

**EASTERN MARKETS.**

**CHICAGO**

The opening of the wheat market on Monday was quiet, but a few buying orders which came in later advanced prices a fraction before they could be filled. Later prices went back, May touching 85½c. Prices then advanced and closed about the opening figures. Corn and oats were stronger. Provisions were active and higher. January pork advanced from \$11.55 to \$11.77½. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.
Wheat	77½	85½
Corn	37	43
Oats	26	31½
Pork	11.77½	12.30
Lard	6.35	6.70
Short Ribs	5.80	6.20

Wheat opened strong on Tuesday, on war rumors and reports of damage to Australian crop, New York also reported heavy exports. May advanced to 86½c, with large sales on the advance. Prices then receded ¼ to ½c, but again advanced to 86½c. Corn was strong in sympathy with wheat and provisions. Pork advanced about 20c, lard 5 to 7½c, and ribs 1½ to 15c. Purchasing was active in a speculative way, but cash trading light. Receipts of hogs have been very light. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.
Wheat	78½	86½
Corn	37½	43½
Oats	26	31½
Pork	11.97½	12.50
Lard	6.40	6.77½
Short Ribs	5.80	6.20

On Wednesday May opened at 85½c, with strong cables. Free selling of long wheat followed and prices receded to 85½c. However, offerings were taken up very freely, and the market again developed strength, going up several points, closing at 86½c, after numerous fluctuations. Pork advanced 12½c for May, but closed lower. Last prices were:

	Jan.	May.
Wheat	78½	86½
Corn	37½	43½
Oats	26½	31½
Pork	11.87½	12.42½
Lard	6.40	6.75
Short Ribs	5.90	6.22½

On Thursday wheat started at 86c and sold down to 85½c, but as little wheat was offered prices soon rallied to 86½c. Buying was conducted on a large scale and advices from New York reported very active speculation at the coast. If export clearances show up during January in keeping with the past portion of the season, it must tell on prices. Provisions were generally active, though slow at the start, and prices advanced sharply toward the close. Wheat sold on the curb after the close of the board up to 86½c for May. Last prices were:

	Jan.	May.
Wheat	78½	86½
Corn	37½	43½
Oats	26½	31½
Pork	12.22½	12.72½
Lard	6.02½	6.57½
Short Ribs	6.02½	6.37½

On Friday the wheat market was active and closed about ½c higher. Cables were strong, and shorts bought freely. About 87½c was the highest point reached for May. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	May.
Wheat	79½	87½
Corn	37½	43½
Oats	26½	31½
Pork	12.25	12.77½
Lard	6.57½	6.87½
Short Ribs	6.05	6.40

On Monday, January 3, closing quotations were:

	Feb.	May.
Wheat	80½	—
Corn	37½	43
Oats	26	31½
Pork	12.35	12.82½
Lard	6.67½	6.92½
Short Ribs	6.15	—

**TORONTO.**

**STOCKS**

The following comparison of quotations will indicate the course of the stock market:

	Dec. 22.	Dec. 29.		
	ASKED.	BID.	ASKED.	BID.
Montreal	236½	235½	230½	230
Ontario	114	113	114½	113½
Toronto	—	211	—	210
Merchants	—	127½	130	128
Commerce	124½	123½	126½	125½
Imperial	—	133	—	134½
Federal	107½	106½	107½	107
Dominion	220	218	—	218
Standard	125	124½	125½	124½
Hamilton	—	134	—	134½
Northwest Land	58	58	59½	58½
C.P.R. Bonds	106	105	106	105

**WHEAT**

There was a good shipping demand at steady prices. No. 1 spring sold at 87½c, January at 89c f.o.b. No. 2 spring and No. 2 fall were going at 81 to 82c, and red winter at 83 to 84c f.o.b.

**FLOUR.**

Prices unchanged at \$3.50 for superior extra and \$3.40 for extra.

**OATMEAL.**

Small lots are offered at \$4 to \$4.25, the latter for granulated. Car lots were quoted at \$3.75 to \$3.80.

**OATS**

Stock large and prices irregular. Sales made at 30 to 31½c.

**BARLEY**

The market has held very dull and featureless, but at the close there was some slight improvement. Sales were made at 55c for No. 1 and 49c for No. 2. No. 3 extra was quoted at 45c, but No. 3 was not wanted.

**APPLES**

Cars worth from \$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. Street receipts taken readily at \$2 to \$2.50.

**POULTRY**

Box lots came in too late for the Christmas market last week, but have since sold fairly well at 10 to 11c per pound for turkeys, at 6½ to 7½c per lb for geese, at 50 to 65c per pair for ducks, and 30 to 40c for fowls.

**BUTTER**

There has been no change in this market. Selections sell at 18 to 19c, and mixed lots of dairy at 14 to 16c. Good store sold at 14 to 15½c for shipment in one car lot. Rolls, 15 to 16c. Inferior slow at 10 to 11c.

**CHEESE.**

About 12½c is the regular quotation for fine, with small lots held at 13c.

**EGGS**

Pickled offered freely at 16½ to 17c for large lots. Fresh scarce at 18 to 19c. On street, fresh scarce at 23 to 25c.

**PORK**

Has remained quiet, and selling only in small lots firmly at \$14.50.

**BACON**

Quiet. Long clear unsettled in price; round

lots, not under 100 sides, could have been bought at 7½c, and small lots, usually cases, have ranged from 7¼ to 8¼c; Cumberland at about 7½c; rolls 8½ to 9c; backs and bellies from 10 to 10½c.

**HAMS**

Very quiet, with sales of small lots of smoked at 11c, and round lots, not under 100, obtainable at 10½c.

**LARD**

Steady at 9c accepted for small lots, and pails, in small lots, 9¼ to 9½c.

**DRESSED HOGS**

The market has been unsettled; packers held off and sought to force a decline to \$5.60 until the last couple of days, when they yielded and were willing to pay \$5.75, which figure may be taken as the closing price of cars. On street receipts have been small and quality varying; prices closing at \$5.50 to \$5.80, with \$6 paid for a few very choice light-weights.

**LIVE STOCK.**

Stores and medium fat hogs have been in good demand, the latter weighing 160 pounds. Stores quoted at \$4.12½ to \$4.15 off cars. Medium \$5.30 to \$4.50. Mixed lots \$4.12 to \$4.25. Good steers in demand at 3 to 3½c, with extra choice at 3½c.

**HIDES AND WOOL**

Green have declined to 8c for No. 1. Cows, to 7c for No. 2 and to 6c for No. 3. This has probably been in consequence of increased supplies of them and a decreased demand for cured; one car sold at 8½c with more offered at the same price at close. Quotations are:—Hides, No. 1 inspected steers, \$8.75; No. 1 inspected cows, \$8.00; No. 2 inspected, \$7.00; No. 3 inspected, \$6; calfskins, green, 11 to 13c; calfskins, cured, 13 to 14c; calfskins, dry, 11 to 13c; sheepskins, green, 70 to \$1.10; wool, super, 23 to 24c; extra super, 28c; wool pickings, 9 to 10c; tallow, rough, 2c; rendered, 4 to 4½c.

**DRIED APPLES**

Still scarce and in good demand at firm prices. Dealers have been taking trade lots at prices equal to 3½ to 4c in Toronto, and have been selling at 4½ to 4¾c; evaporated even more scarce than common, with trade lots worth 9½ to 10c, and dealers holding at 10½c for small lots.

**DULUTH WHEAT MARKET**

The market opened very quiet on Monday, and remained so during the day. Scarcely any trading and without features of interest. Receipts were 139 cars, which included the past three days. There were 1,200 cars on track. On Tuesday the market was very active, and advanced steadily from the start to the close. May opened at 86½c and closed at 87½c bid. Receipts were only 38 cars, but with elevators and yards nearly full and crowded, there is a difficulty in disposing of these light arrivals. On Wednesday May opened at 87½c, sold up to 87½c, declined under free selling to 86½c, closing firmer at 86½-87c. On Thursday many found themselves short, and their climbing caused a bulge of ½c. May opened at 86½c, sold down ½c, advanced and closed at 87½c bid. The course of prices will be shown by the following closing quotation for No. 1 hard on each day were:

	Cash	Jan.	May
Monday	78½	78½	86½
Tuesday	79	79½	87½
Wednesday	79½	79½	86½
Thursday	79	79½	87½
Friday	80	80½	88½
Saturday	—	—	—
Monday, Jan. 3	—	—	83½

E. D. PHILAN, fancy goods and stationer, Winnipeg, has been closed by the sheriff. The executions are held by two brothers.