

price of flour. Quotations at the mills are as follows:

Patents, \$5.80 to 6.10; straights, \$5.10 to 5.40; first bakers', \$4.60 to 4.87½; second bakers', \$4 to 4.25; best low grades, \$2.25 to 3.25; red dog, \$1.60 to 2.00, in bags.

The water supply was lower than ever last week, and the mills made a light production, though not so small as was recorded in some weeks before steam power was employed in the Pillsbury mills. The total output of flour for the week ending Feb. 2 was 59,583 bbls., or an average of 9,930 bbls. per day, against 11,058 bbls. per day the previous week. The water does not show any signs of rising, though a few days of soft weather might work a great change. Judging from the feeling on the platform, however, there is water enough, the dullness in the markets of the whole world not causing an ardent desire to push things to manifest itself.

Our receipts and shipments were as follows for the week ending Feb. 5:

	Received.	Shipped.
Wheat, bush.....	294,000	36,800
Flour, brls.....	4,550	61,725
Millstuffs, tons.....	12	269

LAST WEEK.		
Flour, brls.....	5,345	66,998
Wheat, bush.....	270,000	47,500
Millstuffs, tons.....	288	1,864

The stock of wheat in store in the elevators (including the transfer) and mills of the city on Wednesday, was about 2,965,000 bush. At St Paul there were 1,192,000 bush., against the 1,220,000 the preceding week, and at Duluth 2,371,950 bush., against 2,333,260 bush. the previous week.—*Northwestern Miller.*

CHICAGO.

The market during the week has been moderately active, but developed no specially new features. On Tuesday wheat was slow and trade was largely of a local character. Corn was quiet and oats steady. Provisions were active, but the feeling was greatly unsettled, and prices ruled with considerable irregularity. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Feb., \$0.92½	Mar., \$0.93
Corn.....	" 52½	" 53½
Oats.....	" 32½	" 32½
Pork.....	" 17.32½	" 17.32½
Lard.....	" 9.55	" 9.65

On Wednesday wheat was active, unsettled and excited. Corn was active, especially for May delivery, and oats were brisk. An active speculative business was done in provisions. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Feb., \$0.93½	Mar., \$0.94½
Corn.....	" 53½	" 54½
Oats.....	" 33	" 33½
Pork.....	" 17.37½	" 17.37½
Lard.....	" 9.57½	" 9.65

On Thursday wheat was again active but unsettled and nervous. Corn was active and unsettled. Oats were quiet. Provisions were moderately active. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Feb., \$0.93½	Mar., \$0.94½
Corn.....	" 53½	" 54½
Oats.....	" 32½	" 32½
Pork.....	" 17.37½	" 17.37½
Lard.....	" 9.55	" 9.60

On Friday the market generally was fairly active. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Feb., \$0.93½	Mar., \$0.94½
Corn.....	" 52½	" 54½
Oats.....	" 32½	" 32½
Pork.....	" 17.20	" 17.40
Lard.....	" 9.55	" 9.65

On Saturday a fair amount of trading was done. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Feb., \$0.93½	Mar., \$0.94½
Corn.....	" 53½	" 54½
Oats.....	" 32½	" 32½
Pork.....	" 17.45	" 17.45
Lard.....	" 9.62½	" 9.67½

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

During the week stocks have been rather more active than for some time past, and also noticeably firmer. On Wednesday closing bids, as compared with the week previous were:

	Jan. 30.	Feb. 6.
Montreal	177	179½
Ontario	100½	100½
Molson's	112	113
Toronto	167½	168½
Merchants	108	107½
Commerce.....	117½	118
Imperial	129	127½
Federal	125½	127
Dominion.....	188½	188
Standard	109½	109½
Hamilton	113	113
North-west Land.....	60½	60

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

There is no change to note in the local market, inactivity being still its chief characteristic. Offerings are very small. There has been a fair enquiry, but buyers and sellers are considerably apart. The stocks stood on Monday morning as follows: Flour, 500 bbls.; fall wheat, 44,895 bush.; spring wheat, 37,257 bush.; oats, nil bush.; barley, 154,442 bush.; peas, 23,398 bush.; rye, nil; against on the corresponding date last year: flour 2,555 bbls.; fall wheat, 195,173 bush.; spring wheat, 102,231 bush.; oats, 3,474 bush.; barley, 183,410 bush.; peas, 10,026 bush.; rye, 6,032 bush.

WHEAT.

The market is inactive. Sales are small and only for milling purposes. Quotations are: Fall wheat No. 2, \$1.07; No. 3, \$1.04; Spring do., No. 1, \$1.11; No. 2, \$1.09.

OATS.

Offerings are small and prices firmer. Average quality have sold on track at 32½c to 33c; heavy white, 35c. On the street from 37c to 38c is paid.

BARLEY.

Sales have been small, owing to light offerings. Prices are firm as follows: No. 1, 72c to 73c; No. 2, 67c to 68c; extra No. 3, 62c to 63c; No. 3, 53c to 55c.

RYE.

is unchanged at 62c for car lots or on the street.

PEAS.

The market is quiet. Offerings are light and buyers are not anxious to purchase. Quotations are: No. 1, 76c; No. 2, 73c to 74c.

FLOUR.

Offerings have been light, but the demand has shown some signs of improvement. Quotations are: superior extra, \$5.05 to \$5.10; extra, \$4.75 to \$4.85; spring wheat extra, \$4.50 to \$4.70.

POTATOES.

Car lots are quoted at 72c on track, and 85c to 90c per bag on street.

BUTTER.

The situation remains almost unchanged. Choice dairy is in demand at 18c to 19c. There is but but little enquiry for medium or shipping qualities; it is worth about 10c; inferior is slow of sale at 12c to 13c. Box lots of rolls sold readily at 15c to 17c. On the street pound rolls are steady at 22c to 25c; tubs and crocks, 17c to 19c.

EGGS.

Receipts have been light and insufficient to supply the demand. Really fresh have sold at 28c; limed, 24c to 25c per dozen. On the street new laid have brought 30c to 35c per dozen.

CHEESE.

Fine quality is firm at 13c to 13½c; no medium offering. Stocks are light.

PORK.

is quiet and firm at \$19 to \$20.

BACON.

has been quiet but advancing. Long clear is quoted at 9½c to 10c; Cumberland, 9½c; short rolls, 11½c; bellies, 13c.

HAMS.

The market is more active and prices firm at 13c to 13½c; smoked, 12c to 12½c.

LARD.

is firmer at 12c to 12½c for tinnets; pails, 11½c to 13c.

APPLES.

are inactive at \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots. Very few are offered on the street, and generally at 65c to 90c per bag.

POULTRY.

Receipts are light. Box lots of turkeys are quoted at 12c to 13c per lb; geese, 9c to 10c.

SUNDRIES.

Dried apples 9½c; white beans, \$1.75 to \$2; oatmeal, per 136 lbs, \$3.90 to \$4; corn meal, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

India as a Wheat Country.

India is coming to the front as a wheat-producing country. It is less than ten years that the first trial cargo was sent to England, and in 1875 the export was 1,500,000 bushels. In 1883 the quantity had increased to 35,000,000 bushels. Our own exports to Europe in 1883 were probably about 80,000,000 bushels.

It is at once seen that the United States must expect competition in this business of furnishing wheat to Europe. India is an immense country, and it is said that it has 150,000 square miles of land that has never been cultivated. The English Government is desirous of improving the condition of the Indian possessions as much as possible, and to that end has constructed, either directly or indirectly by subsidies and concessions, a railway system. Further extensions are contemplated, so that there may be a cheap outlet for the productions of every section. The natives are encouraged to better methods of agriculture by importations of improved machinery and applications.

Great Britain is of course interested in all that concerns India and would prefer to buy its food supply from its own colony, for it could make payment in articles of its own manufacture. Yet it must always be remembered that this is only one side of the question. India is a hot country and crops there, with few exceptions, are only raised by irrigation. Wheat grown in that latitude is of inferior quality, and we have heard that in England it is always