

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Feb. 9, wheat opened at about the low closing prices of Saturday. The market was weak, with dull cables and large north-western receipts. May sold down 12, but recovered on reports of crop damage. Closing prices were  $\frac{1}{4}$ c higher than Saturday, as follows:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	97 $\frac{1}{2}$	93 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	44	—	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	9.43 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.80	—
Lard.....	5.57 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.67 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs.....	4.55	4.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.92 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

On Tuesday there was some gain in wheat prices, which were  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  higher at the close, as follows:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	93 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	9.53	9.65	9.95	—
Lard.....	5.60	5.70	5.90	6.10
Short Ribs.....	4.55	4.65	4.95	5.25

On Wednesday, wheat opened lower, and after slight fluctuations closed at the lowest point of the day. Provisions were lower all around. Closing prices were:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	97 $\frac{1}{2}$	93
Corn.....	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	9.30	9.40	9.67 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.02 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	5.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.60	5.82 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.....	4.50	4.60	4.82 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.12 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Thursday wheat closed  $\frac{3}{4}$ c. higher. Closing prices:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	97 $\frac{1}{2}$	93 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	—	—	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	9.25	9.35	9.65	9.95
Lard.....	5.57	5.67 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.80	6.00
Short Ribs.....	4.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.82 $\frac{1}{2}$	—

Wheat closed  $\frac{3}{4}$ c. higher on Friday on firm cables and reports of export movement. Closing prices:—

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	93 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	—	—	46	43
Pork.....	9.35	9.45	9.75	10.05
Lard.....	5.55	5.67 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.85	6.05
Short Ribs.....	4.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.57 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ -90	—

## Duluth Wheat Market.

Duluth has ruled fairly steady for the week. The highest price reached during the week was on Saturday, February 14, when May touched \$1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$  but declined and closed 1c lower. On Saturday, Feb. 14, May wheat opened at \$1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$  and closed at 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. February closed at 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and cash at 94c per bushel, for No. 1 hard. The closing price was the same as a week ago for May option, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ c lower for February.

## Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis on Saturday, February 14, wheat closed at 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 94 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per bushel for No. 1 northern, May option. February option closed at 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and July at 96c per bushel. These prices were the same as a week ago for May and July, but February 1c higher than a week ago.

## Manitoba Country Markets.

Following were prices to farmers at some of the principal Manitoba country markets last week:—

Brandon—Wheat, 40 to 70c; oats, 27 to 30c; barley, 25c; bran, \$10; shorts, \$12; potatoes, 25 to 30c; beef, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5c; mutton, 10c; hogs,

6c; butter, 20 to 25c; eggs, 20c; poultry, 10 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Portage la Prairie—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 68c; barley, 28c; oats, 30 to 35c; shorts, \$11; bran, \$12; potatoes, 40 to 50c; eggs, 30c; cutter, 20 to 25c.

Morden—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; eggs, 20c; butter, 17c; potatoes, 30c; flax, \$1.

Deloraine—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 68c.

Viridien—Wheat, 67c, oats, 29c, barley, 25c, butter 20c, eggs, 20c.

Carberry—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 70c, No. 2 northern, 65c, No. 3 hard 40c, oats 30c, butter 20c, eggs 20c.

Carman—Wheat, No. 2 hard, 67c, oats 25c, barley 25c.

Minnedosa—Wheat, best, 70c, barley, 22 to 30c, oats 27c, butter 20c, eggs 20c.

Note.—These quotations show that butter and eggs are too high at country points, eggs especially being above values in the Winnipeg market wholesale.

## Grain and Milling.

Rose has fitted up the old flour mill at Westbourne, Manitoba, for custom work.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the week ended Feb. 7th was 399.

Hamilton's old mill at Neepawa, Manitoba, has been fitted up and will be run by Whithall & Todd.

Two different schemes are under consideration at Calgary, for the establishment of a flour mill at that point.

Chas. Henry, near Rapid City, Man., threshed this season from 20 acres of oats, 1,800 bushels, or an average of 90 bushels per acre.

Neepawa, Man., is moving for a farmers' elevator, a meeting having been held for that purpose, which decided in the affirmative.

The Manitoba Milling and Brexwing Co.—Carberry mill—gives notice of application to reduce its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

J. Bobier, who has been buying on the Moosomin wheat market for S. P. Clark & Co., has resigned his position and been succeeded by J. Clark, of Glenboro.

Leitch Bros., millers, Oak Lake, Man., have added a receiving separator to their plant, which is giving good satisfaction. The mill is one of the finest in Manitoba.

Another meeting in connection with the farmers' elevator scheme was held at Neepawa recently. It was decided to form a company of farmers to erect an elevator.

J. W. Harrison, of Melnesford, Regina district, has purchased a small grist mill plant from the Waterloo Engine Works' company of Winnipeg and Brantford, and has erected a mill on his farm, for custom gristing.

A meeting of farmers of the Carman, Man., district was held recently to discuss the farmers' elevator scheme. All present were favorable to the project and half of the stock was subscribed before the meeting adjourned.

During the three weeks ending January 17th, 1,696 cars of wheat were inspected by the Winnipeg grain inspector. This represents over a million bushels of wheat, and does not include the quantity shipped through without inspection.

Owing to the very light deliveries of grain, Dines & Cleveland have decided to close up

their warehouse at Niverville, Man., for a short time. There is a large quantity of wheat to be marketed here yet, but farmers are holding for higher prices.

At a meeting of farmers held at Cartwright, Manitoba, recently, the abolition of the "grain exchange monopoly" was demanded, and it was decided that "middlemen must be totally exterminated." To this end a farmers' alliance organization was formed.

There is a movement among the farmers of Springfield municipality, just east of Winnipeg, to have a farmers' flour mill established at Winnipeg. They want the other municipalities around the city to join them in raising funds to establish such an industry.

The Neepawa Register, of Feb. 6, says: "The wheat market is booming, the deliveries amounting to about 8,000 bushels per day. Good samples of No. 2 hard have been bringing 72 and 68c, and 70c are common. Of course this is away above regular prices, and is owing to competition among the buyers."

A correspondent writes from Boissevain, Man.: The town of Boissevain is in a most thriving shape—wheat not coming in as rapidly as it did but still enough to keep the little town busy. Very little of the grain gets away from it as Preston & McKay have their flour mill running full time and consume all the grain in sight.

In quoting an article from THE COMMERCIAL on "Manitoba Oats," the Millers Review of Philadelphia says. It is to be regretted that the duty on oats from Manitoba to this country should operate towards keeping from our people a part of the abundant yield of that grain this year, as this crop has been a most excellent one in the province mentioned."

Minnedosa, Man., Tribune: "Minnedosa seldom boasts of being a grain centre, its farmers not making a specialty of grain raising. At the same time it can make a good showing in that respect, as grain is coming to town at the rate of three thousand bushels per day or about three times the quantity marketed daily in the best previous years."

D. Johnson's new catmeal mill at Portage la Prairie, to replace the one burned, is now assuming shape. The mill will have a capacity of 200 bags per day and will be run by a 40 horse-power engine. The capacity is just double the old mill. It will be fitted out with the latest appliances, and it is expected to be running by the 15th of March next.

The Monitor, of Morden, has the following to say about the Canadian Pacific Railway grain warehouse recently erected at that place: "A few weeks ago the people of Morden felt inclined to rejoice and throw up their hats over the extremely sudden arrival of a gang of carpenters, who ran up a grain warehouse on the south side of the track in an incredible short space of time. Now, however, we feel rather mean over this building. There it stands; but what it is to be used for, or when will its doors be thrown open, no one knoweth. All kinds of enquiries have been made to all kinds of people, but nothing has resulted beyond ominous shaking of the heads. There are ill-natured people around who aver that the erection of the said warehouse was a part of a little game of bluff going on between the C. P. R. and the millers, but be that as it may, the citizens of Morden are anxiously looking forward to the time when the said edifice will be put to some practical use; as an ornament it is voted to be a failure."