 170,167 bushels No. 3, 23,471 bushels rejected, 735,053 bushels special bin.

The visible supply statement on Monday last showed a decrease of 49,996 bushels during the week. For the corresponding week last year the decrease was 621,568 bushels. The total stocks at all points enumerated in the statement aggregate 22,926,411 bushels against 28,996,376 bushels last year.

The following shows the exports of bread-

stuffs and provisions from the principal Atlantic seaboard ports for the week ending Feb. 28, and the corresponding week last year:—

	1891.	1890.
Flour barrels.....	187,500	235,600
Wheat, bushels.....	437,500	417,100

The amount on ocean passage, last weekly report, increased 400,000 bushels, making the available supply 47,856,411 bushels against 51,924,375 bushels for the corresponding date last year, 52,256,075 bushels two years ago, 53,036,274 bushels three years ago, 78,101,594 bushels in 1887, 69,713,130 bushels in 1886, and 73,905,075 bushels in 1885. The amount on ocean passage increased 1,163,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year.

The following figures show the total receipts of spring wheat at the points mentioned from June 28, 1890, to Feb. 28, 1891: Chicago, 11,279,000; Milwaukee, 5,366,000; Minneapolis, 37,239,000; Duluth, 12,502,000. The total receipts of winter wheat at the markets mentioned from June 28, 1890, to Feb. 28, 1891, are as follows: St. Louis, 9,193,000; Toledo, 4,536,000; Detroit, 3,152,000; Kansas City, 6,846,000; Cincinnati, 821,090. Total receipts of winter and spring at the nine points named aggregate 91,019,000 bushels, against 93,655,000 bushels at the same date a year ago, and 77,594,000 bushels to the same date two years ago.

Grain and Milling.

The Carman Farmers' Elevator Co., Carman, Man., is applying for incorporation. Capital stock \$10,000. The applicants are: David Pritchard, Henry Ardington, Alex. Morrison, Thomas Kernighan and William H. Elford, all farmers.

Hall, Ross & Co., of the Victoria, B. C., flour mill, have placed 40 tons of Manitoba seed wheat for distribution amongst the farmers of the Fraser river delta district. Hall, Ross & Co. find this seed gratis and give \$30 per ton for the wheat grown therefrom. The wheat grown last year from similar seed averaged 64 pounds to the bushel, and is now being manufactured in Victoria into flour with satisfactory results.

The *Northwestern Miller*, of Minneapolis, in a long and doleful article upon the condition and prospects of the flour milling industry, sums up the situation as follows: "Capacity enormous; cost of the raw material almost always out of proportion to the price of the manufactured article, the latter fact due to speculation; annual increase in mills sufficient and more than sufficient to meet the increased domestic consumption caused by natural increase of population; actual domestic demand, even on short crop, less than actual production of flour; foreign market in several directions formerly open, now closed; foreign trade with United Kingdom becoming more and more limited by improvement and renewed energy of British mills, and more especially by delay in transit and unsatisfactory bill of lading; western mills finding it difficult to hold trade on account of delay in transit, but piling more and more flour into eastern markets as their foreign trade becomes more circumscribed; eastern mills fighting their western competitors and each other for the possession of the domestic trade. Under these conditions does it not seem that the war for business is getting down to a hand to hand struggle for supremacy from which even the