

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.

Wheat was weak on Monday, closing about 1c net loss from Saturday. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	59 3/4	60 1/4	60 1/4
Corn.....	—	28	28 1/2
Oats.....	—	18	18 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	7 00	7 07 1/2
Lard.....	—	4 27 1/2	—
Short Ribs..	—	3 85	—

On Tuesday another considerable loss was scored in wheat prices, owing to large spring wheat receipts, and favorable crop reports. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	58 3/4	59 1/2	60 1/4
Corn.....	27 3/4	28 1/2	29 1/2
Oats.....	17 3/4	18 1/2	18 3/4
Mess Pork..	—	7 00	7 15
Lard.....	—	4 27 1/2	4 32 1/2
Short Ribs..	—	3 77 1/2	3 92 1/2

On Wednesday wheat held up during the early part of the day, but declined later under speculative selling. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	58	58 1/2	59 1/2
Corn.....	27 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2
Oats.....	17 1/2	18 1/2	18 3/4
Mess Pork..	—	7 02 1/2	7 20
Lard.....	—	4 20	4 87 1/2
Short Ribs..	—	3 80	3 95

Prices for wheat declined on Thursday, under free selling, lower cables and large spring wheat receipts. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	58	58 1/2	59 1/2
Corn.....	27 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2
Oats.....	17 1/2	18 1/2	18 3/4
Pork.....	—	7 22 1/2	7 40
Lard.....	—	4 32 1/2	4 45
Short Ribs..	—	3 90	4 02 1/2

On Friday prices made a show of firmness at the opening, but soon turned weak, with free selling, influenced by dull cables, small export demand, etc. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	57 1/2	57 1/2	58 3/4
Corn.....	27	27 1/2	29
Oats.....	17 1/2	18	18 1/2
Mess Pork..	—	7 00	7 17 1/2
Lard.....	—	4 22 1/2	4 87 1/2
Short Ribs..	—	3 77 1/2	3 90

On Saturday, May 30, July wheat opened at 58 1/2-3/4c. The tendency was lower, closing prices being about at the bottom. Closing prices were:

	May.	July.	Sept.
Wheat.....	57 1/2	57 1/2	58 3/4
Corn.....	27	27 1/2	29
Oats.....	17 1/2	18	18 1/2
Mess Pork..	6 92 1/2	7 00	7 12 1/2
Lard.....	4 15	4 22 1/2	4 37 1/2
Short Ribs..	3 70	3 77 1/2	4 90

A week ago to-day, July wheat closed at 61c and a year ago at 79 1/2c and two years ago, at 55 1/2c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

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

Monday—May — c, July 61c, Sept. 61c.
Tuesday—May — c, July 60 1/2c, Sept. 61c.
Wednesday—May — c, July 60c, Sept. 60 1/2c.
Thursday—May — c, July 59 1/2c, Sept. 59 1/2c.
Friday—May — c, July, 59c, Sept. 59c.
Saturday—May —; July, 61c, Sept. 61c.

A week ago Saturday price closed at 62 1/2c for July. A year ago July delivery closed at 80c. Two years ago July closed at 57 1/2c and three years ago at 66c.

Minneapolis Flour Market.

The Market Record of May 28 reports flour in good demand with prices as follows in barrels, f.o.b.: First patents, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Second patents, \$3.15 to \$3.20; First clears, \$2.45 to \$2.50; second clear, \$2; Export baker's, \$2.45; second export baker's \$2 to \$2.10; Red Dog, per ton 140 lbs. jute, \$10.50 to \$10.75. These prices are the same as a week ago, except for an advance of 1c per ton for red dog.

Milstuffs.—Bran in bulk \$5.50 to \$5.75. Bran in sacks, 200 lbs, \$6.25 to \$6.75 Bran in sacks, 100 lbs, \$6.75 to \$7.00; Shorts, \$5.50; Middlings, fine, \$7.25 to \$7.75. Bran shows a decline of 50c per ton and shorts is 75c per ton lower.

Minneapolis Wheat.

No. 1 Northern wheat closed on Saturday as follows: July delivery at 56 1/2c, September 56 3/4c. A week ago July wheat closed at 59c.

New York Wheat.

On Saturday, May 30, July delivery closed at 61 1/2c and Sept delivery at 64 1/2c. A week ago July closed at 67 1/2c.

Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected at *Winnipeg for the weeks ended on the dates named, compared with the number of cars inspected for the corresponding weeks a year ago, as reported by Inspector Horn to the Board of Trade:

Grade.	Apr. 25	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23
Extra Manitoba hard.....	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 hard.....	10	10	10	43	49
No. 2 hard.....	2	2	9	19	32
No. 3 hard.....	2	3	13	27	19
No. 1 North'n.....	3	1	11	3	3
No. 2 North'n.....	0	2	7	1	3
No. 3 North'n.....	0	0	2	0	0
No. 1 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 2 white fyte	0	0	0	0	0
No. 1 Spring.....	0	2	9	8	5
No. 2 Spring.....	0	1	0	2	0
No. 1 frosted.....	0	6	13	13	18
No. 2 frosted.....	1	5	3	6	7
No. 3 frosted.....	1	0	0	1	3
No. 1 Rejected.....	2	7	17	21	23
No. 2 Rejected.....	3	2	23	16	19
No Grade.....	1	2	3	1	1
Feed.....	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	30	43	120	159	199
Same week last year.....	129	131	151	150	185

Oats—For week ended May 2—No. 1 white, 0; No. 2 white, 1; No. 3 white, 0; No. 2 black, 0; No. 2 mixed 0; feed, 2; rejected, 0; total, 3.

Barley—For week ended May 2—No. 2, 0; No. 3, 0; feed, 1; total, 1.

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

Crop Conditions.

This week has been more favorable than recent preceding weeks. The week opened with considerable rain, but since Tuesday morning the weather has been more settled, with only a few sprinkles here. Delayed farmers have made some head way with their work, though in the low districts the land was very wet. In the dryer sections wheat seeding is finished, though in some parts farmers may sow wheat even after this date, though it is now considered too late to safely sow wheat. Growth has been good where the land has not been too wet. There has been no frost this month to hurt anything. What decrease the wheat area will show, as compared with last year is only a matter of guess work, in the absence of statistics, but

many estimates place the decrease at 25 per cent. as compared with last year, taking the country as a whole. Some of the low lands adjacent to the smaller streams, have been flooded by the overflow caused by the extremely wet season, destroying crops sown, or preventing seeding probably for this year. The Red river has safely carried off all the water reaching it, but some of its feeders, such as the Roseau and Pembina have overflowed the low lands.

A Fine Number.

The May number of the Colonist is a fine fifty-two page number, profusely illustrated and devoted to the Lake of the Woods district. An important feature is a new map of the gold district showing all the properties at present under development and the letter press deals largely with this famous mineral region, which is now attracting so much attention. The attractions of the Lake of the Woods for visitors or as a place of summer residence, is also fully described and illustrated.

G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have sold their Lethbridge branch stock to A. MacDonald.

C. W. Graham, hardware, Winnipeg, is admitting R. Rolston. The style will be Graham & Rolston.

F. H. Mathewson, president of the Winnipeg board of trade, interviewed by the Toronto Globe on Canada's needs says, first immigrants of the right kind to settle up the vacant lands of the west. The increased population of the west, he says, means increased prosperity to the whole Dominion; second, more economy and greater simplicity of conducting Dominion, provincial and municipal affairs, for Canada, he says, is over-governed, third, curtailment of our credit system, as credit is too cheap in Canada, and most business losses are traceable to the ease with which it can be obtained.

Business Change.

The job printing department of The Commercial, which has been carried on for about a year by Pollard & Daniels, under the name of The Commercial Printing Co., has been taken over by Jas. E. Steen, thus again uniting the entire establishment under one management, as it was before the late change in the jobbing department. An entirely new stock of commercial stationery and some new plant has been put in, and The Commercial office will now be in a better position than ever before to cater to the wants of its patrons in all lines of book and job printing, embossing, etc.

Announcement.

O. H. Pollard and James Daniels, who have carried on the job printing department of The Commercial office for the past fifteen months, have retired from this business. They have established a new printing house at No. 177 McDermott St., Winnipeg, where they will continue business under the firm name of Pollard & Daniels. Their office has been fitted up with an entirely new plant throughout and with these facilities they will be able to do the best work at short notice. They hope to have the patronage of all their old customers, who favored them while carrying on The Commercial jobbing department.

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