

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

The business done during the week has been light in volume and on the first two days were phenomenally so. In wheat and other grains the fluctuations of the week have been within a very small limit, and in provisions matters were much the same. Pork and lard were inclined to be weak, although the bears seemed not to pull as strongly as they might, although both commodities suffered a decline. Altogether it seemed as if operators had not recovered from the holiday rest, and were not inclined to go into business seriously.

There being no board meeting on Monday, on Tuesday the market presented a playful feature and at the close quotations were as follows:

	Jan.	Feb.
Wheat	77½	78½
Corn	49½	49½
Oats	31½	31½
Pork	15.25	15.35
Lard	7.85	7.90
Short Ribs		

On Wednesday the opening was featureless all round, but later there was a weaker feeling and a trifling decline in all products. Closing figures were:

	Jan.	Feb.
Wheat	77½	78½
Corn	49½	49½
Oats	31½	31½
Pork	15.10	
Lard	7.72½	7.75
Short Ribs		

On Thursday wheat recovered some of its strength and closed firmer, but pork and lard remained weak. Closing quotations were:

	Jan.	Feb.
Wheat	77½	78½
Corn	49½	49½
Oats		31½
Pork	15.05	15.15
Lard	7.62½	7.65
Short Ribs		

On Friday wheat held moderately firm, while pork weakened and declined a little. Lard was steady. Closing quotations were:

	Jan.	Feb.
Wheat	77½	78½
Corn	49½	49½
Oats		
Pork	14.90	15.00
Lard	7.60	7.62½
Short Ribs		

On Saturday wheat opened weak and declined a point or two. Pork was also weak and shaky. Lard was steady. Closing quotations were:

	Jan.	Feb.
Wheat	77½	78½
Corn	49	49½
Oats		
Pork	14.97½	15.05
Lard	7.62½	7.62½
Short Ribs		

MINNEAPOLIS.

Severe snow storms has caused a sudden and heavy decrease in receipts, and created a strong and active local market; mills, although having ample supplies of wheat, find it difficult to secure enough for daily consumption, owing to poor facilities of the railroads in moving it through the yards. The following were the closing quotations of January 4:—

	Jan.	Feb.	On track.
No. 1 hard	77½	79½	79½
No. 1 northern	75½	77½	77½
No. 2	73½	75½	75½

The high price of wheat has compelled millers to hold on to flour, and the market has been squeezed of the little life held before the advance in wheat. There is a fair export inquiry, but prices are unsatisfactory. Prices were: patents, \$4.35 to \$4.50; straights, \$4 to 4.25; first bakers', \$3.50 to \$3.75; second bakers', \$3. to \$3.30; best low grades, \$1.85 to \$2, in bags; red dog, \$1.40 to \$1.60, in bags,—*Northwestern Miller.*

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

Stocks in store the first of last week were 6,578,527 bushels, an increase over the previous week of 411,921 bushels. The following closing quotations for No. 1 hard on each day of the week, will show the state of the market:

	Cash	Jan.	May.
Monday	—	—	—
Tuesday	—	77½	83½
Wednesday	78	78½	84½
Thursday	78	78	81
Friday	—	78	83½
Saturday	—	77½	77½

MONTREAL MARKETS.

In wheat there has been literally nothing doing beyond the call for supplies for local mills. Prices are nominal and quotations scarcely asked for. Manitoba No. 1 hard would be worth 37c and other grades in proportion, but the uncertainty about the change of standards checked any business in Northwestern wheat that might have been done.

FLOUR.

The market has been very quiet even for a holiday time, and there is no prospect of an immediate improvement. Manitoba strong bakers' was quoted from \$4.20 to \$4.30, but the quotations were purely nominal.

In butter and cheese the market has been dull and undecided, and it would be almost impossible to furnish reliable quotations.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

The following quotations on Friday, Jan. 6th as compared with prices on the same day of the previous week, will indicate the course of the stock market:

	Dec. 30.		Jan. 6th	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal	216½	215½	217	216½
Ontario	114	—	115	110
Toronto.....	200	190	198½	192½
Merchants.....	121½	120	123½	122
Dominion.....	—	—	—	—
Commerce.....	111½	111½	112	111½
Imperial.....	—	—	—	—
Federal.....	—	—	—	—
Molson's.....	140	—	140	132½
Union, ex. div.,.....	—	—	95	80½
N. W. Land Co.....	53	40	—	52
C. P. R.....	62	61½	62½	62

Two hundred pounds of tobacco and a number of cigars were seized in this city last week by the inland revenue officer. The seizure was made on account of the goods having been exposed for sale out of their original packages.

The various provincial papers have been vying with each other to see who could turn out the most despicable looking sheet as the first effort of the new year. It would be a difficult task to say which excelled, for they all can be simply called execrable.

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The *Canadian Gazette* gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Canada 4 per cents, 1860	107½d		
Ditto 3½ per cents	102		
Ditto 4 per cents, 1886	107½d		
British Columbia 4½ per cents	100		
Manitoba 5 per cents	108		
Quebec 5 per cents, 1883	114		
Winnipeg 5 per cents	106		
Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register)	61		
Ditto shares (London register)	61		
Ditto mortgage bonds	105½		
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	12		
Ditto first preference	75½		
Bank of B. C. fully paid shares	30		
Ditto £10 paid	15½		
Bank of B. N. A.	70		
Manitoba Mortgage	5		
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid	5		
Canada North-West Land	2½		
Hudson's Bay	23½		

THE board of arbitrators are now appointed to settle up the R. R. V. R. contract.

THE location of the industrial farm in the proximity of Winnipeg, is said to have been decided upon.

THE New York coffee market has had a scare and prices are on the drop, a cable reporting the visible supply as being considerably on the increase.

IN all probability a parcel post system will soon be inaugurated between Canada and the United States, the Postmaster General, of both countries, having favorable ideas in the matter.

A SENATORIAL committee is about to be appointed to elicit more information regarding the Mackenzie river, which empties into the Arctic Ocean and is navigable for a craft drawing seven feet to a point near its mouth—a distance of 1,400 miles.

ANOTHER exploitatory expedition to the Hudson's Bay is contemplated by the Dominion Government, with more modern facilities than used in the last expedition. A special steamer will be procured, and a successful voyage is anticipated. The Hudson's Bay route will ere long be an accomplished fact.

THE Provincial Government received their half-yearly subsidy the other day from the Federal authorities, amounting to \$256,000. The Merchants' Bank absorbed \$200,000 of this amount, and considerable scratching will be indulged in to tide over the next few months.

THE opening of the Soo road gives Minneapolis another competing route to the seaboard. The first through train from Montreal passed over the bridge Jan. 5, with a party of railroad magnates. One hundred cars of flour from Minneapolis to Boston from Pillsbury mills, was the contents of the first freight.

THE reported appointment of Senator Schultz to the Lieutenant-Governorship of Manitoba was somewhat premature, no official notice whatever having been intimated. No doubt the appointment of the gentleman named will be made and would be a graceful acknowledgment of his services in this country. The rumor has already brought forth the approval of all sections and will be a satisfactory preferment. The appointment of Joe. Royal, M.P., to the Governorship of the Territories is also of the same shady nature, and are probably only feelers thrown out from the Ottawa hot-bed; whose habit of dangling the bait is well known.