

in marked contrast to those of the previous one. Instead of the increasing and eager demand, a dullness set in and much of the advance secured on wheat has been lost, while rough grain has participated in the general weakness. Oats have not declined much, but have not been in active demand, while barley has been almost unsalable. Flour has lost a portion of the advance secured during the previous week, and has none of its buoyancy left.

In provisions matters have been different. There has been a general firmness during the week, and although there have been no marked advances in prices, offerings have found ready sale. This has been especially so in meats and was marked in pork products. Altogether the provision markets of the week were encouraging, and promise to remain in a steady active state for some time yet.

WHEAT.

The movement has been light during the week, while there has been a marked decline in all grades. The week opened with No 1 fall sales at \$1.06, but by Tuesday \$1.05 was reached and later \$1.04 was the highest bid. No 2 fall was held latterly at \$1.03 with \$1.02 bid. No 3 was worth \$1.00. No 2 spring sold on Tuesday at \$1.07, and later in the week at \$1.06. No 1 spring was not offered. Goose was offered at 98c. Receipts have been small but enough for the demand.

OATS.

The receipts have not been heavy during the week, and a ready market has been found for all but not at the advanced prices of the previous week. Western in sacks sold at 47c, and later at 46c. Eastern were offered at 44½ with 44c bid.

BARLEY.

Has been very dull during the week, and it was difficult to discover any transactions. Those carried out were very light, and none for immediate delivery. Prices were nominal. No 1 72c, No 2 68c, Extra No 3 59c, and No 3 48 to 50c.

RYE.

Has been dull but steady in price quotations varying from 66 to 67c.

PEAS.

Have been quiet but firm in price. Sales were reported at 80c, while \$1 was asked for some lots.

POTATOES.

Have been rather slow in sale. Early in the week some car lots sold at 70c, but later on 65c was asked.

FLOUR.

The demand has been very light, and a steady but slow decline has been going on. With the opening of the week Superior Extra sold at \$4.70, but on Tuesday dropped and remained during the week inactive at \$4.65, with \$4.60 bid. Extra also declined and sold for \$4.55, with \$4.50 bid later on.

BUTTER.

Has undergone little change during the week. The receipts have been principally of rolls, and these have sold freely at 17 to 18c with 19c for choice lots. Tubs of dairy have sold at 20c for choice and as low as 16c for medium.

CHEESE.

New cheese has sold in small lots at 14c, and firm at that. Old is very scarce and was wanted during the week at 15 to 15½c.

EGGS.

Have been in good demand for the North-west market, and although the supply was liberal, lots found easy sale at 13 to 13½c. The demand still keeps active.

PORK.

Has changed but little during the week, although a slightly easier feeling prevailed, and

\$21.50 was the general quotation, with \$22 for small lots.

BACON.

Has been steady and quite active during the whole week, with a slight tendency to advance. Long clear sold at 11c for country cured, with 11½c for city cured. Cumberland sold at 10c, short rolls at 12½c and long at 13c.

HAMS.

Have also been active and slightly higher in price. Car-lots of smoked have sold at 13½c to 13¾, with 13½c for canvassed. Pickled sold at 12½c.

SUNDRIES.

Oatmeal has been scarce and firm at \$5.25, with \$5.50 asked. Bran easier, car-lots at \$14. Apples, \$3 to \$3.50 for fine quality cooking. Dried apples ranged 9½ to 9¾c. Poultry scarce, turkeys selling 15 to 16c a pound.

Markets by Telegraph.

Special Despatches to the Commercial:

STOCKS.

Toronto, May 7.

Stocks have been firmer and active all week, closing steady. Closing bids this afternoon were: Montreal, 198 asked, sales at 198½ and 198¾; Ontario, 15; Toronto 195½; Merchants, 125½; Commerce, 135½; Imperial, 146; Federal, 160, sales 159½ to 160½; Dominion, 197¾; Stand. and 115¾, sales 116; Hamilton, offered at 116¾; North-west Land Co. 78½, sales at 78½ to 79; Ontario and Q'Appelle 90, Manitoba Loan, offered at 123.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Toronto, May 7.

After a very unsettled week produce closed firmer. Flour was offered to-day, superior extra at \$4.70 and \$4.75; \$4.60 was offered for extra, with bidders asking \$4.65. Oatmeal held firm, selling at \$5.25, with more wanted at that, and holders asking \$5.50. Wheat to-day was firmer. No. 2 fall sold at \$1.07, No. 2 spring was held at \$1.10 with \$1.09 bid. Oats were very scarce. Western sold freely at 47c, and eastern at 44c. Barley was dull and neglected. Quotations were nominal, but sample lots of extra No. 3 sold at 59c. Peas were steady and firm at 80c. Rye was quiet and quoted at 65 to 66c. Butter was quiet. Rolls were abundant and easy at 17 to 18c; choice tubs sold from 20 to 21c. Meats are firm and higher. Round lots of long clear sold at 11½c and Cumberland at 10½c. Hams were scarce and held, smoked at 13¾c. Eggs were less plentiful, and held much firmer, 14c being asked.

CHICAGO, May 7.

Grain market to-day active and firm. Wheat steady and firm. May, \$1.12½, June \$1.14½. Corn, May, 55½, June, 57½. Oats, slightly lower and easy. May, 40½, June, 41½. Pork, still rising in price. May, \$20.12½, June, \$20.22½. Lard, in sympathy with pork. May, \$12.07½, June, \$12.17½. Some excitement in pork and lard near closing.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 7.

Closing of markets: Wheat, No. 1 hard, \$1.12½, No. 2, \$1.09 to \$1.10. Oats, No. 2 white, 42½c, No. 2 mixed, 41½c; rejected, 37 to 40c. Flour, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.25; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

NEW YORK, May 4.

Telegraphic despatches to Bradstreet from leading trade centres throughout the country disclose a fairly satisfactory condition of general trade, with a tendency towards improvement. There were 132 failures in the United States reported to Bradstreet during the week, 54 less than last week, 36 more than in the like week of 1882, and 28 more than in 1881. Canada had 25, a decrease of 14 compared with last week.

Mining Affairs.

News from the different mining camps on the Lake of the Woods has been very limited during the past week, owing to the unsafe state of the ice on the lake. As our Rat Portage correspondent informs us navigation there will in all probability be open within two weeks, and new life will be given to mining matters. There have been no more gold bricks received from any of the mines, although the Argyle and Winnipeg Consolidated are both known to be busy at the work of production.

In the city mining stocks have not sold very freely during the week, which was doubtless owing to the scarcity of money, and the general scramble for the settlement of bills about the opening of the month. May is expected to stir matters up, and once lake navigation is open and operations can be easily attended to, several new shafts will be commenced.

D. K. Brown, of the George Heenan Mine, is in the city at present, and reports operations hindered some there with surface water, which will compel them to abandon for a time their first shaft.

Mining circles received quite a shock on Saturday afternoon when the news of the sudden death became known of Mr. Stephen Knight, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Argyle Gold Mining Company. That Company has by his death lost a valuable officer.

General T. L. Rosser has been elected President of the Canada Gold Mining Company, and it is expected several American capitalists friends of his will connect themselves with that Company. The General has one of those active minds, which infuse life into any undertaking which they take hold of, and his connection with the Canada Company will no doubt be for its benefit.

Butter and Cheese.

Regarding the butter markets of Montreal and Liverpool, the *Montreal Gazette* of the 3d has the following:

Although the receipts of new butter continue light for this season of the year, there is enough for local requirements, and prices remain unchanged at 25c to 26c for the general run of stock, strictly choice packages doing a little better. Messrs. W. Heapy & Sons, writing from Liverpool on April 19th, say: "The low prices that have been taken for creamery lots have had a demoralizing influence on continental descriptions, which are offered at irregular prices. There continues a good enquiry for lots from 65s to 75s; choicest creameries, 95s to 100s; perfect lots realize a shade more." The cheese market was quiet, with the views of buyers lower on the new make. At Little Falls, New York, market yesterday 2,500 boxes factory cheese were sold at 10½ to 10¾c, showing a decline of ¾c to ¾c compared with prices of the week previous. The Liverpool public cable was quoted at 68s 6d.

Mr. G. C. Atchison, of the American Manufacturing, Pittsburg, Pa., is at present in Winnipeg looking up the manufacturing interests of this North-western country.