

noticeable in prices paid farmers in country markets, some markets being down to 21c per bushel of 34 pounds. This represents shipping points, but at points where the local supply is short, particularly in the southwest section, prices are much higher, ranging up to 30 cents. Car lots on track are quoted at 23 to 23½ for feed oats, per bushel, at country shipping points. On the Winnipeg street market farmers have been paid 28 to 30c, which is the same as a week ago, but cars on track are lower, offering at 28 to 29c, and one car was offered at 27c.

BARLEY—The only business we hear of is on the street market, where 28 to 29c per bushel of 48 pounds is paid to farmers for feed quality, and malting samples do not appear to be bringing over 30c locally.

FRED WHEAT—Good demand for local use at 35 to 40c per bushel.

FLAX SEED AND MEAL—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

BUTTER—There is very little business doing as city retail dealers are holding considerable butter from purchases earlier in the season. Stocks are holding up well, as offerings in the country have exceeded expectations. In a local way a little dairy is selling at 21c for good quality, and 22c is about the limit of small lots of good dairy. It is very hard to get over 22c for anything, even in single tubs. Second quality sells from 20c downward to 15 to 16c for cooking butter. Round lots would have to average good to bring 18 to 19c. Rolls are selling in a small way at 20 to 22c, but dairy is often preferred.

CHEESE—Dealers quote 11 to 11½c.

EGGS—Lined held at 18c, with up to 19c obtained for single cases. A few fresh have sold at 22 to 23c.

CURED MEATS—No change this week locally, but eastern markets have been looking up. Prices are: hams, 13c; breakfast bacon, 13c for backs and 13½ for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½c; boneless hams, 12c; mess pork, \$19.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 9c per lb; German, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb.

LARD—Pure lard held at \$2.30 in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound unchanged, at \$2.10 per pail; compound in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, \$7 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3 and 5 pound tins, quoted at \$7.75 per case of 60 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS—Meats have been very dull since the holiday trade is over. In choice beef there has been nothing doing, as retail dealers are stocked up from purchases before Christmas, and wholesale butchers are not killing any. There has been some business in ordinary country dressed beef, at 3 to 4c per pound, and choice country dressed has sold as high as 4½c. A car of common to rough heavy beef was loaded for shipment to a lumber district east, at \$3.35 per 100 pounds. In mutton, the first eastern frozen mutton to arrive this season came to hand this week, but some of the cars will probably be shipped on to British Columbia. The mutton comes from the maritime provinces, and it is said costs in the neighborhood of 6 to 6½c laid down here on track. In small lots, mutton is selling here at 8 to 9c. Hogs are unchanged at 6 to 6½c as to quality.

POULTRY—Very dull. Holders are asking 12 to 13c for turkeys, 9 to 10c for geese and ducks and 7 to 9c for chickens, but these prices are about nominal, as retailers are stocked up and are not buying.

HIDES—There is a tendency to drop on heavy steers to 3c for No. 1. A couple of sales of car lots of butcher's hides, mostly cured, are reported at 1½c, which is considered a good figure as prices now stand. There were some frozen hides, and also some country hides, in each lot, but the bulk were supposed to be

summer and fall take-off salted. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides here as follows:—No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3½c; No. 2 heavy steers 2½c; No. 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½c per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. We quote 45 to 50c for new sheep and lamb skins, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL—Ordinary long wools nominal at 7 to 8c per pound; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 8 to 9c per pound; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes selling on the street 40 to 45c per bushel. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 20 to 25c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnips, 2c per lb; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel. Cabbage, scarce at 75c to \$1.50 per dozen. Celery, 25 to 40c per dozen.

HAY—Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton, or \$1 to \$1.50 at country points. Loose hay on the street market about \$3 to 4 per ton. Hay is dull, and prices have been cut below above quotations. One car sold here at equal to \$4 per ton.

LIVE HOGS—Quoted unchanged at 4 to 4½ off cars here.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—January, Holiday.
Tuesday—January, 60½c; May, 63½c.
Wednesday—January, 59½c; May, 63½c.
Thursday—January, 60½c; May, 61½c.
Friday—January, 60½c; May, 61½c.
Saturday—January, 60½c; May, 61½c.

A week ago prices closed at 59½c for December and 63½c for May per bushel. A year ago cash wheat closed at 66½c, and May at 72½c per bushel.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Monday was of course a holiday. On Tuesday wheat was lower, declining about 1½c under Saturday's close, recovered partially and closed about 1c lower than Saturday. Corn was ½ to ¾c lower and oats ¾ to 1c lower. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	59½	65	66½
Corn.....	34½	38½	—
Oats.....	28½	30½	—
Pork.....	12 75	12 80	—
Lard.....	7 37½	7 65	—
Ribs.....	6 50	6 60	—

On Wednesday wheat opened ¾c lower, then advanced ¾c, declined ¾c, again advanced and closed ½ to ¾c higher in the option market. In cash wheat No. 2 spring ranged at 59½ to 60½c and closed at about 60½c. A car of hard variety sold at 61½c. No. 3 sold at 60½ to 61c for hard variety. Spring wheat by sample was firm. The offerings were light and the few cars offered were taken by speculators and millers. No. 4 spring sold at 51 to 53c. No. 3 sold at 60c. For barley No. 5 sold at 38c. No. 4 ranged at 33½ to 44c for very poor to good, and No. 3 ordinary to choice sold at 40 to 49c with good lots 42 to 44c. To arrive lots sold at 45c for very good quality up to 50c for very fine or No. 1 Minnesota. Flax—A steady feeling prevailed. Only a few cars of cash seed offered and they were taken at \$1.36, the quotation established yesterday. May delivery improved 2c, selling at \$1.40. It closed with sellers at \$1.40. In the speculative market closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	62½	63½	66½
Corn.....	34½	38½	—
Oats.....	28½	30½	—
Pork.....	12 52½	12 67½	—
Lard.....	7 67½	7 52½	—
Ribs.....	6 37½	6 45	—

On Thursday wheat was quite strong, opening a fraction higher and advanced 1½c, preceded by a decline of ¾ to 1c from the opening price. The close was ¾ to 1c higher. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61½	63½	67½
Corn.....	35½	39½	37½
Oats.....	28½	31	29½
Pork.....	12 75	12 87½	—
Lard.....	7 52½	7 60	—
Ribs.....	6 60	6 62½	—

On Friday wheat varied considerably in price opening ¾c lower, and prices fluctuated within a range of 1½c, closing about ¾c lower. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61½	63½	67½
Corn.....	34½	38½	37½
Oats.....	28½	30½	29½
Pork.....	12 75	12 75	—
Lard.....	7 50	7 67½	—
Ribs.....	6 62½	6 60	—

On Saturday, Jan. 6, wheat opened at 66½c for May delivery and closed at 67½c per bushel. July option closed at 65½c. A week ago May closed at 66½c and December at 60½c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, wheat closed at 72c for May delivery. A week ago May wheat closed at 71½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 61c for cash and 62½c for May. A week ago cash closed at 60½c and May at 61½c.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ending on the dates given, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding week a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horne to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Dec. 2.	Dec. 9.	Dec. 16.	Dec. 23.	Dec. 30.
Extra Manitoba					
hard.....	3	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	78	59	50	47	42
No. 2 hard.....	16	23	23	11	35
No. 3 hard.....	1	6	1	0	0
No. 4 hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern..	6	8	10	8	8
No. 2 Northern..	1	2	0	1	1
No. 1 White type.	0	0	1	0	0
No. 2 White type	1	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	0	0	0	0	0
Rejected.....	8	5	4	6	4
No Grade.....	0	3	0	1	0
Total.....	114	111	89	74	90
Same week last year	419	334	407	161	234

*Wheat inspected at Emerson, going out via the Northern Pacific, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

Toronto Markets.

Wheat—Local prices were unchanged, with business very dull. Red and white wheat, north and west, offers at 57c, 56c bid. Goos and spring are nominal. Manitobas are held firmly, and sales have taken place at higher figures. Bids at 75c are offered to day for No. 1 hard, Montreal freights, and a sale of 4 cars took place at 76c. No. 2 hard is held at 71c west and 73c east.

Flour—Very dull and easier. Straight rollers, Toronto freights, offered to-day at \$2.60. Manitoba grades unchanged.

Peas—Unchanged and quiet. Holders are asking 52c, north and west; buyers at 51½c.

Oats—Steady. White sold west to-day at 30c, and a round lot was offered, G.T.R. west, at 30½c. Mixed, north and west, are quoted at 29½c, and on track at 33c.