

## EASTERN MARKETS.

## CHICAGO

On Monday September wheat opened at 69c, and ranged during the day from that price to 69½c. Closing at the top. The noticeable feature was the halt in Atlantic port exports. Reports from the Northwest were to the effect that the yield was turning out less than previous estimates. Rain during harvest has also done considerable damage. Corn and oats were stronger, as were also provision. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	69½	71½
Corn .....	41	41½
Oats .....	24	24½
Pork .....	—	—
Lard .....	6.42½	6.45
Short Ribs .....	8.35	8.35

Sept. wheat opened ½c lower and only had a range of ½c on Tuesday, and that above the closing price. October ranged from 70½ to 71c. Exports for the previous week, from Atlantic ports, announced to-day, footed up to 3,500,000 bushels, wheat and flour, which makes a big showing for the season. The visible supply for last week showed an increase of 113,428 bushels, which denotes larger receipts of new wheat, there being an increase in receipts of winter wheat. The visible supply now stands at 30,686,589 bushels, against 42,965,655 bush at the same date last year. Local stocks were less than 6,000,000 bushels. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	69½	70½
Corn .....	41½	41½
Oats .....	24½	25
Pork .....	—	—
Lard .....	6.45	6.47½
Short Ribs .....	8.57½	8.60

On Wednesday September wheat opened ½c higher, but immediately sold down, going as low as 69½c, and closing at the bottom. October opened at 70½, and sold off to 70½c. The weakness seemed to be due to lack of speculative energy, no other features being noticeable. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	69½	70½
Corn .....	41	41½
Oats .....	24½	25
Pork .....	—	—
Lard .....	6.50	6.52½
Short Ribs .....	8.75	8.77½

There was quite an improvement in trading in wheat on Thursday, the break of the previous day seeming to have drawn attention to the leading cereal, which of late has been simply dying from neglect. The range was about ½c and all cereals closed fractionally higher. Provisions were quite strong. January pork was quoted at \$12.82½, and year at \$12.30. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	69½	70½
Corn .....	42½	42½
Oats .....	24½	25½
Pork .....	—	—
Lard .....	6.55	6.57½
Short Ribs .....	8.90	8.90

On Friday wheat opened ½c higher, but sold off ½c by noon, and ½c in the afternoon. Trading was quiet. Provisions sold slightly higher.

Year pork closed at \$12.30, and January at \$12.77½. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat .....	68½	70½
Corn .....	42½	42½
Oats .....	25	25½
Pork .....	—	—
Lard .....	6.57½	6.60
Short Ribs .....	8.92½	8.95

On Saturday October wheat opened at 70½c and by noon had sold down ½c to 70c. May was quoted at 79c, or ½c off from the opening. Provisions were 2 to 5c off. With closing prices at one o'clock to hear from.

## MINNEAPOLIS.

The Northwest Miller says of the flour market: This market continues very firm, and the market is a most healthy one. The export demand has improved and domestic inquiry is active, although buyers are fighting hard for concession. Patents have been advanced 15c during the week, and the market is not as active as it was, but the stuff still sells and millers are firm.

WHEAT. - At the close wheat was dull, and even the demand for old wheat had slackened some. Old wheat sold at a premium on new of from 2 to 3c. Closing prices on Thursday were about 1 to 2c above one week ago, as follows:

	Cash.	Oct.	On track.
No. 1 hard .....	74½	72	76
No. 1 northern .....	73½	70	75
No. 2 " .....	70	66	73

Flour quotations were: Patent sacks to local dealers, \$4.10 to \$4.25 patent, to ship sacks, car lots, \$4.05 to \$4.15 in barrels, \$4.20 to \$4.30; bakers', \$3.35 to \$3.60; superfine, \$1.85 to \$2.40; red dog, sacks, \$1.45 to \$1.55; red dog, barrels, \$1.70 to \$1.80.

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash	Sept.	Oct.
Monday .....	71½	—	—
Tuesday .....	—	72½	72½
Wednesday .....	—	72	75
Thursday .....	—	72½	75½
Friday .....	—	73½	75½
Saturday .....	—	72½	75½

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

## GRAIN.

Prices unchanged except oats, which are 5c higher. Quotations are now as follows: Manitoba No. 1 hard, 87c; Manitoba 2 hard, 85c; Manitoba 1 northern, 85c; Canada red winter wheat, 81c to 83c; white winter, 81c to 82c; Canada spring, 81c to 83c; peas, 66c per 66 lbs.; oats, 29c to 30c per 32 lbs.; rye, 50c to 55c; barley, 48 to 55c.

## FLOUR.

Steady, firm. Manitoba strong bakers' was quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.35.

## BUTTER.

Quiet and steady. Prices: Creamery, 21c to 24c; townships, 17c to 21½c; western, 15 to 18½c; low grades, 8 to 12c.

## CHEESE.

Quiet, and the feeling easier, the high prices having driven buyers to United States markets where they can do better. Quotations were: Finest July, 11½c to 12c; fine, 11½ to 11¾c; medium, 10½ to 10¾c; finest August, 12½ to 12¾.

## LIVE STOCK.

Cattle were easy and ½c lower. Lots changed hands at 3½ to 4½c for export. Butchers' cattle 2½ to 3½c. Hogs ½ to ¾c lower, with large supplies and sales at 4½ to 5c.

## Northwest Trade and General News.

The new Western hotel at Port Arthur has been opened by Mr. Hague.

W. F. Beirnes, late of Birtle, has opened a harness shop at Binscarth, Man.

Mr. Legare, has arrived at Morden with a large band of broncho ponies for sale.

T. McDougall, hardware dealers, Neepawa, Man., is having an addition built to his store.

Large quantities of Fort William red brick are being used in erecting buildings at Port Arthur.

Jemmitt & Lander have enlarged their store at Binscarth, Man., increasing business compelling them to do so.

Settlers continue to arrive for the Commercial Colonization Company's lands, at Langenburg, on the Northwestern railway.

Freight rates from Swift Current to Battleford, nearly 200 miles, are \$1 per 100 pounds, and from Swift Current to Union lake, 300 miles, \$2 per 100 pounds.

Wild hops are a tremendous crop this year. Some parties have cultivated the wild hop with the result that they are very much improved both in yield and quality.

The total value of goods imported at the customs port of Regina for August was \$2,833, and the amount of duties \$580.52. The amount entered as free goods \$562.

## Value of Creameries.

We would like to show what a creamery will do for a neighborhood. Say the creamery is gathering guages 200 per day, this cream is gathered by the creamery and the patrons are under no expense whatever in putting it in, the market price paid 16 cents per guage, making \$32, carrying this out for a month we have \$960. Now when cream is worth 16 cents, the farmers will save all they have, on the other hand 200 guages would dwindle down to almost nothing, being fed to pigs. Think of it, here you are feeding an article of food worth 16 cents per pound and that is not as nourishing as your grain that costs 1½ to 2 cents. Farmers this is ruin and is putting your pocket book out of shape. But aside of all this, follow the old track of turning your cream into butter, and what do we have? Say you have saved the 200 guages of cream and gone to the trouble and expense of churning it, you as a rule wait for your huckster to call for it, and he pays at this season 12½ cents for choice. Follow it up at this price, and we have \$25 per day. Now continue it for one month at \$25 per day and we have \$750. By this course you, as a neighborhood, have lost \$210 per month and for a year you have lost the price of a farm, or \$2,520.—Stonehall Neick.

A WILD-EYED man entered a Chatham street pawn-shop and wished to see some pistols. "I sells you dot pistol for two dollar," said the clerk. "I'll take it. Load it up, and before another sunrise I'll put an end to my miserable existence." "Vat! You shoot yourself mit dot pistol!" "Yes," said the wild-eyed man, desperately. "Mr. Isaacstein," called the clerk to the proprietor in the back room, "der shentleman wants a dwo-dollar pistol to kill himself mit. Vat shall I do?" "Sharge him five dollar."

HUNTER & MOORE have bought the general store stock of the estate of Cox & Co., Crystal City, Man.