

than those of Saturday were free. In corn there was a fair shipping demand, but no speculation to speak of, while there were scarcely sales of oats outside of cash, and for immediate wants the demand was fairly active. Pork and lard were both quiet and the sales few. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$9.87½	\$9.87½
Corn	41½	39½
Oats	28½	28½
Pork	8.95	9.90
Lard	6.00	6.10

Tuesday opened with an undecided feeling among wheat operators, although with an impression of coming lower prices, but contrary to general expectation the feeling grew firm and higher prices were reached. The trading was purely local and outside influences brought to bear were of very little weight. Corn opened weaker, but recovered later, although receipts were much heavier than was expected. Oats were lifeless all day. Pork and lard were dull and inclined to be weaker. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$9.87½	\$9.88½
Corn	42½	39
Oats	29	28½
Pork	8.95	9.95
Lard	6.05	6.12½

On Wednesday the news of the death of W. H. Vanderbilt made some predict a general drop in prices, but after all there was nothing more than predictions. Wheat ruled a little lower than on Tuesday, but the decline was a trivial one and firmness returned considerably near the close. A marked falling off in receipts seemed sufficient to counterbalance all the effect the death of the great millionaire had. Corn was in fair demand, but was a shade lower. Oats were very little in demand and prices steady. Pork and lard were moderately active, but prices were changed very little. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$9.87½	\$9.87½
Corn	41½	38½
Oats	29	28½
Pork	8.87½	9.87½
Lard	6.05	6.10

On Thursday the market opened with a decidedly weak feeling and some operators looked for a heavy drop in wheat, but were disappointed in this, for while prices ruled a shade lower, any attempt a real break was defiantly met by the bulls. Advices from both New York and Liverpool were unfavorable, and to these may be attributed the slight decline. Corn was in fairly active demand for immediate delivery and prices held firm, while oats were lifeless and almost without a fluctuation. Pork and lard were steady and with prices firm. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$9.86½	\$9.86½
Corn	41½	39½
Oats	28½	28½
Pork	8.90	9.85
Lard	6.02½	6.10

On Friday wheat opened weaker, but there

was an attempt to bolster with European war probabilities, and although no advance was secured thereby, the figures of Thursday were maintained, notwithstanding reports of an easier feeling in New York and Liverpool. Reported heavy exports from New York and Baltimore assisted the firm feeling, which was maintained to the closing. Corn was rather weak and free from speculation, although receipts were unusually light. There was nothing doing in oats beyond cash sales. Pork and lard were both stronger, and more active, and advanced slightly. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$9.86½	\$9.86½
Corn	41½	38½
Oats	28½	28½
Pork	9.00	9.97½
Lard	6.05	6.12½

On Saturday the market again opened with a weak feeling in wheat, which the bulls were unable to stem properly, although they made a determined stand. Cable advices were weak and the European war rumors of the previous day were all exploded. The movement in prices was downward, but the decline after all was but slight. Corn was dull and with few fluctuations, while oats were neglected. Pork and lard were both very firm and active, with prices tending decidedly upwards. Closing quotations were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	86	86½
Corn	40½	38½
Oats	28½	28½
Pork	9.10	10.07½
Lard	6.05	6.12½

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The stock market during the past week has shown a decided firmness, and an upward tendency in most leading bank stocks. In no case was the advance very marked, but with two or three exceptions a gain has been made more or less, and with the exceptions the decline has been slight. Two marked features have been the firm upward tendency of Northwest Land Co.'s stock, and the fact the Federal has at last reached par, and has been hovering around it all week. Closing bids of Wednesday's, 2nd and 9th of December, give an index to the market's tendency, and we subjoin them:

	Dec. 2.	Dec. 9.
Montreal	199½	200
Ontario	103½	105
Toronto	183	184
Merchants'	114½	113½
Commerce	123	120½
Imperial	125	125
Federal	95½	100
Dominion	199½	200
Standard	120	120½
Hamilton	125	125
Northwest Land	57½	57½

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

During the week there has existed a feeling of indecision in grain circles, what has had its effect in lessening the transactions in wheat, but has had no apparent effect upon prices, which have given straight evidences of 'his pre-

vailing feeling. Millers have been insisting that wheat must go down or flour up, as they can not manufacture at present prices, while their efforts to bring the figures of each to a satisfactory level have been unavailing. There has been nothing in European markets upon which any rise in either could be based, and at the same time there has not been sufficient foreign weakness to warrant a decline in wheat here. Local influences are powerless to make any marked change, and until there is some strong evidence of a decrease, or at least no further possible in the visible supply, it would be useless to predict any marked turn in prices. As might be expected such a state of affairs has kept up the uncertainty, and has produced a kind of steadiness in prices from this very uncertainty, neither sides being willing to make a move without something definite to guide them. Barley furnishes a market contrast to wheat in the higher grades at least, which have been scarce and quickly taken when offered. In provisions the movement has been moderately heavy. In dairy products there has been a slow feeling which is gradually disappearing under Christmas demands, and even lower qualities have been going with comparative freedom. In meats there has been a moderately active feeling all round, and prices have held fairly firm, although no appreciable advances have been made. In both grain and provisions there has been holiday signs appearing, and it is very probable that for two or three weeks a careless inactivity will prevail.

WHEAT

Business has been at a standstill during the entire week. Very little wheat has been offered in this market and the demand has not been in excess of the supply. Prices have consequently remained nearly nominal, with a slightly noticeable tendency toward a firmer feeling. No. 2 fall sold at about 84 to 85c, and later in the week one sale of several cars was reported at 86½c. No. 2 spring is quoted at from 86 to 77c.

OATS.

A good local demand has existed for oats all the week and receipts have been well taken. Prices have held firmly at quotations given for the previous week. Car lots on track still sell at from 33 to 34c, the latter for white milling samples. Street sales from farmers' wagons range from 35 to 36c.

BARLEY.

With the closing of navigation the demand for barley for shipping purposes has been greatly reduced. The local demand for high grades continues good, but of these receipts are limited, really bright samples being scarce. The supply of inferior qualities is more than ample for the existing demand in these grades and consequently values for such are easier. For No. 1 90c has been offered without bringing out any samples of this quality. No. 2 sold at 81c, No. 3 extra at 71c, No. 3 choice at 66c, and No. 3 at 58 to 59c.

RYE.

is still quoted at 66c, but there is so little call for this grain, that the price may be considered as merely nominal.

PEAS.

The demand for this cereal is light and quite in proportion to the supply, which is coming forward slowly. Offerings during the week have been limited to a few cars, which sold at the invariable and unchanged quotation of 61c. Loads offered on the street brought 62c.