

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Feb. \$1.04 3-4; May \$1.04 3-4; July 89 3-4 to 7-8.

Corn—May 30; July 31 1-8 to 1-4; Sept. 32 3-8.

Oats—May 26 1-4; July 24 1-4.

Mess pork—May \$10.40; July \$10.42 1-2.

Lard—May \$5.15; July \$5.22 1-2.

Short ribs — May \$5.12 1-2; July \$5.17 1-2.

Chicago, March 1.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, March, \$1.05 1-2; May, \$1.05 1-2; July, 91 1-8c.

Corn, May, 30 5-8c; July, 31 7-8c; Sept., 32 cents.

Oats, May, 24 1-2c; July, 24 5-8c.

Mess pork, May, \$10.42 1-2; July, \$10.45.

Lard, May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25.

Short ribs, May, \$5.15 1-2; July, \$5.25.

Chicago, March 2.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, March and May, \$1.06 7-8; July, 91c.

Corn, May, 30 1-4c to 3-8c; July, 31 1-2c; Sept., 32 5-8c.

Oats, May, 26 3-8c to 1-2c; July, 24 3-8c.

Mess pork, May, \$10.45; July, \$10.50.

Lard, May, \$5.15; July, \$5.27 1-2.

Short ribs, May, \$5.17 1-2; July, \$5.25.

Chicago, March 3. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—March, \$1.05 1-2; May, \$1.06; July, 91 3-4.

Corn—March 30 5-8; July, 31 3-4; Sept., 32 7-8.

Oats—May, 26 7-8; July, 24 3-4 to 24 7-8.

Mess pork — May, \$10.67 1-2; July, \$10.72 1-2.

Lard—May, \$5.30; July, \$5.37 1-2.

Short ribs — May, \$5.27 1-2; July, \$5.35.

Chicago, March 4. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat — March, \$1.03 3-4; May, \$1.04 3-4; July, 90 1-4 to 90 3-8.

Corn — May, 30 1-4; July, 31 1-2; Sept., 32 1-2 to 32 5-8.

Oats—May, 26 3-4 to 26 7-8; July, 24 5-8.

Mess pork — May, \$10.47 1-2; July, \$10.52 1-2.

Lard—May, \$5.20; July, \$5.27 1-2.

On Saturday, March 5, May wheat opened at \$1.05 to \$1.05 1-2, and ranged upward to \$1.05 3-4. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May \$1.05 3-4; July, 90 5-8c; Sept., 78 7-8c.

Corn—May, 30 1-8c; July, 31 3-8c.

Oats—May, 26 7-8c; July, 24 1-2c.

Pork—May, \$10.37 1-2; July, \$10.45.

Lard—May, \$5.15; July, \$5.22 1-2.

Ribs—May, \$5.12 1-2; July, \$5.20.

Flax seed—Cash, \$1.25; May, \$1.24.

A week ago May options closed at \$1.02 1-2. A year ago May wheat closed at 76 1-8c, two years ago at 65 1-4c, and three years ago at 55c.

New York Wheat.

New York, Feb. 28.—Wheat—Receipts 77,700 bushels; exports 70,445 bushels.

Options opened firm at a partial 1-4c advance, and with exceptions ruled strong all day, closing 11-4 to 11-2c net higher. The rise was directly attributed to a scare of shorts over an unexpectedly Liverpool cable, a big reduction in visible supply and foreign buying, exporters were shut out by the advance.

No. 2 red March closed \$1.05 5-8; May opened 99 to \$1.00 5-8, closed \$1.00 3-8; July opened 91 5-8 to 92 5-8, closed 92 7-4; Sept. closed 82 1-2.

New York, March 1.—Receipts, 138,750 bushels; exports, 47,046 bushels.

Options opened easy and unchanged, selling off under bearish cable news.

A rally on covering, due to clique support, followed, the market ruling dull until near the close, when a spurt in corn scared shorts again and prices left off at the top, or 1-8c to 1-2c higher than last night.

No. 2 red, March, \$1.05 1-8 to \$1.05 3-4, closed \$1.05 3-4; May, \$1 to \$1.00 7-8, closed \$1.00 3-4; July, 91 7-8c to 92 3-4c, closed 92 3-4c; Sept., 81 7-8c to 83c, closed 83c.

New York, March 2.—Wheat receipts, 20,860 bushels; exports, 59,883 bushels.

Options opened firm at 1-8c advance, and later showed positive strength on support of bullish Argentine and foreign buying.

The trade overloaded, however, and in an afternoon effort to get profits, broke prices sharply. The close was 5-8c up on near, and 3-4c off on late months.

No. 2 red, March, closed \$1.06 3-8; May, \$1.00 7-8 to \$1.01 7-8, closed \$1.01 3-8; July, 92 3-4 to 93 1-10, closed 92 3-4; Sept., 82 3-16c to 83 1-2c, closed 82 1-1c.

New York, March 3.—Wheat receipts 193,325 bushels; exports, 32,105 bushels.

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No. 2 red, March, closed \$1.06 3-8; May, \$1.00 7-8 to \$1.01 7-8, closed \$1.01 3-8; July, 92 3-4 to 93 1-10, closed 92 3-4; Sept., 82 3-16c to 83 1-2c, closed 82 1-1c.

New York, March 4.—Wheat receipts 123,950 bushels; exports, 23,943 bushels.

Options opened firm at 1 cent advance and after a further rise on cable news turned very weak. Bears hammered the market all day and in absence of clique or outside support broke prices decidedly, close being 3-4 cent net lower.

No. 2 red, March, \$1.06 1-8 to \$1.07 5-8, closed \$1.06 1-8; May, \$1.00 11-16 to \$1.02 1-4, closed \$1.00 7-8; July, 91 1-8 to 92 1-2, closed 91 3-8; Sept., 81 1-4 to 82 1-4, closed 81 3-8.

On Saturday, March 5, No. 2 red wheat closed at \$1.00 5-8 for May option, and 91 5-8c; July, a week ago May wheat closed at 98 7-8c.

D LUTHER WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 98 7-8c; July 96 3-4c.

Tuesday—May \$1; July 97 7-8c.

Wednesday—May \$1; July 97 3-4c.

Thursday—May 99 3-4c; July 97 1-2c.

Friday—May 99c; July 96 3-4c.

Saturday—May 99 1-4c, July 97c.

Cash—No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 99 3-4c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 99 1-4c.

Last week May options closed at 96 1-2c.

A year ago May options closed at 76 1-8c, and two years ago at 63c; three years ago May options closed at 60 3-8c, and four years ago closed at 61 1-2c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed to-day firmer at about 98c afloat Fort William for No. 1 hard and 87c for car lots at country points.

BUSINESS IN ONTARIO.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, March 4.—Now that the general elections are over, business in the country will go on more smoothly. The cheap railway fares brought in many buyers every day this week, except on election day when only one solitary buyer from the country was in the city, and he came from Parry Sound, where he said his absence would make no difference in the contest. Orders coming in here especially the coast, Manitoba and the Northwest are very heavy. One leading house reports that they have booked orders for dry goods representing an increase of \$75,000 more than for the same time last year. Prices are very firm. Woollen knitted goods and blankets have advanced from 5 to 8 per cent. Rubber fabric goods, for which there is an active demand for miners' outfits, have been advanced 10 per cent this week, and the three factories in Canada making these goods are all very busy on orders. Sugars are weaker in sympathy with the decline in New York and are likely to be lower. The deliveries of wheat and coarse grains are larger owing to the improvement in the country roads, and prices for wheat, oats and peas are lower. The demand for Manitoba flour is very slow here. Dealers in the province of Quebec and eastern Ontario loaded up with Manitoba flour some time ago in expectation of an advance in the price of wheat; they were disappointed and are now trying to unload without a loss.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, March 4.—Com. Cable, 182; C. P. R., in London, 87 1-4.

BANK STATEMENT.

London, March 3.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes as compared with the previous account: Total reserve decreased £878,000, circulation increased £683,000, bullion decreased £194,761; other securities increased £536,000; other deposits decreased £848,000; public deposits increased £216,000; notes reserved decreased £817,000; government securities decreased £7,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 44.10 per cent, is now 43.02 per cent. The rate of discount of the Bank of England remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, March 4.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot dull. No. 1 red northern spring 8s 1d. Corn—Spot American mixed new 3s 5d.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, March 5, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 97 1-4c for May option, 96c for July and 77c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 94 7-8c.

A CHICAGO STORY.

New York, March 4.—The Evening Post's Chicago correspondent says he heard in St. Paul the other day that the Dominion government influence is at the bottom of the C. P. R. cut in rates, and that the real motive is to secure for the Canadian towns on the Pacific coast, Vancouver and Victoria, the profitable business of outfitting miners which is now enjoyed by United States towns on Puget Sound. The outfitting trade has already been worth millions of dollars to the Sound cities, to divert it to the Canadian ports would be a shrewd business scheme.