

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

On Monday, Jan. 7, May wheat opened at 1.03½, and ranged from ½c lower to 1½c higher than the opening figure. There was more than the usual strength to the market. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	99½	1 01½	—	1 04½
Corn.....	33½	34½	35	36½
Oats.....	24½	25½	—	26
Pork.....	13.20	13.25	13.35	13.57½
Lard.....	7.45	7.50	7.57½	7.67½
Short Ribs.....	6.05	7.00	7.05	7.15

May wheat opened at 1.05½ on Tuesday, and ranged from 1.04½ to 1.05½. It is said that Hutchinson is now heavily short, but most big operators are on the other side. A favorable feature for the bulls was the firmer feeling abroad, and increased buying on foreign account. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	1.00½	1.01½	—	1.05½
Corn.....	33½	34½	35½	37
Oats.....	25	25½	—	28
Pork.....	13.27½	13.30	13.40	13.65
Lard.....	7.37½	7.42½	7.50	7.60
Short Ribs.....	6.90	6.95	7.00	7.10

May wheat opened at 1.05½ on Wednesday, and ranged from 1.04½ to \$1.05½. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	99½	—	—	1.04½
Corn.....	33½	34½	35	36½
Oats.....	24½	25½	—	27½
Pork.....	13.15	13.15	13.25	13.50
Lard.....	7.27½	7.32½	7.40	7.50
Short Ribs.....	6.82½	6.87½	6.92½	7.02½

On Thursday, wheat was dull and trading mostly of a local nature. May broke to 1.03 before the close, though in the morning 1.05 was reached. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	96	93	—	1.03½
Corn.....	33½	34½	34½	36½
Oats.....	24½	25½	—	27½
Pork.....	13.22½	13.22½	13.35	13.57½
Lard.....	7.32½	7.40	7.45	7.57½
Short Ribs.....	6.87½	6.92½	6.97½	7.03½

On Friday, prices ruled lower. May ranged from 1.02½ to 1.03½. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat.....	98	99	—	1.03
Corn.....	33½	34½	35	36½
Oats.....	24½	25½	—	27½
Pork.....	13.35	13.35	13.45	13.70
Lard.....	7.35	7.37½	7.47½	7.57½
Short Ribs.....	6.92½	6.97½	7.02½	7.12½

Wheat closed on Saturday about 2c lower as follows:—Jan. 96c; Feb. 97c; May, 1.00½; July, 92½c.

DULUTH.

Market very dull on Monday, and no transactions reported. Continued dull and firm on Tuesday and Wednesday. No. 1 northern worth about \$1, and No. 2 northern 93 to 93½c for cash on these days. No. 1 northern, cash, was worth \$1.02 on Thursday, and other options fractionally higher. No. 1 hard closed:

	Cash.	Jan.	May	June.
Monday.....	1.15½	1.13	1.23	1.22½
Tuesday.....	1.15½	1.16½	1.23½	1.23
Wednesday.....	1.15½	1.16	1.23	1.22½
Thursday.....	1.16	1.16	1.23	1.22½
Friday.....	1.15½	1.16	1.22½	1.22

Closing on Saturday were the lowest of the week, as follows: Jan. \$1.14½; May, \$1.20½; June, 1.21.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Closing quotations on Thursday for wheat were from one to three cents lower than a week ago, as follows:—

	Jan.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard.....	1.10	1.22	1.16
No. 1 northern.....	1.05	1.09½	1.06-07
No. 2.....	95	1.01	5-6

Closing quotations for flour were: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.35 to \$6.50; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$6.15 to \$6.30; in barrels, \$6.35 to \$6.50. Delivered at New England points, \$7.00 to \$7.15; bakers, here, \$4.20 to \$5.30; superfine, \$3.00 to \$4.35; red dog, sacks, \$1.60 to \$1.65; red dog, barrels, 1.89 to \$1.85.

Barley—Good No. 3 brought 50 to 55c according to quality.

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The Canadian Gazette of Dec. 27, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Canada 3½ per cents.....	102	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents, 1885.....	108	—	—
Ditto 3 per cents.....	92½	—	—
British Columbia 6 per cents., 1885.....	109	1	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.....	113	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents., 1874 and 1876.....	108	—	—
Ditto 4½ per cents.....	103	—	—
Ditto 5 per cents., 1888.....	113	1	—
Ditto 4 per cents.....	102	—	—
Montreal 5 per cents., 1870.....	107	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents.....	103	1	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.....	109	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register).....	53½	—	½
Ditto shares (London register).....	52½	—	½
Ditto first mortgage bonds.....	106½	1	—
Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds.....	96½	½	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock.....	10½	—	½
Ditto first preference.....	65½	½	—
Manitoba and Northwestern bonds.....	102	—	—
Bank of British Columbia.....	34½	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.....	74	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid.....	5	—	—
Ditto £3 paid.....	2½	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage.....	—	—	—
British American Land.....	28½	—	—
Canada North-West Land.....	3½	—	—
Hudson's Bay.....	18½	½	—
Land Corporation of Canada.....	3	—	—
Vancouver Coal.....	6½	—	—

Toronto Markets.

Grain—Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat held at \$1.23 to \$1.25; barley quoted, No. 1, 67 to 68c, No. 2, 63 to 64c, No. 3, 56 to 57c; oats, 35 to 37c.

Flour—Patent, \$5.40 to 6.30; strong bakers', \$4.90 to \$5.60; bran, \$16 to \$18 per ton.

Provisions—Dressed hogs, \$6.50 to \$7.25; Mess pork, \$17.50 to \$18; dry salt bacon, 9 to 9½c; hams, 11 to 11½c; lard, 11 to 11½c.

Butter—Creamery 22 to 23c; choice selected dairy, 15 to 20c; good dairy, 16 to 18c; common to fair, 12 to 16c; rolls, 16 to 19c.

Poultry—Turkeys sold at 8c for good; geese at 5c for poor to 7 to 8c for good to choice; ducks at 50 to 75; chickens at 30 to 40c a pair.

Apples—Moving in small lots at 4 to 4½c. Dealers offering 3 to 3½c in large lots. Evaporated dull at 6½c f.o.b. cars outside; small lots on spot are quoted at 7 to 8c.

Eggs—Pickled are easier owing to the arrival of larger quantities of fresh, at 16 to 17c. Fresh are selling at 20 to 21c.

Hides—Green hides, 3½, 4½ and 5½c for No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 respectively; cured No. 1, 6c; sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.25.

Groceries—Sugar, granulated, 8 to 8½c; lumps, 8 to 8½c; yellows, 5½ to 6½c; Rio coffee, 17 to 20c; Mocha, 24 to 28c; Java, 22 to 27c; Porto Rico, 20 to 22c; currants, 5½ to 8½c as to quality; Valencia raisins, 6c to 6½c; sultanas, 8 to 9c; French prunes, kegs, 5c; do. boxes, 6 to 6½c.

Montreal Markets.

Provisions—Mess pork, western, per barrel, \$17.00 to \$17.50; hams, 12½ to 13c; hams, green, 9c; lard, 10½ to 10¾c; bacon, 11 to 11½c; tallow, refined, 3½ to 6½c.

Dressed hogs slow at \$7 to \$7.10 in car lots, and jobbing lots \$7.20 to \$7.30 per 100 lbs.

Poultry—Turkeys sold at 8½ to 9½c; geese at 6½ to 7½c; ducks at 8½ to 9½c, and chickens at 5 to 7c per lb.

Eggs—Fresh brought 20 to 22c, and lined 19 to 20c.

Butter—Dull and steady at: creamery, 22 to 25c; townships, 19 to 22c; western, 16 to 17c.

Cheese—Firm. Quoted: finest September and October, 11½ to 12c; finest August, 11 to 11½c; fine, 10½ to 10¾c; medium, 9½ to 9¾c.

Dry goods—The *Journal of Commerce* says: It is useless to disguise the fact that the past year has been a poor one for the dry goods trade, and that there are but few firms that have added to their resources in 1888.

Grain—Wheat was dull and steady. Quotations were: Spring wheat, \$1.15; red winter, \$1.18; white, \$1.18; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.22 to \$1.24; No. 2 do, \$1.19 to \$1.21. Oats, 36c; barley, 60 to 65c.

Flour—Large stocks and free offering made the feeling dull. Prices were: Patent winter, \$6 to \$6.50; patent spring, \$6 to \$6.05; straight roller, \$5.75 to \$5.95; strong bakers, \$5.50 to \$5.75.

Oatmeal—Standard, per brl., \$5.70; granulated, per brl., \$4.50.

BILLY INGRAM, of Brandon, goes to Qu'Appelle, to manage a branch jewellery business lately opened by P. E. Durst, of Brandon.

PROSPECTS are very good, says the *Times*, for the erection of a hospital at Medicine Hat, Assa., several hundred dollars having already been subscribed.

LAST WEEK THE COMMERCIAL said that Inglis & Smith, butchers, Moosomin, Assa., had dissolved partnership, and that the business would be continued by H. Smith. This is correct. We are now pleased to add that James Inglis is still carrying on business at Moosomin as wholesale butcher and dealer in meats, stock, etc.

PORT ARTHUR shipping returns for 1888 show 458 steamers and vessels arriving at that place during the year, with a total registered tonnage of 297,560 tons, and carrying 200,718 tons of freight, and with crews aggregating 6,834. This shows a very considerable increase over 1887, the returns for that year being 276 arrivals, with a registered tonnage of 192,615, and carrying 84,651 tons of freight, with crews aggregating 5,842. Port Arthur is coming to the front as a shipping point of importance.