

country points, may be quoted at 23 to 25c per bushel of 34 pounds, as to quality and freight rates; 21c was offered yesterday for car lots, at a country point, carrying the Brandon freight rate. Cars on track, Winnipeg, are held at 29 to 30c, and on the Winnipeg street market higher prices have been paid to farmers, owing to light deliveries, prices ranging up to 31c for best samples, and 29 and 30c paid for ordinary quality, though some dealers were only offering 28c.

BARLEY—We can learn of no transactions in barley, and can hardly give a reliable quotation. At Winnipeg about 30c per bushel of 48 pounds appears to be the idea of buyers for feed quality.

FEED WHEAT—A good sample of feed wheat will bring 40c per bushel of 69 pounds.

FLAX SEED AND MEAL—The price holds at 75c per bushel of 56 pounds here, and 70c in country markets. Ground oil cake meal quoted at \$24 to 25 per ton.

BUTTER—The market appears to be rather easier, as some dealers are offering choice dairy in small lots at 21c, and say this is the best they can get even for a very limited quantity. Rolls, unless extra fine, will not bring any better than good dairy. Round lots dairy quoted at 19 to 20c as to average quality, and poor down to 15c.

EGGS—Quiet and easy at 18c per dozen for limited.

CURED MEATS—No change in prices to note this week. Prices are: hams, 13c; breakfast bacon, 13c for backs and 13½c for bellies; dry salt long clear bacon, 9½c; smoked long clear 10½c; spiced rolls, 10½c; boneless hams, 11c; mess pork, \$19.00 per barrel. Sausage is quoted: fresh pork sausage, 8c; bologna sausage 9c per lb; German, 9c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per half lb. packet. Pickled hogs tongues, 5c lb.

LARD—Pure lard held at \$2.30 in 20-pound pails, per pail; compound unchanged, at \$2.10 per pail; compound in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, \$7 per case of 60 pounds. Pure leaf lard in 3 and 5 pound tins, quoted at \$7.75 per case of 60 pounds.

DRESSED MEATS—Butchers' stocks are becoming somewhat reduced, but there is still very little buying, though trade is expected to gradually improve. Beef is steady at 4 to 5c for fair to good quality, sides or carcasses. Hogs are also steady at 6 to 6½c per pound. Occasionally a single hog has brought 6½c, but this price has been very exceptional. Mutton is easier, in consequence of a liberal supply of eastern frozen mutton. It is said that two cars of eastern mutton which are being disposed of here were intended for the British Columbia coast cities, but on account of the demoralization of the coast markets by imports of Australian mutton, the cars were detained in transit and placed on this market. Mutton has been offering at 8c per pound.

POULTRY—No change and scarcely any sale, dealers still holding frozen stock bought before Christmas. Following prices are almost nominal, and to press sales would have to go lower: 12 to 13c for turkeys, 9 to 10c for geese and ducks and 7 to 9c for chickens.

HIDES—The easier tendency for heavy steers has fully established a decline of ½c to 3c for No. 1. There are very few hides offering, and country butchers and dealers appear to be holding their frozen stock on account of low prices. It does seem that prices should be at the bottom, but some authorities seem to fear even lower prices. However, holders cannot risk much if they do not make the common mistake of holding frozen stock too long, and have it caught by soft weather and become hair-slipped as has been the case to such an extent in past springs here. We quote Winnipeg inspected hides here as follows:—No. 1 cows, 2½c; No. 2, 1½c; No. 3, 1c; No. 1, heavy steers, 3c; No. 2 heavy steers 2c; No. 3 steers 1c. Frozen hides, mixed grades uninspected, 1½c per lb. Calf, 8 to 13-lb.

skins, 4 to 5c per pound. Kips about the same as hides. We quote 45 to 50c for new sheep and lamb skins, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4½c; rendered; 2 to 3c rough.

WOOL—Ordinary long wools nominal at 7 to 8c per pound; mixed quality, containing some finer grades 8 to 9c per pound; downs 9 to 10c as to quality; fine wools, such as good merino grades, 10 to 11c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes selling on the street 40 to 45c per bushel. Other vegetables are quoted. Turnips, 20 to 25c; carrots, 40c; beets, 40c; parsnip, 2c per lb; onions, 90c to \$1 per bushel. Cabbage, scarce at 75c to \$1.50 per dozen. Celery, 25 to 40c per dozen.

HAY—Baled hay, on track, \$5 to \$6 per ton, or \$4 to \$4.50 at country points. Loose hay on the street market about \$3 to 4 per ton. Hay is dull, and prices have been cut freely below above quotations. Loose hay has sold at \$3 to quite an extent.

LIVE HOGS—Quoted unchanged at 4 to 4½c off cars here.

LIVE STOCK—Hogs are steady at about 4½c off cars here. In cattle there has been nothing doing since previous to Christmas, as wholesale butchers stocked up the trade before the holidays, and stocks are still quite large with some. However, buyers are beginning to look about for cattle and the demand will increase. Some buyers will go out next week to look for stock, but their idea of values is pretty low. They expect to secure what cattle are required for local wants at 2 to 2½c per pound live weight.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

On Monday wheat was unsettled, opening ½c higher, declined a trifle, then advanced ½c, again declined over 1c, recovered a little and closed ½c lower than Saturday. Oats were ½ to ¾ lower and corn a shade lower, but pork was 35c higher per barrel. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	61½	66½	67½
Corn	34½	35½	—
Oats	27½	30½	—
Pork	13 02½	13 07½	—
Lard	7 92½	7 75	—
Short Ribs	6 70	6 75	—

On Tuesday wheat was irregular, advancing 1½c at the opening, declined ½c, advanced ½c, declined again ½c, and closed ½c higher. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	61½	66½	67½
Corn	34½	35½	—
Oats	27½	30½	—
Pork	12 17½	13 07½	—
Lard	8 00	7 75	—
Ribs	6 6½	6 75	—

Following were prices on Wednesday:—

Spring Wheat Prices about ½ to 1c lower than the speculative grade showing the greatest reduction. No. 2 spring car lots to go to store sold at 63c and closed at about 62½c. Regular ranged at 61½ to 62½c, and closed at about 61½c. No. 3 hard variety sold at 62½ to 63c. Spring wheat by sample was very quiet and prices about ½c lower, with sales of No. 3 at 60 to 63c for hard variety.

Barley—Light weight western barley was quotably 40 to 42c, and low grade at 35 to 38c, with screenings \$11 to \$13.50 per ton. Good, plump, sound, good weight to heavy, according to color, quotable at 43 to 48c, and choice at 50 to 52c, with fancy nominally above.

Flax—At yesterday's quotations there were buyers present for all offered. Buyers made no splurge, however, and showed no undue anxiety. The offerings remain very small. A quiet market was experienced. Movement small. Arrivals were 19 cars or 10,450 bushels, with output 9 cars or 6,681 bushels. No. 1 cash sold at \$1.35½ to \$1.36; closed at \$1.35½. Little was done in futures. For May delivery \$1.35½ bid, and a sale made at that.

Meat prices were—Green—Hams, \$8.25 to \$5.50 cash, \$8.25 to \$5.50 January, shoulders, \$6.12½ to 6.25 cash, \$6.12½ to 6.25 January, bellies, 10 to 12 lbs av., \$8.75 to 9.25. Pickled—

hams, \$8.7½ to 9.00 cash, \$8.7½ to 9.00 January; shoulders, \$6.87½ to 7.00 cash, \$6.87½ to 7.00 January; bellies, 10 to 12 lbs av. \$9.00 to 9.50. Rubbed in borax—Hams, \$8.87½ to 9.00; picnic hams, \$8.75 to 8.87½, government inspected. Dry salted, boxed—shoulders, \$8.25 to 8.50; long clear sides, \$7.25 to 7.75; short clear sides, \$7.00 to 7.25 cash, and \$7.00 to 7.25 January. Backs, \$8.00 to 8.50; bellies, \$8.75 to 9.00; Cumberland sides, \$8.50 to 9.00; long cut hams, \$9.00 to 9.50. Loose lots about 20c less than above figures. Smoked—hams, \$9.00 to 9.50; shoulders, \$7.00 to 7.50; short rib sides, \$7.00 to 7.37½; short clear sides, \$7.37½ to 7.62½; breakfast bacon, \$9.00 to 10.00 and packed.

In the speculative market regular No. 2 wheat opened slightly lower and declined ½c more, then recovered, but declined again nearly 1c, closing 1c lower than Tuesday. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	61½	66½	67½
Corn	34½	35½	—
Oats	27½	30½	—
Pork	13 07½	13 77½	—
Lard	8 27½	8 05	—
Ribs	7 60	7 15	—

On Thursday wheat was easier, with heavy selling by "longs," and prices declined ½ to ¾c. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	61	66½	67½
Corn	34½	35½	—
Oats	27½	30½	—
Pork	13 30	13 45	—
Lard	8 25	7 90	—
Ribs	6 80	6 92½	—

On Friday wheat was quiet and without features of importance and closed easy without much change in prices. Closing prices were:—

	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	61	66	67½
Corn	34½	35½	—
Oats	27½	30½	—
Pork	13 20	13 32½	—
Lard	8 22½	7 85	—
Ribs	6 67½	6 83	—

On Saturday, Jan. 13, wheat was weak opening at 65½c for May delivery and closed at 65½c per bushel. A week ago May wheat closed at 67½c.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

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

Grade.	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 30	Jan. 6
Extra Manitoba					
hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard	49	50	47	42	48
No. 2 hard	14	21	11	35	34
No. 3 hard	6	1	0	6	4
No. 4 hard	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Northern	5	10	8	3	6
No. 2 Northern	2	0	1	1	1
No. 1 White type	0	1	0	0	2
No. 2 White type	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring	0	0	0	0	1
Rejected	5	4	6	4	5
No Grade	3	0	1	0	2
Total	111	89	74	96	103
Same week last year	384	407	161	234	225

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

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—January, 63½c; May, 61½c.
Tuesday—January, 61½c; May, 63½c.
Wednesday—January, 61½c; May 64½c.
Thursday—January, 60c; May 63½c.
Friday—January, 60½c; May 61c.
Saturday—January, —; May, 63½c.

A week ago prices closed at 60½c for January and 64½c for May per bushel. A year ago cash wheat closed at 69½c, and May at 75½c per bushel.