

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was strong on Monday, in sympathy with former foreign advices and lighter domestic arrivals. Prices advanced and were about ½c over Saturday, at the close. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	May.	Jan.
Wheat	51½	55½	60½	—
Corn	54½	50	50½	50½
Oats	28½	29	30½	—
Meat Pork ..	—	—	13 00	12 62½
Lard	—	—	7 52½	7 85
Ribs	—	—	6 60	6 40

On Tuesday the situation was reversed. Wheat was weak and closed ½ to ¾c lower. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	May.	Jan.
Wheat	51½	54½	59½	—
Corn	50½	50½	50½	—
Oats	28½	28½	32½	—
Meat Pork ..	—	—	12 60	12 22½
Lard	—	—	7 80	7 12½
Short Ribs ..	—	—	6 32½	6 15

The strength returned to wheat again on Wednesday and quite an important advance was made. The market opened ½c higher and maintained a firm tone most of the day, closing with a gain of 1½ to 1½c. The advance at Liverpool in the face of lower United States markets on Tuesday, was the principal factor causing the strength to-day. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	May.	Jan.
Wheat	55½	58½	61½	—
Corn	51½	51	50½	—
Oats	28½	29½	32½	—
Meat Pork ..	—	—	12 57½	12 22½
Lard	—	—	7 27½	7 12½
Short Ribs ..	—	—	6 37½	6 17½

Wheat was irregular on Thursday. May wheat ranged between 60½ and 61½ and the close was at the bottom. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	May.	Jan.
Wheat	55½	55½	60½	—
Corn	52½	51½	50½	—
Oats	28½	29½	32½	—
Meat Pork ..	—	—	12 82½	12 42½
Lard	—	—	7 37½	7 20
Short Ribs ..	—	—	6 45	6 27½

On Friday wheat was quiet, and easier tendency. Cash wheat was dull and about ½c per bushel lower. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat	55½	55½	—	60½
Corn	51½	50½	—	49½-50
Oats	28½	29½	—	32½
Meat Pork ..	—	—	12 30	12 65
Lard	—	—	7 15	7 32½
Short Ribs ..	—	—	6 17½	6 37½

On Saturday, November 17, wheat closed at 55½c for November, 56½c for December and 61½c for May. A week ago November wheat closed at 54c, December at 54½c and May at 59½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Nov. 59c; Dec. 58½; May 61½.
Tuesday—Nov. 59c; Dec. 58½; May 61½.
Wednesday—Nov. 59c; Dec. 58½; May 61½.
Thursday—Nov. 59c; Dec. 58½; May 61½.
Friday—Nov. 59c; Dec. 58½; May 61½.
Saturday—Nov. 59c; Dec. 58½; May 61½.

A week ago prices closed at 58½c for Nov. delivery per bushel, 57½c for December and 60½ for May. A year ago November wheat closed at —; December at 58½c and May at 61c. No. 1 hard is quoted at 1 to 1½c over No. 1 northern. No. 2 northern 3 to 3½c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, November 17, wheat closed at 59½c for December. May closed at 64½c. A week ago December wheat closed at 58½c, and May at 62½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 59½c for November. December delivery closed at 59½c, and May at 61½c. A week ago November wheat closed at 57½c, December at 57½c, and May at 59½c.

Still at it.

Notwithstanding the abundant proof of the false position taken by the Winnipeg Free Press on the question of mixing and grading Manitoba wheat, that journal keeps on publishing little squibs, most of them clipped from Eastern papers, in opposition to the mode of handling Manitoba wheat. The Free Press appears to be with the Eastern people on this question, and opposed to the interests of Manitoba producers and shippers. The Saturday issue of that journal contains an alleged interview with A. G. Thompson of Montreal, in which Mr. Thompson says:

"The difference to-day in Liverpool between No. 1 hard Manitoba is 2 1-2d per cental, just 3 cents per bushel in favor of Duluth wheat. Sales were made to-day at the figures named."

On the strength of this alleged interview, wired from Montreal, the Free Press publishes the following editorial paragraph on another page of the same number.

"In Liverpool yesterday (Friday), No. 1 hard Duluth wheat sold for 3 cents per bushel more than No. 1 hard Manitoba. This is due to the mixing done by shippers and the Manitoba farmer suffers thereby."

Now the day the alleged interview took place in Montreal. (Friday) A. G. Thompson was in New York. A telegram from New York this morning (Saturday) says that A. G. Thompson is here to day and was offered Duluth wheat at Glasgow at the same price as Manitoba, by one of the largest New York exporters. Another telegram from a large firm of New York exporters this morning (Saturday) is as follows:

New York, November 17
To H. Crowe & Co. Winnipeg.
We cannot get any more for Duluth No. 1 hard than for Manitoba No. 1 hard in Liverpool.

Signed,

SANDAY & SHEPHERD.

There is evidently something fishy about the Free Press interview, and there is every reason to believe that the assumption contained therein, as also in its editorial paragraph about Manitoba wheat selling under Duluth, is entirely false.

Late Western Trade Items.

J. Burchill, butcher, who went out of business at Brandon a year ago, will re-open there shortly.

Wm. Knox, dealer in grain, flour and feed, Brandon, has sold out to Joseph Priestly and R. McKay, who will continue the business.

J. M. Macdonald, representing McIntyre Son & Co., of Montreal, wholesale dry goods, leaves Winnipeg for the coast on Monday, with his spring samples.

A multiplicity of grain buyers seems to be good for the farmers, says the Minnedosa Tribune of Nov. 15. Wheat bringing as high as 46 cents per bushel during the past week.

The stock of J. B. Abraham & Son, general dealers, of Deleau, Man., will be sold at a

rate on the dollar in Winnipeg on Nov. 26. Stock amounts to \$1,170 and \$350 book debts.

Geo. Almond, of Elm Valley, proposes opening in the jewelry business at Elkhorn, Man.

Virton Advance: The new flour mill as Virton, Man., is all but completed and it is expected that it will commence running next Monday, although it will take a day or two to clean up before gristing can be done. James Saunders will be head miller and C. W. Wainwright chief engineer. The building has been substantially erected, and the machinery is all of the very latest improved; while the engine is one of the very best in Canada.

The wheat market was better this week than it has been for some time, says the Gladstone Age. A good deal of grain is being marketed at Gladstone, 44 cents being the ruling price, although for extra quality 45 cents has been paid. The buyers here are determined to control the local market even if they have to pay 50 cents per bushel to do it.

Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, burned out on Friday morning, have opened a temporary office in the Grain Exchange building. In addition to their stock of tarpaper, which was saved from the fire, they have a large stock of goods in their warehouse on the railway track, including bags, stoves, furnaces, sheet metals, etc., so that they will be able to supply the trade with many lines, notwithstanding the destruction of their Princess St. warehouse. They expect to have a full stock again within ten days. They are fitting up offices in their track warehouse for temporary quarters.

Manitoba Wheat Exports.

The following shows the quantity of wheat carried by the Canadian Pacific to Lake Superior ports for the season, with water shipments from the same ports:

	Arrivals at lake ports.	Water Shipments.
Sept. 1	212,688	174,751
" 8	121,089	277,377
" 15	224,285	168,481
" 22	393,158	153,981
" 29	727,817	752,197
Oct. 6	838,767	448,843
" 13	1,018,702	1,007,383
" 20	991,574	851,773
" 27	893,850	890,672
Nov. 3	810,094	894,080
" 10	717,695	1,021,222
Total	6,919,740	6,640,713

Estimating receipts at Canadian lake ports this week at 700,000 bushels and allowing for about 1,000,000 bushels carried to Duluth by the Northern Pacific for the season, the total shipments out of Manitoba wheat to date would equal about 8,000,000 bushels, including balance held in store in lake ports. There has been also a considerable quantity gone out in flour. Including wheat held in store at interior points and what has been ground by the mills, there would be well on toward 12,000,000 bushels of this crop out of farmers' hands. Stocks in store at Fort William on November 10 were 1,100,483 bushels.

A Bookkeeper,

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