

The increase over the previous week was over 1,300,000.

Millstuffs has ruled easier, though still quite firm. Shipments continue heavy, though there seems to be little profit in this trade, but the millers are undoubtedly taking this course to diminish as rapidly as possible the vast quantity of transit which has accumulated on their hands.

New York quotations are: Minnesota patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, 5.75 to \$6.00; low grades, \$3.50 to 4.50.

CHICAGO.

The week has been rather a quiet one on 'change. There were some fluctuations, but generally within a narrow limit. On Tuesday a fair speculative trade was done in wheat, and prizes varied within a small range. Corn was firmer than for a day or two previous, and oats were quiet. But little interest was manifested in provisions, and there was a marked falling off in speculative trading. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat,.....	Oct., \$0.90½	Nov., \$0.91½
Corn,.....	" 46½	" 46½
Oats,.....	" 27½	" 27½
Pork,.....	" 10.60	" 10.55
Lard,.....	" 7.55	" 7.37½

On Wednesday notwithstanding an unsettled feeling there was a good speculative business done in wheat. Corn was active and oats steady. There was more activity in provisions. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat,.....	Oct., \$0.90½	Nov., \$0.91½
Corn,.....	" 46½	" 46½
Oats,.....	" 27½	" 27½
Pork,.....	" 10.50	" 10.45
Lard,.....	" 7.45	" 7.27½

On Thursday wheat was quite active and stronger. Corn was steady and firm. Oats were dull and provisions quiet. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat,.....	Oct., \$0.91	Nov., \$0.91½
Corn,.....	" 46½	" 46½
Oats,.....	" 27½	" 28
Pork,.....	" 10.50	" 10.40
Lard,.....	" 7.40	" 7.40

On Friday trading was active. The following were quotations towards the close:

Wheat,.....	Oct., \$0.90½	Nov., \$0.91½
Corn,.....	" 46½	" 46½
Oats,.....	" 27½	" 28½
Pork,.....	" 10.45	" 10.40
Lard,.....	" 7.35	" 7.37½

On Saturday wheat was strong and higher. Corn and oats were firm, and provisions active. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat,.....	Oct., \$0.93½	Nov., \$0.93
Corn,.....	" 47	" 47½
Oats,.....	" 27½	" 28½
Pork,.....	" 10.30	" 10.35
Lard,.....	" 7.22½	" 7.22½

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The stock market is dull as ever, and quotations are lower all round. The declaration of dividends by some banks acted as a damper, and dealers are quite at sea and do not know how to operate to advantage. On Wednesday

as compared with last week's quotations, closing bids were:

	Oct. 16.	Oct. 23.
Montreal	191	188
Ontario	108½	102
Toronto	172½	163
Merchants	114	115
Commerce	125½	124
Imperial	138½	136
Federal	149	146½
Dominion	191½	190
Standard	112	113
Hamilton	118	115
North-west Land	70	66½
Ontario and Qu'Appelle	100	107

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Receipts of grain still light, but generally sufficient for the demand. Holders are disposed to hang on to stocks on hand. The market is almost without life, but it is expected that there must be considerable movement before the close of navigation.

WHEAT.

The market is inactive. There is no inquiry for export, and dealers say that they will not pay as high prices as they have. Quotations may be said to be almost purely nominal, as follows: Fall wheat No. 2 \$1.07 to \$1.08; No. 3, \$1.05; Spring No. 1 \$1.10 to 1.11; No. 2 \$1.08 to \$1.09.

OATS.

Receipts have been light and all offered are readily taken. Cars on track have ranged from 36c to 36½c per bushel. On the street closing prices were 39c to 40c.

BARLEY.

A weak feeling in outside markets has acted adversely on business here. Shipments are still light. Quotations are as follows: No. 1, 71c; No. 2, 66c; extra No. 3, 63c; No. 3, 54c.

RYP

Buyers and sellers are considerably apart. Car lots could have been sold at 61c; on the street 63c is paid.

POTATOES.

The price of car lots is somewhat unsettled, and quotations have ranged from 75c to 80c; street receipts are light at 95c to \$1 per bag.

FLOUR.

There has been very little demand and trade dull. Offerings have been light, but holders are not pressing sales. Superior extra is quoted at \$5.15 to 5.25; extra \$5.00.

BUTTER.

Receipts have increased during the week, but all good quality is wanted. Selections are readily taken at 17c to 18c; mixed store and dairy 15c; inferior 10c to 12c; rolls 16c to 17c. On the street pound rolls are firm at 22c to 24c; tubs and crocks of dairy 17c to 19c; large rolls 18c to 20c.

EGGS

There is still a scarcity in the market. No packed are offering. Round lots of fresh are quoted at 22c; on the street 23c to 25c is paid.

CHEESE

is quiet and firm at 11½c to 12c for small lots of fine; skim scarce and steady at 9½c to 10c.

PORK

is quiet and easier at \$15 for small lots; cars nominal.

BACON.

The demand continues good. The supplies of bankrupt stock are sold out, and on that account prices are firmer. Long clear in tons and cases is quoted at 8c to 8½c; Cumberland 7½c to 8c; new rolls 12½c to 13c; bellies 14c.

HAMS

are scarce and firm at about 15c for smoked; no movement in packed.

LARD

is fairly active at 11c to 11½c for small lots of pails and tubs. Nothing doing in tinnets.

APPLES

are quiet at \$2.75 to \$3 for winter stock.

SUNDRIES.

Dried apples 9½c to 10c; white beans \$1.75 to 1.80 per barrel; oatmeal per 136 lbs, \$4.30 to \$4.50; cornmeal \$3.75 to \$3.90.

Freight Rates and Exports.

The export flour market is reported firm, with light arrivals of tonnage, but the expected advance has failed to come, as yet, export in all lines being light. Ocean shipments from New York last week were: wheat 229,620 bus.; flour 734 brls., and 59,371 bags, being an excess over the previous week of 123,363 bush. wheat and 5 brls. and 32,326 bags flour. The following rates, reported by Henderson Bros., agents of the Anchor line, were current on the New York market during last week:

PORTS.	FLOUR. per 100 lbs.	WHEAT. per bus.
Liverpool.....	16-8Sc	9c
London	19-69 to	22.50c 10
Glasgow.....	19-69 to	21.09 9½
Leith	22-50	.. 11
Bristol.....	22-50	.. 10

Domestic rates per brl. flour are as follows:

To Boston, all rail.....	\$1.00
" New York, all rail.....	90
" Chicago " "	40
Lake and rail 10c less.	

The rates quoted to the seaboard are merely nominal. There are seventeen different fast freight agencies in Minneapolis, and all must have business, but in order to get it they cut rates, make reductions of 2c to 5c, so that the regular tariff is not an infallible guide.

The Preservation of Timber.

Interesting and important facts are accumulating, although slowly, with reference to the use of various chemical agents for the preservation of timber used in wharf or bridge work, for railroad ties, and similar uses. From the very nature of the case these notes, so far as they relate to the actual progress of decay, must be made at long intervals, so long indeed that there has been danger that the whole scheme or experiment, as it has generally been termed, would be entirely forgotten with the lapse of time, at the change of ownership or management, and with the unavoidable tendency to lose sight of anything which must be left to itself to develop, whether for good or ill.

One of the most noticeable facts, referred to in the recent statements of the researches of the American Society of Civil Engineers, is the general public surprise that the well considered experiments of an early day, though looked upon, and nearly or quite forgotten, as experiments, should have turned out so well. In other words, the most ample experience with various timbers, with different methods of treatment with chemicals, and under different kinds of exposure, has clearly shown the practicability of securing timber work from the ravages of decay, and even more fully from the boring of sea worms, so utterly and quickly destructive in