

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

There was heavy selling on Monday in the wheat pit, and futures opened lower all around. Reported rains over the winter wheat area were the cause of weakness, and heavy selling said to be by the clique. The visible supply statement amounted to-day showed a decline in stocks for last week of 1,303,815 bushels. May opened at 84c and only reached 1/4c above that price. The bottom price for the day was 82 1/4c. Closing prices were:

	April.	May
Wheat	81 1/2	82 1/2
Corn	37 1/2	38 1/2
Oats	27 1/2	28 1/2
Pork	20.65	20.75
Lard	7.25	7.30
Short Ribs	8 10	8.15

On Tuesday the market continued bearish, on improved crop news. May opened at 82 3/4c, sold up to 83 1/4c and down to 82 3/4c, closing at the top. Closing prices were:

	April	May.
Wheat	81 1/2	83 1/2
Corn	37 1/2	38 1/2
Oats	27 1/2	28 1/2
Pork	20.65	20.75
Lard	7.12 1/2	7.17 1/2
Short Ribs	7.82 1/2	7.87 1/2

May opened at 83 1/4c on Wednesday, which was within 1/4c of the lowest price of the day; 84 3/4c was the top price reached. Short ribs advanced to \$7.80. Other quotations steady. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.
Wheat	82 1/2	84
Corn	37 1/2	38 1/2
Oats	27 1/2	28 1/2
Pork	20.65	20.75
Lard	7.15	7.17 1/2
Short Ribs	7 70	7.75

Wheat averaged higher on Thursday, though the close was nearly the same. Trading was largely in June. May advanced from 84 1/4 to 84 3/4c, and June from 83 1/2 to 84c, at one time selling within 1/4c of May. June closed at 83 3/4c. Closing prices were:

	April	May.
Wheat	82 1/2	84 1/2
Corn	37 1/2	38 1/2
Oats	27 1/2	28 1/2
Pork	20.65	20.75
Lard	7.15	7.17 1/2
Short Ribs	7.81 1/2	7.92 1/2

Wheat opened 1/4c higher on Friday. June fluctuated between 83 3/4c to 84 1/2c, closing at 83 3/4c. The closing was at the bottom. Provisions were easier and the close at the bottom prices. Closing prices were:

	April	May.
Wheat	83 1/2	84
Corn	38	38 1/2
Oats	27 1/2	28 1/2
Pork	20.50	20.75
Lard	7.07 1/2	7.10
Short Ribs	7.66	7.70

May wheat opened at Friday's close on Saturday. The clique is still a mystery to all outside of the deal, and operators are afraid to make a move. The majority of traders take the long side on bulges and the short on breaks, but they are generally milked, no matter which way they move. The deal may culminate in a big corner, but the usual opinion is that it will end in a huge milking deal. June wheat closed at 83 3/4c; July 82 1/4c. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.
Wheat	83 1/2	84 1/2
Corn	38 1/2	39 1/2
Oats	—	29 1/2
Pork	20.60	20.75
Lard	7.06 1/2	7.10
Short Ribs	—	8.12 1/2

TORONTO.

WHEAT

Wheat has held firm and in good demand. Red winter sold at 82 1/4c; No. 2 fall at 85c; No. 2 spring at 84c.

OATS

Quiet and steady at 31 1/2 to 32 1/4c.

APPLES.

No car lots moving, but on the market good fruit brought from \$2.50 to \$3.25.

BUTTER

Trade has been quiet and confined to the local demand, and that only for the Choicest, generally eastern, for which prices have been easier. Prices were: choice eastern, 18 to 20c; western, 13 to 15c; new rolls, 17 to 18c; with some held higher, but not selling.

EGGS

Quoted at 12 1/2 to 13c.

CHEESE

Old steady at 13 1/4c; new will be in the market this week.

CURED MEATS.

Mess pork firm at \$17.50 to \$18. Long clear bacon in cases, sold at 8 1/2c; Cumberland, 8c; rolls, 8 1/2 to 9c; bellies 10 to 11c; hams, 12c for small lots of smoked.

LARD

Large pails selling at 9 3/4c; small pails 10 to 10 1/4c.

HAY

Firmer at \$6.75 to \$7.25.

DRYED APPLES

Scarce and firmer; trade-lots would have been taken at 5 3/4c for common, and at 13 1/4c for evaporated, had there been any offered; and dealers have been selling evaporated at 14c and common at 6 to 6 1/2c, the market closing firm.

LIVE STOCK

Butchers' cattle are finding a steady market, although offerings are heavy; there is a good shipping demand; and the best cattle sold in the neighborhood of 4c per lb, with good at equal to 3 1/2c and medium at 3 to 3 1/2c. Good fat hogs of 160 to 220 lbs find a ready sale at \$5.50 to \$5.75 per cwt. Among sales were: 27 head averaging 180 lbs at \$5.75; 46 mixed, 139 lbs at \$5.25; 7 mixed, 104 lbs at \$5.20; 28 mixed, 125 lbs at \$5.12 1/2.

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; calfskins, cured, 11 to 12c; sheepskins, green, 75c to \$1.40; wool, super, 22c to 24c; extra super, 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4 to 4 1/2c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Business has been rather better on the local market, the past week, shipments being of good volume, though there was not much buying by our millers. Prices have been steady, the heavy and frequent fluctuations at Chicago having no effect here.—Northwestern Miller.

WHEAT—No. 1 hard in store was higher, being quoted at the close at 76 3/4c for cash or April 77 1/2c May and 78 1/2c June.

No. 1 northern in store was quoted at 75 3/4c for cash or April, 76 1/2c May and 77 1/2c June.

No. 2 northern in store nominal at 74c for cash or April, and 75c June.

Track stuff closed at 78 1/2c for hard, 77 1/2 to 78c for 1 northern and 75c for 2 northern.

FLOUR—There was some flour going abroad on the basis of 23s 6d to 24s 6d, for bakers, delivered at various points in the united kingdom and the same grade was selling well on this side. The trouble with millers now is to make profitable disposition of the highest quality. Patents just now are not in too great supply as compared with medium grades and are dull.

Patent sacks to local dealers, \$4.10 to \$4.20; patent, to ship sacks, car lots, \$4.00 to \$4.20; in barrels, \$4.15 to \$4.30; bakers', \$3.40 to \$3.50; superfine, \$1.50 to \$2.25; red dog, sacks, \$1.15 to \$1.25; red dog, barrels, \$1.40 to \$1.50.

BRAN AND SHORTS.—There is a fair request for this class of mill feed at \$10 to \$10.50.—Market Record, April 23rd

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

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

	Cash	May.	June
Monday	—	78	79 1/2
Tuesday	76 1/2	78	79 1/2
Wednesday	—	78 1/2	80
Thursday	—	78 1/2	—
Friday	—	78 1/2	—
Saturday	—	78 1/2	80 1/2

The Commercial Travellers.

Among the bills to be introduced in the present Legislature is one to incorporate the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, with head office at Winnipeg. The bill provides that the association shall have power to make arrangements with transportation, telegraph and insurance companies for obtaining concessions for its members; to hold land and erect buildings thereon; to make contracts of insurance out of the funds of the association occurring to any of the members; to grant benefits to members during sickness and to the families of the members after death; and to insure the lives of members; also to insure baggage and samples of members; to provide libraries, reading rooms, and to invest the funds of the association.

Moneys becoming payable for the benefits of any member are to be free from claims by creditors of such member. The association is to be managed by an executive committee consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five directors, and the first officers are to be Joseph Campbell, president; E. J. McKay, vice-president; J. M. O'Loughlin, secretary; W. M. Ronald, treasurer; and Andrew Strang, Geo. Scott, M. R. O'Loughlin, Fredrick Chilcott and J. C. McLean directors; who shall form the executive. The association is given power to make by-laws; and the property owned by the association previous to its incorporation is to be transferred to the incorporators of the association. This bill will be introduced by E. L. Drewry, M.P.P. for Winnipeg North.

The Government will erect new immigration sheds at Winnipeg this year. The new buildings will, it is said, be far superior to the old ones, lately damaged by fire.