

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

Wheat opened firm on Monday at Saturday's closing prices on receipt of cables of an advance of 1d to 6d in Liverpool. Later the visible supply statement, showing a larger increase than had been expected, put prices down 3c. Then the report from New York, showing exports last week of 2,500,000 bushels of wheat and flour equivalent to wheat, put up prices again. Provisions were dull and prices stationary. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	74½	74½
Corn	36½	36½
Oats	26½	26½
Pork	9.47½	9.57½
Lard	5.90½	5.90

Free selling and absence of buying on export account, worked prices down on Tuesday about 3c. Heavy buying on the decline put prices nearly back to the start, closing firm. There was good buying in pork and ribs, and prices were a shade higher. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	74½	74½
Corn	36½	36½
Oats	26½	26½
Pork	9.47½	9.47½
Lard	5.90½	5.90

Wheat was dull and steady on Wednesday, and fluctuations narrow only amounting to ½c. Speculative trade is centering in the May option, which closed at 81½c. There was active buying in provisions. Pork advanced 20c, closing 7½c from the top. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	74½	74½
Corn	36½	36½
Oats	26½	26½
Pork	9.60	9.60
Lard	5.92½	5.92½

On Thursday there was no session of the board, owing to its being Thanksgiving Day.

On Friday trading was not active, and there were few if any new features in the market. Prices were easier owing to light buying and large receipts. First prices were ½c lower, and a further decline of about the same amount took place. Prices then reacted to near the start, but closed dull. Last prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	74½	74½
Corn	37	—
Oats	26½	26½
Pork	9.72½	9.72½
Lard	5.92½	5.92½

On Saturday there was active trading spasmodically, and one or two little bulges occurred. Pork advanced strongly. January going up to \$10.60. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	74½	75
Corn	36½	37½
Oats	26½	26½
Pork	9.75	9.75
Lard	5.97½	5.97½

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The condition of the stock market will be shown by the following comparative table for the dates named:

	Nov. 17.		Nov. 24.	
	ASKED.	MD.	ASKED.	MD.
Montreal	230	234½	239½	230½
Ontario	113	112½	116½	116
Toronto	210	208	—	209
Merchants	127½	126	—	127
Commerce	127	120½	129	125½
Imperial	—	133½	137	130½
Federal	107½	107	108	107
Dominion	216½	216½	220	210½
Standard	129½	129	127	120½
Hamilton	—	133	136	134
Northwest Land ..	62½	60½	64½	63½
C.P.R. Bonds	106	105	100	105

WHEAT

The amount of business doing has not been in excess of the previous week, and has, therefore, been quiet. Prices, however, have shown a firmer tendency. Sales were few, owing to light offerings more than to an absence of a desire to transact business. There was very little spring offered. Red winter sold at 76c, and some cars on track went as high as 77c. No. 2 spring appeared to be worth about the same. No. 2 fall sold at 76c, with 75c bid at the close.

FLOUR.

The demand has continued light, but holders have refused to reduce prices any further. Superior extra sold at \$3.45, and extra at \$3.35.

OATMEAL

Small lots have sold at from \$3.75 to \$4, with some granulated at \$4.25. No car lots have changed hands.

OATS

Prices have ranged from 32c for mixed to 33½c for white, on track.

BARLEY

The tendency in barley has been to easier prices, and the demand seems to have slackened. There was no movement in low grades. The feeling at the close was weak, when No. 1 was worth 60c, and No. 2 55c. Extra No. 3 sold at 52c, but at close 50c was the highest bid.

APPLES

One car lot sold at \$1.90, but choice fruit was easily worth \$2.10 to \$2.25.

POULTRY

Box-lots have come in with a rush, and this along with wet weather has made prices weak, at 5 to 5½c per lb for geese, and 8 to 10c for turkeys, with ducks 45 to 55c, and fowl 25 to 40c per pair.

BUTTER

Receipts have been large, but not of the quality wanted, choice only being in demand. Choice brought 18 to 19c, with dairy lots quiet at 15 to 16c. Medium going into store and stock heavy, with prices nominal at 12 to 13c. Common 8 to 9c. Choice rolls, 15 to 17c.

EGGS

Pickled have sold at 17c and candied at 18c.

CHEESE

Small lots sell at 12 to 12½c for choice, with some medium obtainable at 10c.

PORK

Nominal at \$13.50 to \$14.

BACON

Prices seem unsettled and likely to continue so until curing has generally begun, and prices of hogs have been fixed. Long clear may be quoted at 8 to 8½c; Cumberland at 7½c; rolls at 8½ to 9c; and backs and bellies at 10 to 10½c, but scarcely any selling.

HAMS

Quiet at 11 to 11½c for new smoked.

LARD

Quiet and easy at 9 to 9½c for tinnets and 9½ to 10c for pails.

DRESSED HOGS

Rail-lots have been in rather increased supply.

and have sold at from \$3.35 to \$5.50, which may be taken as their value at the close.

DRIED APPLES

Trade lots or old seem to be finished and new have been offered only to a very small extent; they seem, however, to have changed hands at 3½c, dealers wanting 4½ to 4½c for small lots of these and 3½ to 4c for old, and 8½ to 8½c for evaporated in small lots.

LIVE STOCK.

Unchanged; good steady demand for medium fat weighing 160 to 220 lbs per head at \$4 to \$4.15 per cwt, heavy are also selling well at \$3.75 to \$4, but light fat are slow at \$3.75. Choice cattle have been rather firmer, and from 3½ to 3½c was obtained for some extra choice. The average, however, was not over 3½c for choice, and 3c for ordinary.

HIDES AND WOOL

Following are quotations:—Hides, No. 1 inspected steers, \$9; No. 1 inspected cows, \$8.50; No. 2 inspected, \$7.50; No. 3 inspected, \$5; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c; calfskins, cured, 13 to 14c; calfskins, dry, 11 to 13c; sheepskins, green, 65 to 90c; wool, super, 22½ to 23c; extra super, 27 to 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4½ to 4½c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

The market opened firm last week, owing to better cables. Receipts on Monday were 416 cars. Receipts for the previous week were 1,126 cars, of which 790 cars were No. 1 hard. Shipments for the same time were 708,250 bushels. Receipts for the current week have shown a falling off, and it is reported that there are only 300 or 400 cars in sight on the Northern Pacific Railway. The receipts of Thursday and Friday amounted to but 206 cars, and have averaged about 60,000 bushels per day. Shipments have been going out all the week by the lake route, Friday showing up 438,000 bushels. Closing prices for the week, based on No. 1 hard were as follows:

	Cash	Dec.	May
Monday	74½	75½	82½
Tuesday	73½	75	82½
Wednesday	73½	74½	82
Thursday	—	—	—
Friday	73½	74½	81½
Saturday	—	75½	82½

To Shippers of Roll-Butter.

A practice that should be abolished by country shippers is that of working low grades of packed into roll, and packing them in with fresh-made roll, with the intention of palming it all off as fresh-made. The deception is always detected, and such lots are invariably sold at same prices that low grades of packed command. Regarding packages new tubs or hardwood boxes are the most desirable, and half barrels or kegs will do equally as well, and these only should be used. Care should also be taken before putting the butter in packages, that all the sides and ends of the package be lined with new muslin, thus keeping the butter from defacement by touching the wood. A bad practice is in putting the butter up in paper; this should not be done, as the paper sticks to the butter and damages the appearance. Each roll should be separately placed in a piece of new muslin cloth, washed in warm water to take out the starch, and thoroughly wet in good brine. The rolls should also be of moderate size and not too large. Then again, the rolls should be of uniform color, not packing the light and fresh-made with other that has been colored.