

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.

Wheat opened higher on Monday, influenced mainly by higher Liverpool cables. December option starting at about 70c, and advanced to 71½c. There was also good export buying in New York. A weak feature was the large receipts of spring wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth, and the large increase in the weekly visible supply statement. Prices closed 1c higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	May	Jan.
Wheat.....	68½	70½	75½	—
Corn.....	28½	21½	28½	—
Oats.....	17½	18½	21½	—
Mess Pork..	—	7 05	—	7 90
Lard.....	—	4 32½	—	4 52½
Short Ribs..	—	3 70	—	3 90

Wheat opened about 1c lower on Tuesday, influenced by lower cables large receipts at Duluth and Minneapolis and tight money rates. Prices declined most of the day. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	May	Jan.
Wheat.....	68½	68½	74½	—
Corn.....	28½	21½	27½	—
Oats.....	17½	18½	21½	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 97½	—	7 82½
Lard.....	—	4 30	—	4 50
Short Ribs..	—	3 62½	—	3 87½

The loss of Tuesday in wheat was fully recovered on Wednesday. The early market was steady on firm cables. Then reports of purchases of California cargoes for Australia and India started prices up and a sharp advance was made. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	May	Jan.
Wheat.....	68½	70½	75½	—
Corn.....	28½	21½	28½	—
Oats.....	17½	18½	21½	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 90	—	7 80
Lard.....	—	4 30	—	4 50
Short Ribs..	—	3 62½	—	3 87½

On Thursday wheat was quite strong again, influenced by higher cables, good local and foreign buying, and Pacific coast exports to Australia. December option advanced to 73½c at one time during the day, but the tight money market forced prices down and at the close 71½c was the price quoted. On the curb, after the board closed, December option was quoted at 70½c. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	May	Jan.
Wheat.....	69½	71½	76½	—
Corn.....	28½	21½	28½	—
Oats.....	17½	18½	21½	—
Mess Pork..	—	6 90	—	7 80
Lard.....	—	4 25	—	4 45
Short Ribs..	—	3 60	—	3 82½

On Friday, wheat was strong nearly all day, influenced by exports to Australia, and firmer late cables, though early cables were easier. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	71	72½	—	77½
Corn.....	21½	25	—	28½
Oats.....	17½	18½	—	21½
Mess Pork..	—	6 95	7 85	—
Lard.....	—	4 22½	4 42½	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 62½	3 90	—

On Saturday December wheat opened at 73½ to 78½c and ranged between 72½ and 78½c. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.	Jan.	May
Wheat.....	70½	72½	—	77½
Corn.....	21½	25½	—	28½
Oats.....	17½	18½	—	21½
Mess Pork..	—	—	8 00	—
Lard.....	—	—	4 50	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	3 97½	—
Flax Seed..	71½	80	—	74

A week ago Dec. wheat closed at 69½c and a year ago at 58½c and two years ago at 58½c and three years ago at 52½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, No. 1 Northern wheat closed as follows: Oct. delivery at 70½, December at 72c, and May at 76c. A week ago December wheat closed at 68c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, October 31, December delivery closed at 80c and May option at 83c. A week ago December option closed at 76½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday - Sept. -	Dec. 70½c.	May 75½c.
Tuesday - Sept. -	Dec. 61c.	May 73½c.
Wednesday - Sept. -	Dec. 71½c.	May 75½c.
Thursday - Oct. -	Dec. 72c.	May 74½c.
Friday - Oct. -	Dec. 73½c.	May 74½c.
Saturday - Oct. -	Dec. 73½c.	May 77½c.

A week ago December delivery closed at 69½c. A year ago December delivery closed at 51½c. Two years ago Dec. closed at 51½c and three years ago at 59½c.

On Saturday cash wheat closed at 72½c for No. 1 hard and 71½c for No. 1 northern.

Bread Declines.

It is understood that the agreement among Winnipeg bakers has fallen through, and bread will decline at once to 18 and possibly to 20 leaves for \$1. The price was recently advanced from 20 to 16 leaves for \$1.

Minneapolis Markets.

The Market Record of Oct. 29, reports the demand very slow. Prices are as follows, in bbls, f.o.b.: First patents, \$3 35 to \$3 95; Second patents, \$3 50 to \$3 65. First clears, \$3 10 to \$3 50; second clear, \$2 90. Export baker's, \$2 25 to \$3 35; second export bakers' \$2 90 to \$3 15. Red Dog, per ton, 140 for 1b-2, 150.50.

Millstuffs—Bran in bulk, \$5.00 to \$5.50; bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$3.00 to \$6.25; bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$6.50 to \$6.75; shorts, \$4 to \$6.25; middlings, fine, \$7.00 to \$7.25.

Oats—Range at 13c for light up to 16½c for No. 3 white.

Barley—Quoted at 21 to 25c per bushel.

Flax—Quoted at 66½c per bushel.

Hay—Prairie, \$3.50 to \$6.50 per ton, as to quality.—Market Record, October 29.

Winnipeg Clearing House

Clearings for the week ending Oct. 29 were 1,836,323; balances, 281,345. For the previous week clearings were 1,961,482. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 1,914,744 and for the week two years ago, 1,477,891. Clearings for the month of Sept. were \$4,630,706, compared with \$4,008,906 for September, 1895, and \$3,975,406 for September, 1894. Clearances for all Canadian cities this week were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$10,593,814
Toronto.....	6,191,270
Halifax.....	1,200,730
Winnipeg.....	1,886,923
Hamilton.....	681,721
St. John.....	455,240

Total bank clearings at Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax amount to \$20,589,000 this week against \$21,856,000 last week, and 22,476,000 in the same week a year ago.



MAIL CONTRACTS

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 27th November next for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on proposed contracts for four years over each of the following routes from the 1st January next:

Brandon and Rapid City, six times per week, computed distance 20 miles. Courier to call at Forrest Station Post Office twice per week on his trip to Rapid City.

Gretna and Railway Station fourteen (14) times per week, computed distance half a mile.

Portage la Prairie Post Office and Custom House, six times per week, computed distance ½ mile.

Portage la Prairie Post Office and C. P. and M. & N. Railway Stations (20) twenty times per week. Computed distance half a mile.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen and blank forms of Tender obtained at the Post Offices on the respective routes and at this office.

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Post Office Inspector

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