

and in fair proportion. There has been some improvement in the call from the country, but the season's trade from this source, will be light unless a great change sets in soon.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

Some improvement may be noted in the call. Prices steady as follows: Turpentine, 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No. 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2.00, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 36c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 30c; Eldorado, machine, 56c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS

A very fair business has been going on during the week in this line, which has been augmented to some extent by the visitors in town.

STATIONERY AND PAPER

In this branch there has been more activity noticeable during the week, and purchases of fancy as well as staple goods have been made to a considerable extent.

WINES AND SPIRITS

There has been a steady and fair demand, at unchanged prices as follows. Gooderum & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

WOOL

Prices have not been altered here and are as follows: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c to 16c; cottoned and broken, washed, 12c; unwashed 8c to 11c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 12c.

THE MARKETS

WINNIPEG

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

During the past week there has been a fair quantity of wheat offered at two or three points in Southern Manitoba, and at one or two western points the offerings have been more liberal, but in this latter direction there did not appear to be much animation. The low prices have had the effect of keeping back offerings to a great extent, and farmers seem inclined to hold off as long as they can do plowing or any other work, in preference to marketing their wheat at present values. Then there has been a great scarcity of cars, and some dealers had been unable to obtain cars for shipping grain, to fill orders taken, much to their annoyance as well as direct loss. This feature has also worked against an early movement in wheat. Prices have remained about the same as last week, and the feeling has been easy, in sympathy with weak outside markets. In the city enough wheat has been received in cars and farmers

deliveries to keep the mills grinding. Some shipments through to Lake Superior ports have also been made. Coarse grains are very quiet and scarcely moving at all. Provisions have held firm. Stocks of hog products now in the city are about all American imported, and the supply is light.

WHEAT

The feeling has been easy and prices though not materially changed have been held less firmly. Sales for through shipment have been made at equal to about 57c to 58c here for hard. The price however, has differed as much as 2c at some points, the quotations being about the best prices. In the city loads offered by farmers were taken at the mills at about the same prices. Hard by sample brought 63 to 64c at the mills. Northern grades sold at 61 to 62c for best samples.

FLOUR

The mills now have a plentiful supply of new wheat and have been grinding steadily. Shipments of new flour are now going east. Quotations for broken lots delivered in the city of f.o.b. are as follows. Patents, \$2.50, strong bakers' \$1.90; XXX, \$1.50; superfine, \$1.00.

BRAN AND SHORTS

Quotations are unchanged at \$8 for bran and \$10 for shorts per ton.

BARLEY

No movement in this grain has yet been reported.

OATMEAL

Prices in this product are held firmly, owing to higher prices for oats and the light quality of the new crop. Quotations are \$2.25 for standard and \$2.50 for granulated.

OATS

The movement in this grain still continues very light and confined to old so far as car lots are concerned. A good milling sample would bring 30c, while mixed and feed would range from 28c upward.

CHEESE

The market is very firm for this product, owing to recent advances east. Dealers still dispose of small lots to the trade at 11c, but should prices continue to advance, a higher rate may be looked for.

EGGS

There has been a steady advance in eggs, owing to light receipts, which have been checked by the cold weather. Fresh in case lots were disposed of by dealers at 16c, which however, was the outside price, the range being from 15 to 16c.

BUTTER

Choice butter continues to bring a good price and stocks of really good qualities are scarce. We have heard of some extra good having been disposed of by dealers at 18c but 15 to 16c was about the average price for best dairy qualities. Medium and poor qualities are slow sale and not wanted. Prices range from 10c for poor to 13 for good medium.

BACON

Dry salt is scarce and firm at 10 to 10½c; smoked, 11 to 11½c; rolls, 12½c; breakfast bacon 13c.

HAMS

Firm at quotations. Plain out of the market. Canned 15½ to 16c.

LARD

The demand has been steady and prices firm. Pails quoted at \$2.25 to \$2.35.

DRESSED MEATS

Hogs have been somewhat firmer in price and taken at 5c. Beef sides sell at 6 to 6½c; Mutton, 9c; veal, 7 to 8c.

LIVE STOCK

Hogs are firmer and will bring from 3½ to 4c off cars. No sales of cattle in car lots reported, but 3c and 5 per cent. off could be quoted for good butchers' stock. Stock offered on the market bring 2½ to 2¾c. Lamb \$3 to \$4.

MINNEAPOLIS

Business has dragged in all the markets the past week, as is almost always the case where the bears are in control and prices are steadily falling. Some vigorous work has been done by a few determined bulls, now and then, to stem the tide, but the weight of opinion and money was against them, and their efforts have been very unsuccessful. Farmers continue to market freely; the shipping movement is sluggish and stocks have been piling up at an unprecedented rate. The most noteworthy feature in the situation is the fact that a heavy percentage of receipts, especially of spring wheat, has been of old wheat, when most commercial authorities had agreed that the stocks of old in farmers' hands had been practically exhausted long ago. Business has been very good in the local market, and the wheels of the new Millers' union are running smoothly and to the satisfaction of the trade. Transactions have been large, and dealing in options shows an increase. Receipts continue very heavy and shipments are large in volume.

The highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on 'change during the week ending Sept. 29th, closing prices, and the prices one year ago were:

WHEAT—	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sept. 30, 1885.
No. 1 hard	72	71	71½	88
" 1 northern	70	68½	68½	85½
" 2 "	68	67	67	80½

Futures have been weak in sympathy with cash, October 1 hard closing at 71½c, November at 73c, December at 74c and May being offered at 82c. November 1 northern closed at 70½c and December at 72c. Coarse grains show little change, corn closing at 36 to 38c, oats at 25 to 28c, barley at 42 to 55c and rye at 42 to 45c.

MILSTUFF—Has been rather firm and a little higher, bulk bran closing at \$7 and shorts at \$7.50 to \$8.25 per ton.

FLOUR—The weakness and decline in wheat has had the usual effect on flour, and there is no life in the market. Foreign buyers are bidding lower and their orders are small and irregular, while the domestic trade is about as dull as was ever experienced. Buyers seem to think there is no bottom to the market. Bakers' grades, which have been stiffer than patents, are noted lower this week.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$4.15 to \$4.30; straights, \$3.90 to \$4.15; first bakers', \$3.40 to \$3.60; second bakers', \$2.80 to \$3.00; low grades, \$1.70 to \$1.80, in bags; red dog, \$1.30 to \$1.40, in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as stated. The rule is to discount 2½c per bbl for 280 and 140 lb jute bags, 20c for 93lb cotton sacks, 15c for 49lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24½ lb cotton sacks. In half barrels, the extra charge is 50c per bbl.

—Northwest Miller.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

The wheat market here during the week showed a considerable range of prices, and closing quotations differed about one cent on each day. The market here was largely influenced by Chicago, though on a few occasions there was a little show of independent action. The feeling was easy on most days and trading only