

EGGS.—Receipts have fallen off some, due probably to the rush of farm work, and as soon as seeding is over receipts will no doubt increase, as farmers will have more time to come to market. Some large shipments of eggs have been made to the coast. Prices here have been a little firmer. One house advanced their prices to 8½¢ to retail dealers this week, and others seemed inclined to follow the advance, and they have sold in case lots at 7½ to 8½¢. Packers have been allowing shippers 7 to 7½¢ net, per dozen.

CURED MEATS.—Smoked Meats are quoted: Hams, assorted sizes, 11¢; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12¢; do backs, 11¢; picnic hams, 9½¢; short spiced rolls, 8¢ long rolls, 8½¢; shoulders, 9¢; smoked long clear, 9½¢; smoked jowls, 5½¢. Dry salt meats are quoted: Long clear bacon, 8½¢ per lb; shoulders, 7½¢; backs, 9½¢; canvassed meats, or put up in parchment paper, ¾¢ per lb. extra; barrel pork, heavy mess \$15.00 clear mess, \$16.00; short cut, \$17.50; rolled shoulders, \$15 per barrel, pork sundries; fresh sausage, 7¢; bologna sausage, 7¢; German sausage, 7¢; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10¢ per package; pickled hocks, 2¢; pickled tongues, 5¢; sausage casings, 30¢ lb.

LARD.—We quote: Pure, \$1.85 to \$1.90 for 20 pound pails, and \$1.60 for 60-lb pails; pure leaf lard in 3, 5 and 10 pound tins, quoted at \$6.75 per case of 60 pounds, tierces 9¢ pound.

POULTRY.—Held, cold storage stock is jobbing at about the following prices: Chickens 8¢, turkeys 10¢, geese, 9 to 10¢, ducks 8¢. About 1 to 2¢ per pound high r would be paid for nice fresh birds, or 65 to 70¢ per pair for live chickens.

DRESSED MEATS.—Beef is very firm. The general price is now 6¢ for good city dressed, but at the present price of cattle best beef should bring 6½¢, and there is a probability of an advance. Good fresh mutton holds at 10¢. Two or three city retail dealers have a little frozen mutton yet in cold storage, which they are cutting up for their customers, but it is not selling in a wholesale way, though we quote it at about 7¢ by the carcass. City wholesale butchers get 6¢ for dressed hogs. Veal is worth 5 to 6¢. The consumption of meats is light, which is attributed to the low price and large consumption of eggs.

HIDES.—Country butchers and others who ship hides should be more careful about handling hides now. A lot of green hides reached here in a rotten and practically worthless condition. It is absurd to ship green hides this time of the year. Hides should be spread out and salted at once. If thrown in a heap with the animal heat in them they hair slip very quickly. All reports from eastern and United States markets continue strong on hides. Montreal reports still another advance of ½¢ to 7¢ for No. 1 cows. Prices have advanced 2¢ per lb. in the United States within the past ten days. We quote: Hides Winnipeg inspection, green, 4½¢ for No. 1 cows, 3½¢ for No. 2, and 2½¢ for No. 3, and 5½¢ for No. 1 heavy steers, and 4½¢ for No. 2 Steers; branded hides grade No. 2, when not otherwise damaged to reduce them to No. 3. Cured, hides 5 to 5½¢. We quote: Calf, 8 to 15 lb skins, 5 to 6¢ per lb. Kips 4 to 5¢. Sheep skins, 35 to 60¢ each, as to size, etc. Tallow, 4 to 5¢ rendered and 2 to 3¢ rough.

WOOL.—We quote 9 to 10¢ for unwashed Manitoba fleece.

SENECA ROOT.—It is said that 19¢ was bid for the 4,000 pound lot of seneca root offered here a couple of weeks ago, but this bid was not accepted. It was reported that 20¢ would have taken it. Indications continue for low prices on the new crop, and 20¢ is looked upon as likely to be the outside price this season.

VEGETABLES.—Some car lots potatoes have been offered in the country, but they were

held to high to ship to any outside market and they are not wanted locally. About 20¢ per bushel could be paid to ship to the States and this price has been offered for two or three cars. Loads on the market sell at 30 to 40¢. Rhubarb is lower. Onions are very scarce, in fact, there are none in the market at present. All old vegetables except potatoes are scarce. Prices are: Potatoes, 30 to 40¢ per bushel for farmers loads; cabbage, 3¢ per lb for good to 2¢ for poor stock; carrots, 60 to 75¢ per bushel; beets, 50 to 60¢ per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25¢ per bushel; parsnips, 2¢ per lb.; rhubarb, \$2.25 per box of about 45 pounds.

HAY.—Still very dull. Prairie baled is quoted at \$1 per ton on track here.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—The number of head handled at the Winnipeg stock yards has been very much less than last week. Gordon & Ironside had one shipment to go forward to-day, of about 150 head, which is the only shipment this week. Cattle fit to ship at once are said to be getting scarce. Some loads in this week are said to have cost 3½¢ on the cars at points of shipment. A local butcher, however, reported getting a choice lot at 3½¢ here. We quote 3½ to 3¾¢ for good to choice loads of cattle. Some cattle and hogs were coming in to-day for Mullins & Wilson, who will ship a train load on Monday.

HOGS.—Hogs are rather easier locally and Toronto was reported easier yesterday. The top price here last week was 4½¢ for selected packing hogs, though mixed loads sold at about 4½¢. One load came in which was bought at 4½¢ in the country. We quote 4½¢ off cars here for ordinary loads. A few car loads would go east to-day and Monday with cattle trains.

SHEEP.—No sheep in and no business reported in them. The last to arrive some time ago cost between 4½ and 5¢.

At Toronto on Tuesday this week cattle were a trifle easier. The top price for butchers was 4¢, though a few fancy picked animals went a shade better. The ordinary run of cattle sold from 3 to 3½¢. Export bulls sold at 4¢ and one bunch of ten steers, averaging 1,200 pounds, at 5¢. Hogs were a shade easier. Best long lean hogs sold at \$5 to 5.25 and stores and light at \$1.75 to \$5. In sheep good yearlings brought 5 to 5½¢ per pound, and spring lambs \$3.50 to \$1.75 each.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Wheat opened strong on Monday and the market was very excited, with wide fluctuations in prices. Later heavy selling caused a decline, but prices were firm again near the close. May wheat opened 1½ to 1¾¢ higher than Saturdays close, and ranged during the day between 60½ and 62½¢, closing about 1½¢ higher than Saturday. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61½	61½	62½-62½
Corn.....	48	48½	48½
Oats.....	—	29	28½
Mess Pork...	—	12 37½	12 65
Lard.....	—	7 00	7 15
Short Ribs...	—	6 37½	6 50

Wheat was rather easier on Tuesday. Prices opened all the way from 1 to 1½¢ lower than yesterday's close, and the close was about 1½¢ under yesterday. Closing prices were:

	April	May.	July.
Wheat.....	59½	59½	60½
Corn.....	46½	47½	47½
Oats.....	—	28½	28½
Mess Pork...	—	12 35	12 60
Lard.....	—	6 95	7 07½
Short Ribs...	—	6 30	6 45

Cash wheat sold well on Wednesday. Futures opened firm, but prices were forced down under heavy selling, and the market was irregular. July wheat realized from 61½ to 61¾¢. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	June.	July.
Wheat.....	59½	59½	—	61½-½
Corn.....	47	47½	—	47½-½
Oats.....	—	28½	—	28½
Mess Pork...	—	12 22½	—	12 47½
Lard.....	—	6 87½	—	7 00
Short Ribs...	—	6 25	—	6 40

Trading in wheat was of a local character on Thursday, and the feeling was variable. The principal topic was drought in the Kansas region. July wheat opened at about 61½ and ranged between 61 and 61¾¢. Closing prices were:

	April	May	July.
Wheat.....	59½	60	61½
Corn.....	47	47½	47½
Oats.....	—	28½	28½-½
Mess Pork...	—	12 20	12 47½
Lard.....	—	6 75	7 00
Short Ribs...	—	6 27½	6 42½

On Friday wheat was a little weak at the opening, but maintained a fairly firm tone most of the day, with some strong moments, due to continued dry weather in the Kansas region. July wheat opened at about 61¢, and advanced to 62½¢, closing a little under the top. Closing prices were:

	April.	May.	July.
Wheat.....	61	61½-½	62½-½
Corn.....	47½	47½	48
Oats.....	—	28½	28½-½
Pork.....	—	12 27½	12 52½
Lard.....	—	6 85	7 00
Short Ribs...	—	6 27½	6 42½

On Saturday July wheat opened at about 62½¢ and sold up sharply, with slight reactions to 64½¢. Closing prices were:

	Apr.	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	62½	63	64½	65
Corn.....	47½	48½	48½	—
Oats.....	28½	29	28½	—
Mess Pork...	12 22½	12 27½	12 57½	—
Lard.....	—	6 87½	—	—
Short Ribs...	—	—	—	—

A week ago July wheat closed at 61¢.

A year ago July wheat closed at 60¢.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday at 66¢ for April delivery, May closed at 66¢ and July at 66½¢. A week ago April wheat closed at 62½¢, and May at 62½¢.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, April 27th, May wheat closed at 67½¢ and July at 68¢. A week ago wheat closed at 63½¢ for May and 64½¢ for July.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

Clearings for the week ending April 25 were \$711,384, balances, \$105,894. For the previous week clearings were \$631,065. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were \$581,343.

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

	April 4.	April 11.	April 18.
Montreal..	\$9,481,008	\$9,563,348	\$8,813,534
Toronto...	4,968,076	5,429,529	5,214,834
Halifax...	1,084,866	1,130,590	894,294
Winnipeg.	744,625	741,382	631,065
Hamilton.	597,375	729,071	579,643
Total	\$16,875,950	\$17,593,920	\$16,133,370