

MINNEAPOLIS.

In sympathy with eastern markets the grain market has been characterized by falling prices. On Wednesday the decline was checked. Prices did not advance much, but a greatly improved tone was noticeable. The business of the day is represented by the following quotations:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.10½ to \$1.13; No. 1, \$1.04 to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.08.

CORN, No. 2 new, 50 to 51c; no grade, 45 to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 42c; No. 2, 39 to 39½c; rejected, 35 to 38c; sample, 35 to 42c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65; low grades, \$2.25 to \$3.25.

On Thursday, the better feeling which set in the day before continued. Cereals generally advanced. The business of the day is represented by the quotations given below:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.11 to \$1.11½; No. 1, \$1.04½ to 1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.08; Scotch Fife seed wheat was held at \$1.20 to \$1.25.

CORN, No. 2 51c to 51½c; no grade, 45 to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 42c; No. 2 39 to 39½c; rejected, 35 to 38c, samples, 35 to 42c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65; low grades, \$2.25 to \$3.25.

On Friday the market was firm and there was considerably more business transacted than for several days. Wheat went up ½c and the feeling in corn was strong. The following quotations represent the business of the day:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.10 to \$1.12; No. 1, \$1.04½ to \$1.08; No. 2 hard, \$1.06 to 1.08.

CORN, No. 1, 51½ to 52c; no grade, 45 to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c; No. 2, 39½ to 40½c; rejected, 35 to 38c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65.

On Saturday transactions were light, as is usually the case on the last day of the week. There was no change of any importance in prices. The following quotations represent the business of the day:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.11 to \$1.12; No. 1, \$1.04½ to \$1.08; No. 2 hard \$1.06 to 1.08.

CORN, No. 2 new, 51½ to 52c; no grade, 45 to 49c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 42 to 42½c; No. 2, 39½ to 40½c; rejected, 35 to 38c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65.

CHICAGO.

The markets have been subject to considerable fluctuation during the past few days. Wheat took a sudden drop early in the week, but gradually pulled up again. But still a very unsettled feeling prevails. On Tuesday the market was dull and inactive. Buyers did not care even to look at samples, and there was a slight weakening on the part of sellers. Towards the close quotations were:

Wheat,	March,	\$1.05½	April,	\$1.06½
Corn,	"	56½	"	57½
Oats,	"	40½	"	40½
Pork,	"	18.02½	"	18.20
Lard,	"	11.17½	"	11.35

On Wednesday the markets here were active and generally stronger. Receipts were light, and the demand was keener than for several

days. Wheat fluctuated considerably during the day. Quotations toward the close were:

Wheat,	March,	\$1.05½	April,	\$1.05½
Corn,	"	56½	"	56½
Oats,	"	40½	"	40½
Pork,	"	18.25	"	18.35
Lard,	"	11.30	"	11.40

On Thursday the markets continued stronger, wheat, corn and oats all taking a rise. Provisions also advanced. Towards the close quotations were:

Wheat,	March,	\$1.06½	April,	\$1.07½
Corn,	"	57	"	57½
Oats,	"	41½	"	41½
Pork,	"	18.30	"	18.40
Lard,	"	11.35½	"	11.45

On Friday the market again took a sudden drop, especially in wheat and corn. Provisions also suffered a decline. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat,	March,	\$1.06	April,	\$1.06½
Corn,	"	56½	"	56½
Oats,	"	41½	"	41½
Pork,	"	18.22½	"	18.32½
Lard,	"	11.25	"	11.35

On Saturday there was continued weakness in the market, and prices again suffered a decline. Towards the close quotations were:

Wheat,	March,	\$1.05	April,	\$1.05½
Corn,	"	55½	"	56½
Oats,	"	40	"	40
Pork,	"	18.20	"	18.25
Lard,	"	11.20	"	11.30

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The stock market for the week has been very unsettled. The bears have been making a desperate effort to upset the market, some of them having got badly tied up by selling Federal Bank stock which they never owned. The directorate took the matter in hand and refused to advance any more stock for the bears to operate upon, and consequently they found themselves "short," and the only way out of the difficulty was to buy on the street, which meant a much higher figure for the fortunate holders. The Montreal stock market has been very much excited over the recent heavy failures there, and on Wednesday Montreal fell 2½, and other banks declined in proportion. Closing bids in Toronto on Wednesday were: Montreal, 202½; Ontario, 111½; Molsons, 124½; Toronto, 182½; Merchants, 122½; Commerce, 132½; Imperial, 138; Federal, 158½; Dominion, 109½; Standard, 114; Hamilton, 113; North-west Land Company 58; Ontario and Qu'Appelle, 108.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The grain and produce markets for the week have been decidedly inactive, and consequently very little to report. Buyers predict a downward movement in prices, but sellers seem confident and do not care to press sales.

FLOUR.

There has been a dull and declining market all the week. Holders are willing to sell, but buyers do not care to meet them. Superior extra cannot be quoted higher than \$4.40 to \$4.50; extra, \$4.30 to \$4.35.

WHEAT.

The market has been inactive and declining in sympathy with outside points. Quotations f. o. c., are: No. 1 fall, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 2, \$1; No. 3, 93c; No. 1 spring, \$1.08; No. 2, \$1.06; No. 3, \$1 to \$1.01.

OATS.

Are scarce and in good demand. Prices are firmer. Western on track are quoted at 45c; eastern, 44c. On the street, 48c is paid.

BARLEY.

There is a good demand, but offerings are

light. Quotations are steady at the following figures: No. 1, 76 to 77c; No. 2, 72c; extra No. 3, 53 to 56c.

PEAS.

Are scarce and wanted at 77 to 78c for No. 2. No No. 1 offering.

SEEDS.

Stocks of clover are running low, with prices firm at \$7.50 to \$7.75. Timothy is easy at \$2.10 to \$2.25.

POTATOES.

The market is unsettled. Prices closed at 60 to 62c per bag for car lots; street prices, 70 to 76c per bag.

BUTTER.

There is but little change to note from last week. The local demand is sufficient to use up all the supply. Quotations are: Choice, 20 to 22c; store packed, 15 to 18c; rolls, 18 to 20c; inferior, 13c.

CHEESE.

Rather firmer. Good to choice is worth 14½ to 14c; poor to medium, 11½ to 12½c.

EGGS.

Increasing receipts have caused a steady decline in prices. Fresh are quoted at 19c, with prospects of a further fall.

APPLES.

Scarce and prices firm. Extra choice sell at \$4; sound cooking qualities, \$3 to \$3.25.

MEATS.

There is very little movement in meats at present, and prices have not changed from last week. Quotations are: Mess pork, \$22; bacon, long clear, 11c; Cumberland, 10c; rolls, 12c; bellies, 13 to 13½c; hams, smoked, firm at 13c; pickled, 12c.

Markets by Telegraph.

Special Despatches to the Commercial.

STOCKS.

TORONTO, March 19.—Stocks were dull and declining rapidly last week, but recovered somewhat later. Closing bids: Montreal, 200; sales, 200; Ontario, 111½; sales, 111½; Toronto, 182½; sales, 182½; Merchants, 121½; sales, 121½; Commerce, 133; Imperial, 139½; sales, 139½; Federal, 159½; sales, 159½; Dominion, 201; sales, 113½; Standard, 114½; sales, 114½; Hamilton, 113; North-west Land, 58; sales, 58; Ontario and Qu'Appelle sold at 109½; Manitoba Loan offered at 123; large sales of North-west Land for London were made during the week.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

TORONTO, March 19.—Produce dull and inactive; prices weak. Flour, almost dead; superior extra offered equal to \$4.50 here, without buyers. Oatmeal, firm. Wheat, weak. No. 2 fall sold on cars at \$1; No. 3 worth 98c; No. 1 spring, \$1.08; No. 2 spring, \$1; offerings small. Oats, firm and scarce, wanted at 45c. Barley easier, No. 1 sold equal to 75c; No. 2 worth 70 to 71c; extra No. 2 offered at 65c; No. 2 53 to 54c. Peas firm at 77 to 78c. Rye, worth 65 to 66c. Seeds, quiet; clover steady at \$7.50 to \$7.55; rest unchanged. Butter, firm, at 20 to 21c for choice, which is very scarce; 15 to 18c for medium. Eggs, declined to 17 to 18c. Meats, quiet but steady, prices unchanged.

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WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.11; No. 1, \$1.07½ to 1.08.

OATS, No. 2 white, 39½ to 41½c; No. 2, 38c.

FLOUR, Patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.75.

CHICAGO, Monday, March 19.

Wheat	March,	1.04½	April,	1.04½
Corn,	"	54½	"	54½
Oats,	"	39½	"	39
Pork,	"	18.00	"	18.20
Lard,	"	11.20	"	11.25