

SENECA ROOT—We quote 19 to 20c per lb. for dry root.

HAY.—Held at about \$5 per ton for baled prairie on track here, or \$3.75 to \$1.00 on cars in the country, point of shipment.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes are a little higher. Celery is scarce. Onions are very scarce and long prices are asked for the few obtainable. Prices are: Potatoes, 80 to 85c. Onions, 8c to 5c lb; carrots, 40c bushel; beets, 8½c bushel; turnips, 20c; parsnips; 60 to 75c bushel; celery, 50c dozen; cabbage, 5½ to 75c dozen. These are prices dealers buy at from market gardeners.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—There is not much doing. A year ago this week, the first export shipment of the season was made. We quote: Fair to good cows, 2½ to 3c, and steers and heifers 3 to 3½c here, off cars.

SHEEP—We quote sheep at 3½ to 4c off cars here.

HOGS—Prices have continued firm and a further slight advance has been made. A little better than 4c having been made on some car lots here. We quote: Good bacon stock, weighing 150 to 300 pounds 4c. Sows and heavy hogs 2½ to 3½c, according to quality. Stags 1½ to 2½c, off cars here.

Winnipeg Clearing House

Clearings for the week ending March 25 were 1,031,933; balances, 166,627. For the previous week clearings were 859,602. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 933,169 and for the week two years ago, were 695,151. Clearings for the month of Feb. were \$3,851,013, compared with \$1,052,531 for Feb. 1896, and \$2,721,028 for Feb. 1895.

Bank clearings at other Canadian cities for the same week were:

	Per cent.
Montreal.....\$3,567,247.	Increased 6.9
Toronto.....5,929,878.	" 8
Halifax.....1,087,421.	" 1.8
Hamilton....608,081.	" 11.9

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, 73½c—July, 73½c.
Tuesday—May 73½c.
Wednesday—May, 73½c—July, 73½c.
Thursday—May 73c.
Friday—May, 73c.
Saturday—72½c.

On Saturday, March, 27 cash No. 1 hard closed at 74½c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 72½c.

Last week May delivery closed at 74½c. A year ago May closed at 62½c. Two years ago at 61½c, and three years ago at 61½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, March 27, May option closed at 78½c and July at 77½c. A week ago May option closed at 80½c and two weeks ago at 79½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, March 27, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 70½c for May option, 71½c for July, and 67½c for September. A week ago May wheat closed at 72½c.

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 barrel and lard and short lbs per 100 pounds.

On Monday wheat was weak, closing prices being 1½ to 1½ lower than Saturday. The features were lower cables, better crop reports and speculative selling. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	71½	72½	71	69½
Corn.....	—	24½	—	—
Oats.....	—	17½	—	—
Mess Pork..	—	8 72½	8 85	—
Lard.....	—	4 20	4 80	—
Short Ribs.	—	4 70	4 72½	—

On Tuesday cables were lower, causing an early decline in wheat with a recovery later on, unfavorable crop reports and large decrease in stocks. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May	July.	Sept.
Wheat....	72½	73½	72½	—
Corn.....	—	24½	—	—
Oats.....	—	17½	—	—
Mess Pork..	—	8 75	8 85	—
Lard.....	—	4 22½	4 82½	—
Short Ribs.	—	4 65	4 70	—

On Wednesday wheat was quiet, with moderate fluctuations. Export demand at New York led to some advance near the close. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May	July.	Sept.
Wheat....	72	72½-73	71½	69½-½
Corn.....	—	24½	—	—
Oats.....	—	17½	—	—
Mess Pork..	8 67½	8 77½	8 87½	—
Lard.....	4 15	4 25	4 35	4 45

On Thursday wheat was dull and steady, but fairly firm, influenced by a good milling demand for cash wheat. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May	July	Sept.
Wheat....	71½	72½-½	71½	69½
Corn.....	23½	24½-½	—	—
Oats.....	16½	17½	—	—
Mess Pork..	—	8 75	8 87½	—
Lard.....	—	4 25	4 35	—
Short Ribs.	—	4 67½	4 72½	—

There was not much change in wheat on Friday. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	July	Sept.
Wheat....	71½	72½	71½	69½
Corn.....	—	24½	25½	26½
Oats.....	—	17½	18	—
Mess Pork..	—	8 55	8 75	—
Lard.....	—	4 22	—	—

On Saturday May wheat opened at 72½c and held very steady ranging only from the opening figure up to 73c. Closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat....	71½	72½	71½	69½
Corn.....	23½	24½	25½	26½
Oats.....	16½	17	18	—
Mess Pork..	—	8 60	8 70	—
Lard.....	—	4 20	4 30	—
Short Ribs.	—	4 60	4 62½	—
Flax Seed..	79½	76	77½	78½

A week ago May wheat closed at 74½c. A year ago May wheat closed at 61c and two years ago at 55½c, and three years ago at 60c.

Insurance and Financial Notes.

The Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Commerce contemplate opening branches at Rat Portage.

E. McDonald, of Winnipeg, won first prize in the Manufacturers Life Insurance company for the activity of his agency last year.

Assiniboia.

T. T. Thompson, grain and lumber merchant, of Oxbow, is giving up business at that place and moving to Martin, Man., where he will continue business in grain, farm implements, etc.

J. H. Lawrence, furniture, etc., Maple Creek, is dead.

Densmore & Floury are opening a harness shop at Indian Head.

G. B. Ryan & Co., dry goods, Regina, are vertise giving up business.

Creamer & Gray, have opened business as machinists at Qu'Appelle.

J. T. Stomshorn, watchmaker, has opened business at Regina.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A New York report says that the largest holders of spring pack Alaska salmon have reduced the price to 90c, less 1½ per cent. store.

Currants are firm, but the movement is rather light. Higher prices had been looked for as it was generally expected that the Dingley bill would make the duty 2c or 2½. But the proposed new tariff provides for a duty of 1½, the same as now exists under the ruling of the Board of General Appraisers. New York Commercial Bulletin

Hides Advance at Montreal.

The situation of the hide market is becoming very interesting just now, says the Montreal Gazette, and is due principally to the continued opposition buying on the part of tanners, and, in consequence, prices are steadily advancing, another cent per lb being added to their value to-day, dealers now paying 9c for No. 1, 8c for No. 2, and 9c for No. 3. There has also been another advance of 1c in the price of calfskins to 9c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2. Lambskins are quoted at 10c each.

Trade Returns.

Trade returns for Canada for February and since June 30th last are as follows: 1897, imports \$7,710,000; exports, \$3,500,000; duty, \$1,580,000; 1896, imports, \$7,737,000; exports, \$6,573,000; duty, \$1,616,000; Returns for the eight months, July 1st to March 1st, are as follows: 1897, imports, \$73,279,000; exports, \$93,192,000; duty, \$12,711,000; 1896, imports, \$71,742,000; exports, \$57,616,000; duty, \$13,536,000. The trade is therefore \$169,471,000 for 1897, and \$161,593,000 for 1896, an increase for the current fiscal year of nearly five millions of dollars. The loss in revenue on imports is \$859,000.

The proposal that Winnipeg should have a slaughtering and dressed meat industry, is not likely to be sanctioned by the provincial legislature.

Work will be commenced on the elevator for the flour mill at McGregor, Man., at an early date. The capacity of the elevator will be about 25,000 bushels.

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