

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The street receipts of grain during the past week have been exceptionally light, owing no doubt to the bad state of roads to some extent, but more to the fact that but a small proportion of the crop is yet threshed. Receipts by rail have increased considerably, Portage la Prairie, High Bluff, and Brandon contributing the heaviest proportions. Millers have received an average of about eight cars a day, and on Monday last one house had eleven cars on track. The supply of wheat, however, is not yet large enough to allow of the filling of Eastern shipping orders for flour, but is all required to supply local demands. The supply of oats by rail has also increased during the week, and one firm reports receipts of about 30 cars, or in all, over 50 cars of the new crop. Barley comes in very slowly, only one car of the new crop having arrived, while not more than 20 loads have been bought on the street. The quality, so far, has been excellent, and indeed may be so called in every kind of grain received. Rye and buckwheat have not yet put in an appearance.

WHEAT

has sold from 80c to 90c, the softer grades bringing only the lower of these figures, while only primo lots of hard Fife have reached the latter. The majority of the sales have ranged between 84c and 87c.

OATS

have sold at from 54c to 55c, and the demand at these figures remains good.

BARLEY

has ranged between 60c and 65c, the greater portion bringing the latter figure, owing to the absence of poor quality.

FLOUR

has held steady at \$3.60 for patents; four x, \$2.80; two x, \$2. Millers have all they can do to supply local demands.

BRAN

sells at \$10 a ton, with a good demand, and no prospect of lower prices.

SHORTS

sell at \$12 a ton, and are not in heavy demand.

So far as grain prices are concerned it is generally expected that a considerable decline will soon take place, and only the fact that the present supply is all required for local purposes keeps prices up at present. Millers here are now paying within 14c. of Minneapolis, and 18c. of Toronto prices for wheat, and for the manufacture of flour for shipping purposes it is impossible for them to hold at these figures and be able to compete in Eastern markets. There are also firms in the city who are prepared to go into the business of grain exporting, who, at present figures, are unable to do any business. Oats in this city are now selling at 21c. above Minneapolis figures, but there is not the same probability of a decline in these, as the local demand this winter will use up all the supply, if indeed importing has not to be resorted to.

BUTTER.

Receipts from the East have been pretty liberal during the week, but an increasing demand has kept prices up and they have made a small advance. Receipts from local dairies have been very limited and an extra demand for prime Ontario lots has been the natural consequence. Prime brands from that Province have sold from 27c. to 29c. and a few choice lots went at 30c. Inferior grades were not so much in demand and ranged from 18c. to 25c. Local dairy butter was so scarce that it is difficult to give quotations, and most sales were of small lots at fancy figures.

EGGS.

The supply is getting daily more limited, and buyers have seemingly recognized that fact as

the demand is but small. Only a limited number of sales were made and these at an advance of 1c. on last week's prices.

HAMS.

The demand for these still continues good, although prices are a shade easier. A fair proportion of the sales have been at 18 1/2c., a few at 19c. and quite a number at a slight advance on the latter figure.

BACON.

In this product also a slightly easier feeling is manifest, although no material decline in prices has taken place. Buyers are evidently looking for lower prices, which are slow in coming. Clear smoked sold from 18 1/2c. to 19 1/2c. The demand kept steady.

MESS PORK.

The strained state of last week's markets have somewhat relaxed. Prices have declined a shade at the great packing centers, and retailers are confident of soon securing much lower prices. Some sales were reported at \$29, but the majority of the transactions were made at from \$28.50 to \$28.75.

CORNEB BEEF.

Prices have been a shade lower during the week and most sales have been made at \$19.50, although a few are reported higher.

The present exceptionally high price of meat is keenly felt by retailers, and not a few are inclined to complain freely. Wholesales, however, are not disposed to anticipate any decline in the near future. There is no material decline in Chicago or St. Paul so far, and the available supply of pork, which we treated of in our last issue, holds out no hope. The demand from Liverpool is still good, and the stock at Eastern Canadian points are not heavy enough to warrant the expectation of any relief from that quarter. High prices for some time seem a certainty.

CHICAGO.

Tuesday's market was a firm one all round, grain advancing generally, and pork holding steady, notwithstanding attempts to break prices.

WHEAT opened at 94 1/2c, advanced steadily to 95 1/2c and closed at that figure.

CORN opened at 64 1/2c, but rose quickly to 66c, at which it closed.

OATS remained stationary at 32 1/2c, and closed at that figure, very little trading being done.

PORK opened at \$23.07 1/2, and owing to no speculative demand remained stationary and closed at that figure.

LARD opened at \$12.70, advanced to \$12.80 and closed at that.

Wednesday's market was a mild one, wheat weakening and suffering 1c of a decline, while corn made an advance. Pork showed some weakness, and declined 30c from Tuesday's closing figure. Lard eased off also, declining 2 1/2c during the day.

WHEAT opened at 97c, declined to 94 1/2 and closed at that figure.

CORN opened at 66c, advanced to 67 1/2, declined and closed at 67.

OATS opened at 32 1/2c, advanced to 33 1/2, declined rapidly and closed at 32c.

PORK opened at \$22.75, remained stationary and closed at that figure.

LARD opened at \$12.75, declined to and closed at \$12.50.

Thursday developed no new features in grain or pork. Corn kept its firm tone, while wheat was comparatively steady.

WHEAT at the closing figures of Wednesday advanced to 95c, and closed at 94 1/2.

CORN opened at 67c., fluctuated considerably and closed half a cent above the opening figure.

OATS were weak and no great amount of

trading was done. A slight advance was made on Wednesday's closing quotations, but declined again and closed at 32 1/2c.

PORK opened at \$22.80, underwent some slight fluctuations and closed at \$22.80.

LARD was not active and closed weak at \$12.55.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Tuesday's market had a decidedly upward tendency in grain of every kind, wheat and corn having somewhat of a boom. Flour however remained almost stationary. The sales of grain were decidedly heavy and buyers were plentiful.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, sold from \$1.03 to \$1.04; No. 1 from 98c to \$1; No. 2 hard, 98c to \$1.

CORN was quoted as follows: No. 2, 64c to 66c; rejected, 61c to 63c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 34c; No. 2 mixed, 33c; rejected, 28c to 32c.

FLOUR was quoted: Patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2 to \$3.50.

BRAN sold at \$8 a ton free on board in bulk, and later \$8.12 1/2 was asked.

SHORTS were quoted at \$9 to \$10 a ton, according to quality. Sellers were plentiful, but buyers few.

Wednesday's market was a moderately active one, and some choice cars of different grains sold at fancy prices, while prices generally showed no actual advance on those of Tuesday.

WHEAT was quoted, No. 1 hard, \$1.03 to \$1.04; No. 1, 98c to \$1; No. 2 hard, 98c to \$1.

CORN was very dull, and prices quoted were No. 2, 64c to 65c; rejected, 61c to 63c.

OATS sold at 34c for No. 2 white; No. 2 mixed, 33c; and rejected, 28c to 32c.

FLOUR quotations were: Patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.55 to \$6.50; clears, \$5 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2 to \$3.50.

BRAN was in good demand with small offerings. Quotations, \$8.12 1/2 a ton free on board in bulk.

SHORTS were quoted at \$9 to \$10 a ton, according to quality. The feeling was weak.

The receipts of grain were liberal on Thursday, and a fairly active market in everything but corn took place.

WHEAT was quoted: No. 1 hard, \$1.03 to \$1.04; No. 1 97c to \$1.

CORN was quoted 65c. to 67c. for No. 2; rejected, 62c. to 64c. The quotations were nominal.

OATS were steady and quoted: No. 2 white 34c; No. 2 mixed, 33c; rejected 28c. to 32c.

FLOUR quotations were unchanged from the previous day. Patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.00 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2 to \$3.50.

BRAN held firm at \$8 to \$8.25 a ton free on board in bulk, with sellers confident.

SHORTS were quoted at from \$10 to \$11 a ton, according to quality. The demand was small and the feeling weak.

TORONTO.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The markets of last week opened with a slightly more hopeful tone. Receipts of different kinds of grain in street lots have been liberal, and barley still maintains its lead. General produce has also been received in considerable quantities, and have sold at prices fully as high as last week. Meats still hold high, and the well-known scarcity of pork has prepared dealers for continued high prices in that article.