

CHICAGO.

The wheat market opened on the first of the week with a rather weak feeling, foreign advices were heavy and reports of home markets showed a decline and under these influences prices fell off, but gradually gained strength under moderate buying based partially on receipt of winter wheat which were not considered large for this season of the year while the export clearings were moderate, and this assisted the firmness. On Wednesday some activity was noticed, the feature of the trading being the fierce raiding of wheat, corn and pork by the bears. Wheat withstood the attacks with astonishing success considering the force and continuance of the assaults, but pork and corn were pressed to a lower range. A good speculative business was transacted and the late advance was attributed to a rumor that freight room by rail for 300,000 bushels had been taken at a low rate to New York. At the end of the week the wheat market was without any substantial support and the tendency was downward. In corn a good speculative business was transacted all through the week and on the whole prices maintained a firmness. Oats were rather quiet and dull, and in pork trading was fairly active, the offerings were fair and the demand moderately active.

On Monday the wheat market opened rather weak but gradually gained strength under moderate buying and a good business was transacted on speculative accounts. The export clearings were moderate and this assisted the firmness. In corn the speculative offerings were liberal at the opening and prices declined, but rather later on under a better demand, influenced some by the advance in wheat, finally closing steady. In oats trading was quiet and dull. Pork was fairly active but rather weak at the opening. Later on the market was stronger and prices rallied and ruled comparatively steady to the close. Closing quotations were as follow:

	Aug.	Sept.
Wheat	\$0.79½	\$0.79½
Corn	43½	43½
Oats	24½	24½
Pork	8.75	8.77½
Lard	6.17½	6.20

On Tuesday the wheat market opened lower and ruled firm until noon, but after that began to show weakness and under increased pressure to sell prices made a farther decline. The visible supply increased considerably and the receipts were quite free at the principal receiving points. Foreign stocks were also reported to have increased greatly since the last statement. In corn the feeling was stronger, notwithstanding reported large increase in the visible supply, which was attributed to cool weather and fears of frost. Oats were steady and pork was fairly active, but prices fluctuated greatly, the offerings were fair and demand moderately active. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.78½	\$0.81½
Corn	43½	42½
Oats	24½	24½
Pork	8.80	8.90½
Lard	6.17½	6.22½

On Wednesday the wheat market ruled stronger and a good speculative business was transacted, New York advices, showed considerable strength and advance at that place, and to this the local advance was largely attributed. There was a good speculative buying on eastern, and some demand on foreign account. Receipts of winter wheat were smaller and this acted as an incentive for buying, and "shorts" at one time were noticed to cover freely. In corn an active business was transacted in futures, but there was a rather strong pressure to sell a good deal of corn bought the previous day, having been unloaded, besides rather free offerings from other sources, and prices declined. Oats were rather slow and dull there appearing to be a lack of orders. In pork, trading was quite active, and prices gradually advanced and ruled comparatively steady to the close. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.80	\$0.81½
Corn	42½	41½
Oats	24½	24½
Pork	8.70	8.77½
Lard	6.17½	6.22½

On Thursday the wheat market was unusually quiet during most of the session and fluctuations were slight. Outside orders were few and far between, and there was not enough life at the opening to induce local operators to do much, and who only appeared to be watering and waiting for development. New York advices indicated firmness and slightly better prices, and this caused a slight slatter, an advance resulted but lasted only temporarily, the feeling quickly relapsing into former quietness. In corn the speculative demand was good, "shorts" feeling inclined to cover. Foreign advices were firm and the inquiry fair, and prices were advanced. Oats were dull, and in pork a moderate trade was reported. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.79½	\$0.81½
Corn	42½	39½
Oats	24½	24½
Pork	8.62½	8.67½
Lard	6.22½	6.22½

On Friday an active business was transacted but a weak and unsettled feeling pervaded the wheat market, and prices ruled lower. Foreign advices quoted dull and weak markets, home markets were all lower, and the influences were generally of a weakening character. In corn a good speculative business was transacted, "shorts" were disposed to cover influenced some no doubt by the continued cool weather. Oats were firm and in pork also a firmer feeling prevailed. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.77½	\$0.79½
Corn	43½	42
Oats	24½	24½
Pork	8.70	8.72½
Lard	6.22½	6.25

On Saturday there was considerable life in the grain markets and the volume of business was larger than usual. Wheat was very active all through, but towards the close the tone was

one of exceeding weakness. Corn opened at a very strong advance which continued strong to the close, pork was stronger and higher. Closing quotations were as follows.

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.76½	\$0.78½
Corn	44½	42½
Oats	24½	24½
Pork	8.77½	8.82½
Lard	6.22½	6.27½

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The local stock markets during the past week do not show much change from our last report. Some of the principal bank stocks are a shade lower, while others as a rule have stuck to their old figures. Towards the end of the week the market was very dull, loan and savings bank stocks showed very little change and miscellaneous stocks were quoted quiet. The following table of the closing bids of Aug. 26th and Sept. 2nd will indicate the tone of the market.

	Aug 26.	Sept. 2.
Montreal	202	201½
Ontario	108½	108
Molson's	—	—
Toronto	186	186½
Merchants'	114½	115
Commerce	127½	127
Imperial	125	—
Federal	96	96½
Dominion	201	200
Standard	115	114½
Hamilton	124	124
Northwest Land	40	40½

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The grain markets during the past week ruled dull and unchanged since our last report, business has been extremely quiet and values have varied but little, while the stocks in store show a further decrease. Wheat has continued very dull and there appears to be really nothing doing just now. Oats were somewhat improved there having been a fair amount of business done, with prices firm towards the end of the week, although lower prices are anticipated as soon as the new crop begins to move. In provisions business continued fair, and if anything somewhat better than last week. In better there was a good demand for old, all in the local market was purchased for shipment, with the exception of one lot. Choice grades are in light supply and wanted. Altogether the movement in meats generally was quite free during the week, there was a good demand for them and prices remained firm.

WHEAT.

In this market business continues dull quotations are nominal at \$2 to \$3c for No. 2 fall, and \$0 to \$1c for No. 3; No. 1 spring at \$7c, No. 2 at \$5c; and No. 3 at \$2c. A mixed ear on the track sold during the week at 70c for goose, and 85c for No. 2 spring.

OATS.

In this market a fair amount of business was done in cars on the track at 33½c. Towards the end of the week some holders were asking 34c, though sales were made at the former figure. Lower prices are anticipated as soon as the new crop begins to move.

BARLEY.

Nothing doing as yet. Prices continue nominal.

RYE.

In this market there is nothing doing, and prices are only nominal.