

## EASTERN MARKETS.

## CHICAGO

December wheat opened at 1.10 on Monday, Nov. 19, being one cent under Saturday's close. During the day prices ranged from 1.09 to 1.10½. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	1.09	1.09½	1.08	1.11½
Corn	39½	38	37	38½
Oats	25½	25½	—	29½
Pork	14.77½	—	14.82½	15.02½
Lard	8.50	8.40	8.32½	8.50
Short Ribs	—	—	7.52½	7.70

December wheat opened ¾c higher on Tuesday, at 1.09½, which was the top price of the day. A decline set in causing a break of 5c in December and 3c in May, but closing prices were 1 to 2c above the bottom figures. A great deal of wheat was let go on the break. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	1.05½	1.05½	1.05½	1.09½
Corn	39½	37½	36½	38½
Oats	26½	26½	—	30½
Pork	14.65	14.65	14.70	14.92½
Lard	8.42½	8.30	8.25	8.40
Short Ribs	—	—	7.47½	7.67½

Wheat opened at 1.07½ for December, on Wednesday, and ranged from that price upward to 1.08½. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	1.08	1.08½	1.07½	1.11½
Corn	40½	38½	—	38½
Oats	26½	26½	—	30½
Pork	14.47½	—	14.47½	14.72½
Lard	8.42½	8.22½	8.17½	8.32½
Short Ribs	—	—	7.40	7.57½

Wheat was firmer on Thursday, and better prices were realized, the close being near the top for the day. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	1.08	1.08½	1.07½	1.11½
Corn	40½	38½	37½	38½
Oats	26½	26½	—	30½
Pork	14.47½	14.47½	14.47½	14.72½
Lard	8.42½	8.22½	8.17½	8.32½
Short Ribs	—	—	7.40	7.57½

Wheat opened ½c higher on Friday, but the strength did not last long, and closing prices were lower, as follows:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	1.07	1.07½	1.07	1.10½
Corn	41	39½	37½	38½
Oats	27	27½	—	31½
Pork	14.47½	14.47½	14.47½	14.72½
Lard	8.42½	8.25	8.17½	8.35
Short Ribs	—	—	7.55	7.57½

Saturday's closing figures for wheat were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	1.05	1.05	1.04½	1.08½

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

	Cash.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Monday	—	—	1.18	1.24
Tuesday	—	1.18	—	1.23½
Wednesday	1.16½-7½	—	1.19	1.24½
Thursday	—	1.21	—	1.20½
Friday	1.21½	—	1.21	1.25½
Saturday	1.19	—	1.19	1.23½

On Friday No. 1 northern was worth \$1.12 and No. 2 northern \$1.04, for cash.

S. W. TROTT, a long established and leading druggist of Calgary, has sold out to Wendell McLean.

## United States Crop Report.

The returns of yield of corn made to the Department of Agriculture indicate a yield per acre quite as large as that of 1885, and larger than any crop since 1885. The aggregate grown on a large area will exceed that of any previous American production, being very close to 2,000,000 bushels, or about thirty two bushels per capita, which has not been exceeded in several previous years.

The corn surplus States average yield as follows: Ohio 35.2 bushels, Indiana 35, Illinois 36.2, Iowa 37, Missouri 31, Kansas 27, Nebraska 36. These seven States produce 64 per cent. of the crop aggregate. The general average will fall somewhat under twenty-seven bushels. There is a good supply of maize in nearly all parts of the South, so that comparatively little will be required from the West. The yields of the Atlantic States are moderate, seriously reduced by frost on the northern border.

After three years of low yields, potatoes give an average of about eighty bushels per acre, or nearly the rate yield in 1879. The averages of prominent potatoe growing States are as follows: Maine 410 bushels, New York 82, Pennsylvania 82, Ohio 80, Michigan 75, Indiana 75, Illinois 80, Iowa 90, Minnesota 95, Dakota 80, Nebraska 80. The yield has been increased in the South. It is high in the Northern belt territories. The total product on the basis of these averages is about 195,000,000 bushels, or 61,000,000 bushels more than the estimated product of 1887.

HERRON has opened a stock of dry goods and groceries at Gladstone, Man.

A. CRADDOCK has opened out in the butcher business at Portage la Prairie, Man.

BRITISH COLUMBIA will not be formed into two inland revenue divisions just now.

HUTCHINGS & DAVIDSON, saddlers, have commenced business at Portage la Prairie.

THE Grand Pacific Hotel, Portage la Prairie, has been opened by D. C. McKinnon, late of Brandon.

BOISSEVAIS, Man., is about to have private bank established there by Crawford & Cowan, of Winnipeg.

THERE is a renewed interest in the Lake Dauphin district and a large number of entries for homesteads have been made in this part of Manitoba.

THE last number of the London *Illustrated News* says that sketches of Calgary, Banff and other points along the line of the C.P.R. taken by Melton Prior will shortly be published in that Journal.

FREDERICK GILLESPIE, general commission agent and importer, Calgary, Alberta, is not burned out as was reported recently. A small building in which he had some goods stored, was burned, and this led to the report.

E. T. GALT, general manager of the Northwest Coal and Navigation Company, has succeeded in raising capital to transform the present narrow gauge road from Dunmore to Lethbridge into a broad gauge road, and also arranged to extend the railway to Fort Benton, Montana, where it will connect with the North

ern Pacific and secure a market for the product of the coal mines. Work begins shortly.

THE debate on the liquor question in the Territorial Assembly at Regina took place last week. Speeches were made by nearly all the members. The division on Cayley's amendment that in the opinion of the Assembly a straight license law should be introduced into the N.W.T., resulted in its defeat by a large majority of 14 to 6, Mitchell being out of the chambers. Turrill's motion, seconded by Oliver, deciding for a straight vote on prohibition vs. license, was carried by a majority of eight.

WE have received the prospectus of Lovell's *Gazetteer and History of Canada* accompanied by a handsome map of the Dominion. The work is estimated to cost \$200,000 and Mr. Lovell will not begin work until \$150,000 is subscribed. There will be nine and possible eleven volumes. The cost of which will be \$75. Any one of the Provinces may be had separately at the prices ranging from \$9.50 to \$12.50 for each, the volume for Manitoba being at the former price. This is a great work undertaken by Mr. Lovell and is to be hoped sufficient subscriptions will be received to enable him to carry it out. Each volume will be accompanied by a handsome map of the province treated on. John Lovell, Montreal, publisher.

## The Drummers.

Before D. L. Moody, the evangelist, started out in his religious work he was a traveling salesman for a boot and shoe house in Chicago, says the *American Commercial Traveler*, and was well known to all the drummers on the road.

A contemporary asserts that it would be a lonely spot indeed where a commercial traveler cannot be found. A town situated miles away from any railroad is brightened up almost every day by the appearance of an intelligent and jovial being who follows the occupation of a traveling salesman. He brings the latest news and stories from the great commercial centres, and makes himself so extremely entertaining that the storekeeper generally turns over his business to the subordinates and listens in mute admiration to every word uttered by the welcome visitor. A retailer can make no better friendships than those made with traveling men. There are hundreds of instances which can be cited if necessary, where retail dealers owe their first start in life to traveling men who have taken an interest in them. It stands to reason that a wholesale house will take the recommendation of one of its honorable representatives in preference to all of the agency reports issued in the country. No man could travel for a first-class house for any length of time unless he was a square and honest one. There is no set of men pursuing occupations on salaries that have earned better reputation as a class than have commercial travelers.

BLANKS—"Hold on! What's your hurry?" Jinks—"Nearly driven to death. Half a bushel letters to answer this morning and no one to help do it." "What has become of that pretty girl typewriter you had?" "She's no use any more. She went and got married." "You don't say so. Whom did she marry?" "Me."