

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The strong upward movement in wheat on Saturday was followed by a sharp reaction on the following Monday, August 25. Weakness was caused by the estimates of the Vienna wheat conference which makes the European crop larger than previous reports. Wheat declined over 2c, corn about 1c and oats about ½c. Provisions were also lower. Closing prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	1.04½	1.04½	—	1.07½
Corn	48½	48½	49	50½
Oats	30½	30½	35½	36½
Pork	10.75	10.70	10.75	—
Lard	6.20	6.25	6.40	6.65
Short Ribs ..	—	5.32½	5.47½	—

Wheat recovered on Tuesday the loss of the previous day. There was a big spurt in prices, September advancing from \$1.04½ at the opening up to \$1.08. December sold as high as \$1.09½. May wheat sold up to \$1.13½. The top prices were not maintained, and the close the latter option stood at \$1.12½. Fears of a "deal" in September was the cause of the bulge. The continued wet weather in Manitoba and northern Minnesota and Dakota, added to the strength of the market. Corn and oats made fractional gains. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	1.06½	1.06½	—	1.08½
Corn	49½	49	49½	49½
Oats	37	36½	36½	36½
Pork	11.00	11.00	10.75	—
Lard	6.20	6.25	6.40	6.65
Short Ribs ..	5.22½	5.32½	5.47½	—

On Wednesday wheat had a wide range, but closed 1 to 1½c lower. May wheat closed at about \$1.11½c. There was very heavy selling, causing weakness. Closing prices for futures were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	1.05	1.05	—	1.07½
Corn	48½	48½	48½	49½
Oats	37½	36½	36	36½
Pork	10.75	10.75	10.70	—
Lard	6.20	6.22½	6.40	6.62½
Ribs	5.20	5.27½	5.42	—

Wheat closed 2 cents lower on Thursday, owing to heavy selling. May wheat closed at \$1.05½c. Prices were:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	—	1.02½	—	1.05½
Corn	—	47	47½-47½	—
Oats	—	50	35½	—
Pork	—	10.60	10.50	—
Lard	—	6.20	6.32½-35	—
Short Ribs ..	—	5.25	5.40	—

On Friday wheat closed ½c higher. The market was of a local nature. Oats closed a fraction higher. Provisions were easier, pork and lard closing lower. Closing prices were:—

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	\$1.02½	—	\$1.05½
Corn	47½-48	47-48	—
Oats	50½	35½	—
Pork	10.25	10.25	—
Lard	6.17½	6.32½	—
Short Ribs ..	5.25-27½	5.40-42½	—

Montreal Live Stock Market.

The market last week was still largely supplied with stockers. Prices were firmer for local trade early in the week. Good butchers' stock brought 3½ to 4½c as to quality, poor 2½ to 3c. Freight rates were easier, owing to increase in available shipping, rates being quoted at 45 to 55 shillings insured. A Liverpool cable on Tuesday last reported prices ½ to 1c higher for cattle, owing to very light offerings.

Minneapolis Market.

Following were wheat quotations on Thursday, Aug. 23:—

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.	On track
No. 1 hard	1.10	—	—	1.13-14
No. 1 northern ..	1.02½	1.00½	1.03½	1.06-8
No. 2 northern ..	1.00	—	—	1.02-3

New wheat on track quoted—No. 1 hard 1.08 9, no. 1 northern 1.03-4, no. 2 northern 97-99. These quotations are slightly lower than a week ago.

FLOUR—No excitement has been noted in the product, compared with wheat. Flour has followed wheat up but because the millers were compelled to increase quotations even if it cut off demand. Now that wheat seems to be halting there is increased dullness, with too little going abroad for activity. Patents quoted at \$5.75 to \$6.10 as asking figures; bakers were called about \$5.40 to \$5.80 and low grades, including red dog, \$1.95 to \$2.35.

Bran and Shorts—Market steady with bran ranging from \$11.75 to \$12.25; shorts, \$13.25 to \$13.50 and middlings at \$14.25 to \$14.75.

Corn.—This market remained very quiet with little besides a purely local trade at 47 to 47½c for fair feed samples.

Oats.—This grain was not offered so plentifully, and choice stock went quite well at 35 to 36c with extremes in quality above and below these figures.

Barley.—The new barley that came in from this crop has among it some thin grain but mostly of good color and attractive with sales at 45 to 55c.

Flax—Is beginning to arrive from the new crop. Quoted at \$1.31 to \$1.32.

Feed.—Coarse meal and mixed feed were quiet with rather more inquiry noted by millers who held at \$18.75 to \$19.

Eggs—The receipts are running very light. The demand is good for fresh stock with holders generally asking 15 to 15½c and occasionally making a sale at 16c.

Potatoes—New held at 80 to 85c per bushel. Sweet potatoes, \$5 to \$6 per barrel.—Market Record Aug. 23

Montreal Stock Markets.

Following were quotations of leading stocks at Montreal on Aug. 23:—

Banks.	Sellerr.	Buyers
Bank of Montreal	231	229½
Ontario	120	115
Molson's	170	164
Toronto	223½	219
Merchants	147	144
Union	—	—
Commerce	123½	123

Miscellaneous.

Montreal Tel	101	99½
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	59½	57
City Pass. Ry.	193½	186½
Montreal Gas	211	209½
Canada N. W. Land Co.	84½	83½
C. P. R. (Montreal) ..	84½	82½
C. P. R. (London) ..	—	85½
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On call	6	—

Eastern Cheese Markets

Belleville, Ont., August 26.—At the market to day 16 factories offered 450 white and 650 colored; total 1,100 boxes. Nine cents was bid for the whole board, but only 75 white and 20 colored accepted this figure. Factorymen are accepting one-eighth better after the board.

Ingersoll, Ont., Aug. 26.—At the cheese market, held here to-day, very little business was transacted, there being only five hundred boxes boarded August make; three hundred were sold at 9c. Previous to the opening of the market 9c was freely offered all round, but refused, salesmen holding for 9½c.

Chicago Barley Market.

Cash sales of barley on the Board of Trade on Wednesday last were as follows:—

Free on Board and Switched—New No. 3—1 car at 52c, 1 at 53c, 1 at 54c, 2 at 55c, 2 at 56c, 3 at 58c, 5 at 60c, 1 at 61c, 1 at 62½c, 1 at 64c, 3 at 65c, 1 at 66c, 1 at 67c.

New No. 4—1 car poor at 39c, 1 fair at 45c, 1 at 47c, 3 at 48c, 2 good at 50c, 1 at 51c, 1 at 52c, 1 at 53c, 1 at 55c.

No. grade—2 cars at 43c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

No. 1 hard wheat, September option, sold between \$1.05 and \$1.06 at Duluth on Thursday last, Aug. 28

Barley Wanted.

Messrs. A. C. Buell & Co., grain commission men, of the Chicago Board of Trade, have written to the publisher of THE COMMERCIAL giving a rather doleful tale as to the crop in the western States, and foreshadowing a heavy demand for fine barley, which they will have difficulty in filling, and which they cannot fill from their home crop. They have sent in their advertisement to this journal, in hope of securing a supplementary supply from Manitoba. There should be quite a surplus of plump, bright barley for export here, which should find a good market in Chicago, and especially through the agency of the house above named. The proposed prohibitory duty which some United States politicians would place on barley imports from Canada is not likely to be placed on the statutes by the present session of Congress, as such action during this year of scarcity would raise a big howl, wherever beer was brewed or drank. This move of Messrs. A. C. Buell & Co., of advertising for consignments from this province is the first attempt of the kind by any Chicago grain house, but a year or two more will bring many others to look up this way for barley supplies, and follow their example.

Real Estate Business at Vancouver.

Like all rapidly growing western towns, real estate business has been one of the important features of Vancouver. It was evident from the start, that the terminus of a great trans-continental railway at a port possessing admirable shipping facilities, rendered the situation of Vancouver a favorable one. Under such conditions, it was only a matter of time when the place would become a city of importance in point of population and as a commercial and industrial centre. Though only a few years old, Vancouver has already made wonderful progress in the direction of attaining a position among the leading cities of Canada.

The conditions at the outset were favorable for a steady advance in the value of real estate, and the field was an inviting one for the real estate agent. It was not long unoccupied. Real estate offices were among the earliest institutions of the embryo city, and the number constantly increased up to last spring, when they could have been counted by the score. It