

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 was very weak on Monday, losing 1½¢ to 2¢ as compared with Saturday's closing price. The market lacked support, and followed the decline in corn. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	65	65½	68½
Corn.....	36½	36½	31½
Oats.....	19	19½	—
Pork.....	—	9 65	—
Lard.....	—	6 07½	—
Short Ribs...	—	5 77½	—

Some improvement in export buying and firmer foreign markets, induced by unfavorable harvest weather in Europe, helped wheat prices on Tuesday and prices made a gain of 1¢. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	66½	66½-7½	69½-8
Corn.....	38	36	31½
Oats.....	19½	19½	—
Mess Pork...	—	9 52½	—
Lard.....	—	6 02½	—
Short Ribs...	—	5 65	—

Wheat closed with a net loss of ½¢ to ¾¢ on Wednesday, compared with Tuesday's close. Foreign advices less favorable to the bulls was the principal feature.

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	65½-1	66½	68½-1
Corn.....	37½	37½	31½
Oats.....	19½	19½	—
Mess Pork..	—	9 30	—
Lard.....	—	6 00	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 55	—

Prices for wheat were higher on Thursday. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	66	66½	69½-1
Corn.....	38½	37½	31½
Oats.....	20½	20½	23½
Mess Pork..	—	—	—
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

The Market was quiet and prices lower, under easy cables, and limited export business on Friday. Closing prices were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	65½	66½-1	68½
Corn.....	38½	37½	31½
Oats.....	20½	20½	—
Pork.....	—	9 90	—
Lard.....	—	6 12½	—
Short Ribs..	—	5 87½	—

On Saturday, Aug. 17, closing price were:

	Aug.	Sept.	Dec.
Wheat.....	66½	66½	68½
Corn.....	39½	38½	32½
Oats.....	21	20½	23½
Mess Pork..	—	—	—
Lard.....	—	—	—
Short Ribs..	—	—	—

A week ago Sept. wheat closed at 67½¢.
A year ago Sept. wheat closed at 51½¢.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—Aug. — c, Sept. — c, Dec. — c. Holiday.
Tuesday—Aug. — c, Sept. 65½¢, Dec. 67¢.
Wednesday—Aug. — c, Sept. 64½¢, Dec. 66½¢.
Thursday—Aug. — c, Sept. 65½¢, Dec. 66½¢.
Friday—Aug. — c, Sept. 64½¢, Dec. 66½¢.
Saturday—Aug. — c, Sept. 64½¢, Dec. 66¢.

A week ago to-day, (Saturday) prices closed at 66½¢ for September, and 67½¢ for December. A year ago September wheat closed at 51½¢, and two years ago at 56½¢. No. 1 hard is quoted at about ½¢ to 1¢ over No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern 8 to 3½¢ lower than No. 1 northern for cash wheat.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at — c for August, September delivery at 62½¢, and December at 63½-7c. A week ago September wheat closed at 61½¢.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, Aug. 17, September wheat closed at 71½¢ and December delivery at 72½¢. A week ago wheat closed at 72½¢ for September and 74½¢ for December.

The Weather and Crops

The weather has averaged moderately warm with cool nights. Tuesday and Thursday were quite warm days at Winnipeg. A wind and rain storm travelled over a considerable area of Manitoba, east of Brandon to Winnipeg, on Tuesday, with heavy rain for a short time, but no serious damage reported, though crops were laid down in some sections.

In the eastern districts of Manitoba harvesting has made considerable progress. From Winnipeg south to the boundary and west to Morden and Carman a large part of the crop is cut, particularly in the district about Gretna, Morden and Plum Coulee. In this southeastern corner fully 50 per cent. of the crop has been cut to the end of this week. The eastern districts however, are fully a week ahead of most other parts of the country. East of Burnside to Poplar Point considerable cutting has been done, but not as much as in the district south and south-west from Winnipeg spoken of above. West of Portage la Prairie, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and west of Morden on the Deloraine branch, the crops are later, and with the exception of some limited districts here and there, very little wheat cutting has been done. About Brandon, Wawanesa, Oak Lake and some other sections in the west, harvesting was becoming general. Competent authorities estimate 10 to 15 per cent. of all crops cut to the end of this week. Harvesting will be active over a wide area by Monday, Aug. 19, and with favorable weather an immense amount of crop will be cut next week, though there are some districts where harvesting will not be general for a week yet.

It is learned that the hail storm last week, between Melita and Estevan, destroyed about 5,000 acres of crop. The most of the damage was done about Carnduff and Carievale, in Assiniboia territory, by the storm. This storm, with the one north of Indian Head, Assa., three weeks ago, where 2,000 to 4,000 acres were damaged or destroyed, make the only bad hail storms experienced this season.

The Live Stock Trade.

British markets have continued firm since the last report. The advance reported on August 5 has been maintained and at the weekly market in Liverpool on August 12 prices advanced ½¢ more on Canadian and United States cattle, best Canadian being quoted at 12½ to 12½¢. Sheep were lower, the ½¢ advance of a week ago having been lost.

Cattle freights were higher at Montreal on Monday, at 45s to Liverpool and Glasgow and 35s to 40s to London.

At the Canadian Pacific Stockyards, at Montreal, on August 12, Mullins & Wilson arrived with 650 Manitoba hogs and 111 head of cattle. The hogs were sold to the Laing Packing Co. at 5½¢ per lb., live weight, off cars, says the Gazette, and the cattle are for shipment abroad.

At the Point St. Charles market, Montreal, on August 12, values showed no change from a week ago. The demand for cattle was better. Sales of butchers' stock were made at 2½ to 3½¢ per lb. as to quality, and some ex-

port cattle changed hands at 4 to 4½¢ per lb. live weight. Sheep met with a good demand from shippers at 8½ to 8½¢ per lb. live weight. There were 400 hogs offered for which the demand was fair, sales being made at 4½¢ for heavy weight and 5c for light.

The Hudson's Bay Company.

That great and venerable institution the Hudson's Bay Co., which on account of its age and the vast extent of its interests makes it the most important trading concern in Western Canada, is keeping pace with the march of modern progress. A large four-story solid brick and stone warehouse is being built in Winnipeg as an addition to the large block owned by the company here.

At Portage la Prairie, the wooden building that for many years has done duty as the company's store, is being replaced by a stone and brick building, two stories in height, with plate glass fronts, measuring 70x50.

At Calgary an addition is being made to their store. The present store is being duplicated. This means the construction of a stone building of 50 feet frontage on Stephens avenue.

Further west at Kamloops, British Columbia, they have just completed a brick and stone store, two stories high.

The company is also improving and extending its milling property, which is referred to in our grain and milling news.

At Rat Portage another new building was recently completed, in extension to the existing store.

A Fine Structure.

The Masonic temple, to be erected on the corner of Elice and Donald streets, Winnipeg, will be one of the attractive buildings of the city. The corner-stone was laid on Thursday last, with great ceremony. The building will be 65x75 feet in size within the walls. The foundation is being put down in a most substantial manner, being equal in massiveness to the largest buildings in the city. Steam heating, gas, electric lighting and all modern improvements will be put in. The basement will have a 14 feet ceiling and will be built of native stone, extending 10 feet above the street level. The first floor above will have a 16 feet ceiling, and will be used for lodge rooms by all the Masonic bodies in the city. The second floor will be used by the Scottish Rite, who will also utilize a large part of the attic. The basement will contain the supper room, offices, library and reading room, and other apartments.

The building above the basement wall will be brick, with native stone facings, with brick pediments representing columns, surmounted by cut stone caps. The building will cost \$20,000 at the present low rate contracts are being taken at, which would mean about \$30,000 a few years ago at least. The entire building will be used by the Masons of the city, who have already subscribed over \$11,000 to the building fund.

Sutherland & Campbell, Winnipeg, shipped to London, Eng., on Tuesday, a carload of Manitoba cheese for Thomas Lipton, the great tea man.

The Commercial correspondent in British Columbia visited twenty canneries along the Fraser river to get accurate information of the immense run of fish of Sunday night, Aug. 11. The big run is about over. It is attributed to the hatcheries and was entirely unexpected. At twenty canneries 440,000 fish were purchased in twenty-four hours, at 8 and 10 cents each. The pack to date of the Fraser is 225,000 cases. Estimated pack over 300,000. At twenty canneries it was exactly 196,000 cases, and the total was 280,000.