

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, March 11, May wheat opened ½c lower than Saturday's close at, 98½c, and ranged during the day from 97½c to 99½c, July wheat ranged from 86c to 87½c. After the big tumble on Saturday, the market was decidedly nervous. A light decrease in the visible supply and news very favorable to the growing winter crop, further depressed values. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June	July
Wheat	96½	98½	93½	87
Corn	34½	35½	35½	36
Oats	24½	25½	26	25½
Pork	—	11.97½	12.05	12.12½
Lard	6.80	6.90	6.95	7.00
Short Ribs	—	6.25	6.35	6.35

On Tuesday, May wheat ranged from 94½c to 98½c, July, ranged from 86½c to 87½c. May wheat broke ½c, under free selling by large traders. Transactions in May option were large. The weakness was largely caused by the publication of the Government report, showing stocks held in farmers at 112,000,000 bushels. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	96½	95½	92½	86½
Corn	34½	35½	35½	36½
Oats	24½	25½	25½	26
Pork	—	12.40	12.45	12.50
Lard	6.95	7.05	7.07½	7.12½
Short Ribs	—	6.37½	6.42½	6.50

Wheat was fairly active on Wednesday. Prices were steady and a shade stronger. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July
Wheat	95	97½	94½	87½
Corn	34½	36½	35½	—
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	12.25½	12.32½	12.37½
Lard	—	7.02½	7.07½	7.17½
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Wheat was quiet and easy on Thursday. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	—	97	93	87½
Corn	—	36½	35½	36½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	12.25	12.30	12.37½
Lard	—	7.06	7.05	7.10
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Good local trading in wheat was experienced Friday, but outside business dull, and no important features to note. May ranged from 94½c to 96½c. Closing prices were:

	Mar.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat	93½	95½	91½	86½
Corn	—	35½	35½	36½
Oats	—	—	—	—
Pork	—	12.30	12.25	12.32½
Lard	—	6.95	7.00	7.05
Short Ribs	—	—	—	—

Closing prices on Saturday for wheat were: March, 94½c; April, 95½c; May, 97½c; June, 93c; July, 86½c.

## Minneapolis Markets.

Closing quotations on Change on Thursday for wheat were from 3 to 6c lower than a week ago, as follows:

	Mar. h.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard	1.00	1.11	1.10
No. 1 northern	97	98½	98
No. 2	88	90	90

Quotations for flour ranged from 10 to 15c lower than a week ago, as follows: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.10 to \$6.20, patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$5.50 to \$6.00; in barrels, \$6.10 to \$6.15. Delivered at New Eng-

land points, \$6.80 to \$7.00; bakers, here, \$4.00 to \$4.75; superfine, \$2.00 to \$3.50; red dog, sacks, \$1.35 to \$1.50; red dog, barrels, \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Brans and Shorts - Sales of bran were at \$8.50 to \$9 and some even asked \$9.25. Shorts \$8.25 to \$9 for common.

Barley - A few badly stained lots had bids of 30 to 35c and brighter samples 37 to 42c, with nice bright samples carrying bids of 47 to 50c.

## Duluth Wheat Market.

The market had a wide range of prices on some days. Closing prices on Change for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash.	Mar.	May	June.
Monday	1.00	1.09	1.13½	1.13
Tuesday	1.00½	1.07½	1.11½	1.11
Wednesday	1.00	1.09½	1.13½	—
Thursday	1.00	1.09½	1.13½	—
Friday	1.10	1.08½	1.12½	1.11½

Wheat closed on Saturday as follows: Cash, \$1.08½; May \$1.12½; June, \$1.12½; July, \$1.11½.

## Canadian Securities in England.

The Canadian Gazette of Feb. 15, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall
Canada 3½ per cents.	105	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents, 1885	112	—	—
Ditto 3 per cents.	94½	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.	112	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents.	114	—	—
Quebec 5 per cents, 1874 and 1876.	113	—	—
Ditto 4½ per cents.	107	—	—
Ditto 5 per cents, 1883	114	—	—
Ditto 4 per cents.	104	—	—
Montreal 3 per cents.	93	—	—
Toronto 4 per cents.	104	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents.	111	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N.Y. register)	53½	—	½
Ditto shares (London register)	53	—	½
Ditto first mortgage bonds	—	—	—
Ditto 3½ per cent. land grant bonds	97	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	12½	1	—
Ditto first preference.	74	2½	—
Manitoba and Northwestern bonds	—	—	—
Manitoba Southwestern bonds	—	—	—
Bank of British Columbia	37	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.	78	—	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, 25 paid.	54	—	—
Ditto 25 paid.	3	—	—
Manitoba Mortgage	—	—	—
British American Land	25	—	—
Canada North-West Land	34	1	—
Hudson's Bay	19½	—	—
Land Corporation of Canada	1	—	—
Vancouver Coal	71	—	—

## Chicago Barley Market.

Offerings were chiefly mediums to poor in quality, and for such there was really no regular demand, with sales slow at a former low range of prices. Buyers wanted a few cars of good to choice, and barley answering that description was scarce and relatively steadier. Very poor to fair samples were salable at 26 to 45c, and good to fancy at 50 to 65c.

## Millinery Openings.

The Montreal Journal of Commerce says: It is matter for regret that the wholesale millinery houses of Montreal and Toronto have got into the practice of fixing their openings or show days at such early dates before their stocks are really complete and long before they are able to fill their customer's orders taken before the

season. It would be greatly to the interests of both wholesale and retail merchants if these millinery openings could by mutual agreement be arranged for a fixed date a week or two later than at present. This would enable the wholesale houses to fill the orders of their customers before these visited their openings, and also enable the retail merchant to receive most of these orders before they are forced to visit these show days and make new purchases. The present want of system has become a positive nuisance to both the wholesale and retail trade, besides being actually detrimental to the interests of the former, who are forced to supply their customers with fresh stock before they even know whether they are going to be paid for last season's purchases. So far as the opening this year are concerned, the few fortunate wholesale houses who had really anything to show have been doing a rushing business, but fewer buyers have visited the market this season on account of the very early date.

## English and Mulhouse Prints.

With regard to the home goods trade, the *Drapers' Trade Journal* says: "Some textile printers are now making such rapid progress in their art that we hope we shall soon hear no more of the superiority of the Mulhouse printing, which, if the truth be told, is more striking on account of the piquancy of its style than for absolutely excelling in merit. Novelty, indeed, is the 'order of the day,' as it is called, and goods with a distinctly fresh aspect will invariably excite attention on the part of buyers. At first the French art muslin curtains held possession of the market, but they were ultimately supplanted by Manchester goods that were successfully produced at nearly half the price of the others, and which will probably be made a leading feature of during the present season, for their extreme cheapness must naturally bring them to the front, and cause them to be in brisk demand."

ANOTHER dividend of 20 cents on the dollar is to be paid to the Central Bank depositors June 1. The total dividends to them thus far amounts to 86½ per cent.

BRANDON Times:—The city of Brandon has reason to be proud of its board of trade. It is evidently composed of wide awake business men and is therefore certain to wield a large influence in developing the best interests of the city. The members of the board are to be congratulated upon the splendid success of their first annual dinner. The dinner and the speeches that followed were in every way fully up to the mark. If such gatherings and speeches were of more frequent occurrence a world of good would be accomplished in the interests of Brandon and its vicinity. The ring of loyalty in the speeches was especially pleasing and the unbounded confidence expressed in the future of Manitoba and especially in the Brandon district was sufficient to inspire fresh courage in the minds of all who were so fortunate as to hear the speeches. The citizens have been quite liberal in their support of the board of trade in the past, but since more has been learned of the good work they are doing they will be entitled to even a larger amount of sympathy and support from the citizens in the future. If we stand together the future of Brandon is bound to be even brighter than the most sanguine now dreams of.