

HAY.—Hay is offered freely, on track at country points, at \$4 to \$5 50 per ton here. Loose hay, \$4 to \$5 per ton.

LIVE STOCK.—Quotations in the country range from 3½ to 4c for good butchers' and export cattle, while some very fair butchers' stock are picked up at 3c. A few cars of Manitoba cattle have gone to British Columbia this spring, but any considerable demand is not looked for from that quarter, as there is a considerable local supply to draw from.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday wheat was fairly active, but prices irregular, opening ½ to ¾c lower. Prices then advanced 1½ to 1¾c under fair buying, declined again ¾c and closed ½c higher than Saturday. Corn and oats were ½c higher, and pork gained 45 to 47½c per barrel, under a scarcity of offerings. Closing prices were:—

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat	62½	63½	64½
Corn	38½	39½	39½
Oats	—	32½	29½
Pork	—	12 42½	12 47½
Lard	7 42½	7 37½	7 12½
Short Ribs	—	6 42½	6 35

Wheat made quite a bad break on Tuesday. The market opened unchanged, and sold down 1½ to 1¾c, advanced ¼ to ¾c and closed ¾c lower than Monday. Closing prices were:—

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat	61½	62½	63½
Corn	38½	39½	39½
Oats	—	32½	29½
Pork	—	12 57½	12 65
Lard	7 74½	7 42½	7 12½
Ribs	—	6 42½	6 35

On Wednesday wheat continued to decline, opening ½ to ¾c lower and declined 1 to 1½c more, closing 1½ to 2½c lower, under heavy realizing sales, and the bearish government report. Closing prices were:—

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat	59½	60½	62
Corn	37½	38½	39½
Oats	—	32	28½
Pork	—	12 20	12 25
Lard	7 32½	7 27½	6 97½
Ribs	—	6 22½	6 16

On Thursday wheat opened ½c lower and had a lower range, selling down to 58½c for May, but rallied and closed considerably above the bottom price. Closing prices were:—

	April.	May	July	Sept.
Wheat	58½	61	61½	—
Corn	37½	38½	39½	—
Oats	31½	32	28½	—
Pork	—	12 75	12 85	—
Lard	—	7 37½	7 10	—
Ribs	—	6 50	6 37½	—

Wheat was irregular on Friday, but strong towards the close, on good export buying. May wheat opened at 59½c and sold from 59½ to 61½c. Closing prices were:—

	April.	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat	60½	61½	63½	—
Corn	37½	38½	39½	—
Oats	32	32½	29½	—
Pork	—	12 75	12 80	—
Lard	—	7 42½	7 12½	—
Ribs	—	6 50	6 42½	—

On Saturday, April 14, wheat opened at 60½c to 60¾c for May delivery, held steady and closed at the same figures. A week ago May wheat closed at 63½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, 61½c.
Tuesday—May, 63½c.
Wednesday—May 61½c.
Thursday—May, 61½c.
Friday—61½c.
Saturday—May, 61½c.

A week ago prices closed at 63 for May delivery per bushel. A year ago cash wheat closed at 63½c, and May at 67c per bushel.

C. H. Fildes, representing Greene & Sons Co., Montreal, has arrived from the East with fall samples in furs, hats, &c. R. McLennan will follow shortly with the furnishing trade samples for the same company.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, April 14, wheat closed at 63c per bushel for May delivery. A week ago May wheat closed at 65½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 62c for cash. May closed and at 60½ to 60¾c. A week ago cash closed at 63½c and May at 61½c.

The Cattle Markets.

The Liverpool Cable on April 9 says:—The tone of the market was stronger with an advance in prices of ½ to 1c per lb over last Monday's. The receipts were light, but the general supply was fair with a weak demand. We quote:—Finest steers, 11½c; good to choice, 11c; poor to medium, 10c; inferior and bulls, 7c.

At the Montreal stock yards on Monday morning, April 9, the tone of the market was steady, and prices showed little change from a week ago, except in hogs, which ruled firmer on account of the small supply. Sales were made at 5½c for choice lots, while the average went at 4½ to 5½c per lb. The demand for cattle was only fair. A few small lots of choice stock brought as high as 4c, but the top for the average run was 3½ to 3¾c. Medium brought 2½ to 3¾c, and poor stock 2½c per lb live weight. Sheep and lambs were in active demand, and sales were made freely at firm prices. At the East End abattoir the supply of cattle was far in excess of the demand, and a large number were left unsold. A few small lots of fancy stock brought 4½c. Nelson Bickerdike bought thirty-two head of good heavy butchers' stock at 3½c, and was considered the cheapest lot of cattle ever bought on any market, for the quality of the stock.

British Grain Trade.

The weekly cable report from London, on April 9, says:—The weather has been bright and dry; rain is needed, but cereals will have a promising outlook. The wheat market has been somewhat steadier on the week, mainly owing to the rise in America. White wheats were sparingly offered and steadily held. Russian and Indian wheats were quiet, and Americans were held at a shilling above buyers' views. Red winter wheat was quoted at 23s 9½ for April and May delivery. Hard Manitoba was quoted at 26s 9½; spot was 3d to 6d dearer. The country markets were firm. In flour stocks were reduced, and the market was steadier at 3d higher. There was more demand for American sugar to arrive. Corn was fairly active at full prices. Mixed American parcels, prompt delivery, were quoted at 17s 7½d. Spot was steady, and the country markets were firmer.

Cut Nails Demoralized.

At sixes and sevens is the Canadian nail market. The Cut Nail Association has been dissolved, or practically so, while reductions of from one to five cents per pound have been made in the price of wire nails.

The causes which led to the collapse of the Cut Nail Association was the defection of two of the makers in the west—the Graham Nail Works in Toronto and the Hamilton Rolling Mills,—each of which, it is understood, desired to be allowed a freer hand in its own territory. But while all the manufacturers are free to sell at what base price they may choose, it was agreed that the extras should be maintained as before. The ruling base price is now \$2 Montreal, \$1.90 Hamilton, with 5c less in both instances for carload lots.

It is expected that under the new order of things in regard to cut nails the difference in freight between the points of manufacture and the points of delivery will enable the factories to control the trade in their respective districts.

The revised list of the prices on wire nails was issued on Thursday. It showed these changes:—1 in., 12 gauge, old list 24c, new 21c; 1½ in., 18 gauge, old list 26c, new 21; 1½ in., 15 gauge, old list 20c, new 18½; 1½ in., 14 gauge, old list 17c, new 16; 2½ in., 11 gauge, old list 13c, new 14c; 4 in., 6 gauge, old list 13c, new 12c; 6 in., 3-gauge, old list 12c, new 11c. Balance of the list for standard remains unchanged. The discount is now 75, 10 and 5 per cent.; 3 per cent for cash, delivered in 10 keg lots free.—Toronto Hardware.

Lumber Trade News.

At the recent meeting of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, held at Minneapolis, the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, it appears from the reports presented at this meeting, that stocks of lumber in first, or manufacturers' hands, are but slightly in excess of what they were at this time last year, and fully 50 per cent. less in the country yards, therefore be it resolved, That in the opinion of this association the conditions warrant better prices than are now being paid for lumber, and that the directors be requested to prepare and send out as soon as possible a minimum basis price list at which, in their opinion, lumber could and should be sold. Resolved, That in the opinion of this association the work in behalf of uniform inspection should be continued, and that an especial effort be made to effect an organization among the Middle Mississippi manufacturers; and that we approve of the action for a conference of inspectors and committeemen in the various districts, already arranged for the 25th of April, as an essential element in the complete success of this movement."

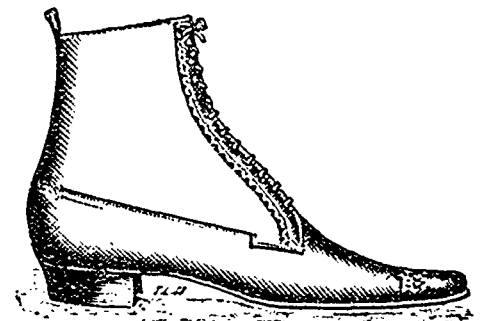
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