

prices were asked. The quotations ranged from 17½c to 18½c for first class smoked.

BACON.

A good business was done during the week, which was an improvement on the preceding week. The quotations were from 4c to 4½c higher. Dry salt sold from 15½c to 15¾c; long clear from 15¾c to 16½c; American and Canadian breakfast 18½c to 19c.

MESS PORK.

A fair demand was reported for mess pork but the quotations remained unaltered at \$25. There is no sign of an advance.

CORNED BEEF.

An advancing steady demand was reported during the week at the ruling price of \$15 which sellers fixed.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The market for the week opened with the firm tone of the previous week fully maintained, supplies being short owing to railway blockades and the opinion gaining ground that stocks in the country have been overestimated.

On Tuesday the market was stiff owing to the storm. Quotations based on the day's sales were:

WHEAT: No. 1 hard, \$1.11 to \$1.12. No. 1, \$1.07 to \$1.08. No. 2 hard, \$1.07 to 1.08.

CORN, No. 2 new, 49c to 50c. Rejected new, 44c to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 37c to 38c. No. 2 mixed, 36c to 37c. Rejected, 34c to 35c. Samples 34c to 35c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6 to \$6.75. Straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Clears, \$5 to \$5.55; low grades \$2.25 to 3.25.

On Wednesday the market for wheat was inactive, and prices were a shade easier in all grains, business being merely nominal. Quotations based on the day's sales were:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.00 to \$1.11½. No. 1 \$1.07 to \$1.08. No. 2 hard \$1.07 to 1.08.

CORN, No. 2 49c; May option, 54c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 37c to 38c. No. 2 mixed, 36c to 37c. Rejected 33c to 35c. Samples, 33c to 35c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6 to \$6.75, Straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Clears, \$5 to \$5.50; low grades \$2.25 to \$3.25.

On Thursday there were no arrivals; oats firmer with a tendency to advance; wheat firmer. Quotations based on the day's operations were:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard \$1.11 to \$1.12; No. 1, \$1.07 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard \$1.06 to \$1.07.

CORN, No. 2, 48c to 49c; May 56c.

OATS, No. 2 white 37c to 38c; No. 2 mixed 38c to arrive; spot 37½.

FLOUR, Patents \$6 to \$6.75; Straights \$5.50 to \$6.25; Clears \$5.00 to \$5.50; low grades \$2.25 to \$3.25.

On Friday prices held firm all round, and quotations ranged as follows:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.11 to \$1.12. No. 1, \$1.03½ to \$1.08. No. 2 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.08.

CORN, No. 2, 49c or cash, May 53½c. Rejected, nominal.

OATS, No. 2 white, 38c to 39c. No. 2 mixed, 37c to 38c. Rejected, 34c to 36c. Samples, 32c to 35c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6.00 to \$6.75. Straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Clears, \$5.00 to \$5.75; low grades \$2.25 to \$3.

Saturday's market was a quiet one, although there was a fair demand for wheat by millers. The following were the ranges of quotations.

WHEAT ranged: No. 1 hard, 1.11 to \$1.12½. No. 1, 1.04 to 1.07½. No. 2 hard, 1.06c to 1.08.

CORN was quoted: No. 2 new, 49c to 50c. May 54c. Rejected cash 45c to 46c.

OATS ranged, No. 2 white, 37½c to 38½c. No. 2 mixed, 36c to 37½c. Rejected, 34c to 35c. Samples 32c to 38c.

FLOUR quotations were: Patents, \$6.00 to \$6.75. Straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Clears, \$5 to \$5.75. Low grades \$2 to \$3.

CHICAGO.

The market opened firm and strong in everything but corn the clique upsetting the market by closing out their corner at an enormous profit and beginning a strong bear movement.

On Tuesday wheat was quietly active and stronger. Corn was active and uncertain; other grains, fair trading; provisions strong, and active. Quotations near the close were:

Wheat, February, \$1.02½	March, \$1.02½
Corn, " 54c,	" 53½c
Oats, " 36½c,	" 36½c
Pork, " 17.50,	" 17.52½
Lard, " 10.75,	" 10.75½

On Wednesday the markets were again active and stronger; wheat advanced; oats higher; provisions active and strong. Quotations near the close were:

Wheat, February, \$1.04½c,	March, \$1.04c.
Corn, " 56c,	" 55½c.
Oats, " 36½c,	" 37c.
Pork, " \$17.75,	" \$17.75c.
Lard, " \$10.95,	" \$10.97½c

On Thursday the market was unsettled for wheat, an advance taking place; corn unsettled; oats firmer; lard active and advancing; pork in good demand. Quotations near the close were:

Wheat, February, \$1.04½c,	March, \$1.05½c
Corn, " 54½c,	" 55½c
Oats, " 37½c,	" 37½c
Pork, " 17.80	" 17.97½
Lard, " 11.10	" 11.20c

On Friday, prices were higher as a rule, but there was a nervousness in the market. Quotations near the close were:

Wheat, February, \$1.06½c,	March, \$1.07½c
Corn, " 56	" 56½c
Oats, " 37½	" 37½c
Pork, " \$18.00,	" \$18.15
Lard, " \$11.20,	" \$11.35.

On Saturday the market was quiet owing to the want of outside information, the storms having cut off all telegraph communication with the east. Prices near the close were:

Wheat February, \$1.07c,	March \$1.07½c
Corn, " 56½c,	" 56½c
Oats, " 37½c,	" 38c
Pork, " 18.25	" 18.35
Lard, " 11.30,	" 11.35

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The slight ease off with which the Stock Market opened on the beginning of last week was but a temporary weakness, and on Tuesday and several succeeding days the firm and healthy state of the market continued. The closing bids on Tuesday afternoon were Montreal 208, Ontario 113, Molsons 132½, Toronto 187½, Merchants 127½, Commerce 136½, Federal 158½, Dominion 200½, Standard 116, Hamilton 115½, North-west Land Co. 41½.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The grain trade during the past week has been rather inactive, which has been due in a great measure to the light offerings, as in most cases the prices have been firm, barley being about the only exception.

FLOUR.

Has been inactive during the week, but has changed very little in price. The highest sales of Superior extra were reported at \$4.40, but

\$4.25 has been the general figure quoted. Some very choice extra reached \$4.35, but \$4.25 to \$4.30 was the usual range.

WHEAT

was inactive, and the offerings were very light. No. 1 spring was not to be had, and No. 2 sold freely at \$1.00. No. 1 fall was very scarce. No. 2 sold at from 97c to 98c, and No. 3 94c to 95c.

OATS.

held firm all through the week, 42c being asked for good western, and anything below that refused. The sales were rather light, however.

BARLEY.

Showed some weakness, especially in the the fine grades, and the amount of trading was altogether light. No. 2 was to be had at 73c, and some offers were made at 72c. Extra No. 3 sold from 64c to 65c, and No. 3 was firmest of any and ranged from 54c to 55c.

BUTTER.

There has been some activity in butter circles during the week, but the scarcity of better goods has kept matters a little quiet. Choice dairy ranged from 19c to 21c; medium 16c to 18c, and inferior goods were quoted as low as 13c.

EGGS.

Have been very scarce, and have held firm at 25c to 26c for fresh.

MEATS.

There has been a slight tendency to an advance in all grades of bacon, but no actual rise has taken place. Mess Pork remained the same as the previous week, and Hams were quoted 13c to 14c for smoked.

Markets by Telegraph.

Special Dispatch to The Commercial.

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Stock market closed with easier feeling to-day, rise of earlier part last week all lost, and generally something more. Closing bids were—Montreal, 206½, sale, 206½; Ontario, 112½, sale, 112½; Molsons, 131½; Toronto, 186½, sale, 186½; Merchants, 125½; Commerce, 135½, sales, 135½ and ½; Imperial, 143, sale, 143½; Federal, 157, sales, 155; Dominion, 199, sale, 200; Standard, 116, sale, 116½; Hamilton, offered 114; North-West Land, 41, sales, 41½, fourth call paid; Manitoba Loan, 123.

Special Despatch to the Commercial:

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Produce firm but quiet, for the last few days from small offerings. Flour advanced, superior extra has sold to-day, \$4.42½, closing with \$4.45 freely bid. Wheat scarce, No. 1 fall sold \$1.00. No. 2 at 98c; No. 1 spring \$1.04; No. 2 spring \$1.01, closing with more wanted. Oats scarce, sold at 41c, which was freely bid. Barley, rather easy, No. 1 sold at 76c; No. 2 at 71c, No. 3 extra steady at 64c to 65c; No. 3 hanging 52c to 55c. Peas nominal, seeds quiet, clover down to \$8.00 to \$8.25. Lard quiet and unchanged. Hogs easy \$8.00 to \$8.50. Butter steady at 19c to 21c; choice dairy, 17c to 20c, good to choice rolls; other sorts nominal. Eggs steady at 25c to 26.

The Montreal Star has given currency to a yarn concerning a lucky speculator in Winnipeg who hailed from the commercial metropolis. The speculator in question held a firm grip of his savings until he got drunk, and while intoxicated made the two lucky speculations. The number of speculators who got drunk and "left" at the same time has not been estimated; but they must have been numerous or there would not be such constant "kicking" about land swindles. No man in his sober senses had anybody else than himself to blame for being bitten in land speculations.