

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

SALES of flour to a moderate extent have been made to meet the daily requirements of the local trade, but with this exception the week has been one of uninterrupted dullness.

After New Year a revival of the demand for most of the leading articles is confidently looked for.

Flour.—Receipts, though still liberal, are more within the compass of the trade, and a more steady market has ruled than for some time back, although the country roads are greatly impaired by a recent thaw, there is still a fair local demand, and all the more desirable brands of superfine and grades below have found buyers at the full rates of last week, although any disposition to advance materially has been steadily resisted on the part of buyers. Strong superfine has ranged at \$5.45 to \$5.50, and ordinary in the vicinity of \$5.40 fancy and extra continue as last noted, the demand being of a comparatively retail character in the continued absence of American demand. Bag Flour, though in improved request, has not been active, the receipts however are now within the wants of the trade, and some reduction of previous accumulations has been effected, ruling rates at the close are \$2.90 to \$3.05 for fair to choice.

Latest British advices report the flour market quiet but steady, and so long as present rates there are maintained, no material decline can be experienced here; and should receipts be light, the improved demand likely to exist during the ensuing month may result in a partial advance; but unless prices abroad further improve, any advance can only be temporary, as there is an enormous stock which must come on the market in the course of time, and to be moved must sell at a rate admitting of export. Millers will therefore do well to regulate themselves more by British quotations than those of other markets, as should reciprocity be ultimately abrogated, as seems probable, we must look mainly to Britain as our outlet for any surplus that may in future exist.

OATMEAL.—We have few arrivals, and little demand to note; we therefore repeat last week's quotations.

WHEAT.—We have no sales to note, and the small arrivals by rail are direct to millers.

COARSE GRAINS.—Of the various descriptions are almost nominal, as receipts and transactions are mostly restricted to farmers' deliveries.

PORK.—Sales to a moderate extent have been made at about \$24 for mess; \$16 for primo mess, and \$16 for prime. The demand is very trifling, however, and transactions, as usual at this season, limited.

DRESSED HOGS.—The unsettled weather we have lately had has depressed the market, and holders have been glad to submit to concessions to move their stocks. Sales have been made at irregular prices according to circumstances, but mostly within the range of \$7 to \$8. As yet but very little packing has been done in Chicago and other western cities, and while the quantity of hogs is believed to be short of what it was last year, it is confidently expected that the weight will be fully equal as the low price of corn is inducing farmers in the Western States to hold back their hogs until after New Year to fatten them as much as possible. Until it is positively known what quantity of hogs can come forward into the great markets of the west, and what if any surplus will remain for export to Canada and the eastern market, prices here must be irregular and unsettled, varying with local demand and supply, as no transactions of magnitude in packing can be undertaken until prices of the products of the hog are arrived at some settled point.

BUTTER.—Has been dull during the past week, absence of freight to Britain having prevented shippers from operating. Stocks here are lighter than they were at the commencement of the decline in price, and with a continuance of the present moderate receipts a healthy trade may be anticipated during the winter months, holders continuing to meet the prices shippers may be able to pay in view of existing British advices. The market there has ruled dull, and prices have been in favour of the buyer, especially for the medium qualities that form the bulk of the stock, and which scarcity alone drives into active consumptive demand.

ASHES.—Both Pots and Pearls have been quite inanimate during the whole week; any transactions that have taken place being at low and irregular rates, so that it is impossible to give reliable quotations, as any considerable quantity placed on market could only be sold at a serious concession from any price at present asked by holders. Latest British advices received last week were favourable, but too few orders in hand can be executed for want of freight, and the con-

sequent dullness is increased by the delay in the arrival of the Liverpool steamers now overdue. The receipts for some time past have been also excessive, so that while stocks in Britain and the States are unusually small, here they are enormous. Holders and Manufacturers in the country will consult their own interests by delaying to forward until a revival in the trade takes place, which is expected before long, as, although so heavy, the stocks are mainly in the hands of those able to hold, and who will not sacrifice their interests either of themselves or of their consignors.

PRICES OF GRAIN.

	Average Prices on					Highest price 85.	Average for week.	Current bid.
	Friday Dec. 24	Saturday Dec. 25	Monday Dec. 26	Tuesday Dec. 27	Wednesday Dec. 28			
Flour, Superior Extra	7.12	7.12	7.12	7.12	7.25	7.12	4.80	
Extra	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.50	5.25	4.57	
Fancy	5.87	5.87	5.87	5.87	6.50	5.87	4.37	
Superfine	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.50	5.35	4.25	
No. 2	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.27	4.21	3.67	
Fine	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	3.03	2.95	2.36	
Bag Flour, 112 lbs.	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.92	2.10	1.92	1.87	
Oatmeal, 60 lbs.	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70	
Wheat, U. C. Spring	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.67	0.63	0.63	
Barley, per 50 lbs.	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.67	0.63	0.63	
Oats, per 32 lbs.	

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

	For the week ending Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1865.	From the 1st January to Dec. 27, 1865.	To corresponding period 1864.
Wheat, bushels	10,150	2,661,061	4,151,018
Flour, barrels	8,111	7,050,629	822,153
Corn, bushels	..	888,211	154,008
Peanut	..	430,550	373,431
Oats, "	20	67,304	101,678
Barley, "	346	32,410	161,020
Rye, "	..	24,411	39,996
Oat and Corn Meal, brls	100	2,527	1,928
Ashe, barrels	453	2,828	2,757
Butter, kegs	624	67,644	60,989
Cheese, boxes	29	27,304	21,531
Pork, barrels	21	10,413	36,217
Lard, "	83	1,674	10,956
Tallow, "	47	2,674	2,628
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