

keep up much better than wheat. Receipts for the week ended Oct. 13 were fairly liberal. Minneapolis alone receiving 436,000 bushels. At Minneapolis there is a great jam of cars on track, owing to large receipts of rejected wheat, which cannot be stored; 2,000 cars of this stuff are on track. Receipts, however, of all grades fell off last week, as farmers are either plowing for winter or they have confidence in the future of wheat and will not market at the lower prices. The heavy deliveries have no doubt weakened the situation, and if a change now sets in and deliveries at primary markets show a considerable decrease, wheat will certainly move up again. It looks, however, as though the bulk of the crop will be thrown on the market during the early part of the season. One favorable feature is, that markets are not now so far above an export basis as they were a couple of weeks ago, and this gives the situation a more natural appearance. Foreigners should by this time begin to understand the conditions ruling in America, and if they want American wheat, they will have to bid for it more briskly than they have been doing. The course of prices for the present week will depend very largely on the extent of deliveries, which, as noted, show a tendency to drop off at the time of writing. If this tendency continues, prices will hold up.

The local situation has been mainly affected by unfavorable weather. At the close of the previous week, deliveries were commencing to assume considerable proportion, but last week set in with rain, lasting for several days, followed by snow. The roads were consequently in bad shape. Thrashing was stopped for several days, and deliveries of grain by farmers were greatly curtailed. For the balance of the season farmers will give their time largely to plowing, and heavy deliveries can hardly be expected until the ground freezes up. The course of prices was downward, and the fancy figures paid at some provincial markets have been gradually reduced. About \$1 was the average price paid to farmers in provincial markets at the close of the week, though competition at some points caused occasional spurts to from 5 to 10c above this figure.

#### FLOUR.

Has apparently reached the top for the present, and is already on the down grade. A decline of 15c having taken place in prices. It is not expected, however, that values will decline further at present, though this will depend on the course of the wheat markets. Prices to the local trade at the close of last week were: Patents, \$3.15; strong bakers, \$2.95; XXXX, \$2.40; superfine, \$1.90.

#### MILLSTUFFS

Hold steady at last quotations: Bran, \$12 per ton, shorts, \$15, ground feed \$24 per ton.

#### BARLEY.

"There is a good demand for barley, and considerable inquiry is made for the grain from outside sources. The movement, however, is yet so light that prices are little more than nominal, and dealers hardly care about bothering with the cereal until it can be had in larger quantities. It is expected that the movement this season will be mainly direct to consuming points in the United States, by the southern routes, instead of around by Toronto as formerly. As to quotations, about 55c would be paid for best samples, on track at outside

points, and it is thought that even this figure could be exceeded for a choice No. 1 sample.

#### OATS.

Oats are very irregular in price, and it is difficult to give a reliable quotation. Prices, however, seem to hold up well, though lower figures are expected. Some cars have been shipped to north shore points on the C. P. R. east, and for this purpose about 25c has been paid for car lots on track at provincial points. This figure could hardly be paid for shipment to eastern Ontario markets, at present prices ruling in eastern markets. In the city prices have held up, owing to light deliveries. About 30c may be quoted as the present value for use in the city.

#### OATMEAL.

Steady at last quotations as follows: Standard, \$2.50; granulated, \$2.65; rolled, \$3.

#### CHEESE.

The firmer tendency continues. Jobbing lots were usually quoted 1/2c higher, at 19 1/2c and some were quoting at 11c in small quantities, though sales at the latter figure were not reported. Factories are holding stronger, and have generally advanced their views about 1/2c.

#### BUTTER.

A good deal of firmness is apparent in the butter market, as stocks of good butter are none too plentiful. Good to choice is quoted at from 17 to 20c, though there is not much stuff offered that will come up to the standard to bring the top figure. Medium to fair qualities are in larger supply at from 12 to 16c.

#### EGGS.

Eggs hold very strong, and continue to advance. Very few fresh are offering, and are quoted at 23c in case lots when obtainable. Lined and pickled have been moving freely at firm prices, the usual quotation being 22c. There is a good movement to western points, approaching cold weather causing dealers to lay in their stocks at once.

#### LARD.

Last week brought the first weakness in the provision market which has been felt for some time, and some lines were quoted a notch or two lower. Home packed, in 20 lb. pails, was obtainable at \$2.60, with Chicago quoted at \$2.65 to \$2.70.

#### CURED MEATS.

The easier feeling noted above in provisions, has brought about a slight decline in cured hog products, though it is expected that the market will soon regain its former strong tone. Home cured holds steady, whilst Chicago cured has declined. Chicago cured quoted as follows: Dry salt, 13c; rolls, 15c; breakfast bacon, 15 1/2c; hams, 16c. Home cured product is quoted lower than Chicago, as follows: Long clear, 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 15c; rolls, 14c; hams, 16c; all home cured uncanvassed. Pork sausage quoted at 10c per pound and bologna sausage 9c per pound.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Beef holds steady and is quoted 5 1/2 to 6c for good to choice sides or carcasses. Inferior stuff may be had as low as 5c. Pork holds firm. Very few dressed hogs are offering, but it is expected that dressed hogs will now take the place of offerings of live hogs. Packers are quoting 8 to 8 1/2c for dressed hogs, but the quotation is nominal. Butchers are paying as high as 9c, and for choice city dressed 9 1/2c is some times asked. Mutton and lamb quoted 10c; veal 7 to 8c.

#### LIVE STOCK.

The season for live hogs is nearing a close. One car lot arrived last week, but it was the same car which was expected to have been here during the previous week. Packers are still quoting 6 1/2c at the yards here. Cattle hold at about 1 1/2c for good butcher's stock, the range being from 2 1/2 to 3c. Lambs \$2 to \$4 each, as to quality.

#### VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are not offered very freely yet, and

it is not thought likely that there will be much of a surplus in the country, the yield being reported as lighter than last year. Quotations are: 25c per bush. for local demand only. Other prices are: Turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; carrots, 40 to 50c per bushel; beets, 35c per bushel; onions, native, \$1.50 per bushel; cabbage, 50c per doz; celery, 40c per doz. bunches.

#### MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

The following quotations on Oct. 19 as compared with prices on Oct. 12 will indicate the course of the stock market.

	Oct. 12		Oct. 19.	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal.....	223 1/2	223 1/2	210	223 1/2
Ottawa.....	125	124 1/2	130	126 1/2
Toronto.....	211 1/2	208	212 1/2	211 1/2
Merchants.....	13 1/2	13 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2
Commerce.....	120	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
Molson's.....	157 1/2	162 1/2	—	162 1/2
Union.....	—	91 1/2	—	91 1/2
N. W. Land Co.....	63 1/2	62 1/2	65	63 1/2
C. P. R.....	67 1/2	67	69 1/2	67

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Grain—No. 1 (new) hard Manitoba, \$1.45 to \$1.48; No. 2 do., \$1.4. to \$1.45; No. 1 northern, \$1.45; do (old) \$1.50; oats, (new) 34 to 35c; barley, 60 to 65c.

Eggs—Active and firm, 17 to 18c per dozen.

Butter—Finest goods have a steady sale at full prices. Creamery, finest, 21 to 21 1/2c; earlier do 19 to 20 1/2c; Townships, 17 to 20c; Western, 15 to 16 1/2c.

Cheese—Has continued firm. Country accounts continue to report that full prices are being bid. Quotations: Finest September, 10 to 10 1/2; finest August, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4; fine, 8 1/2 to 9 1/4; medium, 7 1/2 to 8 1/4c.

Oatmeal—Market quiet. Prices quoted as follows: In bags \$2.40 to \$2.60 for standard, and \$2.70 to \$2.75 for granulated; Rolled oats, \$2.90 to \$3 in bags.

Potatoes—Quotations range from 60 to 65c per bag as to quality and weight.

Furs—A few early caught beaver have arrived, and brought \$2 per lb. We quote: Bear, \$12 to \$15 for large skins, \$10 to \$12 for medium, and \$8 to \$10 for small; otter, \$8 to \$10; martin, 50 to 75c; fisher, \$4; fox red, \$1; mink, 75c, and muskrat, 10c.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Barley—No. 1 is worth about 80 to 81c; No. 2, 75c to 76c; No. 3 extra, sold at 74 1/2c. f.o.c.

Oats—Firm and in demand, with sales at 37 to 38c.

Provisions—Dressed hogs were in fair supply, and prices were firm at \$7.25 to \$7.75. Most of the sales were made at \$7.50 per cwt. Mess pork per bbl., \$18.50 to \$19; bacon, long clear, 11 1/2 to 12c; lard, tubs and pails, 12 1/2 to 13c; smoked meats—hams, 12 1/2 to 13c; do., rolls, 12 to 12 1/2c; tallow, common refined, 6 to 6 1/2c.

Butter—Good to choice dairies scarce and prices firm. For tops there is no difficulty in obtaining 20 to 21c, and sometimes 22c, and for good grades 18 to 19c. Creamery, 20 to 23c; dairy, choice to selected, 19 to 21c; dairy, ordinary, 14 to 16c; store packed, 12 to 16c; large rolls, 17 to 20c.

Cheese—Jobbing prices as follows:—Full cream, 9 1/2 to 11c; medium, 9 to 9 1/2c; skins 9 1/2 to 9c.