

## EASTERN MARKETS.

## CHICAGO

The wheat market during the past week has been rather an inactive one, as indeed has been the case in all speculative commodities with the exception of provisions. Trading in wheat has been dull on almost every day and the market has been to a great extent featureless. There was a noticeable falling off in receipts toward the close of the week, but this was looked upon as but a temporary lull and did not influence prices. Statistics have not counted for much in making forecasts of late, the principal feature seems to be the large receipts and accumulating stocks, and the tendency to hold off from buying. British markets have shown an inclination to follow rather than lead in the weakness here. Provisions have been the great centre of attraction. Prices ruled strong during the fore part of the week, but easier toward the close. The situation was extremely nervous, and prices bobbed up and down, showing a very wide range of fluctuations. The market is looked upon as occupying an artificial position, and prices kept up through manipulation. Receipts of hogs were excessive, amounting to 109,000 for the week.

The wheat market was weak on Monday, with a desire on the part of many small holders to unload. The lowest point reached was 74c for October. Corn was speculatively active. Oats quiet. Pork took a sudden spurt from \$9.65 to \$10.05 for October, but reacted almost as suddenly to \$9.92½. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	73½	74½
Corn .....	37½	38½
Oats .....	25	25½
Pork .....	9.90	9.92½
Lard .....	7.25	6.20

There was a stronger feeling in wheat on Tuesday and the market was nervous and unsettled. Fluctuations were more sharp and trading fairly active. Trading in November corn was active at 40½ to 40¾c. Oats firm in sympathy with corn. Provisions opened weak and continued dull till toward the close, when the feeling became firmer and trading active. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	74½	75½
Corn .....	38½	39
Oats .....	25½	26½
Pork .....	10.10	10.02½
Lard .....	7.20	6.25

On Wednesday wheat opened strong, but weakened on the absence of buying orders and favorable outside news. Corn was heavy. Oats inactive. Provisions were lower and inactive. October pork sold down to \$9.60. In the afternoon pork was stronger and recovered prices. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	74½	74½
Corn .....	38½	38½
Oats .....	25½	26½
Pork .....	9.80	9.60
Lard .....	7.20	6.17½

Wheat was dull and lower on Thursday, owing to weak cables and light export business. This caused a general desire to sell and prices fell away, closing ½c lower. Corn and oats were dull and easier. Provisions were nervous and

spasmodically active, with a bearish feeling predominant. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	73	73½
Corn .....	37½	37½
Oats .....	25½	25½
Pork .....	9.62½	9.65
Lard .....	7.20	6.10

On Friday trading in wheat was light and mostly of a local nature. Prices fluctuated within a limit of 1c and closed the same at one o'clock as on the previous day. In the afternoon wheat was stronger. Corn and oats were both weak and lower, but somewhat firmer in the afternoon. Provisions were firmer, owing to limited offerings. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	73½	74½
Corn .....	37	37½
Oats .....	25½	25½
Pork .....	9.75	9.77½
Lard .....	7.25	6.30

Saturday was a decidedly weak day all around and the entire list of speculative commodities closed lower, with the exception of September lard. Wheat tended steadily downwards, closing at the bottom, and at the lowest figures reached for some time. November closed at 77½c. Corn was weak and inactive. Pork closed 5c above the lowest point reached for the day. November pork closed at \$9.55 and December \$10.42½. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	72½	73½
Corn .....	36½	37
Oats .....	—	—
Pork .....	9.50	9.50
Lard .....	7.30	6.17½

## TORONTO.

## STOCKS

Stocks were quiet but firm for the leading banks, though a number of sales were recorded at slightly varying figures. Loan and Savings stocks were very quiet. Manitoba Loan was offered at 95. Closing quotations for Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, were as follows:

	ASKED.	BID.
Montreal .....	220	225
Ontario .....	—	122
Toronto .....	211½	211
Merchants .....	131½	130½
Commerce .....	131½	131
Imperial .....	140	138½
Federal .....	115	114½
Dominion .....	230	219½
Standard .....	127½	127
Hamilton .....	138	137
Northwestern Land .....	72½	71
C.P.R. Bonds .....	106	105
do Stocks .....	—	67½

## GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

The grain market here has continued very quiet since our last report, and offerings have amounted to next to nothing. Low prices owing to weak outside markets have kept farmers from marketing to any extent as yet. The feeling here has held unsettled and any offerings have been made at prices above the views of buyers. Provisions have held steady and firm throughout the list.

## FLOUR

In flour the demand has been slack and the feeling easier. Superior extra sold at \$3.65, and patents at \$3.80. Very few sales were reported.

## WHEAT

Offerings were limited to a few car lots, but there were not buyers for these, except at easier prices. No. 3 spring sold at 73c on Tuesday.

Some No. 2 Manitoba hard sold at 87c. No. 2 fall for milling sold at 77c, but this was considerably above the views of shippers.

## OATS

Were offered more liberally and sold fairly well, though at somewhat lower prices. New mixed sold at from 32 to 33c on track.

## BARLEY

Nothing offered in car lots. Street prices ranged from 47 to 63c.

## PEAS

Purely nominal at 56 to 57c.

## POTATOES

Cars on track sold at 60 and 65c. On the street from 70 to 80c per bag was paid.

## APPLES

Only one car lot sale reported, the price paid being \$1.50. Street prices \$1.25 to \$2.

## EGGS

All offered have been taken and more wanted. Round lots sold readily at 13 to 13½c, with an upward tendency toward the end of the week.

## BUTTER

Prices have been steadily maintained for choice lots, which have brought 15 to 16c. The demand for medium was also improved, prices ranging from 10c for poor to 13 to 14c good. However, there was plenty of these grades the only scarcity being for choice.

## CHEESE

Sales of small lots were made at 10½c, but the feeling was firmer and prices advanced. Later to 11c, 700 boxes sold at Ingersoll at 10½c.

## PORK

Quiet at \$13.50 to \$14.00.

## BACON

Old long clear sold at \$7 for a lot of 100 sides, and 9c for cases. Backs and bellies 10 to 10½c.

## HAMS

New offered at 14 to 14½c.

## LARD

Quiet at 9½c for tierces, 10 to 10½ for pails.

## DRESSED HOGS

Were very scarce early in the week, but later the supply was liberal. Prices ranged from \$6.50 to \$7.

## LIVE HOGS

Light fat hogs continue in good demand at \$5 off cars. Some extra sold at \$5.12. Stores and heavy easy at \$4.50.

## HIDES AND WOOL

Hides, No. 1 inspected steers, \$9; No. 1 inspected cows, \$8.50; No. 2 inspected, \$7.50; No. 3 inspected, \$5; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c; calfskins, cured, 13 to 14c; calfskins, dry, 11 to 13c; sheepskins, green, 45 to 60c; wool, super, 22 to 23c; extra super, 27 to 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered 4½ to 4¾c.

## MOOSEJAW.

About the first thing observed on stepping from the train at Moosejaw, as indeed is the case at almost every station west of Qu'Appelle, is the great heap of buffalo bones piled up along the track. At Moosejaw there is an unusually large pile of these bones. The bones are gathered up on the prairie and hauled to the stations by Indians and half-breeds, who receive about \$5 per ton for them. The bones are shipped to the States, where they are ground up for fertilizers. It must require heavy machinery to reduce to dust the great hard skulls of the buffalo, upon which a bullet would make no impression. A great many cars of these bones have been exported during the past two or three years, and still the supply seems to keep up. It is estimated that about 400 tons will be exported up to the end of the present