

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices.**

Wheat on Monday gained about 1 1/2c over Saturday's close, under stronger cables and a smaller increase in stocks than was expected. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 3/4
Corn.....	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Oats.....	30	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pork.....	—	13 62 1/2	—
Lard.....	—	7 57 1/2	—
Short Ribs.....	—	7 22 1/2	—

On Tuesday wheat was irregular, but closed higher. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 3/4
Corn.....	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Oats.....	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pork.....	—	13 60	—
Lard.....	—	7 62 1/2	—
Ribs.....	—	7 80	—

Prices took a turn downward on Wednesday. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 3/4
Corn.....	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Oats.....	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pork.....	—	13 60	—
Lard.....	—	7 62 1/2	—
Ribs.....	—	7 80	—

Prices on Thursday were uncertain and the tendency weaker, particularly for December option:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 3/4
Corn.....	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Oats.....	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pork.....	—	13 60	—
Lard.....	—	7 70	—
Ribs.....	—	7 37 1/2	—

On Friday prices continued easy, and trading of a light local nature. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 3/4
Corn.....	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Oats.....	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pork.....	—	13 62	—
Lard.....	—	7 70	—
Ribs.....	—	7 37 1/2	—

On Saturday, Aug. 25, wheat closed at 54 1/2c for August, 54 1/2c for September and 57 3/4c for December. A week ago August wheat closed at 53 1/2c, 5 1/2c for September and 56 3/4c for December.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—Aug., 56c; Sept., 55 1/2c; Dec., 57 1/2c.
Tuesday—Aug., 57c; Sept., 56 1/2c; Dec., 58 1/2c.
Wednesday—Aug., 56 1/2c; Sept., 55 1/2c; Dec., 57 1/2c.
Thursday—Aug., 56c; Sept., 55c; Dec., 57c.
Friday—Aug., 55 1/2c; Sept., 55 1/2c; Dec., 56 1/2c.
Saturday—Aug., 56c; Sept., 55c; Dec., 57c.

A week ago prices closed at 55c for Aug. delivery per bushel, 54 1/2c for September and 56 1/2c for December. A year ago August wheat closed at 53 1/2c, and September at 53 1/2c per bushel.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at — for August. September delivery closed at 53 1/2c; and December at 54 1/2c. A week ago Aug. wheat closed at 53 1/2c and Sept. at 52 3/4c.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, August 25, wheat closed at 53 1/2c for September. December closed at 61 1/2c. A week ago September wheat closed at 57 1/2c, and December at 60 1/2c.

**Live Stock Markets.**

The cable from Liverpool on August 20, says:—The receipts of Canadian and United States cattle are fair, and the general supply is fair, but owing to the demand being weak, an easier feeling prevailed and prices show a decline of 10c per lb. since last Monday, the tops being 10 1/2c, as against 11c last week. This date last year prices were the same as they are to-day. The supply of sheep was fair and the

market was weak, with prices fully 10c per lb. lower than a week ago. The cable quotes:—Finest steers, 10 1/2c; good to choice, 10c; poor to medium, 9c; inferior and bulls, 8 1/2 to 8c; best sheep, 12c; secondary, 10 to 11c; Merinos, 8 1/2 to 10 1/2c; inferior and rams, 7 to 8 1/2c.

The Montreal Gazette of August 20, says:—“There has been no important change in the situation, except that the market for export sheep to day was weaker and the top price for choice stock was 3 1/2c, and some sales were made as low as 3 1/4c. The sharp advance in prices which took place in the Liverpool cattle market a week ago, evidently was not intended to be maintained, as our cable advices to-day were weaker and noted a decline of 1/4c per lb. On the other hand private cables from other sources were about steady, London being quoted at 53 1/2. Latest mail advices from Liverpool say that the shipments of frozen mutton and beef from Australia and New Zealand are going to be curtailed to some extent for the next two months owing to the ruinous prices realized of late and the fact that the banks refused to advance any more money for meat shipments.”

At the Montreal stock yards, at Point St. Charles, there was no particular change in the situation, except that an easier feeling prevailed in sheep, which is due to the large offerings of late. Sales transpired at 3 1/2c per lb. live weight. Lambs were very plentiful and no one seemed to want them, sales were slow and prices ruled low at \$2 to \$3 each as to size. A fair business was done in cattle and the market ruled about steady. There was little enquiry for export stock for which the offerings were light. A few small sales were made at about 4c and one choice lot of three head realized 4 1/2c, but this figure cannot be taken as the ruling price. A lot of 126 head averaged 1,450 lbs. each was sold in the West at 4c to 4 1/2c. Owing to the small run of butchers' stock the demand was good and droves as a rule made a clearance at 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c per lb. live weight as to quality. The market for hogs was fairly active and firmer, due to the light receipts and improved demand. Sales were made freely at 5 1/2c per lb. live weight.

The receipts at the Canadian Pacific stock yards, Montreal were 75 cars of stock, there was a train load or 250 head of Northwest ranch cattle for Gordon & Ironside.

**Viewing the Crops.**

Mr. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, accompanied by Mr. Black, returned the first of the week from an extended trip throughout the grain districts of Manitoba. All parts of the Province were visited and a close record was kept of the condition of the crop. Mr. Thompson comes back from this trip with very gratifying opinions about the crop, which he says will yield far better than has been generally counted upon. He believes the government estimate of the yield will fall short considerably of the actual quantity of wheat which will be available. The quality is decidedly good, being nearly all No. 1 hard.

Mr. Thompson has always taken a great interest in the smut question, and is a firm believer in the value of bluestone as a preventative of smut. Indeed, it is largely through his efforts that the farmers of Manitoba have been educated to treat seed wheat with bluestone. Wherever he found smut on this trip, he always made it a point to enquire, and invariably it turned out that the seed had not been treated with bluestone before sowing. One man had a large crop entirely free of smut except one small patch. He learned in this case that the farmer had run out of the seed which had been treated with bluestone, and finished up with seed which had not been treated with the result that the latter was full of smut, though the seed was the same in each case. This seems conclusive evidence of the value of bluestone when properly applied.

Mr. Thompson spoke of the railway right of way in some districts as being a favorite breed-

ing place for gophers. The gophers find the railway grades a convenient place for breeding, whence they come in dry seasons to attack the crops. He thinks the section men should be entrusted with the work of exterminating the gophers along the railway, in the settled districts.

Altogether Mr. Thompson is pleased with the outlook. He says the farmers are in good spirits, and are apparently contented and prosperous.

**The Crop Situation.**

Edmonton, Alberta, August 16.—Copious showers during the past ten days have delayed haying and harvesting operations, but greatly improved the grasses, and the trees seem to have taken on the freshness of early summer.

Niverville, Aug. 18.—Harvesting is well advanced here. The wheat is all cut, but there is still some late oats and barley to cut yet. Stacking is now general and threshing will begin in a week or ten days. The sample and yield of wheat will be fully equal to last year, which was No. 1 hard, average about twenty bushels per acre. Oats and barley are not so good as last year. Hay is a fair crop in some sections, in others very light.

Deloraine Times, Aug. 17.—It has been reported that the crops at Oxbow were partially destroyed by a three days hot wind. Mr. Young says however that the crop there, though not as good as was expected earlier in the season, will be fairly good. From Pierson to Carleton a hot wind prevailed and did considerable injury to the grain.

Burnside, Aug. 20.—The cutting of the grain is over half done and will be finished by the end of this week.

Rocnbwaite, Aug. 20.—All the wheat in this district will be safely cut by the 25th, and while the yield might be greater, the sample of grain will be No. 1 hard.

Hartney Aug. 12.—Most of the wheat is in stacks and some are stacking, while others are threshing out of the shock. It is very much better than was expected, heads are well filled and the grain is a good sample. This locality will average seventeen bushels to the acre. The late oats is going to be a heavy crop owing to the later rains; also the root crop.

Thornhill, Aug. 20.—Wheat will be all harvested here this week and threshers will start this week.

McGregor, Aug. 22.—Harvesting is progressing very favorably. About 80 per cent. of the wheat is cut and about one-third of the oat crop, and is an exceptionally fine sample. Twenty-five new binders have been sold here this season, besides mowers and rakes.

Edmonton, Aug. 20.—The crops in the Edmonton district this year are excellent. Wheat will be better than last year and oats and barley first-class in quality, but not quite so heavy as last harvest. There are no reports of 125 bushels to the acre as there were last year; but on new ground there are some heavy crops. Hay is abundant and able to supply all home demand, leaving some for export.

**Late Western Business Items.**

The western board of grain examiners will meet in Winnipeg on September, 11th and 12th to fix standards for grading this crop.

T. E. Williams, Grocer, Winnipeg. Has sold out his branch business on Higgin Street to Henry Clemens.

Hopper Bros., General Store, Rapid City. Are opening a branch at Newdale.

**Saskatchewan.**

S. McLeod is building a 22x25 ft. addition to his store. When completed, the full length of the store will be 71 feet.