Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat, Dec. 75⅝@7⅝; May 79-1-8 to 1-4; July 79-1-4; corn, Dec. 63-1-4; May 66-1-2 to 5-8; July 68—ns; oats, Dec. 44-1-4; May 44-7-8; July 34-5-8; Sept. 33-5-8; pork, Jan. $15.70; May $16.80; lard, Jan. 9-1-2; May $9.87-1-2; ribs, Jan. $8.60; May $8.60.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wheat, Dec. 75⅝@76; May 79⅝@80; July 79⅝@80. Corn, Dec. 63; May 67⅝@⅞; July 68⅝. Oats, Dec. 44⅝; May 45⅝@⅞; Dec. 38⅝@⅞. Pork, Jan. $16.35; May $16.80. Lard, Jan. $9.75; May $9.90. Ribs, Jan. $8.42½; May $8.62½.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Wheat, Dec. opened 75, close Dec. 75⅝; Cents, May open 67⅞, close 66⅝. Oats, May open 43⅝, close 44⅝. Lard, May open $9.00, close $9.85. Pork, May open $16.80, close $16.75 or $16.77. Ribs, May open $8.02, close at $8.00 n.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Dec. 75½@, May 79⅝, July 79⅝@⅞. Corn, Dec. 63⅝, May 66⅝, July 66⅝. Oats, Dec. 40⅝@⅞; May, 44⅝ to 45; July, 38⅝; Sept. 33c. Pork, Jan. $16.37½; May, $16.12½. Lard, Jan. $9.67½; May, $9.72½. Ribs, Jan. $8.50 to $8.52½; May, $8.57½n.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—May wheat, opened at 80⅝c, and ranged from 80⅝ to 81⅛. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Dec. 77½c; May 81c

Corn—Dec. 64c; May 67c.

Oats—Dec. 44⅝c, May 45½c.

Pork—Dec. $15.15, Jan. $16.37.

Lard—Dec. $9.72, Jan $9.72.

Ribs—Dec. $8.37, May $8.60

A week ago December option closed at 80⅝c. A year ago December wheat closed at 70½c; two years ago December closed at 65½c; three years ago at 65⅝c, and four years ago at 94½c.

New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 16.—May 84⅛@, March 83⅞c.

New York, Dec. 17.—May 84⅞a, March 83⅞.

New York, Dec. 18.—Wheat, Dec. open close 82½c.

New York, Dec. 19.—Dec. 82⅝, May 84⅝, c. March 84⅝b.

New York, Dec. 20.—December wheat, 83⅝c b; May, 85⅛c b; July.

New York, Dec. 21.—December wheat closed at 84⅛c and May at 86c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

Minneapolis, Dec. 16.—Dec. 73⅝, May 75⅝, July 76⅝@⅞ puts 75⅝@⅞b, calls 76c, curb 75⅝a.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—Dec. 74⅛, May 76⅝c, July 77⅝c, puts 75⅝@⅞c, calls 76½ scale, curb 76⅝@⅞b.

Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—Dec. 74, May 75½ c, July 76½.

Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Wheat, Dec. open 74, b, close 74c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—December wheat 74⅝c; May, 76½c; July, 77⅝c to 77½c; puts, 76½c to 76⅝c; calls, 77⅝b, curb, 76⅝c. 76⅝c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Wheat, closed at 75½c for December, and 77⅛ for for May. Cash No. 1 hard wheat closed at 76½c. No. 1 northern at 76⅝ to 77c. No. 2 northern at 75⅝ to 76c.

Duluth Wheat.

Duluth, Dec. 16.—Dec. 73½b, May 76⅝a, 1 hard 76½b, 1 northern 75⅝.

Duluth, Dec. 17.—Dec. 74b, May 77⅝b, 1 hard 77c, 1 northern 74b.

Duluth, Dec. 18.—Wheat, Dec. open 74⅝, close 74½c b. No. 1 hard 76½c b; No. 1 northern 75½c b.

Duluth, Dec. 19.—Dec. 73½b, May 76⅞, 1 hard 76½b, 1 northern 73½b.

Duluth, Dec. 20.—December wheat, 74½c b, May, 77⅞c b; 1 hard, 77 c; 1 northern, 74½c b.

Duluth, Dec. 21.—December option closed at 75½c for No. 1 northern wheat and May at 78⅞c b. Cash No. 1 hard closed to-day at 78½c, and cars No. 1 northern at 75½c, 2 northern at 72⅝c.

A week ago December option closed at 73½c. A year ago December option closed at 71c; two years ago at 64⅝c, three years ago at 62⅝c; four years ago at 92½c, and five years ago at 81½.

Winnipeg Closing Wheat.

No. 1 hard cash wheat closed Saturday at 71½c; No. 1 northern at 67⅞c, and No. 2 northern at 64½c.

Liverpool Wheat.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—December wheat closed ⅝ to ¾c higher.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Close: Wheat, spot firm; No. 2 red western winter 6s 1½d. No. 1 hard spring 6s 1¾d; No. 1 California 6s 4d. Futures steady; March 6s 2d; May 6s 3d.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

London, Dec. 20.

December option 34 lower at 7s.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial

Liverpool, Dec. 20.

Canadian cable quoted steady at 12½ to 13½c per pound, estimated dressed weight.

EDMONTON OATS.

Edmonton, Dec. 20.—Deliveries have been large this week, averaging twelve to fifteen thousand bushels a day at Edmonton. Prices have fluctuated, ranging from 25 to 27c for government standard, and down to 23c for good feed. Storage accommodation is well occupied and cars scarce.

Oysters have advanced 10c on the Baltimore market.

The Canadian Press Association has decided to send a deputation to Ottawa to ask for the removal of the duty on paper, in consequence of what they regard as an unjustifiable increase by the Canadian paper makers in the price of news print paper.

The libel suit entered against the Manufacturers' Life by the North American Life for the circulation of erroneous statements regarding this latter company, has been settled out of court, the former company having publicly retracted the libellous statements which were made by one of its

Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

ANVILS—Per pound, 10@12½c; anvil and vice combined, each, $36@$4.50.

AUGERS—Post hole, Vaughan's, each, $50@$1.50.

AXES—Bench 40 per cent; chopping axes per dozen $10@$30; double bit, $10@$15 per dozen.

BARS—Crow, $5.50 per 100lb.

BELLOWS—20x24, $4.50; 26, $4.95; 28, $5.40; 30, $5.85; 32, $6.30; 34, $7.25; 36, $8.10; 38, $9; 40, $10.35.

BELTING—Agricultural, 65 per cent; No. 1, 60 per cent; extra, 50 per cent on new list.

BITS, AUGER—American, 60 per cent; Jennings' Excelsior, 45 per cent.

BOLTS—Carriage, 50 per cent; machine, 55 per cent; plow, 50 per cent; sleigh shoe, 70 per cent; stove, 60 per cent; tire, 60 per cent.

BUILDING PAPER—Anchor, plain, 55c; Cyclone and Jubilee, plain, 60c; Anchor, tarred, 60c; Cyclone and Jubilee, tarred, 75c; Shield, tarred, 60c.

BUTTS—Cast, loose pin, com., 60 per cent; Feltersto, 45 per cent; wrought steel narrow, 55 per cent; loose pin, 65 per cent; bronze, 45c up.

CARTRIDGES—Rim fire, American discount 33 1-3 per cent; Dominion 50 and 5 per cent; central fire pistol, American discount 5 per cent, Dominion discount 50 per cent; military and sporting, American 10 per cent advance on list; Dominion 15 per cent.

CEMENT—Portland, barrel, $3.50@$4.00.

CHAIN—Coil, proved ¼ inch, $5.50; 5-16 inch, $4.35; ⅜ inch, $3.25; ⅜ inch, $3.25; 7-16 inch, $3.00; ½ inch and up, $4.75. logging chain, 5-16 inch, $6.35; ⅜ inch, $6.25. Jack, iron, singles, per dozen yards, 15 to 75c; double, 25c to $1. Trace chain, per dozen yards, $3.75 to $5.50.

CHURNS—B. H. Steel frame, 55 per cent; wood frame, 20c less net.

COPPER—Tinned sheets, 28c; planished, 33c; boiler and T. K. pitts, plain tinned, per lb, 28c; spun, 33c.

FILES—Com., 70 and 10 per cent, Nicholson's and Black Diamond, 60 per cent.

GLUE—Sheets, 15c lb; broken, 12½c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 18@25c.

GREASE, AXLE—Fraser's, per case, ¼ gross, $5.75; Diamond, light, $1.50 case; dark, $1.50; Mica, $3.00.

GRINDSTONES—$1.50 per 100lb.

HAIR—Plasterers', 90c bale.

HARVEST TOOLS—55 per cent.

HORSESHOES—Iron shoes, keg, 0 and 1, $4.05; 2 and larger, $4.40. Less than full kegs, 25c extra. Steel shoes, 0 and 1, $4.75; 2 and larger, $4.50.

HORSE NAILS—Pointed, finished, oval heads, list price, No. 5, $7.50 box; No. 6, $6.75 box; No. 7, $6 box; No. 8, $7.75 box; Nos. 9, 10 and 11, $5.50 box. Discount on these prices, 45 per cent.

HINGES—Heavy T and strap, per 100lb, $6.25@$7.20; light do., 65 per cent; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 in., 5c per lb; 12 in. up, per lb, 4c.

IRON—Bar iron, 100lb. base price $2.60; band iron, 100lb, $2.65 base; Swedish iron, 100lb, $4.75 base; sheet, black, 10@20 gauge, $3.50; 22@26 gauge, $3.75; 28 gauge, $4. Galvanized American, 16 gauge, $4.50; 18 gauge, $4.50; 20 gauge, $4.75; 26 gauge $5; 28 gauge $5.25 per 100lb; Queens head, 25c advance on American prices. Canada plates, Garth and Blains, $3.50. Imitation Russian sheets, 7½@8c; genuine Russian sheets, lb, 12@13c.

LEAD—Pig, per lb, 6c; sheets, 6½c.

NAILS—Cut, 40d, up, $3.20; 30d, $3.25; 10d, $3.30; 8d, $3.35; 6d, $3.40; 4d, $3.70; 3d, $3.85; 2d, $4.20. Wire Nails—4½ in. up $3.55; 4 in., $3.60; 3½ in., $3.65; 3 in., $3.75; 2 in., $3.80; 1½ in., $3.95; 1¼ in., $4.20; 1 in., $4.55.

OAKUM—Navy, $3.25 bale; U. S. navy, $3.75; spun, $4.

PICKS—Clay, $6 dozen; pick mattocks, $6.50 dozen.

PIPE—Iron, black, per 100 feet, ¼ in. $3.75; ⅜ in., $3.85; ½ in., $4.25; ¾ in. $4.60; 1 in., $6.60; 1¼ in., $8.85; 1½ in., $10.60; 2 in., $14.00. Sizes 2½@6, 45 per cent discount. Galvanized, ¼, $5.50; ⅜ in., $6.05, 1 in., $8.60; 1¼ in., $11.65; 1½ in., $14; 2 in., $19; lead, 6½c lb.

PIPE—Stove—6 in., $8.75; 7 in., $9.50 per 100 lengths; elbows, 6 inch, $1.35; 7 inch, $1.50.

PITCH—Pine, $4.50 per barrel.

PLASTER—Per barrel, $3.25.

RIVETS AND BURRS— Carriage, section, 37½ per cent; M rivets, black and tinned, 37½ per cent; coopered rivets and burrs, 33⅓c; coppered rivets, 20c; cartons, 5c per lb extra net.

ROPE—Cotton, ¼@¾ inch and larger, 17c lb; deep sea, 16½c; lath yarn, 11½c; Manila, per lb., 16c base; sisal, 12c base.

SCREWS—F. H. bright, discount 87½ per cent; R. H. bright, discount 82½ per cent; F. H. brass, discount 75 per cent; R. H. brass, discount 75 per cent. Beach, wood, dozen, $3.75@$4.50; bench, iron, per dozen, $5.25@$7.25; conch screws, 57½ per cent.

SHELLS—Loaded, Eley's black, 12 gauge, per 100, soft, $1.50; chilled, $1.65, 16 gauge, soft, $2.15, chilled, $2.30; Eley's smokeless, 12 gauge, soft, $2.10; chilled, $2.25; 16 gauge, soft, $2.00, chilled, $2.15.

SHOT—Soft, $6.00 per 100lb; chilled, $6.50; buckshot, $7.50; lead, 28, $7.50.

SOLDER—Half and half, per lb, 21c.

SOLDERING IRONS—Per lb, 32c.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 per cent.

SPIKES—Pressed, ⅝, $6.65; 5-16, $4.40; ⅜, $4.15; 7-16 up, $4.10.

STEEL—Sleigh shoe, $3.25 base; spring, $3.50 base; machinery, $3.75 base; share, common, $6.75 base; share, crucible, $6.00; toe chalk, $3.50 base; tire steel, $3.25 base; cast tool steel, lb, 9@12½c.

STEEL ROILER PLATES—3-16 inch, $3.50; ¼, ⅜ and thicker, $3.25.

STAPLES—Galvanized, $3.80 per 100lb.

TIN—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28lb ingots, per lb, 35c.

TIN PLATES—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12x12 and 14x20, $5.50; I X, same size, box, $6.50; I X, charcoal, 20x28, 112 sheets to box, $11.00; I X, box, 20x28, 112 sheets, $13.00.

TERNE PLATES—I C, 20x28, $10.00.

TINWARE—Plain, 75 and 2½ per cent; retinned, 70 and 10 per cent.

TRAPS—Gane, B. B., No. 0, $1.92 dozen; No. 1, $2.25; No. 2, $3.38; No. 3, $4.73; No. 3, $6.30; No. 4, $7.42; bear, No. 5, $7.50.

TUBES—Boiler, 2 inch, 14½c per foot; 2½ inch, 16c; 3 inch, 20c per foot.

WIRE—B. B. galv., 14c; Sampson, 40-50lb, $6.50@$7 each; panel, $2@$7.00 each.

WADS—Gray felt, 7bc per lb; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 12 and smaller gauges, 20c per M; thin card wads in boxes of 500 each, 10 gauge, 25c per M. Chemically prepared black edge gray cloth wads, in boxes of 250 each, 11 and smaller gauges, 45c per 1000; 9 and 10 gauges, 75c per 1000; 7 and 8 gauge, $1 per 1000. Galvanized, 4 barb, regular, $3.30; galvanized, 5 barb, extra, $3.30.

ZINC—Sheets, in casks, $7.00 per 100lb; broken lots, $7.50.

wire, 18 gauge, per 1000 feet, $3.50 net.

WIRE—Brass and copper wire, 20 per cent advance on the list; clothes line

Winnipeg Paints, Oils, Glass, Etc.

ALABASTINE—Cases of 20 packages, $3; Marmo, $6.50.

BENZINE—Case, $3.00.

DRY COLORS—White lead, lb., 7c; red lead, keg, $6.50; Venetian red, ochre and tints 2½c; less than barrel lots, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3½c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian red, per cwt, $2.50; less than barrels, $3.00; American vermillion, 15c; English vermillion, $1.15 per lb; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2½@3c, according to color; less than barrels, 3@3½c; English purple oxides, in casks, 3½c; less quantities, 4c lb.

GASOLINE—Stove, per case, $3; naphtha, $3.00.

GLASS—Single glass, first break, 16 to 25 united inches, $2.50; 26 to 40, $2.75 per 50 feet boxes; 40 to 50, $6; 51 to 60, $6.50; 61 to 70, $7 per 100 feet boxes.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, gal., 84c, boiled, gal., 87c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gal, extra, with additional charges for cans and cases.

OILS—Black oils, 25 to 30c gal.; clear machine oil, 30⅝c; cylinder oil, 33@38c, as to quality; castor oil, 11½c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatsfoot oil, $1; steam refined oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, $2 gal.

PREPARED PAINTS— Pure liquid colors, gal., $1.30@$1.90, as to shade and quality.

PUTTY—In bladders, barrel lots, 2½c lb; in 100lb kegs, 2¾c; do. less than barrels 3c lb.

REFINED PETROLEUM— Silver Star, 24c; Oleophene, 22c; Sunlight, 22½c; Eocene, 24½c per gal.; Diamond, 25½c; T. & F. 24c; Solar, 22c; Brilliant, 21½c per gal. in barrels, T. & F. cases $2.75; Solar, case $2.55.

TURPENTINE—Pure spirits in barrels, 64c; less than barrels, 69c per gal. An additional charge for packages of small quantities.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal., $1; extra furniture, $1.25; hard oil, $1.50; elastic oak, $1.75; No. 1 carriage, $1.00@$1.75; hard oil finish, $1.50@$2; brown Japan, per gal., $1.25; house painters' gold size Japan $1.50; coach painters' do, $2@$2.25; No. 1 brown shellac, $2; pure orange shellac, $2.25.

WHITE LEAD—Pure, $6.50 per 100lb; No. 1, $6.

WHITING—$1.25 per 100lb gross weight.

Toronto Grocery Prices.

Toronto, Dec. 21.

SUGARS—Granulated, Montreal or Toronto, $4.25@$4.28; yellows, $3.53@$4.18.

SYRUPS — Imperial gallon, medium, 28c; special brand, 34@35c.

MOLASSES— West India, barrels, 32@34c; New Orleans, 25@30c for medium, and 35@50c for fight.

COFFEE—Rio, green, 8@12c; Mocha, 23@28c; Java, 28@32c.

TEAS—Japan, low grade, 15@35c per lb; Young Hysons, seconds, 16@18c; firsts, 22@35c; green Ceylons, 16@22c; Indian, 18 @30c; Congous, low grades, 11½@16c; medium, 22@25c; finest, 40@45c; Ceylons, 17@22c; Formosa oolongs, 22@35c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes, 82½@85c; peas, 80c; corn, 80c @ $1.15; beans, 80@90c; sifted selected peas, $1.05@$1.20; pumpkins, 80c; strawberries, $1.10 @ $1.15; raspberries, 1.15@1.75; peaches, 2.25@ $1.80 @ $2.00; 3's, $2.65; apples, $2.25 @ $1.00; pineapples, $2.25 @2.75; do., 2½s, $2.75; do., 3s, $3.75; cohoes, per doz, $1.10 @ $1.20. Salmon — Cohoes, prime dark pink, $1.15@$1.20; sockeyes, red, $1.25@$1.50; oysters, halves, $1.80@$1.90.

RICE—Arracan, in mixed lots, 3¼@3½c; Java, 6@6½c; Patna, 5½@6c; Japan, 4¾@ 5c.

SPICES—Ginger, Jamaica, 25c; Cochin, 20c; cloves, Zanzibar, 16@18c; Amboyna, 20@22c; Penang, 30@35c; allspice, 15c; nutmegs, 50@85c; cinnamon, per pkg, 25c; compound, 18 oz 25c; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 18c; Penang, 17c; compound, 10 @15c; pepper, pure white, 28@35c.

DRIED FRUITS—Raisins, Valencia, selected, new, 6½ of 25's; layer Valencias, 7c; fine off stalk, 5½@6½c; California dessert loose Muscatels, 7@8c; Eleatras, cartons 5½@6; Patras 6½@ 7; Vostizzas 7½@8c. California dried fruit —Apricots 13@15c; peaches 11@13; prunes 70's to 80's, 9@9½; 80's to 90's, 6@6½; 90's to 100's, 5½@6c; Sultanas, 8@12½c; Hallowee dates, 4@5c.

PEEL—Orange, 11½@14c; lemon, 10@ 12½c; citron, 16@18c.

NUTS—Shelled Valencia almonds 28@30c; shelled Jordan almonds, 42@c; Bordeaux walnuts, 18c; shelled walnuts, 20@25c; Grenobles 26@31c; Sicily filberts 9@11c.

Montreal Hardware Market.

Montreal, Dec. 21.

Pig Iron—Canadian pig iron is worth $18.50 or $19.00, and Summerlee $20.50 or $21.00.

Bar Iron—Merchants' bar, $1.87½ in car lots, and $1.95 in smaller quantities.

Black Sheet—$2.50 for 8 to 20 gauge.

Galvanized Iron—No. 28, Queens head, $4.40; Apollo, 10% oz., $4.40; and Comet $4.25. $4.25 for extra in less than case lots.

Tinplate—Tin—27s 32s.

Lead—$4.50 per 100 lbs.

Zinc—Spelter—7½@8c.

Lead Pipe—7c for ordinary and 7½c for composition waste, with 30 per cent off.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, ¼, $3 per 100 ft.; ⅜, $2.95; ½, $3.10; ¾, $3.85; 1 in., $5; 1¼, $7.10; 1½, $8.50; 2 in., $11.35; galvanized, ¼, $4.40; ⅜, $4.20; 1 in., $7.15; 1¼, $10; 1½ in., $12; 2 in., $15.35.

Coil Chain—No. 6, 12½c; No. 5, 10½c; No. 4, 10c; No. 3, 9½c; ⅜ in., 7½c per pound; 5-16, $4.80, ⅜ inch, $3.75; ⅜, $4.35; 7-16, $4.05; ½, $3.85; 9-16, $3.75; ⅝, $3.55; ¾, $3.50; ⅞, $3.45; 1 in., $3.45. In carload lots an allowance of 10c a made.

Sheet Zinc—In cask lots, $5.75; in less, $6.25.

Antimony—10c.

Tinplates—$3.75@$4 for coke; $4.25@$4.50 for charcoal.

Canada Plates—52's, $2.65@$2.70; 60's, $2.75@$2.80; 75's, $2.80@$2.85; full polish oil, $3.75; and galvanized, $4.25@$4.35.

Tool Steel—Black Diamond, 8c; Jessops, 12c.

Steel—We quote: Sleighshoe, $2.00; tire, $2.05; spring, $2.75; machinery, $2.75; and toe calk, $2.60.

Barb Wire—$3.00 f.o.b. Montreal in less than carlots.

Horseshoes— Iron shoes, light and medium patterns, No. 2 and larger, $3.50; No. 1 and smaller, $3.75; snow shoes, No. 2 and larger, $3.75; No. 1 and smaller, $4. X L steel shoes, all sizes, 1 to 5, No. 2 and larger, $3.60; No. 1 and smaller, $3.85; barbed weight, all sizes, $4.85; toe weight steel shoes, all sizes, $5.05 f.o.b.

Horse Nails— Discount 60 per cent on oval heads, and 60@3 per cent on counter-sunk heads; C brands, discount 50 and 7½ per cent.

Wire Nails—$2.85 for small lots, and $2.775 for carlots f.o.b. Montreal.

Cut Nails—$2.55 for small and $2.45 for carlots; floor barrel nails, 25 per cent discount; coopers' nails, 30 per cent discount.