

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.

On Monday wheat closed about $\frac{1}{2}$ lower than Saturday. The opening was lower, influenced by large receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth and was further weakened by the increase in British stocks. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Jan.	May	July.
Wheat.....	75	—	76 $\frac{1}{2}$ —8	72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	—	7 65	7 80
Lard	—	—	8 82 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 92 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	—	—	8 92 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 02 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Tuesday the market was firmer, influenced by war talk, crop damage reports, and larger export clearances at the seaboard. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat.	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	77 $\frac{1}{2}$	78 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	—	7 80	7 92 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lard	—	—	8 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	—	—	4 02 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 07 $\frac{1}{2}$

On Wednesday wheat was easy on lower cables, and foreign selling at New York, combined with speculative selling. Oats and corn declined. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Jan.	May	July.
Wheat	74 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	76 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	15	—	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	—	7 72 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 85
Lard	—	—	8 82 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 92 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	—	—	3 97 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 05

On Thursday wheat opened weak, on lower cables, and declined under speculative selling, recovering partially on covering. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Jan.	May	July
Wheat	74	—	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Oats	15	—	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Mess Pork..	—	—	7 67 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 80
Lard	—	—	8 80	8 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs.	—	—	3 92 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 00

Friday being a public holiday (Lincoln's birthday) no markets were held.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, May option opened at 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and had a wide range, selling up to 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and down to 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Closing about the bottom. Closing prices were:

	Feb.	Jan.	May.	July.
Wheat	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	73 $\frac{1}{2}$ —7	69 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mess Pork..	7 80	—	7 95	—
Lard	—	—	8 87 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Short Ribs.	—	—	4 00	—
Flax Seed ..	—	—	—	—

A week ago May wheat closed at 77c. A year ago May wheat closed at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and two years ago at 55c.

Minneapolis Markets.

The Market Record of February 11, reports a good domestic trade, but light exports. Prices are as follows, in bbls. f. o. b.: First patents, \$3.95 to \$1.15; second patents, \$3.75 to \$3.95; first clears, 3.25 to \$3.35; second, clear, 2.20 to \$2.35; Red Dog, per ton, 140 for lbs.

jute, 9.00 to \$9.25. These prices are 10c lower on clears as compared with a week ago, other grades unchanged.

Millstuffs—Bran in bulk, \$6.25 to \$6.75; bran in sacks, 200 lbs. \$6.75 to \$7.25; bran in sacks, 100 lbs. \$7.25 to \$7.75; shorts in bulk, 6.25 to \$6.50; shorts in sacks, 100 lbs. 7.25 to \$7.50 middlings, fine, \$7 to \$7.25. These prices show an advance of 50c to \$1 on bran and \$1 to \$1.25 on shorts.

Oats—Range mostly at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Barley—Quoted at 20 to 28c per bushel as to quality.

Flax—Quoted at 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per bushel.

Hay—Prairie, \$3.50 to \$6.50 per ton, as to quality.—Market Record, February 11.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, February 18, May option closed at 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and July at 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A week ago May option closed at 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

On Saturday, February 18, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for May option, and 72c for July. A week ago May wheat closed at 74c.

Montreal Grain and Produce Market.

Grain—Oats, were weak and $\frac{1}{2}$ c to $\frac{1}{2}$ c lower at 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for No. 2 white.

Flour—Winter wheat patents at \$1.45 to \$1.70; straight rollers at \$1.20 to \$1.30, and in bags, at \$2.10 to \$2.15. Manitoba spring wheat, patents at \$1.90 to \$5.05; and strong bakers' at \$1.25 to \$1.75.

Oatmeal—The demand for oatmeal was slow at \$3.20 to \$3.30 for rolled oats in wood, and at \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag.

Bran—Manitoba bran is offering at \$9.50 to \$10.00 including bag, and Ontario, at \$9.00 to \$9.25 in bulk.

Butter—Locally finest creamery sells for 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20c, and roll dairy 12c to 13c.

Eggs—New laid, 17c to 18c; limed, 11c to 13c. Cold storage, 11c to 12c.—Gazette, Feb. 10.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Tuesday—May 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Wednesday—May 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Thursday—May 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Friday—Holiday.
Saturday—73 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Last week May delivery closed at 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. A year ago May closed at 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Two years ago at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and three years ago at 67c.

To-day, February 18, cash No. 1 hard wheat closed at 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and cash No. 1 northern at 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

The Wool Trade.

The market has been in the sellers' favor the past week, the very reverse of the state of affairs a short time before. The Boston market has witnessed a most unwonted activity, the week's sales aggregating nearly 13,000,000 pounds, and there are rumored sales of fully 2,000,000 more. The movement was almost entirely speculative, there being nothing in the goods situation to warrant such a state of affairs.

In regard to prices the best opinion seems to be that the recent large sales do not indicate any actual advance in market quo-

tations, the most that that they show being that wool that was refused by manufacturers a few weeks ago is now being picked up at the figures then current. Fleeces are less active than a week ago, dealers being disposed to hold for higher prices. Sales of territory have been heavy, considering more being done in clothing wools than previously. Liberal sales of Australian and greasy Capes are reported also. Sales for the week in Boston, New York and Philadelphia aggregate 16,661,400 pounds, 11,373,700 being domestic and 5,287,700 foreign.

Sales since January 1, 36,517,600 pounds as compared with 26,761,980 during the like period of last year.—Wool and Cotton Reporter.

Winnipeg Clearing House

Clearings for the week ending Feb. 11 were 1,021,783: balances, 197,819. For the previous week clearings were 1,021,173. For the corresponding week of last year clearings were 982,579 and for the week two years ago, were 730,687. Clearings for the month of Jan. were \$5,009,819, compared with \$1,977,200 for Jan. 1896, and \$1,067,403 for Jan. 1895.

Clearances for all Canadian cities for the week ended February 4 were as follows:

Montreal.....	\$9,476,495
Toronto.....	6,698,269
Halifax.....	1,122,105
Winnipeg.....	1,021,173
Hamilton.....	826,252
St. John.....	462,405

Bank clearings at Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Halifax aggregated \$19,147,000 this week, compared with \$22,049,000 the week one year ago and \$19,580,000 in the week two years ago.

Andrew Holliday, general storekeeper, Boissevain, Man., is opening a branch at Ninga.

The Donaldson Trading Co., (C. R. Gordon), Manitou, Man., has sold out to G. R. Gordon.

E. G. Moharey, fruits, Manitou, Man., has sold out to W. J. Marshall.

D. D. Stewart, dry goods, Morden, Man., has assigned to C. H. Newton.

The Central Dry Goods Co., Ltd., Winnipeg, Man., is applying to change its name to the N. R. Preston Dry Goods Co., Ltd.

Dan. Coates, fruits, Winnipeg, Man., has sold out to Leonard Mitchell.

Sarah Davidson, baker, Port Arthur, Ont., has assigned.

John Cowles, wholesale butcher, Winnipeg, brought in a yearling steer in a load of cattle last week, which weighed 1,200 pounds. The calf was purchased from Premier Greenway, and was raised at his Crystal City farm. It was sold by Mr. Cowles to Kobold & Co., city butchers, and will be fed by them for exhibition at some future date. A yearling of such weight is certainly a remarkable animal.

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