

\$40 the other day, and the range is from \$20 to \$40, as to quality.

There were some unfavorable reports from the western ranges recently, owing to cold weather and snow, which prevented the cattle from feeding. The cold weather was last week, and this week was milder again. If the cold has been serious, it will put cattle back, and make exports later than was expected. Up to last week the weather has been very favorable in the range country, and cattle were coming through the winter in good shape.

Gordon & Ironside will make their first export shipment of Manitoba grain fed cattle for this season on March 23. The cattle will be received from various districts in Manitoba and made up here in train loads for the seaboard.

HORSES.—There is a better demand for horses in Manitoba than there has been for over a year. This is said to be due to the heavy crop last year, which put farmers behind with their fall plowing, and they are now buying horses to be ready to put on extra teams this spring. Many farmers have been in the city looking for teams, and the same report comes from other provincial towns. Horses are now being brought in again from Eastern Canada. The general demand is for teams from \$150 upward to \$200 per team. A pretty good team of general purpose farm horses can be had for about \$200. Say a fairly nice young team of about 2,400 to 2,600 pounds weight. For a really good farm team up to \$250 is asked, but \$200 is the usual limit of buyers.

Comparative Prices in Staples.

Prices at New York compared with a year ago.

	Mar. 6 1896.	Mar. 8, 1895.
Flour, straight spring...	\$3.10 to \$3.60	\$2.75 to \$3.25
Flour, straight winter...	\$3.30 to \$3.5	\$2.40 to \$2.75
Wheat, No. 2 red.....	81 to 91c	55c
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	35c to 40c	60c
Oats, No. 2.....	26c	34c
Rye, No. 2, Western.....	43c	—
Barley, No. 2 Milwaukee	47c	61 to 65c
Cotton, mid. upld.....	7c	5 13-16c
Print cloths, 64x64....	211-16c	21
Wool, Ohio & Pa., X....	18c	15 1/2 to 16c
Wool, No. 1 combg.....	22 to 23c	21 to 21 1/2c
Pork, mess new.....	\$11.25 to \$10.50	\$11.75 to \$12.25
Lard, westn., stn.....	5.5c	6.80c
Butter, creamery.....	24c	2c
Cheese, ch. east ft.....	10 1/2c	11 1/2c
Sugar, centrif., 96°.....	42c	3c
Sugar, granulated.....	5c	3 1/2c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7.....	14c	17 1/2c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.....	\$1.25	1.07 1/2c
Petroleum, rfd. gal.....	7.0c	6.40
*Iron, Besse. pg.....	\$12.0	\$10.00
*Steel billets, ton.....	\$17.00	\$14.85
Ocean Steam Freights—		
Grain, Liverpool.....	1 1/2d	2 to 2 1/2d
Cotton.....	3.3d	7-8d
	* Pittsburgh.	

Manitoba Wheat Crop.

The position of the Manitoba wheat crop of 1895 is about as follows:

Shipped before the close of navigation.	
To Fort William.....	10,097,000
" Duluth.....	1,500,000
Flour.....	2,000,000
	18,597,000

Shipped since close of navigation or held in flour.....	3,000,000
Wheat in store interior.....	4,000,000
	20,597,000

Conservative estimates place the surplus still held by farmers, for sale, at about 6,000,000 bushels.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday as follows: May delivery at 58 1/2c, and 60 1/2c for July. A week ago May wheat closed at 60 1/2c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per tierce and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat started in firm on Monday, influenced by strong cables. Prices fluctuated some but closed about 1/2c higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	68 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Oats.....	19 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Mess Pork..	9 67 1/2	9 82 1/2	—
Lard.....	5 80	5 42 1/2	—
Short Ribs..	6 10	5 22 1/2	—

Wheat was weak on Tuesday, with weak cables and reported heavy Russian exports. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat....	68 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Oats.....	19 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Mess Pork..	9 80	9 95	—
Lard.....	5 85	5 50	—
Short Ribs..	5 15	5 32 1/2	—

Wheat was irregular on Wednesday. Cables were weak, but prices advanced on export buying and cold weather. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	68 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Oats.....	19 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Mess Pork..	9 70	9 85	—
Lard.....	5 80	5 45	—
Short Ribs..	5 15	5 30	—

Wheat was weak on Thursday, influenced by lower cables and better crop reports. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat....	62 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	—
Oats.....	19 1/2	20 1/2	26 1/2
Pork.....	9 55	9 70	—
Lard.....	5 30	5 40	—
Short Ribs..	5 05	5 20	—

Wheat was fairly firm at the opening on Friday, but became weak, influenced by favorable crop news and declined heavily. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2
Oats.....	19	20 1/2	20 1/2
Mess Pork..	9 50	9 65	—
Lard.....	5 30	5 42 1/2	—
Short Ribs..	5 02 1/2	5 17 1/2	—

On Saturday wheat was firmer. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat....	61 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Corn.....	28 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/2
Oats.....	19	20 1/2	20 1/2
Mess Pork..	10 00	9 82 1/2	—
Lard.....	5 60	5 47 1/2	—
Short Ribs..	5 37 1/2	5 27 1/2	—

A week ago Saturday, May wheat closed at 65 1/2c and a year ago at 65 1/2c per bushel.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, 63 1/2c, July, 64 1/2c.
Tuesday—May, 62 1/2c, July 64 1/2c.
Wednesday—May, 62 1/2c, July, 64 1/2c.
Thursday—May, 62 1/2c, July, 63 1/2c.
Friday—May, 60 1/2c, July, 62 1/2c.
Saturday—May, 61 1/2c, July 62 1/2c.

A week ago Saturday price closed at 63c for May. A year ago May delivery closed at 62 1/2c. Two years ago May closed at 60 1/2c. No. 1 hard was quoted at about 1 1/2c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of March 12 reports the irregular, but fairly firm with prices follows in barrels, f.o.b.: First patents, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Second patents, \$3.00 to \$3.00. First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second export bakers, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second export bakers, \$2.45 to \$2.50; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. just \$10.25. These prices for patents are 10 to 1 lower than a week ago, but other grades are unchanged.

Mitts.—Bran in bulk \$6.75 to \$8. Bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$8. Bran in sacks, 11 lbs, \$8.50; Shorts \$5.50 to \$6.75; Middling fine \$8 to \$8.25.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, March 14, May delivery closed at 70 1/2c and July delivery at 69 1/2c. A week ago May closed at 71 1/2c.

British Grain Trade.

The Mark Lane Express, of March 9, in its weekly review says: English and foreign wheats were 6d lower to-day. Flour decline 6d. Oats were steady, barley was 8d dearer.

At Montreal on March 5 there was a weak feeling in the provision market and price for pork show a further decline of fifty cents per barrel, and even at present prices buyers show no inclination to take hold, sales being slow. There was also a decline of 50c per barrel on March 4.

The opening article in the March number of The Northwest Magazine is entitled "With the Northern Cheyennes," written by Herman Hall of the United States army. It contains graphic descriptions of the customs and characteristics of these celebrated Indians. "Progress of Agriculture in the Province of Manitoba," by E. Cora Hind, is another paper of merit. The story "Three Phases of Life," is by Florence Kerr. Other notable contributions are "Placer Mining with the Hydraulic Dredge," by Bae-Tee Hunting in Washington."

The Brandon Times of Thursday last says: "Daily receipts of wheat are larger this week than at any time during the winter. Fifty cents was still being paid yesterday for No. 1 hard, but outside markets were lower and unless to-day's reports show an advance the price here will go down a cent or two. We notice, as spring approaches, that dealers are more suspicious of frozen grain and consequently the price is not correspondingly as high as for the hard grades. Receipts of oats are in excess of the demand, and while 15c is still being paid for the best milling oats, buyers do not want them in large quantities. This owing to their having a difficulty in finding a market for the stocks they already have on hand."

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