

to 45c. Tallow, 4 to 5c rendered and 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL.—Manitoba fleece, nominal, 10 to 12c per lb.

SENECA ROOT.—Nominal at 18 to 20c per lb.

HAY.—Baled prairie is offered at \$6 on cars here, though some hold higher. Loose hay, \$5 to \$6 per ton on the street market.

LIVE STOCK.

Cables from British markets were better this week. At London on Monday choice Canadian cattle were quoted at 10c, and sheep 11½ to 12. There is a good deal of talk about American sheep arriving on the other side affected with scab, and there is a cry in favor of enforcing the slaughter of all sheep on arrival at British ports. At Montreal on Monday cattle were a little better, most sales ranging between 2½ and 3½c per lb. Hogs sold mostly between \$1 and \$1.10 per 100 pounds. Sheep were firmer, export sheep selling at 8 to 8½c per lb. and butchers sheep at \$3 \$5.50 each. Lambs sold at \$1.50 to \$1.50 for lambs.

CATTLE.—The export season for Manitoba and territory cattle is about wound up. The yards this week presented a deserted appearance. Gordon & Ironside made their last export shipment on Tuesday, consisting of 8 cars of range cattle. Total exports for the season are estimated at about 45,000 head, as compared with 30,000 head last year. This includes both range and domestic cattle. There will likely be some shipments to Eastern Canada markets for the Christmas trade. A train load of about 550 head of young cattle from Ontario came in this week, and were shipped west to be fed on the ranges. It is rather late in the season to bring in stock for the ranges, and they will likely have to be fed some through the winter. The local butchers' demand is better, as butchers are buying their winter supply, and good cattle are not too easily picked up. Prices are rather firmer, and we quote 2 to 2½c for fair to good butchers' stock. There is a limited demand for choice stock at 2½ to 3c, but only a limited number would be taken at the higher range.

SHEEP.—A couple of mixed cars of sheep and other stock were shipped to Northwest Ontario points. We heard of a sale of 50 sheep and lambs here at \$3 per head. We quote about \$2.25 to \$2.75 per 100 pounds, off cars here.

HOGS.—Prices declined to 4c this week, as predicted a week ago, and 4c is now the regular quotation, off cars here, for good packing hogs.

At Toronto on Tuesday some expert cattle were taken at 3½ to 3¾c per lb. But choice cattle were steady at 2 to 3c per lb as to quality. Hogs, the top price was \$3.85 off cars for best bacon per 100 lbs; heavy hogs \$3.75, sows \$3.00, stags \$2.00 per 100 lbs. Sheep were easier, the best price being 3c for either sheep or lambs, and ordinary butchers at 2½ to 2¾c per lb.

A consignment of fresh beef, consisting of 18 carcasses, 6 calves and 5 rumps of beef, sold at Montreal as follows: Hindquarters of beef at 6½c per lb, fronts at 3c, and by the carcasses at 4½c.

Ontario Crops.

A crop bulletin issued by the Ontario department of agriculture on Nov. 15th reports the poor hay crop in 1895 to be the most important item in farm production. There was a dropping off of over seventeen million tons, representing a greater loss than the value of the entire wheat crop of Ontario. There is a shortage of straw also. The corn crop was extraordinarily large and in many cases will help to make up the loss of coarser fodder. Grain crops turned out better than

anticipated, being well up to the average. Fall wheat is fair; spring wheat about an average; barley fair in quality; oats an extraordinary crop; peas fair; potatoes exceptionally large; roots fair; clover seed almost a failure; buck wheat under the average; beets very good.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

Wheat was lower on Monday, closing with a net decline of 1c under Saturday, influenced by lower cables, large Russian shipments and less exciting war news. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	56½	57½	—	61½
Corn.....	29	27½	—	29½
Oats.....	18½	18½	—	20½
Mess Pork..	8 10	—	—	9 40
Lard.....	—	—	—	5 80
Short Ribs..	4 50	—	—	4 82½

Wheat opened weak on Tuesday, with foreign selling and large spring wheat receipts, but recovered and closed a trifle over yesterday. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	56½	57½	—	61½
Corn.....	29	27½	—	29½
Oats.....	18½	18½	—	20½
Mess Pork..	8 05	—	—	9 45
Lard.....	5 47½	—	—	5 82½
Short Ribs..	4 37½	—	—	4 82½

On Wednesday prices were firmer, influenced by larger export buying and smaller receipts. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	57½	57½	—	62
Corn.....	29½	28½	—	29½
Oats.....	18½	18½	—	20½
Mess Pork..	8 15	—	—	9 55
Lard.....	5 45	—	—	5 87½
Short Ribs..	4 40	—	—	4 87½

On Thursday wheat was firmer most of the day the principal influence being lighter spring wheat movement. Later prices declined. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	57½	57½	—	62
Corn.....	29½	28½	—	29½
Oats.....	18½	18½	—	20½
Mess Pork..	8 10	—	—	9 45
Lard.....	5 47½	—	—	5 85
Short Ribs..	4 40	—	—	4 82½

Wheat was easier on Friday. There was a temporary advance, caused by export buying and lighter spring wheat receipts, but declined. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	56½	57½	—	61½
Corn.....	28½	27½	—	29½
Oats.....	18	18½	—	20½
Mess Pork..	8 10	8 07½	—	9 42½
Lard.....	5 47½	—	—	5 82½
Short Ribs..	4 45	—	—	4 82½

Wheat was very steady on Saturday, opening and closing at 57½c for December. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	57	57½	—	61½
Corn.....	28½	27½	—	29½
Oats.....	18	18½	—	20½
Mess Pork..	—	—	—	9 42½
Lard.....	—	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—	—
Flax Seed..	92	92	—	93

A week ago November wheat closed at 57½c. A year ago November wheat closed 55½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, December wheat closed at 61½c, and May delivery at 67½c. A week ago wheat closed at 65½c for December and 68½c for May.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Nov. 55½c, Dec. 58½c, May, 58½c.
Tuesday—Nov. 56c, Dec. 53½c, May, 58½c.
Wednesday—Nov. 54½c, Dec. 54½c, May 59c.
Thursday—Nov. —, Dec. 54½c, May, 59c.
Friday—Nov. 54½c, Dec. 54½c, May 58½c.
Saturday—Nov. 54½c, Dec. 54½c, May, 58½c.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 51½c for November, and 51½c for December. A year ago November wheat closed at 60½c, and December delivery at 60½c. Two years ago December closed at 59½c. No. 1 hard was quoted at 1c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, 2½ to 3c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 52½c for December delivery, and May at 57½c. A week ago December wheat closed at 53½c.

Furs, Hides, Seneca.

Jas. McMullen & Co., of Minneapolis, in their last circular says:

HIDES.—Although receipts have been light the market has been declining heavily for every grade of green salted and dry hides. We have revised our prices accordingly. Hides are still commanding good prices compared with former years and we advise making prompt shipments.

FURS.—At the June sale prices declined very heavily, and the October sale shows a further decline from the June sale on a good many articles. The offerings were very light in the October sale or there would have been a still heavier decline. We discourage early trapping, and the only kinds of furs caught in the fall that are of much value are bear, beaver, mink, muskrat and Skunk. These will grade No. 2 or 3 in quality, and where caught early in the fall No. 4. Summer bear are not worth the transportation charges. Skunk are prime or No. 1 earlier than any other kind of furs. It is too early to give definite prices. Our European advisers are that furs will have to be started in at unusually low prices; while badger, beaver, wild cat, gray fox and wolf are almost unsalable. Most badger we receive are No. 4 and worthless, as they stay in their dens through the winter and are only full-furred when caught in the early spring immediately after leaving their dens. Bear have gone out of fashion.

SENECA ROOT.—There are no orders for seneca, and the market is dull. This is rather singular because there has not been over half a crop dug this year, and can only be accounted for by the fact that consumers supplied themselves from the last years' crop, a portion of which was carried over.

Weather and Crops.

There has been considerable foggy weather this week with light drizzling rains and a little snow. The temperature has not been cold, but the ground was frozen too much for plowing. The plowing season may now be considered over and the area of land prepared for next year's crop is very much below the average. Threshing has been going on as actively as the weather would permit, and though there was considerable damp, misty weather there was no soaking precipitations, so that considerable threshing was done and much threshing remains to be done yet, though in some districts threshing has been finished in good condition.

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