

**New York Wheat**

New York, Feb. 20. — Wheat—Receipts 21,600 bushels, exports 224,039 bushels. Options opened steady but quiet. Scalpers were bearish and went short in face of the crop damage news and small world's shipments, only to be scared in at mid-day by an unexpected decrease in the visible supply. Subsequently prices were well held on light offerings and closed firm at 3-4 to 7-8 net advance.

New York, Feb. 21.—Wheat — Receipts 27,200 bush.; exports 54,836 bush. Options opened easy on dispatching cable news. Shorts were forced to cover, however, on predictions of another cold wave in the north-west, and prices held firm until weakened again in the late afternoon, through realizing. The closing was weak at 1-4c to 5-8c net decline.

New York, Feb. 22.—No market. Holiday.

New York, Feb. 23.—Wheat, March 83 3-8c. May opened 77 1-2c, closed 77 5-8c. July opened 75 1-8c, closed 75 1-8c.

New York, Feb. 24.—Wheat, March opened 83 7-8c, closed 84 1-2c a. May opened 77 1-2c, closed 78 1-8c a. July opened 75 7-8c, closed 76 1-4c n.

New York, Feb. 25.—Wheat closed to-day as follows: March delivery, 84 1-4c; May, 78c.

**Chicago Board of Trade Prices**

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel of mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Wheat, May opened 72 1-2c, closed 73 1-8c. July opened 70 3-4c, closed 71 1-2c b. Corn, Feb. closed 34 1-4c n. May opened 35 5-8c.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Wheat, May opened 72 7-8c, closed 73 1-8c a. July opened 71 1-8c, closed 71 1-4c. Corn, Feb. closed 34 1-4c. May opened 35 5-8c, closed 35 3-4c b. July opened 36c, closed 36 1-8 to 1-4c. Oats, Feb. closed 26 5-8 n. May opened 27 1-2c, closed 27 5-8c. July opened 25 5-8 to 3-4c. Pork, Feb. closed \$9.35. May opened \$9.40 to \$9.42, closed \$9.55.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Holiday. Washington's birthday.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-4c, closed 73 1-4 to 3-8c. July opened 71 3-8c, closed 71 3-8c. Corn, Feb. 34 1-2c n. May opened 35 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 36c b. July opened 36 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 36 1-2c b. Oats, Feb. 26 7-8c. May opened 27 5-8c to 3-4c, closed 27 7-8c. July opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 7-8c. Pork, Feb. \$9.45 n. May opened \$9.62 to \$9.65, closed \$9.65.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Wheat, Feb. opened 73 to 73 1-2c, closed 73 5-8 to 3-4c. July opened 71 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 71 3-4c. Corn, Feb. 34 7-8c. May opened 35 7-8 to 36 1-8c, closed 36 3-8c a. July opened 36 1-2c, closed 36 3-4 to 7-8c. Oats, Feb. 27c n. May opened 27 3-4 to 7-8c, closed 27c a. July opened 25 3-4c, closed 25 7-8 to 26c. Ribs, July \$4.97 a. May opened \$4.85, closed \$4.85 a. Pork, Feb. \$9.40. May opened \$9.62, closed \$9.60. Lard, July \$5.57. May opened \$5.45.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Wheat opened at about 73 1-2c for May, and ranged from 73 to 74c. Closing prices were Wheat—May 74c, July 71 1-4c. Corn—Feb. 34 7-8c, May 36 3-8c. Oats—27c, May 28c. Pork—Feb. \$9.27 1-2c, May \$9.57 1-2. Lard—May \$5.45. Ribs—May \$4.82 1-2.

A week ago May option closed at 72c; a year ago May wheat closed at \$1.02 1-2; two years ago at 74 1-2c; three years ago at 67 1-2c; four years ago at 54 3-8c.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.**

No. 1 northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—May, 72 1-8c.  
Tuesday—May, 72 1-8c.  
Wednesday—Holiday.  
Thursday—May, 72 3-8c.  
Friday—Cash, 70 1-8c; May, 72 5-8c.  
Saturday—May 72 1-4c; July 72 3-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 71 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 69 3-4c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 71 3-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 96 1-2c; two years ago May option closed at 74 5-8c; three years ago at 64 3-4c; four years ago at 59 3-8c, and five years ago at 60 5-8c.

**MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.**

Montreal Feb. 25. No changes in prices of staples. Granulated sugar lower at \$1.30 per 100 pounds at refineries; yellows, \$3.75 to \$4.15; molasses, 31c in car lots; syrups, 13-4 to 21-4c as to quality. Valencia raisins 4 3-4 to 5 1-2; Valencia layers, 6 1-2c; currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 8c to 10c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-2 to 5 3-4c; standard B, 3 3-4 to 4c.

**LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.**

Special to The Commercial. Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Cheese is quoted at 49s for both white and colored.

**BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.**

London, Feb. 20.—The tone of the market to-day was stronger, owing to short supplies, and as the demand was good, a sharp advance in prices took place. Choice States cattle sold 1c higher at 13c, good 12c. Argentine cattle advanced 3-4c to 12c and sheep 1 1-4 to 13c. Liverpool, Feb. 20.—This market was also short of supplies, and the prices of cattle advanced 1-2c to 1c. Choice States sold 12c; Canadians 11 1-2c, and Argentine 11 1-2c. Sheep were very strong and sold 1 1-2c higher at 12c.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Wheat, spot firm; No. 1 red northern spring 6s 1d. Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern spring firm at 6s 11-2d.

**CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.**

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Flax seed closed to-day at \$1.18 1-4 for cash and May \$1.17.

**LIVERPOOL PRICES.**

Liverpool, Feb. 25. — Wheat closed 1-8d higher.

**MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.**

Saturday, Feb. 25.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 70 3-4c for February, and 71c for May; cash No. 1 northern, 70 3-4c; cash No. 2 northern 68 3-4c.

**GRAIN AND MILLING NEWS.**

The council of the town of Moosemin, Assa., is taking action to secure a flour mill for that place.

McCulloch & Herriot's new flour mill at Souris, Man., will soon be completed.

The Brackman & Ker Co., of South Edmonton, Alberta, propose to bring in a quantity of first-class milling oats for seed if the farmers of the district will order enough to make up car lots. They will be sold to the farmers at actual cost price.

**WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.**

The market was quiet but firmer in the morning, with some small sales made at 70 1-2c, closing easier and nominal at 70c for No. 1 hard spot, Fort William, in store, following the decline at Chicago.

**BRITISH STOCKS.**

London, Feb. 24.—1 p.m.—Closing: Consols for money 111 1-4; consols for the account 111 5-16. Canadian Pacific 93 3-8; Grand Trunk 8 1-4; Erie 15 1-2; Erie first preferred 40 3-4; Illinois Central 131; Northern Pacific preferred 82, St. Paul common 134 3-4; New York Central 141 1-4; Pennsylvania 68 5-8; Reading 11 5-8; 5 Union Pacific preferred 81; Atchafson 24 1-2; Louisville 68. Bar silver 27 3-8d. Money 2 1-2. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 3-8 per cent; for three months bills 2 5-16 to 3-8 per cent.

**LIVE STOCK NOTES.**

Dan Mills, cattle buyer of Carman, has been gathering up a shipment of cattle for the west, at Killarney, Man. Five cars were sent out by him to the ranching country from Killarney district.

**TENDERS.**

Winnipeg city council is calling for tenders for scavenging work.

Tenders will be received, addressed to the commissioner of public works, Regina, up to March 1, for repairing the bridge over the Sturgeon river at St. Albert, Alberta.

Tenders will be received for the purchase of the book debts of the estate of Frank Hockin, of Wolseley, until Friday, March 3, by Geo. B. Murphy, of Moosemin, Assa.

**DOMINION BANK CLEARANCES.**

Montreal, Feb. 24.—The bank clearances for the Dominion for this week were as follows Montreal, \$17,727,311, increase 8.3 per cent; Toronto, \$9,652,944, increase 24.7; Winnipeg, \$1,165,819, increase 12.1; Halifax, \$1,017,758, decrease 1.6; Hamilton, \$675,952, increase 14.0; St. John, \$377,171, increase 15.8; Vancouver, \$535,079; Victoria, \$500,215.

There were no transactions on the local call board Friday morning. No. 1 hard wheat at Fort William is quoted at 68 1-2 to 69c nominally. The prices at country points, Brandon rate of freight, is from 55 to 56c. The Chicago market was stronger and higher Friday, but trading was light.

Primary receipts and shipments of wheat yesterday were 649,000 and 246,000, respectively, compared with 416,000 and 191,000 a year ago.

A St. Louis dispatch says that word has been received there from California stating that the wheat crop is 30 per cent larger than last year; that they have already had one inch more rain than fell last year, and that the crop can go two weeks without rain without serious damage.

A new life insurance company has been organized in Toronto with a capital of half a million. H. S. Howland, president of the Imperial Bank, will be president, and Elias Rogers, vice-president.

Collector.—"I called at your place last evening, and your man said you weren't at home; but I saw you at the window."

Debtor.—"Yes; but, d'ye see, there are times when I don't feel at home in that house."