

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Dec. 22, wheat closed about 2c lower than Saturday's closing prices. The opening was a trifle higher, but the feeling was dull and weak, and prices gradually declined, being at the lowest point at the close. Weak cables, a decline in silver and liberal receipts were the dull features. Corn declined, May closing 1½c lower. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	89½	90½	—	93½
Corn.....	40	40½	40½	51½
Oats.....	40½	40½	—	43½
Pork.....	7.52	9.85	—	9.85
Lard.....	5.67½	5.72½	—	6.35
Short Ribs.....	4.65	4.87½	—	5.55

On Tuesday wheat again declined, closing ½ to ¾c under Monday's close. Prices advanced about ½ to ¾c, but declined under a generally dull market about 1½c, with some reaction toward the close. The decrease in wheat on passage and reports of damage by the fly were the dull features, but all markets were dull, holiday conditions evidently ruling, and prices were allowed to slide down. Corn declined. Closing prices were:—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	89½	89½	—	97½
Corn.....	43	48½	48½	51½
Oats.....	39½	40	—	43½
Pork.....	7.50	9.77½	—	10.72½
Lard.....	5.60	5.72½	—	6.35
Short Ribs.....	4.65	4.82½	—	5.12½

On Wednesday wheat closed ½c higher. The advance was due to purchasing orders from the Pacific coast and to Bradstreet's announcement that the stock of wheat east of the Rocky Mountains had increased 189,000 bushels, indicating a smaller movement from first hands than had been generally looked for. Closing prices were:—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	89½	91½	—	98
Corn.....	48½	48½	—	51½
Oats.....	40	40½	—	43½
Pork.....	7.90	10.07½	—	10.97½
Lard.....	—	5.80	—	6.40
Short Ribs.....	—	4.97½	—	5.65

Wheat was dull on Friday and in the hands of local scalpers. Heavy receipts and lower prices for silver were the depressing features. Prices closed ¾c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	May.
Wheat.....	89	89½	—	97½
Corn.....	47½	48½	—	51½
Oats.....	—	40½	—	43½
Pork.....	8.12½	10.12½	—	11.62½
Lard.....	—	5.87½-85	—	6.42½-45
Short Ribs.....	—	5.02½	—	5.75

Minneapolis Market.

Following were closing wheat quotations on December 24:—

	Dec.	Jan.	May	On track
No. 1 hard.....	89	90	—	90
No. 1 northern.....	86	86	94½	87
No. 2 northern.....	83	83½	—	83½

Flour—The markets are very slow for fresh business. Prices are low, even when compared with the price of wheat, that has ruled since the recent break. Quoted at \$4.60 to \$5.00 for first patents; \$4.10 to \$4.60 for second patent; \$3.60 to \$4.20 for fancy and export bakers; \$1.80 to \$2.25 for low grades in bags, including red dog.

Bran and shorts—Quoted at \$14.25 to \$14.50 for bran, \$14.50 to \$15 for shorts and \$15.50 to \$15.75 for middlings.

Oats—Quoted at 36 to 40½c by sample.

Barley—Quoted at 45 to 55c for good to fine samples of No. 3.

Feed—Millers held at \$20.50 to \$21 with cornmeal at \$19.50 to \$19.75.

Eggs—Fresh stock held at 23 to 24c, storage, 20 to 21c, pickled, 19c per dozen.

Potatoes—Car lots at 65 to 85c bushel.

Hides—Green 4½ to 4½c lb; green salted 5 to 5½c; sheep pelts 65 to 70c each.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, 2 to 7c, turkeys, 11 to 12½c, geese, 8c, ducks, 9 to 10c lb.—*Market Record.*

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis on Saturday, Dec. 27, wheat closed lower at 93½c per bushel for No. 1 northern, May option. This is over 3c lower than a week ago.

Duluth Wheat Market.

The Duluth wheat market ruled dull and easy during the week. Prices declined sharply on Saturday, Dec. 27, and closed as follows on that day for No. 1 hard: December option, 88½; May, 97½. These prices were about 4c under closing prices a week ago.

Montreal Grain Market.

The *Montreal Gazette* of Dec. 22 says: "There is a continued quiet feeling in the local grain market. Oats are still scarce, and any offering bring outside figures. The stocks in store compared with those of a week ago show an increase of 10,567 bushels of wheat, 14,750 bushels of oats, 3,259 bushels of barley. Compared with the same time last year there is a decrease 130,801 bushels of wheat, 9,063 bush. of corn, 112,652 bushels of peas, 54,680 bushels of barley, and an increase of 102,398 of oats, and 11,721 bushels of rye. Prices are: No. 2 Manitoba hard, \$1.01 to \$1.02; peas, 73 to 74c per 66 lbs.; Manitoba oats, 44 to 45c; Upper Canada do., 47 to 47½c; feed barley, 50 to 52c; good malting do., 65 to 70c; rye 60c.

The flour market continues steady under fair jobbing trade. The stock in store shows an increase of 1,610 bbls. compared with a week ago, and a decrease of 27,139 bbls. compared with a year ago. Prices are: Patent spring, \$5.70 to \$5.80; patent winter, \$5.10 to \$5.40.

Reciprocity at Washington.

The resolution introduced at Washington by Senator Gray on the subject of reciprocity reads as follows: Whereas, it is impracticable to guard an extent of frontier of nearly four thousand miles between two different jurisdictions and prevent the evasion of high tariff duties; and whereas, special consideration is demanded by territorial contiguity, community of language, similarity of political and social institutions, and the existence of natural markets render it desirable that a system of reciprocal and free commercial exchange between the people of the United States and those of the Dominion of Canada should be adopted; and whereas, on our southern border our sister republic of Mexico has long awaited the co-operative legislation of this Government to institute a reciprocal system for the exchange of the products of the industries of that country for those of the United States. Resolved—That for the expansion of markets for the production of American skill

and industry, the promotion of friendly intercourse with those governments whose territorial limits stretch along our northern and southern borders, it is hereby recommended to the President of the United States to institute negotiations with the countries of Great Britain and with Mexico whereby in the interest of commercial intercourse and for the strengthening of ties of amity and good neighborhood a reduction and total repeal of important duties on leading articles of the production of the people of the respective countries herein named may be effected by combined and co-operative legislation.

H. Owen, traveller for Bryan & Co., cigars, Winnipeg, as he was leaving the office Wednesday evening his employers handed him \$50 in gold and a handsome note book as a souvenir of the season.

A. Macdonald & Co., general dealers, Lethbridge, Alberta territory, finding their present storage capacity too small, are erecting a warehouse. The building is 50 by 24 feet, and has a fine cellar underneath the full size of the building.

A Toronto telegram, of Dec. 22, says: "On the local stock exchange last week Northwest land was active and irregular, but it closed strong. Opening at 70, it rose to 70½, declined to 69½ and closed at 68½ here and 70½ in Montreal. The total sales for the week of the stock were 539 shares."

A MEETING of farmers was held at Carberry, Man., recently to consider the advisability of erecting a farmers elevator at that place. Two thousand dollars were subscribed on the spot. It is proposed to form a stock company, with a capital of \$15,000, and build a 100,000 bushel elevator at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

THE department of agriculture, at Ottawa, has received a report from Immigration Agent Bennett, Winnipeg, stating that he had received a report from one of the Dakota delegates, who visited Manitoba in reference to finding homesteads for the starving farmers of South Dakota. He and the other delegates were highly pleased with what they saw and with the location selected. He further states that at least 150 farmers will be ready to leave South Dakota on the 20th of March next to settle in Canadian territory.

THE holiday edition of the *Winnipeg Free Press* was a splendid number, covering 26 pages, printed on fine paper. It contained a number of interesting historical and other articles about the country, which would make it a valuable paper to send to friends in the east or elsewhere. The *Free Press* management is to be commended for having sent this fine number free to regular subscribers, and placing it on sale at the same price as the regular daily issue. The cost of the paper would amount to very much more than the price at which it was sold.

WHEAT exports from the seven Atlantic ports from Sept. 1 to Dec. 13, 1899, were 3,570,441 bushels against 6,661,430 bushels for same time in 1898. Exports of flour for the same time from the same ports, were 2,616,989 barrels for the same time in 1898. The exports of flour and wheat together for the above period in 1899 equal 15,347,891 bushels against 19,875,225 bushels for same time in 1898.