

**New York Wheat.**

New York, Jan. 2.—Wheat closed about 1-2c higher at 75 5-8c for May.

New York, Jan. 3.—Wheat May opened 75 3-8c, July opened 75 1-2c.

New York, Jan. 4.—Wheat, May opened 75 1-4 75 3-8c, closed 1 75 1-4b; July opened 75 1-4b, closed 75 3-8c.

New York, Jan. 5.—Wheat, May opened 75 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 74 3-4c a. July opened 75 1-4c a, closed 74 3-4c a.

New York, Jan. 6.—Wheat closed at 74 1-2c for May option.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Wheat, May opened 69 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 70 1-4c a. July opened 70 to 1-8c, closed 70 5-8 to 3-4c. Corn, Jan. opened 30c, closed 30 7-8c b. May opened 32 7-8c, closed 33 1-4c a. July opened 33 3-4c, closed 34c Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 24c b. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.25, closed \$10.17 1-2. May opened \$10.60, closed \$10.77 1-2. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.70, closed \$5.82. May opened \$5.90, closed \$6 a. Ribs, Jan. \$5.55, closed \$5.57 1-2. May opened \$5.65, closed \$5.70 to \$5.72 1-2.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Wheat, May opened 70c, closed 69 3-4 to 7-8c b. July opened 70 3-8c, closed 70 3-8c. Corn Jan. opened 30 5-8c, closed 30 3-8c. May opened 32 1-8c, to 33c, closed 31 1-8 to 1-4c a. July opened 33 3-4, closed 33 7-8c. Oats, May opened 23 7-8 to 24, closed 23 7-8c, to 24c. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.25 to \$10.30, closed \$10.32 1-2. May opened \$10.65 to \$10.75, closed at \$10.60. Lard, Jan. opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.72 1-2. May opened \$5.92 1-2 to \$5.95, closed \$5.99 b. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.57 1-2 n, closed \$5.50 n. May opened \$5.67 1-2, closed \$5.65. Flax, cash \$1.18. May \$1.16 1-4.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Wheat—May opened 69 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 69 5-8c b; July opened 70 1-4c, closed 70 1-8c b. Corn—Jan. opened 30 3-4c, closed 30 5-8 to 3-4c, May opened 33 1-8c, closed 33 1-8c to 1-4c, July opened 33 7-8c, closed 33 7-8c. Oats—May opened 23 7-8c, closed 24c b. Pork—Jan. opened \$10.27 1-2, closed \$10.57 1-2c. May opened \$10.60, closed \$10.67 1-2 to \$10.90. Lard—Jan. opened \$5.72 1-2, closed \$5.87 1-2, May opened \$5.57 1-2, closed \$6.02 1-2. Ribs—Jan. opened \$5.50 n, closed \$5.67 1-2 b; May opened \$5.65, closed \$5.80.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Wheat, May opened 69 1-2c, closed 68 7-8c b. July opened 70 to 1-8c, closed 69 3-8c b. Corn, Jan. opened 30 1-2c, closed 30 1-4c b. May opened 33 1-8c, closed 32 7-8c to 33c a. July opened 33 7-8c, closed 33 5-8c b. Oats, May opened 24c, closed 23 7-8c a. Pork, Jan. opened \$10.57 1-2, closed \$10.47 1-2. May opened \$10.95, closed \$10.77 1-2. Lard, Jan. opened at \$5.87 1-2, closed \$5.80 n. May opened \$6.05, closed \$5.95 a. Ribs, Jan. opened \$5.67 1-2 b, closed \$5.62 1-2. May opened \$5.80, closed \$5.72 1-2.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—May wheat opened at 69c and ranged from 68 3-8 to 69c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Jan. 65 1-8c, May 68 1-2c.  
Corn—Jan. 30 1-4c, May 32 7-8c.  
Oats—Jan. 22c, May 23 3-4c.  
Pork—Jan. \$10.55.  
Lard—Jan. \$5.80.  
Ribs—Jan. \$5.60.

A week ago May option closed at 69 1-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 69 7-8c, two years ago at 91 3-8c, three years ago at 81 1-2c; four years ago at 59 3-8c; five years ago at 58 1-8c.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, Jan. 6. The market for flax seed closed to-day as follows—Dec., \$1.51, May, \$1.50.

T. Clark, implements, Shoal Lake, has succeeded Geo. Bollamy.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

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

Monday—Holiday.  
Tuesday—68 1-8c, July 70c.  
Wednesday—May 68 5-8c, July 69 3-4  
Thursday—May 68 3-8c, July, 69 1-2  
Friday—May 67 3-4c, July 68 7-8c.  
Saturday—May, 67 3-8c; July, 68 1-2c.  
Cash 1 hard closed on Saturday at 66 3-8c and cash 1 northern at 64 7-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 68 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 69 7-8c, two years ago at 90 1-2, three years ago at 81 3-8c, four years ago at 57 5-8c, five years ago at 63c, and six years ago at 63 1-2c.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Minneapolis, Jan. 6.—Wheat closed at 65 5-8c for May. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 66c, and cash No. 1 northern at 64 3-8c.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

Wheat is practically nominal, trading being very slow. Market closes weak to-day at 64c for No. 1 hard, in store Fort William.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, Jan. 5.—Wheat, spot No. 2 red western winter firm at 5s 10d, No. 1 northern spring firm at 6s 11-2d, No. 1 California 6s 3d to 6s 3 1-2d.

Liverpool, Jan. 6.—Wheat closed 1-1d lower.

**BRITISH STOCKS.**

London, Jan. 5.—1 p.m. closing.—Consols for money 99 1-8; consols for the account 99 1-4; G. P. R. 94; G. T. R. 7. Erie 11 3-4; Erie firsts preferred 33 3-8; Illinois Central 115; U. P. preferred 76 3-4; St. Paul common 121; N. Y. C. 141; Pennsylvania 67 1-2; Reading 9 5-8; N. P. preferred 75 1-2; Atchafson 20; Louisville 82. Bar silver 27 5-21d per ounce, flat. Money 3 to 4. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4 3-4 to 7-8 per cent. for three months bills 4 1-2 to 3-4 per cent.

**WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.**

Waverley Hotel Co., Ltd., Rat Portage, has been incorporated.

W. G. Ross, general store, Fort Saskatchewan, is moving to Stair.

Smith & Co., general store, have succeeded to the business of Dugg & Co., Selkirk, Man.

A. B. Cook, implements, Souris, Man., has moved to Carlyle, Assa., where he will open in the same line.

The Crystal City, Man., courier has changed hands, T. C. Finn is the new proprietor, Mr. Spaulding retiring.

The Lac du Bonnet Mining, Development and Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, is applying for extended powers.

Code & Struthers, general store, Olds, Alberta, have dissolved partnership, Struthers retiring, his place being taken by McKee. Style Code & McKee.

The general stock of the Norfolk Supply Co., of Treherne, Man., will be offered for sale by auction in Winnipeg on January 12. Stock amounts to \$5,430.

A child considers half a loaf of cake better than no bread.

Language conceals some thoughts and renders others conspicuous.

It's the fellow who wades in shallow water that stirs up the most mud.

Money will not make any man rich who would not be rich without it.

**No Longer "Darkest Africa."**

"The twentieth-century Africa promises startling contrasts when compared with the Africa of the nineteenth century," writes Hon. O. P. Austin in the December Forum. "With an area four times as great as that of the United States, a population of 150,000,000, a soil and climate capable of infinite variety of production, a rapidly expanded commerce, and the greatest known supply of ivory, gold and diamonds, its development under modern methods which are now being applied to it is practically assured. The home of the oldest civilization, it is the last of the continents to yield to the touch of the newest civilization. But yesterday enveloped in the darkness of mystery without and ignorance within, it is to-day illuminated by the searchlight of modern methods; and as its importance and attractions are being recognized, with this recognition must come development. With 2,000,000 Europeans scattered over its vast area, acquainting themselves with its natural conditions and requirements, with the steamer, the railroad, the telegraph and the telephone carrying light and knowledge and civilization to its darkest corners, Africa cannot long remain unknown or unknowing.

"It was only after the explorers—Livingstone, Speke, Stanley and others—had discovered, through persistent and heroic efforts, that there existed vast navigable waterways above the falls near the mouths of the great streams which flow from the interior that European nations awoke to the physical and commercial possibilities of Africa, and then, in a twinkling, the Dark Continent was seized upon and divided up, and became, as by magic, a vast European 'hinterland.' Between 1884 and 1893 an area two and a half times the size of the United States, and containing a population of 100,000,000, was parceled out by an agreement of the European powers. At present scarcely a foot of African territory remains unclaimed."

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS.**

The nursery is sometimes a training school for nurses.

The number of poor authors is as great as the number of authors who are poor.

One-half the world can't see how the other half could possibly live without it.

A man may leave footprints on the sands of time with impunity, but he should be careful how he leaves them around on a recently scrubbed kitchen floor.

Lots of family trees bear mighty poor fruit.

Only insanity can deprive the memory of past pleasures.

The cook as well as the dressmaker shows her taste in dressing.

Many a self-made man would have fared better had he left the contract to somebody else.

A still tongue makes a wise head, but it's different with the product of a whisky still.

The man who thinks funny things without expressing them is the worst kind of a pessimist.

Nothing please; some men more than to hear disagreeable things about some one they have wronged.

A girl is invariably in love when she refers to the twilight as the gloaming.