

New York Wheat.

Monday, Feb. 12—Holiday, no market.

New York, Feb. 13.—Wheat, May opened 75 1-8c, closed 75 1-2c a. July opened 74 7-8c, closed 75 1-4c a.

New York, Feb. 14.—Wheat, May opened 75 1-4c, closed 75 1-2c. July opened 74 7-8c, closed 75 3-8c a.

New York, Feb. 15.—Wheat, May opened 75 1-2c, closed 75 5-8c b. July opened 75 3-8c, closed 75 1-2c a.

New York, Feb. 16.—Wheat, May opened 75 3-8c, closed 75c b. July opened 75 3-8c, c, closed 74 3-4c b.

New York, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed at 74 3-4c for May option, and 74 1-2c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Monday, Feb. 12—Holiday, no market.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Wheat, May opened 68 7-8c, closed 68 5-8c. July opened 69 7-8c, closed 69 1-4c b. Corn, May opened 34 3-4c, closed 34 1-2c b. July opened 35 1-8 to 3-8c, closed 35 1-8c. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 3-4c. July opened 22 5-8c, closed 22 5-8c a. Pork, May opened \$11.10, closed \$10.92 1-2. July opened \$11.15, closed \$10.97 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.12 1-2, closed \$6.07 1-2. July opened \$6.22 1-2, closed \$6.15 b. Ribs, May opened \$6.05, closed \$5.97 1-2. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6 b.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Wheat, May opened 68 1-4c, closed 68 7-8c a. July opened 68 7-8c, closed 69 3-8c. Corn, May opened 34 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 34 5-8c a. July opened 35c, closed 35 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 3-4c b. July opened 22 5-8c, closed 22 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$10.85, closed \$10.85 b. July opened \$10.90, closed \$10.90. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.05. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.12 1-2 b. Ribs, May opened \$5.97 1-2, closed \$5.97 1-2. July opened \$6, closed \$6. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.60 a.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Wheat, May opened 68 3-4c, closed 68c b. July opened 69 3-8c, closed 69 5-8c b. Corn, May opened 34 3-4c, closed 34 1-4c. July opened 35 1-4c, closed 35 3-4c b. Oats, May opened 23 3-4c, closed 24c a. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 23c a. Pork, May opened \$10.90, closed \$11. July opened \$10.95, closed \$11.02 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.07 1-2. July opened \$6.12 1-2c b, closed \$6.15. Ribs, May opened \$5.95, closed \$6.02 1-2. July opened \$6, closed \$6.05 b. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.60 a. Sept. \$1.16 a. Oct. \$1.14 a.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Wheat, May opened 69 3-4c, closed 68 1-2c a. July opened 69 3-8c, closed 69c. Corn, May opened 35 1-8c, closed 34 3-4c b. July opened 35 5-8c, closed 35 1-4c a. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 3-4c b. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$11 to \$11.05, closed \$10.95. July opened \$10.07 1-2, closed \$10.97 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.07 1-2, closed \$6.05. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.15. Ribs, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.02 1-2c a. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6.02 1-2c b. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.60 a. Sept. \$1.15.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—May wheat opened at 68 3-8c, and ranged from 68 1-4 to 68 1-2c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Feb., 66 1-2c; May, 68 1-8c; July 68 3-4c.

Corn—May, 34 5-8c; July, 35c.

Oats—Feb., 22 1-4c; May, 23 5-8c; Pork—Feb., \$10.75.

Lard—Feb., \$5.92 1-2.

Ribs—Feb., \$5.72 1-2.

A week ago May option closed at 68 1-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 72c; two years ago at \$1.06; three years ago at 76 1-2c; four years ago at 64 5-8c; five years ago at 53c.

The Carberry board of trade held its annual banquet on the evening of Friday, the 9th inst.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.60 for cash and \$1.60 for May; Sept. \$1.12 1-2.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Holiday.

Tuesday—May, 68 3-8c; July, 69 3-8c.

Wednesday—May, 68 3-8c; July, 69 1-2c.

Thursday—May, 68 1-2c; July, 69 5-8c.

Friday—May, 68 1-8c; July, 69 1-4c.

Saturday—May, 67 7-8c; July, 69c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 67 7-8c and cash 1 northern at 66 3-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 68 1-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 3-8c, two years ago at \$1.00,

three years ago at 76 1-2c, four years ago at 61 7-8c, five years ago at 57 7-8c, and six years ago at 60 3-8c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 16.—Wheat, futures closed quiet; March 5s 10 5-8d; May 5s 10 1-4d; July 5s 10 3-8d.

Liverpool, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed 1-6d lower.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Feb. 17.—Wheat closed at 65 1-2c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 66 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 65 1-4c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market was very flat to-day, and absolutely no business reported. Easter and nominal at about 60 1-2c.

LATEST WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

L. Kinley has purchased the watch-making and jewelry business of A. Tomlinson at Wapella, Assiniboia.

Fac stock of the late firm of Morrison Bros., Boisvein, Man., has been secured by T. N. Morrison, who has re-opened the store.

C. C. A. Dott, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Fort William Ont., is to be transferred to the managership of the Cornwall branch.

J. H. Midgley & Co. have taken over the good will and business of J. H. Midgley, plumber, Brandon. The firm is composed of J. H. Midgley and T. D. M. Osborne.

Insurance Notes.

The fir loss of the United States and Canada for January amounted to \$11,755,360, as against \$10,718,000 last year. During the first four days of this month the losses amounted to one million dollars per day. This bad record makes it seem inevitable that fire insurance companies doing business in America will be obliged either to raise their rates or see the profits of the business wiped out to a large extent. Competition has been so keen for fire insurance business that rates have been cut down in many cases to a point that leaves very little in the business for the companies.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Fire Insurance company was held at the head offices, Winnipeg, on Tuesday last. The report showed that the premium income for the year 1899 amounted to \$107,898,18, an increase over the previous year of \$37,249,67. The balance of the revenue account increased from \$49,585.52 to \$89,863.50. All the members of the existing board were re-elected as follows: J. H. Ashdown, F. W. Stobart, John Galt,

G. R. Crowe, E. F. Hutchings, R. J. Campbell and H. T. Riley. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, J. H. Ashdown was re-elected president of the company, and F. W. Stobart vice-president.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Fire Insurance Company was held in Winnipeg on February 8. The financial statement was considered very satisfactory by the shareholders. A half yearly dividend was declared at the rate of 4 per cent per annum on paid up capital of the company. The following were re-elected directors of the company for the ensuing year: W. R. Allan, Geo. W. Baker, W. R. Dick, Thos. Gilroy, J. S. Hough, Collin Inkster, D. E. Sprague, R. Ross Sutherland, Winnipeg, W. Clifford, Austin; J. C. Kavanagh, Brandon, E. M. Williams, Russell, and at a subsequent meeting of the new board Collin Inkster was re-elected president; Thos. Gilroy, vice-president, and G. O. Woodman, secretary-manager, of the company.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A detailed statement of Rossland output (approximately) for week ending Feb. 10, shows as follows: La Roi, 2,142 tons, War Eagle, 1,354 tons; Centre Star, 787 tons, Iron Mask, 34 tons. Total, 4,378 tons.

The provincial gazette contains the notice of the incorporation of the following companies: The Banner Group Gold Mining Co., Ltd., capital \$1,500,000; headquarters at Rossland, B. C. The Black Bear Mining Co., Ltd., capital \$500,000; headquarters at Kimberley, East Kootenay, B. C.

The Republic mine, of Republic, Wash., is now making daily shipments by rail from Grand Forks to the Trad smelter. The ore is conveyed to Grand Forks on sleighs. During the week ending Feb. 3 shipments amounting to 63 tons were dispatched. The B. C. mine, in Summit Camp, is shipping an average of 20 cars a week to the same smelter. The Yankee Boy and the Yankee Girl will also shortly begin regular shipments to Trad. The mine is situated in Hardy Mountain, two miles from Grand Forks.

The closing down of a number of mines in the Kootenay region of British Columbia, is likely to prove a serious matter, if the mines remain long idle. The laying off of the men at three of the big Rossland mines, is attributed to faulty or inadequate machinery, though many believe that it is due to the eight hour law. The closing down of the Hall mines and smelter at Nelson is attributed to troubles between the shareholders and directors, though it is said by some that the eight hour law has also had something to do with it. The closing of work on the Dominion Copper Co.'s properties at Greenwood is directly attributed to the eight hour law. While opposition to the law may not be the direct cause in the case of all the mines, the fact that a petition is now before the legislature asking for the repeal of the law, would give foundation to the belief that this is at least partly the cause of the trouble. The mine owners declare that the law has excluded capital and deprived owners of profit.

She—I suppose you were presented at court while in London.

He—Yes, twice, but I was acquitted both times.