

ers throughout the country are storing up with the intention of holding for higher prices when spring opens up, but how their calculations will come out remains to be seen. Prices have not changed during the week, but there has been a weaker feeling generally. Ordinary lots sold from 40c to 43c, and prime at 45c.

BARLEY.

There has been a much more plentiful supply of this grain during the week than any time this season. The quality has been varied from poor feed to fine bright plump samples. The receipts by rail have been four cars, while on the street loads have been numerous every day. There has been quite a break in prices, and 50c is now the figure for the best qualities, while poorer lots have sold down to 43c. The demand has fallen off during the week.

No other grains have been seen on the market.

FLOUR.

About twelve car loads of flour have been shipped to Eastern markets during the week, and this trade still continues, although through rates are not so favorable as for several weeks previous. The local demand has been active and mills, although running full, are not accumulating any stock. There has been no change in prices during the week, and quotations still remain, patents \$3.15; Baker's or 4 X \$2.50; dealer's or 2 X \$1.50.

BRAN.

There has been no change in the price of this product during the week, and the demand keeps steady and inclined to increase as winter feeding increases. Quotations have been \$12 a ton on truck or \$13 delivered.

SHORTS.

Have been selling freely during the week, and prices have held firm at \$14 a ton on truck and \$15 delivered. The demand has been more active than during the previous week.

CHOPPED FEED.

There has been no change in the price of this article since our last report although a growing demand is felt. Quotations remain \$30 a ton.

POTATOES.

Are scarce although the mild weather and good sleighing of the past week has allowed hauling to town without freezing. The dealers have added somewhat to their stocks, which are not large as yet. Prices remain firm at \$1 a bushel.

BUTTER.

There was no material change in the state of the butter market of the city during the week. A slight stiffening of prices in fine dairy goods has been observable but no material advance has taken place. The stock of these has not increased greatly, although it is stated that quite a quantity is held back by different dealers for fear of a weakening feeling setting in. This impression gains ground probably from the glut of poorer grades which has existed for a few weeks, and which would probably be worse were all the goods of that class thrown upon the market. There are lots of inferior butter now in the city which may never find a purchaser. Quotations are good to choice dairy 25c to 27c; creamery, 33c to 35c. The low grades are not wanted at any money.

EGGS.

Fresh consignments of these have reached the city during the week, but the stock on sight is not heavy. There has been an active demand, but no advance in prices, quotations being 35c to 38c. Some dealers anticipate an advance, but with the falling off in the demand, which will set in after the holidays are over, it is probable that the present figures may be maintained.

BACON.

Both the stock and variety of this product have increased during the past week, and there has been a slight weakening in prices, and in some classes a small decline. Dry salts have

sold at 15c to 16c; clear smoked has been quoted at 16c to 17c. American roll and breakfast bacon have been quoted at 18c. These are quotations near the close of the week, and at its opening some classes were held at one-half cent in advance.

HAMS.

There has been an active, although not unusually heavy demand for these during the week, but there has been no change in prices, and no further decline is expected. The stock in the city is moderately heavy, but not unusually so for this season of the year. Quotations have been, ordinary stock, 17c; choice, 18c.

MESS PORK.

In response to the Eastern Canadian and Chicago markets, there has been another decline in the price of this product during the past week. The drop has been a heavy one, and prices may now be said to rest upon rock bottom. Early in the week \$26.50 was quoted; then \$26, then \$25.50, and at last \$25 was reached, at which quotations now stand. This is only 40c above what pork was quoted at in Chicago some six weeks ago, and it can thus be understood how rapid and yet steady has been the decline since then. There is a general expectation of an advance in eastern markets, and it is just possible that when Winnipeg dealers have got down to close margins a rise may set in.

CORNER BEEF.

There is no change to quote in the price of this product. During the week the demand has been steady but not over active, and quotations have not moved from \$18.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The active feeling with which the week opened continued on Tuesday, and wheat prices ruled firm. Corn was lower and oats unchanged.

WHEAT. The cheaper quotations in the following represent bids by grade, the dealer are based on sales of extra lots by sample: No. 1 hard 98c to \$1; No. 2 hard 94c to 95c; No. 1 89c to 95c; No. 2 80c to 88c; 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.

Trade was slow on Wednesday on change. Holders not offering freely nor were buyers active. The bidding for spot, No. 1 hard wheat, was at 98. There were a few cars offered at 90c; 10,000 bushels sold at \$1.01 deliverable at St. Paul elevator "B," seller until Feb. 1. Northern No. 1 brought 98c, and Northern No. 2 90c for a few cars. Large offerings at the same figures were not accepted. 5 cars of No. 2 corn seller 20 days, brought 45c early; later, 5 cars brought 46c, same time for delivery. There was not much done in oats or feed. Bran was offered at \$7.25; \$7 bid. The notice of 5c advance in lake freights weakened the wheat market.

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The exchange meetings of the Chambers of Commerce were adjourned over from Friday to Tuesday the 26th inst. Trading on change was of the same limited character that has been noted for some time past. Considerable selling has been done at private offices and on private terms. Otherwise there is no present activity in the grain markets. Dressed hogs were freely offered in car-load lots of only fair, packers were paying \$6.90 to 6.95. One car, choice, sold to a packer at \$7.15. The feeling was easy and quiet.

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CHICAGO.

The tumble in prices with which last week opened spent its force on Monday, and on Tuesday there was a general recovery and advance in prices both in grain and pork. Closing quotations that day were:

Wheat, December,	92c,	January,	93c
Corn, "	51c,	"	50c
Oats, "	37c,	"	35c
Pork, "	17.12 1/2	"	17.17 1/2
Lard, "	10.32 1/2	"	10.47 1/2

On Wednesday there was a general improvement in grain all round, and a firm feeling pervaded the whole day's market. Pork also made quite an advance. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat, December,	93c,	January,	93 1/2c
Corn, "	53 1/2c,	"	50 1/2c
Oats, "	39 1/2c,	"	36 1/2c
Pork, "	17.22 1/2	"	17.30
Lard, "	10.32 1/2	"	10.37 1/2

On Thursday the grain market was still steady and inclining upward. Wheat made a slight decline, and both corn and oats held firm at or near the figures of Wednesday. Pork