

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO

On Monday, Jan. 14, May wheat opened at 1.01, and ranged from 99c to 1.01½. The weak feeling was caused by lower cables, and a local bearish feeling. Closing figures were 1½c under Saturday's close. Closing prices were:

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | May. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Wheat | 94½ | 95½ | — | 93½ |
| Corn | 33½ | 34½ | 34½ | 36½ |
| Oats | 24½ | 24½ | — | 27½ |
| Pork | 12.90 | 12.00 | 13.00 | 13.25 |
| Lard | 7.02½ | 7.05 | 7.12½ | 7.25 |
| Short Ribs | 6.75 | 6.75 | 6.80 | 6.90 |

On Tuesday, May wheat opened ½c higher, at 1.00, and ranged from 99½c to 1.01. The feeling was nervous, but trading large. Closing prices were:

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | May. |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Wheat | 95½ | 96½ | — | 1.00½ |
| Corn | 33½ | 34½ | 35 | 36½ |
| Oats | 24½ | 24½ | — | 27½ |
| Pork | 12.77½ | 12.77½ | 12.87½ | 13.12½ |
| Lard | 7.05 | 7.07½ | 7.12½ | 7.25 |
| Short Ribs | 6.72½ | 6.72½ | 6.77½ | 6.87½ |

On Wednesday, May wheat opened at 1.01½, and ranged from 99½c to \$1.01½. Prices were depressed on reports of good condition of winter wheat, and large stocks held by millers. Closing prices were:

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | May. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Wheat | 95½ | 96 | — | 1.00 |
| Corn | 33½ | 34½ | 35 | 36½ |
| Oats | 24½ | 24½ | — | 27½ |
| Pork | 12.80 | 12.80 | 12.90 | 13.12½ |
| Lard | 6.97½ | 7.00 | 7.05 | 7.17½ |
| Short Ribs | 6.67½ | 6.70 | 6.75 | 6.85 |

On Thursday, prices were steady and trading fairly active. Closing prices were:

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | May. |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Wheat | 96½ | 97 | — | 1.01 |
| Corn | 34½ | 34½ | 35½ | 37 |
| Oats | 24½ | 25½ | — | 27½ |
| Pork | 12.92½ | 12.82½ | 12.92½ | 13.15 |
| Lard | 7.50 | 7.05 | 7.07½ | 7.20 |
| Short Ribs | 6.65 | 6.67½ | 6.72½ | 6.85 |

On Friday wheat was active and stronger at the close, but weak at the opening. Advanced under free buying. Closing prices were:

| | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | May. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Wheat | 97½ | 97½ | — | 1.01½ |
| Corn | 34½ | 34½ | 35½ | 37 |
| Oats | 24½ | 25½ | — | 27½ |
| Pork | 12.55 | 12.55 | 12.65 | 12.87½ |
| Lard | 6.87½ | 6.90 | 6.92½ | 7.05 |
| Short Ribs | 6.50 | 6.52½ | 6.57½ | 7.70 |

Wheat closed on Saturday about 1c lower as follows:—Jan. 96½c; Feb. 96½c; May, 1.00½; July, 92c.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

The following quotations on Jan. 18 as compared with prices on Jan. 4 will indicate the course of the stock market:

| | Dec 28. | | Jan. 4. | |
|---------------------|----------|------|----------|------|
| | Offered. | 18d. | Offered. | 18d. |
| Montreal | 224½ | 216 | 226½ | 225½ |
| Ontario | 125 | 126 | 126 | 125½ |
| Toronto | — | 200½ | — | 212 |
| Merchants | 150½ | 135½ | 137 | 133 |
| Commerce | 118 | 117½ | 118 | 117½ |
| Molson's | 165 | — | 165 | 155 |
| Union, | — | — | 97 | 93 |
| N. W. Land Co. | 66 | 64 | 64 | 62½ |
| C. P. R. | 52½ | 52 | 52½ | 52½ |

DULUTH.

Wheat dropped 4c from the opening price on

Monday, January 14th, and closed 4 to 5c under the previous Saturday. No. 1 northern sold at 96c and No. 2 northern at 86c for cash. Prices steady on Tuesday, and a shade firmer on Wednesday. On Thursday No. 1 northern cash was quoted at \$1.00 to \$1.01½. Wheat was strong on Friday, closing higher. No. 1 northern, cash, \$1.01½, No. 2 do 90c.

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

| | Cash. | Jan. | May | June. |
|-----------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Monday | 1.10½ | 1.11 | 1.17½ | 1.17½ |
| Tuesday | 1.10½ | 1.11 | 1.17½ | 1.17½ |
| Wednesday | 1.10½ | 1.11 | 1.18 | — |
| Thursday | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.18½ | 1.18½ |
| Friday | 1.13 | 1.13 | 1.20 | — |

Closing on Saturday were as follows: Cash, \$1.13; Jan. \$1.13; May, \$1.19½; June, \$1.19½.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Closing quotations on Friday for wheat were from one to two cents lower than a week ago for May, but cars on track were 1 to 3c higher, as follows:—

| | Jan. | May. | On track. |
|----------------|------|-------|-----------|
| No. 1 hard | 1.17 | 1.21 | 1.17 |
| No. 1 northern | 1.05 | 1.07½ | 1.10 |
| No. 2 | 94 | 97½ | 1.00 |

Closing quotations for flour were: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.25 to \$6.40; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$6.00 to \$6.15; in barrels, \$6.20 to \$6.35. Delivered at New England points, \$6.90 to \$7.00; bakers, here, \$4.20 to \$5.30; superfine, \$2.50 to \$4.10; red dog, sacks, \$1.50 to \$1.65; red dog, barrels, 1.70 to \$1.85.

Barley—In fair demand for really good lots, but any frosted or otherwise damaged, hard to sell at any price. Good samples went at 50 to 53c.

Chicago Barley Market.

Dullness was the rule in this market, and while the offerings were but moderate there was at the same time a lack of demand with further easiness noted. The choice to fancy lots were saleable at nearly former prices, while common to poor barley was neglected at the small decline noted yesterday. Quotations on No. 3 were 45 to 70c for poor to choice, with fancy at a small premium, and No. 4 at 35 to 65c.—*Daily Business*, Jan. 18.

Personal.

Mr. T. Dexter, representing Messrs. H. S. Howland, Son's & Co., wholesale hardware dealers, Toronto, was in Winnipeg last week, and has started on his trip through the west, including British Columbia.

THOS. VAUNT has opened a shoemaker's shop at Birtle, Man.

F. F. Low is at the head of a movement to start a cheese factory at Wapella, Assa.

O. C. SMITH, dry goods and boots and shoes, Deloraine, Man., proposes adding groceries to his business.

MARTIN & CURTIS have purchased the buscuit factory, at Portage la Prairie, and will remove it to the avenue. It will be brick veneered and fitted up for stores.

A NEW club known as the "Keewadwin Club," has been organized at Port Arthur, starting with 40 members.

OSWALD DAENLEY INMAN, general merchant, Binscarth, Man., has assigned in trust to R. J. Whittle, Winnipeg.

A GOOD blacksmith could do a large business at Carduff, Man., west of Deloraine, says a correspondent from that place.

THE Watson Manufacturing Company have purchased land at Portage la Prairie, opposite the Commercial Bank, and will build a large warehouse in the spring.

THE grain dealers who have agents now in Minnedosa are Bawlf, and Roblin & Atkinson, of Winnipeg; the Keewatin Milling Co., of Keewatin; Campbell & Green, of Portage la Prairie, and the Minnedosa Roller Mills.

CAPT. GRAEME, of Beulah, and A. J. McPherson, of Solsgirth, have purchased a portable saw mill, which they intend to locate on the north side of the Riding Mountain in the Lake Dauphin, Manitoba, district. The mill will be a boon to the settlers there.

MANY car lots of Lake Winnipeg fish are shipped weekly to Eastern Canada and the United States, in a frozen state. Lake Winnipeg fish are now quoted in such markets as Toronto, St. Paul, Chicago, Detroit, etc. The principal varieties shipped are pike and whitefish.

TRACKLAYING is going on on the Portage branch of the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway. There was some delay in effecting the crossing over the Pembia branch of the C. P. R., but it was made last week. A crossing has not yet been made over the Southwestern branch of the C. P. R., as the tracklayers have not yet reached that road.

PRICES at Brandon last week were:—Wheat, 85c per bushel; oats, 23c; barley, 25c. Cattle 2½ to 2¾c, per lb live weight, beef, 5 to 5½c sheep 4½c per lb., mutton 10c; dressed hogs, 7c; hides, 2½ to 3c per lb; eggs, 20c per dozen; butter, 16 to 17c per lb; cheese, 9½c per lb; potatoes, 50c per bushel; chickens, 8 to 9c per lb; ducks, 10c per lb; turkeys, 11 to 12c per lb; geese, 10 to 12½c per lb.

THE *Rat Portage News* says: We have been informed that Hasting Bros. & Co. are in correspondence with Ross, Hall & Brown, to ascertain if their water power here is for sale, with a view to purchasing the same. It is most likely these gentlemen will erect a flour mill at the point, if arrangements cannot be made for the water power they are now in correspondence about.

A TELEGRAM from Toronto on Saturday says: The C. P. R. has issued orders that all Toronto freight for Manitoba and the West must go via the Northern line running north from Toronto and connecting with the C. P. R. at North Bay. This road is operated by the Grand Trunk, and the inference from the new order is that an understanding has been come to between the two roads, to divide up the trade, and cease cutting. Heretofore Western Ontario freight for Manitoba has been carried around by the C. P. R. Co.'s Brockville branch.