

New York Wheat.

New York, March 12.—Wheat, May opened 72 3-4c, closed 72c b. July opened 72 3-8c, closed 72 3-4c b.

New York, March 13.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-2, closed 72 3-4c b. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 72 5-8c a.

New York, March 14.—Wheat, May opened 72 7-8c, closed 73 1-2c a. July opened 72 5-8c a., closed 73 3-8c a.

New York, March 15.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-3c, closed 73c b.

New York, March 16.—Wheat, May opened 73 3-8c, closed 73 1-2c b. July opened 73 1-4c, closed 73 5-8c a.

New York, March 17.—Wheat closed at 73 7-8c for May option, and 73 7-8c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, March 12.—Wheat, May opened 65 7-8c, closed 66 1-4c. July opened 66 3-4c, closed 67 1-8c. Corn, May opened 36 3-8 to 3-8c, closed 37 7-8c b. July opened 36 1-2 to 3-4c, closed 38 1-8 a. Oats, May opened 23 3-4c, closed 24c. July opened 22 3-4c, closed 22 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.90 to \$10.95, closed \$11.10. July opened \$11, closed \$11.10. Lard, May opened \$6, closed \$6.05. July opened \$6.10, closed \$6.12 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$6, closed \$6.02 1-2. July opened \$6, closed \$6.07 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58. Sept. \$1.12. Oct. \$1.09.

Chicago, March 13.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-2c, closed 65 7-8c a. July opened 67 3-8c, closed 66 5-8c a. Sept. opened 67 3-4c. Corn, May opened 38 1-4, closed 37 1-2c b. July opened 38 1-4c, closed 37 5-8c a. Sept. opened 38 3-4, closed 37 5-8c a. Oats, May opened 24, closed 23 3-4c b. July opened 23c, closed 22 5-8c a. Pork, May opened \$11.07 to \$11.12 1-2, closed \$11. July opened \$11.15, closed \$10.95. Lard, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6.02 1-2. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.10. Ribs, May opened \$6 to \$6.05, closed \$6 b. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6.02 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.55 b. Sept. \$1.11 b. Oct. \$1.08 1-2.

Chicago, March 14.—Wheat, May opened 66c, closed 66 3-4c a. July opened 66 3-4c, closed 67 1-2c a. Corn, May opened 37 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 37 5-8c a. July opened 37 5-8 to 3-4c, closed 37 3-4c b. Sept. opened 38 1-4 to 1-8, closed 38 1-8c. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 8-7c b. July opened 22 5-4c, closed 22 7-8c. Pork, May opened \$10.95, closed \$11.02 1-2 a. July opened \$10.90, closed \$10.97 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.02 1-2 a. July opened \$6.10, closed \$6.10. Ribs, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6 b. July opened \$6.02 1-2 a. closed \$6.02 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58 b. Sept. \$1.11 1-2 b. Oct. \$1.09 1-2 b.

Chicago, March 15.—Wheat, May opened 66 1-2c, closed 66 1-2c a. July opened 67 1-4c, closed 67 1-8c b. Corn, May opened 37 3-4c, closed 37 1-4c a. July opened 37 3-4c, closed 37 5-8c b. Oats, May opened 24 7-8c, closed 23 7-8c a. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 23 3-4c. Pork, May opened \$11.02 1-2, closed \$10.97 1-2. July opened \$11.02 1-2, closed \$10.95 a. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.07 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6. Flax, cash \$1.60. May \$1.58 b. Sept. \$1.11 1-2 b. Oct. \$1.09 a.

Chicago, March 16.—Wheat, May opened 66 7-8 to 67c, closed 67 1-4c a. July opened 67 5-8 to 1-2c, closed 67 7-8c. Corn, May opened 37 3-8 to 1-2c, closed 37 3-8c b. July opened 37 3-4, closed 37 3-4c b. Oats, May opened 23 7-8c, closed 23 7-8c. July opened 22 7-8c, closed 22 3-4c b. Pork, May opened \$11.05, closed \$11.15 a. July opened \$11.05, closed \$11.07 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6.05 b. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.15. Ribs, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6.07 1-2 a. July opened \$6.05, closed \$6.07 1-2 b. Flax, cash \$1.62. May \$1.63. Sept. \$1.13 b. Oct. \$1.09 1-2 b.

Chicago, March 17.—May wheat opened at 67 3-8 to 1-2c, and ranged from 67 1-4 to 67 5-8c. Closing prices

were as follows:

Wheat—March, 66 3-4c; May, 67 1-2c; July, 68 1-4c.

Corn—May, 37 5-8c, July, 38c.

Oats—March, 22 3-8c; May, 24 1-4c.

Lard—May, \$11.32 1-2.

Ribs—May, \$6.12 1-2.

Flax—May, \$6.15.

A week ago May option closed at 66c. A year ago May wheat closed at 67 1-2c, two years ago at \$1.03; three years ago at 74 1-2c; four years ago at 62 1-2c; five years ago at 55 1-4c.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, March 17.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.63 for cash and \$1.63 for May; Sept., \$1.14.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May 66 3-8c, July 67 1-4c.

Tuesday—May 66c, July 66 7-8c.

Wednesday—May 66 5-8c, July 67 1-2

Thursday—May 66 1-4c, July 67 1-8c.

Friday—May 67c, July 67 7-8c.

Saturday—May 67 3-8c, July 68 3-8c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 67 7-8c and cash 1 northern at 66 3-8c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 65 7-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 67 3-8c; two years ago at 98 1-2c; three years ago at 74 3-4c; four years ago at 60 7-8c; five years ago at 60 3-8c and six years ago at 59 5-8c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 16.—Wheat—Spot, firm No. 1 northern spring 6s 2 1-2d; futures quiet, March nominal; May 5s 9 1-3d; July 5s 8 3-4d.

Liverpool, March 17.—Wheat closed 1-2d higher.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, March 16.—4 p.m. closing: Consols for money 101 1-8; consols for the account 101 5-16; Canadian Pacific 97 3-4; Erie 13 3-4; do. first preferred 39; Illinois Central 116 1-2; U. P. preferred 76 1-2; St. Paul common 126 5-4; N. Y. C. 138; Pennsylvania 69 1-4; Reading 87-8; N. P. preferred 76 1-4; Atchafson 24; Louisville 83 5-8; Rand Mines 30; G. A. 8 1-4; Anaconda 9 3-8; Bar silver 27 5-8 per ounce, steady; money 3 1-2 to 4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills and for three months bills is 4 per cent.

A PROFITABLE ORANGE SEASON.

According to the Denver Republican the orange crop of California this season is an immense one, and what is best, it is bringing higher prices than for ten years. It amounts to about 14,500 carloads, or 4,500,000 boxes. Never before was there such a yield. The crop of last year was 9,000 carloads, and the year before 5,000 carloads. The crop will bring the growers \$4,600,000, of which \$2,600,000 will be paid for hauling the oranges to market. Here is an important product of the soil over half the money for which is paid out for railroad freight. This is not because freight is high, but because the oranges are grown an immense distance from their chief markets. The orange business in Southern California now represents an investment of about \$4,000,000. The harvest season begins in December and continues until June. The great boom in Southern California, some fourteen years ago, was based upon an increase in the orange crop, reinforced by the advantage of the climate. The climate was not then as well and favorably known as it is now, and the orange product at that time was insignificant compared with the yield of the present season.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market to-day was stronger, in sympathy with the advance on other markets. Buyers were offering 67 1-4c for cash No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, with sellers at 67 1-2c, May 69 1-4c bid, and 69 1-2c asked.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, March 17.—Wheat closed at 65 1-4c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 67 1-2c, and cash No. 1 northern at 66c.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

Cable reports of the London wool sales up to Tuesday show that the competition for wools has been fairly active and prices fairly well maintained. American buyers were keen bidders for suitable wools.

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

T. Gadd is to have charge of the creamery at Foxwarren, Man., this year.

The unsold stock of cheese in Montreal is placed at between 7,000 and 8,000 boxes, an unusually small amount.

The farmers in the immediate vicinity of Otterburne, Man., purpose erecting a cheese and butter factory at that place this season.

Arrangements are being made by R. A. Caldwell to establish a cheese and butter factory in the township of Gillies, near Port Arthur, Ont. When spring comes he intends shipping a large number of young cattle to that neighborhood, so as to be ready for milking in the summer of 1901, when the factory will be ready.

The extremely high prices at present prevailing for butter in Ontario and Quebec have induced many of the factories to arrange for a resumption of operations at an earlier date than usual, and it is now expected that most of them will be running again by the 20th of this month. Canadian butter exports to Britain fell off over 50 per cent during the past winter, and the output of winter creamery is 50 per cent less than last year.

Butter became very scarce at Montreal last week, and the greatest difficulty was experienced by dealers in obtaining supplies. Buyers scoured the surrounding country without success. In fact, country dealers were obliged to seek butter to fill their own wants in Montreal. Factories easily secured 27 to 28c per pound for anything they had to offer. In a jobbing way as much as 33c was obtained.

It is not usual for eastern cheese factories to operate in the winter, but the high prices of the past few months have induced some factories to operate all winter, and sale has readily been found for the product at good prices.

Annual meetings of the four big loan companies which are amalgamating, were held this week in Toronto. Arrangements for the amalgamation are now said to be about complete.

For the first nine months of last year the production of gold in the Rand amounted to 3,913,810 ounces, while the last three months show a decided decrease from this sum, the output amounting to only 155,356 ounces. October's output was the smallest for the quarter, the November total exceeding it three times, while the December production was a fifth more than that of November. Thus it would appear as if the Boers were hurrying production.