

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

(Quotations below are per bushel for regular No. 2 wheat, which grade serves as a basis for speculative business. Corn and oats are per bushel for No. 2 grade; mess pork quoted per barrel, lard and short rib sides per 100 pounds.)

The wheat market was weak on Monday, opening $\frac{1}{2}$ lower, and closing $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c lower than Saturday's close. Trading was of a local nature. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	93 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	75	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	34	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	—	8.20	11.20	11.60
Lard.....	—	6.00	6.17 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.....	—	5.55	5.60	5.90

On Tuesday spring wheat was in only light demand. Early in the session the market was temporarily firm, but later became very weak, and closing was 1c lower than yesterday. No. 2 spring sold at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 92c, and closed at about 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Some houses did not sell within a $\frac{1}{2}$ c of what others commanded. No. 3 spring dull, and sold at 80 to 81c, and few cars at 82 to 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c closed at 80c. For the speculative grade of regular No. 2, prices advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c to $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and then declined heavily over 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Lake freights were at $\frac{1}{2}$ c wheat to Buffalo. Closing prices were:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	92	97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	—	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	—	8.05	11.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	5.92 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.....	—	5.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.82 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Wednesday wheat was depressed on account of lower cables, and a large increase in the available supply. Closing prices were $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c lower. Receipts, 295 cars. Closing prices:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	89 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	96 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	—	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	—	8.15	11.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.47 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	6.00	6.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.....	—	5.42 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.45	5.80

On Thursday wheat was dull until the last hour when it firmed up and advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c on an improved demand for lower grades. Receipts were 356 cars. Closing prices:—

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	—	90 $\frac{1}{2}$	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn.....	—	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	43 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats.....	—	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork.....	—	8.20	11.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.52 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard.....	—	5.92 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.10	6.40
Short Ribs.....	—	5.40	5.45	5.85

At Chicago on Friday, December wheat closed at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and May at 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Minneapolis Markets.

Following were closing wheat prices on Wednesday, December 2nd:—

Grades	Oct.	Dec.	May.	On track.
No. 1 hard.....	—	—	—	86 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. 1 northern.....	81	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. 2 northern.....	—	—	—	81-82

Flour—Quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.80 for first patents; \$4.40 to 4.60; for second patents; \$4.00 to \$4.40 for fancy and export bakers; \$2.15 to \$3.00 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Flour is not so brisk with smaller demand in the export trade as well as in the domestic. While there is flour enough sold ahead to employ the mills for some time, there is need of orders for immediate delivery to keep them all employed to the best advantage. While flour has been made in large quantities because large quantities could be sold the price

has been held pretty close to cost. So with more pushing for business now, the *Market Record* concludes prices can decline only enough to keep in line with cheaper wheat.

Brans and Shorts—Quoted at \$12.00 to \$12.50 for bran; \$12.00 to \$12.50 for shorts and \$12.75 to \$13.50 for middlings. Bran was steady but shorts easier and the millers that asked \$12.50 to \$12.75 yesterday sold at \$12.25 to-day while those that sold yesterday at the price of bran asked the same to-day.

Oats—Quoted at 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 31c for No. 2, white, 30 to 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ c No. 3 white, and 23 to 30c for No. 2 and 3. The oats market was very quiet. The weakness in wheat and the quietness in corn were reflected in the oats markets.

Barley—Steady at 40 to 55c for No. 3. There is very little barley offered that will bring more than 50 to 55c excepting that from Washington.

Fed—Millers held at \$16.50 to \$19.25; less than car lots \$17.00 to \$19.50, with corn meal at \$16.00 to \$19.50; bolted meal \$24.00; granulated \$26.00.

Eggs—Choice, fresh, 24c; called fresh, 22 to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; storage, 21 to 22c per dozen.

Dressed meats—Mutton and lamb, 6 to 7c per pound; dressed hogs, choice country, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per 100 pounds.

Dressed poultry—Turkeys, 8 to 10c; chickens, 3 to 6c; ducks, 8 to 10c; geese, 8 to 9c.—*Market Record*, Dec. 2.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—December 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Tuesday—December, 87c; May, 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Wednesday—December, 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 93 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Thursday—December, 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 95c.
Friday—Cash and December, 87c; May, 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Saturday—Cash at 87 $\frac{1}{2}$; December, 88c; May, 95c.

On Saturday No. 1 hard closed at 1c under No. 1 northern. A week ago No. 1 northern closed at 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for cash, 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for November and December, and 95 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for May. No. 1 hard a week ago closed at 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for December.

Minneapolis Closing Price Wheat.

At Minneapolis, on Saturday, December 5, wheat prices closed as follows for No. 1 northern. December option, 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Jan. 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ c May, 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago prices were: December, 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; May, 94c.

The Storm.

The wind and snow storm which set in at Winnipeg on Wednesday night, and raged all day Thursday and Friday, was one of the most vigorous on record. We have had only two storms in the past ten years to compare with it, and these came much later in the winter. The temperature was very mild during the continuance of the storm, but considerable snow fell, and this was piled up by the furious gale, in great heaps about the city. One side of the street would be left perfectly bare, while on the opposite side, the snow would be piled to the tops of the doors in places. It was almost impossible to get about the city with rigs, and those who were compelled to go out, found it exceedingly tiresome wading through the deep snow. As the temperature was only a little below the freezing point, there was no suffering from cold, unless it were those who were caught

without a supply of fuel on hand, and who were unable to obtain it while the blizzard lasted. The young people seemed to rather enjoy the wild scene, and boys, and even girls, were having a "high old time" rolling each other in the snow banks.

The railways were greatly inconvenienced. A few trains managed to get through, but many were blockaded, and trains no. out were mostly cancelled. Freight traffic was practically suspended. To-day, (Saturday, Nov. 5) the snow has ceased falling, but there is still a high wind. The snow on the ground, however, is now packed so closely, that it is not drifting. By Monday, no doubt, trains will be all running regularly again.

There was no intercourse with the country during the storm, and it will be many days before country roads will be in shape for hauling loads. Deliveries of grain by farmers were therefore entirely suspended for the last three days of the week, and grain threshing was also completely stopped for the time. No evil effects, more than a temporary delay to business, has been felt by the storm, and as soon as roads are cleared through the great drifts, matters will go on as smoothly as ever. The storm was worse in eastern Manitoba. West the wind blew hard, but it was unaccompanied by snow.

Important Business Changes.

The announcement was made in *THE COMMERCIAL* last summer of the dissolution of partnership of Dawson, Bole & Co., the well known Winnipeg drug house, Mr. Dawson retiring. We have now to announce that Mr. Bole, who continued the business, has formed a partnership with J. R. Wynne, of Montreal, who has long been known throughout the west, in connection with the wholesale drug trade. Mr. Wynne was for thirty-four years with Lyman Sons of Montreal, and for the past two years with Lyman Knox, wholesale drugs, also of Montreal. In fact he has been brought up in the drug trade. For a number of years he has represented these firms in the west, and he is well known from the great lakes to the Pacific coast. Among his business and other acquaintances here, Mr. Wynne has always been held in high esteem. He is of a friendly, but unassuming disposition, attentive to business matters, and of such a manner as to at once inspire confidence in his customers. The new partnership arrangements takes effect on January 1st next. Mr. Bole is to be congratulated upon securing Mr. Wynne as a partner, and from its long acquaintance with both gentlemen who now comprise the firm, *THE COMMERCIAL* predicts greater success than ever for this, one of our leading wholesale houses. It is the intention to largely increase the business, and hereafter a full stock will be carried in every department of the wholesale drug and sundries trade.

At a meeting held recently at Montreal of representatives from the Montreal board of trade and Toronto and Montreal Commercial Travellers' association, a committee was appointed to interview the Canadian Pacific railway authorities and ask them to reduce the rate west of Port Arthur from three and four to two cents per mile and also ask both roads (the Grand Trunk) to reduce the rate to two cents per mile and to have the baggage limit raised from 300 to 500 pounds.