

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

Wheat opened lower on Monday, May selling at 84½c on the start. Cables quoted Liverpool 1d. lower, but later reports were more encouraging. May advanced slowly ½c, sold down ¼c, and held about this figure. Pork opened 5c to 10c higher, but later sold down 12½ firming up before the close. A heavy line of lard thrown on the market broke prices 10c to 12½c. Trading was heavy. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.
Wheat	78½	85½
Corn	36½	41½
Oats	26½	31
Pork	12.02½	12.35
Lard	6.40	6.02½
Short Ribs	6.05	6.27½

On Tuesday wheat cables were depressed, owing to liberal shipments of American wheat, and the large visible supply on this continent. Foreign buyers seemed to have got over their temporary scare of a deficiency in the supply. May opened at yesterday's close, sold off to 84½c, held about this figure for a time, dropped to 84½c, but again recovered. Pork broke 25 to 32½c, ribs 12½ to 15c, and lard 7½c, recovered a portion of the loss, but again sold off. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.
Wheat	77½	84½
Corn	36	41½
Oats	26½	30½
Pork	11.72½	12.05
Lard	6.32½	6.55
Short Ribs	5.95	6.15

It was noticeable on Wednesday that receipts at primary markets show a steady decline for the week, and at the same ratio for the balance of the time, the next visible supply will show a decrease of 500,000 bushels. May opened at 84½c, and there was considerable trading at between this figure and ½c higher, only going ¼c lower than the opening price. In the afternoon wheat was stronger, May reaching 85½c. Pork opened 12½c lower for May, sold down 7½c, and then advanced to \$12. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Mar.
Wheat	78½	85½
Corn	36½	42
Oats	26½	30½
Pork	11.65	12.02½
Lard	6.32½	6.55
Short Ribs	5.90	6.12½

The wheat market opened steady on Thursday, with a firmer tone prevailing. May advanced to 85½c, but later declined to 84½c. This last figure was the lowest of the day, and at the close prices were at the top. An attempt was made to bull the market on war news, but anything of this nature is now taken at a discount, and the day seems to have gone by when prices can be sent skyward by rumors of war. The firmness toward the close was due to news from New York of a large export movement, and of a rapid decline in receipts at primary points. It is now estimated that the next visible supply statement will show a decrease of 1,000,000 bushels. Provisions were dull and prices fairly steady. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Mar.
Wheat	78½	85½
Corn	36½	41½
Oats	26½	31
Pork	11.87½	12.17½
Lard	6.40	6.02½
Short Ribs	6.00	6.20

On Friday the wheat market was steady during a great portion of the day, but weaker toward the close. There was heavy buying on California account, owing to reported drought in that State. May advanced to 85½c, but soon started downward, under heavy offerings, closing at the bottom. It was reported from New York that charters had been engaged for 252 boat loads, or about 2,000,000 bushels, for export. The weakness seemed to be set down to the large exports, which have caused a dullness in British markets. In the provision market changes in prices were not wide, but the feeling seemed unsettled. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.
Wheat	78	84½
Corn	37	41½
Oats	26½	30½
Pork	11.90	12.17½
Lard	6.42½	6.05
Short Ribs	6.05	6.25

On Saturday wheat opened at Friday's closing prices. The range of fluctuations was narrow, the opening figure being the lowest price for the day, and the highest, ½c above the start. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Mar.
Wheat	78½	85½
Corn	36½	—
Oats	26½	—
Pork	12.05	12.37½
Lard	6.47½	—
Short Ribs	6.15	—

TORONTO.

STOCKS

Changes in quotations will be shown by the following comparative table of closing quotations on the dates named:—

	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
ASKED. BID. ASKED. BID.		
Montreal	236½ 235½	237 236½
Ontario	115 115	115 114½
Toronto	— 210	214 212½
Merchants	129½ 128	129½ 128½
Commerce	125½ 124½	124½ 124
Imperial	— 134	135½ 134
Federal	— 107½	108½ 108
Dominion	220 218½	221½ 220
Standard	— 12½	127½ 127
Hamilton	— 134½	— 135
Northwest Land ..	63½ 62½	60½ 60
C.P.R. Bonds	106 105	106 105

WHEAT

Sales continue few since the holiday season, and both holders and buyers seem inactive. Some No. 1 hard Manitoba sold at 95c. No. 2 fall sold at 82c, with red winter worth about 84c. No. 2 spring was bid at 84c.

FLOUR.

The highest bid was equal to \$3.50 for superior extra, and \$3.40 for extra, but holders refused to sell at these prices.

OATS

Cars on track sold at about 31c, at which price there was a good demand for shipment.

BARLEY

Prices steady and well maintained. Sales at 57c for No. 1, 52c for No. 2, 47c for No. 3 extra, 42c for No. 3.

APPLES.

One car of fine quality sold at \$2.55 on track. Receipts light and scarce.

POULTRY

Quiet at 9 to 10c for turkeys, geese 6 to 7c, chickens 30 to 40c per pair, ducks 50 to 60c per pair.

BUTTER

Steady and choice scarce. From 18 to 19c has been readily paid for selections, with choice

store at 15 to 16c. Good medium sold at 13 to 14c for shipment. Rolls 15 to 16c.

CHEESE.

From 12½ to 13c for fine. Some inferior offered at 10½.

EGGS

Pickled held at 17c, and fresh at 20c.

PORK

Steady at \$14.50 in small lots.

BACON

On car long clear sold at 7½c, with tons and cases held at 9c. Cumberland 7½c; rolls 8½ to 9c; bellies 10 to 10½c.

LARD

Car lot large pails sold at 9½c, with small lots held at 9½ to 9¾c.

HAMS

Steady at 10½ to 11c, according to quantity taken.

DRESSED HOGS

Car lots sold at \$5.90, but generally held at \$6 without takers.

DRIED APPLES

Have continued in good demand at steady but usually unchanged prices. Trade lots have been readily taken at prices equal to 3¼ to 4c in Toronto, and dealers have been selling them at 4¼ to 4½c. Evaporated have been rather firmer, trade-lots having brought equal to 10 to 10½c, and dealers having been selling at 10½ to 11c for small lots.

HIDES.

Green have declined a quarter cent, inspected standing at 7½c for No. 1; at 6½c for No. 2, and 5½c for No. 3 at close, with some parties expecting a further decline; cured also easier, and have sold in cars at 8½c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

On Monday wheat opened fairly steady. The range of prices was from 85½c to 86½, with the close at the top. Tuesday was weak and prices got down ½c at one time, closing a fraction better. On Wednesday prices were very steady. Receipts were 57,252 bushels, or about double those of the previous day. Trading was very light. On Thursday there was a good local demand, and considerable outside buying, with prices held well up. The range in prices was from 85½c to 86½c. On Friday the market was again quieter and more unsettled. May opened at 86½c, advanced to 86¾c, declined to 86c, and closed at bottom. A report from Minneapolis said that 100,000 bushels had been worked for direct export, which is a new feature in the wheat trade of that place. Closing prices on each day of the week, for No. 1 hard, were as follows:

	Cash	Jan.	May
Monday	—	—	86½
Tuesday	79	—	85½
Wednesday	78½	—	86
Thursday	80½	—	86½
Friday	80	—	86
Saturday	—	—	86½

The railway station and round house at Rapid City has been completed.

THOMPSON BROS., stationers, Portage la Prairie, who lately had their stock damaged by fire, have sold out to A. Raymer. Thompson Bros. are established in the same line at Calgary and Vancouver, B.C.

— MCKELVIE has purchased the grocery and boot and shoe stock of Geo. Craig & Co., general storekeeper, Brandon, and will continue these lines at the same place. The dry goods portion of the stock will be taken to Portage la Prairie.