

LOCAL FLOUR.

The Food Controller's statement that all flour made after January 28th, must be of one grade to be known as the "Standard Brand of Canada," led to the impression that there might be a shortage of flour, and there was a heavy run on the millers at the opening of the week for supplies, grocers and jobbers taking fair sized lots and paying cash over the counter for them. This plan was discouraged, however, and in the latter half of the week trade was on normal lines. The trade for export was quite active, some very large purchases being made for February shipments.

ROLLED OATS.

There was no change in the market for rolled oats during the week. A good steady demand for supplies and an active trade developed a strong undertone.

MILLFEED.

As the demand for millfeed continues keen, the output of the mills is still over sold. The tone of the market continues firm.

We quote current prices as follows:

Flour:	per barrel.
First patents	11.60
Second patents	11.10
Strong clears	10.90
Cereals:	
Rolled oats, 90 lb. bag	5.30
Feed:	per ton.
Bran	35.00
Shorts	40.00
Middlings	48.00 50.00
Moullie, pure grain grades	61.00 62.00
Moullie, mixed	56.00 57.00

LOCAL GRAIN.

The Chicago market for oats displayed decided strength and all options sold at the highest level on the crop net advances amounting to $\frac{3}{4}$ c to $\frac{4}{8}$ c per bushel. The feeling on the Canadian option market has not been buoyant, however, and prices only increased $\frac{1}{8}$ c to 1c per bushel on the Winnipeg market. The local trade developed strength, due to the small offerings on spot for sale, and the continued good enquiry from all sources and prices during the week advanced $\frac{1}{8}$ c to 1c per bushel, and are now at the highest level known in the history of the trade. A good volume of business was done on the whole and the market closed strong on Saturday, with car lots of No. 3 Canadian western and extra No. 1 feed quoted at \$1 to \$1.01, No. 1 feed at 97c to 98c, No. 2 feed at 94c to 95c, Ontario No. 2 white at 97c, No. 3 at 96c, and No. 4 at 95c per bushel ex-store. During the week there was a good demand for American corn and sales of a fair number of cars were made, including No. 4 grade at \$1.53 to \$1.55, No. 5 at \$1.35 to \$1.50, and No. 6 at \$1.30 per bushel extract Chicago for shipment. The trade in Manitoba barley was quiet and only odd cars of rejected and feed grades were sold at \$1.26 per bushel ex-track, Fort William.

Fluctuations in grain on Saturday at Winnipeg were:—

Oats:	per bushel.
No. 2 C. W.	0.88%
Do. No. 3 C. W.	0.83%
Do., Extra No. 1 feed	0.80%
Do., No. 2 feed	0.86%
Barley:	
No. 3 C. W.	1.49
No. 4 C. W.	1.44
Rejected and Feed	1.24
Flax:	
No. 1 N. C. W.	3.20
No. 2 C. W.	3.16
No. 3 C. W.	3.00 $\frac{1}{2}$

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Bushels		
	Jan. 26, 1918.	Jan. 19, 1918.	Jan. 27, 1917.
Wheat	2,952,568	3,822,652	721,309
Corn	15,821	17,927	11,417
Peas			2,466
Oats	661,720	508,618	4,215,869
Rye	17,737	19,494	13,792
Barley	58,418	60,923	156,552
Buckwheat	31,675	31,485	7,920
Flax	5,857		
	Sacks.		
Flour	30,250	38,622	41,507

SUGAR.

The Atlantic Sugar Refining Company has reduced the price of refined sugar 50c per 100 lbs. from \$8.90, putting all the refineries on the same basis, namely, \$8.40 per 100 lbs. for extra granulated in bags, and \$8.45 in barrels.

We quote wholesale prices as follows:

Extra granulated, bags 100 lbs.	\$8.40
Do., gunnies, 5-20's	8.55
Do., gunnies, 10-10's	8.60
Do. cartons, 50-2's	8.70
No. 1 yellow, bags, 100 lbs.	8.00
No. 2 yellow, bags, 100 lbs.	7.90
No. 3 yellow, bags, 100 lbs.	7.80
Extra ground, barrels	8.60
Do., boxes, 50 lbs.	8.80
Do., boxes, 25 lbs.	9.00
Powdered, barrels	8.50
Do., boxes, 50 lbs.	8.70
Do., boxes, 25 lbs.	8.90
Do. cartons, 30-2 lbs.	8.90
Do. cartons, 25-2 lbs.	8.90
Tea blocks and assorted tea cubes, $\frac{1}{2}$ brls. and boxes, 100 lbs.	9.10
Do. boxes, 50 lbs.	9.50
Do., boxes, 25 lbs.	9.40

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending January 26th, 1918, with comparisons:—

	Butter.	Cheese.
	pkgs.	boxes.
Week ending January 26, 1918	3,613	1,592
Week ending January 19, 1918	1,242	1,410
Week ending January 27, 1917	1,314	2,420
Total receipts May 1st, 1917 to Jan. 26th, 1918	352,624	1,827,853
Total receipts May 1st, 1917, to Jan. 27th, 1917	496,793	2,224,240

RECEIPTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

The receipts of grain and flour in Montreal for the week ending January 26th, were:

Wheat, bushels	104,325
Oats	143,901
Barley, bushels	17,028
Flax	10,780
Flour, sacks	39,591
Hay, bales	23,956
Straw, bales	769
Meal	525

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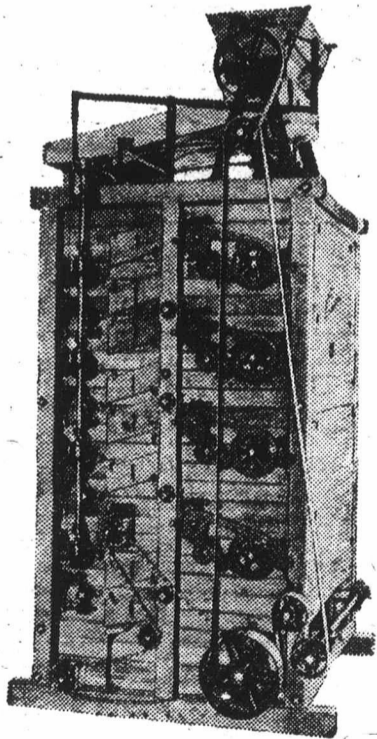
RECEIPTS OF GRAIN IN WINNIPEG.

The receipts of grain in Winnipeg for the week ending January 24th, and the week previous were:

	Week ending	Same date
	Jan. 17, 1918.	Jan. 24, 1917.
No. 1 Hard	1
No. 1 Northern	592	747
No. 2 Northern	325	439
No. 3 Northern	249	393
No. 4 Wheat	104	152
No. 5 Wheat	97	95
No. 6 Wheat	56	74
Feed Wheat	21	27
Rejected	41	64
No. Grade	70	69
Winter Wheat	..	2
Totals	1,555	2,067
Oats	680	741
Barley	161	173
Flax	63	100
	78	

FOOD.

Food! That is the desideratum of the moment. Man lives by it; none can exist without it. Napoleon said armies travel on their stomachs—another way of saying the same thing—food is the motive power of the living world. Without it war cannot be waged. Unless the Entente Allies have it, they will be beaten and Germany will win and will inflict upon the world, upon the no-longer isolated United States, her will which is despotism.—San Francisco Journal of Commerce.



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