

## CHICAGO.

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Quotations were:

Wheat, February,	\$1.08	March, \$1.08½
Corn, "	56	" 56½
Oats, "	39½	" 39¾
Pork, "	18.10	" 18.12½
Lard, "	11.45	" 11.47½

On Friday all kinds of produce held firm, and the market was steadier than for several days past. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat, February,	\$1.08½	March, \$1.08½
Corn, "	56½	" 56½
Oats, "	39½	" 39¾
Pork, "	18.20	" 18.22½
Lard, "	11.60	" 11.62½

## MINNEAPOLIS.

Friday's market was firm, and considerable business was transacted. The business of the day is represented by the following quotations:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.14 to \$1.15; No. 1, \$1.05 to \$1.11; No. 2 hard, \$1.06 to \$1.11.

CORN, No. 2, 49 to 50c,

OATS, No. 2 white, 40 to 40½c; No. 2, 39 to 39½c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.55.

## TORONTO.

## STOCKS.

The dullness in the stock market which commenced a week or two ago still continues unabated. Transactions have been very light and the transactions were principally on brokers' account. On Wednesday there was a slight decline in bank stocks generally, especially on Montreal, Toronto, Merchants, Commerce and Standard. Ontario advanced slightly. Bids at the close were: Montreal 206½, Ontario 112, Molsons 130, Toronto 183½, Merchants 125½, Commercial 133½, Imperial 140, Federal 141, Dominion 199, Standard 114½, Hamilton 115, North west Land Co. 55.

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The market for the week has been considerably unsettled. The demand has been active and receipts small and insufficient. The tendency has been steadily upwards but the close showed confusion and unsettlement, especially in wheat and flour. Coarse grains were firm with demand keen.

## FLOUR.

A demand in excess of supply kept prices firm during the early part of the week, but toward the end an easier feeling prevailed. Superior extra went up to \$4.70 to \$4.75.

## WHEAT.

Offerings have been light, and prices advanced until Wednesday, when a reaction set in. A drop was made to the level of the week before. No. 1 spring, \$1.08 to \$1.09; No. 2 spring, \$1.06 to \$1.07; No. 2 fall, \$1.04 to \$1.05.

## OATS.

The supply has been limited, and prices held firm. Prices on track 43 to 44c; on street, 45 to 46c.

## BARLEY.

Good demand and steady prices. No. 1, 77c; No. 2, 72 to 73c; No. 3, 65 to 69c.

## BUTTER.

Market quiet. Prices are: Choice dairy, 20 to 21c; large rolls, 17 to 20c; superior, 13c.

## EGGS.

Tendency downward. Fresh, 25c.

## MEATS.

Firm. Sales mess pork at \$22; bacon, long

clear, 12c; Cumberland, 11½c; rolls, 12½c; for long bellies 13½c; smoked hams, 13c; packed, 11½c.

## Markets by Telegraph.

Special Dispatch to The Commercial.

## STOCKS.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—Stocks are active though weak at lower prices, but close with recovery to-day. Closing bids: Montreal, 206½; sales 206; Ontario, 125; Toronto, 182½; sales, 182½; Commerce, 133½; sales, 133½ to 143; Molsons, 130; Merchants, 125; Imperial, 140½; Federal, 154½; Dominion, 199; Standard, 114½; sales were made of all last six at quotations. Hamilton offered, 113½; North-west Land, stronger at 57, bid. Pacific Railroad bonds sold at 98; Manitoba Loan, 120 bid.

Special Dispatch to The Commercial.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—The week shows a reaction in flour and wheat, which closed easy. Superior extra has brought \$4.70, but not taken when offered at \$4.65 to-day. Bran is scarce with \$13 bid. Wheat sold \$1.05 for No. 2 fall last week. To-day 1,000 bushels mixed spring sold at \$1.09 to \$1.10. Barley firm but nominal. No. 2 firm at 73c; No. 3 steady at 63 to 67c. Peas are scarce at from 75 to 76c. Clover is down to \$7.25, closing at \$7 to \$7.05. Butter is scarce and firm at 20 to 21c for choice. Eggs are easier at 25c. Fresh meats are firm but quiet, only round lots selling. Lard is scarce and firm at 13½c.

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The dullness which has been the leading feature of the money market for the past few weeks still continues, though to a somewhat abated extent. Commercial paper has been met somewhat more promptly, but still the banks have all they care to do in making advances. A more hopeful feeling, however, pervades all financial circles. It is generally believed that the worst has been past, and there is a confident expectation that a few weeks more will see a much easier feeling. Rates have not undergone any change. Gilt edged paper is hard to negotiate at 9 per cent, the ruling figure being 10; ordinary, 10 to 12 per cent, as a rule approaching nearer the latter figure.

In real estate circles the same difficulty of negotiating loans, which we noted last week still prevails. The banks are very chary in giving accommodation in that respect, and speculators have to depend largely on private lenders. For short dates high rates have been paid, though perhaps slightly less than hitherto. Still the easier feeling which pervades all commercial circles finds its counterpart among real estate men.

An English contemporary asserts that the unsatisfactory prospects of the autumn-sown crops in France have not created a speculative feeling, although it concedes that the promise of French crops is not favorable. This confirms the idea, that while the probability of a poor harvest in Europe this year may have some influence on the value of wheat, the advance which has been noted in the wheat markets is rather due to the opinion that values have been too low and that too much credence had been given to the false estimates of the extent of our last wheat crop.

THE Brandon Mail, a good paying concern, is offered for sale.

ANOTHER newspaper is to be started in Rat Portage, and one in Prince Albert.

LETTERS patent have been granted to the Keewatin Paper Manufacturing Company.

J. V. AYER & SONS, iron dealers, Chicago, have failed with liabilities amounting to two million of dollars.

THE Portage Westbourne and North-western Railway is making application for permission to change its name to the Great North-western Railway of Canada.

S. C. MILROY, representing the Peters Combination Lock Company of Moncton, N. B., in the city, and is showing samples in the Mc-Nee Block, opposite the Hotel Brunswick.

WE have been shown samples of gold from the Minnesobie Island in the Lake of the Woods, about twelve miles from Rat Portage, which promise very well. A shaft fifteen feet in depth and 10x7 feet has been sunk and indications are good.

MR. JORDAN, of this city, has secured the exclusive agency for several mining machines of English manufacture. A sample machine is now on the way, arrangements for the manufacture of which have been made with Chisholm, Jones & Co. This privilege is secured by paying a royalty on each machine turned out.

W. F. IRWIN, from Woodstock, Ont., has gone to Portage la Prairie to act as agent for the Massey Manufacturing Company in that district. Mr. Irwin comes to this country with an excellent reputation as a business man, and cannot but succeed.

ON Monday evening a meeting was held in the Queen's Hotel, at which it was decided to organize an open Board of Trade, and committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements, to report at another meeting to be held on Wednesday evening.

THERE were 226 failures in the United Kingdom reported to Kemp's Mercantile Gazette for the week ending January 20, against 221 in the preceding week, 247 in the third week of January, 1882, and 268 in that week, 1881. England and Wales had 215, against 224 and 258 respectively in the third weeks of January, 1882 and 1881; Scotland, 11, against 18 and 7; and Ireland none, as compared with 5 and 4.

A WATERPROOF glue may be obtained by dissolving 10 grains saunders and 16 grains of mastix in ½ liter of alcohol, afterwards adding 10 grains of turpentine. This solution is placed in a waterbath, where an equal quantity of a hot solution of glue or isinglass is mixed with the same. Still hot, the mixture is strained through cloth and ready for use. For the gluing of mineral bodies it is well to add to the above mixture 10 grains of finely powdered glass.

SO FAR the directors of the Qu'Appelle Farm Syndicate have shown no disposition to settle the claims held against them by different parties, and some of them, when interviewed, plead poverty as a reason why they should not be pressed for payments. They cannot with honor repudiate the debts incurred by the grandiloquent Colonel and his faithful manager, who ran the concern in their behalf, and who put on such an air of business as to inspire that confidence which enabled them to obtain credit. For the sake of their own business reputation and credit the directors ought to settle up at once, before legal proceedings are resorted to.