

lumber coming in. Retailers, however, are dubious about placing orders for rough lumber in the States, as they are liable to have their supply of dressed lumber from home sources cut off by the association here. Those who have planing mills, could bring in the rough lumber duty free and dress it here, and some retailers are now contemplating this plan.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—There has not been anything remarkable about the markets this week. Prices were a little stronger on Monday, due to the fairly large decrease of 1,842,000 bushels in the visible supply, making the total supply at principal points of accumulation in the United States and Canada aggregate 66,593,000 bushels, as compared with 75,027,000 bushels a year ago, and 37,936,000 bushels two years ago. It was reported that the spring wheat area in Minnesota and the Dakotas would be 25 to 30 per cent. less than last year. On Tuesday United States and cable markets were lower, but without important feature. On Wednesday United States markets were quieter and lower and cables were lower. The United States government weather and crop report said the crop was improved and farm work in advance of the average season. On Thursday the army worm were reported at work on the crop in Texas and the chinch bugs in Kansas, but these reports did not attract much attention. Crop reports otherwise were favorable, but a good demand for cash wheat kept the United States markets fairly firm. On Friday the markets looked up considerably and prices were higher in United States markets, influenced by foreign buying and larger export clearances.

Stocks of wheat in the United States, in Canada, afloat for and in Europe during April fell away 5,267,000 bushels, a smaller April decrease (except in 1891) than for six years. Should these stocks fall away during May and June even as rapidly as for several preceding years, American afloat and European supplies on July 1 next will nearly, if not quite, equal the heavy stocks available July 1, 1893. Exports of wheat this week from the United States amount to 2,773,000 bushels, compared with 2,727,000 bushels last week, 2,776,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 3,957,000 bushels two years ago, and 2,349,000 in the corresponding week of 1891.

There has been no change in the local situation as regards prices and business. Of the latter there is practically nothing. No. 1 hard sold at 64c afloat Fort William basis, and that quotation appears still to be the usual idea of values. Navigation is now open at our lake ports, and one steamer which loaded last fall with wheat has cleared for Ogilvie's Goderich mill. During the visit of Canadian Pacific officials to Winnipeg this week a strong effort was made by local grain men and others to induce them to lower the rate on grain to Lake Superior ports, but any concession of this nature was firmly refused. Stocks in store at Fort William on April 28 were 2,408,145 bushels, being an increase of 37,804 bushels for the week. Receipts were 38,507 bushels, and shipments, 650 bushels. A year ago stocks were 3,265,463, being an increase of 5,218 for that week. Seeding in Manitoba, west and north of Brandon, is practically finished, and a good deal of wheat is showing up well, some being a few inches above ground. Mild weather, with frequent showers and freedom from frosts, has brought on vegetation very fast. In the eastern districts there is some land which is wet yet, but more or less seeding has been done, and land not seeded now will be seeded to other crops than wheat to a considerable extent. There was a twelve hours' rain at Winnipeg on Wednesday, but in the west it took the form of wet snow. Altogether the bulk of the wheat crop will be in the ground in fairly good time, and the crop is getting a good, even start, and plenty of moisture.

FLOUR.—Flour is steadier at the prices quoted a week ago. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city are as follows: Patents \$1.65; strong bakers, \$1.55; XXXX which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 75 to \$1.00 as to quality. Lower grades, 60 to 75c. Prices per sack of 98 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.—Continue very scarce, the supply being unequal to the demand. We quote bran \$12 to \$13, and shorts at \$14 to \$15 per ton, as to quantity.

OATMEAL, ETC.—Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.25 in small lots for 80 lb. sacks; standard, in 98 pound sacks, \$2.40 and granulated, \$2.40.

GROUND FEED.—Prices range from \$18 to \$19 per ton as to quality for oat and barley feed.

OATS.—There is a firmer tendency in this grain and an advance is reported, but, as stated last week, it appears to be rather a nominal advance on the part of holders who are asking higher, as business is almost dead, and there has not been sufficient sales to establish an advance firmly. However, 27c has been paid for cars of feed quality in the country, with holders at 27 to 28c. We quote car lots on track Winnipeg, at 31 to 33c.

BARLEY.—This grain appears to be about completely cleaned up, and there is none offering. It would bring 40 to 45c per bushel in this market, and fancy prices would be paid for good seed grain.

FEED WHEAT.—A good sample of feed wheat will bring 40c per bushel of 60 pounds.

FLAX SEED AND MEAL.—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. For seed purposes up to \$1 has been paid, and \$1.25 is asked for fine seed quality. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

BUTTER.—The butter market has continued very firm this week, with very light receipts, due to bad state of country roads and seeding. Prices are still higher. 25c could have been had for choice qualities of new. We quote 17 to 20c for old dairy tubs and 20 to 23c for fair to good new butter, with 24 to 25c for choice new.

CHEESE.—Held at 12½ to 13c, selling price in a small way.

EGGS.—The price has ranged at about 11½ to 12½ the most of the week, selling price in small lots. Packers are buying at 10c net in round lots.

CURED MEATS.—It is said that eastern packers made a very light pick last winter, as they were afraid the duty would be taken off, and leave them open to competition with the States. Now that the duty has been fixed and stocks are lighter than usual, the market east is said to be very firm. Prices are: hams, 11 to 12c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12½c; dry salt long clear bacon, 8c; smoked long clear 9c; spiced rolls, 8½c; boneless hams, 12c; mess pork, \$16.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 8½c per lb; German, 8½c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pair; pickled hocks, 3c lb.

LARD.—Pure lard held at 55c in 5 lb. pails; \$1.05 in 5-lb pails; \$2.00 in 20-pound pails, and \$5.00 in 50 lb. pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20 lb pail; compound in 3, and 5 pound tins, \$6.65 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7.25 per case of 60 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS.—Steady prices rule for meat generally. Mutton is 1c lower. Beef is unchanged at 6 to 7c. Some fairly good beef has sold at 6c. Mutton is held at 7 to 11c, cold storage being offered at 7 to 8c, and fresh dressed at 11c. Hogs, 5½c for country dressed, with city dealers selling at 6c. Veal has been scarce, owing to the very bad roads, which has kept back supplies from the country, and quoted at 8 to 9c.

POULTRY.—Following prices are quoted:—14c for turkeys, 11c for geese and 12½c for ducks, and 10c for chickens.

HIDES.—Prices are steady. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides as follows:—No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3c; No. 2 heavy steers, 2c; No. 3 steers 1c. Calf, 8 to 13-lb. skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides, sheepskins 50 to 70c for new full wool skins as to quality. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes have been scarce on account of bad roads. We quote 40 to 45c for loads on the market, per bushel. No shipping demand at present, this demand appearing to be filled for the present. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 25 to 30c; carrots, scarce at \$1; beets, 40 to 50c; parsnips, 2c per lb; onions, 3 to 4c per lb scarce. Cabbage, new, 5 per lb.; pie plant 8c lb.

HAY.—Firm and in fair demand for baled, as the roads are so bad that country supplies from farmers have been cut off. Baled is held at \$5.50 to \$6 per ton, on track country points.

LIVE STOCK.—The cattle shipped last week—the first of the season—arrived at Montreal all right and were favorably spoken of. Another export shipment will go forward on Tuesday next from the Manitoba Northwestern country, Prince Albert and Southwest Manitoba. Buyers say that a good many cattle have not been fed properly, and are not in shape for export. A few more cars of hogs are reported to go forward to British Columbia, but the cattle market in this direction is now well stocked with local supplies of rancho stock. Prices for cattle here are steady at 3½ to 4c for fair butchers' to choice medium.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—May, 61c.
Tuesday—May, 60½c.
Wednesday—May 59½c.
Thursday—May, 60½c
Friday—61½c.
Saturday—May, 61c.

A week ago prices closed at 60½ for May delivery per bushel. A year ago May wheat closed at 70c, and July at 73½ per bushel.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was quiet on Monday and prices comparatively steady. The opening price was ½c lower and declined ½c more, then advanced ½ to ¾c, reacted slightly and closed ½ to ¾c higher. Oats gained ½c, and corn was slightly higher. Closing prices were:—

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat	58½	58½	60½
Corn	37½	37½	39
Oats	—	33½	29½
Pork	—	12 40	12 60
Lard	7 57½	7 57½	7 20
Short Ribs	—	6 60	6 47½

On Tuesday wheat was quiet, unsettled and lower. Prices opened ½ to ¾c higher, and advanced ¾c for July and over 1c for May, then declined 1 to 1½c and closed ½ to ¾c lower. Closing prices were:—

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	57½	58½	61½
Corn	37½	38½	39½
Oats	33½	29½	25½
Pork	12 37½	12 55	—
Lard	7 45	7 20	—
Ribs	6 65	6 45	—

On Wednesday wheat was quiet, within a ½c range and closed at about the lowest price of the day, ½ to ¾c lower than Tuesday. Closing prices:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	57½	59	60½
Corn	37½	38½	40
Oats	33½	29½	25½
Pork	12 22½	12 35	—
Lard	7 42½	7 12½	—
Ribs	6 40	6 35	6 35