

fast bacon, 13c for backs and 13½c for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½c; boneless hams, 12c; mess port, \$19.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; hologna sausage 9c per lb; German, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb.

LARD—Pure lard held at \$2.30 in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound unchanged, at \$2.10 per pail; compound in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, \$7 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3 and 5 pound tins, quoted at \$7.75 per case of 60 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS—There has been scarcely anything doing in fresh meats in a wholesale way, as retail dealers are carrying heavy stocks bought before Christmas. Country dressed beef on the market has sold at 3 to 4c per pound, city dressed 4½ to 5c for good to choice. Ordinary mutton and lamb sells about 8c, and 9 to 10c for fancy display mutton. Pork is rather firmer, 6½c having been paid for good dressed hogs, and 6c for fair lots. Veal, 7c for real veal and about 5c for large calves. In another column will be found an explanation regarding the sale of the Australian mutton in British Columbia. Dressed hogs have been firmer in eastern markets lately, selling up to 7c and over in Montreal in jobbing lots. The total winter pack of hogs at packing centres in the United States is 225,000 hogs less than to the same date last year. Western range cattle are said to have been received with favor in the Montreal and Toronto Christmas markets, and both western dressed beef and live cattle were offering in eastern markets this year, for the holiday trade.

POULTRY—Poultry is dull now that the holiday season is over. Retailers are well loaded with frozen stock, and consequently there is a slow sale. We quote prices at 10 to 12½c for turkeys, 9 to 10c for ducks and geese and 7 to 8c for chickens. Lower prices might have to be accepted to force sales.

HIDES—Frozen country hides have been offering in considerable number. The prices for this class of stock was reduced ½c. Prices for inspected stock are unchanged. Very few city butchers' hides are now offering, as the holiday kill is over, and not much doing. Sheepskins are easy, owing to dullness in wool. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides here as follows:—No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3½c; No. 2 heavy steers 2½c; No. 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½c per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb. skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. We quote 45 to 55c for new sheep and lamb skins, as to size, etc. Only very fine would bring the top price. Tallow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL—Ordinary long wools nominal at 7 to 8c per pound; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 8 to 9c per pound; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes selling on the street 40 to 45c per bushel. Other vegetables are quoted. Turnips, 20 to 25c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnips, 2c per lb; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel. Cabbage, scarce at 75c to \$1.50 per dozen. Celery, 25 to 40c per dozen.

HAY—Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton, or \$4 to \$4.50 at country points. Loose hay on the street market about \$3 to 4 per ton.

Live Stock Markets.

The Montreal Stock Yards company, Point St. Charles, report business at their yards for the week ending December 23, as follows: The offerings of cattle for the Christmas market were small and met with a good demand. Large receipts of sheep and lambs. Prices unchanged. Light supply of hogs and prices firmer. Calves scarce. We quote the following as being fair values: Cattle, extra good, 4½ to 5c; do, medium, 3½ to 4c; do, culls, 2½ to 3c; lambs, 3½ to 4c; hogs, 5½ to 6c; calves, \$5 to \$12. The receipts were 654 cattle, 1,429 sheep and lambs, 719 hogs, 33 calves.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The market opened on Tuesday, Monday being Xmas. holiday. Tuesday was a dull day. Wheat opened about ½c lower, advanced ½ to ¾, and closed ½c lower for May than last board day. Oats and corn were not materially changed. Pork was 2½ to 5c lower per bushel. Closing prices were:—

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	60½	—	65½
Corn.....	34½	34½	38½
Oats.....	27½	28	30
Pork.....	—	12 37½	12 55
Lard.....	—	7 77½	7 00
Ribs.....	—	6 40	6 47½

On Wednesday wheat was weak, opening ½c lower, and after ½c advance, declined 1c and closed at the bottom. Corn was a shade lower, and oats steady. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	59½	—	64½
Corn.....	34½	34½	38½
Oats.....	23	23	30
Pork.....	—	12 40	12 55
Lard.....	—	7 85	7 62½
Ribs.....	—	6 47½	6 52½

On Thursday lower cables and fairly large receipts in Northwest states caused a weak feeling, but buying orders later on started an advance, and prices closed ¾c higher. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	59½	—	64½
Corn.....	34½	34½	38½
Oats.....	23½	23½	30
Pork.....	—	12 45	12 60
Lard.....	—	7 85	7 62½
Ribs.....	—	6 50	6 55

On Friday there was considerable evening up in trades, and a number of buying orders came from New York, which strengthened prices. Wheat had a range of ¾c and closed ½c higher. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	60½	—	65½
Corn.....	34½	34½	38½
Oats.....	23	23	30
Pork.....	—	12 52½	12 65
Lard.....	—	7 85	7 65
Ribs.....	—	6 52½	6 55

On Saturday, Dec. 30, wheat opened at 65½c for May delivery and closed at 66½c per bushel. December option closed at 60½c. A week ago May closed at 65½c and December at 60½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, wheat closed at 71½c for May delivery. A week ago May wheat closed at 71c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 60½c for cash and 61½c for May. A week ago cash closed at 60½c and May at 61½c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on December 28:—

Grade.	Dec.	May.	On track
No. 1 Hard.	—	—	60½
No. 1 Northern.	69½	69½	59½
No. 2 Northern.	—	—	57½

Flour—The market is very quiet and weak. Trade is slow both for home and foreign account. Wheat is weak and declining, which tends to make buyers very backward. Production is small and sales do not come up to it. Rates to London and Liverpool quoted 6½ per 100 lbs to latter and about 1c more to the former point from Minneapolis. Quoted at \$3.30 to \$3.65 for first patents; \$3.05 to \$3.35 for second patents; \$1.50 to \$1.90 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.20 to \$1.25 for low grades in bags, including red dog. Following are millers asking prices in cotton sacks 98 and 49 lbs. Rye flour per brl. pure, \$2.50; XXX \$2.30; standard, \$2.10; buckwheat flour \$5.25 to \$6.00 nominal; graham flour \$2.80. In wood 20c extra.

Bran and Shorts—The market is quiet and steady, with bran generally held at about \$9.50. Some sellers are asking more and it is claimed that close buyers can buy at \$9.25. Shorts quoted from \$9.75 to \$10.25.

Oats—Receipts are light demand slow. Prices about steady. Car lots sold at 25 to 26½c.

Feed—Millers held at \$12.50 to \$13; less than car lots \$13 to \$14, with cornmeal at \$12 to \$12.50; granulated meal \$16.50 to \$17—*Market Record*, Dec. 28.

Duluth Grain Prices.

The following were ruling prices at Duluth on Thursday, Dec. 28:

Cash No. 1 hard. In store, very dull, with out trades, closed nominally ½c lower at 61½. A few cars to arrive delivered at mills sold at 62½, closed nominally at ½c lower at 61½.

Cash No. 1 northern. Small sales in store early at 60½, later a ten car lot was reported at 60, closed steady and unchanged from yesterday at 60½. A 20,000 bus. lot to arrive and delivered at mill sold at 61½, closed ¾c lower at 60½.

Cash No. 2 northern unchanged at 56½.

Cash No. 3 wheat unchanged at 52.

Rejected wheat unchanged at 46½. Barley quiet and unchanged, closed at 34 to 41c.

Flaxseed firm and ½c higher, closed at \$1.29.

Oats steady and unchanged at 27½c for No. 2 white and 27c for No. 3 white in store.—*Market Record*, Dec. 27.

Small Hope for British Farmers.

The *Standard*, London, England, says:—"A statement has just been issued by the Board of Agriculture estimating the produce of wheat, barley and oats in Great Britain for the year 1893. The yield of barley in England was 10,000,000 bushels less than in 1892, of oats 6,000,000 bushels less, though the area cultivated for both grains exceeds that of the previous year. The acreage of Great Britain under wheat decreased by 320,000 acres and the yield was 9,000,000 under that of 1892. Rents within recent years have fallen 50 per cent, yet they must fall 25 more if farming is to be made to pay."

Thos. Clark, appraiser of customs, Winnipeg, died on Friday last.

The commercial travellers at their annual meeting at Toronto elected President C. C. Van Norman by acclamation. The Winnipeg board for the Toronto association is W. L. Brock and Hyman Miller. The association now has 3,600 members and \$223,178 surplus.

The *Railway Age* published its annual statement of railway construction, which shows 2,630 miles of new main line track laid in the United States in 1893. This is less by about 2,000 miles than a total in either of the two preceding years and is the smallest mileage added in any year since 1877.

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