

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday, Feb. 4 wheat opened stronger at about $\frac{1}{2}$ over Saturday's closing prices. The tendency was higher, opening prices being the lowest of the day. May ranged from 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 79, June from 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 79, and July from 77 to 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Provisions were stronger, pork gaining 10 to 15 c during the day. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	June
Wheat.....	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	78 $\frac{1}{2}$	79
Corn	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	21	—	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	9.85	9.92 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.17 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.20
Lard.....	5.82 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.90	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.07 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	4.80	4.82 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.02 $\frac{1}{2}$

Tuesday opened $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c lower, and though quotations went a little lower than opening prices, the general tendency was slightly higher. New wheat ranged from 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. June from 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. July from 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, the latter month closing at the top. The market for No. 2 in spring wheat in store showed no particular change, being merely nominal in the absence of reported transactions, but sympathetically higher to correspond with the moderate appreciation in the values for future delivery. No. 2 closed worth 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Spring wheat by sample was rather quiet. A few cars choice wheat sold at previous prices, while poor to fair wheat was dull. Free on board and switched lots ranged as follows: No. 3 at 65 to 73 c for fair to choice hard. No. 3 white at 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for choice. No. 4 at 48 c for poor, 55 to 58 for good, 59 to 61 c for choice. Provisions were slightly easier. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	March	May	June
Wheat.....	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	79	79 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	21	—	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22
Pork	9.85	9.95	10.15	10.20
Lard.....	5.82 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.90	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.10
Short Ribs.	4.82 $\frac{1}{2}$	4.85	4.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.00

The wheat market on Wednesday was dull but firm, closing $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ c higher than yesterday.

	Feb.	March	May	June
Wheat.....	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	21	21	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork	9.85	9.90	10.17 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.20
Lard.....	5.82 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.10
Short Ribs.	4.80	4.85	4.95	5.00

The market opened steady and advanced a point for May, but broke under heavy selling by professional bears and closed heavy and weak at about the lowest figures of the day. In provisions prices were easier all round.

	Feb.	March	May	June
Wheat.....	74 $\frac{1}{2}$	76	78 $\frac{1}{2}$	78 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	21	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Pork	9.75	9.80	10.05	10.10
Lard.....	5.80	5.85	6.00	6.05
Short Ribs.	4.75	4.75	4.90	4.95

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing quotations for wheat on Wednesday, Feb. 5:

	Feb.	Mar.	May.	On track
No 1 hard.....	78	78	80 $\frac{1}{2}$	78
No 1 northern.....	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	78 $\frac{1}{2}$	77
No 2	73	73	76	73-75

FLOUR.

Patents, sacks, to local dealers.....	\$4 75 to \$4 80
Patents, to ship, sacks, car lots.....	4 15 to 4 50
In barrels.....	4 30 to 4 00
Delivered at New England points.....	5 15 to 5 40
New York points.....	5 05 to 5 30
Delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore.....	5 00 to 5 25
Bakers here.....	3 00 to 3 40
Superfine.....	1 70 to 2 25
Red dog, sacks.....	1 00 to 1 20
Red dog, barrels.....	1 25 to 1 60

Bran and Shorts—The demand was quite active for bran at about \$7.50 in bulk and shorts at about \$8 to \$8.25.

Corn—Market quiet with sales on track at 25 to 26 c and 26 to 27 c asked for samples f.o.b and switched.

Oats—Market steady and sales at 19 to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for mixed samples and nice white at 21 to 22 c on track.

Barley—The barley market was in the same dull state, with only poor to fair lots offered at 22 to 35 c for feed and malting barley.

Feed—Steady at \$10 to \$10.50 on track, \$10.50 to \$11 f.o.b and switched to bill out.

Hay—The hay market was dull and common wild hard to sell. Nice upland occasionally touched \$6.50 to \$7 but there was so much common wild it hurt the sale.

Eggs—The light receipts of the past few days were the cause of a firmer feeling on fresh stock. Strictly fresh were moving at about 15 c, but cold storage and picked eggs were dull, with few buyers at any price. One dealer said "if you tell a buyer they are 'cold storage' or 'pickled' he won't take them at 5 c."

Potatoes—The receipts are mainly by train from the surrounding country, for the supply of the current demand for consumption. Prices per bushel 23 to 30 c; car lots nominal 25 to 30 c.

Apples—\$2.75 to \$3.75 per barrel. Car lots \$2.50 to \$3.50 as to quality.

Dressed Hogs—Held at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, as to quality.

Hides—Hides, green lb. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 c; green, salted lb. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; sheep pelts 25 c to \$1.

Vegetables—Beets, per bushel, 25 to 30 c; onions, 40 to 55 c; hubbard squash, doz., 30 to 50 c; parsley, 15 to 25 c; celery, 25 to 40 c; lettuce, 35 c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

The closing quotations for wheat on Thursday last were: No. 1 hard, Feb. 77 c; May, 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; cash 77 c. No. 1 Northern, cash, 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 2, Northern cash 71 c.

Montreal Stock Market.

Quotation for leading stocks at Montreal on Thursday last were:

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.
Bank of Montreal.....	229	229 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ontario	129	121
Molson's.....	160	156
Toronto.....	225	215
Merchants	145	152 $\frac{1}{2}$
Union	—	—
Commerce	124	123 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miscellaneous.		
Montreal Tel	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	95
Rich. & Ont. Nav.....	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	58
City Pass. Ry.....	199	195
Montreal Gas.....	203	202 $\frac{1}{2}$
Canada N. W. Land Co.....	85	81
C. P. R. (Montreal).....	74 $\frac{1}{2}$	74 $\frac{1}{2}$
C. P. R. (London).....	—	—
Money—Time	7	—
Money—On call	6	—

Ontario Farmers Want Free Wheat.

The Central Ontario Farmers' Institute yesterday received a deputation from the Dominion Millers' association, who asked the institute to support them in their demand that the duty on flour should be increased to \$1 per barrel. It was decided to recommend to the Dominion government that wheat and wheat products be placed on the free list.

Following is the text of the resolution adopted by the Institute: "Whereas we believe

the milling industry of this Dominion is suffering by discrimination of the tariff, and they should receive some relief; Be it therefore resolved, That this Institute memorialize the Dominion government to place wheat and wheat products on the free list."

At the Central Ontario Farmers' Institute there were also discussions on the desirability of having corn on the free list so as to enable the Canadian farmers to import American corn, and also the cultivation of two-rowed barley to export to England. The institute favored both these matters."

THE government reduction works at Barkerville, B. C. were completely destroyed by fire last week, loss \$25,000. These works were established in the centre of the cariboo-mining district by the local government last summer for the purpose of testing British Columbia ores. They were completed in November and the operations were very successful. Their destruction by fire is a severe blow to mining prospects, which were looking very bright, owing to the interest taken in the development by capitalists. It is thought the government will re-build at once.

CERTAIN Winnipeg coal dealers it appears, have been systematically cheating their customers by giving short weight. Last week several loads of coal were taken possession of temporarily and weighed, and were found to be short from 80 to 250 pounds. The authorities have decided to keep the names of the offenders from the public, which seems to be unnecessarily shielding rascality. The public should know who the guilty parties are, that they may know who to avoid in buying fuel.

A CABLE from London says: "The directors of the bank of British Columbia state in their report that owing to the new branches recently opened there has been a large increase in the bank's operations generally. They have decided to recommend an increase of capital to the extent of six per cent. per annum with a bonus of three per cent."

JOHN GALT, of G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers Winnipeg, was married last week at Kingston to Miss Mabel Henderson, daughter of James A. Henderson. The bridal party left for Montreal, and will spend several weeks in the east before coming to Winnipeg.

THE daily *Columbian*, published at New Westminster, B.C., which was completely wiped out by fire a few weeks ago, is again to hand looking better than ever. A new plant has been put in, and a handsome paper is now turned out, a size or two larger than the old issue before the fire.

THE stock of James Stuart, blacksmith and carriage builder, Pilot Mound, has been taken possession of by his creditors, under a chattel mortgage given by Stuart to them last September.

THE Whelan house has been sold to Charles Harvey & Sons, who have recently arrived from England.

J. T. WHEELER, boots and shoes, Glenboro, Man., has assigned.

AXFORD Bros., general dealers, Glenboro, Man., have opened a branch at Belmonts.

THE *Brandon Times* says: "Our merchants are getting a settlement from customers for old accounts by note and are now positively refusing credit and are selling only for cash or trade."