

DRESSED MEATS—Fresh meats hold about the same as a week ago, except for beef, which is again easier, the top range being 4c lower. We quote 5 to 5½c for fair to choice. Some very fair beef has sold at 5c. Hogs, 5½c for country dressed, with city dealers selling at 6c. Mutton, 8c. Veal, dull at about 6c.

POULTRY—Prices are: 14c for turkeys dressed, or 10c per pound live weight. Ducks about 60c per pair, or 10c per pound live weight. Chickens, 45 to 50c per pair, as to quality and spring chickens 30 to 35c per pair.

VEGETABLES—Prices are lower for potatoes and some other varieties are easier. Roots need rain very badly. Potatoes have sold at a wide range, some loads having sold as low as 30c per bushel on the market, but 50c was about the usual price per bushel on the street market. Prices are: Onions, 3½c per lb.; cabbage, 40c per dozen; peas in pod, \$1 per bushel; green beans, 5c lb.; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; celery, 25c per dozen. Green stuff by the bunch is quoted: Lettuce, 10c; onions, 15; radishes, 10c; turnips, 15c; beets and carrots, 15c. Green corn, 12½ to 15c dozen ears. Ontario tomatoes, \$1.50 per 20 lb. basket; cucumbers, 10 to 20c per dozen as to size.

LIVE STOCK—There has been nothing doing in live stock this week. The tendency for cattle, however, is easier, owing to the low price of beef. Hogs are also easier, and if there had been any loads in, it is likely that 4c would have been the outside price. No sheep appear to be wanted for the local market, and none were in, but ranchers were offering to ship. The low price of sheep at the coast markets is driving western ranchers to look this way for a market. Sheep would have to be forced now to sell, and the price would be probably less than 3½c. Two train loads of hogs and cattle were started east on Monday, the hogs for Ontario packers. Hogs were slightly lower in Toronto at the regular Tuesday market, particularly for bacon hogs; the price being down to \$5.30 to \$5.40 for this class.

HAY—New baled hay is offering freely at about \$4.50 per ton in the country, point of shipment, in cars. There is considerable old hay held in the country.

WOOL—The final passage of the new tariff bill in the United States, including the free wool clause, is regarded with satisfaction by several dealers in Canada, who have been holding a considerable quantity of wool in the expectation of securing free entry into the United States sooner or later. Of course the delay in obtaining this has been much greater than was counted upon. Canadian dealers began holding wool from the clip of 1893, in expectation of the removal of the duty in the United States, and now their is wool of the last two clips held. Wool in the United States has been stronger of late, owing to increased consumptive demand and sales were made at Boston 1 to 2c higher. It is not expected prices will go much lower under free wool, as with the exception of certain lines, such as Ohio fleeces, prices have been about at a free wool basis for some time. Locally, there is no change and sets per pound is about the top price here for ordinary unwashed Manitoba fleeces, and 6 to 7 cts. for burly or inferior qualities. Good clothing wools are in best demand. The wool reported in another item as bought at Moosomin at 4 to 6c, is a mistake. The wool cost 5 to 7c, and averaged about \$6.45 per 100 lbs.

HIDES—The hide market has been firmer in the United States and the east. Prices are still somewhat irregular. A typographical error last week in our report, made the price of No. 2 cows appear as 1½c, when it should have been 1½c. Sheepskins offering are about all western range stock, and have very little wool. Good long wools would bring more money. Some dealers quote 2c for No. 1 cows, 1½c for No. 2, and 1c for No. 3, and 2½c for No. 1 steers and 1½c for No. 2 steers, 1½c for heavy branded steers. One house quotes 2½c for No. 1 cows and steers alike, 1½c for No. 2 and 1c for No.

3. We quote: Calf, 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. Sheepskins, 10 to 20c, lambskins, 15 to 20c. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

SENeca ROOT—Mail advices have been received this week of a heavy drop in the price of root in London, which is the principal consuming market for the commodity. The price there is said to have dropped about 8c. This is no doubt due to liberal offerings which are now reaching that market, the crop having been large this year here and in some other parts. The local market is quiet, and though some dealers are bidding low, others appear to be paying fairly good prices yet, though not nearly so high as was paid earlier in the season. On large lot put up for tender was taken at a price not far from 24c. Though this figure is perhaps higher than it is safe to quote. We quote 20 to 24c per pound for fair to good dry root. In their last circular Jas. McMillan & Co., of Minneapolis, say that receipts of aspen root are very large and they reduce the price to 23c for the best Manitoba root.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was fairly active on Monday and the price range was 1c, the price closing ½c lower than Saturday. Corn had a range of 2½c and sold lower, but recovered and closed ½c higher than Saturday. Reports as to corn were very contradictory. Some claimed the rain of the last few days would revive the crop, while after reports said the rain was too late to do any good. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	53½	51½	57½
Corn.....	64½	54½	—
Oats.....	29½	29½	—
Pork.....	13 47½	13 47½	—
Lard.....	7 47½	7 60	—
Short Ribs.....	7 25	7 25	—

On Tuesday wheat was fairly active, opening lower and sold down ½c but soon gained strength and advanced 1½c and closed about 1c higher than yesterday. Corn was unsettled, ranging about 3½c, and was weak at the start, owing to rains, but the Iowa crop report coming in, predicted a yield of one-third of an average crop, which firmed up prices. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	54½	52½	58½
Corn.....	56½	56½	—
Oats.....	30½	30½	—
Pork.....	13 70	13 75	—
Lard.....	7 67½	7 60	—
Ribs.....	7 45	7 45	—

On Wednesday wheat was irregular, opening ½ to ¾c higher, but declined and closed ½c lower, for the speculated grade. In winter wheat, some low priced wheat was again taken for feeding purposes, one lot of 50,000 bus of No. 3 Red it was claimed was taken for that purpose to go to New England. No. 2 Red sold at 54½ to 55½c, and closed at 54½ to 54½c. No. 3 Red sold at 52 to 53c, and 50,000 bus sold, but terms not made public. No. 2 Hard sold at 53½ to 54c. No. 3 Hard sold at 53c. By sample no grade sold at 45c. No. 3 Red sold at 51½ to 53c. No. 2 Red sold at 55½c. No. 2 Hard sold at 53½ to 54½c, and No. 3 Hard at 52 to 52½c. Spring wheat closed weak and ½c lower than yesterday. No. 2 ranged nominally 54½ to 57½c and closed at about 51½ to 56½c. No. 4 quotable at 45 to 49c. No. 3 quotable at 50½ to 52c. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	51½	55½	58½
Corn.....	55½	56½	—
Oats.....	30½	30½	—
Pork.....	—	13 57½	—
Lard.....	—	7 62½	—
Ribs.....	—	7 42½	—

Wheat was quiet on Thursday, with slight fluctuations prices declined ½c. Corn declined 1½c. There were no new features. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	52½	54½	57½
Corn.....	54½	54½	—
Oats.....	30½	30½	—
Pork.....	—	13 60	—
Lard.....	—	7 57½	—
Ribs.....	—	7 42½	—

Wheat was quiet on Friday, and heavy receipts of 814 cars made the feeling easy. Prices declined at the close. Corn and oats declined. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	53½	54½	57½
Corn.....	53½	54½	—
Oats.....	30½	30½	—
Pork.....	—	13 35	—
Lard.....	—	7 60	—
Ribs.....	—	7 22½	—

On Saturday, Aug. 18, wheat closed at 52½c for August, 53½c for September and 56½c for December. A week ago Aug. wheat closed at 54c and 55½c for September and 53½c for December.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Aug. 50½c; Sept. 53½c; Dec. 57½c.
Tuesday—Aug. 51½c; Sept. 54½c; Dec. 58½c.
Wednesday—Aug. 57½c; Sept. 53½c; Dec. 58½c.
Thursday—Aug. 50½c; Sept. 53½c; Dec. 57½c.
Friday—Aug. 55½c; Sept. 53½c; Dec. 58½c.
Saturday—Aug. 55c; Sept. 54½c; Dec. 60½c.

A week ago prices closed at 57½ for Aug. delivery per bushel, 56½c for September and 58½c for December. A year ago August wheat closed at 58½c, and September at 59c per bushel.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 55½c for August. September delivery closed at 52½c, and December at 54½c. A week ago Aug. wheat closed at 56½c and Sept. at 54½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, August 18, wheat closed at 57½c for September. December closed at 60½c. A week ago September wheat closed at 59½c.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending Aug. 16, were \$915,250; balances, \$143,294. For the previous week clearings were \$955,321.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:—

	Aug. 9th.	Aug. 2nd.
Montreal.....	\$10,110,153	\$9,594,647
Toronto.....	4,854,292	4,804,455
Halifax.....	1,240,723	1,100,315
Winnipeg.....	955,321	760,623
Hamilton.....	593,921	605,662

Total.....\$17,794,410\$16,565,702

Late Western Business Items.

The loss by the Moose Jaw fire to the Canadian Pacific railway will amount to \$35,000. Only two cars, not twelve, were burned.

A large brick block is to be erected on the old Princess opera house site, Winnipeg, by W. A. Pierce. The building is designed for a lodging house, with stores on the ground flat. In the basement there will be a swimming bath, bowling alley, etc. The structure will be four stories high.

The Northern Elevator Co.'s elevator at Winnipeg, formerly owned by N. Bawlf, was destroyed by fire on Friday night. Valued at \$10,000; insurance, \$6,500. There were 40,000 bushels of oats in the elevator which were more or less damaged, but will be mostly suitable for feed. They were owned by N. Bawlf, and covered by insurance. The fire appears to have originated from the boilers in some way.

The loss on Alexander, Kelly & Co.'s mill at Brandon is now placed at \$55,000, including stock. Insurance, \$24,000 on buildings, and \$9,000 on stock. The oatmeal kiln and the office are all that are left of the two mills—flour and oatmeal mills.