

and are as follows: Tin plate, I.C., 14x20, \$6.25 to \$6.50 a box; I.C., 20x28, \$12.50 to \$13.00; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, 28 G, \$4.75 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; iron pipe, from 40 to 50 per cent. off list price; ingot tin, 25 to 30 per lb; pig lead, 6 to 6½c; galvanized iron, 7 to 7½c per lb; bar iron, \$2.75 to 3.25 per 100 lbs; cut nails, \$3.55 to \$3.75.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business in this line during the week has been fair and has given no cause for complaint. Collections are reported fair. Quotations are: Spanish sole, 33c to 35c; slaughter sole, 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.25; French kip, \$1.00 to 1.10; B Z kip, 85c to 90c; slaughter kip, 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 35c; harness leather, 33c to 36c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

LUMBER.

Trade is still very quiet and has shown no improvement over last week.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

have shown no new feature over our last week's report. Collections only moderately good. Quotations are unchanged and are as follows: Linseed oil raw, 69c per gal.; boiled, 72c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; no pale or straw seal in the market; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1 \$1.30 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 30c; oleine 50c; fine qualities, 65c to \$1. Coal oils, headlight 27c; water white 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$8.00; No. 1, \$7.50; No. 2, \$7. Window glass, first break, are quoted at \$2.50.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Trade in this line still continues fair and has been fairly steady. Collections are reported good.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

There has been no improvement in this line, sales still being very light. Collections fair.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Business is still in a very unsatisfactory condition, sales being few and very light in character. Collections are reported few. Quotations are as follows: Whiskies, Gooderham & Worts, in wood, \$1.56 to 2.25 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$2.50; W.F.L. five year old, \$2.50 per gallon cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$4.50.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Receipts of grain still continue fairly liberal but prices have advanced a trifle, more in sympathy with the general feeling in eastern grain centers however than to any local increase. It is expected that this rise, although but slight, will have the effect of causing a better feeling among farmers and consequently an increase in receipts. Receipts for the week have been quite sufficient for immediate wants. The provision market has shown no new features except it be a fall of from 25 to 50c in

dressed hogs, caused by eastern houses making an effort to hold this market in opposition to local packers. Matters in dairy produce have not shown any improvement, although it cannot be said they are any worse. Receipts are still for the most part of improved quality, and as the market is now overstocked with this quality there has been a steady decline in price.

WHEAT.

Receipts during the week have been very light and barely sufficient to meet the demand. The shipping demand has shown some little improvement and prices are a shade firmer. Quotations are as follows:—No. 1 hard, 71c; No. 2 hard, 66c; No. 1 regular, 66c; No. 2 regular, 61c; and No. 3 regular, 56c.

OATS.

Receipts still continue light and all readily taken. Prices have advanced to 40 to 42c owing to the visible supply being much smaller than was expected.

BARLEY.

Fine bright samples have been received from the far west but the high freight would put them beyond what our buyers are prepared to pay. Local receipts still continue of very poor quality and for feed is selling at from 30 to 35c.

FLOUR.

The demand still continues light. Collections have not been up to expectations. Prices are as follows: Patents, \$2.30; strong bakers', \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.60; superfine \$1.25.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

have been in good demand and have been a little more plentiful but not, however, more than sufficient to meet immediate requirements. Prices are still firm at \$11 per ton for bran and \$12 for shorts f.o.c.

POTATOES.

There are no car lots reported and street receipts have been very light and in fair demand. Prices on street still range from 40 to 45c.

EGGS.

There has been a slight advance in this line, fresh packed being worth 30c and in good demand at this figure. The demand for lined still continues light.

BUTTER.

There is very little to report in this market. Stocks on hand have shown no decrease. Receipts have been fair, but only prime could find anything like a fair price, inferior qualities being unsaleable. Prices are as follows: Prime Manitoba and eastern dairy, 18 to 20c; and medium grades from 16 to 18c.

CHEESE.

Very little to report in way of a change. Sales light and of a retail character and unchanged at 14 to 15c.

HAMS.

have been in fair demand, and the demand for eastern cured has been steadily on the decrease. Prices are still unchanged and are as follows: Eastern smoked, 15½c; green, 12½c, and local smoked, 13½c.

BACON.

has been in rather slow demand and all sales of a very light character. Prices are steady and unchanged at: Rolls, 12c; dry salt, 9½ to 10½c; breakfast bacon, local cured, 13½c.

MESS PORK.

has held firm at the advance noted in our last. The demand has been light, however. Prices range from \$19 to \$19.50.

LARD.

There has been a slight improvement in this market, and sales, though small, have been more numerous. Quotations are unchanged at \$2.50 in 20 lb. pails.

DRESSED HOGS.

have dropped to \$6 owing to the fact that eastern houses are offering to deliver hogs for less than actual cost laid down and buyers have had to reduce prices to protect themselves awhile and at the same time compete with eastern houses. Receipts have been about as fast as they can be handled.

MESS BEEF.

The demand has been very limited, the price quoted, \$16.50, is only nominal.

OATMEAL.

has been in fair demand. Shipping demand light, and quotations unchanged at: Quoted, \$3.70; standard, \$2.75, and oatmeal, \$1.00.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The past week has been one of the quietest in the history of the chamber. The lightness of the mills, the blockades on all railroads going east and south, and an uncertain future contributed to reduce the volume of trade to a very low point. Hard wheat has been steadily stiffening all the week, however, and at the highest point, with a strong feeling on the part of holders. Other grades were in active demand and less strength was developed by them, though the close was fairly firm. Receipts were the highest recorded for many months and shipments were quite small.

Following were the highest and lowest prices by grade on exchange during the week ending to-day, together with to-day's closing prices and the prices one year ago:

Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 1 hard	\$2.25	\$1	\$2.10
" 2 "	\$1	79	80
" 1 "	72½	72	73
" 2 "	68	67½	68

Futures have been rather inactive, but closed strong at 85c for April No. 1 hard, 87c and June 87½c. No. 2 hard, May 87c and June 85c.

MILLS—Has been dull and closed at \$8.25 per ton for bulk bean, standard 9.50.

FLOUR—Has been quiet and rather dull. The production is light, but the demand is large, and delays in transit have been damaging to the trade. At present the road can furnish cars, and the supply is precarious, as these are borrowed. Thousands of cars of flour are side tracked in the yards and along the Chicago lines, and millers in Milwaukee and Chicago. Millers express the opinion that people have gone to bread. Export trade is dull, domestic and the general market is inactive but firm and prices remain steady.

Quotations at the mills for car lots are as follows: Patents, \$4.00 to 4.90; first bakers', \$3.40 to 4; second bakers', \$3.25 to 3.70; local grades, \$1.90 to 2.20 in bags, and 1.70, in bags.

Little has occurred during the past week to change the general situation in Minneapolis to milling operations. It is very quiet at best, and by some is regarded as