

has taken place during the week. Some heavy consignments of goods are being received, and houses are preparing for a heavy winter's trade.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Business in this line is reported steady, with a good demand from the country. Collections are reported free.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

In markets generally there has been more changes of prices during the past week than for a month previous. This has been the case both in grain and provisions, although there has been no marked difference in the volume of business done in either. Grain receipts during the week have not been heavy, with the exception of the closing two days, when a marked improvement took place. Our two leading mills took advantage of the lull in the early portion of the week to close down for a few days and overtake some necessary repairs.

The receipts of wheat have not been sufficient to allow of any great shipment to Eastern markets, and as the local demand is steady and good, not much will be done for a few days in the line of shipping East. Oats have been received freely, at the rate of four and five cars a day by rail, but the street receipts have not been liberal by any means. Barley is still scarce, and that received is not of as good a quality as the first receipts from the new crop. A few loads of buckwheat have made their appearance, and the quality is good.

WHEAT

Wheat has sold in the streets at from 85c to 90c, and there is a prospect of a decline in price for the ensuing week. One or two cars received by rail were not in very good condition, having been loaded in a slightly wet state. The quality of hard wheat is good generally.

OATS.

With the liberal receipts of the week prices have declined several cents, and 52c is now the highest figure paid on the street, while some lots have sold as low as 47c. The great scarcity of oats during last winter caused many farmers to sow them in spring, and it is to be feared that the supply will be sufficiently large to break prices materially during the winter.

BARLEY.

The few lots bought on the streets have been secured at 63c, but the quality was not the finest, and 77c is still offered for plumb bright loads.

BUCKWHEAT.

The few loads that have come to town have found ready sale at 90c. Heavier receipts are expected.

FLOUR.

There has been no change in prices since last week, and no reduction can be expected until a better supply of wheat can be had. Prices are per half barrel: Patents, \$3.60; bakers or four x, \$2.80; dealers or two x, \$2.

BRAN.

Car lots are still selling at \$10 a ton, but there is every prospect of an advance during the present week. Several heavy contracts are being spoken of, which will make a heavy demand upon the products of the mills.

SHORTS.

There is very little demand in this line and quotations are unchanged, namely, \$12 a ton.

BUTTER.

Receipts have been very liberal, and large quantities are still in transit from the East. The demand, however, is good, and although the stock in the city has increased very materially prices have only declined about 1c. The quality of consignments received has been good,

and it is well so, as there is scarcely any demand for lower grades. Good Ontario lots have sold from 24c to 26c, and a few gilt-edge lots at 27c. It is difficult to give quotations for low grades, as the sales of such have been so few. The general expectation of dealers is that a further decline will soon take place.

EGGS.

A plentiful supply in barrels from Iowa holds the market free, and some consignments received for sale on commission have gone at a reduction from last week's figures. Sales are reported as low as 32c, but prime lots still bring 35c.

HAMS.

As in all other articles of pork a slight decline has taken place during the week, and only the brisk demand prevents a further fall. The bulk of the sales have been at 18½c and a few have taken place at 19c.

BACON.

There has been an easier feeling during the week, but no material fall in prices. Canadian is quoted at 17c to 18c, with a very small stock in town to select from. American has sold at from 18½c to 19½c, and the demand is steady and good.

MESS PORK.

The crash in Chicago prices in the beginning of last week has had some effect upon prices here, but dealers were fortunate in having very limited stocks on hand when the break took place. Last week sales were reported where profits must have been very small, and dealers have taken advantage of the decline to secure living prices. Sales towards the close of the week were made as low as \$28.50, but these were few, and a feeling prevails that the Chicago break is only a temporary one.

CORNER BEEF.

The demand for this product is steady but not extra heavy. Prices have changed scarcely any, and quotations are still the same as during the previous week—namely, \$19.50.

CHICAGO.

Pork bulls will long remember Tuesday's market as one of the most unfortunate that they have met. Grain was also weak, and a decline in every kind took place.

WHEAT opened at 94½c, declined quickly to 94¼, remained and closed at that figure.

CORN was very weak, and after a few insignificant fluctuations closed at 65½c.

OATS were as lifeless as other grains and closed weak at 34½c.

PORK.—It is simply impossible to give quotations of this commodity. The wildest excitement prevailed, and it soon became evident that the corner which had so successfully operated the market for some weeks was hopelessly exploded. Bears were well organized and defiant, and crushed every attempt at a recovery in prices. Closing quotations were \$22.

LARD was somewhat in sympathy with pork, and after a lifeless day closed at \$11.60.

The market of Wednesday must be ranked among the dulllest that has taken place for some time. After the excitement of Tuesday a deep lull set in, and the transactions of the day were few and far between, while fluctuations in prices were a thing almost unknown.

WHEAT stood motionless at 94½c and closed at that figure.

CORN was not in demand and the feeling lifeless, closing quotations were 69c.

OATS were in fair demand for actual delivery, but no speculative feeling was displayed; closing price was 35c.

PORK recovered at the opening 25c of the break of the week, but was by no means firm. Bed rock had been reached, and bulls had not sufficient courage to aim for an advance; closing price was \$22.23.

LARD was anything but active, and after a few scattered deals closed at \$11.80.

In grain Thursday's market was weak all over, and a general decline took place. The bear element was well organized, and ready for any attempt at an upward movement. Pork was rather lifeless, but made an advance of 25c on the closing quotations of Wednesday.

WHEAT opened about 94c and declined to 93½c, at which it closed.

CORN opened at 69c, declined steadily and closed at 68c.

OATS were nearly normal and closed at 35c.

PORK opened at \$22.50 and after an uneventful market closed at the same figure.

LARD held about the same figure as on Wednesday, and closed weak at \$11.65.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Tuesday's grain market was a decidedly slow one, and the transactions were few. A slight decline in wheat occurred, and buyers were evidently determined upon securing a heavy break. Their success was but small, but their determined effort limited greatly the transactions of the day. Oats and corn held their own pretty well and closed comparatively firm. Flour was immovable.

WHEAT. No. 1 hard sold \$1.08 to \$1.09; No. 2 hard, \$1.02 to \$1.06; No. 1, \$1.02 to \$1.06.

CORN held steady at 68c to 70c for No. 2; 64c to 65c for rejected.

OATS were held at 36c for No. 2 white; 35c for No. 2 mixed; and rejected 32c to 33c.

FLOUR quotations were unchanged. Patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2 to \$3.50.

BRAN was quoted at \$8.50 to \$8.75 free on board in sacks, quotations being nominal.

SHORTS were quoted at \$10 to \$11 a ton, and a firm feeling prevailed.

The market of Wednesday showed a continued weak feeling in wheat, and a further decline of 1c was made on No. 1 hard, and on lower grades from 1½c to 2c. The receipts were but small, as they have been for several days, but the number of cars reported on their way from the country is unusually large, and this doubtless had the weakening effect. Corn quotations were nominal and unchanged, and very few sales of oats are reported, although prices still hold firm.

WHEAT quotations were No. 1 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.00 to \$1.04; No. 1, \$1 to \$1.04.

CORN was quoted No. 2, 68c to 70c; rejected, 64c to 65c.

OATS sold, No. 2 white, 36; No. 2 mixed, 35c; rejected, 32c to 33c.

FLOUR quotations were unchanged. Patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6; clears, \$5 to \$5.75; low grades, \$2 to \$3.50.

BRAN was slow in sale \$8.50 to \$8.75 a ton free on board in bulk was bid.

SHORTS were quoted \$10 to \$11 a ton, according to quality. The feeling was firm.

Thursday's market was an exceedingly quiet one in grain, and increased receipts of wheat caused a marked decline. Buyers were not disposed to invest unless at reduced prices, as the heavy receipts were anticipated for a day or two previously. Oats and corn being rather scarce prices held nominally steady, but purchasers were not eager to do business.

WHEAT quotations were, No. 1 hard, \$1.05 to \$1.06; No. 2 hard, \$1 to \$1.01; No. 1, \$1 to \$1.01.

CORN quotations were nominal, No. 2, 68c to 70c; rejected, 64c to 65c.

OATS were quoted, No. 2 white, 35c to 36c; No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; rejected, 32c to 33c.