

kets being dull and drooping. European crop reports, which had been good all along, were not so favorable to-day. On Thursday United States markets were slightly improved. Colder weather indications, with fear of crop damage, made the Chicago market a trifle firmer. On Friday cables were lower toward the close. United States markets were firmer and more active, but the gain was all lost later in the day.

Total receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat points, Toledo, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City from July last, the beginning of the crop year, to date are 68,766,788 bu, against 58,119,932 bu for the same portion of 1891-'92 and 23,496,758 bu in 1891. The total receipts at the four principal spring wheat points since Aug. 1, the beginning of the crop year foot up. Minneapolis 49,001,767 bu; Duluth, 31,163,102 bu; Chicago, 47,792,797 bu; Milwaukee, 10,876,524 bu; making a total of 138,834,250 bu, against 132,550,522 bu during the same time last year and 67,758,678 bu in 1891.

**LOCAL WHEAT.**—There is no change in the local wheat situation. At some country markets there was more activity in farmers' deliveries, indicating a movement to bring in a little wheat before the break-up of the roads, which is looked for any day. Prices in country markets range from 48 to 54¢ for best samples, according to local competition, freight rates, etc. The movement eastward is slightly increased.

**FOUR.**—There is no change in flour, and the trade drags its weary length along, partaking of the weakness in wheat. Locally there is no change. Prices are quoted as follows to the local trade in small lots per 100 pounds: Patents, \$1.95; strong bakers' \$1.75; XXXX 75 to 95¢; superfine 60 to 70¢. Brands of some mills sell at 5 to 10¢ under these prices, even in small lots. Round lots at a discount under quotations.

**MILLSTUFFS.**—This is the pleasant feature of the milling trade at present, bran and shorts being in good demand at firm prices. The comparison of bran and shorts with low grade flours is interesting at present, showing the former to be the more profitable products to the miller. Bran was quoted at \$11, and shorts \$13 per ton, and the price at the close was advanced \$1 on each to \$12 and \$14 per ton.

**OATS.**—On the Winnipeg street market, the price ranges from 24 to 26¢, the latter for milling. Car lots, on track, country points, 18 to 20¢, according to freight and quality.

**BARLEY.**—The Winnipeg street price is 26 to 27¢ per bushel of 48 pounds. Car lots, country points, 19 to 21¢, for ordinary feed quality. Good malting samples, 25¢.

**GROUND FEED.**—Steady in sympathy with feed grains. Clear oat and barley feed brings \$14 to 15 per ton, as to quantity and quality.

**MEALS, ETC.**—Rolled and granulated oatmeal held at \$1.90 to 2.10 per sack, according to brand, and standard meal 5 to 10¢ lower, these being prices to retail traders. Cornmeal \$1.65 to 1.70 per 100 lbs. Split peas \$2.60 to 2.65 per 100 lbs. Beans, \$2.00 to 2.25 per bushel. Pot barley, \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Pearl barley, \$4.00.

**DRESSED MEATS.**—Though the weather has kept cold, the season's trade in frozen meats is winding up. Dealers have had a favorable season to clear off their stocks. Some dressed hogs are still offering, and are taken at 6½ to 7¢. Mutton is rather firmer, and quoted at 10 to 10½¢. Some frozen beef is still selling, the pick of which brings about 5¢. Fresh dressed beef irregular, as usual at this season, and nominal at about 6¢, as dealers are now working off frozen stock, and are not buying much.

**CURED MEATS.**—Prices continued about as last reported. In the east there has been a lower tendency in hogs and hog stuffs. Local prices are: Dry salt long clear, bacon, 11½ to 11¾¢; smoked long clear, 12½ to 12¾¢; spiced rolls, 12¢; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 14¾¢; smoked hams, 13½ to 14¢; boneless ham, 13½ to

13¾¢; mess pork, \$21 to 22 per barrel. Sausage quoted: Pork sausage, 9¢; bologna sausage, 9¢; German sausage, 9¢; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9¢ per half lb. packet.

**LARD.**—Pure held at \$2.75, in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound, \$2.45 per pail.

**BUTTER.**—Prices are steady, as last quoted, small lots of selected bringing 20¢, and from that downwards as to quality for dairy.

**EGGS.**—Prices are irregular, and the tendency lower, as the supply varies from day to day. About the only thing offering is Manitoba country fresh, and there are no stocks ahead of these. Sales reported at 23 to 25¢ per dozen.

**CHEESE.**—Selling by jobbers at 10½ to 11¢.

**VEGETABLES.**—Potatoes have been offering more freely, and are lower. Other vegetables have an advancing tendency. Potatoes 30 to 35¢ per bushel; turnips 25 to 30¢ bushel; cabbage 60 to \$1.00 dozen; Onions 2½ to 3¢ per lb. Carrots 50 to 60¢ a bushel; beets, 50 to 60¢ bushel; parsnips, 1½ to 2¢ lb.

**POULTRY.**—Most of the dealers have some frozen stock in cold storage, but the demand is slow, and there is no fresh stock offering, and not wanted. Chicken, 13 to 14¢; ducks, 12 to 13¢; geese, 11 to 12¢; turkeys, 12½ to 14¢.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—Country frozen hides bring 3 to 3½¢, unskipped as they run and are easy at this price. We quote: No. 1 cows, 3½¢; No. 2, 2½¢; No. 3, 2¢; No. 1 heavy steers, 5¢; No. 2 steers, 4¢; No. 3, 3¢ lb. Real veal 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5¢ per pound, or about 40¢ per skin. Kids about same as hides. Sheepskins worth 75 to 90¢ for full wool skins. Tallow, 4½¢ rendered; 2½¢ rough.

**HAY.**—Car lots of baled quoted at \$6.50 to 7.50 per ton on track as to quality, etc. Loose hay on the street \$4 to 5 per ton.

### Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

[Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.]

On Monday wheat was dull and weak, prices declining ½¢ for May and ¾¢ for July, recovered slightly, but again declined and closed ½¢ to ¾¢ lower than Saturday. Hogs were higher at the yards, influencing an advance in hog products:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	73½	76½	75½
Corn.....	41½	43½	44
Oats.....	30½	32½	—
Pork.....	—	18 00	—
Lard.....	—	12 25	11 47½
Short Ribs.....	—	10 25	—

On Tuesday wheat was rather dull, opening a shade lower, and after a range of ¾¢ for May and ¾¢ for July, closed ½¢ to ¾¢ lower. Closing prices were:—

	March	May.	July.
Wheat.....	73½	76½	75½
Corn.....	41½	43½	43½
Oats.....	30½	32½	—
Pork.....	—	18 00	17 95
Lard.....	—	12 15	11 30
Short Ribs.....	—	10 17½	9 80

Wheat was dull on Wednesday and easier, closing fractionally lower, and without important feature. Closing prices were:—

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	73½	76½	75½
Corn.....	41½	43½	43½
Oats.....	30½	32½	—
Pork.....	—	17 77½	17 65
Lard.....	—	11 55	11 07½
Ribs.....	—	10 15	9 75

The storm raging northwest had some influence in strengthening wheat prices on Thursday. Closing prices were:—

	March	May	July.
Wheat.....	73½	76½	75½
Corn.....	41½	43½	43½
Oats.....	30½	32½	—
Pork.....	—	17 57½	17 47½
Lard.....	—	11 55	10 87½
Short Ribs.....	—	10 10	9 65

There was some heavy buying on Friday, and prices were stimulated, but toward the close the market flattened out, losing most of

the gain on July option, which was at one time ¾¢ higher. The closing prices were:

	March.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	74½	77	73
Corn.....	41	42½	43½
Oats.....	30	31½	—
Pork.....	—	17 47½	17 50
Lard.....	—	11 25	10 02½
Short Ribs.....	—	10 05	—

On Saturday wheat opened at 70½¢ for May and had a firm tone, advancing sharply toward the close, and closing at 78¢ per bushel for May option. Pork closed at \$17.62½ per barrel, for May.

### Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Cash 68¢; May 69½¢.  
Tuesday—Cash 68¢; May 69½¢.  
Wednesday—Cash 68½¢; May 69½¢.  
Thursday—Cash 68½¢; May 69½¢.  
Friday—Cash 68½¢; May 69½¢.  
Saturday—Cash 68½¢; May 69½¢.

A week ago cash wheat closed at 63½¢, and May delivery at 68½¢. A year ago March wheat closed at 77¢, and May at 80¢.

### Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

Below is shown the number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for five weeks:

Grade.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 25.	March 4.	March 11.	March 18.
Extra Manitoba	0	0	0	0	1
No. 1 hard.....	19	13	16	20	16
No. 2 hard.....	65	60	66	91	75
No. 3 hard.....	15	8	18	14	13
No. 1 Northern..	5	3	12	10	3
No. 2 Northern..	0	0	3	5	2
No. 3 Northern..	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 White tyfo.	2	0	0	0	2
No. 2 White tyfo	0	0	1	0	0
No. 1 Spring....	0	0	0	1	0
No. 1 Frosted....	3	4	5	4	3
No. 2 Frosted....	2	3	8	8	3
No. 3 Frosted....	0	0	0	0	0
Rejected.....	13	22	11	27	31
No Grade.....	11	17	23	13	26
Feed Wheat....	1	1	4	2	1
Total.....	181	131	157	203	17
Same week last year	287	384	451	340	214

### Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on Wednesday, March 22:—

Grades.	Mar.	May.	July	On trk
No. 1 hard.....	—	—	—	68½
No. 1 northern....	63	64½	60½	65
No. 2 northern....	—	—	—	62

**Flour.**—Considerable flour sold lately that nothing was said about at the time, and what is now known of it, the amount must have been nearly equal to the output for the last week. They were probably induced partly by hardened prices for wheat and more firmness a few days for flour. In general the feeling is dull. Quoted at \$3.50 to 4.00 for first patents; \$3.30 to 3.50 for second patents; \$2.00 to 2.40 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.15 to 1.45 for low grades, in bags, including red dog.

**Bran and Shorts.**—Bran was quiet at about \$9.75 in bulk, with some flat bran held over it. Demand was fair at the inside but at firm figures buyers held off or went away for supplies. Shorts continued in about the usual demand at steady prices.

**Oats.**—The market was steady for cash oats. Supply high. Sales at 30½ to 32½¢ for car lots.

**Feed.**—Millers held at \$15.00@15.50; less than car lots, \$15.00@16.00; with corn meal at \$14.00@14.50; granulated meal \$19.00.—*Market Record*, March 22.

The death took place at Bath, England on March 24, of Alexander Buntin, the big Canadian paper manufacturer.

The first issue of a new daily, to be called the Echo, is expected to appear at Fort William, Ont., shortly.