EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

Wheat opened strong on Monday, owing to the tone of the cables. The destruction of wheat by the fire at Duluth also had the effect of strengthening the market. Prices started ½ to ⅝c higher, but heavy selling by those who had bought last week, to realize, took prices back ⅛c. The market then fluctuated and continued rather unsettled until near the close, when active trading took place, at stronger prices. The exports for the previous week were announced at 2,000,000 bushels, including flour. Corn and oats were active and stronger. Provisions were active. Pork sold up 20c, and ribs 12½c, with a slight improvement in lard. In the afternoon prices continued strong, May pork going up to $11, but closing 5c lower. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	76⅝	77¼
Corn	37¼	37⅞
Oats	27	27½
Pork	10.25	10.95
Lard	6.05	6.12½

Wheat was nervous on Tuesday, with alternate spells of strength and weakness, with sharp fluctuation. Outside buying was the main feature of strength. Prices dropped ⅜c from the start, but recovered most of the loss. Pork sold off 30c, with active trading. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	75½	76⅜
Corn	37½	36¾
Oats	26⅝	27
Pork	10.00	10.65
Lard	6.02½	6.10

On Wednesday the feeling continued nervous, but generally stronger. First sales were ¼c higher, from which point prices advanced to 77¼c for January. Prices then settled back ¼c, but advanced later ½c to 84c for May. Pork advanced steadily from the opening. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	76⅝	77⅜
Corn	37⅝	38
Oats	27	27½
Pork	10.50	10.92½
Lard	6.12½	6.17½

Wheat was strong on Thursday, the opening being ¼ to ⅜c higher, and the feeling firm throughout, with but short seasons of depression. The price advanced from the start nearly 1c, and after a slight retrograde movement again advanced ¼ to ⅜c, closing near the top. In the afternoon May reached 85⅞c, the highest point of the day, but free selling caused a decline to 85½c, finally closing at 85⅜c. New York and outside markets generally were free sellers on every bulge, but the market kept well up under such pressure. An immense quantity of long wheat came out, but it was all taken. Heavy purchases were made on foreign account. The Northwest has apparently whirled around to the bull side, according to advices from that quarter. Corn and oats were active in a speculative way. Provisions were strong, but packers were free sellers. Pork advanced 22½c, ribs 5c, and lard 7½ to 10c, pork declining 7½c at the close. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	77⅝	78¼
Corn	38	33⅜
Oats	27½	27⅝
Pork	10.70	11.07½
Lard	6.17½	6.22½

Wheat started strong on Friday, and then after a short depression again became strong, remaining firm to the close at one o'clock. In the afternoon the market opened ⅛c higher and held firm, closing near the top. Late Liverpool cables were strong, and there was active buying while a noticeable feature was shown in the absence of a desire to realize on every little bulge, thus indicating that dealers are believers in a continuation of advancing prices. Many bears are out of the deal and waiting developments, but claim that Chicago is 5c above an export basis. Provisions were more unsettled and easier at the start, but last prices were higher:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	78¼	79⅜
Corn	38⅜	3:⅞
Oats	27	27½
Pork	10.85	11.12½
Lard	6.15	6.20

On Saturday the wheat market was quieter and fairly steady, with prices a shade lower at the close than last prices for the previous day. Provisio nswere stronger at the close. Closing prices were:

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	78⅜	79⅜
Corn	—	38½
Oats	—	27½
l ork	10.80	11.20
Lard	6.22	6.22½

TORONTO.

STOCKS

The following comparison of quotations for the dates named, will serve as an index to the course of values.

	Nov. 24.		Dec. 1.	
	ASKED.	BID.	ASKED.	BID.
Montreal	233½	230½	237½	230
Ontario	116¾	115	115½	114
Toronto	—	209	—	209
Merchants	—	127	128	126½
Commerce	129	128¾	130	129¾
Imperial	137	136½	137	135½
Federal	108	107	107¾	107¼
Dominion	220	219½	220¾	220
Standard	127	126½	128½	127
Hamilton	136	134	136½	133
Northwest Land	64½	63½	64	63
C.P.R. Bonds	106	105	106	105

WHEAT

There has been a better inquiry for shipment, owing to the improvement in outside markets. The local demand, however, has been light, as few mills are now in operation. No. 2 spring sold at 77c; No. 2 fall at 76c and red winter at 77c, with prices firm.

FLOUR.

Superior extra was offered at $3.40, and extra at $3.35. At the close holders were asking 5c advance on these prices.

OATMEAL

Cars sold at $3.60 on track, with small lots at $3.75 to $4.25, the latter for granulated.

OATS

Quiet at 32c for mixed to 33½c for white milling.

BARLEY

The demand has been slack and prices easy. No. 1 was offered at 58c, with 57c bid. No. 2 sold at 53c. Low grades dull.

APPLES

Worth from $1.75 to $2.50 for winter fruit, on the market.

POULTRY

Box-lots have been offered in very large quantities, and prices have been weak all over at 8 to 9c per lb. for turkeys, at 5 to 5½c per lb for geese, at 30 to 40c per pair for fowl and 45 to 55c for ducks.

BUTTER

Receipts of medium were large, and the feeling dull, with prices at about 12 to 14c, with white out. Good dairy sold slowly at 15 to 16c, and selections at 18 to 19c. Common 8 to 9c. Good rolls worth 15 to 16c.

EGGS

Quoted at 17c for pickled and 18c for candled.

CHEESE

Held very firmly. For choice 12½c has been the usual price, but common has been offeredl at 10c, and medium at 11 to 11½c. At Ingersol on Tuesday eight factories offered 5,675 boxes of September and balance; sales, 400 boxes at 12¼c; eighteen factories represented and ten buyers present. This is the last market this season.

PORK

Inactive and almost nominal at about $13.50.

BACON.

Sales few and of small lots only. Prices easy at about 8c for long clear and 7½c for Cumberland in cases; 8¾ to 9c for rolls; 10 to 10½c for backs and bellies; and 10c for boneless racks.

HAMS

Very quiet, the only movement being in small lots of smoked at about 11c.

LARD

Quiet and easy at 9 to 9½c for tinnets and 9¾ to 10c for pails, in small lots.

DRESSED HOGS

Rail-lots have begun to offer to a small extent and have sold at from $5.37 to $5.60, closing steady. No cars yet on hand. Street prices closing at $5.25 to $5.75.

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs, if anything, firmer, from $4 to $4.20 has been paid for medium fat weighing 160 to 220 lbs; good sale also for heavy and light fat. Butchers' choice picked cattle per lb 3½ to 3¾c; butchers' choice per lb 3¼ to 3⅜c; butchers' common to good per lb 2½ to 3c.

HIDES AND WOOL

Following are quotations:—Hides, No. 1 inspected steers, $9; No. 1 inspected cows, $8.25; No. 2 inspected, $7.25; No. 3 inspected, $5; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c; calfskins, cured, 13 to 14c; calfskins, dry, 11 to 15c; sheepskins, green, 65 to 90c; wool, super, 22½ to 23c; extra super, 27 to 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4½ to 4⅝c.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

There were about 7,600,000 bushels of grain in store at the commencement of the week, all wheat, leaving only about 2,000,000 bushels elevator capacity unoccupied. A number of flat warehouses have been brought into requisition, bringing the total wheat storage capacity up to 11,000,000 bushels. All the elevators along the Manitoba road are said to be full of wheat, amounting to 10,000,000 bushels, in addition to large amounts in warehouses. It is estimated that there are 15,000,000 bushels in farmers' hands along this road, and the same thing is reported of the Northern Pacific. The inspector here says Duluth will handle 100,000,000 bushels of grain annually within a few years, and that had the capacity been sufficient 20,000,000 bushels more would have been handled this year. The market during the week has been strong on the whole, and trading more active, in sympathy with outside prices. Receipts have averaged about 275 cars daily. The course of prices will be shown by the following closing quotations for No. 1 hard, on each day of the week.

	Cash	Dec.	May
Monday	77½	77⅜	84⅜
Tuesday	76	76½	83⅝
Wednesday	76½	76½	84¼
Thursday	77⅜	74⅜	85½
Friday	—	—	—
Saturday	—	79⅜	86¼