

## THE MARKETS

## WINNIPEG

## WHEAT

The wheat markets throughout the province continue very quiet, with scarcely any deliveries at a great many points. The entire receipts of wheat for the past week, would not make one day's work in handling. Prices were not influenced to any extent by the bulge in May wheat at Chicago, which was also the case in other markets than Manitoba. Duluth for instance did not show the same proportionate advance, and it was generally considered that the Chicago bulge was caused by manipulation. Cars at provincial points were quoted at 57c for hard wheat, on track, with prices in the city nominally unchanged.

## FLOUR

There is no change in the flour market here, nor is there likely to be. Quotations for broken lots, delivered in the city were: Patents, \$2.35; Strong bakers', \$1.80; XXXX \$1.20 to \$1.30; superfine, 90c to \$1. At Montreal there was a little more activity in the flour market, and the feeling seemed better in view of the advance in wheat. Sellers were less anxious and in some cases would not sell superior below \$3.90 or extra below \$3.70. There was a good export enquiry for May shipment but no business has been through so far. Enquiry also has been made for superior for May, but buyers' views do not admit of business. Three cars Manitoba strong bakers' sold at \$1.30. Patents sold at \$1.30 to 4.65.

## BRAN AND SHORTS

In good demand and steady at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts.

## BARLEY

Dealers have been buying to fill the Government seed contracts, and from 40 to 45c has been paid at provincial market, for cars on track. In the city about 50c would be paid at the breweries.

## OATS

About two or three cars per week would be all that reach this market from the country, with prices steady at 44 to 45c.

## OATMEAL

Prices hold steady at \$2.60 for standard and \$2.75 for granulated, in trade lots.

## EGGS

Lined are out of the market, and but very few fresh are arriving from the country, with even these not usually of a very good quality. Importations of Minnesota eggs have been made to some extent, and these, which were really fresh, first sold at 30c. Later they were going at 27c, with a probability that 25c would be the ruling price this week, some having been sold at 25c at the close of last week. Country eggs, if fairly good, brought 25c.

## BUTTER

Some very choice lots of rolls and prints arrived last week. Some of these were shipped in far better shape than is usually seen in this market, and such lots commanded a better price than usual receipts. Some really choice and cleanly packed rolls brought 21c from the city trade; and one lot of handsomely packed prints, of extra and uniform quality, brought 22c. This merely shows what an advantage it is to ship butter in good condition. The rolls referred to were placed in a clean box, of uniform color and quality, and each roll wrapped in clean muslin. Pails and tubs of what is usually called good were going at from 18 to 20c, the latter for the choicest, in small quantities.

## DRESSED POULTRY

Fresh chickens are scarce, and would sell readily at from 8 to 10c, the latter price being readily obtained for choice. There is still a

good supply of old turkey and geese, which are sold at 10c for turkey, and 8c for geese, in any quantity from a single bird to a hundred pounds.

## CURED MEATS

Pork packers held a meeting on Tuesday last to consider the situation and the high and advancing prices of hog products in outside markets. It was decided to put up prices here in proportion to the advances at Chicago and in the east. The following prices were arranged upon: Long-clear, in lots of under 500 pounds, 10c; over 500 pounds 8½c; breakfast bacon, clear, 12c; breakfast bacon, unclear, 11c; spiced rolls, 11c; hams, 13½c; mess pork, \$19 per barrel.

## LARD

Lard has also advanced 10c. per pail. The sale is now almost entirely confined to large pails, which are held at \$2.25 per pail of 20 pounds. Three-pound pails, 43c; five-pound pails, 65c each.

## DRESSED MEATS

Hogs have been in keen demand for all arriving. One car of choice hogs sold the week before at \$5.95. They were all hogs in good condition and weighing an average of 200 pounds. Another car which arrived on Thursday, was all spoken for before it came to hand, at 6c in broken lots. Some choice hogs went over 6c in small lots, but this was more in a retail way. However, prices may be considered as very firm at 6c, with perhaps an advance of ½c obtainable for good hogs in small lots. Frozen beef was offering freely, at about the last prices. One choice lot of sides brought \$5.60 from a butcher, but from 4½ to 5½c may be considered the range of prices for sides, according to quality. Best pork sausages, 8c at the packing houses.

## LIVE STOCK

Scarcely anything doing in cattle, but prices may be said to range from 3½ to 4c—the latter for choice animal.

## HAY

Any quantity of hay may be had, either on the market, or pressed in car lots. The latter is offered f.o.c. at from \$7 to \$8 per ton, the former price for coarse lowland and the latter for upland. On the market prices were easier and offerings abundant, from \$4 to \$7 per ton being paid, according to quality.

## POTATOES

were offered in car lots at country points, but only a few arriving and the demand here only in small lots, with prices at 60 to 70c per bushel.

## MINNEAPOLIS.

The local market has not responded to the sudden and wild boom at Chicago, where an advance of 8c within the week, with a closing to-day 6c above the price of the same day last week, was expected to cause all other markets to tail in and thus strengthen Chicago in making a further upward movement. The bulls have apparently overreached themselves. Had they been content to push prices up slowly but steadily, they would have had an easier task and would have been able to inject confidence into operators elsewhere, thereby making a prolonged advance possible, as well as maintaining a good degree of firmness. It remains to be seen whether the clique which is engineering the corner can successfully combat a strong opposition in every important market. It is true that the opposition is not organized, but it is strong and vicious.

Receipts and shipments have again been large, and all railroads being open, the movement from the country is likely to be quite large for a time.

The highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on 'change during the week ending Mar. 9, closing prices, and the prices one year ago were:

WHEAT—	Highest.	Lowest.	Clos.ing.	Feb. 24, 1886.
No. 1 hard	78½	78	78½	87
" 1 northern	70½	74	76½	82½
" 2 "	74	72	74	78½

Futures showed about the same range, May 1 hard opening at 78½c and closing at 80c. May 1 northern closed at 78c and 2 northern at 75½c. Coarse grains were steady, corn closing at 38½ to 39½c, oats at 29 to 32c, barley at 38 to 50c, and rye at 48 to 50c, all by sample.

FLOUR.—This market has been firmer, with a better movement, though millers have been rather timid about selling, and buyers have not been disposed to pay higher figures than have been ruling, both parties seeming to feel suspicious about the wheat bulge. The export demand has been better and there is an improved tone in domestic markets.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$4.20@4.40; straights, \$4.00@4.20; first bakers', \$3.60@3.80; second bakers', \$2.90@3.05; best low grades, \$1.70@1.90, in bags, red dog, \$1.40@1.50, in bags.

MILLSTUFF.—Continues strong, with bulk bran selling at \$12 to \$12.50 and shorts at \$11.50 to \$12 per ton.

—Northwestern Miller.

## Personal.

Mr. J. F. RISLEY, of Risley & Kerrigan, wholesale hardware dealers, Toronto, stopped over a while in Winnipeg last week, on his way back from British Columbia.

Mr. J. J. PHILL has returned from the south.

Mr. GEO. McBEAN, grain merchant, was as far west as Regina last week, in connection with Government grain contracts.

JNO. JAGO, representing A. R. Clarke & Co., manufacturer of gloves, mits, etc., Toronto, arrived in the city last week, and proceeded west for the purpose of purchasing furs for his firm.

G. W. GARDEN, a small back street grocer, of Winnipeg, has assigned.

DAWSON, BOLE & Co., wholesale druggists, Regina, are establishing a branch at the Banff hot springs.

ZINK BROS., boot and shoe dealers, Brandon, have opened a branch at Rapid City. Wm. Zink is in charge.

STROME & BURTON, groceries and crockery, Portage la Prairie, have sold out to A. Wallace, formerly of Winnipeg.

THE Virden Advance reports that R. E. Campion, grocer, of Oak Lake, is giving up business and will give his entire attention to his farm.

It is stated that a second French paper will shortly be established at St. Boniface, to be called *Le Petit Journal*. The first number will appear early next month.

ESTIMATES upon the probable run of hogs at Chicago for the eight summer months of 1887 place arrivals at 100,000 to 1,000,000 decrease as compared with receipts for the summer of 1886. Several of the leading hog buyers figure upon 300,000 to 400,000 decrease.