

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business moves steadily and with some activity. There are no new features to note, and no changes in prices to report. Quotations are: Turpentine in barrels, 85c per gallon; benzine and gasoline, 59c; linseed oil, 63c raw and 65c boiled; panoxide paints, mixed in barrels, 90c crown white lead, \$7.25 per 100 lbs.; royal charter, \$7; plaster, in barrels, 3.50; cement scarce in the city. Coal oils are unchanged.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

The situation seems to have changed but little since our last report, and what has taken place has not been in the direction of higher prices. In Chicago little advances occurred in two or three days have been as a rule swept away in an hour or less, and a genuine feeling of depression seems to take hold of eastern markets generally. Duluth has shown no better feeling, and in Eastern Canada, as here, there is a dead-lock between buyers and sellers, with a gulf between them of anywhere between ten to twenty cents to bridge over. European buyers are in no way anxious to get supplies from this continent, and the visible supply of flour there is still heavy. When to this is added the splendid prospect for the growing crop all over this continent, there is little left to cause any anxiety to intending buyers. In the local market there is literally nothing doing, as holders are still keeping a firm grip on their stocks. The rumor of banks forcing sales which emanated from the *Montreal Trade Bulletin* has very little of any foundation, and an end to the strain still seems far off. At outside points stray loads of wheat have been bought from farmers at 70 to 80c, according to quality, but even farmers in possession of wheat will not let it go at these prices, and most of them are financially strong enough to hold it over.

FLOUR.

The western demand is down to almost nothing, and to the east only a stray car comes at intervals of two or three days. Nearly all the small mills in the province are closed down, and the few still running as well as those in the city must soon follow if stocks keep increasing as they have during the last three or four weeks. The local trade has been steady but quiet, so that there is no life anywhere. High grades have dropped a little in price, and quotations now stand:—Patents, \$2.90; strong bakers, \$2.60; XXXX, \$2.00; superfine, \$1.40.

MILLSTUFFS

The demand keeps good for this season of the year, but it is steadily falling off as the season advances. Prices hold up all the same, and bran is quoted at \$9 to \$10 a ton and shorts at \$11 to \$12.

OATMEAL.

The situation has in no way improved, but prices hold steady, quotations being: Standard per 100 lbs. \$2.60; granulated, \$2.75; rolled oats in 56 lb. sacks, \$3.

OATS

The movement has been light, and prices have been a shade easier. Car lots for feed were worth about 29c, and milling lots would not bring more than 30c.

BUTTER.

The market is gradually giving way under the pressure of heavy receipts, and exporting must be commenced soon if a glut is to be avoided. Creamery and first-class dairy find a ready sale, but nobody cares to handle anything that is a little off, and low grades would be unsaleable at any price if offered. Prices have been on the drop, and while some well known creameries can sell in round lots at 20c, the best dairy brought to the city will scarcely bring 18c, while mediums if offered will not bring a bid of over 14c, and are not sought after at that figure.

CHEESE.

No round lot sales reported as yet, and small lots are in light demand at about 10c, which is about the figure for prime makes.

EGGS.

Receipts have been heavier, but prices have fallen very little. Some talk of 13c was heard, but prime lots brought 14c.

LARD.

There has been nothing to cause a change and prices seem fixed at \$2.60 for 20lb pails of local make.

CURED MEATS.

There has been no new feature during the week, and prices have held steady notwithstanding the depressed state of United States markets. Hams are held at 13 to 13½c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11c; dry salt, 10½c; pork sausage, 9c; bologna, 8c.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef carcasses have been a little easier the best bringing only 6½c, and poorer only 6c. Dressed hogs sold at 5½ to 5¾c and easy at these figures. Veal still holds at 8 to 9c and mutton at 12c.

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs have ranged from 5 to 5½c, and are decidedly easier. Beef cattle have lost the firm feeling noted in our last report, and ranged from 3 to 3½c only, the best butcher stock bringing the latter figure.

Minneapolis Markets.

Closing figures on May 29th, were as follows:—

	May.	June.	On track.
No 1 hard	93	94	93
No. 1 northern	83	83½	84
No 2 "	72	73½	74

The flour market has continued dull with somewhat irregular prices for the week. During the first part of the week prices were depressed and business slow. Later, on firmer and steadier wheat markets, flour did a little better, both in breadth of distribution and in values. The firmness of spring wheat prices has given way somewhat, which tended to reduce the price of flour. The decline has been checked and with steadiness in wheat the prospects seems rather more encouraging for flour, though activity is hardly expected at present.

Flour—Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$5.00 to \$5.25; straights, \$4.50 to \$4.75; first bakers', \$3.00 to \$3.70; best low grades, \$1.45 to \$1.35 in bags; red dog, \$1.25 to \$1.40 in bags. — *Northwestern Miller.*

Duluth Wheat Market.

Closing prices for each day of the week were as follows:—

	Cash.	May	June.	July.
Monday	91	95½	95½	96
Tuesday	93	95½	96	96
Wednesday	95	95½	95½	—
Thursday	—	—	—	—
Friday	93	94½	94½	—
Saturday	91½	91½	91½	—

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The most important factor in the wheat market is the weather. The glowing description of the growing crops has had a depressing effect on prices and with the week closing May 25th values were steadily decreasing, the bear element bringing every effort to dishearten the advocates of higher prices. The session opened Monday with a little firmness and the bulls were getting courageous but it was a short battle and closed with the bears on top. Pork products suffered in the decline, the only buying being done by shorts and were at an advanced figure. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July	Aug.
Wheat	81½	79	76½	73½
Corn	35½	33½	33½	34½
Oats	21½	21½	22½	—
Pork	11.85	—	11.95	12.00
Lard	6.72½	—	6.77½	6.82½-5
Short Ribs	5.70-5	—	—	—

Tuesday was a busier day on change for a long time. Reports of damage done by the cold wave commenced to come in early and caused quite a flurry in wheat circles and the market started off quite firm. This brought out large offerings of May and June and caused a break but afterwards recovered. Trading in corn was active and prices were advanced. Pork products suffered a decline under a large run of hogs. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	79½	79	78	74½
Corn	33½	—	34½	34½
Oats	21½	22	22½	22½
Pork	11.70	—	11.80	—
Lard	6.67½	6.72½	6.82½	6.77½
Short Ribs	5.67½	—	5.77½	5.82½

The opening on Wednesday was at about yesterday's close but during the day the market ruled easier and prices declined. A fair business was transacted on the decline. Closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	—	78	76½	74½
Corn	—	35½	34	34½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	11.75	11.85	11.92½
Lard	—	—	6.72	6.80
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Thursday being Decoration Day no session of the board was held.

Friday the business transaction on the board was very limited; the opening was fair but the latter part of the day was uninteresting. The closing prices were as follows:

	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
Wheat	—	79½	76½	74½
Corn	—	34	34½	34½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	11.82½	11.87½	11.95
Lard	—	6.67½	6.75	6.80
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

The Keewatin Mill will be reopened next week, the new management having succeeded in putting things into running order for the opening of business. W. A. Hastings will reside at Keewatin and Messrs. G. V. Hastings and G. A. McGaw at Winnipeg, where an office will be opened in a few days.

The land grant of the Northwest Central will be arranged in the course of a few days and the N. P. & M. Ry. deal with that road will then be settled.