

a bit, and at others they were lowered, the average being about the same as a week ago. About 60c per bushel was the usual price to farmers at principal country markets, for No. 2 hard. The movement continues principally through to the seaboard, and cars have been obtained as readily as could have been expected, considering the unexpected nature of the movement. Stocks in store at Lake ports are increasing very slowly, only best quality of wheat going into store, while poorer stuff, which comprises the bulk of the crop, is moving to the seaboard. Stocks at Lake Superior elevators were 409,339 bushels, showing an increase for the week of about 25,000 bushels. It is certainly desirable to get all poor and damaged wheat out of the country as early as possible, though the low prices will no doubt influence many to hold. When warm weather sets in it is likely this damaged grain will not be marketable at any price.

On the Winnipeg exchange business was dull during the week, dealers being depressed by the downward tendency in prices. On Monday No. 2 northern sold at 91c per bushel, Montreal freights. On Tuesday No. 2 northern again sold on a basis of Montreal freights, at 90½c. On Friday one car of feed wheat, a good sample, sold at 30c per bushel here.

#### FLOUR.

There is no change to note in flour prices. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade, per 100 pounds are now as follows: Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; 2nd bakers', \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.35; superfine, \$1.15; middlings, \$2.50; graham flour, \$2.40; cracked wheat, \$2.40; buckwheat flour, \$3.75.

#### MILLSTUFFS.

In the Winnipeg market the price is firm and unchanged, at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts per ton.

#### MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Prices are:—Oil cake in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, \$26.50; in car lots f. o. b. \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$2.60; granulated, \$2.70 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.70 per sack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.90 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

#### GROUND FEED.

Good qualities of feed are held at \$15 to \$16 per ton.

#### OATS.

There was an upward tendency in oats locally, owing to light offerings. On the Winnipeg market farmer's offerings brought 23 to 30c and the outside price was frequently paid. In Manitoba country markets prices to farmers ranged generally from 25 to 27c per 34 pounds, and in some country markets up to 30c was quoted. This shows a considerable upward tendency in prices, as compared with a week ago. At several Manitoba country markets prices are above a shipping basis, owing to falling off in receipts, which at these points is only equal to the local demand.

#### BARLEY.

Quoted at 25 to 28c at city or country points.

#### BUTTER.

Commission dealers are offering to the retail trade at prices ranging from 12 to 29c per pound, according to quality, for dairy. At these prices it is taken in small quantities.

#### CHEESE.

Jobbing at about 12c per pound, and slow sale.

#### EGGS.

Imported eggs, called fresh, were offering at 20c per dozen. Fresh country ranged about 24 to 26c. City retailers are paying 30c per dozen for strictly new laid, to their customers.

#### CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, ETC.

There is a continued easier tendency in prices,

and though we repeat quotations, there is considerable cutting under these prices. We quote as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9½ to 9½c; smoked long clear, 10½ to 10½c; spiced rolls, 11½ 12c; breakfast bacon, 12½ to 13c; smoked hams, 13½ to 14c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

#### LARD.

Pure lard is held at \$2.20 per 20 pound pail, with compound lard at \$2 per pail.

#### HIDES.

Round lots of frozen hides quoted at 3½ to 4c per pound here. Very few hides offering for inspection. Inspected cows quoted: No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. There is a stronger tendency in eastern hide and leather markets. Sheepskins are quoted at 50 to 75 cents each as to quality; merino skins being worth 50 to 60 cents.

#### VEGETABLES.

Nothing new in vegetables. Potatoes are held at about 30c per bushel. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 20c per bushel; parsnips, 1½c per pound; carrots, 60 to 70c per bushel; beets, 40c per bushel; cabbage, 40 to 60c per dozen; onions, 3 to 4c per pound; Spanish do., \$1.60 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 25 to 50c doz. heads.

#### DRESSED POULTRY.

Demand slack. Some eastern stock, principally turkeys, is offering by jobbers. Quotations may be given as follows: Turkeys, 12½ to 13½c; geese, 9 to 10c; chickens, 8 to 10c per pound.

#### DRESSED MEATS.

Offerings of hogs have been rather larger on the market. About 7c per lb. was the outside price paid in lots, and we quote \$6.80 to \$7.00 per 100 lbs. On the farmers' market 7 to 7½c was paid for single hogs by hotels or private parties. Beef is nominal at 5½ to 6c for city dressed. Country frozen beef slow sale at 2½ to 5c per pound; mutton 9 to 10c; veal, 5 to 6c.

#### HAY.

Offerings in excess of demand. Baled hay sold as low as \$6 on the market, and is offered freely on track at \$7 per ton.

### Statistical Wheat Information.

May wheat at Duluth closed at 83½ a year ago last Thursday.

Chicago closing was 76½ Jan. 80½ May a year ago Thursday.

A year ago Thursday May ranged at 79½ to 80 and Jan. at 77c at Minneapolis.

Imports into the United Kingdom during the week, ended Jan. 17, aggregated 142,000 barrels flour and 768,000 bushels wheat.

The manufacture of flour at St. Louis was 1,872,000 barrels in 1890; 2,066,000 in 1889; 2,016,000 in 1888; 1,985,000 in 1887.

Indian shipments of wheat for the week ended Jan. 17 aggregated 840,000 bushels against 352,000 bushels same week last year.

The wheat supply of the United Kingdom for the eight weeks ending Dec. 27 fell 7,330,000 below the supply for the corresponding period last year.

Wheat receipts at interior points from Jan. 1 to Jan. 10, 1891, were 3,550,000 bushels against 2,675,000 bushels in 1890, 1,608,000 bushels in 1889, and 2,213,000 bushels in 1888.

The visible supply for the United Kingdom decreased 1,051,916 bushels; that is the consumption exceeded the imports and farmers deliveries by that amount.

Wheat receipts at Minneapolis for the week

ended Jan. 17, were about 1,030,000 bushels against 818,000 bushels for the same week last year. The mills used about 480,000 bushels.

Exports of wheat and flour for the week ended January 17 from all Atlantic ports were 1,034,200 bushels against 1,028,050 bushels for the corresponding week last year.

Wheat and flour exports from the seven Atlantic ports from September 1 to January 10, were equal to 19,719,000 bu of wheat, against 25,431,000 bu for the same time a year ago.

In the South Russian ports the stocks of wheat at the close of 1890 were estimated at 1,500,000 quarters, against 2,500,000 quarters last year and 3,000,000 quarters at the end of 1888.

Bradstreet's report which appeared on Wednesday showed the available supply of wheat west of the Rockies last week decreased 730,000 bushels and east of the Rockies 819,000 bushels a total of 1,579,000 bushels.

Bradstreet's states the stock of wheat in store on 10th Jan. at Canadian points as follows: Manitoba, 1,300,000; Fort William and Keewatin, 1,050,000; Winnipeg, 375,000; Toronto, 103,335; Kingston, 38,000, and Montreal, 243,526.

Beerbohn gives the supply of wheat, including the quantity on passage, American visible and United Kingdom stocks on Jan. 17 as 61,090,000 bu, against 70,152,000 bu for same time last year, and 79,056,000 bu for same time in 1889.

Bradstreet's reports exports of wheat and flour from both coasts, United States and Canada, since July 1, 1890, at 54,432,041 bushels against 59,078,000 bushels corresponding time in 1889-90. This differs materially from the official report.

The visible supply decreased 457,000 bushels during the week ended Jan. 17. For the corresponding week last year the decrease was 660,000 bushels. The total stock at all points enumerated in the statement aggregate 24,811,764 bushels, against 32,518,344 bushels last year.

For the six months ended Dec. 31, 1890, exports of wheat and flour from the United States (official report) aggregated 45,530,540 bushels against 55,037,505 bushels same period in 1889 and 51,936,970 bushels in 1888. Exports of wheat and flour for the month of December aggregated 9,514,207 bushels against 11,597,818 bushels for December, 1889.

The amount on ocean passage increased 816,000 bushels for the week ended Jan. 17, making the available supply 48,357,764 bushels, against 52,214,314 bushels for the corresponding date last year, 59,559,029 bushels two years ago, and 54,841,232 bushels three years ago, and 88,569,169 bushels four years ago. The amount on ocean passage decreased 632,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year.

Total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up, Minneapolis, 31,603,031 bu; Duluth, 10,855,450 bu; Chicago, 10,263,962 bu; Milwaukee, 4,368,390 bu, making a total of 57,092,833 bu, against 64,870,441 bu during the same time last year and 41,326,065 bu in 1889. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit, and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 20,612,554 bu, against 23,577,031 bu in 1890 and 23,111,249 bu in 1889.