

wheat, while better prices are being obtained for the lower grades which are going for export. At the commencement of the season, the value of our low grade wheat was very uncertain, as it was difficult to get exporters to touch it. First shipments were in fact experimental, but these proved successful, and the value has since been considerably enhanced. For badly damaged wheat, unfit for milling, there is still considerable moving to eastern Canada, where it is in request for feed purposes, and brings a fair price, on account of the high values of other feed grain.

FLOUR.

There has been no further change. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade, per 100 pounds are. Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers', \$2.40; 2nd bakers, \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.35; superfine, \$1.15; middlings, \$2.50; graham flour, \$2.30; cracked wheat, \$2.30; buckwheat flour, \$3.75.

MILLSTUFFS.

Prices are firm but unchanged at \$12 for bran, and \$14 for shorts. Free shipments east continue, and a good local demand.

MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Oat meal holds firm, and any change will be to a higher range of values. Prices are: Oil cake, in bags, \$21 a ton; oil cake meal in ton lots, \$26.50; in car lots f.o.b. \$25; Oatmeal, standard, \$2.70; granulated, \$2.80 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.80 persack of 80 pounds; Cornmeal is held at \$1.85 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.65 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$3.00.

GROUND FEED.

The upward tendency of oats and barley has caused further advances in ground feed, as high as \$25 per ton having been asked for best oat chop. Ground feed may be quoted at \$20 to \$25 per ton, as to quality, though ground damaged wheat may be obtained at \$14 to \$15 per ton.

OATS.

Further advances are again to be reported in oats. The upward tendency has now continued for weeks, and prices have gained fully 15c per bushel. It is reported that a number of dealers who contracted to fill orders ahead, are badly stuck. Some of these were contracts made on Government tenders, to supply oats at western territorial points, for mounted police. These were made in some instances to lay down oats at western points lower than can now be bought for in Manitoba country markets, it is said. It is also reported that some shippers will have to buy at unprofitable figures to fill city and eastern orders. A few cars are still going east, but the movement is trifling, and it is evident that country markets are about bare of supplies. In Winnipeg, loads on the street, bring 40 to 42c for ordinary feed quality, and 44 and 45c per bushel of 34 pounds has been paid for choice white seed oats. Jobbing lots in the city are held at 45c per bushel. In Manitoba country markets the average price to farmers will be about 35c per bushel, the range being from 28 to 40c at different points.

BARLEY.

Barley has an advancing tendency, in sympathy with oats, and is quotable in Winnipeg street market at 34 to 36c per bushel for the little that is obtainable—feed qualities.

BUTTER.

There is considerable scarcity of good butter, fit for table use, and some rather inferior quality has to be taken, the quoted prices being 18 to 20c for good to choice tub, which is often not of real good quality. A few rolls have been offered, and when good will bring 20 to 22c.

EGGS.

Eggs have been rather scarce, and held more firmly at 20 to 21c per doz for fresh.

CURED MEATS, SAUSAGE, ETC.

Prices are easy and irregular, but quotable about as follows: Dry salt bacon, 9 to 9½c;

smoked long clear, 10½ to 10¾c; spiced rolls, 11 to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 12½; smoked hams, 13½ to 14c; mess pork, \$17 per barrel. Sausage are quoted: fresh pork sausage, 10c lb.; bologna do., 8c lb.; German do., 9c lb.; ham, chicken and tongue do., 9c per ½-lb. packet.

LARD.

Pure lard is held at \$2.25 per 20 pound pail, with compound lard at \$2 per pail.

CHEESE.

Jobbing at 12½c in small lots. A large lot in first hands was refused at 11c.

HIDES.

Round lots of frozen hides are quoted at 3½ to 3¾c per pound. Inspected cows quoted: No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Calf, 4 and 5c for No. 1 and No. 2. Sheepskins are quoted at 50 to 75 cents each as to quality. Tallow 2½c for rough to 5c for good rendered.

VEGETABLES.

Considerable movement is taking place in potatoes, for shipment to the States. Quite a number of car lots went forward last week. Shippers are buying at 30c per bushel delivered at cars. With milder weather prices would perhaps be higher. Prices for other vegetables are. Turnips, 25c to 30c per bushel; parsnips, 2 to 2½c per pound; carrots, 75c per bushel; beets, 40 to 50c per bushel; cabbage, 75c per dozen, for good, as to quality; onions, 3 to 4c per pound; Spanish do., \$1.50 per crate of 30 lbs. nett; celery, 35 to 60c doz. heads.

DRESSED POULTRY.

No wholesale stock held. Good turkeys will bring 12 to 15c per pound and chickens, 13c, for choice on the market.

DRESSED MEATS.

There is a firmer tendency in meats. In beef there has been no advance, but stocks of frozen are not large, and good fed fresh killed beef will have a firmer tendency when stocks of old are cleaned up. City wholesale butchers are talking of 7c per pound for fancy Easter beef, but nothing is going over 6c yet for city dressed. Not much country dressed beef is offering, and the best will bring from 4 to 5c per pound. Mutton is again higher. One lot sold at 12½c. Stocks are scarce, and prices may go even higher, unless supplies come in from some quarter. Hogs are steady at 6½ to 7½c. Hardly anything going over 7c per pound. A little veal is offering and good brings about 8c per pound.

HAY.

Pressed hay on track offering at \$7 to \$7.50 per ton. Loose on the street market abundant at \$4 to \$6 per ton.

Statistical Wheat Information.

Imports into the United Kingdom during the week ended March 7, aggregated 230,000 bbls flour and 952,000 bu wheat.

During 1890 the United Kingdom imported 5,240,000 bushels of La Plata wheat, and it is estimated that 6,400,000 bushels will be imported in 1891.

Of the receipts of wheat at Minneapolis for the week ended March 7, reaching 1,153 cars, 134 of them, or 11.5 per cent. were from Washington and eastern Oregon.

The visible supply for the United Kingdom decreased 950,000 bu; that is the consumption exceeded the imports of wheat and flour and farmers deliveries by that amount.

Wheat and flour imports into France for the first half of the crop year, ending February 1st, equal 21,273,250 bu of wheat, against 14,758,000 bu for the same time last year.

A year ago Thursday May wheat at Duluth closed at \$1½c per bushel for No. 1 hard. Chicago closing was 78½ Mar., 79½ May. At

Minneapolis on the same day May ranged at 77½ to 78 and Mar. at 75½.

The visible supply decreased 135,661 bushels during the week ended March 7. For the corresponding week last year the decrease was 682,000 bushels. The total stocks at all points enumerated in the statement aggregate 22,790,750 bushels against 28,314,149 bushels last year.

Bradstreet's report on Wednesday last showed a decrease of 909,600 bu during the week in the available supply at 1,000 points east of the Rocky mountains; decrease previous week 1,145,000 bu; decrease for the corresponding week last year, \$17,000 bu. Bradstreet's report of available stocks showed a decrease for both coasts for the week of nearly 1,600,000 bu.

The following table shows the exports of breadstuffs and provisions from the principal Atlantic seaboard ports for the week ending March 7, and the corresponding week last year:—

Articles.	1891.	1890.
Flour, barrels.....	130,800	170,800
Wheat, bushels.....	175,300	376,700

The amount on ocean passage as per statement on Tuesday last, increased 1,536,000 bu, making the available supply 49,286,750 bu, against 52,154,139 bu for the corresponding date last year, 50,750,385 bu two years ago, 53,700,966 bu three years ago, 75,946,178 bu in 1887, 69,531,419 bu in 1886, and 74,713,107 in 1885. The amount on ocean passage increased 952,000 bu for the corresponding week last year.

Total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up, Minneapolis, 37,414,836 bu; Duluth, 11,720,242 bu; Chicago, 11,354,603 bu; Milwaukee, 4,936,416 bu making a total of 65,426,097 bu against 70,083,941 bu during the same time last year and 47,251,460 bu in 1889. The total receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July 1 to date are 23,040,652 bu, against 25,665,540 bu in 1890 and 26,249,932 bu in 1889.

Toronto Grain and Produce Prices.

Wheat—There was a strong feeling on the market, prices were fully 1c higher than a couple of days ago. There were numerous enquiries from millers for winter wheats, but the business done was limited, prices asked being too high for their views, and were only paid when they must have the wheat. The majority of millers are waiting for lower prices on wheat or better prices for flour. Manitoba wheats were firmly held. No. 1 hard offered at \$1.15; No. 2 hard sold at \$1.07; No. 3 hard sold at 97c. No. 1 frosted offered at 90c. —*Empire*, March 9.

Wheat—At Carleton Junction hard sold by sample at \$1.03 and No. 3 hard at 97c. No. 2 spring outside sold at 92c. No. 1 frosted was offered at 88 to 89c and No. 2 at 78c, with 70c bid.

Oats—White, outside, was offered at 44c, with 47c bid. White was offered at 49c to ship now, with 47c bid.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$5.25 to \$5.30; do. strong bakers', \$4.85 to \$5; Ontario patents, \$1.50 to \$1.75; straight roller, \$5.10 to \$1.10.

Produce—Quotations are: Beans, \$1.35 to