

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Feb. 17, wheat opened at about Saturday's closing prices, and ranged lower. May wheat started at 77½c, but broke to 76½c. Before the close prices recovered to about opening quotations. Provisions were steady, but live hogs were lower. Closing quotations for futures were:—

	Feb.	March	May	June
Wheat.....	74½	75	77½	77½
Corn.....	27½	28	29½	29½
Oats.....	19½	19½	21	20½
Pork.....	9.70	9.75	9.97½	10.05
Lard.....	5.77½	5.77½	5.92½	5.97½
Short Ribs.....	4.70	4.70	4.80	4.85

Wheat opened steady on Tuesday, and ranged ½c under opening figures, and improved ½ to ¾c. May started at 77½c, and ranged from 76½ to 77½c. A firmer feeling was caused by an approaching cold wave, which may do serious damage to winter wheat, owing to the unusually advanced state of the crop at this season. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Mar.	May	June
Wheat.....	74½	75½	77½	77½
Corn.....	27½	28½	30	30
Oats.....	19½	19½	21	20½
Pork.....	9.70	9.75	10.00	10.05
Lard.....	5.77½	5.77½	5.90	5.95
Short Ribs.....	4.70	4.70	4.77½	4.85

Market opened Wednesday at Tuesday's prices. Regular No. 2 spring wheat in store was quotable at about 2 to 2½c under May, but in the absence of reported transactions the price is merely nominal at from 75 to 75½c. Spring wheat by sample was in moderate demand on local and shipping account for No. 3 and No. 4, and prices were steady. Free on board and switched lots ranged as follows: No. 3 at 63 to 64c for fair, 66c for good No. 3 white at 64 to 66c for good, 69c for choice. No. 4 at 50c for ordinary, 58c for choice. No grade at 50c. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Feb.	March	May	June
Wheat.....	75½	76½	77½	77½
Corn.....	28½	29½	30½	30½
Oats.....	19½	19½	21½	21
Pork.....	9.67½	9.70	9.95	10.00
Lard.....	5.72½	5.75	5.87½	5.90
Short Ribs.....	4.70	4.70	4.77½	4.82½

At Chicago on Thursday the wheat market was strong and higher, closing ¾c to ¾c higher than yesterday. The market opened higher on cold weather and timid shorts buying helped to advance prices. Strong cables were also a bull influence. Closing prices were: February, 75½c; March, 76½c; May, 78½ to ¾c; June, 78½c.

On Friday the wheat market was weak and lower. The weakness was due to the fact that the predicted cold weather was not so severe as expected, and did not result in any scare among the shorts. On the other hand they sold heavily, and the market went off easily, closing ¾c to ¾c lower than yesterday. Closing prices were: Feb., 75½c; March, 75½c; May, 77½c to ¾c; June, 77½c.

The directors of the Manitoba & Northwestern railway company deny the statement published by the Winnipeg Free Press, to the effect that that company had arranged to run trains into Winnipeg over the C. P. R. from Portage. The item from the Free Press is published in another column of this issue of THE COMMERCIAL.

HAY is selling at Selkirk at \$9 per ton, where it is being offered in large quantities.

MISS GALLOWAY has opened a dress and mantle-making business at Selkirk, Man.

## Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on Thursday, Feb. 20:

	Feb.	Mar.	May	On track
No. 1 hard.....	77	77	79	77½-78
No. 1 northern.....	70	70	77½	77
No. 2.....	74	74½	76½	73-74

These prices show a fractional gain over a week ago, more particularly on No. 2 northern, which is about 1c higher.

## FLOUR.

Patents, sacks, to local dealers.....	\$1.07 to \$1.05
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots.....	4.15 to 4.50
In barrels.....	4.15 to 4.50
Delivered at New England points.....	4.90 to 5.15
New York points.....	4.80 to 5.05
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore.....	4.75 to 5.05
Bakers here.....	2.90 to 3.25
Superfine.....	1.70 to 2.25
Red dog, sacks.....	1.00 to 1.20
Red dog, barrels.....	1.25 to 1.50

Bran and Shorts—There was a good demand for bran at the late reduction in price and going freely at \$7.25 with some asking 7.50. Shorts quoted \$8 to \$8.50.

Corn—Demand poor and market dragging at 24 to 25 on track and 25 to 26 f.o.b.

Oats—Moving fairly well at 20 to 22 on track with some choice white held at 22½ to 23.

Barley—Market dull and very little doing at 23 to 35.

Feed—Market steady but inclined to dullness at \$10 to 10.50 on track, \$10 to \$10.75 f.o.b. and switched.

Hay—Receipts light and mainly of poor quality. Demand limited. Prices ranging from \$4 for poor wild to \$6.50 for choice Iowa upland.

Butter—Choice only required. Quoted: Creamery 14 to 21, as to quality, dairy 8 to 18c, rolls, 3 to 10c, low grades 2 to 4c per pound.

Eggs—Firmer on cold weather. Fresh 15 to 16c dozen. Cold storage 90c to \$1.50 case.

Potatoes—Choice scarce. Common dull. Car lots 25 to 30c.

Apples—Firm at \$3.50 to 4.50 per barrel in small lots. Car lots \$3 to 4.50 barrel.

Hides—Hides, green, per lb., ¾ to 4c; green, salted, per lb., ¾ to 6½c; sheep pelts, 25c to \$1.

Dressed Meats—Dressed hogs were in limited supply and held at \$3.75 to 4.75, according to the desirability of the stock offered.

Cattle—Minnesota fat steers, \$2.75 to \$3.50; Dakota grass fed steers, \$2.40 to \$3; stockers, \$2.25 to \$2.75; feeders, \$2.40 to \$2.75; cows, \$1.60 to \$2.65; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.50, per 100 pounds.—Market Record.

## The Estimates.

The estimates were brought down in the Manitoba Legislature on Wednesday. The items under the different heads are as follows:

Legislation.....	\$ 42,700
Executive Council.....	5,350
Treasury Department.....	15,620
Unforeseen and Miscellaneous.....	4,000
Provincial Secretary's Department.....	8,450
Agriculture and Immigration.....	58,916
Attorney General's Department.....	127,300
Provincial Lands.....	7,100
Railway Commissioners.....	76,600
Public Works.....	219,310
Municipal Commissioners.....	1,325
Education.....	120,000

Total.....\$686,571

J. LESLIE, of Scott & Leslie, furniture, Winnipeg, has returned from an extended business trip east.

## A Nice Present.

Michel Lefebvre & Co., manufacturers of the well known Lion "L" brand of mixed pickles, vinegars, etc., of Montreal, have sent to their customers here a very nice present in the shape of an office clock of large size and neat design. The clock bears on its face the name of the firm and the goods manufactured by the house, and makes a present both useful as well as ornamental. It is therefore an improvement on the illuminated show calendar style, which has been done to death of late. Michel Lefebvre & Co's pickles and vinegars have now made a name for themselves in the west, and they are fast taking the trade of the country.

THE annual meeting of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association was held in the committee room at the City Hall, Winnipeg, last week. There were present B. M. Caniff, of Portage la Prairie, president of the association, and J. F. Howard, W. M. Mitchell, H. E. Neeland, Joseph Parkinson, C. H. Crauston, N. H. Jackson, J. K. Patton, W. R. Bartlett, R. Steele, Walter Palford, and J. K. Strachan, and the registrar and secretary. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last annual meeting, the annual reports were presented. The association then proceeded with the election of a council for the next two years. After counting the large number of votes which had been received from the members throughout the Province, the scrutineers announced the following seven gentlemen as receiving the highest number of votes: J. F. Howard, W. J. Mitchell, B. M. Caniff, G. W. McLaren, N. J. Halpin, A. Moncton, E. Casselman. The President thereupon declared these gentlemen elected as the council of the association. After the transaction of some general business the meeting adjourned on the invitation of the President, to Clougher's where an oyster supper was indulged in, followed by speeches and songs.

The official exports of hog products from the United States for the month of January, 1890, were: Bacon, 51,498,515 lbs. with a value of \$3,700,153, and for the corresponding month a year ago amounted to 44,199,497 lbs. valued at \$3,675,498. Lard exports for the month of January aggregated 45,455,098 lbs. against 38,944,039 lbs. for the corresponding month last year. Exports of hams for the same period amounted to 9,727,050 lbs. against 4,011,015 lbs. for the corresponding month last year. The total exports of pork, lard, hams and bacon for the three months ending January 31st, 1890, aggregated 321,438,671 lbs. with a value of \$23,548,848, and for the same period a year ago 220,349,910 lbs., valued at \$19,513,525.

A MEETING was held in Winnipeg last week to discuss the proposed exhibition. It was agreed that it would be useless to push it unless a first class exhibition is decided upon. It was further agreed that the buildings should be of a permanent nature. A committee was appointed to consider the whole question and report at a general meeting to be held next Tuesday evening.

JAMES STEWART, blacksmith and carriage maker, Pilot Mound, in difficulties, has succeeded in arranging a settlement with his creditors and has resumed business.

G. A. GRIFFITH is establishing a store on the line of the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway, a few miles west of Otonaw.