

Friday's Wheat Prices.

The deliveries on the C. P. R. and branches yesterday were better than they have been for several days past and the prices are a little better at several points, reaching as high as 80 cents at Virden on the main line and Lauder on the Souris branch. The quantity delivered on the C. P. R. and M. & N. W. railway, combined, aggregated about 63,000 bushels. On account of the shortage in oats an advance of three cents occurred at Pilot Mound, where 100 bushels were delivered at 28 cents. The car load shipments to the lake front were much better than they have been for a couple of weeks past. The largest amount received at any one elevator yesterday was at Carman, which took in 2,700 bushels of both grades of wheat. The following prices obtained yesterday on the above roads:

Main line—Pojlar Point 75c, Bagot, High Bluff, McGregor, Carberry and Brandon 75c, Portage la Prairie, Sidney, Alexander and Griswold 77c, Austin 75c, Douglas 76c, Oak Lake 74c, Virden, 80c, Routhledge, Hargrave, Elkhorn, Ficusling, Moosomin, Wapella and Wolsley 75c, Whitewood and Broseview 72c, Grenfell, Qu'Appelle and Pense 71c, Sintaluta 77c, Indian Head 74c, Balgonie and Regina 72c, Moose Jaw 74c, Lumsden 72c, Caron 73c, Rosthorn 78c No. 2 hard.

Southwestern branches—Veresford 76c, Hartney 77c, Lauder 78 and 80c, Melita 77c, Pierson 76c, Carnduff 78c, Oxbow 76c, Carman 78 and 76c, Nos. 1 and 2 hard, Rathwell 74c, Treleigne 75c, Alameda 70c, Holland 76c, Glenboro 78c, Methuen 77c, Nestlitt and Elva 76c, Pipestone 74c, Reston 75c.

Deloraine branch—Morri 75c, Resensfeld 72c No. 2 hard, Altona, Gretna, Plum Coulee and Winkler 76c No. 2 hard, Morden 76c No. 1 hard, Thornhill and Whitewater 78c, Manton, La Riviere, Crystal City, Nings and Carroll 76c, Pilot Mound and Holmfield 75c, Clearwater 73c, Killarney and Boisvauin 77c, Carivale 74c.

Stonewall branch—Stonewall 77 and 78c, Nos. 1 and 2 hard.

Emerson branch—Emerson 76c and Namulon City 75c, both No. 2 hard.

Business in Canada.

Toronto, Nov. 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: At Montreal the distribution of general merchandise countrywards may still be called active. The carrying capacity of the river steamers have been pretty well taxed, and some of these boats, it is reported, have not been able to take all the freight offered. The amount of goods moving by rail is also larger than usual at this season, and although winter rail rates went into force on Monday last, the companies have made a concession in the matter of dried fruits, etc., owing to the late arrival of steamships now unloading in port, and which they have agreed to distribute at summer rates. There has been some revival of demand for sugars owing to advancing and somewhat excited outside markets for both raw and refined. Yellows have been advanced a shade on spot already, and there would probably have also been a revision of quotations for granulated, but for the fact that there is a steamer in port with some 7,000 bags of German refined. Retail sales of dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., are improved; in wholesale dry

goods circles attention is being directed to the stock taking usual about December 1. Boot and shoe manufacturers report large orders for spring wear, the most liberal for some years, and some of the houses are reported to be indifferent about the booking of repeat orders for fall goods, which have also been coming more freely, owing to the recent change of weather. Hides have been advanced this week, and with the prospects of a better demand for leather, and comparatively light stocks, a stiffening of values in bulk leather is not improbable. General conditions continue to be favorably spoken of, and in the money market there is nothing new, the general quotation for call funds being 4 per cent.

The business situation at Toronto is slightly better. Dealers in wholesale lines report liberal orders in nearly all lines and speak encouragingly of the future. Travellers for fancy goods are doing an unusually large trade, and shipping departments are working hard to keep up with the orders. In heavy dry goods there is an increasing movement, and the demand is fairly active for men's furnishings, hosiery and the like. Business in leather is good, and orders increasing for boots and shoes, rubbers, etc. Groceries and hardware are also selling well. Prices as a rule are firm with a tendency upwards. Failures are again unimportant and in striking contrast with a year ago. Payments are good. There is a large amount of grain going forward for shipment to the old country, including oats, the demand for which seems keen, with an advance in prices. The demand for low grade flour is good, with shipments to the lower provinces. There is also a good demand for pens, with offerings at country points somewhat limited. Money is easy. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent. Stocks fairly active and strong. Street railway securities are higher on good traffic returns. Bank stocks are scarce. Choice miscellaneous issues are being picked up and advances may be looked for later. Among these may be mentioned Northwest Land Co shares, which are cheap considering the developments in store for that company the coming spring.

Failures for the week were thirty-two, as against forty for the same week of last year.

Grain and Milling News.

A. Kelly, of Brandon, flour and oatmeal miller, and Mr. Dow, of Dow & Currie, oatmeal millers of Pilot Mound, Man., were in Winnipeg last week, and while here had a conference with Mr. Nairn, the city miller, regarding the tariff on oats and meal.

The Montreal Gazette of Nov. 15 says: A weaker feeling has developed in the flour market, and prices for best Manitoba strong bakers' have been reduced 15c to 25c and patents 15c per barrel, sales of the former having transpired at \$4.30 to \$5, and in some cases it is stated that as low as \$4.80 has been accepted, and the very outside price for patents to-day was \$5.10. There is also an easier feeling in Ontario straight roller, the outside figure now being \$4.40, while sales were made at \$4.35.

Illinois has a law, writes the American Elevator and Grain Trade, against bleaching grain, yet one of the Chicago elevators, burned recent-

ly, had an equipment in it for bleaching oats. If bleaching improves the quality and appearance of oats as is claimed, bleaching is just as much the rightful work of a cleaning elevator as clipping, cleaning or drying; the prejudice against bleaching seems to be very unreasonable in the case of oats.

The total receipts of wheat at the four principal U. S. winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 38,794,169 bu. against 20,323,432 bu. in 1895-6 and 17,818,488 bu. in 1894-5. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since August 1, the beginning of the crop year, foot up as follows: Minneapolis, 29,863,410 bu.; Duluth, 24,273,421; Chicago, 16,377,466 bu.; Milwaukee, 3,855,984 bu.; making a total of 74,370,281 bu.; against 72,874,527 bu. during the same time last year, and 77,414,377 bu. in 1894-5.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—December 88 5-8c, May 88 1-2c.

Tuesday—December 87 7-8c, May 87 7-8c.

Wednesday—December 83 3-4c, May 89c.

Thursday—December 82c, May 98 1-2c.

Friday—December 83 5-8c, May 89c.

Saturday, Nov. 91 1-2c; Dec. 37 7-8c; May 88 3-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 92, and cash No. 1 Northern at 91 1-2c.

Last week December option closed at 88 1-4c.

A year ago December option closed at 79 3-8c, and two years ago at 53 3-4c, three years ago December option closed at 57 3-8c, and four years ago at 60c.

BRITISH COL' MBIA.

The Asarco Lake Tashin & Yukon Transportation, Trading & Mining Co., Ltd., incorporated.

Thos. Hardy, Anaconda, hotel, has given up hotel business and opened in hardware.

A. A. Crubbs, banks, butcher, Chilliwack, has sold out to J. W. Gallo-way.

Geo. B. Stocking, Jeweller, Grand Forks has given up business.

Macfarlane & McLachlan, general merchants, Hallsiding, have assigned.

Thos. Wilson has succeeded R. H. Walsh, confectioner, Kaso.

Vancouver Produce Co., has opened business at Vancouver.

R. Rose, grocer, has started business at Vancouver.

Cutting in freights is reported at Chicago. The through rate, Chicago to Liverpool on wheat is 16 to 18c per bushel.

The Ibez Mining Co., of British Columbia is reported in difficulties.

At the Toronto live stock market on Nov. 16, hogs were steady at 1c for the best. Cattle were steady at former prices.

W. H. Jones is opening in dry goods and tailoring at Oxbow, Assa.

Fryer & Holloway, insurance, Selkirk, Man., have dissolved. Fryer continues the business.

Hamilton & Whalen, dry goods Fort William, are succeeded by the W. H. Whalen Co.