

**EASTERN MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO**

During the past week the wheat market here has continued depressed and prices have ranged from 1 to 2c lower than the previous week. The market seemed to be without leading features of importance, other than those which have continued to exert an influence for some time back. Receipts of new wheat have continued to pour in freely at all primary points, and with a meagre export movement the visible supply has been steadily piling up to vast proportion. Of course this is no more than is expected at this time of the year, but nevertheless it has a depressing effect upon the markets. Corn and oats have held fairly steady, but on the whole easier. Provisions have been quieter and prices have shown a considerable tendency to lower values. The break in lard on Tuesday may be considered the culmination of the September lard deal. There was not such interest taken in the deal, as only a few had any interest in it. The break was started by a few tailers, who undertook to realize, but their light offerings brought on the tumble.

There was a moderate business on Monday and the market weak and lower. November was sold freely at from 75½ down to 74½c. Prices reacted toward the close, though last figures were ½c below Saturday. There were no new features to influence the market. Cables were easy, receipts large, and exports light. Oats were fairly steady and good demand for cash. Corn was fairly steady and firm. Provisions were quiet all around and very little trading in cash products. September lard advanced 5c and October pork declined 5c. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	72½	73½
Corn .....	30½	30½
Oats .....	25	25½
Pork .....	9.47½	9.50
Lard .....	7.30	6.15

On Tuesday the wheat market was steady and at times firm. At 1 o'clock figures were slightly higher. In the afternoon there was a strong feeling and November advanced to 75½c. Cables were weak. Corn was heavy and dull. Oats quiet and steady. Provisions were more interesting and nervous. November pork declined 12½c. September lard broke from \$7.27½ to \$6.30, closing at 1 o'clock at \$6.40. In the afternoon pork closed 5 to 7½c higher and October lard 2½c higher. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	73½	75½
Corn .....	30½	30½
Oats .....	25	25½
Pork .....	9.55	9.65
Lard .....	6.37½	6.10

There was a bullish feeling at the start on Wednesday. November opened at 75½c and advanced to 76½c, but determined efforts to break the market on the part of two or three heavy traders, caused a decline in prices to 75c. The market then rallied ½c, but so d down ½c in the afternoon. Corn was quiet and firm. Oats spasmodically active and prices irregular. Pork sold down to \$9.30 for October, and \$9.35 for November, and in the afternoon were easier. September lard went up to \$6.75. Closing at one o'clock at \$6.62½c. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	72½	72½
Corn .....	30	30
Oats .....	9.30	24½
Pork .....	24½	9.30
Lard .....	6.55	6.02½

On Thursday there was a fair amount of business in wheat, with prices somewhat unsettled. The opening was ½ to ¾c lower, but under liberal buying for shorts prices advanced ½c. Values then declined ½c sharply, on weak cables, but quickly recovered and advanced ½c, closing ½c higher than yesterday. Oats were fairly active and easier. Corn moderately active and irregular, closing ½c higher. Pork prices fluctuated considerably within a narrow range, declined 5 to 7½c, but recovered and closed steady. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	72½	73½
Corn .....	30	30½
Oats .....	24½	24½
Pork .....	9.27½	9.30
Lard .....	5.95	5.97½

Wheat opened strong on Friday at 76c for November, owing to war rumors, but weakened as soon as it was known that consols had advanced. November broke to 75½c, but good buying put prices up to 76½c, again falling to 75½c. It was reported that some wheat had been taken for export, but shippers claim that prices are 3 to 4c too high for this. In the afternoon prices receded to 75½c for November. Trading in oats was principally changing over October to November. Corn dull. Provisions were dull and easy, but closed steadier. Lard 5c lower. Closing prices were:

	cash.	Oct.
Wheat .....	73½	73½
Corn .....	30½	30½
Oats .....	24½	24½
Pork .....	9.25	9.25
Lard .....	5.90	5.90

On Saturday October wheat opened at 73½c, sold down to 72½c, closing at 72½c, November sold down to 74½c. December closed at 76½c, May closed at 83½c. Corn was weak and lower. November closed at 37½c and December at 37½c. Pork sold off 10c, but recovered partially, closing dull. November closed at \$8.87½c. Lard was weak and lower, and prices declined 15 to 20c. November closed at \$5.77½c. Closing prices were:

	cash.	Oct.
Wheat .....	72½	72½
Corn .....	35½	35½
Oats .....	—	—
Pork .....	8.87½	8.87½
Lard .....	5.90	5.77

**TORONTO.**

**STOCKS**

The stock market was very quiet during most of the week and prices were easier. The quotations for the leading bank stocks will show declines all around. Loan and savings stocks were equally quiet. The closing quotations for Wednesday, September 29th, as compared with one week ago were as follows:

	Sept. 22.	ASKED.	BID.	Sept. 29.	ASKED.	BID.
Montreal .....	220	223	225½	224	—	—
Ontario .....	—	122	22½	121	—	—
Toronto .....	211½	211	210	207	—	—
Merchants .....	131½	130½	130	129	—	—
Commerce .....	131½	131½	127½	127	—	—
Imperial .....	140	139½	137	136	—	—
Federal .....	115	114½	114	113	—	—
Dominion .....	220	219½	219	217½	—	—
Standard .....	127½	127	127	126	—	—
Hamilton .....	133	137	—	136	—	—
Northwest Land .....	72½	71	69½	67	—	—
C P R. Bonds .....	106	105	106	105	—	—
do Stocks .....	—	67½	—	—	—	—

**GRAIN AND PROVISIONS**

There has been scarcely anything offering in wheat during the week, and the market has consequently continued dull and inactive. In coarse grains there was slightly more activity, due to larger receipts of oats. Some dealers are commencing to fear that the grain trade of Toronto must necessarily be very small this year, with September past and no grain moving yet. However, many think that the quantity of grain sold in the country so far has been very small. Stocks have declined slightly during the week, with the exception of barley, which has increased 1,500 bushels. On Monday stocks stood as follows: Flour, 750 bbls; fall wheat, 32,718 bush; spring wheat, 24,433 bush; mixed wheat, 3,910 bush; oats, nil; barley, 16,122 bush; peas, 2,364 bush; rye, 343 bush; against on the corresponding date last year, flour, 470 bbls; fall wheat, 36,546 bush; spring wheat, 47,940 bush; mixed wheat, nil; oats, 4,613 bush; barley, 22,711 bush; peas, nil; rye, nil. Prices have generally been weak, in sympathy with outside markets.

**FLOUR**

There was a fair inquiry but offerings were light, which tended to keep prices fairly steady. Low grade patents sold at \$3.75 and superior extra at \$3.65. Spring extra sold at \$3.30

**OATMEAL**

Inactive in car lots and prices nominal. Small lots sold at \$4 to \$4.25.

**WHEAT**

Prices have been easy and with a downward tendency, owing to the feeling in outside markets. However there has been so little doing either in offerings or bids that prices are almost nominal. Some No. 1, Manitoba hard brought 90c early, but since then there has been scarcely any demand for shipment. No. 2 spring sold for milling at 75c on track; No. 2 fall would have brought about the same. On the street prices ruled from 76 to 77c for fall and spring.

**OATS**

Offerings have come to hand more liberally and fully up to requirements, with prices ruling easier. Cars on track sold at 31 to 33c for good mixed, the lower prices toward the close. Street prices closed at 33 to 35c.

**BARLEY**

This is the only grain for which there has been any very active inquiry, as the time is getting short in which it may be moved. Prices have been unsettled. Five cars of No. 1, sold at 60c and one car by sample at 50c. Street prices range from 48 to 63c.

**PEAS**

Selling on the street at 55 to 58c. No cars offered.

**POTATOES**

Cars sold freely at 62 to 65c on track. Street prices steady at 70 to 80c per bag.

**APPLES**

Selling on street only at \$1.25 to \$2, according to quality.

**POULTRY**

Offerings have increased largely and prices have become easier. Turkeys have been selling at 10 to 11c per lb; geese have been going at 55 to 75c each; ducks at 50 to 65c and fowl at from 40 to 50c per pair.

**BUTTER**

Receipts have come forward freely, but only a small portion has been such as was wanted, choice being in demand. Selections were taken at 15 to 16c, and the balance sold slowly at 12 to 13c. One lot of 70 tubs good medium sold at 13c, and some tubs of inferior at 8c. Good rolls brought 15c when properly packed. Pound rolls sold at 20 to 22c on the street. Tub and crocks of good dairy at 15 to 17c.