

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

May wheat opened at 83½c on Monday, which was the top price for the day. The close was at the bottom. Provisions were easier. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	83	85
Corn	37½	39½
Oats	26½	27½
Pork	22.25	22.25
Lard	0.82½	0.90
Short Ribs ..	7.37½	7.45

May wheat opened ½c higher on Tuesday and advanced ½c. The opening was the bottom price for the day, and the closing the top price. The visible supply showed a decrease for the previous week of 809,394 bushels. The Government crop report showed a depreciation of 2 points in the condition of the crops. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	83½	85½
Corn	38½	40
Oats	27	28
Pork	23.25	23.25
Lard	0.77½	0.85
Short Ribs ..	7.40	7.45

Cash and May wheat opened ½ to ¾c higher on Wednesday, and declined ½c to the close. There was a good deal of talk about quantities taken for export, but this market is 1½ to 3c above a shipping basis. Provisions were dull. June pork sold at \$22. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	84½	86
Corn	38½	40
Oats	27½	28
Pork	22.00	22.00
Lard	0.72½	0.80
Short Ribs ..	7.30	7.35

On Thursday wheat was very steady, only varying about ½c during the day, June opened at 86c being the lowest part reached. Pork was lower, also lard and ribs. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	86½	86½
Corn	38½	39½
Oats	26½	27½
Pork	21.00	21.00
Lard	0.65	0.70
Short Ribs ..	7.15	7.17½

On Friday wheat opened higher, May starting 85c, and advancing to 85½c; 84½ was the lowest fluctuation. The clique were active buyers. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	85½	86½
Corn	38½	39½
Oats	26½	27½
Pork	21.00	21.00
Lard	0.67½	0.75
Short Ribs ..	7.15	7.17½

Wheat was irregular and active on Saturday, and the clique were large buyers. More deferred futures were weak, and declined whilst June advanced. June option ranged from 86½ to 87 at the close. July closed at 85½, and Aug at 85½. Provisions were easier. Closing prices were:

	May.	June.
Wheat	85½	87
Corn	38	39
Oats	26½	27½
Pork	21.00	21.00
Lard	0.60	0.65
Short Ribs ..	7.05½	7.05

MINNEAPOLIS.

The *Northwestern Miller*, of May 11th, says of the flour market: There has been a good export inquiry during the week, and sales have been fair on a little better basis of prices. There is an improved domestic demand, and prices are 5 to 15c higher than last week. Stocks are low and there is more disposition on the part of buyers to lay in larger supplies.

WHEAT.—On the local board there was not much doing in futures, with an occasional offer to sell June wheat at 80½c. Receipts of cash wheat were 181 cars and a fair amount of grain was offered on the sample tables.

Following were the closing quotations:

WHEAT.—No. 1 hard was quoted at 79½c for cash, or May, 80½ June and 81½c July, in store, and 80c on track.

No. 1 northern in store was quoted at 78½c for cash or May, 79½ June and 80½c July, and 79c on track.

No. 2 northern in store 75½c for cash or May, 76½c June and 79½c July, and 76½c on track.

Flour prices were:

Patent sacks to local dealers, \$4.20 to \$4.40; patent, to ship sacks, car lots, \$4.20 to \$4.30; in barrels, \$4.30 to \$4.50; bakers', \$3.50 to \$3.60; superfine, \$1.60 to \$2.40; red dog, sacks, \$1.15 to \$1.25; red dog, barrels, \$1.40 to \$1.50.—*Market Record*, May 13th.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash	June.	July.
Monday	80½	82½	83½
Tuesday	81½	82½	84
Wednesday	81½	83	84½
Thursday	—	82½	—
Friday	—	82½	83½
Saturday	—	82½	84½

TORONTO.

WHEAT

This market has been more active and somewhat irregular. Stocks of grain have shown a large decrease since navigation opened. Prices have ruled firm and higher. No. 2 fall sold at 90c f.o.c. and No. 2 spring at 89.

FLOUR

The demand was better at some advance. At close holders asked \$3.70 for superior extra and \$3.60 for extra.

OATMEAL

Selling in small lots at \$3.75 to \$4.

OATS

Prices have ranged from 31 to 32c. in car lots.

BUTTER

Receipts have increased in box lots of rolls, and prices were easier. Quotations for such ranged from 12 to 15c, with the latter price hardly obtainable at the close. New tubs ranged about the same as rolls. Old butter almost unsaleable.

CHEESE

New easier at 11½ to 12, old at 12 to 12½c. At the factories Belleville sold at 10½c.

EGGS

Round lots usually held at 11½c.

CURED MEATS

Bacon in good demand. Long clear sold at \$4 to \$4½; Cumberland, 8c; boneless pickled shoulders, 7½c; rolls, 8½ to 9c; bellies, 10 to 11c; hams, 12 to 12½c for smoked; mess pork \$18 per barrel.

LARD

Large pails steady at 9½c, or in lots under 25 to 9½ to 10c. Small pails, 10 to 10½c.

HOGS.

Easier and 50c lower, at \$7 to \$7.25.

HIDES AND SKINS

Following are quotations:—Hides, No. 1 inspected steers, \$7.00; No. 1 inspected cows, \$7.00; No. 2 inspected, \$6.00; No. 3 inspected, \$5.00; calfskins, green, 7 to 9c; cured 11 to 12c; sheepskins, green, 75c to \$1.40; wool, super, 22 to 24c; extra super, 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4 to 4½c.

WOOLEN MILLS.

With a wool clip of 175,000 lbs., one would naturally think a woolen mill would be a profitable enterprise in this part of the country. Calgary offers every advantage for the establishment of such an industry. Situated in the centre of the wool growing country, with unlimited water supply and cheap coal, on the line of railway and with magnificent building sites. What more could be desired? The difference in the price of the raw material here and in the east would more than compensate for any increase in the expense of skilled labor, living is cheap, so is land and so will lumber be when our mills get running this summer. There is no reason why the mechanic cannot live as cheaply here as in the crowded cities of the east.

There are no mills in the territories and only one small one in Manitoba. Last year our wool crop was shipped east and sold in Hamilton and Toronto, the freight charges being exorbitant, \$3.17 per 100 lbs. Taking this year's clip this means about \$5,550. Each year the clip will greatly increase, so why not have the wool manufactured here instead of in the east and shipped back in various shapes. Freight both ways would be saved and the manufacturer would be in a position to compete with eastern merchants. Not only is the home market open to him but also that of British Columbia. Capitalists and manufacturers think over this! —*Alberta Live Stock Journal*.

C. MIDWINTER, watchmaker, has commenced business at Birtle, Man.

QUITE a number of settlers are said to be coming into Southern Alberta, from and by way of the state of Montana.

BREARLY, of Calgary, is placing two brick-making machines at Anthracite and will commence operations in a short time.

It is estimated that there will be about 500 men employed in the construction of the C.P.R. hotel and on Government work at Banff, this summer.

THE financial statement of the municipality of Rat Portage shows assets of \$7,720 and liabilities of \$3,761. The assets include \$2,079 unpaid taxes. The total assessment for the current year, including real and personal property, income tax, etc., amounted to \$374,497,000.

THE Ryan Hotel, at Boissevain, Man., kept by T. Headley, was burned on Sunday morning. Loss, \$3,500—no insurance. D. G. McBean, grain buyer for McBean Bros., of Winnipeg, perished in the flames. McBean Bros. had expressed \$500 to the unfortunate man, who was a cousin, on Saturday, which they will lose.

THE *Macleod Gazette* says:—Stockmen will be gratified to learn that, at the last session of the Montana Legislature, a law was passed which will make it interesting for horse thieves operating in this country. The Montana law is now very similar to ours, which attaches as heavy a penalty to bringing stolen stock into the country as if the theft had been committed here. This applies not only to the ordinary horse thief, but to deserters from the Mounted Police who ride off government horses. The penalty under the Montana law is penitentiary.