

## New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 4.—Wheat, Dec. opened 70 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 71 1-4c a. May opened 73 1-2 to 5-8c, closed 74c a.

New York, Dec. 5.—Dec. opened 71 3-8c, closed 72c a. May opened 74 1-8c, closed 71 5-8c b. March opened 75 1-2c.

New York, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1-2c, closed 72 1-8c a. May opened 74 7-8c, closed 74 1-4c b.

New York, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 1-8c, closed 72 1-2c. May opened 74 1-4 to 3-8c, closed 74 7-8c.

New York, Dec. 8.—Wheat, Dec. opened 72 7-8c, closed 73 a. May opened 75 1-8c, closed 75 1-4c b.

New York, Dec. 9.—Wheat closed to-day at 72 7-8c for December option and 75 1-8c for May.

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Wheat, Dec. closed 64 5-8. May opened 69 to 1-8c, July closed 69 1-2c. Corn closed 29 5-8c for Dec. Oats Dec. closed 22 1-4c. Pork, Dec. closed \$8.47 1-2. Lard, Dec. closed \$4.95. Ribs, Dec. closed \$5. Flax, cash, \$1.38 1-4.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Wheat, Dec. opened 64 5-8c, closed 64 3-8 to 1-2c. May opened 69 1-8c, closed 69 5-8 to 1-4c b. July opened 69 5-8 to 1-4c, closed 70 3-8 a. Corn, Dec. opened 30 to 1-8c, 3-8c a. Corn, Dec. opened 29 5-8c, closed 30 to 1-8c. Jan. opened 30 to 1-8c, closed 30 2-8c b. May opened 32 1-8c, closed 32 5-8c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 to 3-8c b. May opened 23 7-8c, closed 24c a. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.42 1-2c a, closed \$8.50. June opened \$9.55, closed \$9.60. May opened \$9.72 1-2, closed \$9.85. Lard, May opened \$5.25, closed \$5.30 a. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.05, closed \$5.05 a. May opened \$5.15, closed \$5.15 a. Flax, cash

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Wheat, Dec. opened 65 1-2c, closed 65 1-2c a. May opened 69 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 69 1-8 to 1-4c b. July opened 70 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 69 3-4. Corn, Dec. opened 30 1-4c, closed 29 7-8c a. Jan. opened 30 1-2c a, closed 30 1-4c. May opened 32 3-4c, closed 32 3-8c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 1-4c. May opened 21 1-8c, closed 21 7-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.62 1-2, closed \$8.55. Jan. opened \$9.72 1-2, closed \$9.67 1-2. May opened \$9.90 to \$9.95, closed \$9.82 1-2. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.05 a, closed \$5.05. Jan. opened \$5.05, closed \$5.27. Flax, cash \$1.39. Dec. \$1.38. May \$1.34 3-4.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wheat, Dec. opened 67 7-8c, closed 66c. May opened 69 1-4, closed 69 3-4c a. July opened 69 7-8 to 70c, closed 70 1-4 to 3-8c a. Corn, Dec. opened 29 7-8 to 30c, closed 31 1-4c a. Jan. opened 30 3-8c, closed 30 1-2c b. May opened 32 5-8 to 1-4c, closed 32 5-8 b. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-4c, closed 22 3-8 to 1-2c. May opened 23 7-8c, closed 24 to 1-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.50, closed \$8.50. Jan. opened \$9.60, closed \$9.57 1-2. May opened \$9.77 1-2, closed \$9.80. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.05 1-2, closed \$5.02 1-2 a. Jan. opened \$5.27 1-2, closed \$5.25. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.07 1-2 a, closed \$5.10 a. Jan. opened \$5.10 a, closed \$5.12 1-2 a. Flax, cash \$1.41. Dec. \$1.41. May \$1.38.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Wheat, Dec. opened 66 1-2c, closed 66 5-8c. May opened 69 7-8c, closed 70 1-8 to 1-4c a. July opened 70 1-2, closed 70 3-4 to 7-8c. Corn, Dec. opened 30 3-8c, closed 30 3-4c a. Jan. opened 30 1-2c, closed 31c b. May opened 32 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 33c a. Oats, Dec. opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 1-2. May opened 24 1-8c, closed 24 1-8c. Pork, Dec. opened \$8.55, closed \$8.60. Jan. opened \$9.65, closed \$9.75. May opened \$9.85, closed \$10. Lard, Dec. opened \$5.05 a, closed \$5.10 a. Jan. opened \$5.27 1-2, closed \$5.35. Ribs, Dec. opened \$5.10, closed \$5.17 1-2. Jan. opened \$5.12 1-2, closed \$5.20. Flax, cash, \$1.44. Dec. \$1.43 1-2. May \$1.39 1-2c a.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—May wheat opened at 70 1-4c, and ranged from 69 7-8 to 70 1-4c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 66 1-2c, May 70c.

Corn—Dec. 30 7-8c, May 38c.

Oats—Dec. 22 3-8c, May 24c.

Pork—Dec. \$8.70.

Lard—Dec. \$5.17 1-2c.

Ribs—Dec. \$5.22 1-2.

A week ago December option closed at 64 1-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 51 1-8c; two years ago at \$1.04 1-2; three years ago at 79c; four years ago at 56 1-8c; five years ago at 51 3-8c.

## DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—Dec. 63 5-8c, May 67 5-8c.

Tuesday—Dec. 64 3-4c, May 68 3-8c.

Wednesday—Dec. 64c, May 68 1-8c.

Thursday—Dec. 64 1-2c, May 68 1-2c.

Friday—Dec. 64 7-8c, May 68 7-8c.

Saturday—Dec. 64 3-4c, May, \$8 7-8c.

Cash, No. 1 hard closed on Friday at 63 1-4c and cash No. 1 northern at 64 1-4c.

A week ago December wheat closed at 62 7-8c. A year ago December wheat closed at 62 1-8c, two years ago at 80 3-4c; three years ago at 78 1-2c; four years ago at 53 5-8c, five years ago at 58 3-8c, and six years ago at 60 1-4c.

## MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Dec. 9.—No. 1 northern wheat closed to-day at 63 1-2 for December. May closed at 67c. Cash 1 northern closed at 64 3-4c and cash 1 hard at 66 1-4c.

## LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—Wheat closed 1-14 higher.

## WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat stores dull at 66c for No. 1 hard, in store Fort William. There is no ice yet to prevent water shipments via the lakes, but boats cannot be obtained, consequently nothing is doing in lake shipments. Some all rail business is doing, but the regular rate is too high to permit of business on all rail freight basis.

## WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

S. Wages has opened a butcher shop at Lumsden.

J. W. Ogden, hotel Gainsboro, Assa., has sold out to C. Ogden.

The C. P. R. round house at Napinka, Man., has been destroyed by fire.

Tinning & Givroy, general store, Regina, Assa., creditors' meeting called for Dec. 12.

Bashford & Co., hardware and implements, Rosthern, are succeeded by Bashford & Fisher.

Miss L. J. Corbitt, dry goods and grocery, Dauphin, Man., has assigned to H. W. Whitla.

Norris & Lawrence have bought out Magee's butcher business at Wolsley and will take possession this week.

The Printers Litho. & Engraving Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, has sold out to the Winnipeg Engraving & Electrotyping Co.

Mr. Bonnycastle, of Indian Head, has purchased the McCormick machine shop at Lumsden from Mr. Blair, in which he will open a hardware and implement business, selling Deering machinery.

## WOOL MARKETS.

At the London sales on Monday and Tuesday of this week offerings of wool were fairly liberal, especially merinos,

and the attendance of buyers large. Merinos met with an active demand from both British and American buyers. American buyers wanted fine greasy combings and secured a fair share. They also purchased deep grown, austrous, greasy crossbreds at an advance of 1d. European buyers operated heavily in scoureds on Tuesday. New crop South Australias were purchased on French account. Fine lambs realized 10 per cent. and inferior stock 15 per cent. advance. Merinos advanced 1-2d on Tuesday from the opening price.

The Ontario wool market of this week is reviewed as follows by The Globe: "The reports of large sales of wool last week naturally excited the market and holders of lots through the province put up their prices out of reach of buyers in the expectation that there would be a further advance. The hurry in the market last week was a phase of the situation incident to the excitement attending the rise in the prices of colonial wools at the opening sales in London, and exporters here say that it has passed and that they do not believe the American buyers would now pay as high prices as they gave for the wool last month, as the transactions were made in anticipation of the advance in values at the colonial wool sales and on the spur of the moment, in the belief that there would be a very marked advance in values. That phase of the situation has passed now, and the excitement is over for the present at least. There are a number of lots of 30,000 to 100,000 lbs held through the province, some of which has been carried over from the clip of 1896, aggregating 300,000 to 400,000 lbs, and some of the holders of this wool are asking as high as 25c, while local dealers are only bidding 20c for lots suitable for export. Those who sold their wool recently for export and obtained the advance are apparently well satisfied to have realized on it, they think it was a good business stroke to sell at the advance, which was a handsome one over the values that existed at the opening of the season, and that to hold the wool longer would have been a mere speculation, the outcome of which was uncertain. Those who are holding the wool, however, at present are seemingly satisfied that they will get more money for it than if sold at prices now current.

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## Minneapolis Markets.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.40 to \$3.60; second patents, \$3.20 to \$3.40.

Milled—Shorts in bulk, \$10; bran in bulk, \$10.50; corn feed, \$11 to \$13.50 per ton as to quality.

Oats—No. 3 white, 23 1-4c.

Barley—30 to 40c.

Corn—Quoted at 27 1-2c for No. 3. Flax seed—\$1.34 per bushel.

Eggs—1 1-2c for strictly fresh, including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 24 to 26 1-2c for