

## EASTERN MARKETS.

## CHICAGO.

The wheat market during the past week has been subject to some peculiar influences, the principal of which has come from the labor troubles. The riots and socialistic demonstrations in this city and at other points had the effect of almost entirely suspending business on the board for several days. Prices did not decline in proportion to the dullness, but the inclination seemed to be to wait for the next move on the part of the disturbers. Very little activity was displayed until Thursday, when trading was resumed to a considerable extent at lower prices and continued in about the same condition for the balance of the week, though Greek war news caused a slight spurt on Friday. Crop reports, cable news and exports have all been unfavorable to higher prices. The visible supply for the week ending May 1st was 43,249,007 bushels, against 43,654,448 bushels for the same time last year. The decrease in the visible for the week ending May 1st was 1,305,885 bushels, a smaller decrease than was calculated upon. Corn and oats have generally moved in sympathy with wheat. Provisions have been weak and dull. Stocks continue to show a healthy decline, and with the exception of pork the export movement is up to the highest point as compared with last year.

The wheat market opened dull and weak on Monday and prices again receded. There was not a great quantity of wheat offered, and little disposition to do business shown on any side, owing principally to the disturbed nature of the various industries, caused by the labor troubles. The estimate of less than a million bushels' decrease in the visible was also a very weakening factor. Up to one o'clock wheat had declined  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  c from Saturday's closing prices. The market was nervous in the afternoon, but prices not materially changed. Other cereals were weak, in sympathy with wheat. Pork declined 15c and lard 5c, following wheat, with a rather firmer feeling later. Closing prices were:

	April.	May
Wheat .. .. .	\$0.78	\$0.80
Corn .. .. .	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .. .. .	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork .. .. .	9.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard .. .. .	5.85	5.95

Business on the board on Tuesday was paralyzed by the labor trouble, and the strikes were the only subjects of conversation. However a fairly firm feeling prevailed, and there was no disposition to allow the market to decline very materially. June opened  $\frac{1}{4}$  c higher, declined  $\frac{1}{4}$  c, then advanced  $\frac{1}{4}$  c, and continued about the same as yesterday, closing a fraction higher. Corn and oats were dull and firm. Provisions were very quiet but also firmer. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat .. .. .	\$2.78 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$0.80 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn .. .. .	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .. .. .	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork .. .. .	9.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.15
Lard .. .. .	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.95

Wednesday was simply a repetition of the previous day. Speculative trading in all lines was at a standstill and nothing was talked about but the labor troubles. A few deals were made in corn and an occasional transaction in wheat occurred, but by common consent business was for the time abandoned. Prices hardly moved during the day and at the close were as follows:

	April.	May.
Wheat .. .. .	\$0.77 $\frac{1}{2}$	80 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn .. .. .	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .. .. .	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork .. .. .	9.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard .. .. .	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.95

On Thursday there was active trading in the grain market at a lower range of prices. Both cables and crop reports were against higher values, and prices went sliding at a rapid rate. June declined to 78 $\frac{1}{2}$  c and July to 80 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. Later on reports from New York of 22 boat loads taken for export improved the condition of the markets. In the afternoon the export report was denied and prices again went down. Corn and oats were lower, in sympathy with wheat. Provisions were weak and without movement to any extent. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat .. .. .	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	78 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn .. .. .	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	36
Oats .. .. .	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork .. .. .	9.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.10
Lard .. .. .	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.92 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Friday there was considerable activity in wheat and prices were on a better basis. The market opened a shade higher and advanced  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. At 78 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for June, there was very large offerings, and prices started on the downward scale, going to 78 $\frac{1}{2}$  c, at which point a rally was made and prices advanced to the top again. Eastern warlike news had considerable influence on prices. In the afternoon wheat was firm and steady, owing to improved export demand. Corn was active and trading done on a higher basis. Oats were active and irregular. Provisions were dull and easier during most of the day, though trading took a little spurt in the morning. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat .. .. .	\$0.77	78 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$
Corn .. .. .	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	36
Oats .. .. .	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork .. .. .	8.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.02 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard .. .. .	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.92 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Saturday wheat opened stronger again, but the firmer feeling was not long maintained. After a gain of  $\frac{1}{4}$  c the market fell away and closed lower. Provisions were also weak and lower. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat .. .. .	\$0.76 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn .. .. .	—	—
Oats .. .. .	—	—
Pork .. .. .	8.75	8.80
Lard .. .. .	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$

## TORONTO.

## STOCKS.

About the usual quiet business was done in stocks during the week, and a firm tone has generally prevailed in bank stocks. Northwest Land sold usually at 76c, with 77c asked.

Closing bids for Wednesday May 5th, as compared with Wednesday of the previous week were as follows:

	April 28.	May 5.
Montreal .. .. .	212 $\frac{1}{2}$	214 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ontario .. .. .	114 $\frac{1}{2}$	114 $\frac{1}{2}$
Toronto .. .. .	201	201
Merchants' .. .. .	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	124
Commerce .. .. .	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	123 $\frac{1}{2}$
Imperial .. .. .	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	137
Federal .. .. .	112	112 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dominion .. .. .	210 $\frac{1}{2}$	210 $\frac{1}{2}$
Standard .. .. .	123 $\frac{1}{2}$	123 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hamilton .. .. .	135	135
Northwest Land .. .. .	70	75 $\frac{1}{2}$
C.P.R. Bonds .. .. .	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	103 $\frac{1}{2}$
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## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Although there has been little stir apparent on the outside, it is generally believed that transactions have been more numerous than for some weeks, and the market has maintained a steady tone. Reports of the growing crop are not altogether favorable. Fall wheat is said to have suffered considerable damage throughout the province, owing to unfavorable weather in the early spring. The weather has been favorable for spring crops, which are doing well. Provisions have been steady and moderately active.

## WHEAT.

There has been an improved inquiry and at steady prices. No. 2 fall has sold at 84c and No. 3 fall at 82c. Red winter has sold moderately well at 85c. No. 2 spring has been scarce and in good demand, at 85 to 86c.

## FLOUR.

There has been an improved demand, but sales have been limited, in consequence of bids being lower than holders would accept. Superior extra sold at \$3.65, and later at \$3.70. Extra quiet at \$3.55 to \$3.60. At the close prices were firm.

## OATS.

Have come to hand more freely and values have been easier. Cars have sold at from 35 to 36c.

## BARLEY.

There has been no movement to speak of in this grain. One car of No. 1 sold at 80c, which was the only transaction reported.

## PEAS.

Inactive and unchanged at 59 to 60c.

## POTATOES.

Offerings in car lots have been abundant and prices easier, at about 45c.

## APPLES.

Nothing doing in car lots. Barrels have sold in small quantities at \$1.50 to \$2.00.

## EGGS.

Receipts have been large, but not in excess of the demand, and all offered have been taken at steady prices. Quotations are lower at 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.

## BUTTER.

Receipts have been on the increase, in consequence of which prices have ruled easier, though supplies have been fairly well absorbed. Butter now coming to market consists almost entirely of rolls, which have brought from 16 to 19c. Dairy has been scarce and choice tubs have brought 20c.

## CHEESE.

Old continues to sell at from 9 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for good to fine. New now in the market brings 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.

## PORK.

Dull and steady at \$13.50 in small lots.