

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

October wheat opened at 70½c on Monday, which was the highest point, prices going down to 69½c, and closing at the bottom. An increase in the visible, when a decrease was expected, caused a weak feeling. Corn and oats scarcely changed. Short ribs closed 15c lower than Saturday. Closing prices were.

	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	69½	72½
Corn	42½	42½
Oats	26	—
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.45	6.40
Short Ribs	7.65	—

Pork—Year, \$12.00; January, \$12.35.

October wheat opened unchanged on Tuesday, and ranged from 69½ to 70½c during the day. Trading all around was slow, partly owing to the holiday to-morrow. It was discovered that a mistake had been made in reckoning the visible supply, and that the figures given yesterday were 400,000 bushels too much. This toned up the market some. The leading feature of the day was a break in short ribs, October selling down to \$7, or 65c under yesterdays close, a partial recovery occurred. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	70½	73½
Corn	42½	42½
Oats	26	—
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.47½	6.35
Short Ribs	7.15	—

Pork—Year, \$12.00; January, \$12.32½.

After the holiday yesterday the board opened quiet to-day (Thursday). It seemed to be an off day for prices, which opened about the same as on Tuesday, but sold down slowly and easily. Closing quotations were:

	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	69½	72½
Corn	42½	42½
Oats	26	—
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.45	6.32
Short Ribs	7.15	—

Pork—Year, \$12.00; January, \$12.27½.

Trading continued quiet on Friday, and almost confined to scalping. Wheat advanced ½ to ¾c, but sold off and became unsettled. Other commodities were steady. Closing prices were:

	Oct.	Dec.
Wheat	70½	72½
Corn	42½	42½
Oats	26	—
Pork	—	—
Lard	6.47½	6.30
Short Ribs	6.45	—

Pork—Year, \$12.00; January, \$12.27½.

On Saturday the market was very dull, and up to noon scarcely a change had taken place in prices. Closing quotations were to hear from.

MINNEAPOLIS.

This market has been a weak one, and almost each day has brought a lower range of prices. It has been noticeable, however, that millers have bought largely, which would seem to indicate that they expect higher prices. The movement has been heavy, and it is thought

that but for a scarcity of cars this and Duluth market would soon be overflowing with wheat. The *Northwestern Miller* says of the flour market: "The export demand is very good and values are hardening, while domestic buyers, after exhausting all artifices to secure concessions, daily place liberal orders at mill prices. The general lightness of stocks augurs a healthy and active market for some time to come, and while the use of steam reduces margins somewhat, those who have it are feeling very well satisfied over the outlook. The demand covers all grades very well."

	Cash.	Dec.	On track.
No. 1 hard	70½	72	71½-72
No. 1 northern	66½	68	67-68
No. 2 "	62	65	63-65

Flour quotations were: Patent sacks to local dealers, \$4.15 to \$4.25 patent, to ship sacks, car lots, \$4.05 to \$4.15 in barrels, \$4.25 to \$4.30; bakers', \$3.35 to \$3.60; superfine, \$1.85 to \$2.50; red dog, sacks, \$1.50 to \$1.60; red dog, barrels, \$1.75 to \$1.85.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

Closing prices for No. 1 Hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash	Dec.	May.
Monday	71½	73½	79½
Tuesday	71½	73½	79½
Wednesday	71½	73½	79½
Thursday	—	—	79½
Friday	71½	73	79½

On Saturday prices opened at 71½c for cash and October, and 74c for December. At noon January was quoted at 72½c and May at 79c. Closing prices to learn.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

GRAIN.

Quotations were given for grain as follows: Manitoba No. 1 hard, 84 to 85c; Manitoba 2 hard, 82 to 83c; Manitoba 1 northern, 82 to 7c; Canada red winter wheat, 83c to 85c; white winter, 83c to 85c; Canada spring, 83 to 85c; peas, 73c per 66 lbs.; oats, 31 to 32c per 52 lbs.; rye, 50c; barley, 48 to 55c.

FLOUR.

There was a good demand for Manitoba flour, with sales of strong bakers' at \$4.50.

BUTTER.

The market was quiet and steady, with considerable difference of opinion as to the probable course of prices. Prices are as follows: Creamery, 21 to 23½c; townships, 17 to 21c; western, 15 to 17½c; low grades, 8 to 12c.

CHEESE

Finest July, 11½c to 11¾c; fine, 11 to 11½c; medium, 10 to 10½c; finest August, 11½ to 12c.

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs were quoted from \$4.20 to \$4.80. Export cattle, 4 to 4½c, butchers, 2 to 3½c.

Towns along the Mexican border are in favor of an international dollar—good for its face in both countries. As it stands now, a man can cross over to Mexico, put down a Mexican dollar for a drink, and get a United States dollar for change. Then he can come back, put down a United States dollar for a drink, and get a Mexican dollar for change. And then he can repeat.—*New York Sun*.

Manitoba Butter.

The first shipments of butter from Manitoba in large quantities have been received, one firm in this city having purchased 600 packages of dairy from a Winnipeg firm, part of which has been sold in this market at 14 to 15c. Since the above purchase was made prices have advanced 1 to 2c per lb. in Manitoba for good stock. The quality of the class of butter received, like that of most new sections, is below the average, as it lacks the requisite flavor, although showing good body and color. This is evidence sufficient to show that Manitoba is bound to become an exporter of dairy produce, and as the make increases no doubt the quality will improve. We learn of a car load being offered in Winnipeg at 9c per lb., but of course the quality was poor. On the other hand, the quality of Manitoba creamery is said to be equal to anything turned out in Ontario or Quebec.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin*.

Steamboating in the Far North.

The steamer to be built at the Athabasca landing this winter by the Hudson Bay Co. is to be 144 feet keel, and 26 feet beam, a stern-wheeler with engines having a 12x42 inch stroke. The machinery is to be furnished by the Iowa Iron Works, the same establishment which furnished that of the Grahame. The engines are of the same power as those of the Grahame. The hull of the new boat will be on much the same model as the Grahame but will be 14 feet longer with two feet greater breadth of beam. The machinery and supplies will be brought in this fall. The lumber will be sawn at the Landing. A work shop 80 feet long has been commenced already. About ten men will be employed on her all winter. It is expected to have her completed next May. She will be fitted to carry freight only. Her route will be from the Landing down the Athabasca to the Grand Rapids, 150 miles, and up the Athabasca and Lesser Slave river to the head of Lesser Slave lake, 150 miles, or 300 miles in all. She may also attempt the Athabasca above the mouth of Lesser Slave river, but that part of the river is so swift that there is little possibility of her reaching any great distance above Slave river. The boat will be built on plans drawn by Capt. Smith who will superintend the work. This steamer will supply the missing link in the chain of steamboat communication reaching from Winnipeg to the Arctic Ocean, all owned and operated either directly or indirectly by the Hudson Bay Co. and will completely establish the northern trade by the Edmonton route.—*Edmonton Bulletin*.

The tree agent is working his way northward. The *Edmonton Bulletin* says: F. O. Williams, fruit tree agent of Minnesota arrived from Calgary on Monday evening.

"Any bear about this neighborhood?" he inquired as he got off the train and leaned an eight-hundred-dollar breech-loader carelessly in the hollow of his arm. "The woods is full of 'em," said a citizen; "one of 'em bit my brother's leg off yesterday. Are ye loaded for 'lar, mister?" "No, sir," replied the young man, hastily boarding the train; "I'm only loaded for rabbits."