

EASTERN MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Monday, Dec. 31, May wheat opened at 1.07½, and ranged from 1.00½ to 1.09½. The market was nervous, and with sudden fluctuations. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	1.01½	—	—	1.06½
Corn	34½	34½	35½	39½
Oats	25½	25½	—	23½
Pork	12.85	13.00	—	13.40
Lard	7.60	7.65	7.70	7.7½
Short Ribs	6.7½	6.8½	6.90	7.00

After New Year's holiday, wheat opened at \$1.07½ for May on Wednesday, and ranged from \$1.04½ to \$1.07½. The market broke 3c right from the opening, under free selling. Trading was fairly large, and prices recovered some, but the demand was soon swamped by large offering, and prices closed weak. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	99½	1.09½	—	1.04½
Corn	33½	34½	35½	39½
Oats	25½	25½	—	23½
Pork	12.80	12.92½	13.02½	13.22½
Lard	7.40	7.40	7.47½	7.52½
Short Ribs	6.6½	6.70	6.77½	6.87½

Wheat opened ½c lower on Thursday, but this loss was recovered, and prices were advanced ½ to ¾c. May ranged from 1.03½ to 1.05½. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	1.00	1.01½	—	1.05½
Corn	33½	34	34½	38½
Oats	24½	—	—	23½
Pork	12.57½	12.72½	12.82½	13.00
Lard	7.27½	7.30	7.37½	7.47½
Short Ribs	6.57½	6.70	6.75	6.85

Wheat opened steady on Friday, but sold down to 1.04½ for May, which was the lowest point reached. Prices averaged lower than on Thursday. Closing prices were:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May.
Wheat	99½	1.01	—	1.04½
Corn	33½	34½	34½	36½
Oats	24½	25½	—	27½
Pork	12.75	12.90	13.00	13.20
Lard	7.37½	7.37½	7.45	7.52½
Short Ribs	6.75	6.80	6.82½	6.95

Wheat was lower on Saturday. Closing prices were about at the bottom, as follows:—Jan. 98½c; Feb. 1.00½; May, 1.04½; June, 1.01½; July, 95c.

DULUTH.

The week was rather a quiet one in wheat here, and dullness was apparent on each day. There were only 977,448 bushels in store on Jan. 2, against 7,578,527 bushels on the same date last year. No. 1 Northern was worth \$1.04 on Monday, but declined and for the balance of the week ruled at about \$1 per bushel. Closing prices for No. 1 hard on each day of the week were:

	Cash.	Jan.	May	June.
Monday	1.17	—	1.25	1.24½
Tuesday	—	—	—	—
Wednesday	1.15	1.16	1.23	1.22½
Thursday	1.15	1.16	1.23	1.22½
Friday	1.15½	1.16	1.23	1.22½

Closing on Saturday: Cash, 1.15; Jan. 1.16; May, 1.22½; June, 1.22½.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Closing quotations on Friday for wheat were from one to two cents higher than a week ago, as follows:—

	Jan.	May.	On track
No. 1 hard	1.17	1.23	1.10½
No. 1 northern	1.08	1.11½	1.08-10
No. 2	97	1.03	98

Closing quotations for flour were: Patents, sacks to local dealers, \$6.35 to \$6.50; patents to ship, sacks car lots, \$6.15 to \$6.30; in barrels, \$6.35 to \$6.50. Delivered at New England points, \$7.00 to \$7.15; bakers, here, \$4.20 to \$5.30; superfine, \$3.00 to \$4.25; red dog, sacks, \$1.60 to \$1.65; red dog, barrels, 1.80 to \$1.85.

Barley—Good No. 3 brought 50 to 54c according to quality, choice when offered held at 60c with feed stock down to 25 to 35c.

MONTREAL WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat was dull, and quoted at \$1.21 to \$1.23 for Manitoba No. 1 hard; No. 2 hard, \$1.18 to \$1.21; No. 1 northern, \$1.21.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

The following quotations on Jan. 4 as compared with prices on Dec. 27 will indicate the course of the stock market:

	Dec. 27.	Jan. 4.
Montreal	225	224½
Ontario	123	125
Toronto	135½	134½
Merchants	117½	116½
Commerce	165	163
Molson's	—	—
Union	—	—
N. W. Land Co.	—	—
C. P. R.	52½	52

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

The Canadian Gazette of Dec. 20, gives the following quotations of leading Canadian securities in the London market:

	Price.	Rise.	Fall.
Bank of British Columbia	34½	—	—
Bank of B. N. A.	74	—	—
British Columbia 4½ per cents.	112	—	—
Canada 3½ per cents.	102	—	1
Canada 5 per cents.	92½	—	1
Canada North-West Land	3½	—	—
Canadian Pacific shares (N. Y. register)	53½	—	—
Ditto shares (London register)	53	—	—
Ditto first mortgage bonds	100	—	—
Grand Trunk ordinary stock	10½	—	—
Ditto first preference	65½	—	—
Hudson's Bay	18½	—	—
Land Corporation of Canada	3	—	—
Manitoba 5 per cents	113	1	—
Manitoba Mortgage	—	—	—
Manitoba Northwestern bonds	102	1	—
Quebec 5 per cents.	108	1	—
Trust and Loan of Canada, £5 paid	6	—	—
Ditto £3 paid	2½	—	—
Vancouver Coal	6½	—	—
Winnipeg 5 per cents	109	—	—

Toronto Markets.

Grain—Wheat, Manitoba No. 1 hard, quoted at \$1.22 to \$1.25; barley, No. 1, sold at 67 to 68c, No. 2 at 63 to 64c and No. 3 at 56 to 57c; oats quoted at 36 to 37c.

Dressed hogs were selling at from \$6.75 to \$7 per 100 pounds.

Provisions—Quotations were: Mess pork per barrel, \$17.50 to \$18; bacon, long clear, 9½ to 10c; land, tubs at 3 pails, 11 to 12c; hams, 1

to 12c; rolls, 10½ to 11½c; tallow, common, 5½ to 6½c.

Poultry—Turkey, 8 to 8½c for ordinary, at 9 to 10c for good to choice; geese, 9½ to 9c per lb.; ducks, 50 to 75c, and chickens, 25 to 40c pair.

Butter—Choice scarce, creamery 22 to 24c selected dairy, 18 to 20c; good 15 to 18c; common to medium, 12 to 14c; rolls, 10 to 18c.

Cheese—Five August, 10½ to 11½; medium 9 to 10c; skims, 8½ to 9c.

Eggs—Fresh were scarce and in demand at 21 to 23c; lined, 18c.

Apples—Green, \$1.75 to \$2 per barrel; dried in small lots, selling at 4 to 4½c, dealers offering 3½c outside; evaporated, 7 to 8c, with car lots at 6½c.

Hides—Cured offering at 6 to 6½c; sheepskins, \$1.25.

The Manitoba Railway Crossing Case.

Telegrams from Ottawa on Saturday announced that the railway committee of the Privy Council has issued an order granting the application of the Portage extension of the Red River Valley railway to cross the Pembina Mountain and the Southwestern branches of the C. P. R. The crossing of the main line of the C. P. R. at Portage has been held for further consideration. Shaughnessy, for the C. P. R., submitted a copy of the agreement between the Grand Trunk and the C. P. R., which fully set forth the terms and conditions of crossing, as a precedent for the guidance of the committee. According to this arrangement, the junior railway has to bear the expense of making the crossing, to maintain it and adjacent semaphores for all time, to make all reasonable safeguards, to protect life and property, to bear the expense of labor and repairs, and to pay an annual rental for the right of way as well as to give precedence to trains of senior railways.

Sir John Thompson said: As regards the two crossings over the Pembina Mountain branch and the Manitoba and Southwestern railway we have come to the conclusion that the crossings should be put in by the C. P. R. at the expense of the Railway Commissioner of Manitoba, that the crossings shall be maintained and lights maintained at the expense of the Commissioner, and that the C. P. R. shall have precedence of trains. We decline to allow a rental and have nothing to do with costs. Work to be executed under the supervision of the officers to be appointed by the Minister of Railways.

Application to cross the C. P. R. at Morris and Brandon was made, but the committee refused to give a decision at once.

FLURY & Co., dry goods and clothing, Winnipeg, are in financial difficulties. An assignment was expected on Saturday.

THE Royal hotel building, Carberry, Man., now used as a tenement house, was damaged slightly by fire on Friday last. Loss about \$100.

FLUMERFELT & POWERS, boot and shoe dealers, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by W. E. Flumerfelt. Powers will likely go into the stationery trade.