

being done until the grain is on the market, which is expected will be in about two weeks. Quotations for the old surplus stock on hands are nominally as follows: No. 1 hard, 75c; No. 2, 70c; No. 1 regular 65c, No. 2, 60c; No. 3, 52c; and rejected 36 to 44c.

OATS.

In this market business during the past week was exceedingly dull and slow. The only transaction which we could hear of being the sales of a few car lots for railway construction purposes in the Northwest Territories, and at a price which is a considerable reduction on the quotations of the previous week, the sales having been made at 40c, while the prospects are anything but bright at the present time of an improvement setting in unless something turns up when the new crops are on the market. A spare load of new oats has been received, which is the first of this season's crop, and these are considered to be of a good quality and are being held at 45c.

BARLEY.

There is nothing doing and we hear of no demand, while there are no prospects of any active trading being heard of till the new crops are received. The quotations given are purely nominally as follows: No. 2, 65c, extra No. 3, 60c, and No. 3, 55c.

FLOUR.

In this market the business of the past week cannot be said to have shown any marked improvement on the previous one, the real state of affairs evidently being that things are moving along in a fairly steady way, and without any great activity being noticeable. In the city business is reported to have been fairly good, and the same may be said of the trading to western points, while eastward there is little or nothing doing just now. Prices of the higher brands have made a slight decline, the following being now the ruling quotations: patents, \$2.25; strong bakers, \$2.; XXXX \$1.70; and superfine, \$1.30.

BRAN AND SHORTS

During the past week business in this market has continued to be very good. There has been quite a fair demand, and the aggregate of sales are reported as having been satisfactory. Prices have not made any change, the quotations given being the same as in our last issue, as follows: for bran \$9 per ton on track, and for shorts \$10 per ton.

POTATOES.

In this market there has continued to be a pretty fair business done during the past week. Sales of native potatoes are made at 40c a bushel, a price which has not varied any, for fully more than a week ago, and the demand for them appears to be very fair. There are no imported he'd here at present and all the old surplus has been cleared off by this time or if there be any left it will be useless.

EGGS.

In this market the business of the past week has continued to be very good while prices have made a decline, due to the increasing supply combined with an improvement in the demand. Quotations are now from 15 to 16c, and these figures may be considered as tending to a weakness.

CHEESE.

The business in this market is stated as having been very good during the past week, taking the aggregate of sales into consideration. The supply of new Manitoba cheese still continues quite fair while there is also a good demand for it, and though there appears to be a firmness in eastern markets, jobbing prices are the same here, quotations being from 10 to 11c. The price of new Ontario in stock here has made a decline, these being now offering at 10½c.

BUTTER.

In this market the business of the past week has been very good. There seems to have been an improvement in the feeling of traders as a rule, and though there has been perhaps a little less supply coming in, and the demand has continued very fair, prices remain at about their old figures, the following being the ruling quotations: gilt edge, 11 to 15c; medium, 6 to 8c; and for old 4 to 6c. Retail dealers are not receiving so much butter direct from the farmers now, as they are busy looking after their harvesting at present.

BACON.

In this market business during the past week has continued to be very fair the supply has been quite good and equal to the demand, while there are prospects of an improvement keeping up. Prices have not changed any, the following being the ruling quotations, dry salt 9 to 9½c o/s from 12 to 12½c and breakfast bacon 12 to 12½c.

HAMS.

The business of the market during the past week has continued very good. There is a good supply in stock just now and prices are somewhat firmer, due to the usual summer increase of demand during the hot season. The following figures are now the ruling quotations; viz, 14½ to 15c for trade lots while some are held at 14c. There are no green in stock and we do not hear of any demand for them.

MESS PORK.

In this market business during the past week has continued to be very good, while no great activity is noticeable at present, the demand at this season of the year being usually quiet. The following are the quotations given, being the same as in our last issue; namely, \$15 to \$16 per barrel.

MESS BEEF.

In this market the business of the past week is stated to have been very good. The supply has continued to keep well and is quite equal to the demand. Prices have not changed, the following being the ruling quotations, viz, \$15 to \$16 per barrel.

LARD.

In this market business has been much the same as last reported. The demand has kept up fairly well, while prices, have not changed any, the following being the ruling quotations, for 20 lb pails from \$2.40 to \$2.50.

DRESSED HOGS.

In this market business during the past week was not over active, the demand having remained rather light and but few sales could be heard of. Prices are the same as in our last issue, at \$5.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The first three days of the past week on change were marked by firmness in wheat, but a decline set in afterwards, and the closing was rather weak at a loss of 3 to 4½c on all grades, as compared with the close last Wednesday. Trading was quite active, as a rule, though on some days the firmness of holders prevented business. Receipts were quite large, indicating a free movement as a result of fears of a further decline. New wheat is beginning to move and will soon become an important factor in price making. Shipments were quite large, and there are reports of a goodly movement from country points direct to consumption points.

The thresher is demonstrating that the damage to the crop has been overrated. Along the Northern Pacific, where reliable reports previously placed it at 22 per cent is the limit,

with a better percentage in some localities. E. B. Andrews reports receipts of fine samples of hard grades from the country around Neche, near the boundary, accompanied by favorable reports. The cool weather of the past three weeks has been of vast benefit to the spring wheat crop as a whole.

The highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on change during the week ending today, closing prices, and the prices one year ago were:

				Aug. 26.
Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	1884
No. 1 hard	85	82	82	92
" 2 "	83½	79½	80½	89
" 1 "	80	77	77	75
" 2 "	77	73	73	72

No. 1 hard, October, sold down from 86 to 82½c; No. 1 northern, October, from 80 to 75½c. A sale of No. 2 northern, new, was at 71c. Coarse grains were quiet, corn closing at 42 to 43½c and No. 2 oats at 31 to 34c.

MILLS—Held firm, owing to scarcity and good demand, bulk bran closing at \$3.75 to 9 and shorts at \$10.40 to 11 per ton.

Flour—Has been dull and prices declined 15 to 25c. Export inquiries are scarce with heavy concessions demanded, while the domestic demand is moderate, with a very inactive market and a downward tendency.

Quotations for car or round lots at the mills are as follows: Patents, \$4.60 to 4.85; straights, \$4.55 to 4.50; first bakers', \$3.60 to 3.80; second bakers', \$3.10 to 3.40; best low grades, \$2. to \$2.25, in bags; red dog, \$1.50 to 1.70 in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as stated. The rule is to discount 25c per bbl for 140lb sacks, 20c for 98lb cotton sacks, 15c for 49lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24lb cotton sacks, and 20c for 49lb paper sacks.

Our mills moved their output up a notch last week, and made a pretty good showing considering the number in operation. One made the heaviest run on record, either for a single day or on an average for six days. The flour production of the week was 68,592 bbls—averaging 11,432 bbls daily—against 60,858 bbls the preceding week, and 86,700 bbls for the corresponding time in 1884. The same number of mills are in operation now as a week ago, there being six, and their output is unchanged from about 12,000 bbls daily. The improvements on the canal are fast approaching a completed state, and many confidently look for the water to be let into the canal on the 7th prox. There is, however, quite a large amount of work yet to do, a few of the mills, too, just beginning rather extensive repairs in the same line, and it is easy to find well posted men who think it will be a week later before the mill can do anything if they want to. With the flour market demoralized as it is, there is a question if many of the mills will see enough inducement to run after they get power. Those firms that have carried the largest local stock of flour, have withdrawn and shipped it.

The following were the receipts at and shipments from Minneapolis for the weeks ending on the dates given:

	RECEIPTS.	Aug. 26.	Aug. 19	Aug. 12.
Wheat, bus	267,780	176,640	210,000	
Flour, bbls	281	195	150	
Mills' stuff, tons	114	—	48	