

weak and unsettled, this not being in any way improved by dull cables and an advance in consols. Every dealer seemed to have a little wheat to sell, and the free offerings soon told heavily on the market, as shortly after the opening prices dropped 1c and at the close the feeling remained in a very weak state. Corn opened firm under the influence of bad weather, but weakened later in sympathy with wheat and on the large estimated receipts due tomorrow. Oats were quiet and featureless, and though the pork was well supported, owing to an absence of speculative orders on outside account business was very slow and dull. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.88½	\$0.88½
Corn	42½	40½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.37½	8.37½
Lard	5.95	5.92½

On Tuesday the wheat market was very nervous and unsettled from the opening owing to a weakness which was partly caused by unfavorable reports by cable of foreign markets, and an increase of over 2,000,000 bushels in the visible supply, a rapid decline set in. Later on private cables announced a decline in consols, and the market quietly reacted, but increased offerings and free selling of long wheat weakened it again, the close being weak. Corn showed some activity late in the session and oats were dull all through. Pork though also dull showed a slight advance. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.87½	\$0.88
Corn	41½	39½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.45	8.45
Lard	6.00	5.97½

On Wednesday there was a fairly active business in the wheat market but the feeling was again nervous and unsettled. The opening was at yesterday's closing figures, but under more free selling fell off some, but on buyers taking hold freely the market started up. Reports that the Minneapolis millers had reduced their buying prices 2c and that deliveries in the Northwest were heavy again turned the market down, the weakness finally becoming very quiet. Corn was weak owing to liberal receipts, and sympathy with the depressed feeling in wheat. Oats more quiet and easier, and pork with quite active trading ruled weaker. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.85½	\$0.85½
Corn	40½	39½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	8.25	8.25
Lard	5.90	5.90

On Thursday the wheat market opened weak and lower, nearly all of the advance made yesterday having disappeared. The weakness encouraged the local scalping crowd to sell, but somebody appeared to want all that was offered, and the sellers commenced to buy back their property. Corn was firm and values unchanged. Oats quiet, and pork steady with prices a shade higher. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.85½	\$0.85½
Corn	40½	39½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	8.27½	8.27½
Lard	5.92½	5.87½

On Friday the wheat market opened ¼c under yesterday's closing and showed rarely signs of further weakness. Cables were quiet and there also appeared to be an absence of any exciting or disquieting rumors. Outside influences seemed to be bearish and the natural course of the market downward, there was also a report that Minneapolis had reduced the price of certain grades of flour and that production was to be curtailed, which was not without effect. Corn was very quiet and in oats trade was lifeless. Pork did not change any. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	85½	86½
Corn	41½	39½
Oats	25	25½
Pork	8.27½	8.27½
Lard	5.90	5.87½

On Saturday there was a further downward movement in wheat, while corn was unchanged and lifeless. Pork and lard were both weak and lower. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.84½	\$0.84½
Corn	41½	39½
Oats	25	25½
Pork	8.17½	8.17½
Lard	5.87½	5.85

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The active feeling noted in our last report has continued with a generally easy feeling all round, although quite a number of the leading stocks changed hands at higher figures. Loan and savings stocks were actually dull with bids about ¼c under holders figures. Miscellaneous stocks were also dull and featureless. The closing bids of Wednesday, Oct. 15th, and Oct. 21st, which are subjoined, will show the tone of the market.

	Oct. 15.	Oct. 21.
Montreal	200½	105
Ontario	107½	110
Molson's	—	—
Toronto	185½	189
Merchants'	115½	118½
Commerce	126½	128½
Imperial	124	127
Federal	95	97½
Dominion	201	—
Standard	115½	—
Hamilton	125	—
Northwest Land	40½	—

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The week has been a rather quiet one in grain matters, and prices have been decidedly marked. Sales have been light, and buyers in no way eager to take hold, at the same time receipts have been heavy and the stocks on hand steadily increasing. Holders are therefore increasing their loads, and must if they secure what prices they ask, be prepared for a tug with

buyers. In provisions business has been steady and active, with the stock in no particular line of goods increasing much. Although sales have been so free, there have been no changes in prices worthy of note, but in almost every article, quotations have remained remarkably steady.

WHEAT.

Matters have been slow, and the tendency lower in prices. Sales have been light, and quotations in a great measure nominal. No. 1 fall was quoted 87c; No. 2, 85c and No. 3, 83c. No. 1 spring 88c; No. 2, 86c and No. 3, 84c.

OATS.

There has been a rather steady demand during the week with prices moderately steady. Prime old hove sold at 34c, while now were offered from 32 to 33c.

BARLEY.

This is the only grain in which there has been any movement, and prices of better grades have been firm and inclining upward. No. 1 has sold at 68 to 70c; No. 2 at 64 to 65c, and No. 3 extra 60c.

RYE.

No offerings, and equally little demand. Even nominal quotations are difficult to reach.

PEAS.

Receipts on the street have been liberal during the week, but no sales of car lots are reported. Prices are nominal at 59 to 60c.

POTATOES.

Prices have been moving upward during the week, although offerings have been fairly free. Car lots have been quoted at 52 to 55c.

EGGS.

Receipts light and unequal to demand; prices are firm at 18c for lots.

BUTTER.

Business remains in the condition of last week, the local consumption for choice dairy being good, and all offered sells readily at 15 to 16c in large lots and 17c for small quantities; medium store-packed remains quiet under free offerings, with sales of lots at 11 to 12½c. Inferior grades have still no call.

CHEESE.

Is firm and with a fairly steady demand is stronger and selling at an advance; dealers are not inclined to buy at the rise although some sales have been made at 8 to 9½c for choice in round lots and 10c for small lots of very fine. Medium remains slow at 7 to 7½.

BACON.

Supplies scarce and a big margin between buyers and sellers. New meats have been offering including new Cumberland at 8½; there is a fair movement in rolls and bellies at 9 to 10c.

HAMS.

Are about finished, small lots of new have been selling at 11½ to 12c, old canvassed have been going quietly at 11c.

LARD.

Has been in active demand with tierces held at 5c; tinnets, 3c; and pails at 9½ to 9c. Stocks very much reduced with prospects of prices advancing.

APPLES.

An abundant supply of good fall are selling at \$1.25 to \$2 per barrel; wind-falls from 50c up. Winter stock not yet offering.

POULTRY.

In good supply at following figures: fowl, 35 to 45c; ducks, 50c to 65c per pair; geese 60c to \$1; and turkeys 12c per lb.