

On Friday the market was dull but steady. There was some activity in wheat during the day. Corn and oats were firm. Provisions slow and inclined to be heavy. Towards the close quotations were:

Wheat, March, \$1.08½	April, \$1.09½
Corn, " 57½	" 58½
Oats, " 41½	" 42
Pork, " 18.15	" 18.32½
Lard, " 11.40	" 11.50

Saturday's market, although not active, was stronger. Wheat held firm to the prices of Friday. Coarse grains were strong and so were provisions. Quotations near the close were:

Wheat, March, \$1.08½	April, \$1.09½
Corn, " 57½	" 58½
Oats, " 42½	" 42½
Pork, " 18.20	" 18.37½
Lard, " 11.30	" 11.47½

MINNEAPOLIS.

The opening of the week found the market firm but slightly below the highest figure of the previous week, the result of increased receipts. They, however, soon stiffened up and a steady although not rapid strengthening was noted for several days. On Tuesday the market was firm, and the day's business is represented by the following quotations.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.13 to \$1.14; No. 1, \$1.05 to \$1.11; No. 2 hard, \$1.07 to \$1.11.

CORN, No. 2, 49 to 49½c; rejected, 46 to 48c, according to sample.

OATS, No. 2 white, 41 to 41½c; No. 2, 40 to 40½c; samples, 35 to 41c for fair rejected to choice white.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65; low grades, \$2.35 to \$3.35.

On Wednesday there was a firmer market for produce. Wheat advanced slightly and corn and oats remained steady, the latter showing considerable firmness. The business of the day is represented by the quotations below.

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.13½ to \$1.14½; No. 1, \$1.07 to \$1.11; No. 2 hard \$1.07 to 1.11½.

CORN, No. 2 49 to 49½c; rejected, 46 to 48c; 50½c was bid for April and 53c for May.

OATS, No. 2 white, 40½ to 41c; No. 2, 39½ to 40c; rejected, by sample, nominal at 35 38c to 40c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7.00; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65.

On Thursday there was increased strength, especially in wheat. Corn indicated a slight weakness. Oats held firm. Quotations representing the business of the day are as follows:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.13½ to \$1.15; No. 1, \$1.06 to \$1.11½; No. 2 hard, \$1.05 to 1.12.

CORN, No. 2 49c to 49½c; 51c was bid for April and 53c for May.

OATS, No. 2 white, 40½ to 41c; No. 2 39½ to 40c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65.

On Friday the grain market was active and advancing; wheat went up about half a cent. Corn also rose; oats steady. The business of the day is represented by the following quotations:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.12 to \$1.15½; No. 1, \$1.06 to 1.11½; No. 2 hard, \$1.06 to \$1.12.

CORN, No. 2, 49½ to 50c; rejected, 47 to 47½c.

OATS, No. 2 white, 40 to 41c; No. 2, 39 to 40c.

FLOUR, patents, \$6.50 to \$7; straights, \$5.50 to \$6.50; clears, \$5.25 to \$5.65.

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

There is scarcely any difference in feeling on change from last week. The dullness of the

past few weeks still continues, and a feeling of uncertainty prevails. The fourth of March, an important day in wholesale circles, will, it is expected, be followed by a more solid condition of things. Business is virtually at a standstill. Closing quotations on Wednesday were: Montreal, 207; Ontario, 111½; Molsons, 130; Toronto, 183; Merchants, 125; Commerce, 133½; Imperial, 140½; Federal, 155½; Dominion, 198½; Standard, 114½; Hamilton, 115; North-west Land Company 57½.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The past week has been one of remarkable quietude. The offerings were very light, owing in some degree perhaps to the fact that people throughout the country were too busily engaged electioneering to attend to business. Prices have held fairly firm. Holders hold firm, and buyers have been exercising more than the usual amount of caution.

FLOUR.

There has been a very light movement, and the tendency of prices has been, if anything, in a downward direction. Buyers and sellers are considerably apart. Superior extra has sold as high as \$4.70 by the car lot, but \$4.60 to \$4.65 are nearer the ruling figures; extra, nominal at \$4.50 to \$4.55.

WHEAT.

Sympathetic with outside points, there has been considerable of an unsettled feeling in the wheat market. Holders prefer to hold on to the stocks they have on hand. A quantity of No. 2 tall changed hands at \$1.05 early in the week, but later on no sales were effected at this figure. No. 1 spring is worth \$1.10 to \$1.12, but the quotation is only nominal; No. 2 spring, \$1.08 to \$1.10.

OATS.

Receipts have been lighter than last week, and prices slightly easier, but fluctuating. Quotations are. On track, 44 to 45c; on street, 46 to 46½c.

BARLEY.

Prices remain steady, with very little coming in. All offerings are eagerly taken up. No. 1 is very scarce, and brings 77c; No. 2, 71 to 73c; extra No. 3, 66c; No. 3, 53c.

POTATOES.

Receipts have been better and prices have eased off a little; 65c per bag for car load lots has been paid; street prices, 65 to 70c per bag.

BUTTER.

All that is offered is required for local consumption. The scarcity is likely to continue, and prices are therefore firm. Choice sells in small lots at 20c to 21c; medium, 17 to 18c; inferior, 13 to 14c. Rolls are very scarce and bring 18 to 20c.

APPLES.

Offerings light. Good cooking varieties are worth \$2.50 to \$3.25.

EGGS.

The supply is improving, and prices have a tendency to weaken. Fresh have sold in round lots as a rule at 25c. Lamed are out of market.

CHEESE.

Rather firmer. Choice sells at 13½ to 13¾c; poor to medium 11½ to 13c.

MEATS.

Very little doing at present, and prices remain about the same. Quotations are: Mess Pork, \$22; bacon, long clear, 11c; Cumberland, 10c; rolls 11½ to 12½c, bellies, 13c; hams, smoked, 13c to 13½c; pickled 11½c to 13c.

Markets by Telegraph.

Toronto, March 6. Stocks improving, and at the close the banks showed considerable advance on the week. Closing bids are: Montreal, 208; sales at 208; Ontario, 113; sales 113½; Molsons, 130; Toronto, 183½; sales 185; Merchants, 125.

Special Dispatch to The Commercial.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Toronto, March 6. — Produce very quiet, offerings small, values fairly steady. Flour inactive, superior extra sold at \$4.62; offered at close at \$4.65; Oatmeal firm at \$4.85 to \$4.95. Wheat quiet, No. 2 fall sold at \$1.04; No. 3 at \$1.01, which was obtainable at the close; spring is scarce, No. 1 worth \$1.10; No. 2 \$1.08. Oats selling at 43c to 44c. Barley quiet, very little offered, No. 1 worth 76c; No. 2 72c; extra No. 3 sold at 65c; No. 3 extra 53c. Peas wanted at 76c to 77c. Rye firmer, sold at 67c. Seeds almost finished, clover at \$7.25 to 7.50, others unchanged. Meats steady, round lots held at 11c for long clear, and 10c for Cumberland; short rolls sold in round lots at 13½; smoked hams 13c. Lard in pails, 13½c. Butter very scarce and prices firm at 13c for inferior to 22c for choice.

Mining Notes.

The mining interests of the Lake of the Woods district continue to attract increased attention in Ontario and the leading cities of the United States. There has not been much stock changing hands during the past week. This is owing to the owners of mines, which have been developed most, not pressing strongly, but preferring rather to hold back until a greater depth has been attained, when it is expected the results shown will be such as to largely enhance the selling value of shares. Indications from all the mines are reported as highly satisfactory, and prospects improving every day.

Quite a number of prospectors have visited the mines during the past week and a number more are expected the latter part of this week. All such come back satisfied that there is rich mineral wealth in the Lake of the Woods district, and unite in saying that they were well repaid for their trouble by having an opportunity of seeing for themselves.

Seeing is believing, and we would advise those who feel an interest in the development of our mineral resources to pay a visit to the works, and they can form their own conclusions as to where they can invest to the best advantage.

Messrs. Brown & Coblenz opened up business on the first day of this month, at 612 Main street, as dealers in ready-made clothing, gents furnishings, etc., in connection with which they carry on a merchant tailoring branch.

Mr. C. B. Russell, the Emerson agent of Traill, Maulson & Clark, shipped on Thursday last 200 sacks of flour to England via New York, this being the first direct shipment of flour from Manitoba to the old country. The flour was manufactured at the Assiniboine Mills, Portage la Prairie.

The barbed wire fence is an industry which has grown to enormous proportions during the past few years in the United States. In fact it may now be said to be the national fence. The cheap production of steel wire by the Bessemer and other processes has largely conduced to bring it into general use. In 1874 there were but five tons of barbed wire used in the United States. In 1882, the amount estimated as having been made and sold was 3,000,000, tons. That it is to be the fence of the future in this country, is beyond a doubt.