

New York Wheat.

New York, Jan. 29.—Wheat, May opened 75 3-8c, closed 75 5-8c b. July opened 75 1-2c, closed 75 5-4c b.

New York, Jan. 30.—Wheat, May opened 75 3-8c, closed 74 1-8c b. July opened 75 1-2c, closed 74 1-4c b.

New York, Jan. 31.—Wheat, May opened 74 1-2c, closed 74 1-2c a. July opened 74 1-2c, closed 74 1-2c a.

New York, Feb. 1.—Wheat, May opened 74 3-8c, closed 74 1-8c b. July opened 74 3-8c b, closed 74 1-8c b.

New York, Feb. 2.—May wheat opened 7 41-8c, closed 74 7-8c b, July opened 74 1-4c, closed 74 3-4c b.

New York, Feb. 3.—Wheat closed at 74 3-4c for May option, and 74 5-8c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Wheat, May opened 69 1-8 to 68 7-8c, closed 69 3-8c. July opened 69 5-8c, closed 70 1-8c. Corn, Jan. opened 31c n, closed 31c n. May opened 33c, closed 33 1-8c n. July opened 33 5-8c, closed 33 5-8c b. Oats, May opened 23 3-8c, closed 23 3-8c. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$10.87 1-2, closed \$10.75. July opened \$10.95, closed \$10.92 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.02 1-2. July opened \$6.10, closed \$6.02 1-2 a. Ribs, May opened \$5.89, closed \$5.75 a. July opened \$5.85, closed \$5.80. Flax, cash, \$1.55. May \$1.55 b. July \$1.05 1-2.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Wheat, May opened 68 7-8 to 68 3-4c, closed 67 7-8c b. July opened 69 5-8c, closed 68 5-8c a. Corn, May opened 33 to 32 7-8c, closed 32 3-4c. July opened 33 1-2c, closed 33 1-2c b. Oats, May opened 23 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 23 1-4c. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 1-4c a. Pork, May opened \$10.67 1-2c, closed \$10.62 1-2. July opened \$10.75, closed \$10.70 n. Lard, May opened \$5.92 1-2c, closed \$5.87 1-2. July opened \$6, closed \$5.95. Ribs, May opened \$5.72 1-2, closed \$5.67 1-2. July opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.72 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.56. May \$1.57 1-4. Sept. \$1.07 1-2.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—Wheat, May opened 68 1-8, closed 68 1-8c b. July opened 68 3-4c, closed 68 7-8c b. Corn, Jan. opened 30 7-8c, closed 30 5-8c b. May opened 33 3-4c, closed 32 5-8c a. July opened 33 1-2c, closed 33 1-4c. Oats, May opened 23 1-4c, closed 23 1-4c a. July opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 1-8c b. Pork, May opened \$10.67 1-2, closed at \$10.67 1-2. July opened \$10.72 1-2, closed \$10.72 1-2c b. Lard, May opened at \$5.87 1-2, closed \$5.90 a. July opened \$5.95, closed \$5.97 1-2 a. Ribs, May opened \$5.76 b, closed \$5.75 a. July opened \$5.72 1-2, closed \$5.77 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.56. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.10 a.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Wheat, May opened 68c, closed 67 7-8c b. July opened 68 3-4c, closed 68 1-8c. Corn, May opened 33 1-2c, closed 32 3-4c b. July opened 33 1-4c, closed 33 3-8c a. Oats, May opened 22 1-8c, closed 23 1-4c. July opened 22 1-8c b, closed 22 3-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.75, closed \$10.75 a. July opened \$10.82 1-2c, closed \$10.80. Lard, May opened \$5.95, closed \$5.92 1-2 b. July opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6. Ribs, May opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.90. July opened \$5.77 1-2, closed \$5.82 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.59. May \$1.60. Sept. \$1.10 a.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Wheat, May opened 67 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 68 1-2 to 5-8c. July opened 68 1-2c, closed 69 1-4c b. Corn, May opened 32 3-4c, closed 33 1-8c b. July opened 33 5-8c, closed 33 3-4 to 7-8c. Oats, May opened 23 1-4c, closed 23 1-2c a. July opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 3-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.77 1-2, closed \$10.95 a. July opened \$10.90, closed \$10.97 1-2. May Lard opened at \$5.97 1-2, closed \$6.07 1-2. July opened \$6.07 1-2, closed \$6.15. Ribs, May opened \$5.80, closed \$5.90 to \$5.92 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.59. May \$1.60. Sept. \$1.10.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—May wheat opened at 68 1-4c and ranged from 68 1-8 to 68 5-8c. Closing prices were as follows.

Wheat—Feb., 66 1-8c; May, 68 3-8c; July, 69c.

Corn—Feb., 31 1-4c; May, 33 1-4c. Oats—Feb. 22 1-4c; May, 23 1-2c.

Pork—Feb., \$10.65.

Lard—Feb., \$5.90.

Ribs—Feb., \$5.80.

A week ago May option closed at 66 5-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 72 1-8c, two years ago at 95c; three years ago at 77c, four years ago at 67 1-8c, five years ago at 57 3-4c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.59 for cash and \$1.60 for May.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 68 1-2c, July 69 5-8c. Tuesday—May 67 3-8c, July 68 1-2c. Wednesday—May 67 5-8c, July 68 5-8c.

Thursday—May 67 3-8c, July 68 3-8c. Friday—May 68c, July 69c.

Saturday—May, 67 7-8c, July 69c. A week ago May wheat closed at 67 5-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 71 1-8c, two years ago at 93 1-2c; three years ago at 76 3-4c; four years ago at 64 1-4c; five years ago at 58 1-8c, and six years ago at 60c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Feb. 3.—Wheat closed at 65 1-2c for May. Cash No. 1 hard closed at 66 7-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 65c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 2.—Wheat futures closed steady. March 5s 10 3-4d, May 5s 10 1-8d, July 5s 10 3-8d.

Liverpool, Feb. 3.—Wheat closed 1-8d lower.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Feb. 2.—4 p.m. close: Consols for money 100 1-2; consols for the account 100 5-8. C. P. R. 98 5-8; G. T. R. 7 3-4; Erie 11 7-8; Erie firsts preferred 36 3-8; Illinois Central 114 1-2. U. P. preferred 77 3-8; St. Paul common 122 1-4; N. Y. C. 137 1-2; Pennsylvania 66 1-2; Reading 91 1-2; N. P. preferred 77. Atchison 20 7-8, Louisville 31 1-2. Anaconda 8 1-4. Bar silver 27 5-8d per ounce, steady. Money 2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3-9-16 to 5-8 per cent, for three months bills 3-9-16 to 5-8 per cent.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Jan. 29.—There was a firmer undertone to the market for cattle, and a better trade was done, but values show no change from a week ago. Choice Steaks sold at 12 1-2c, and Argentinians at 11 1-2c. The market for sheep was stronger, owing to advance of 1c since this day week, Argentinians selling at 11c.

Liverpool, Jan. 29.—A stronger feeling prevailed in this market for Canadian cattle, and prices sold 1-2c higher than a week ago, at 12c, but sheep were unchanged at 10 1-2c.

LONDON SUGAR MARKET.

Special to The Commercial. London, Feb. 2. The sugar market is weaker, February and March selling at 9s. 6d., a decline of 11-2d.

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WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market was very quiet to-day and rather easier. No. 1 hard was quoted at 65 1-2 to 65 3-4c, in store Fort William.

Mercantile Reports.

New York, Feb. 2.—Bradstreet's review of Canadian trade for the week states. Colder weather has improved the distribution of seasonable goods in the Dominion of Canada. Advances in paints, oils, hardware, and sugar are reported at Montreal, while cottons, woollens and clothing tend upwards. Collections are satisfactory. Business has slightly improved in the maritime provinces, and retail distribution is better in British Columbia. Canadian failures for the month of January number 146, a fractional increase in number over the same month a year ago, but liabilities were only about half as large. For the week Canadian failures numbered only 13, as compared with 39 last week, and 36 in this week a year ago.

R. G. DINN'S REVIEW.

Lun & Co's. review is as follows: Canadian returns show a somewhat general improvement at eastern points but less satisfactory returns from western. At St. John, the volume of business continues moderate, and the retail dry goods trade is affected by the usual midwinter sales. The fish trade is quieter, owing to the recent fall in prices. Business at Halifax is moving satisfactorily and orders come in freely, with trade conditions better than at this time last year. The absence of snow, however, is detrimental to lumbermen. Conditions at Quebec are good, with collections well up to the mark. Montreal reports weather and road conditions more seasonable in the interior, having a better effect on business. Dry goods are reported good, and there is improvement in groceries and hardware. Collections are fair to good, and money is easier at five per cent on time and five and a half on call. At Toronto there is moderate trade in all lines with a promising outlook and satisfactory payments. Prospects at Winnipeg continue favorable and collections are fair. Victoria reports wholesale business conditions unchanged with collections fairly satisfactory. At Vancouver there was considerable decrease in the volume of business in January compared with 1899, especially in wholesale dry goods and clothing. Collections are slow.

BANK CLEARANCES.

For the Dominion of Canada the bank clearances were as follows: Montreal, \$12,007,712, decrease 19.96 per cent; Toronto, \$8,253,890, decrease 17.6 per cent; Winnipeg, \$1,725,569, increase 2.3 per cent; Halifax, \$1,308,118, increase 4.3 per cent; Hamilton, \$654,926, decrease 8.9 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$558,691, increase 1.0 per cent; Vancouver, \$624,936, increase 21.1 per cent; Victoria, \$481,480, decrease, 32.7 per cent.

Paris green shows a further rise of 1c at Montreal, where it is now quoted at 20 to 21c.

Style on the street sometimes means a meager bill of fare at home.

The advanced agent isn't necessarily a forward man, but he usually is.

Never speak ill of your neighbor. It gives him license to talk about you.

The individual who frequently roes on a tear is seldom able to pay the rent.

It is but natural that a breach of promise case should be heard in a court-house.