

No. 1 hard for May opened at \$1.05½ and closed at \$1.05. No. 2 hard for May opened and closed at \$1.01.

MILLSTUFF.—Bran and shorts have been quiet but steady bran closing at \$12 to \$12.25 per ton in bulk, and shorts \$12.75 to \$13. Corn meal, \$19 to \$24 per ton; mixed feed, \$15 to \$19.

It would seem that the point has at last been reached from which the flour production of Minneapolis would commence to increase, and grow into proportions somewhat like its former self. The past ten days have been characterized by decidedly "springy" weather, snow and ice being to a considerable extent transformed to water, and the beneficial effect on the river, while not marked thus far is thought to have been quite appreciable, and to forecast as to what may be expected very soon. With these favorable signs, strong hopes are entertained that before another week there will be a good head of water. Last week's production showed a considerable increase, and there is very good reason for believing that the output this week will be still larger. The flour production last week (ending March 15) was swelled to 72,332 bbls—12,054 bbls daily—against 68,300 bbls the preceding week. This is the largest amount of flour made since the first week in December last, when the water power had not reached so low an ebb. The flour trade is quiet, the demand having been somewhat checked by the unsettled condition of wheat, but millers hold their flour quite firmly. At this date last year, the milling business was depressed and unsatisfactory, many of the mills being shut down or running lightly. The following shows the daily output for four weeks in 1883 ending on the dates given: March 17, 11,000 bbls; March 24, 10,000 bbls; March 31, 9,000 bbls; April 6, 6,000 bbls.

The wheat in store in Minneapolis elevators (including the transfer) at mills, as well as the stock at St. Paul and Duluth, is shown in the appended table:

MINNEAPOLIS.			
	Mch. 19.	Mch. 12.	
In elevators, bus.	2,478,500	2,530,382	
ST. PAUL.			
	Mch. 19.	Mch. 12.	
In elevators, bus.	1,127,000	1,134,000	
DULUTH.			
	Mch. 31.	Mch. 11.	
In elevators, bus.	2,416,035	2,413,783	
Afloat	242,603	242,603	
Total	2,658,638	2,656,386	

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

RECEIPTS.		
	Mch. 18.	Mch. 11.
Wheat, bush.....	336,900	351,000
Flour, brls.....	5,875	2,630
Millstuff, tons.....	154	88
SHIPMENTS.		
	Mch. 18.	Mch. 11.
Wheat, bush.....	49,500	29,500
Flour, brls.....	72,000	72,093
Millstuff, tons ..	1,809	1,919

—Northwestern Miller.

CHICAGO.

During the past week there has been a large business transacted at lower prices, the visible supply of wheat showing a reduction of 460,000 bushels, and the visible supply of corn showing an increase of 400,000 bushels; crop reports are very conflicting, regarding the condition of the winter wheat; foreign advices indicated a weak feeling, and lower prices were quoted for both present and future delivery; hog products were moderately active, prices ruling easier in sympathy with other markets. On Tuesday the market opened easy under free offerings and closed quiet. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Mar., \$0.90	Apr., \$0.90½
Corn.....	" 51½	" 52½
Oats.....	" 30½	" 31
Pork.....	" 17.85	" 17.90
Lard.....	" 9.45	" 9.50

On Wednesday a good speculative business was transacted, and the feeling developed was weaker and prices reached a lower point. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Mar., \$0.89½	Apr., \$0.89½
Corn.....	" 51½	" 51½
Oats.....	" 30½	" 31
Pork.....	" 17.70	" 17.75
Lard.....	" 9.37½	" 9.40

On Thursday the wheat market was again easy but not quotably lower; corn was a shade stronger; receipts were not so large. Oats were ½c higher. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Mar., \$0.89½	Apr., \$0.89½
Corn.....	" 51½	" 52
Oats.....	" 31	" 31½
Pork.....	" 17.70	" 17.75
Lard.....	" 9.35	" 9.40

On Friday the market was a shade better all round, especially in hog products. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Mar., \$0.89½	Apr., \$0.89½
Corn.....	" 52	" 52½
Oats.....	" 31	" 31½
Pork.....	" 17.80	" 17.85
Lard.....	" 9.40	" 9.50

On Saturday trading was moderately active at lower prices; foreign advices were unfavorable, and there was no outside demand to speak of; the speculative offerings were liberal, and with no outside support the markets weakened. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	Mar., \$0.89	Apr., \$0.89½
Corn.....	" 51½	" 51½
Oats.....	" 30½	" 30½
Pork.....	" 17.75	" 17.80
Lard.....	" 9.37½	" 9.40

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The stock market during the week has been very steady along with more active business. The variations during the week have been trifling. Wednesday closing bids, as compared with the week previous were:

	Mar. 12.	Mar. 19.
Montreal	190½	..
Ontario	104	104
Molson's
Toronto	183	183½
Merchants	112	113½
Commerce	126½	126
Imperial	138	139
Federal	138½	139
Dominion	196	199
Standard	114½	114½
Hamilton	115	117½
North-west Land ..	61½	61

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The prominent features of the market for the past week have been dullness and inactivity; trade has been decidedly flat, in sympathy with outside markets, which are all quoted lower; receipts of all kinds of produce have been light, but at the same time sufficient to supply all demands; the general opinion seems to be that there is very little remaining in the country to come forward, while stocks here are small as compared with those of last year. The chief change in stocks during the week has been a decrease of about 20,000 bushels of barley. Stocks on Monday morning stood as follows: Flour, 2,135 bbls.; fall wheat, 91,866 bush.; spring wheat, 107,391 bush.; oats, nil bush.; barley, 162,028 bush.; peas, 40,739 bush.; rye, 129 bush.; against on the corresponding date last year: flour, 8,943 bbls.; fall wheat, 369,939 bush.; spring wheat, 163,310 bush.; oats, 1,461 bush.; barley, 140,726 bush.; peas, 13,545 bush.; rye, nil bush.

WHEAT.

The movement has been small, the supply very limited, prices of all sorts unchanged, but holders of this property are of opinion that the bottom has been reached, and that better prices will soon prevail. Quotations are: No. 2 fall is wanted at \$1.07 but seems to be held higher; No. 3 \$1.04 to \$1.05 f.o.c.; red winter \$1.06½ on track; goose \$3c to \$4c.

OATS.

The supply has been on the increase during the week, and prices have declined slightly, cars on track ranging from 36c to 37c; on the street good samples bring from 38c to 40c.

BARLEY.

The demand is said to have been fairly active during the week, and prices steady, but the sum total of the movement reported is but small. Quotations are: No. 1 is steady at 71½c to 77c; extra No. 3 sold at 62c f.o.c.; No. 3 is worth 52c to 53c on track; offerings on the street light and prices steady at 60c to 68c, according to quality.

RYE.

Very quiet at unchanged prices, quotable at about 60c either for car lots or street offerings.

PEAS.

Offerings small and values unchanged, with No. 2 at 74c f.o.c.; street prices 75c to 77c, market closing firm.

FLOUR.

Market quiet, with light offerings, but apparently sufficient to supply all demands; patents have been moving at from \$5.60 to \$6.25, the latter price being for the choicest brands; superior extra has sold at \$5.05. There was no movement reported at the close, but the market was very firm for all grades and values a trifle higher.

POTATOES.

Car lots have been abundant, but have sold fairly well at from 75c to 70c; street receipts very light and prices unchanged at 80c to 85c per bag.

BUTTER.

There has been very little change in the situation during the week; there was some demand for low medium at from 12c to 14c for a few small lots, but this was the only shipping demand heard of. Choice has continued in sufficient supply, but all offerings find a ready sale at 18c to 20c; rolls have been less abundant and fairly steady at 15c to 17c; street receipts have been small and prices firm at 22c to 25c for pound rolls; and 18c to 20c for tubs and corks.

EGGS.

Receipts have been light during the week; all offered wanted, and round lots readily taken at 19c, closing firm; street receipts very small and 20c to 22c is paid for new laid.