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**British Columbia Markets.**

(BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.)

Vancouver, Nov. 9, 1895.

Dairy butter is quite scarce, and the quotation is nominal at 20c, in the absence of offerings. Choice creamery is held at 30c. Eastern Canada creamery is offering. Cured meats have declined 1/4c. Eggs have again advanced 2c, and are now held at 22c per dozen. Pork is lower. Salt salmon has advanced sharply to \$7.50 per barrel. Fruit is advancing in price, and some varieties are out of the market.

**British Columbia Business Notes.**

British Columbia Paper Manufacturing Co., Alberni, have sold their factory to the Alberni Paper Mills Co.

Perdue & Burns, butchers, Nelson, have dissolved; P. Burns continues.

O. D. Garrisser, hotel, Rossland, has sold out to M. Flaherty.

The Fraser River Packing Co., Vancouver, has been incorporated.

Geo. W. Urquhart, butchers, Vancouver, has sold out to the Nicola Valley Cattle Co.

Fred. Landsberg, curios, etc., Victoria, has assigned.

G. H. Sampson, books, Victoria, is dead.

**Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.**

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at \*Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:—

Grade.	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Nov. 2
Extra Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0
hard.....	0	168	95	130	92
No. 1 hard.....	139	41	18	35	37
No. 2 hard.....	28	47	32	45	64
No. 3 hard.....	80	43	26	22	24
No. 1 Northern.....	51	3	5	5	5
No. 2 Northern.....	5	0	3	4	3
No. 3 Northern.....	0	4	0	3	3
No. 1 white type.....	10	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white type.....	2	39	19	15	9
No. 1 Spring.....	23	0	1	3	0
No. 2 Spring.....	2	60	37	50	34
No. 1 frosted.....	29	31	31	34	24
No. 2 frosted.....	73	11	6	8	7
No. 3 frosted.....	5	23	21	21	21
No. 1 Rejected.....	22	57	29	50	42
No. 2 Rejected.....	36	2	1	1	0
No Grade.....	2	—	—	—	—
Total.....	457	522	341	425	355
Same week last year.....	235	136	142	211	164

\*Wheat inspected at Emerson going out via the Northern Pacific to Duluth, is included in Winnipeg returns. A considerable portion of the wheat moving is inspected at Fort William, and does not show in these figures.

**New York Wheat.**

On Saturday, Nov. 9, December wheat closed at 65 1/2c, and May delivery at 63 3/4c. A week ago wheat closed at 66c for December and 69 1/2c for May.

**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 was irregular. There was a report of damage to the Argentine crop. Receipts here and in the Northwest were very large, being 613 cars here and 1,768 at Minneapolis and Duluth. Prices closed about the same as Saturday. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat.....	58	58 1/2	—	63 1/2
Corn.....	27 1/2	27 1/2	—	29 1/2
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	—	20 1/2
Mess Pork.....	8 20	—	—	9 50
Lard.....	5 55	—	—	5 87 1/2
Short Ribs.....	—	—	—	—

Tuesday was a holiday on the board, owing to the state elections.

On Wednesday wheat was easier, influenced by large spring wheat receipts and rains in the winter wheat country. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	57 1/2	58 1/2	—	62 1/2
Corn.....	27 1/2	27 1/2	—	29 1/2
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	—	20 1/2
Mess Pork.....	8 30	—	—	—
Lard.....	5 55	—	—	5 87 1/2
Short Ribs.....	4 50	—	—	4 90

Wheat was lower on Thursday. Rains in the winter wheat country and heavy receipts at spring wheat points were the factors. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	57 1/2	58 1/2	—	62 1/2
Corn.....	27 1/2	28	—	29 1/2
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	—	20 1/2
Mess Pork.....	8 15	—	—	9 47 1/2
Lard.....	5 55	—	—	5 82 1/2
Short Ribs.....	4 55	—	—	—

Wheat was stronger on Friday. Receipts were large and rain was reported south and west, but there was liberal buying and aided by war news prices advanced. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	57 1/2	58 1/2	—	62 1/2
Corn.....	27 1/2	28	—	29 1/2
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	—	20 1/2
Pork.....	8 22 1/2	—	—	9 50
Lard.....	5 55	—	—	5 85
Short Ribs.....	4 55	—	—	—

Wheat opened easier and was steady at 58 1/2 to 59 1/2c for December delivery. Closing prices were:

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	May.
Wheat....	57 1/2	58 1/2	—	62 1/2
Corn.....	27 1/2	28	—	29 1/2
Oats.....	18 1/2	18 1/2	—	20 1/2
Mess Pork.....	—	—	—	9 37 1/2
Lard.....	—	—	—	—
Short Ribs.....	—	—	—	—
Flax Seed.....	—	91 1/2	—	97 1/2

A week ago November wheat closed at 58 3/4c. A year ago November wheat closed 54 3/4c.

**Duluth Wheat Market.**

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

Monday—Nov. 35 1/2c, Dec. 54 1/2c, May, 59 1/2c.  
 Tuesday—Nov. —c, Dec. 54 1/2c, May, 59 1/2c.  
 Wednesday—Nov. 55c, Dec. 54 1/2c, May 59 1/2c.  
 Thursday—Nov. 54 1/2c, Dec. 54 1/2c, May, 59 1/2c.  
 Friday—Nov. 55c, Dec. 54 1/2c, May 59 1/2c.  
 Saturday—Nov. 54 1/2c, Dec. 54 1/2c, May, 59 1/2c.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 55 1/2c for November, and 54 3/4c for December. A year ago November wheat closed at 58 1/2c, and December delivery at 57 1/2c. Two years ago December closed at 59 1/2c. No. 1 hard was quoted at 1c over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, 2 to 3c lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

**Minneapolis Wheat.**

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 58 1/2c for December delivery, and May at 57 1/2c. A week ago December wheat closed at 58 1/2c.

**British Grain Trade.**

The Mark Lane Express of Nov. 4, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: English wheats have been stationary, the average price being 24s 6d. Foreign wheats have had a slight change, to the disadvantage of holders, who are now asking 26s for the best Russian, 27s for fine Australian, and 25s for Calcutta. Today No. 2 red winter was quoted at 25s 6d; No. 1 spring, California, Duluth and Manitoba, 26s 6d.

**Weather and Crops.**

The weather has been considerably broken this week, though there were some nice bright days. There was a drizzling rain here on Tuesday, which was general over a large area. In western Manitoba, it turned into a heavy fall of snow, interfering with threshing. Here, though the drizzle lasted most of the day, not much water fell. A little plowing has been done this week, but under difficulties, the ground being frozen too much most of the time to permit of plowing to advantage. The area of land plowed is much less than usual at this date. There is a lot of threshing to be done yet in some sections, some of the more backward districts reporting a month or more of threshing work yet to be done. Considerable grain will no doubt remain in stack till spring, unless the weather is unusually favorable, as after this date favorable threshing weather cannot be expected for very long.

**Fort William Wheat Inspection.**

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at Fort William up to Nov. 1, of this crop.

	Cars.
No. 1 hard.....	2,885
No. 2 hard.....	1,032
No. 3 hard.....	531
No. 1 northern.....	718
No. 2 northern.....	108
No. 3 northern.....	46
No. 1 white fls.....	27
No. 2 white fls.....	9
No. 1 spring.....	96
No. 2 spring.....	5
No. 2 goose.....	3
Rejected.....	955
No grade.....	17
No. 1 frosted.....	710
No. 2 frosted.....	317
Feed.....	34
Total.....	7,800

**Winnipeg Clearing House.**

Clearings for the week ending November 7, were \$2,351,555; balances, \$431,859. For the previous week clearings were \$1,944,744. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$1,650,810. For the month of October clearings were \$7,911,953, as compared with \$6,786,780 for October last year.

Following are the returns of other Canadian clearing houses for the weeks ended on the dates given:

	Oct. 24.	Oct. 31.
Montreal..	\$12,465,170	\$11,252,035
Toronto...	6,191,078	6,141,007
Halifax...	1,165,900	1,079,182
Winnipeg.	1,925,803	1,944,744
Hamilton.	728,411	620,625
Total	\$22,476,362	\$21,037,593