## LOCAL GRATN

Th, option markets for oats continued to display ery pronounced strength this week and prices, both at Winnipeg and at Chicago, advanced to the highest level on this crop, and in Winnipeg the May ontion sold up to $901 \%$, which shöwed an advance
 fo market closed with a net gain for the week of 35 c to $3 \% \mathrm{c}$. A strong feeling developed in the local market, due to sympathy with these other centres and prices during the week scored advances amounting to $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ per bushel. The demand during the week was somewhat limited and the volume of business small as buyers held off waiting for lower prices. It is not expected, however, that prices ually will go much higher without receipts increase materially in the leading United States markets, and there is a break in the Chicago option market, as stocks on spot are light and show a decrease to-day of over $2,500,000$ bushels, as compared with a year ago. The market to-day closed firm, with car lots of No. 3 Candian western and extra No. 1 feed quoted at $\$ 1.04$, No. 1 feed at $\$ 1.02$, No. 2 feed at 99c; Ontario No. 2 white at $\$ 1.03$, No. 3 at $\$ 1.02$, and No. 4 at $\$ 1.01$ per bushel ex-store. The trade in other lines of grain has been slow, but the tone de. the market has ruled strong. There was some dew mand for Manitoba feed barley, and salack, with cars were made at $\$ 1.50$ per bushel ex-track, and $\$ 1.51 / 2$ asked for reed and whe sold at $\$ 2.021 / 2$ per bushel ex-track
Fluctuations in grain on Saturday at Winnipeg were:-
Oats


No. 3 C. W.

## PROVISIONS.

There was little improvement in the conditions of the live hog market last week, receipts being light and prices firmer by about 50 c per hundredweight. Sales were made at $\$ 20$ per hundred for live hogs, and meats are firm and steady with a higher spread for cooked hams, all other prices holding firmly as

## ollows

Medium, per 1 b
Large, per lb .
Bacon-
Boneless, per lb .
Breakfast, per 1b
Roll, per lb. ...
Dry Salt Meats-
Long clear bacon, small lots
Fat backs, 1 b.

## RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week nding February 14th, and the week previous were:eek ending Same date

| No. 1 Hard .. .. .. .. .. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. 1 Northern | 425 | 689 |
| No. 2 Northern | 259 | 356 |
| No. 3 Northern | 192 | 262 |
| No. 4 Wheat .. | 91 | 99 |
| No. 5 Wheat | 64 | 52 |
| No. 6 Wheat | 57 | 56 |
| Feed Wheat .. | 8 | 10 |
| Rejected .. .. .. .. .. .. | 42 | 32 |
| No. Grade | 27 | 71 |
| Winter Wheat .. .. .. .. | .. | .. |
| Totals .. .. .. .. .. .. | 1,169 | 1,629 |
| Oats.. .. .. .. .. | 580 | 602 |
| Barley .. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. . | 126 | 123 |

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RECEIPTS OF GRANT AND FLOUR.

- The recelpts of grain and slour in Montreal for the week ending February 16th, ,were;- $4,487,525$ Wheat, bushels Oats Corn
Peas.
Flour, sacks
Hay, bales
Straw, bales
Flax
Rye.. ....
$4,239,965$
268,867
7,041
2,466
107,755
......
3,894
36,781
67,543

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.
The following table shows the recelpts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending February 16 th, 1918, with comprise

Week ending Feb. 16, 1918
Week ending Feb. 9, 1918
Week ending Feb. 17, 1917
Butter, 'Cheese,
pkgs.
boxes
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { pkgs. } & \text { boxes. } \\ 1,566 & 302\end{array}$

Total receipts May 1st, 1917, to
Feb. 16, 1918
Total receipts May
Feb. 17, 1917
LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.
The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned: $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Feb. 16, Feb. } 9, & \text { Feb. } 17, \\ 1918 . & 1918, & 1917 .\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{crr}1918 . & 1918, & \\ .1,009,360 & 1.455,702 & 717,785 \\ 14,428 & 16,861 & 17,189\end{array}$

 $.1 .$.
388,562
49,554
Barley, bushels
Rye, bushels.
$\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Rye, bushels . . . .. .. } & 50 & 50 & 17,672 \\ \text { Buckwheat, bushels .. .. } & 28,521 & 30,360 & 4751\end{array}$

| Flax, bushels. .. | .. | .. | 2,528 | 2,283 | 1,108 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Flour, sacks. .. | .. | .. | 31,797 | 32,342 |  |
| 1,718 |  |  |  |  |  |

broomhall's foreign crop sumMARY.

Russia-Food conditions are very bad throughout northern regions. This continues with heavy freezing and snow over a wide area, but agricultural out-
look is unfavorable. Stocks in the populated centre look is unfavora
Canada-Acreage under Winter Wheat is 4 per cent less than last year. Condition of the crop is better than last year. Receipts keep light and quality fair. Exportable surplus still remaining is thought to be of good size.
France-Wheat acreage increased over last year and the seedings practically under snow cover. Supplies keep moderate, but arrivals show some improvement.
Italy-Snow is general throughout southern regions. Reports from the country as a whole are
favorable, hovewer shortage of labor is being felt. and especial arrangement to facilitate transportaion have been extended to June 30. Foreign arrivals fair and native stocks light.
fair and native stocks light.
Spain.-Recent snowfalls have been widely distributed and have had beneficial effects. Native supplies are good and foreign arrivals light. New erop prospects are not favorable.
North Africa.-The drought in Morocco has been relieved, and agricultural prospects are naturally greatly improved. Plowing is in progress on all except the heaviest land. Exportation of wheat and corn continues.
United Kingdom.--Seasonable weather prevails, but the frost and snow are hindering plowing. It is believed that with good weather in February and March the national program will be realized for an ncrease of $3,000,000$ acres.
Balkan States.-Reports confirm the serious as pect of the food situation.
Greece-Crop prospects fair.
Bulgaria.-Weather and crop prospects good with Bulgaria.-Weather and c supplies considered, ample
Scandinavian Peninsula.-Weather very cold with arts snow. Agricultural prospects not Cavorable. India.-Weather and crop news are generally favbeen disappointin.

## Empire Cotton Mills witatic Limited Manufacturers of 7extiles, Sail Duck, Bag Cloths Seamless Bags <br> Write for Quotations <br> montreal stock mariet.

There was a considerable drop in the volume of business transacted on the local exchange during the past week, but in spite of the fact that a number of firm, and in many cases showed marked advances. The chief feature of the week was the very. pronounced advance in Lake of the Woods Milling Com pany, common stock, which registered a net gain of 12 points on transactions of 657 shares. This, of course, was due to the rumors of an increase in ividend. On Saturday, not only was the dividend increased from 8 to 10 per cent, but a bonus of $21 / 6$ per cent was also paid. Apart from Lake of the
Woods, Dominion Steel attracted the most attention Woods, Dominion Steel attracted the most attention With sales of 2,400 shares and a net gain of $1 / 2$ point Penmans was another strong feature, gaining ${ }^{3}$ creased. The greatest activity was shown in Shawinigan rights, some 7,400 sales being registered.
The aggregate of the week's business was very small, when viewed in the light of the generally good tone of the market. Comparisons follow:

| Feb. 16, |  | Feb 1 , |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1918. | 1918. | 1917. |
| 8,283 | 15,472 | 03 |
| \$50,900 | \$68,300 | \$276,000 | | Shares. . . . . . . . . . . . . | 8,283 | 15,472 | 9,50 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Bonds . . . . . .. . . . $\$ 50,900$ | $\$ 68,300$ | $\$ 276,000$ |  | Unlist. shares

## COFFEE.

The following is a table showing approximata prewar coffee consumption of the leading powers:

| United States | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pounds. } \\ & 1.100 .000,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Germany | 362,084,000 |
| France | 304,813,009 |
| Austria | 130,952,000 |
| Great Britain | 32,723,000 |

Russia . . . . .............................. 18,309,00
As there are about 130 pounds per bag, it will be seen that Germany and Austria before the war con sumed approximately $3,700,000$ bags, or 20 per cent of the world's crop. After the war it will be no much a question of increased consumption as of rn market is consumption, although the Far East the United States exported to China, Japan and Rus ia Inted states exported to China, Japan and Rur ed with about 730,000 peunds in 1916 .
Since 1890 the world's consumption of coffee has more than doubled, and crops have kept pace with demand. The crops of the last ten years have bee

| Bags. |  | Bags. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 916-17..... 16,691,000 | 1911-12 | 17. |
| 1915-16..... 19,756,000 | 1910-11 | 14,524, |
| 1914-15..... 17,886,000 | 1909-10 | 1912 |
| 13-14...... 19,612,000 | 1908-09 |  |
| 12-13...... 16,373,000 | 1907 | 14,83 |
| Deliveries of coffee to Europe are of interes |  |  |
| indicating the demand there, and these figures have been as follows in the last five years: |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Bags. |  |  |
| 6-17...... 5,171,120 | 1913-14 | 11,027 |
| 15-16 . . . . . 11,050,000 | 1912-13. |  |


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    628
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