

the afternoon May sold down to 84½c, closing at the lowest point. The principal feature of strength was in better cables, indicating an improvement in the demand and an upward tendency in British markets. Corn was quiet and lower. Oats dull and steady. Provisions opened firmer and 5c higher, but very little trading was done and the closing was about the same as Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	April.
Wheat	\$0.80	—
Corn	37½	37½
Oats	29	—
Pork	10.20	10.25
Lard	6.02½	6.02½

On Tuesday wheat opened firm, May selling at 85c, or ½ above Monday's close, and gradually going up to 85½c. This was the highest point touched, after which the feeling became easier and prices receded to 84½. Just before the close prices advanced to the opening quotations, but were ½ lower in the afternoon. Cables continued to denote a better feeling in Britain, and New York was stronger. Trading was mostly of a light scalping character. Corn and oats were dull and steady. Pork was unusually quiet and 5c lower, but recovered. At the close prices were:

	Mar.	April.
Wheat	\$0.80½	—
Corn	37½	37½
Oats	29	—
Pork	10.20	10.25
Lard	6.00	6.02½

Wheat opened on Wednesday, at about yesterday's closing prices, and held fairly steady during the early part of the session. A downward turn in the stocks then influenced the markets and prices became easier, with considerable fluctuation. Considerable trading was done at 84½ to 84¾c for May. The feeling, however, was generally heavy and trading mostly of a local nature, there being little outside influence on the market. Labor troubles throughout the country were talked of as likely to unsettle confidence in business ventures, and therefore had a weakening effect on the market. In the afternoon wheat was stronger, due to the operations of privileged traders. Corn was more active and trading in large volume was done at easier prices. Oats quiet. Provisions attracted considerable attention, with a good number of transactions. May and June were the favorite deliveries, and the tendency was downwards. At one o'clock pork was 10 to 12½c lower, but firmer in the afternoon. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	April.
Wheat	\$0.80	—
Corn	37½	37½
Oats	29	—
Pork	10.10	10.15
Lard	5.95	5.79½

The wheat market opened strong on Thursday and prices went up ½c right on the start. A large number of reports of the most conflicting nature were floating about the room, mostly regarding the condition of the winter wheat crop, and the feeling was nervous, notwithstanding that trading was being done on a higher range of prices. The bulls claimed that crop reports were favorable to them, and cables

were also firm. In the afternoon the market was quiet, May closed at 85 to 85½. Corn and oats were dull and steady. Provisions were neglected. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	April.
Wheat	\$0.80½ to 80½	—
Corn	37½	37½
Oats	29	—
Pork	10.10	10.15
Lard	6.00	6.00

Friday was another strong day in the wheat market, and the opening was again higher, with a buoyant feeling prevailing. Prices started ½c above yesterday's close, and fluctuations were within a range of ½c to noon, the bulk of the trading being done at 84½ to 84¾c for May delivery. Cables were strong, Liverpool being quoted at 1 to 2d higher. New York was also higher, and export clearings were reported to be liberal. Corn and oats were dull and unchanged. Provisions were again dormant. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	April.
Wheat	80½	80½
Corn	37½	37½
Oats	28½	29
Pork	10.05	10.10
Lard	5.97½	6.00

On Saturday the wheat market maintained the firmer feeling of the past few days and prices were again stronger. May sold up to 87½c, fluctuating between that price and 85½c, closing at about 86c. Trading was done on a higher basis, and the close higher by a few points all around. All other speculative products were quiet and generally unchanged. Closing quotations were:

	Mar.	April.
Wheat	\$0.81	81½
Corn	37½	37½
Oats	28½	29
Pork	10.05	10.10
Lard	5.97½	6.00

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

Another very quiet week has been experienced on the stock board here. Prices have been very firm, and in every instance where there has been a change, it has invariably been to a higher quotation. However, the difference in quotations is very slight in all the bank stocks, with the exception of Dominion, which shows a gain of 5. N.W. Land sold 1 higher than quotations. C.P.R. bonds declined ½. Following are closing bids for dates given:

	Mar. 3.	Mar. 10.
Montreal	208	208
Ontario	109½	110
Toronto	195	195
Merchants'	119½	120½
Commerce	122	122½
Imperial	133½	133½
Federal	108½	108½
Dominion	209½	214½
Standard	122½	122½
Hamilton	129	130
Northwest Land	77	78½
C.P.R. Bonds	—	100½
do Stocks	—	65½

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The grain market has witnessed another uneventful week, and one with but little appearance of activity. Very little business has been transacted, but the feeling has been comparatively firm. Holders still evidence their determination to abstain from pressing sales, and appear quite contented with the situation. Buyers on the other hand appear equally reserved and not anxious to make purchases. The general inclination seems to be to await the disposition of outside markets, and until some radical change takes place outside, there will be none here. Stocks have not materially increased during the week.

WHEAT.

Transactions have been few and far between. The feeling, however, has been firm, with a disposition to hold No. 2 fall for May delivery was bid at 86½c. On track prices for both fall and spring, No. 2, were from 82 to 83c.

FLOUR.

Prices have held steady and firm, with light business. Prices were held up to something above the views of buyers, \$3.70 to \$3.75 being asked for superior extra, while last week's price of \$3.65 was bid.

OATS.

Cars sold at 35c for white, and mixed at 34½c. Prices have been unsettled and the range sometimes wide.

BARLEY.

Offerings were light, with a steady demand at firm prices. On Monday considerable sales of No. 3 were made at 58½c and 59c f. o. c., the latter being for Northern, but on Tuesday sales of this grade were made at 58c and 56½c. On Wednesday one car of No. 3 sold at 57c on track, and a car of Manitoba No. 3 changed hands at 58c f. o. c.

PEAS.

Peas have been quiet and no movement on spot, but sales were made outside at equal to 59c here.

POTATOES.

Cars sold at 90c on track with more wanted at about the same price.

APPLES.

Nothing doing in car lots. Street prices \$1.50 to \$2.25.

EGGS.

Quiet and with receipts increasing. Fresh worth from 19 to 20c.

BUTTER.

The brisk shipping demand noted the previous week, has had the effect of reducing available stocks to almost nothing, and consequently trading was quiet. Choice was in demand at 16 to 18c, with offerings deficient. Medium sold at 7 to 10c, store packed, with culls at 4 to 5c. Extra choice rolls were worth 15 to 16c, with medium at 10c, the latter slow sale.

CHEESE.

Quiet and easy. Fino is unchanged at 9 to 9½c in small quantities, medium 7½c and skim 5c.

BACON.

Held firmly all over. Long-clear held in car lots at 7c, with some enquiry heard at 6½c bid and refused; sales almost entirely confined to cases, and these usually bringing 7½c. Cumberland firm, with a lot of 500 sides sold at 6½c cash; small lots of light seem to have been worth as much as long clear. Wiltshire bacon has been offered at 8c. Rolls and bellies quiet, and much as before at 8½ to 9c for rolls and 10 to 11c for bellies.

HAMS.

Steady, with a fair demand, and but few offered at present; small lots of smoked have usually sold at 11 to 11½c, but heavy-weight might have been bought at 10½c.