

## PROVISIONS.

In the market on all lines of provisions there is a tendency for high prices, due to the firm tone in live hogs. It is interesting to note that since Dec. 31 there has been an advance of 3c. per lb. in the Chicago live hog market. On Dec. 31, \$6.40 was quoted, while last week the market tops at \$9.40. Some time ago the American influence was not so strongly felt as the Canadian packer imported dressed hogs. The market has been dull in pork products, owing to short stocks on all lines, but higher prices are anticipated. During the past week there has been an advance of  $\frac{1}{4}$ c on oils and shortening. The market in pure lard has been quiet at last week's figures.

Current prices are as follows:—

	Per lb.
Hams:—	
Smoked hams, 8-14 lbs.	0.20½
Do., 14-20 lbs.	0.20½
Do., 20-25 lbs.	0.18½
Do., over 30 lbs.	0.17½
Large boneless hams	0.21
Bacon:—	
Roll Boneless Bacon	0.18
Windsor Bacon, selected	0.26
Windsor Bacon, Boneless	0.28
Barrel Pork:—	Per bbl.
Short cut pork	30.00
Clear Fat Pork, 30-40	30.50
Clear Fat Pork, 40-50	30.00
Clear Fat Pork, 20-35	27.50
Mess Pork	24.50
Barrel Beef:—	
Plate Beef, 200 lbs.	24.00
Pure Lard:—	pound.
Tierces	0.14½
Tubs	0.14½
Pails	3.00
Tins	2.90
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.15½
Prinas	0.15½
Leaf lard	0.14½
Compound Lard:—	
Western Grades:—	
Tierces	0.13
Tubs	0.13½
Pails	2.60½
Tins	2.50½
Cases, 3, 5, 10's	0.14
Prints	0.14½
Cooked meats:—	
Roast shoulders pork	0.28
Roast ham, boneless	0.30
Cooked hams, rind off	0.30
Head cheese	0.09
Jellied pork tongues	0.28
Blood pudding	0.08
White pudding	0.07
Jellied beef tongues	0.28
English brawn	0.11

## FLOUR, CEREALS AND MILLFEED.

Although flour prices were reduced last week 30c per barrel on spring wheat grades, and 20c per barrel on winter grades, in sympathy with the continued weakness in the wheat situation, business showed little improvement. Export demand is very slow, only a few comparatively small orders being reported. Domestic buyers are well filled for tario mills is beginning to fall off.

Small lots to fill actual wants; and buyers are holding off until the market becomes steadier. Week-end advices reported a stronger tendency in Chicago and Winnipeg, and an improvement in export demand; and advices from other sources were in favor of the Canadian situation, so that a better feeling in the flour market is anticipated. Spring wheat mills continue slack, while activity with On-the-time being, the only business passing being for

There was no actual changes to note in the market for millfeed, although the feeling was weaker in sympathy with the general market tendency. There continues to be a good, steady demand for all lines; and the reasonable increase in consumption should stimulate the market. Prices hold steady principally owing to the decrease in production, and unless there are further reductions in the wheat and flour market, a continuance of present prices, for a time, is anticipated. There was a weaker feeling in the market for rolled oats during the week, but no actual change in prices occurred. The demand is fair for the season, although export trade is greatly hampered through the difficulty in securing ocean freight room. Other cereals are steady and in fair demand. Current quotations follow:

	Montreal.	Toronto.
Spring Wheat Flour:—		
First patents, per		In June.
bbl., in bags	6.60	6.50
Second patents, do.	6.10	6.00
Strong clears, do.	5.90	5.80
30c per bbl. more in wood.		
Winter wheat flour:—		
Fancy patents	6.30	6.20
90 per cent in wood	5.70	5.80
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	4.15	4.30

90 per cent in bags.	2.65	2.75	.....
Cereals:—			
Cornmeal, yellow, in bags, 98 lbs.	2.25	2.45	2.25 2.50
Rolled oats, per bbl., in wood	5.25	.....	.....
per bag	2.50	.....	2.75
Rolled wheat, 100 lb. bbl.	4.00	3.30	3.50
Rye flour, 98 lb. bag	2.65	2.80	3.00
Graham flour, 98 lb.	3.00	.....	3.25
Barley pot, 98 lbs.	4.50	4.00	5.0
Barley, Pearl, 98 lbs.	4.50	4.00	5.0
Whole wheat flour, 98 lbs.	.....	.....	3.25
Mill-feeds:—			
Middlings, per ton	28.00	30.00	26.00 27.00
Bran, per ton	24.00	24.00	25.00
Shorts, per ton	26.00	26.00	26.00
Feed flour, per ton	35.00	.....	.....
Feed flour, bag	1.60	1.70	.....
Moullie, pure grain grades, per ton	33.00	.....	.....
Do., mixed	31.00	.....	.....
Barley feed, per ton	33.00	.....	.....
Do., meal, per ton	35.00	.....	.....
Crushed oats, 80 lbs.	1.75	.....	.....
Reground oatmeal feed, per ton	19.00	.....	.....

## WINNIPEG GRAIN RECEIPTS.

The receipts of grain at Winnipeg for the week ended March 11, 1916, compared with the previous week and the corresponding week a year ago were, as follows:

	Mar. 11, 1916.	Mar. 4, 1916.	Mar. 13, 1915.
No. 1 Hard	12	4	.....
No. 1 Northern	1,587	1,915	.....
No. 2 Northern	611	777	.....
No. 3 Northern	443	547	.....
No. 4 Northern	220	250	.....
No. 5 Northern	66	96	.....
No. 6 Northern	25	22	.....
Other grades	253	349	.....
Winter grades	2	16	.....
Total	3,215	3,977	1,481
Flax	825	710	401
Oats	116	105	51
Barley	63	67	46

## GRAIN EXPORTS.

The following are the exports of grain from the Ports of Portland and St. John, N.B., that have arrived at their destination week ending March 9, 1916:—

	Flour, sacks.	Wheat, bush.	Oats, bush.
Liverpool	.....	223,998	.....
London	13,300	79,283	.....
Bristol	4,800	96,378	12,906
Glasgow	21,500	112,000	.....
Manchester	.....	121,392	.....
Same week last year	39,600	633,051	12,906
There were 140,765 bushels of barley for Glasgow against 100,184 same week last year.	95,591	799,150	73,244

## MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS.

The stocks of grain in Montreal on the dates mentioned were, as follows:

	Mar. 11, 1916.	Mar. 4, 1916.	Mar. 12, 1915.
Wheat, bu.	1,076,849	1,265,410	641,625
Corn, bu.	11,490	11,988	126,575
Oats, bu.	1,479,915	1,669,207	807,087
Barley, bu.	197,106	198,469	237,467
Rye, bu.	23,610	22,539	14,720
Buckheat, bu.	3,668	7,042	8,678
Flour, sacks	54,160	52,803	31,385

## NORTH AMERICAN WHEAT EXPORTS

Bradstreet's figures of the week's wheat and flour exports from the United States and Canada, compared with previous years, are as follows, in Bushels:

	1916.	1915.	1914.
Mar. 9	9,645,381	7,793,442	3,764,208
Mar. 2	8,199,193	8,432,806	3,576,737
Feb. 24	8,787,985	7,358,222	2,947,966
Feb. 17	7,430,993	10,227,426	3,174,640
Feb. 10	11,480,170	9,708,500	4,092,408
Feb. 3	10,567,676	9,883,671	3,779,908
Jan. 27	8,710,272	8,619,869	3,717,678
Jan. 20	8,247,494	8,395,263	3,881,823
Jan. 13	9,525,485	9,129,199	6,713,289
Jan. 6	10,989,331	10,915,119	6,404,224
Wheat exports in this week in 1913 were 2,731,547 bushels; in 1912, 2,332,056 bushels; in 1911, 1,885,478 bushels, and in 1910, 1,281,004 bushels.			

## AUSTRALIAN WHEAT YIELD.

The following table shows the returns of the present season's wheat yield as officially estimated:

	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Victoria	32,936,245	3,940,947	50,572,466
New South Wales	38,029,082	12,802,044	62,000,000
South Australia	16,936,988	3,527,428	27,275,229
Western Australia	13,331,350	2,621,325	23,190,521
Queensland	1,769,432	1,585,087	1,000,000
Tasmania	349,736	354,220	400,000
Total	103,352,833	24,861,051	164,438,215

The exports of wheat and flour in previous years amounted, as follows:

	Wheat, Bush.	Flour, Bush.	Total
1911	55,147,840	8,794,550	63,942,390
1912	32,604,248	8,404,700	41,008,948
1913	42,922,887	11,082,900	54,005,787
1914	62,878,122	8,710,850	61,588,972

## UNITED STATES CROP REPORT.

The estimate of the U. S. Department of agriculture of the quantity of grain remaining on the farms of the United States on March 1 was as follows:

	1916.	P.C.	1915.	P.C.
	Bushels.	of crop.	Bushels.	of crop.
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Wheat	241,717	23.9	152,903	17.2
Corn	1,138,773	37.3	910,894	34.1
Oats	596,600	38.7	379,369	33.2
Barley	60,511	25.5	42,889	22.0

## NEW ELEVATORS AT PORT ARTHUR.

It is reported that two new grain elevators will be built in Port Arthur during the coming season. That of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Grain Association will have a capacity of 2,500,000 bushels, in the first unit, and will be so constructed that other units may be added later on. The working house will have a capacity of 500,000 bushels. No announcement has been made as to the identity of the ownership of the second elevator, but officials of the C. N. R. state that its construction is assured.

## THE COMMANDEERED WHEAT.

A statement in the House of Commons on March 6, showed that a total of 13,621,000 bushels of wheat had been commandeered by the Government on November 27 last, of which 3,314,569 bushels has been shipped overseas. The transaction was financed by a loan of \$12,000,000 from the Bank of Montreal. Of the grain taken over, the Government loaned 7,500,000 bushels to millers; released 889,082 bushels to fill an order placed by the French Government with the Hudson Bay Co., for which vessels were waiting or arriving at New York; sold 1,749,715 bushels at commandeered prices to be replaced at Fort William by January 16; released 1,736,313 bushels to Ontario millers to keep mills running and fulfill contracts; released conditionally 190,000 bushels, commandeered at Fort William and held in the east; released to exporters to fulfill contracts, 40,175,054.

Upon grain so released, security of ten cents per bushel was taken, but was returned when the grain came back. A further amount of 118,649 bushels was sold to make up a shipment by the Belgian Relief Committee, and 75,075 bushels were released to the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society to complete a contract shipment to be held in store at the request of the British Government.

## NOTES.

The Dwyer Elevator Co., Ltd., of Fort William, has taken out a Saskatchewan charter with a capitalization of \$250,000.

The Grain Growers' Grain Co., of Winnipeg, has been incorporated in Saskatchewan with an authorized capital of \$500,000.

The Bokofsky Flour Mill and Grain Co., Ltd., Theodore, Sask., has been incorporated with an authorized capital of \$20,000.

## REFINED SUGAR AGAIN ADVANCED.

Prices of refined sugar were again advanced last week by Canadian refiners, in sympathy with the continued strength in the raw material market. Prices were marked up another 10c per 100 lbs., making a total advance of 40c per 100 lbs. in the past month. Extra granulated is now selling at \$7.00 per 100 lbs. in bags, and all sugars on the basis of 10c per 100 lbs. higher than the previous week's quotations. New York advices states that the European and domestic demand for granulated shows no signs of abatement, and raw sugar values are correspondingly firm.

Lloyds' Register—Excluding all purposes, during (viz., 317 steam vessels of 2,29 United Kingdom 032,634 tons on craft. The out United Kingdom 032,634 tons on ing about 14% steam tonnage. cent, or 554,800 sailing tons), 1 United Kingdom for other coun cluding 20,965 ing about 14% pared with an previous five y

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