

New York Wheat.

New York, Feb. 19.—Wheat, May opened 74 3-8c, closed 74 7-8c b. July opened 74 1-8c, closed 74 1-2c b.

New York, Feb. 20.—Wheat, May opened 74 3-4c, closed 74 1-8c b. July opened 74 3-8c, closed 74c a.

New York, Feb. 21.—Wheat, May opened 74 3-8c, closed 74c. July opened 74 1-8c, closed 73 7-8c b.

New York, Feb. 22.—Holiday.

New York, Feb. 23.—Wheat, May opened 73 1-2, closed 72 5-8c a. July opened 73 3-8c, closed 72 1-2c b.

New York, Feb. 24.—Wheat closed at 72 5-8c for May option, and 72 1-2c for July.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Wheat, May opened 67 7-8c, closed 63 3-8c a. July opened 68 1-2c, closed 69c b. Corn, May opened 54 1-2c, closed 35 3-8c a. July opened 55c, closed 35 3-4c b. Oats, May opened 23 1-2c, closed 23 5-8c b. July opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 5-8c b. Pork, May opened \$10.95, closed \$11. July opened \$10.97 1-2c, closed \$11. Lard, May opened \$6.07 1-2, closed \$6.07 1-2. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.15. Ribs, May opened \$6, closed \$6.02 1-2 b. July opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.02 1-2c 1.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Wheat, May opened 68c, closed 68c a. July opened 68 3-4 to 5-8c, closed 68 1-2c b. Corn, May opened 35 3-8c, closed 35 1-8c a. July opened 35 3-4c, closed 35 1-2c a. Oats, May opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 1-2c. July opened 22 3-4c, closed 22 1-2c. Pork, May opened \$10.90, closed \$10.97 1-2. July opened \$10.92 1-2, closed \$11.00 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.05, closed \$6.07 1-2. July opened \$6.15, closed \$6.17 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$6, closed \$6.05 a. July opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$6.05. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.60 Sept. \$1.10, Oct. \$1.08.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Wheat, May opened 67 7-8c, closed 67 3-4c a. July opened 68 1-2c, closed 68 3-8c b. Corn, May opened 35 3-8c, closed 35c a. July opened 35 3-4c, closed 35 1-8c b. Oats, May opened 23 5-8c, closed 23 1-4c a. July opened 22 1-2c, closed 22 1-4c a. Pork, May opened \$10.95, closed \$10.85. July opened \$10.95, closed \$10.87 1-2. Lard, May opened \$6.02 1-2, closed \$5.92 1-2. July opened \$6.12 1-2, closed \$6. Ribs, May opened \$6, closed \$5.92 1-2. July opened \$6.05, closed \$5.92 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.60, Sept. \$1.11.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Holiday.

Chicago Feb. 23.—Wheat, May opened 67 1-4 to 1-8c, closed 68 1-4c b. July opened 67 3-4c, closed 68 7-8c. Corn, May opened 34 7-8 to 3-4c, closed 34 5-8c b. July opened 35c, closed 34 3-4c. Oats, May opened 23 1-4c, closed 23 1-4c b. July opened 22 1-8c, closed 22 1-4c a. Pork, May opened \$10.75 to \$10.80, closed \$10.72 1-2c. July opened \$10.87 1-2, closed \$10.72 1-2. Lard, May opened \$5.92 1-2, closed \$5.90 b. July opened \$6, closed \$5.97 1-2. Ribs, May opened \$5.92 1-2, closed \$5.85. July opened \$5.92 1-2, closed \$5.87 1-2. Flax, cash \$1.60, May \$1.59 a. Sept. \$1.11 b. Oct. \$1.00 a.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—May wheat opened at 66 1-2c, and ranged from 65 7-8 to 66 5-8c. Closing prices were as follows:

Wheat—Feb. 64 7-8c; May, 66; July 66 5-8c.

Corn—May 35 7-8c, July 35 1-8c.

Oats—Feb. 22c; May 23 1-4c.

Pork—Feb. \$10.70.

Lard—Feb. \$5.70.

Ribs—Feb. \$5.75.

A week ago May option closed at 68 1-2c. A year ago May wheat closed at 74c, two years ago at \$1.02 1-2, three years ago at 74 1-2c, four years ago at 67 1-2c, five years ago at 74 3-8c.

G. Leopart, blacksmith, Balgonie, Assa., has sold out to W. Cockwill.

CHICAGO FLAX MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The market for flax seed closed to-day at \$1.60 for cash and \$1.58 for May; Sept., 1 1/2.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

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

Monday—May, 67 7-8c; July, 69c.
Tuesday—May, 67 3 1/4c, July, 68 1/4c
Wednesday—May, 67 1 1/2c, July 68 1-2c.

Thursday—Holiday.

Friday—May, 66, July, 67 1-8c.

Saturday—May, 65 3-4c; July, 66 7-8c.

On Saturday cash 1 hard closed at 65 3-4c, and cash 1 northern at 64 1-4c.

A week ago May wheat closed at 67 7-8c. A year ago May wheat closed at 72 1-4c, two years ago at 96 1-2c, three years ago at 74 5-8c, four years ago at 64 3 1/4c, five years ago at 59 3-8c, and six years ago at 60 5-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

Minneapolis, Feb. 24.—Wheat closed at 62 1-2c for May, cash No. 1 hard closed at 64 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 63 1-4c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Wheat, spot No. 1 northern spring dull at 6s 12d.

Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Wheat closed 1-4 lower.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Feb. 23.—4 p.m. closing: Consols for money 101 1-16, consols for the account 101 1-8; Canadian Pacific 101 1-8, Erie 13 1-4; Erie firsts preferred 39, Illinois Central 116 3-4; U. P. preferred 77 ex-div.; St. Paul common 126; N. Y. C. 137 3-4; Pennsylvania 68 7-8; Reading 93-4; N. P. preferred 76 1-2; Atchafson 21 3-4; Louisville 84 7-8; Bar silver 27 3-8d, four ounce, steady. Money 3 1-2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 1/2-16 to 7-8; for three months bills 3 7-8 per cent. Rand 36 3-4; G. T. R. 8 3-8; Anaconda 91-4.

PAPER PRICES WITHDRAWN.

The paper bag association has withdrawn prices. This covers paper bags and flour sacks. An advance is expected. The E. B. Eddy Co. have also withdrawn prices on all papers. Winnipeg agents received instructions to this effect to-day.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS.

A. B. Bethune, of J. W. Peck & Co., has returned from an eastern trip.

J. McElrea, of Sidney, Man., purposes going out of the dry goods line, and will in future devote himself principally to lumber, hardware and tin shop.

The mill on the Gold Hill property Britannia Gold Mining Co., Northwestern Ontario, was burned. The loss on the building and machinery will be about \$6,000, with no insurance.

Thos. Meredith, who recently transferred his general store business at Yorkton, Assa., to a joint stock company will continue his lumber and cattle business at that place in his own name. He also continues his branch business at Saltcoats in his own name. The report that all his business interests had been transferred to the stock company was an error.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Market very flat and nominal at 65c for No. 1 hard, in store, Fort William. There are no sellers, however, at this price and absolutely no business has been done.

A MILITARY NUMBER.

The March Number of the Canadian Magazine will be a special military number. The organization of the second contingent and the embarkation will be described by two writers and each of the articles will be illustrated with a number of photographs which have been taken especially for this purpose. J. Castell Hopkins writes the opening article in which he gives the history of British policy in South Africa during the present century. The publishers announce that this will be the finest number of the Canadian Magazine they have ever turned out and will be superior in many ways to their Christmas number which won them so much praise.

OUR RESERVE IRON CAPACITY.

"The subject of reserve capacity for manufacture of iron and steel is one that has received a great deal of attention since the beginning of the iron and steel boom of 1899," says the Bulletin of the Iron and Steel Association. "Superficial observers and sensational writers for the daily press persistently asserted that our capacity for the production of iron ore, coke, pig iron and many forms of finished iron and steel was wholly unequal to the demand that was certain to be developed during the year. To the persistency with which this famine cry was repeated for at least six months of 1899 may be traced much of the excitement that has prevailed in our iron and steel markets, the haste to place orders for future delivery never before having been equalled. And yet, with few exceptions, there was no scarcity of iron or steel or of raw materials all through the year, and much of the scarcity that here and there was developed was due to the failure of the railroad companies to supply cars and motive power for the transportation of raw materials. The same kind of delay was happened in other years. There was no serious scarcity of coke at the ovens and none at all of iron ore at ports on the lower lakes. The production of coke and iron ore was enormous, and was far ahead of the figures conceded by the alarmists. And so also pig iron. We made almost 2,000,000 tons more pig iron in 1899 than in 1898, but the panic makers said that we had not the reserve capacity to accomplish this result even approximately. The Bulletin, at an early day in 1899, and frequently afterward, printed the figures to show that we possessed this capacity, and that we would make all the pig iron that would be needed. Not only was the extraordinary home demand supplied, but large quantities were sent abroad. We risk nothing in now saying that we will make all the pig iron that we will need in 1900; we will mine and import all the iron ore that we will need, and we will make all the coke that we will need."

Toronto, Feb. 22.—War Eagle took another slump to-day, over 60,000 shares changing hands, selling gradually down from 134 to 133 1-2, while in Montreal it sold as low as 130.