

active during the past week, and sales have been heavy. Two car lots from Minneapolis have been received, and another is daily expected, besides receipts from Ontario. As eastern and American markets have been holding firm, prices here have not declined, quotations being 23c in small lots, and 22c in round lots, one offer of a car lot at 21½ being the only variation from these figures. The drop in prices which was generally expected by this time has not yet taken place, and hopes are entertained of present figures being held to for a week or two longer.

## HAMIS.

There has been an easier feeling for several days, and near the close of the week a slight decline in the price of some qualities was perceptible. No green hams are on the market, and have not been called for. Good smoked have sold at 16c, and canvassed at 16½c. The advance to 17c reached for the latter the week previous has been lost.

## BACON.

In this article also there has been during the week an easier feeling, and a tendency to a decline, which is doubtless in sympathy with eastern markets. The demand however has been quite active, and the sales of the week represent a good aggregate. Dry salt has held steady at 14c, and long clear smoked has ranged from 14½ to 15c. Spiced rolls has sold from 15½ to 16c, and breakfast bacon canvassed has sold at 16½c. These quotations while a shade below those of the previous week, have held very steady.

## MESS PORK.

With the tumble of nearly a dollar which took place in the Chicago market early in the week an easier feeling at once set in in this city. Fortunately consignments on their way here at the time of the decline were few and light, which will account for the quick response here to the Chicago drop. The advance predicted by some has been superseded by a decline of 50c, the steady quotation of the week being 26c. There is not much chance of any further decline, as dealers have no hope that prices will long remain down at the packing centres.

## MESS BEEF.

There has been a perfect deadness in the demand for this product during the week, and the immovable quotation of \$18.50 was merely nominal.

## MINNEAPOLIS.

The improvement in the weather and the favorable reports of crop prospects had a considerable effect on Minneapolis markets of last week. A feature of the market there as well as in Chicago was the operations of cliques, who it is alleged aimed at higher prices. They met with very little success in this direction, and all their movements were closely watched. During the early part of the week the divergence in prices between buyers and sellers resulted in a restriction of business. On subsequent days buyers yielded, and business improved as well as prices.

On Tuesday the amount of wheat offered was above average, but the business done was exceedingly limited. Prices offered were below those asked, and as both parties remained firm, offerings were carried unsold. There was a good demand for oats. Quotations were as follows:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.11½ asked; No. 1, \$1.08½; No. 2 hard, \$1.08½.

CORN, No. 2, 49½c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41½ to 42½c; No. 2, 41½ to 42c; rejected, 37 to 40c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

On Wednesday the demand for wheat improved and, contrary to expectation, prices advanced. Oats remained steady, but there was no demand for corn. Quotations were as follows:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.12½ to \$1.13; No. 1, \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.08½.

CORN, No. 2 50c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2, 42c; rejected, 41½ to 41c. No white offered.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

On Thursday grain markets were a little more active, with a tendency to easier prices. Buyers remained firm, probably owing to the weak condition of the Chicago markets. The corn market continued dull. Quotations were as follows:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.12; No. 1, \$1.08 asked; No. 2 hard \$1.08 asked.

CORN, No. 2, 50 to 51c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 42c, rejected, (good samples) 41c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

On Friday prices were again easier in sympathy with the reports of lower prices received from other points. The large holders showed no disposition to press sales, and held for higher figures. Corn was in better tone, but oats remained unchanged. Quotations were:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.11½; No. 1, \$1.07 to \$1.07½; No. 2 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.07½.

CORN, No. 2 50c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c; No. 2 41 to 41½c; rejected, 38 to 41c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

Receipts were again liberal on Saturday, but prices were unchanged, with the exception of a few advanced bids for June wheat. Quotations of the day were:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.12½; No. 1, \$1.07 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.08 to \$1.09.

CORN, No. 2, 50c; rejected, 45 to 48c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c; No. 2, 41 to 42c; rejected, 37 to 40c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

## CHICAGO.

During the past week the markets of Chicago have fluctuated considerably. The same circumstances which have affected other markets have had their influence in Chicago, but in a more marked degree. The reports of crop prospects have told considerably on the prices of wheat, and a steady decline took place from the beginning of the week. Bad reports were at first circulated, but were discredited as designing concoctions, and the more favorable reports that followed seemed to justify the course taken. For some weeks past receipts have been limited, but an increase has now begun and is likely to continue.

On Tuesday markets opened firm in wheat, but later an easier feeling prevailed and prices declined. Trade in corn was active at advancing prices. Closing quotations were as follows.

	May	June
Wheat	\$1.11½	\$1.13½
Corn	55	56½
Oats	41½	42½
Pork	19.95	19.92½
Lard	11.57½	11.95

On Wednesday the wheat market opened weak and prices fell slightly. Corn was also in less demand at lower figures. Business in oats was quiet. Closing quotations were as follows:

	May	June
Wheat	\$1.11½	\$1.12½
Corn	55	56½
Oats	41½	42½
Pork	19.95	19.57½
Lard	11.75	11.87½

On Thursday there was a repetition of the previous day in wheat, prices still tending downwards. Corn realized higher prices, while oats slightly declined. Closing quotations were as follows:

	May	June
Wheat	\$1.10½	\$1.11½
Corn	56½	57½
Oats	41½	42½
Pork	19.87½	19.45
Lard	11.85	11.90

On Friday there was considerable fluctuation in the markets. Wheat closed easier, while corn, oats and pork advanced. Closing quotations were as follows:

	May	June
Wheat	\$1.09	\$1.10
Corn	55½	57½
Oats	41½	42½
Pork	\$19.27½	\$19.32½
Lard	11.57½	11.60

On Saturday grain all round was quiet and weak, while corn was somewhat lower. Pork and lard were still slow. Closing quotations were:

	May	June
Wheat	\$1.08	\$1.08½
Corn	52½	56½
Oats	41½	42
Pork	\$19.05	\$19.10
Lard	\$11.05	11.70

## TORONTO.

## STOCKS.

Various influences have been at work during the past week or ten days to cause fluctuation in the stock market. The closing of the books and rumors of different kinds have all shared more or less to bring about variation, and since our last report several phases of depression have been passed through. About a week ago the published statement of the Bank of Montreal produced an instantaneous decline in stocks generally, and reduced Montreal to 199½. On Wednesday a rumor was circulated that one of the banks had suffered certain heavy losses. It did not cause any great excitement, but was followed by a fractional decline in quotations, and a feeling of weakness North west Land has fallen considerably during the week. Prices recovered with considerable rapidity, and on Wednesday the quotations of the previous week were almost reached. Closing bids were: Montreal, 201½, Ontario, 114½, Toronto, 193, Merchants, 124½, Commerce, 135, Imperial, 145½, Federal, 159, Dominion, 198½, Standard, 116, Hamilton, 115, North-west Land Co., 74.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The situation during the week has changed but little. Holders seem indisposed to press sales, and offerings have been rather small, especially in flour. The chief movement has been in wheat, the prices of which have been fairly steady. The course of future prices are being speculated on with widely different conclusions, and it seems that as yet there is hardly sufficient data from which to form a well-grounded opinion. With the exception of wheat, in which a fair business has been done, the markets generally have been rather dull. Absolutely nothing has been done in barley, and country holders of oats are waiting firmly for