

thy with the excitement on the Winnipeg market and prices were marked up 10c to 11c per bushel, with sales of car lots of No. 3 Canadian western, and extra No. 1 feed as high as \$1.14 to \$1.15 per bushel, ex-store, and holders of No. 2 Canadian western asked \$1.16 to \$1.17, ex-track. Fort William, which figures were equivalent to \$1.23½ to \$1.24½, ex-track, here, but on account of the break in Winnipeg prices on spot, have since been reduced 3½c to 4c per bushel, and the market to-day closed quiet and easy with car lots of No. 3 Canadian western, and extra No. 1 feed quoted at \$1.10½ to \$1.11; No. 1 feed, \$1.07½ to \$1.08; No. 2 feed, at \$1.06½ to \$1.07; Ontario No. 2 white, at \$1.10; No. 3 at \$1.09, and No. 4 at \$1.08 per bushel, ex-store. There was a steady demand during the week for supplies for both local and country account, and a fairly active trade was done. There was some business transacted in Manitoba feed wheat at \$1.85 per bushel, ex-track, Fort William, and a few cars of American kiln-dried corn were offered on spot, and sold at \$2.15 per bushel, ex-store.

Fluctuations in grain on Saturday at Winnipeg were:—

	per bushel.
Oats:	
No. 2 C. W. . . . .	0.93%
Do., No. 2 C. W. . . . .	0.91%
Do., Extra No. 1-feed . . . . .	0.88%
Do., No. 2 feed . . . . .	0.85%
Barley:	
No. 3 C. W. . . . .	1.68½
No. 4 C. W. . . . .	1.63½
Rejected . . . . .	1.38
Feed . . . . .	1.36
Flax:	
No. 1 N. C. W. . . . .	3.50
No. 2 C. W. . . . .	3.46½
No. 3 C. W. . . . .	3.25

**LOCAL FLOUR.**

The winter wheat flour situation showed a slight improvement during the week due to the fact that several carloads bought from Ontario millers several weeks ago arrived and they went into consumers' hands at once as they had already been contracted for. Supplies in first hand are still very limited and few new offers have been received from millers as they claim that very little wheat is coming forward consequently it is not likely that receipts of flour here will be increased. A stronger feeling has developed in the market owing to the continued scarcity and the keen competition between buyers for the odd small lots available, and sales were made at \$11.10 to \$11.50 per bbl, in jute, ex-store, according to quality of bags.

The condition of the market for spring wheat flour remains unchanged. The mills have been working more regularly as supplies were more plentiful.

The purchases made for export account this week have been comparatively small here, but there has been a good steady demand for supplies for domestic and country account, and the market is fairly active with sales of car lots for shipment to country points at \$11.10 per bbl. in bags, f.o.b., cars, Montreal, and to city bakers at \$11.20, delivered, while broken lots to grocers and city bakers have sold at \$11.30 delivered. There is considerable enquiry for rye flour which is scarce and the prospects are that prices will go higher soon. The last sales reported were at \$5.90 per bag, delivered. The demand for corn flour is steady, and prices are very firm at \$6.50 per bag, delivered.

**MILLFEED.**

Prices of pure grain moullie scored an advance of \$2 to \$3 per ton which was attributed to the increased cost of raw material and the increased demand for this feed. The condition of the market for other lines of millfeed remained unchanged. The demand is good but supplies are not sufficient to meet this demand.

**ROLLED OATS.**

The market for rolled oats developed a very strong feeling and prices scored an advance of 30c per bag. There is a steady demand for domestic consumption and for shipment to country points with sales of standard grades in broken lots at \$5.60 to \$5.70 per bag, of 90 lbs., in cotton, delivered to the trade. Recent purchases for export account of some fair sized lots were made at \$10.75 to \$10.80 per bbl. in bags, but millers are now demanding more money.

	per barrel.
Flour:	
New Government standard grade . . . . .	10.70
Cereals:	
Rolled oats, 90 lb. bag . . . . .	5.60 5.70

Feed:	per ton.
Bran . . . . .	35.00
Shorts . . . . .	40.00
Middlings . . . . .	48.00 50.00
Moullie, pure grain grades . . . . .	68.00 70.00

**RECEIPTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.**

The receipts of grain and flour in Montreal for the week ending February 23rd, were:

Wheat, bushels . . . . .	120,926
Oats . . . . .	85,118
Barley, bushels . . . . .	12,700
Corn . . . . .	2,745
Flour, sacks . . . . .	14,006
Hay, bales . . . . .	16,898
Straw, bales . . . . .	1,015
Flax . . . . .	4,018

**RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.**

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending February 23rd, 1918, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
Week ending Feb. 16, 1918 . . . . .	1,566	302
Week ending Feb. 24, 1917 . . . . .	2,249	2,388
Total receipts May 1st, 1917, to Feb. 23rd, 1918 . . . . .	361,523	1,829,551
Total receipts May 1st, 1916, to Feb. 24th, 1917 . . . . .	503,803	2,242,721

**LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.**

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Feb. 23, 1918.	Feb. 16, 1918.	Feb. 24, 1917.
Wheat, bushels . . . . .	\$25,069	1,009,360	700,758
Corn, bushels . . . . .	13,715	14,248	3,740
Peas, bushels . . . . .			1,774
Oats, bushels . . . . .	335,036	388,562	2,540,249
Barley, bushels . . . . .	46,297	49,554	152,577
Rye, bushels . . . . .	1,380	50	13,626
Buckwheat, bushels . . . . .	29,121	28,521	4,753
Flax, bushels . . . . .		2,283	
Flour, sacks . . . . .	30,081	31,797	30,979

**RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.**

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending Feb. 21st, and the week previous were:

	Week ending Feb. 14, 1918.	Feb. 21, last year.
No. 1 Hard . . . . .	2	...
No. 1 Northern . . . . .	689	750
No. 2 Northern . . . . .	356	359
No. 3 Northern . . . . .	262	273
No. 4 Wheat . . . . .	99	115
No. 5 Wheat . . . . .	52	78
No. 6 Wheat . . . . .	56	61
Feed Wheat . . . . .	10	6
Rejected . . . . .	32	23
No. Grade . . . . .	71	64
Totals . . . . .	1,629	1,731
Oats . . . . .	602	779
Barley . . . . .	123	124
Flax . . . . .	95	101

**WHEAT PRICES HIGHER.**

Washington, D.C., Feb. 23. — President Wilson today raised the Government guaranteed price for the 1918 wheat crop as high as \$2.28 a bushel in one primary market and in varying sums in all other primary markets except four. The Chicago price was put at \$2.20.

The prices fixed, the President declared, would assure the producer of a reasonable profit. On the basis of No. 1 Northern spring wheat and its equivalents, the President fixed the prices as follows: Chicago, 2.20; Omaha, 2.15; Kansas City, 2.15; St. Louis, 2.18; Minneapolis, 2.15; New-York, 2.28; Philadelphia, 2.27; Baltimore, 2.27; Newport News, 2.27; Charleston, S.C., 2.27; Savannah, 2.27; Portland, Oregon, 2.05; Seattle, 2.05; San Francisco, 2.10; Los Angeles, 2.10; Galveston, 2.20; New Orleans, 2.20; Salt Lake City, 2.00; Great Falls, Mont., 2.00; Spokane, Washn., 2.00; Pocatello, Idaho, 2.00; Fort Worth, Texas, 2.09; Oklahoma City, 2.05; Wichita, Kansas, 2.08; Duluth, 2.17.

The equivalents of No. 1 to which the same price applies are No. 1 hard winter, No. 1 red winter, No. 1 Durum and hard winter. The wheat must be harvested in the United States during 1918 and sold in the market before June 1, 1919.

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FACTORIES IN

**MONTREAL, TORONTO, OTTAWA, WINNIPEG**

**MAKING MAPLE SUGAR.**

The appeal of the Food Controller to produce large quantities of maple sugar and syrup this spring should receive a ready response from those who have groves of maple trees. While maple sugar can be made as it was in the early days of settlement, with very simple apparatus, the work is greatly reduced and better products made when a modern equipment is utilized. For the instruction of those not entirely familiar with advanced methods, the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa has issued Bulletin No. 2-B entitled "The Maple Sugar Industry in Canada". By text and illustration it makes very clear the operation of a maple sugar plant. The time to tap, the utensils to use, the refining and handling of the product are all dealt with. This bulletin is available for the distribution to those who apply for it.

**BROOMHALL'S FOREIGN CROPS.**

France—Recent thaws have cleared the snow from the fields and the condition of the young crops is described as magnificent. Very few complaints are being made and in some parts the recent frosts did good. Proper steps are being taken to furnish a requisite amount of seed for spring sowing.

Russia—Weather conditions are unfavorable, being severely cold with snow scattered. Agricultural outlook is considered unfavorable. Railway traffic is slow. Grain movement withheld. Port stocks practically nothing.

North Africa—Growers in Algeria are seeding new crops under favorable conditions. Supplies of old remaining are of fair proportion. Exportation continues.

Spain—Recent rains and snow have improved agricultural prospects. Transport by railway is slow and difficult, and supplies are not being well distributed. Native reserves liberal and import arrivals are fair.

Denmark—General Grain crops are very poor, especially rye, which is only half the normal. The quantities of hay and straw gathered this year have also been unusually small. However, there has been a good outturn of beet roots and potatoes.

Italy—Wheat supplies are still short, as native crop was disappointing and foreign arrivals slow. The most strict economy is being practised in the use of flour. Cereals of all kind are being collected and requisitioned throughout the entire country in order to distribute them equally with those imported.

Balkan States—Weather conditions continue favorable for growing crops. Plenty of snow has fallen and the severity of the winter is giving way to warmth and therefore moisture is abundant. Acreage is large. Corn prospects excellent. Shipments overland continue.

United Kingdom—After heavy snow, weather has now turned milder, which will permit of field work being resumed again. The appearance of the young crop is very good. Millers appear to be well supplied although wheat offers are limited.

Chile—Weather favorable. Harvesting of oats is finished and a large yield was recorded. Shipments continue for export.

Argentina—Weather continues favorable, being generally clear and mild. Business is quiet, owing to difficulty attending railway traffic and scarcity of tonnage militating against clearances. Holders, however, are firm of all grain, anticipating a steady urgent export demand.