

BARLEY.

Has had a range in price of from 42c. to 52c, during the week. Fine light lots are rather scarce, but there is a full supply of medium and low grades, and particularly for feed-grinding purposes. No other grains have been on this market.

FLOUR.

The demand in this line has been reasonably active, but owing to the falling off in shipments to the east the mills are not rushed to meet demands. The home trade holds good, and there is considerable shipping to western points. Prices hold steady at \$3.15 for patents; \$2.55 for 4x or bakers', and \$1.50 for 2x or traders. With the fall in wheat millers' margins are now liberal.

BRAN.

Quotations have not changed since last reports, and during the week have held steady at \$12 a ton on track, and \$13 delivered. The demand has been reasonably active, and no surplus is accumulating at the mills.

SHORTS.

No change to report in the price of this product, and the demand has remained steady, but not over active during the week. There is no surplus stock in the city, and with an increased demand a scarcity would no doubt be felt. Quotations have been \$14 a ton on track, and \$15 delivered.

CHOPPED FEED.

Still sells at \$30 a ton, and is probably fixed at that figure for the balance of the winter. The demand increases each week, but has yet to be much heavier to be beyond the power of production. It is steadily gaining favor as an economical feed.

POTATOES.

During the week quite a fair supply of potatoes were hauled to town, the exceedingly mild weather allowing unusual advantages for this season of the year. Dealers have had a chance of replenishing their stocks, and are now in a position to stand another siege of cold weather and stopped supplies. There is not an enormous stock in the city however, as the demand has been active and promises to continue so. Prices have held reasonably firm at \$1.00 a bushel, although a few quotations of 90c. are made.

BUTTER.

The demand for better qualities has been very active during the week, and prices of those have held firm. The receipts from the east have not been heavy, but the quantity in store seems to have been equal to the demand. Good to choice dairy sold 25c to 27c, and special brands as high as 28c. Medium and lower grades have been slow in sale, and have ranged from 20c to 24c. The stock of these in the city is still heavy, and a large proportion is held off the market. Ontario creamery has been quoted from 32c to 35c, and the supply in the city is more liberal than for some time previous. With the opening of the present week there is a noticeable falling off in the demand all round.

EGGS.

There is as yet no scarcity of these in the city, although the receipts have been very limited during the week. The demand has slackened up some and will probably remain less active for some weeks to come. Prices have held firm and are inclined to advance. Quotations have ranged from 35c to 38c, and there is some talk of an advance to 40c, but this for a few weeks will probably be no more than talk. The fine weather of the past week have caused less difficulty in preserving from frost, and has given encouragement to importers.

BACON.

There is still a slight downward tendency in the price of this product, although no decline has taken place. The stock in the city has increased somewhat, and the easy feeling in eastern markets assists the weakness here. Dry salt has sold at 15½c to 16c; Long clear, 10½ and American rolls and breakfast at 17½c to 18c.

HAMS.

There has been no change in the quotations of these during the week, and the demand has been steady and active, and altogether an improvement on that of the week previous. The receipts from the east and south have been quite liberal, and the stock in the city is ample for the demand. Quotations have been steady at 18c.

MESS PORK.

The demand for this product has been rather active during the week, and there has been quite stiffening up in prices. This is not owing to any advance in eastern markets, but to a local scarcity. The stock in the city became very low, and holders took advantage to make a small advance, and recover some of their losses by the steady decline of the past month. The week opened with quotations of \$25, but \$25.50 was soon reached and later on \$26. There has been a talk of a further advance, but consignments now on their way to the city will probably arrive in time to check that. As eastern markets hold firm and efforts to cause any further reduction have been futile, it is generally believed that rock bottom has been reached all round, and an advance in the near future is not improbable.

CORNER BEEF.

There has not been a change of any description in the price of this product during the week, and the demand has held about as steady as the quotation. Dealers do not look for much fluctuation, and with the present prospects look for figures holding steady for the current week at least. Prices were \$18.

MINNEAPOLIS.

There was very little activity in the grain market on Tuesday, and a Christmas feeling still lingered on change. The offerings were light, and hold-ers seemed intent upon securing higher prices. The feeling was consequently firm all round, but no fluctuations of any consequence took place.

WHEAT.—The cheaper quotations in the following represent bids by grade, the dearer are based on sales of extra lots by sample: No. 1 hard 98c to \$1; No. 2 hard 95c to 97c; No. 1 90c to 95c; No. 2 80c to 85c; No. 3 75c to 83c; No. 4 55c to 70c.

CORN.—Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 50c to 55c; No. 2 new, 48c to 49c; Rejected old, 45c to 48c; Rejected new, 40c to 45c.

OATS.—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 37c; No. 2 35c to 36c; Rejected, 33c to 34c; Samples, 33c to 37c.

FLOUR.—Quotations: Patents, 6.00 to 6.40; straights, 5.25 to 5.75; clears, 5.00 to 5.50; Hinkle's Gold Dust, 6.40; do Inland, 5.25, steady.

There was a general livening up in Wednesday's market, and both buyers and sellers seemed more inclined to do business. The transactions for the day were reasonably heavy for holiday time, and a firmness in prices prevailed especially in the higher grades of wheat. The receipts of corn had fallen off materially.

WHEAT. The cheaper quotations in the following table represent bids by grade, the dearer are based on sales of extra lots by sample.

No. 1 hard, \$1 to \$1.01; No. 2 hard, 95c to 97c; No. 1 90c to 96c; No. 2 87c to 90c; No. 3 75c to 83c; No. 4, 55c to 70c.

CORN.—Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 50c to 55c; No. 2 new, 48c to 50c; Rejected old, 45c to 48c; Rejected new, 40c to 45c.

OATS.—The following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c; No. 2 35c to 35½c; Rejected 33c to 34c; Samples, 33c to 37c.

FLOUR.—Quotations: Patents, \$6.00 to \$6.30; straights, \$5.25 to \$5.75; clears, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Hinkle's Gold Dust, \$6.40; do Inland, \$5.25, steady.

There was increased activity in the grain market on Thursday, and buyers who had been holding off for some days put in their demands and trading was quite spirited for a time. Wheat held firm under a good demand, and the trading in corn was rather heavy. Oats alone were weak, and buyers seemed unwilling to take hold.

WHEAT.—The cheaper quotations in the following represent bids by grade, the dearer are based on sales of extra lots by sample: No. 1 hard \$1 to \$1.01; No. 2 hard 95c to 97c; No. 1 90c to 96c; No. 2 84c to 90c; No. 3 75 to 83; No. 4 55c to 70c.

CORN.—Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 50c to 55c; No. 2 new 48c to 49c; Rejected old, 45c to 48c; Rejected new, 40c to 45c.

OATS.—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36½c to 37c; No. 2 35c to 36c; Rejected 33c to 34; Samples 33c to 37c.

FLOUR.—Quotations: Patents 6.00 to 6.30; straights 5.55 to 5.75; clears, 5.00 to 5.50; Hinkle's Gold Dust, 6.40; do Inland, 5.25, steady.

There was a dull feeling in Friday's market, and the transactions were few, although prices held necessarily firm.

WHEAT.—The cheaper quotations in the following represent bids by grade, the dearer are based on sales of extra lots by sample: No. 1 hard, \$1 to 1.01; No. 2 hard 95c to 97c; No. 1 92c to 96c; No. 2 83c to 88c; No. 3 75c to 83c; No. 4 55c to 70c.

CORN. Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 49c to 51c; No. 2 new, 42c to 46c; Rejected old, 42c to 47c; Rejected new, 40c to 45c.

OATS.—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 37c; No. 2, 35c to 36c; Rejected, 33c to 34c; Samples 33c to 37c.

FLOUR.—Quotations: Patents, 6.00 to 6.30; straights, 5.25 to 5.75; clears, 5.00 to 5.50; Hinkle's Gold Dust, 6.40; do Inland, 5.25, steady.

Saturday's business was as follows:

WHEAT.—No. 1 hard, \$1 to \$1.01; No. 2 hard, 90c to 97c; No. 1 93c to 96c.

CORN.—Was quoted as follows: No. 2 old, 50c to 55c; No. 2 new, 45c to 50c; Rejected old, 45c to 50c; Rejected new, 40c to 45c.

OATS.—Following quotations are based on today's sales: No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c; No. 2 35c to 35½c; Rejected, 33c to 34c; Samples, 33c to 37c.

FLOUR.—Quotations: Patents 6.00 to 6.35; straights, 5.50 to 6.00; clears 5.00 to 5.50. Hinkle's Gold Dust, 6.65; do Inland, 5.50, steady.

CHICAGO.

The grain market on Tuesday was rather quiet and actually dull until the last hour when a slight activity set in. Prices of both wheat and corn were firm and slight advances were made. December oats were high, and it was evident that the shorts were in a tight place for this month. The following are closing quotations.

Wheat, December, 93½c,	January, 94½c
Corn, " 50½c,	" 50c
Oats, " 40½c,	" 35½c
Pork, " 17.20,	" 17.27½
Lard " 10.52½,	" 10.37½

On Wednesday there was a much easier feeling in the grain market, although to-day was liberal all round. Wheat weakened slightly and suffered a slight decline, while corn made a more marked drop. Oats were also weaker. Pork and Lard were both easier but did not decline any. Although the market was a weak one. The following are closing quotations.

Wheat, December, 93c,	January, 93½c
Corn, " 51½c,	" 49½c
Oats, " 40c,	" 35c
Pork, " 17.17½,	" 17.30
Lard, " 10.45,	" 10.52½