

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.86	\$0.86
Corn	40½	39½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	8.20	8.20
Lard	5.85	5.82½

On Friday there was no stirring circumstances from the outside, and shorts and longs were without assistance. The trading was mostly local, and a weak feeling in wheat soon set in succeeded by a decline and only a partial recovery towards the closing. The shorts on October corn again got a little off the corner formed against them. Oats were dead and unchanged, and pork and lard were without interest. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	85½	85½
Corn	40½	39½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.17½	8.17½
Lard	5.82½	5.85

On Saturday there was very little trading done, very few changes, and no outside influences to interfere with the market. Closing quotations were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.85½	\$0.85½
Corn	40½	39½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	7.95	8.05
Lard	5.82½	5.80

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The generally easy feeling in the local stock market noted in our last report has to a less or greater extent prevailed all through this week, there being but little change in the quotations of leading bank shares. At the close the market was quiet but apparently firm. Miscellaneous stocks were also firm, with loan and savings stocks showing some strength. The closing bids of Wednesday's of Oct. 21st and Oct. 28th which are subjoined, will serve as an index to the tone of the market.

	Oct. 21.	Oct. 28.
Montreal	205	204½
do X D	—	200½
Ontario	110	108½
Molson's	—	—
Toronto	180	188½
Merchants'	118½	118
Commerce	128½	130½
Imperial	127	125
Federal	97½	101
do X D	—	98
Dominion	—	200½
Standard	—	117
Hamilton	—	125
Northwest Land	—	43½

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

In grain and produce circles the situation during this past week has apparently been an unsettled one. There has been an active demand for some goods while for others this was inactive, and the same may be said of the firmness of prices. The receipts of grain have been coming forward pretty freely, but holders did

not seem inclined to push sales, evidently looking for better times, even with the prospect before them of navigation closing soon. In wheat there was but little demand, millers being apparently well supplied and exporters calling prices too high. Oats showed more liveliness, the supply having been good and all offered readily taken at steady prices. In barley the feeling was varied and very little business was done. In provisions trade was rather quiet partly because stocks of some goods are low.

WHEAT.

There has been but little demand prices apparently being too high for exporters and millers fully supplied, so that the tendency was decidedly downwards. No. 2 fall sold in the first part of the week at 89c but at the close was not worth more than 87c. Spring was rather firmer than fall owing to a scarcity. No. 3 was worth 84 to 85c and No. 2 about 88c.

OATS.

The supply has been fairly good and all readily taken at steady prices. Old changed hands in the first part of the week at 34½c to 35c and new at 32½ and 33c, closing with sales at 32½c for new and 34 for old.

BARLEY.

There was a varied feeling in this market, the higher grades being scarce and firm and the lower abundant and weak, at the close matters were dull. No. 1 was scarce and wanted at 82c and No. 2 at 74c. One lot of extra No. 3 was worth 68c, and No. 3 offered at 57c but not taken.

RYE.

Inactive but steady at about 62c.

PEAS.

There was no movement reported but car lots could have found a sale at about 61c.

POTATOES.

The supply seems to have been sufficient with increased offerings. Prices were easier, car lots being sold off at 50c and more obtainable at this figure.

EGGS.

These have continued scarce and at steady prices. All offered were wanted at 20c for fresh, but no more than 19c would be paid for inferior in round lots.

BUTTER.

In this market an active demand seems to have prevailed all through the week but at rather easier prices. Really choice dairy was taken at 15 to 16c with a few tubs a shade higher. This appears to have been the grade wanted and all of it offered was readily taken. Medium and inferior not asked for; plenty of these qualities being offered without obtaining buyers. Rolls offered slowly and really good were taken at 15c. Market receipts have shown a large increase and prices a considerable fall.

CHEESE.

There appears to have been a decided firmer feeling in this market, with really fine selling in small lots at 9½c and medium ranging from 7 to 8c.

BACON.

There has been very little offered, the little obtainable being held firmly, but the quantity was so small that prices have been almost nominal. Long clear appears specially scarce, the little on hand is held at 7 to 7½c. Cumberland is about nominal, new rolls were offered at 10c and bellies at 10½ to 11c with sales very scarce.

HAMS.

These seem to have been less in demand and rather unsettled, apparently holders would have no objection to let off the balance of old stock cheap. Smoked appear to have been obtainable at 11c and canvassed to be had at 10c.

LARD.

Has been going off at rather easy prices, pails in lots of 50 have been selling at 9½c and smaller lots at 8½c; tinnets at 9c; a few tierces sold at 8½c but few were available.

APPLES.

Nothing doing in car lots. Wind-falls sold readily at 50 to 75c, and sound to choice hand picked from \$1 to \$1.75.

POULTRY.

The receipts have been increasing but all were readily taken though at rather easier prices: fowl were sold off at 35 to 45c per pair; and ducks, 55 to 65c; with geese 50 to 60c each; and turkeys 60 to 80c for hens and \$1 to \$1.25 for gobblers.

Commercial Summary.

Special telegrams to *Bradstreet's* report no special change in the general trade situation. At Boston business is quiet after the late exceptional activity. In some lines it is disappointing, yet the general confidence that sales are to increase rather than diminish remains unshaken. The dry goods market at present is dull. Retailers are believed to be carrying the large volume of goods lately shipped from first hands awaiting the demand for consumption. There is a better demand for funds for use in regular trade channels. There is a fair movement of wool at seaboard markets for consumption. The larger factories are well stocked, and the smaller ones are buying freely for nearby wants. Manufacturing is relatively active, and prices are firm. Holders regard the situation confidently, and are not anxious to sell. There have been some fair-sized importations of raw wool of late. Trade at Philadelphia is fair in some lines, but there is no general activity. The late mild weather has been a drawback. With lower temperature better sales are expected. At Chicago the volume of trade is lighter than during last week. There is, however, considerable confidence that the up-grade movement is to continue. There has been depression in feeling, owing to the decline in the price of wheat. Reports from interior points tributary to Chicago are moderately favorable, and while the demand for funds therefrom is smaller it is still noticeable. There is less demand for currency from New York. At Pittsburg, Cleveland, Burlington (Iowa), St. Louis and St. Paul there is less activity in commercial circles. The decline in the total volume of eastern rail shipments from Chicago is attributed in part to the maintenance of the advance in tariff rates. The wheat market has suffered a decline this week, cash at New York losing 2½c. Free sales, increasing supplies in sight at home and abroad and continued light exports contributed to this. At Minneapolis wheat has been active and very irregular on reports of the intended shutting down of the flour mills November 1, on full receipts and on the expected advance in flour rail rates eastward. Corn has been more firmly held owing to light stocks, but wheat flour has been weaker, losing all of 25c per barrel for export. Iron is quiet and unchanged either as to demand or price. Petroleum, unexpectedly to some, has nearly maintained its advance of last week, largely owing to the excessive short interest which followed the appearance of the quotation at \$1.10 per barrel.