

provement in the quality of the grain brought in, although one or two lots have shown good color and plumpness. Some lots, however, have been so poor as to be fit only for chopped feed. There seems to have been great carelessness in the handling of this year's crop, and there will probably be but a small proportion of what has been raised that will turn out of good quality. The estimates of the crop for the year are still much short of the local demand. Prices have ranged from 50c to 55c according to quality.

There has been no flax, rye or buckwheat on market during the week, and there is not likely to be enough marketed during the winter to admit of market quotations.

FLOUR.

Flour shipments to eastern markets have not been so heavy during the past week as the previous one, which is not to be attributed to any dullness in the eastern demand, but to the fact that the local demand has been increased. The Indian Department of the North-west have been in the market for winter supplies and have purchased in the city over ten car loads. This has lessened the shipment to the East; which have been limited to about a dozen cars. The same facilities caused by cut rates are still at the disposal of the millers, and during the present week the shipment will again increase. The local demand of bakers and traders has held steady, and is anticipated to remain so during the next few weeks. Prices have stiffened up a little, especially in the higher grade but no marked advance has taken place. Patents are quoted at \$3.15, Baker's, or 4 x, at \$2.55; and traders or 2 x, at \$1.50. There is no reason to anticipate any further advance for some time to come.

BRAN.

There is a steady good demand for this product, and the supply in the hands of the millers is not allowed to accumulate, but finds ready sale as soon as made. Prices have not changed during the week and still hold at \$12 a ton on track, and \$13 delivered.

SHORTS.

The demand for this product has been steady and rather inclined to increase during the week. Prices have advanced slightly and quotations now are \$14 a ton on track or \$15 delivered.

CHOPPED FEED

Is steadily gaining favor in the city, and is gradually coming into more general use among owners of horses. The sales during the week have been considerable, and the pure holds firm at \$30 a ton.

POTATOES.

The supply has had a temporary check by the cold weather of the past week, and a great many farmers have finished fitting and storing for the winter. There has been no actual advance in prices during the week, but the highest figures of the previous week are more general. Sales have been made at 90c, but the general quotations has been \$1, and there is every prospect of an advance taking place before the close of the year.

BUTTER.

There has been a firm feeling in the higher grades during the week, which is doubtless in sympathy with the scarcity of those in eastern markets. Lower grades of store packed are very little in demand, and the stock in the city is steadily increasing. A glut of the market in these grades is not an unlikely occurrence at an early date, but there is no prospect of any over supply of choice or fine grades. Prices of the latter have held firm during the week at from 25c to 27c, while the demand for lower grades has been so light, that we are unable to give wholesale quotations. A number of dealers are now handling fine creamery, which is quoted at 35c, and is steadily gaining ground in this market.

EGGS.

The extreme cold weather of the past week has caused a sudden advance in the price of eggs, and quotations now range from 37c to 40c, with the prospect that the latter figure will be

general during the present week. There are several consignments now on their way from the Western States, and consignees are naturally anxious as to how they will fare in transit. Should they reach here in a badly frozen condition another sudden advance in prices is inevitable; but should they arrive in good condition and free from frost, no advance need be expected, and a slight decline, or at least an easier feeling is very probable.

BACON.

In response to the eastern markets there has been quite an easy feeling in this product during the week, and slight decline has taken place. The stock in the city is rather limited, and the demand steady, but quite a number of consignments are known to be on the way from Ontario, and their receipt may be the signal for a further decline. Long clear smoked has sold at 16½c, and prime American at 17c. Cheaper qualities are not much in demand.

HAMS.

The demand for these during the week has been active, and prices have held reasonably firm, although eastern markets have been as a rule weak and lower. Quotations have been 18c and 18½c, the latter price predominating. While the demand keeps steadily good as at present, there is not much probability of any material decline in prices, and dealers generally believe that at present they are near to bottom figures.

MESS PORK.

The tendency in this product during the week has been steadily downwards, although no great decline has taken place. There is an unvarying lower movement, however, and dealers have evidently trouble in maintaining present figures. There has been no material advance in prices in Chicago and other packing centers from which supplies are drawn, although a firmer feeling has sprung up. Present margins are decidedly wide, but dealers here are evidently expecting an advance at the packing houses, and hold their prices up as much as possible. The past week opened with quotations at \$27.50 but these were quickly lowered to \$27, and towards the close \$26.50 was the general figure. A further break is anticipated during the present week, but prices cannot come much lower under existing circumstances.

CORNED BEEF.

A steady, but not over active demand for this product has kept up during the week. There has been a slight stiffening of prices but no actual advance. The bulk of the transactions have been at \$18.50, and there have been some sales made at \$19. The latter have been few, however.

CHICAGO.

Tuesday's market opened with a firm feeling in wheat, and a slight advance on Monday's prices took place. Oats did not recover any of their drop of the previous week, and closed rather weak. Pork held firm, and showed a tendency to advance. Closing quotations were as follows: Wheat, December, 94½c, January 95½c; Corn, January, 53½c, February, 53½c; Oats, December, 35½c, January 34½c; Pork, December, \$17.75, January \$17.70; Lard, December, \$10.55½, January \$10.72½.

Wednesday's market was not an active one, and the changes in quotations were few. Wheat was a shade easier, while corn stiffened up a little. Pork dropped a little and showed a weak tendency. Lard was also lower. Closing quotations were as follows: Wheat, December, 94½c, January, 95½c; Corn, December, 53½c, January, 58½c; Oats, December, 35½c, January, 35½c; Pork, December, \$17.50, January, \$17.45; Lard, December, \$10.07½, January, \$10.07.

Thursday's market produced very little change in the price of grain of any description with the exception of oats which declined a little. Pork firmed up and advanced slightly, and lard was slightly firmer. Closing quotations were:

Wheat, December, 94½c Jan. 95½c; corn, January, 53½c, February, 53½c; oats, December, 35½c, January, 34½c; pork, December, \$17.60, January, \$17.90; lard, December, \$10.65, January, \$10.75.

There was but little change in the prices of grain on Friday, and the market altogether was rather an uneventful one. Closing quotations were: Wheat, December 94½, January 95; corn, December 54½, January 56½; oats, December 37, January 36½; pork, December \$17.50, January \$17.70; lard December \$10.72½, Jan. \$19.70.

Saturday's market developed no material changes in grain prices. Pork suffered a slight decline and lard was rather weak, closing quotations were:

Wheat, December 94½c, January 95½c
Corn, December, 53½c, January 53½
Oats, December 36½c, January 36½c
Pork, December \$17.35, January \$17.57½
Lard, December \$10.35, January \$10.67½.

MINNEAPOLIS.

At the opening on change on Tuesday 10,000 bushels No. 1 hard wheat was offered in A at 99, and several car lots sold at that. Later 10 cars sold in A at \$1.00, and one car in B at \$1.01. The market for samples was dull as sellers asked more than buyers would pay. At the close prices were firm and about 1c higher than yesterday. Oats continued steady with fair demand at quotations. Several round lots were offered but were above the market and not sold. There was nothing done in corn. Nebraska was offered at 60c and Iowa at 55c. Mill feed of all kinds was lowered and more offered. The drop on bran was due to higher freights and also a break in the Chicago market. Hay was firm.

WHEAT.—The cheaper quotations in the following table represent bids by grade, the dearer are based on sales of extra lots by sample.

No. 1 hard, 99c to 100c; No. 2 hard, 93c to 94c; No. 1, 92c to 95c; No. 2, 85c to 90c; No. 3, 75c to 83c; No. 4, 55c to 70c.

CORN.—Was quoted as follows:

No. 2 old, 60c to 65c; No. 2 new, 58c to 60c; Rejected old, 58c to 60c; Rejected new, 45c to 55c.

Nominal.

OATS.—Following quotations are based on today's sales:

No. 2 white, 36c to 37c; No. 2, 35c to 36c; 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.

On Wednesday several cars of No. 1 hard wheat sold by grade at 99c in A, and more was offered at the same price. There were bids at the close of change at 98½, but the price was below the view of sellers. There were some sales of condemned, but it was noticeable that the bulk of sound wheat was going into store to be held for a more favorable market; 35 was bid for No. 2 oats. Spot, Dec., Jan., Feb. and March, they were offered at 36. No. 2 corn was offered at 60 for new spot. The feed markets were quiet and a trifle dull, \$1.00 bid for No. 1 hard wheat, seller Feb.

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No. 1 hard, 98½ to 99; No. 2 hard, 93 to 94; No. 1, 91 to 95; No. 2, 89 to 90; No. 3, 75 to 88; No. 4, 55 to 70.

CORN.—Was quoted as follows:

No. 2, old, 60c to 65c; No. 2, new, 58 to 60c; Rejected, old, 58c to 60c; Rejected, new, 45c to 55c.

Nominal.

OATS.—Following quotations are based on today's sales:

No. 2, white, 36c to 37c; No. 2, 25c to 36c; Rejected, 33c to 34c; Samples, 33c to 37.

FLOUR.—Quotations:—Patents, \$5.25 to 6.65;