

## EASTERN MARKETS.

## CHICAGO

On Monday it was announced that the visible supply of wheat had decreased 721,000 bushels. May wheat opened 1c higher than Saturday, at 81½c, and ranged from 80½ to 80½c during the day. Corn was active and ranged from 51½ to 51½c for May. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May.
Wheat	76	80½
Corn	47½	51½
Oats	—	31½
Pork	14.00	14.20
Lard	7.80	7.92½
Short Ribs	7.35	7.50

Tuesday was a very dull day in grain. May wheat ranged from 80½ to 81c. Owing to the holiday on Wednesday (Washington's Birthday) there was little disposition to trade. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May.
Wheat	75½	80½
Corn	47½	51½
Oats	—	31½
Pork	13.90	14.12½
Lard	7.77½	7.87½
Short Ribs	7.30	7.45

Wheat opened weak on Thursday, after the holiday, and sold down nearly 1c. Corn declined ½c. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May.
Wheat	75	79½
Corn	46½	50½
Oats	—	30½
Pork	13.80	14.00
Lard	7.72½	7.82½
Short Ribs	7.20	7.35

Wheat declined at the opening on Friday, but there was quite an active movement later in the day, and prices advanced. The poor outlook for the winter wheat crop was the leading bull factor. Oats and corn advanced in sympathy. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	May.
Wheat	75½	80½
Corn	47	51½
Oats	—	31½
Pork	13.82½	14.02½
Lard	7.72½	7.80½
Short Ribs	7.17½	7.35

## MINNEAPOLIS.

Closing quotations on Thursday for wheat were as follows:

	Feb.	May.	On track
No. 1 hard	76	79½	77½-77½
No. 1 northern	74½	76½	75½
No. 2 "	72	74	73½

Flour—Prices are too low to suit millers at a basis on which to calculate long forward business and there is not much of it being done. For the present the market does not seem to promise much improvement. Quotations: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Patents to ship, sacks, car lots, \$4.10 to \$4.25; in barrels, \$4.25 to \$4.35; bakers, here, \$3.20 to \$3.45; superline, \$2.00 to \$2.65; red dog, sack, \$1.45 to \$1.50; red dog, barrel, \$1.65 to \$1.75.

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

	Cash	Feb.	May.	July.
Monday	79½	—	80½	81½
Tuesday	79½	—	80½	81½
Wednesday	—	—	—	—
Thursday	79	—	80	81
Friday	79½	79½	80½	81½

## MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

The following quotations on February 24th as compared with prices on the same day of the previous week, will indicate the course of the stock market:

	Feb. 17		Feb. 24.	
	Offered.	Bid.	Offered.	Bid.
Montreal.....	214½	214	214½	213½
Ontario.....	113	110	113½	112½
Toronto.....	198	190	195	190½
Merchants.....	125	121	125½	124
Dominion.....				
Commerce.....	110½	110	111½	110½
Imperial.....				
Molson's.....	145	130	145	135
Union.....	95	90	92½	90½
N. W. Land Co.....	59	50	61	50
C. P. R.....	68½	68½	67½	67½

## CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The *Canadian Gazette* of Feb. 9th, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise	Fall
Canada 4 per cents., 1860.....	110	1	—
Ditto 3½ per cents.....	104	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents., 1885.....	109	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.....	110	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.....	108	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents., 1885.....	114	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.....	108	1	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register).....	58½	—	1½
Ditto shares (London register).....	57½	—	1½
Ditto mortgage bonds.....	103	—	½
Grand Trunk ordinary stock.....	11½	—	½
Ditto first preference.....	73½	—	1
Bank of B. C. fully-paid shares.....	52½	1½	—
Ditto 10 paid.....	16	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.....	70	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage.....	—	—	½
Trust and Loan of Canada, 25 paid.....	3	—	—
Canada North-West Land.....	—	—	—
Hudson's Bay.....	21½	—	½

P. LAMONT, stationer, etc., Regina, has had his stock damaged to the extent of \$100 by a lamp explosion.

GRANT & HAMILTON, paints, wall-paper and painters, etc., Winnipeg, contemplate making a change in the firm.

SHANNON & McLEOD, boots and shoes, Prince Albert, Sask. Ter., have dissolved partnership. Shannon continues the business.

At the annual meeting of the Prince Albert, Saskatchewan Territory, board of trade, the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Hon. L. Clarke; Vice-Pres., Chas. Mair; Secretary, Jos. Knowles; Treasurer, T. N. Campbell; Councillors, G. Neilson, G. C. McLeod, J. M. Campbell, J. Stewart, H. W. Newlands, R. C. Wigmore, J. McTaggart, J. R. McPhail, J. Macarthur, J. F. A. Snull, E. J. Cann, W. R. Fish.

J. G. Mills, dealer in teas and special lines of groceries, Winnipeg, has absconded. He has been known to be in a close position financially for some time but nevertheless succeeded in victimizing several parties. He advertised his business extensively and did a very large trade. Indeed, his failure may be attributed to an effort to do too large a business on small capital and less than legitimate profit. Though handling large quantities of goods, his margins were such as to leave little or no profit. Mills' departure was probably hastened by a judgment obtained against him by Thompson, Codville & Co., for \$3,300, to satisfy which the sheriff was put in possession. The total liabilities will foot up to about \$9,000, with assets of estimated at about \$6,000. The stock will be offered at sheriff's sale, on Wednesday, February 20th.

## The Grain Blockade.

Although C.P.R. officials have been making great promises that the blockade would soon be raised, it did not appear that outside of a few points, much relief had been given up to the close of last week. *Deloraine Times* of Friday last says: "Piles of bags were lying around everywhere and a careful estimate of the amount of wheat in bags not under cover reaches 10,000 bushels. In addition to this, wheat in bags stands in implement sheds and sundry places around town, the total being 42,000 under cover, and about 10,000 in bags exposed to the weather. On Wednesday morning a few cars came in, and in the afternoon still a few more, and the piles of bags are being reduced, but the supply was not sufficient to keep buyers going more than a part of the day, and now there is no room to take wheat in anywhere, and there is a block once more. While the weather continued cold, and buyers were of the opinion, the car shortage would soon be over, they bought and paid the farmer for his wheat even when compelled to pile it in bags but now the weather has become warm and the car shortage become kind of chronic, buyers will not take wheat from farmers, unless they have room to put it under cover, and the result is, nearly all, if not quite all the wheat piled up in bags is still in possession of the farmer, who has to run all kinds of chances of damage from the weather and stray cattle, and watch his opportunity to sell whenever a few cars come in. The statement is made and is not contradicted hereabouts, that farmers and business men suffer considerable loss in consequence; and enquiries are being made by farmers as to whether there is a hard-law to compel owners of cattle to keep their stock away from the grain bags, as a number of them have been torn open and the contents spilled on the ground."

Geo. Pocock will open the H. B. Co.'s mill at West Lynne, Man., again on Monday (today). The Brandon board of trade has fully endorsed the action of the Winnipeg board on the grain blockade.

The Queen's Hotel, Mooromin, Assa., has again been opened, under the management of of Ireton & Perry.

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