

## Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

The prices below are board of trade quotations for Chicago No. 2 wheat, No. 2 oats and No. 2 corn, per bushel. Pork is quoted per barrel and lard and short ribs per 100 pounds.

On Monday wheat started in weak, but recovered under the influence of foreign buying and stronger cables. Prices closed  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	58 $\frac{3}{4}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	64 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn .....	21	21	22	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	—	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 75	5 75	—	—
Lard .....	3 30	3 35	—	—
Short Ribs.	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 15	—	—

Prices were weak on Tuesday, influenced by heavy spring wheat receipts northwest, easier cables and foreign selling. Oats declined  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat ....	58	—	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn .....	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .....	15	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 75	—	—
Lard .....	3 30	3 32 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Short Ribs.	3 10	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—

Wheat was firm on Wednesday, influenced by war rumors over the Turkish question and cash demand. Oats were a shade higher. Closing Prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat. ....	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	64 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn .....	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	21	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 77 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Lard .....	3 35	3 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Short Ribs..	3 10	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—

On Thursday wheat continued strong on foreign buying, higher cables, and lighter receipts. The full advance was not held. Oats were a shade higher. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat ....	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	65
Corn .....	21	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Lard .....	3 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Short Ribs..	3 10	3 10	—	—

On Friday prices continued strong, on higher cables and foreign buying, September option touched 62c and May 66c, but the close was  $\frac{1}{4}$  c under the top. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn .....	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	5 80	5 85	—	—
Lard .....	3 45	3 45	—	—
Short Ribs.	3 10	3 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Flax .....	—	—	—	—

On Saturday December option opened at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. and ranged from 61 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 62c. Closing prices were:

	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	May
Wheat.....	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn .....	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats .....	16	—	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	—	5 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	—
Lard .....	—	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—	—
Flax Seed..	48	—	70	75

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 58 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. and a year ago at 57 $\frac{1}{2}$  c and two years ago at 52 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.

## Minneapolis Markets.

The Market Record of Sept. 17, reports orders for domestic trade fairly active, and a large output being made. Prices are as follows, in bbls. f.o.b.: First patents, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Second patents, \$3.05 to \$3.10. First clears, \$2.60 to \$2.65, second clear, \$1.75. Export baker's, \$2.40 to \$2.45, second export

bakers' \$1.90 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton, 140 for lbs. jute, \$3.60 to \$9. These prices are the same as a week ago, except for Red Dog, which is 60 to 75c per ton higher.

Millstuffs—Bran in bulk, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bran in sacks, 200 lbs. \$1.25 to \$1.75; or in sacks, 100 lbs. \$5 to \$5.50; shorts, \$1; middlings, fine, \$3. These prices are 25c higher than a week ago.

Oats.—Now quoted at 13 to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  c per bushel of 32 pounds. Old No. 3 white, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.

Barley.—Quoted at 20 to 24c per bushel.

Flax.—Quoted at 61c per bushel.

Hay.—Prairie \$2.50 to \$5 per ton.

## Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Sept. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Tuesday—Sept. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May — c.
Wednesday—Sept. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Thursday—Sept. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Friday—Sept. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Saturday—Sept. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Dec. 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, May 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

A week ago December delivery closed at 59 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. A year ago December delivery closed at 56c. Two years ago Sept. closed at 55 $\frac{1}{2}$  c and three years ago at 64 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.

## Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Sept. delivery at 58, December at 58 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. A week ago December wheat closed at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.

## New York Wheat.

On Saturday, September 19, December delivery closed at 63 $\frac{1}{2}$  c and May option at 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. A week ago December option closed also at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.

## The Grain Grades.

The latest from Ottawa regarding the grain grades is to the effect that the proposed changes will not be made until the Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg grain men, or boards of trade are heard from. It is understood that the proposed changes are being urged by the Manitoba Farmers' Institute and it is well known that the institute does not represent the views of the rank and file of the farmers. The farmers generally want a lower standard, while the few scientific farmers who compose the institute, who perhaps raise a very fine quality of wheat, may grow wheat suitable for a higher standard, but what about the general crop?

## Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain.—The grain market for oats was weak again and prices declined  $\frac{1}{4}$  c per bushel with sales of car lots at 23 to 23 $\frac{1}{2}$  c. Corn 39 to 40c; barley, feed, 32 to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$  c.

Flour.—There was some enquiry from abroad for Manitoba strong bakers, but no sales were made. Jobbing prices are:—

Winter wheat \$3.60 to \$3.80; spring wheat patents \$3.75 to \$3.90; straight roller \$3.40 to \$3.50; straight roller, bags, \$1.60 to \$1.65; extra bags \$1.80 to \$1.85; Manitoba strong bakers \$1.25 to \$1.50

Oatmeal.—Standard, barrels, \$2.80 to \$2.90; granulated, barrels, \$2.90 to \$3.00; rolled oats, barrels, \$2.60.

Feed.—Bran \$10 to \$11; shorts \$11 to \$12.

Hay.—The demand for baled hay was good and the market is fairly active and about steady. Sales of No. 1 were made at \$10.50 and No. 2 at \$9.50 on track, car lots.

Cheese.—Cheese continues firm in the main on this side of the water, but the disturbing feature in the situation is the lack of response from the legitimate de-

mand. This, so far as indications go, is entirely indifferent to the advance of almost 1c during the past fortnight. It is a question, therefore, between the speculators at present buying up cheese in Canada and the British consumer. However, in the meantime the producer is reaping the benefit of prices over 1c better than those he received last year. It is reported also that A. A. Davis, local Brockville buyer, has contracted over twenty factories in that section at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  c for August and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  c for September and October. At the wharft this morning the offerings were 5,000 boxes. The ruling price was 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  c, but a fraction more may have been accorded in some instances. This is an advance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  c per pound over a week ago and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c in a fortnight.

Butter.—There is no change in the butter market which continues quiet and dull. Buyers are dull only bidding 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  c, and makers are not free sellers at the price.

Eggs.—Steady at 11 to 12c for choice candled stock and at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9c for culls per dozen.

Beans.—The demand for beans is slow and market is dull at 70 to 75c in car lots and at 80c to 90c in a small way.

Potatoes.—Car lots at 30c per bag.—Gazette Sept. 15.

## The Crops.

The weather has not been favorable since our last report, being a continuation of the cool, showery weather of last week. The heavy rain of Saturday last, Sept. 12, was general all over the country, and it left the grain so wet that very little stacking or threshing could be done until Wednesday or Thursday last. Work was only nicely started again when rain came, on Friday. The day was cold and bleak, and there was a little snow south and west. Very little new wheat is moving yet, in consequence of the delay to threshing. The cool, cloudy weather has prevented late grain from ripening, and some of the late oats are being cut green for feed. Cloudy weather has prevailed most of the time. The first frost of the season to cut garden stuff in Winnipeg came on Saturday, Sept. 19.

## Winnipeg Clearing House

Clearings for the week ending Sept. 17 were 1,142,568; balances, 171,762. For the previous week clearings were 962,452. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 997,421 and for the week two years ago,

Clearings for the month of August were \$1,616,959, compared with \$3,937,780 for August, 1895, and \$3,695,874 for August, 1894. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$10,631,993
Toronto .....	6,326,915
Halifax .....	1,207,130
Winnipeg.....	1,142,568
Hamilton .....	750,811
St. John.....	695,777
Total.....	20,190,447

Wooster & Co. have opened business as general merchants at 1st Portage.

The market in New York for Alaska salmon has become unsettled, owing to offerings of new pack for prompt shipment from San Francisco on the basis of the opening prices.

Grain Inspector Horn, of Winnipeg, was in town last week says the Carberry News, inspecting a consignment of wheat for the Lake of the Woods Co. consisting of six cars destined for Australia. This makes 35 cars shipped by the Lake of the Woods Co. from this point to Australia, all of which graded No. 1 hard.