

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, March 20.—Wheat, May opened 67 1-8 to 67 7-8c, closed 67 7-8c b. July opened 67 to 1-8c, closed 67 1-4c b. Corn, May opened 34 3-8c, closed 34 3-8c b. July opened 35 1-8 to 35c, closed 35 to 1-8c. Sept. opened 35 5-8c, closed 35 5-8 to 3-4c. Oats, May opened 26 1/2, closed 25 7-8c. July opened 24 3-8c, closed 24 1-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.02 1-2c, closed \$8.92 1-2c. July opened \$9.20, closed \$9.07 1-2.

Chicago, March 21.—Wheat, May opened 67 7-8 to 68c, closed 68 1-4c a. July opened 67 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 67 5-8c a. Corn, May opened 34 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 34 5-8 to 3-4c b. July opened 35 1-8 to 1-4c, closed 35 3-8 to 1-2c b. September opened 35 7-8c, closed 35 7-8 to 3c b. Oats, May opened 25 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 24 3-8 to 1-2c. Pork, May opened \$8.92 1-2 to 5-8, closed \$8.95 a. July closed \$9.10 a.

Chicago, March 22.—Wheat, May opened 69 1-8 to 1-8c, closed 69 1-4 to 5-8c a. July opened 68 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 68 3-4c b. Corn, May opened 35 to 1-8c, closed 35 3-8 to 1-2c b. July opened 35 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 36 to 1-8c. Sept. opened 36 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 36 1-2 to 5-8c b. Oats, May opened 26 3-8c, closed 26 5-8c. July opened 24 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 24 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$9, closed \$9 a. July closed \$9.15.

Chicago, March 23.—Wheat, May opened 69 1-4 to 69c, closed 68 5-8 to 3-4c a. July opened 68 1-2 to 1-4c, closed 68 1-8c a. Corn, May opened 35 3-8 to 1-4c, closed 35 1-4c a. Sept. opened 36 1-2c, closed 36 3-8c b. July opened 36c, closed 35 7-8c a. Oats, May opened 26 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 26 3-8 to 1-2c. July opened 25c, closed 24 3-8 to 1-2c. Pork, May opened \$8.95, closed \$9.07 1-2. July opened \$9.15, closed \$9.22 1-2c.

Chicago, March 24.—Wheat, May opened 69 1-2 to 1-4c, closed 70 3-8c. July opened 67 3-8c, closed 69 1-2c. Corn, May opened 35 1-8c, closed 35 5-8c. July opened 35 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 36 1-8c. Sept. opened 36 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 36 5-8c a. Oats, May opened 26 1-8c, closed 26 3-8c. July opened 24 1-4c, closed 24 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$9.05, closed \$9.15. July closed \$9.30.

Chicago, March 25.—Wheat opened at about 69 7-8c for May. The market was excited, on crop damage reports, and the range was wide, may advancing to 72 1-2c, then declined to 70 5-8c where it closed. Closing prices were:

Wheat—May 70 5-8c; July, 69 3-4c.
Corn—May 35 7-8c; July 36 3-8c.
Oats—May 26 5-8c; July, 24 5-8c.
Pork—May \$9.22 1-2; July, \$9.35.
Lard—May \$5.40; July \$5.55.
Ribs—\$4.80; July \$4.92 1-2.

A week ago May option closed at 67 1-2c, a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.01; two years ago at 72 3-4c; three years ago at 61c; four years ago at 55 3-4c, and five years ago at 60c.

New York Wheat

New York, March 20.—Wheat receipts, 48,600 bushels; export, 69,441 bushels. Options opened stronger on foreign buying and higher cables. Bullish crop news and local covering sustained the market until late in the afternoon, when reports of weak California markets and the small clearances precipitated realizing and a sharp break caused. The close was easy at 1-2c to 1c net advance.

New York, March 21.—Wheat—Receipts, 44,800 bushels; sales, 2,435,000 bushels. Options opened firm on good foreign buying of May and July. In addition, western crop news had a bullish tenor. Export trade was more active, and cables reported too much

cold weather in Germany. The result was continued local strength most of the day, with a late set-back under realizing, but a final rally on covering. The close was firm at 1-1c to 1-2c net advance.

New York, March 22.—Wheat receipts, 60,800 bushels; exports, 135,610 bushels. Options opened strong on higher cables, local coverings and a cold wave in the Northwest. The afternoon realizing produced a set back, but actual weakness was prevented by the strength of corn, and our market closed rather firm with a late recovery, at 7-8c to 1c net advance. On the curb May jumped to 76c on further active buying by shorts.

New York, March 23.—Wheat—Receipts 76,000 bushels, exports 231,099 bushels. Options opened weak under bearish English cables and did not rally very much all day, although the western crop news was decidedly bad from Kansas and Missouri. Local houses sold wheat for both accounts. Prices improved slightly near the close on covering and left off steady at 3-8c to 1-2c net decline.

New York, March 24.—Wheat—Receipts 44,800 bushels, exports 31,991 bushels. Options opened weak owing to heavy foreign and local short sales, but turned strong in the late afternoon. A big export demand at the seaboard and bullish Russian reports of famine caused active covering and a strong close at 1 3-8c net advance.

New York, March 25.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 82 1-2c; May, 76 3-4c, July, 75 5-8c. Atlantic port exports this week were 3,746,000 bushels.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 67 7-8c; July, 68 5-8c.
Tuesday—May, 68c; July, 68 7-8c.
Wednesday—May, 69c; July, 69 7-8c.
Thursday—May, 68 1-2c; July, 69 3-8c.

Friday—Cash, 68 1-4c; May, 69 3-4c; July, 70 5-8c.

Saturday—May, 70 1-8c; July, 71c. Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 70 5-8c, and cash No. 1 northern at 68 5-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 67 3-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 97 3-4c; two years ago May option closed at 72 1-4c; three years ago at 62 1-8c; four years ago at 61 1-2c; and five years ago at 61 1-2c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 25.—Wheat closed 7-8d higher.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Saturday, March 25.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70c for March, and 69 3-8c for May; cash No. 1 northern, 70c; cash No. 2 northern, 68 1-2c.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, March 20.—Owing to short supplies the market was strong for cattle, and prices advanced 3-4 to 1c. Choice States' cattle sold at 12 3-4c, and Argentines at 11 3-4c. Sheep were scarce. Choice Argentines sold 1c to 1 1-2c higher at 11 1-2 to 12c.

Liverpool, March 20.—This market was stronger. Prices for cattle advanced 1-4c to 1-2c since this day week. Choice United States cattle sold at 12c, and Canadians at 11 1-2c to 12c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market to-day was more interesting, owing to the wide range in other leading markets. Buyers, however, did not show much disposition to operate at the higher prices asked. At the top of the market 70 1-2c was bid here, but later, when Chicago declined, buyers offered 69 1-2c. Sales were made at 69 1-2c in the morning before reports came in from other markets. The boom at Chicago was evidently only a short scare.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, March 23.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.23 3-4 for cash and May \$1.22 3-4.

WESTERN BUSINESS NOTES.

H. Pace Jeweller, Lethbridge, is dead. H. M. Barber, confectionery, Yorkton, Assa., has assigned to C. J. Macfarlane.

Mrs. Traynor, millinery, Fort William, has moved to Port Arthur.

Buckle & Morris, printers, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

Strimer & Limprecht wholesale liquors, Altona, Man.; Limprecht is dead.

R. Newby, blacksmith, Cannington Manor, Assa., advertises his business for sale.

Cardston Drug Co., is starting business at Cardston, Alta.

McAra, Barnes & Co., general store, Craven, Assa., are reported discontinuing business.

R. B. Fisher, hardware, Gretina, has closed business there and is moving to Carman.

Carson & Shore, harness, Maple Creek, Assa., have sold out to Douglas & Parsons.

H. Lithgow, Ontario hotel, Maple Creek, Assa., has sold out to W. Tranter.

J. W. Brown and N. Hobson have entered into partnership in the butchering business, at Grenfell, Assa.

Ian Mackaren, who is now on a lecturing tour in America, begins in an early issue of 'The Ladies' Home Journal', his latest piece of literary work. It is a series of popular articles in which he defines the relation that a minister holds to his congregation, how a preacher is helped by his people; how a congregation can make the most of a minister, and other phases of the most satisfactory attitude of a congregation to a pastor.

C. C. Macdonald, Manitoba dairy superintendent, states that the outlook for a large output of dairy butter this year is very promising. Factories are beginning to look for butter makers, and it would appear that it will be necessary to bring out some from Ontario, graduates of the Manitoba dairy school not being sufficiently numerous to supply the wants.

H. G. Dawson is starting in the butchering business at Rosthern, Sask.

At a semi-annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of British Columbia held recently in London the business for the half-year ending Dec. 31st, was reviewed and pronounced to have been very satisfactory. The profits for the period amounted to £18,735 2s 4d. Of this sum £15,000 was distributed at the rate of 5 per cent for the half-year on the paid up stock and the remainder carried forward to the next half year's account. The chairman, Sir Robert Gillespie, spoke very encouragingly of the prospects for 1899.