

## 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 1c above that price. The bottom price for the day was 82½c. Closing prices were:

	April.	May
Wheat .....	81½	82½
Corn .....	37½	38½
Oats .....	27½	28½
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 82½c, sold up to 83½c and down to 82½c, closing at the top. Closing prices were:

	April	May
Wheat .....	81½	83½
Corn .....	37½	38½
Oats .....	27½	28½
Pork .....	20.65	20.75
Lard .....	7.12½	7.17½
Short Ribs .....	7.82½	7.87½

May opened at 83½c on Wednesday, which was within 1c of the lowest price of the day; 84½c was the top price reached. Short ribs advanced to \$7.80. Other quotations steady. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.
Wheat .....	82½	84
Corn .....	37½	38½
Oats .....	27½	28½
Pork .....	20.65	20.75
Lard .....	7.15	7.17½
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 84½ to 84¾c, and June from 83½ to 84c, at one time selling within 1c of May. June closed at 83¾c. Closing prices were:

	April	May.
Wheat .....	83½	84½
Corn .....	37½	38½
Oats .....	27½	28½
Pork .....	20.65	20.75
Lard .....	7.15	7.17½
Short Ribs .....	7.81½	7.92½

Wheat opened 1c higher on Friday. June fluctuated between 83½c to 84½, closing at 83½c. The closing was at the bottom. Provisions were easier and the close at the bottom prices. Closing prices were:

	April	May.
Wheat .....	83½	84
Corn .....	38	38½
Oats .....	27½	28½
Pork .....	20.50	20.75
Lard .....	7.07½	7.10
Short Ribs .....	7.65	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 83½c; July 82½c. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.
Wheat .....	83½	84½
Corn .....	38½	39½
Oats .....	—	29½
Pork .....	20.50	20.75
Lard .....	7.08½	7.10
Short Ribs .....	—	8.12½

## TORONTO.

## WHEAT

Wheat has held firm and in good demand. Red winter sold at 82½c; No. 2 fall at 85c; No. 2 spring at 84c.

## OATS

Quiet and steady at 31½ to 32½c.

## 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 12½ to 13c.

## CHEESE

Old steady at 13½c; 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 8½c; Cumberland, 8c; rolls, 8½ to 9c; bellies 10 to 11c; hams, 12c for small lots of smoked.

## LARD

Large pails selling at 9½c; small pails 10 to 10½c.

## HAY

Firmer at \$6.75 to \$7.25.

## DRYED APPLES

Scarce and firmer; trade-lots would have been taken at 5½c for common, and at 13½c for evaporated, had there been any offered; and dealers have been selling evaporated at 14c and common at 6 to 6½c, the market closing firm.

## LIVE STOCK

Butchers' cattle are finding a steady market, although offerings are heavy; there is a good shipping demand; the best cattle sold in the neighborhood of 4c per lb, with good at equal to 3½c and medium at 3 to 3½c. 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 \$5.12½.

## 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, 23c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4 to 4½c.

## 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 76½c for cash or April 77½c May and 78½c June.

No. 1 northern in store was quoted at 75½c for cash or April, 76½c May and 77½c June.

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

Track stuff closed at 78½c for hard, 77½ 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	79½
Tuesday .....	76½	78	79½
Wednesday .....	—	78½	80
Thursday .....	—	78½	—
Friday .....	—	78½	—
Saturday .....	—	78½	80½

## 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.