

standard, in 98 pound sacks, \$2.40 and granulated, \$2.40. Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat flour, \$4; and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.30 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$5.50 per barrel.

GROUND FEED—Prices range from \$17 to \$19 per ton as to quality for oat and barley feed.

OATS—No material change. On the Winnipeg street market 30c per bushel of 34 pounds has been the general price to farmers, and 31 and 32c for good milling samples. Cars on track Manitoba country points are about the same, at 24 to 25c per bushel for feed grade.

EARLY—Some demand for good samples for seed and firm with light offerings. We quote 30 to 35c per bushel of 48 pounds on track, country points. Loads on the street, Winnipeg, would bring from 35 to 40c per bushel as to quality.

FEED WHEAT—A good sample of feed wheat will bring 40c per bushel of 60 pounds.

FLAX SEED AND MEAL—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. Up to \$1 has been paid for a limited quantity for seed. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

BUTTER—The butter market has been quite strong this week, owing to light supplies. Very little new butter has been coming forward, and the market is pretty well cleaned up of good old. Decidedly poor old tubs have sold at 18c, hardly suitable for table use, and better quality has brought 20c. New rolls and tubs have sold at 22 to 23c, which shows a sharp advance, and not strictly choice quality either at these prices. In fact a sale of indifferent quality was reported at 23c. At this season of the year, with receipts of new butter likely to increase suddenly at any time, these prices cannot be counted upon to endure long, though this will depend entirely upon the supply. The early make of butter is not good keeping quality, and as soon as any tendency to accumulation is shown, prices will of course decline, as it is a quality which dealers do not care to carry in excess of current demands.

CHEESE—Held at 12 to 13c for good to choice quality.

EGGS—Prices have been somewhat irregular and rather easier, as sales of fresh have been made at 11 and 11½, while 12c has also been obtained. Sales have also been made at 10c, so that the price has actually ranged from 10 to 12c, according to quality it may be said, for some decidedly mixed quality have been offered, consisting of very stale mixed with a percentage of fresh. There has been no accumulation of stock to speak of, and no reason for a further decline, for choice quality. The reason for the rapid decline of the market this year is no doubt due to the fact that the market was demoralized by pressure to sell limed stock, and the spring movement of fresh eggs came on a very weak market. The consumption is large and prices should be maintained, though it is difficult to predict values, as it is always hard to recover lost ground, while, if receipts keep up well it is quite possible that prices may settle at 10c at once.

CURED MEATS—Prices are lower, dry salt having declined to 8c. There has been some competition between eastern and local cured product, which has led to the declining tendency. Local packers will make a fight to hold the market, though for far western points they have no advantage over eastern packers in the matter of freights. The changes in the duty will have a tendency to lower prices of compound lard and cottolene. Prices are: hams, 11 to 12c; breakfast bacon, 11½ 12½ dry salt long clear bacon, 8c; smoked long clear 9c; spiced rolls, 8½; boneless hams, 12c; mess pork, \$16.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 8½ per lb; German, 8½; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.40 per pair; pickled hocks, 3c lb.

LARD—Prices are 10c lower per 20 pound pail. Pure lard held at 55c in 5 lb. pails; \$1.05 in 5-lb pails; \$2.00 in 20-pound pails, and \$5.00 in 50 lb. pails; compound at \$1.75 per 20 lb pail; compound in 3, and 5 pound tins, \$6.65 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$7.25 per case of 60 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS—Prices fairly steady at 5 to 7c for beef. Mutton is firmer, as stocks of frozen have been placed in cold storage, and quoted at 7 to 8c. Hogs, 5 to 5½, some nice butcher's stock having brought the top price. Veal, 7 to 9c.

POULTRY—Following prices are quoted:—11 to 12½ for turkeys, 9 to 10c for geese and ducks and 8 to 10c for chickens. (Choice fresh stock will bring the top price, and lower quotation for held.

HIDES—Prices are irregular. Country frozen stock is being taken at 1½ to 1¾. Prices of inspected are irregular, dealers quoting 2½ and 2¾ for No 1 cows and 2½ and 3c for No 1 steers. McMillan & Co, in their report, state as follows:—"The receipts are not large but the demand is less, and prices are weak for most classes of green salted hides. Calfskins are lower and indications are that there will be a further decline." We quote Winnipeg inspected hides as follows:—No. 1 cows, 2½; No. 2, 1½; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3c; No. 2 heavy steers 2c; No 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½ to 1¾ per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb. skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. We quote 40 to 50c for sheep and lamb skins, average lots, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4½c rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL—The price is uncertain. Dealers are not quoting yet for the coming clip. The situation in the States will be uncertain until the tariff bill is finally passed.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes have been bought to ship at 30 to 35c per bushel, but mostly about 35c. Eastern onions are in. Other vegetables are quoted: Turnips, 20 to 25c; carrots, 50 to 60c; beets, 40 to 50c; parsnips, 2c per lb; onions, 3c per lb. Cabbage, 2c per lb.

HAY—Hay is dull and hard to sell, offerings been much in excess of requirements. Baled hay quoted at \$4 to \$5.50 per ton here. Loose hay, \$3 to \$4 per ton.

LIVE STOCK—Exporters have begun to make purchases of cattle for old country markets, but it will be near the end of the month before any shipments are made. Quotations in the country range from 3½ to 4c for good butchers' and export cattle, and down to 3c second quality to butchers. Notwithstanding the demoralized state of the horse market, a few horses are being brought in from Eastern Canada.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat was unsettled and higher on Monday, owing to the freezing weather in the winter wheat region. Prices opened ½ to 1c higher, declined a point or two, advanced again ½c, declined ½ to ¾c, advanced ½ to ¾c, and closed ¾ to 1c above Saturday. Corn gained ½c and oats ½ to ¾c. Pork was 5 to 7½c higher. Closing prices were:—

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	57	58½	60½
Corn.....	35½	37½	37½
Oats.....	30½	31½	27½
Pork.....	—	11 02½	11 00
Lard.....	6 25	6 72½	6 02½
Short Ribs.....	—	5 72½	5 70

Wheat was quiet on Tuesday and easier, and the crop damage scare seemed to have flattened out. Prices opened easier and declined ½ to ¾c, advanced ¾c, again declined and closed about ¾c lower than Monday. Closing prices were:—

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	56½	58½	60½
Corn.....	35	37½	37½
Oats.....	30½	31½	27½
Pork.....	—	11 32½	11 20
Lard.....	7 10	7 90	6 07½
Ribs.....	—	5 85	5 80

On Wednesday wheat had quite a bulge, with a nervous feeling and lively trading.

Prices had a range of 2½ to 3c, opening ½c higher and advanced suddenly to 2½ to 2¾c, declined 1 to 1½c, and advanced ½c. There was a stampede in covering by shorts, all due to another predicted cold wave. Closing prices were:—

	Mar.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	50½	60½	62½
Corn.....	30½	37½	38½
Oats.....	31½	31	28½
Pork.....	—	11 65	11 60
Lard.....	7 20	7 00	6 82½
Ribs.....	—	6 00	6 05

On Thursday the wheat market reacted, and again the crop damage scare appeared to have subsided. Wheat opened ½c lower, advanced to 6½c for May and declined as low as 59½c, closing at a loss of ½c for the day. Closing prices were:—

	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	58½	60½	61½	—
Corn.....	30½	37½	38½	—
Oats.....	30½	31½	27½	25
Pork.....	—	11 50	11 60	—
Lard.....	—	7 00	6 87½	—
Ribs.....	—	6 00	5 95	—

The market was stronger on Friday, influenced by crop damage reports from the south-west. May wheat opened at 60½c, and sold between 59½ and 61c, closing ¾c higher. Closing prices were:—

	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	59½	60½	62½	—
Corn.....	30½	37½	38½	—
Oats.....	30½	31½	28½	24½
Pork.....	—	11 82½	11 77½	—
Lard.....	—	7 05	6 82½	—
Ribs.....	—	6 00	5 90	—

On Saturday, March 31, wheat opened at 60½c for May delivery and closed at 60½c per bushel. A week ago May wheat closed at 57½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May, 60½c.
Tuesday—May, 60½c.
Wednesday—May 60½c.
Thursday—May, 62c.
Friday—61c.
Saturday—May, 61½c.

A week ago prices closed at 59½ for May delivery per bushel. A year ago cash wheat closed at 62c, and May at 65½c per bushel.

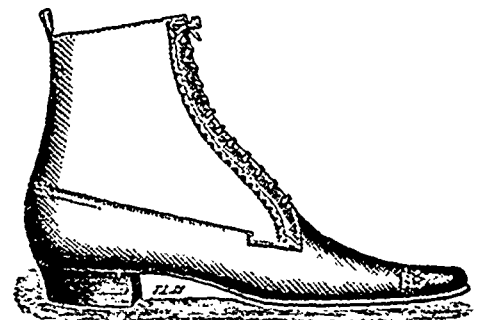
New York Wheat.

On Saturday, March 31, wheat closed at 63½c per bushel for May delivery. A week ago May wheat closed at 61½c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 61½c for cash. May closed and at 59½c. A week ago cash closed at 59½c and May at 55c.

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