

## FLOUR.

There was quite a little boom in local flour markets last week, especially for high grade flours. Prices advanced 10c early in the week, and another advance of 10c occurred on Thursday, due to the advance in wheat. Prices to the local trade here are quoted:—Patents, \$3.00; strong bakers, \$2.80; XXXX, \$2.10 to \$2.20; superfine \$1.55 to \$1.65; Graham flour, \$2.80; middlings, \$3.00.

## MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold at \$10 per ton for bran and \$11 to \$12 for shorts; ground feed, steady at \$20 to \$21 per ton.

## BARLEY.

The barley market is in a very unsatisfactory state, and is difficult to give a reliable quotation, as prices are irregular, and dealers are paying according to their individual views as to the value of the grain. About 35c, however, would be a top quotation for very best samples on track.

## OATS.

Prices are steady. At outside points quotations range from 22 to 25c. In the city about 28c is still the usual price for loads on the market.

## OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Prices are steady, except for cornmeal, which is being sold at under quotations. Prices are:—\$2.50 for standard oatmeal and \$2.65 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, \$0 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal was held at \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

## CHEESE.

Unchanged 10½ to 11c.

## BUTTER.

There is very little doing, either in receipts or in demand. Stocks of choice are not large. Quotations range from 18 to 22c for fair to choice dairy.

## EGGS.

Prices continue downward, quotations being 3 to 4c lower than a week ago. Lined are about out of the market. Fresh are coming in freely from the south, and were selling in case lots on Saturday at 22 to 23c.

## LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago, at \$2.35, though these prices are being shaded to some extent.

## CURED MEATS.

The tendency of prices is still downward. Long clear was dropped down another cent last week, and spiced rolls were quoted ½c lower. Prices are quoted as follows: Mess pork, \$20 per barrel; dry salt bacon, 10c lb., smoked breakfast bacon, 14c; rolls, 12c; hams, 14½c; pork sausage, 9c lb.

## DRESSED MEATS.

The feeling is very dull and weak for dressed hogs, owing to the depressed state of hogs and cured hog products in outside trade centres. Dry salt bacon was forced down another cent here last week and with the very weak feeling, dealers do not care to take the risk of packing hogs at high prices. The market was also depressed by further importations of dressed hogs from Ontario, which are arriving here in car lots. About 7c per pound was the general quotation here last week, though sales were made under this figure, and one sale at \$6.60 per 100 pounds was reported, though probably not choice animals. If the easy feeling continues, 7c per pound will be an outside figure this week. Packers were talking on Saturday of reducing prices to 6½c this week. Country dressed beef is offering freely and prices are easier. Good to choice sides are quoted at 4 to 5c per pound, though fairly good heavy sides have been bought as low as 3c. Mutton steady at 9 to 10c; veal 8 to 10c.

## POULTRY.

Turkeys are quoted at about 11c; geese at about 10c; chickens are scarce and firm at 8 to 10c.

## VEGETABLES.

Prices are as follows:—Potatoes usually bring about 30c per bushel in quantities; onions, \$1.50 carrots, 60c; turnips, 25c; parsnips, \$1, beets, 60c, all per bushel. Celery scarce, 40 to 75c per dozen bunches, as to quality. Cabbage average 75c to \$1 per dozen for good.

## Grain and Milling.

Over 100 cars of grain have been shipped from Holland, Man., this season.

About 100,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed at Indian Head, Assa., to date.

The council at Westminster, B. C., is considering the advisability of offering a bonus for a flour mill at that place.

There is some likelihood, says the *Portage Review*, of a flour mill running by the water-power of the White Mud, being built at Arden, Man.

*Vancouver World*: A gentleman is now in the city trying to make arrangements for the establishment of a grist mill adjoining the Vancouver Mill Co.'s site.

S. W. Vanluven is around getting signatures to a petition addressed to the Minister of the Interior, asking for a bonus of \$1,500 to erect a custom grist mill at the South Branch, in the Prince Albert district, Saskatchewan.

A report comes from Portage la Prairie that grain and flour shippers there have considerable difficulty in obtaining cars as required, though the C. P. R. people claim that there is not sufficient traffic to keep their rolling stock properly.

Mitchell & Bucknall are adding to the machinery in their mill at Millwood, Manitoba. They are adding four new sets of rolls, centrifugals, purifiers, shorts-dusters, etc. This will increase the yield of flour per bushel and capacity of the mill.

At the annual meeting of the Montreal Corn Exchange, held recently, the following officers were elected: President, A. G. McBean. Board of review, John Dillon, J. E. Kirkpatrick, G. M. Kinghorn, R. Sims and J. O. Lafreniere. Committee of management, R. M. Esdaile, A. E. Gagnon, J. S. Norris, John Magor, H. W. Raphael, J. Baird, and D. A. McPherson.

The exports of grain from Montreal during the past season were as follows:—

Wheat.....	2,033,325 bushels.
Corn.....	2,721,282 "
Peas.....	\$95,314 "
Oats.....	3,484 "
Barley.....	4,824 "

Total (1888)..... 5,658,227 bushels.  
Total shipments in 1887..... 11,372,789 "  
Showing a falling off in 1888 of 5,714,562 bushels. A portion of this large decrease is attributed to the break in the Cornwall canal last fall.

## Lumber Cuttings.

Malcolm Thompson has sixty men in the Riding Mountains, Manitoba, cutting ties for the Northwestern Central Railway.

The Eau Claire Lumber Co., of Calgary, Alberta, has contracted with the Galt Railway for at least half a million feet of lumber for this season.

The Carpenter estate, Fort William, comprising over 24,500 acres of land, will come under the hammer on the 2nd of March. There are some fine timber lands in the property.

It is estimated that 395,000 ties will be taken out between Winnipeg and Lake Superior, along the C. P. R. line, this winter. In the Rocky Mountains, on the C. P. R., about 200,000 ties are being taken out.

The new Vancouver Lumber Co.'s mill, Vancouver, B. C., is fast approaching completion. Part of the machinery has arrived and it is expected the whole will be in running order in about four or five weeks.

T. E. Martin, late in the lumber business at Regina, Assa., has disposed of his property there and left the country. It is said he had \$5,000 when he went to Regina, seven years ago, and he takes away about \$23,000.

It is reported that the Fort Ellice saw mill, which is in good order, will be started in the spring to cut bridge timber and other lumber required by the Northwest Central railway, which it is expected will be completed to the Assiniboine river.

The \$15,000 bonus passed by the municipality of Rat Portage to the Ross, Hall & Brown saw mill, has not yet been satisfactorily arranged, some trouble as to terms having arisen between the town and mill men. It is also claimed that the bonus conflicts with the laws of Ontario, governing municipalities.

A Washington Territory paper says: We have the best authority for saying that an enormous lumber mill will be erected at the mouth of the Squalicum creek, this territory, within a short period. Among the persons interested are John Hendry, of the Royal City Planing mills, New Westminster, B. C.

W. A. Adsit, of the Cypress Hills saw mill, says that the logs now boomed at the mill will probably be sawed this season, which will turn out about 2,000,000 feet of lumber. Louis Sands, proprietor of the mill, is now in Europe, and will return to his Michigan home about the middle of March. This mill is located in the Cypress Hills, south of Maple Creek, Assa.

Under the heading "Has the Danger Line been Reached," the *Mississippi Valley Lumberman* says: The total product of white pine lumber in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, has not varied very much since 1884, from 7,500,000,000 feet annually. Up to 1878 it only amounted to about 3,500,000,000 per year, but after 1878 production increased rapidly until it reached the maximum in 1884, when the total product according to the *Northwestern Lumberman* was 7,935,033,034 feet. Last year it amounted to 7,757,915,754 feet. If the measure of increase shown in the tables printed in this issue is carried out throughout the entire white pine producing region, the total will this year exceed considerably 8,000,000,000 feet. The complete returns from Minnesota, western Wisconsin and the Mississippi valley shows a net increase of 480,965,762 feet, and the fragmentary returns, covering about two-thirds of the product of Michigan, show a net increase of 214,448,439 feet, or a total of 701,414,201. The same ratio of increase throughout the remainder of the white pine producing re-