

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

Wheat opened steady on Monday, and though changes were but slight, yet the tendency was toward higher prices. The visible supply posted to-day showed an increase for the week ended October 16 of 1,041,000 bushels, which was smaller than had been estimated. The exports of wheat and flour for the same time aggregated 2,000,000, which was larger than expected. These facts had a strong influence upon the market. Toward the close a sharp advance occurred. November ranged from 72½ to 73c during the earlier part of the day. Corn was quiet and oats were strong and higher. Provisions were moderately active and easier. Pork declined 30c and lard was 12½ to 17½c lower. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	71½	73½
Corn	34½	35½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	8.77½	8.80
Lard	5.65	5.65

On Tuesday wheat was again strong on reported advances in English markets. Later it was explained that the advance was due to local influences, storms having prevented the marketing of grain by farmers. The market opened ½c lower and advanced 1c, then reacting ½c, closing firmer again. Corn quiet and unimportant in features. Oats closed about the same. Provisions fairly active and lower. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	72½	73½
Corn	34½	35½
Oats	25	25½
Pork	8.70	8.70
Lard	5.62½	5.62½

On Wednesday the market opened strong, but eased off under pressure of free offerings of long wheat, and at one o'clock prices were ½c under Tuesday's close. Cables were stronger, but the desire to realize caused the decline. Trading was very flat. Corn was dull and easier. Oats ½ to ¾c lower, and dull. Provisions were neglected in a speculative way, but the shipping trade was active, and prices not greatly changed. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	72	72½
Corn	33½	34½
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	8.65	8.67½
Lard	5.65	5.67½

On Thursday wheat opened ½ to ¾c higher and sold up ½c more, with large buying by strong brokers and room traders. Prices then went back to the opening figures. The afternoon was stronger again. Provisions were quiet and a shade higher at the close. Receipts of hogs were large. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	72½	73½
Corn	34	35
Oats	24½	25½
Pork	8.70	8.72½
Lard	5.67½	5.70

There was but moderate trade in wheat on Friday and the market seemed somewhat uncertain as to the direction to take in prices, owing to the number of rumors afloat. Cables were better, both public and private, indicating higher foreign markets. New York advices re-

ported that the French were active buyers, and also fair buying for the United Kingdom. A number of large operators were careful to proclaim themselves out of the market, and were advising their friends to hold off. The raising of the railway blockade at Minneapolis was a factor of weakness, as it was expected that a rush of wheat would follow the resumption of traffic arrangements. Corn and oats were stronger in sympathy with wheat. Provisions were moderately active and steady, with a firmer feeling. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	74½	75½
Corn	35½	36½
Oats	25½	26½
Pork	8.80	8.80
Lard	5.70	5.70

On Saturday wheat opened easier, but reacted and became firm. After several ups and downs, the closing prices were about the same as on Friday. Pork and lard were steady. Closing prices were:

	O. t.	Nov.
Wheat	74½	75½
Corn	34½	35½
Oats	—	—
Pork	8.80	8.85
Lard	5.70	5.70

TORONTO.

STOCKS

Changes in quotations in the leading bank stocks have been but slight during the week, and of an unimportant nature. The feeling has held quiet and not to say strong. Loan and savings and miscellaneous stocks were steady. closing quotations for October 20th, as compared with October 13, were as follows:

	Oct. 6.	Oct. 13.
ASKED. BID. ASKED. BID.		
Montreal	220½ 226	229½ 226½
Ontario	122 121	119½ 119
Toronto	207½ 206½	208 207
Merchants	130 129½	130½ 129½
Commerce	126½ 125½	126 125½
Imperial	137½ 136½	— 137½
Federal	113 112	112½ 111½
Dominion	219½ 219½	215½ 215
Standard	127 126	126½ 126½
Hamilton	— 136	— 130
Northwest Land ..	70 69½	69½ 69½
C.P.R. Bonds	104½ 104½	106 104½
do Stocks	— 67½	— —

WHEAT

The feeling has continued quiet and dull, and offerings very light. There was very little demand from provincial millers, and less for shipments. Stocks in store remain light. No. 2 fall sold at 74c, and No. 2 spring was quoted at about the same price. Some red winter sold at 75c. From 75 to 76c was paid on the street for fall and spring, by sample.

FLOUR

Transactions were few and the feeling easy, with receipts offered lower. Extra sold at \$3.40 to \$3.45. Superior extra could have been obtained at \$3.50 to \$3.55.

OATMEAL

Selling in small lots at about \$4.00, with cars quoted at \$3.75 to \$3.80.

OATS

Quiet at 30 to 31c on track, and 33 to 34c on the street.

BARLEY

No. 2 sold at 56 to 56½c, and a sample of good No. 3 brought 50c. No. 1 sold at 61c f.o.b. Prices were stronger at the close, and the demand more active. Stocks are very light and the grain is not in the market in sufficient

quantity to make active trading. The barley trade here must of necessity be very light this season, as navigation will now soon close.

PEAS

Sales made at 53c on track, and 56c on street.

POTATOES

Car lots slow at 50c. On the street prices range from 65 to 75c per bag.

APPLES

Nearly all offered on the street have been windfalls and fall fruit, for which prices have been easy at \$1.25 to \$1.50, with choice bringing \$2. No fall fruit offered and nothing doing in car lots.

POULTRY

In fair supply but readily taken at 45 to 55c for fowl, and 55 to 70c for duck, with geese usually selling by weight at 7½ to 8c, and turkeys at 10 to 12c per lb.

BUTTER

Receipts were larger, but choice qualities were taken readily at 17 to 18c for selections. Good sold at 15 to 16c for entire lots. Some shipping lots sold at 12 to 13c, with white taken out. Tubs and crocks of good sold on the street at 16 to 18c, and pound rolls at 20 to 23c.

CHEESE

Small lots sell steadily at 12c, and some as high as 12½c for choice. The market at Ingersoll on Tuesday was characterized by buyers and sellers being apart in prices, and no sales were made.

EGGS

Receipts increasing and prices easier at 17½ to 18c. Street prices 19 to 20c for fresh.

PORK

Quiet and unchanged at \$14.00 to \$14.50 for small lots.

BACON

The movement has continued to be small, and prices weaker. Old long clear obtainable in small quantities at 8c, and new slow at 8½ to 8¾c. New Cumberland offered at 8c. Rolls usually at 9½c, and backs and bellies at 1 to 10½c, with sales of everything small and stocks low.

HAMS

Quiet and weak at 13c for new smoked, the only sort in which business has been done.

LARD

Scarce and wanted. Tinnets and pails going at 9½ to 10c, according to quantity and quality; some tierces offered at 8¾c in lots not under fifty, and at an advance in this price for small lots.

DRESSED HOGS

Receipts have increased, and prices have been unsettled through the week, closing at a decline, to \$5.25 to \$5.50.

LIVE STOCK.

Choice fat hogs in good demand at \$4.40 to \$4.60. Stores not wanted. Heavy, \$4 to \$4.25. Mixed lots sold at \$4.35 to \$4.50. Choice butchers' cattle were quoted at 3½ to 3¾c, the latter price for pick. Common to good 2½ to 3c.

HIDES AND WOOL

Hides, No. 1 inspected steers, \$9; No. 1 inspected cows, \$8.50; No. 2 inspected, \$7.50; No. 3 inspected, \$5; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c; calfskins, cured, 13 to 14c; calfskins, dry, 11 to 13c; sheepskins, green, 60 to 70c; wool, super, 22 to 23c; extra super, 26 to 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4½ to 4¾c.

The Macleod Gazette says: The large and ever increasing supply of cattle from this western country will soon make Winnipeg one of the most important stock centres on the continent, and the building of the Hudson's Bay Railway suggests possibilities of the still greater development in the same direction.