

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been a steady and heavy demand for money in the city during the past week, and banks have been handling all the paper they could conveniently attend to. It is a fact that renewals have been too much in demand by country retailers, and these with the regular current demands added have raised the monetary necessities of the purely commercial circles very much during the week. Most banks have been able to attend to all the wants of regular customers in this respect, but all have carefully avoided any business of a promiscuous nature. Rates have not changed, with the exception of classification of paper. First-class commercial has not been received unless in a very few instances below 9 per cent., and the great bulk has been at 10. Ordinary has not changed from 10 to 12 per cent.

For real estate payments, funds have been secured principally from private sources, unless in cases of last payments on first-class improved property, and we hear of some ruinous rates being paid for loans for a short period, but these instances are very few, and altogether the monetary famine of two weeks ago is relieved. With a continuation of the present good weather, and a freer movement of produce an easier feeling will doubtless set in.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The markets of the past week have not been active, and offerings were light, owing to the disturbed state of railway travel. Fluctuations have been few, but prices have held reasonably steady. On Tuesday business was dull, and the sales of the day were represented by the following quotations:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.11 to \$1.12. No. 1, \$1.04 to \$1.09. No. 2 hard, \$1.08 to 1.09.

CORN, No. 2 48½c to 49c. Rejected 43c to 45c, according to sample.

OATS, No. 2 white, 38c to 39c. No. 2 37c to 38c. Rejected, 35c to 36c. Samples 35c to 39c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6.25 to \$6.75. Straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Clears, \$5 to \$5.50.

On Wednesday there was a firmer feeling in wheat, and an advance of about one cent. The following quotations represent the day's business:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.12 to \$1.13. No. 1 \$1.04 to \$1.10. No. 2 hard \$1.08 to 1.10.

CORN, No. 2 49c to 50c, nominal.

OATS, No. 2 white, 39c to 39½c. No. 2, 37c to 38½. Rejected 35c to 37c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6.25 to \$6.75. Straights \$5.50 to \$6.25. Clears, \$5 to \$5.50.

On Thursday the price of wheat was hardly up to the standard of the previous day, about half a cent lower, but the receipts were larger. Quotations representing the day's business are:

WHEAT being: No. 1 hard, 1 11½ to \$1.12½. No bids for older grades; prices nominal.

CORN nominal: No. 2 49c to 50c.

OATS ranged, No. 2 white, 39½c to 40c. No. 2, 38½c to 39c.

FLOUR quotations were: Patents, \$6.40 to \$6.85. Straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Clears, \$5 to \$5.60.

On Friday the wheat market was weaker, settling from a ½ to ¼ a cent per bushel. Quotations for the day's sales were as follows:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.11 to \$1.12. No. 1, \$1.03 to \$1.09. No. 2 hard, 95c to \$1.03.

CORN, No. 2, 49c to 50c; Rejected 46c to 48c according to sample.

OATS, No. 2 white, 39c to 40c. No. 2 38c to 39c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6.40 to \$6.85. Straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25. Clears, \$5.00 to \$5.60.

On Saturday business is represented by the following quotations:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard \$1.11½ to \$1.12½; No. 1, \$1.03 to \$1.09; No. 2 hard \$0.96 to \$1.03.

CORN, No. 2, 49c to 50c;

OATS, No. 2 white 39c to 40c; No. 2 38c to 39c

FLOUR, Patents \$6.40 to \$6.85; Straights \$5.50 to \$6.25; Clears \$5.00 to \$5.60.

CHICAGO.

Last week's markets opened with a general firmness in grain, but towards the middle of the week an easier feeling was apparent, and efforts to maintain prices failed somewhat. On Tuesday the market was buoyant, and strong; activity in all products continued. Quotations near the close were:

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| Wheat, February, \$1.05½ | March, \$1.06½ |
| Corn, " 56½ | " 57½ |
| Oats, " 38½ | " 38½ |
| Pork, " 18.25 | " 18.30 |
| Lard, " 11.40 | " 11.47½ |

On Wednesday a weaker feeling set in, and efforts to force advances in prices were fruitless. Quotations near the close were:

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| Wheat, February, \$1.06½ | March, \$1.06½ |
| Corn, " 56½ | " 56½ |
| Oats, " 38½ | " 38½ |
| Pork, " 18.05 | " 18.12½ |
| Lard, " 11.32½ | " 11.40 |

On Thursday a firmer feeling prevailed, with quite an advance during the day, but before the close quotations fell to from ¼c to ½c over the previous day for wheat. Quotations towards the close were:

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| Wheat February, \$1.05½ | March, \$1.07½ |
| Corn, " 56½ | " 56½ |
| Oats, " 38½ | " 38½ |
| Pork, " 17.95 | " 18.05 |
| Lard, " 11.27½ | " 11.32½ |

On Friday the market for wheat was irregular, closing with a decline of nearly a cent from the previous day. The day's business is represented by the quotations given:

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| Wheat, February, \$1.05½ | March, \$1.06½ |
| Corn, " 55½ | " 56½ |
| Oats, " 38½ | " 38½ |
| Pork, " \$18.00 | " \$18.05 |
| Lard, " \$11.22½ | " \$11.27½ |

On Saturday the market was quiet. Quotations for the day's business were:

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Wheat, February, \$1.05½ | March, \$1.07½ |
| Corn, " 51½ | " 56½ |
| Oats, " 38 | " 38½ |
| Pork, " 18.05 | " 18.10 |
| Lard, " 11.22½ | " 11.32½ |

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The stock market during the past week has been rather steady, and the fluctuations have been neither many nor wide. A few people reasoned that the sharp decline in several stocks which took place on Monday, was only the commencement of another prolonged period of depression, but the healthy and steady tone which was developed the two following days dissipated these fears. The loss of Monday was not recovered, but bearish movements were not successful, and the impression that bottom had been touched, so far as Monday's dip was concerned, steadily gained ground.

On Wednesday, the business done was light, but there was a slight advance in several bank stocks, notably Montreal, Toronto and Com-

merce. The day altogether was an uneventful one, and in the afternoon closing bids were as follows: Montreal 206½; Ontario 112½; Molsons 130; Toronto 185; Merchants 126; Commerce 134½; Imperial 143; Federal 150; Dominion 200½; Standard 116; Hamilton 114½; North-west Land Co. 61.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The produce trade of the past week has been unusually active, and there has been an advance in the price of grain generally, notably wheat. Flour has kept advancing, and offerings were eagerly seized by buyers. The business of the week in grain does not foot up to a very heavy total, but this is due to the fact, that the offerings were light, and had they been heavier buyers would have taken all.

FLOUR.

Even advanced prices have in no way checked the demand, and throughout the entire week buyers have been eager to secure lots. In the early portion of the week Superior extra sold at \$4.45, but succeeding days developed a very firm feeling, and with limited offerings an advance to \$4.60 was secured by Thursday. Extra also advanced steadily, and on Thursday was worth \$4.45.

WHEAT

The sales of the week have been light. No. 2 fall advanced to \$1.03 asked, with \$1.02 bid; No. 2 spring was held about the same, and No. 1 was held at \$1.05. Even at these prices the supply was insufficient.

OATS

Have been scarce all week, and sales of car lots very few. On Tuesday, 42c was offered for prime western, and later 43c was asked.

BARLEY.

Prices have been easier during the past week, and the offerings have been light. No. 2 sold at 71c to 72c; No. 3 extra sold 64c to 65c, and No. 3, 62c to 63c. No. 1 was scarcely offered, and was nominally worth 75c to 76c.

BUTTER.

There has been almost no change in prices of different grades since last report. There has been, however, a little more demand for lower qualities for shipping lots. Choice dairy has held at 19c to 21c; rolls 18c to 20c, and inferior at 13c to 14c. Mediums are nominal from 15c to 17c.

EGGS.

The supply has been a little more liberal during the past week, but the demand has kept pace with it, and prices have held firm. Fresh have sold at 25c to 26c; limes 22c to 23c.

MEATS.

Mess pork has not been in heavy demand, but has firmed up in price slightly, quotations ranging \$21 to \$21.50. Bacon sales have been light; long clear has been quoted at 11c to 11½c for round lots; rolls were worth 12½c. Hams have ranged from 13c to 13½c for smoked; green 11½c to 12c. These quotations were almost nominal, as trading was very light.

Markets by Telegraph.

Special Dispatch to The Commercial.

STOCKS.

Stocks have been inactive for several days, closing at prices not much changed, but feeling flat. Closing bids; Montreal 206½, sale 206½, Ontario 112½; Molsons 131; Toronto 186, sales 186; Merchants 126½; Commerce 135½; Imperial 143; Federal 157½, sales 157 to 157½; Dominion 199½, sales 200; Standard 115½, sales 115½; North-west Land 60½.

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Special Dispatch to The Commercial:

Produce inactive, but inactivity due chiefly to railway blockade, which checks receipts; prices firm all over. Flour wanted at \$4.60 to \$4.65 for superior extra, and \$4.50 for extra ca