

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The rain of last week and other circumstances have combined in holding back the receipts of grain, while farmers show a disposition to hold for higher prices. Quite a few cars of wheat and several of oats have been received, Portage la Prairie contributing the heaviest share of the former. Still the receipts of wheat are not more than enough for millers to supply local demands, and no attempt at car lot shipments of flour has been made.

WHEAT.

Notwithstanding the reports of dull Markets east, prices have held firm all week at least for the best lot of hard wheat. Scotch life still ranges from 85c. to 90c. according to quality, while softer qualities are but little in demand. The quality of life so far has been good, and promises to continue so.

BARLEY.

No car lots have as yet arrived from other towns, and the street receipts amounted to only a few wagon loads, all of which were of excellent quality, showing plumpness and color. One lot in particular was particularly bright, and weighed over 48 pounds per bushel. The price paid has been 60c. with scarcely a variation. No rye or buckwheat has as yet put in an appearance either by rail or on the streets, and reports indicate that the available supply this season will be very limited.

FLOUR.

No shipments of car lots are reported, and the local demand still requires all the available wheat. Prices have made no material change since the previous week, and quotations are as follows: Patents \$3.60; Bakers \$2.80; Traders \$2.00 per hundred.

SHORTS.

The demand has not increased any during the week, and prices hold steady at \$12.00 per ton.

BRAN.

Prices are unchanged from those of last week, namely, \$10.00 a ton, with few heavy sales to report.

BUTTER.

Receipts from the east have not been heavy, although quite a number of car lots are now in transit. Prices for Ontario receipts are unchanged, prime lots ranging from 26c. to 28c. and inferior grades from 18c. to 24c. There is a growing scarcity of fresh butter from local dairies, and the prices of such has an upward tendency, although no transactions are reported over 30c. a pound.

EGGS.

The supply is daily becoming more limited, and an advance of one cent has been made on last week's prices, making 28c.

HAM.

There has been a decided stiffening-up, in prices during the last few days, and only a few sales have been made at 19c., while a very large proportion of the business has been done at 20c. and a few transactions have occurred at a shade above the last figure. The demand keeps steady and an advance during the next few days will in all probability be made.

BACON.

No perceptible advance in prices has taken place during the week, but a firm feeling is general all over, and higher prices may be expected at any time. Clear smoked holds at from 18½c. to 20c., and long clear smoked from 18c. to 19c. The demand, especially from the west, is good even at these high figures.

MESS PORK.

The steadily-increasing demand and the continued rise in pork at the great packing points has caused an advance of from 50c. to \$1.00 during the week. The lowest sales reported were at \$28.50 and numerous transactions have

taken place at \$29.00. The prospect is that these figures are not likely to be reduced.

CORNED BEEF.

No advance in price has taken place, quotations being \$20.00. In sympathy with mess pork, however, quite a firm feeling has developed.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Tuesday's market was on the whole a firm one although corn and oats were rather quiet. Receipts of grain, especially wheat, were liberal and sales free.

WHEAT ranged: No. 1 hard, 98c. to \$1.00; No. 2 hard, 93c. to 95c.

CORN was quoted: No. 2, 62c., rejected 60c. to 61c. Scarcely any sales were reported.

OATS were sold freely at 34c. to 35c. for No. 2 white; No. 2 mixed, 34c. to 34½c., rejected 28c. to 32c.

FLOUR was quoted: Patents, \$6.50 to \$7.25; straights, \$5.75 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.50 to \$6.00.

BRAN.—A dead-lock lasted all day, sellers demanding \$8.00 a ton free on board in sacks, and buyers offering \$7.30 to \$7.50.

SHORTS.—Sales were few and the feeling weak, prices ranging from \$8.00 to \$11.00 a ton, according to quality.

Wednesday's market developed quite a confident feeling and prices ruled firm. Receipts of grain were good, and sales, especially of wheat, were free and numerous. Oats were steady and corn rather quiet.

WHEAT sold: No. 1 hard, 99c. to \$1.00; No. 2 hard, 94c. to 95c.; No. 1, 93c. to 95c.

CORN.—Very few sales were effected, and prices were merely nominal. No. 2 was quoted 62c. and rejected 60c. to 61c.

OATS were quoted: No. 2 white, 34c. to 35c.; No. 2 mixed, 34c. to 34½c.; rejected, 28c. to 32c.

FLOUR quotations varied very little from those of Tuesday, and were as follows: Patents, \$6.50 to \$7.25; straights, \$5.75 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.50 to \$6.00; low grades, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

SHORTS were slow in sale, and quotations were \$8.00 to \$11.00, according to quality.

BRAN was offered at \$8.00 a ton, free on board, but no sales were made, buyers refusing to go beyond \$7.25.

Thursday's market was a firm one all round in grain, especially in the hard grades of wheat, corn being the only weak point. Receipts were good.

WHEAT was in good demand, and sales were reported from 99c. to \$1.00 for No. 1 hard; No. 2 hard, 93c. to 95c.; No. 1, 93c. to 95c. A firm feeling prevailed all day.

CORN quotations were nominal, but few sales being made. No. 2, 62c.; rejected, 61c.

OATS were steady, but not inclined to advance in price. No. 2 white quoted at 34c. to 34½c.; No. 2 mixed, 32½c. to 33½c.; rejected, 28c. to 32c.

FLOUR.—An easy feeling prevailed, and stocks on hand were heavy. Patents sold at \$6.50 to \$7.00, with \$7.25 asked; Straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; Clears, \$5.50 to \$6.00; low grades, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

SHORTS were quoted at from \$8.50 to \$11.00 a ton, according to quality, with liberal offerings and few sales.

BRAN was quoted at from \$7.75 to \$8.00 a ton, free on board, and several good sales were made at the lower figure, but only a few at the higher.

Friday's market was particularly firm in grain generally, and particularly in the hard grades of wheat. Flour was weak, and the stock on hand heavy.

WHEAT quotations were: No. 1 hard 99c. to \$1.00, but later in the day sellers refused to let go at \$1.00; No. 2 hard, 93c. to 95c.; No. 1, 93c. to 95c.

CORN.—No trading was done, and quotations

were nominal, although higher than those of yesterday. No. 2, 64c.; rejected, 60c. to 62c.

OATS.—No. 2 white sold at from 34c. to 35c.; No. 2 mixed, 34c. to 34½c., and rejected, 28c. to 32c.

FLOUR quotations were: Patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; Straights, \$5.75 to \$6.50. Clears, \$5.00 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Eastern buyers were holding off for lower figures.

SHORTS were quoted at \$9.00 to \$10.00 a ton, according to quality. Offerings were large and buyers scarce.

BRAN.—Buyers offered \$7.75 to \$8.00 a ton, free on board, while sellers were holding for \$8.25. Offerings were heavy, but held firm.

CHICAGO.

Tuesday showed a short lull in the downward tendency of wheat, while corn held firm and advanced a little, pork still tending upward. Prices were:

WHEAT opened at 91½c. and closed at 94½c.

CORN opened at 61c. advanced to and closed at 61½c.

OATS opened at 32½c. and after a few slight fluctuations closed at the same figure.

PORK opened at \$22.35, advanced steadily to \$22.55 and closed at that figure.

LARD opened at \$12.37½, advanced to \$12.88 held firm and closed at that figure.

The Market was a hopeful one even in wheat.

Wednesday's market was a slow one in almost everything. Wheat slow in sale, corn stationary, oats weak, and pork and lard easier. Quotations were as follows:

WHEAT opened at 94½c., fluctuated scarcely and closed at 94½c.

CORN opened at 61½c., eased off and closed at 61½c.

OATS opened at 31½c., dropped to 31½c., stood there lifeless and closed at that figure.

PORK opened at \$22.70, advanced to \$22.80 and closed at that figure. A strong but ineffectual effort was made to break prices.

LARD opened at \$12.90, was confined to 5c. range all day and closed firm at \$12.95.

Thursday's market was a firm one in every class of grain except barley, and in wheat, corn, and oats small advances took place. Liverpool reports were encouraging. Pork and lard both made a steady advance, and closed with a decided upward tendency.

WHEAT opened at 94½c., rose to 94½c., fluctuated for some time, advanced again to 94½c., and closed firm at that figure.

CORN opened at ½c. above the closing quotations of Wednesday, held firm for a time, and finally advanced to 62½c., at which it closed.

OATS.—Receipts were light, and prices advanced from 31½c. to 32½c., at which they closed.

PORK.—A good demand existed, and prices crept steadily up. Opening sales were made at \$23, but an advance to \$23.25 was made, and a closing was made at that figure.

LARD opened at \$12.70, and soon showed an inclination to advance. \$12.97½ was reached, and \$12.95 was laid at the closing.

There was a lack of firmness in every department of Friday's market, and even pork eased off somewhat, although it rallied somewhat near the close. Receipts of grain were good, and sellers were plentiful. Corn only held firm.

WHEAT opened at 94½c., rose to 95c., eased off, and closed at 94½c.

CORN opened at 61½c., advanced to 62½c., and closed at 62½c.

OATS opened at 32½c., remained motionless all day, and closed at the same figure.

PORK opened at \$23, declined to \$22.80, recovered again, and closed at \$22.95.

LARD opened at \$12.95, declined to \$12.80, advanced and closed at \$12.95.