A CANADIAN TOBOGGAN.

As Seen in the Land Where the Sport Originated—Some of Its Pleasures and Its Perils.

Picturesque Costumes and Daring Riders—The Experience of a Novice.

Boston Post.

Of all the outdoor sports in which Young America delights, those are the most exciting and exhilarating that are attended with the greatest danger to life and limb. It is this peril which sends the blood snapping through the veins of the steeplechaser, or causes the pulses to quicken in the daring yachtsman piloting his craft in a race regardless of squall or flaw, or strengthens the muscles of the mountaineer scaling some dizzy cliff in his endeavor to reach the summit above. The presence of danger stirs all his vitality, tightens his nervous system and brings into action all the play of his limbs, producing sensations termed, for want of a better name, excitement. The present out-of-door craze is tobogganing, and its popularity is due not only to the fact that the sport is carried on in the cold, invigorating atmosphere, but to the possibility of injured bodies as well. So, borrowing the idea from our Canadian cousins, with whom it originated, slides and chutes have been built in many of our New England cities, on which young men and maidens, clad in gayly-colored blankets, coast down hill on a board much the same as did their fathers and mothers a generation ago on the icy crusts of the New Hampshire hills.

But tobogganing in New England and the same sport in Canada are two different things; they are no more to be compared than are sweet cider and fourteen-year-old cognac. The former is pleasant, easy and safe; the latter, glorious, difficult and highly dangerous. Doubtless many New Englanders who have visited the carnival in Montreal during the past week have had an opportunity of testing the merits of a Canadian toboggan, and to all novices the experience was a decided revelation. In the first place, a Canadian will scorn to go where the slide is less than half or three-quarters of a mile in length or the chute lower than seventy-five or eighty feet. Then they have a rash habit of watering the slide, causing it to become a sheet of smooth, glittering ice, which, in that cold climate, seldom thaws from December to April. Thus prepared, the surface offers little or no resistance to the smooth, icy bottom of the toboggan, and it descends the sharp declivity with lightning rapidity. To the uninitiated tobogganing appears very simple and easy. All that apparently is required is to sit securely and allow the toboggan to descend in the runway prepared for it. But wo to him who, believing thus, attempts to guide one. Tobogganing is a science and is only mastered after years of practice and innumerable hard knocks. The Canadians begin to "tobog" almost as soon as they can walk, and as a result when they become older the sharp decent, the rapid motion and the accompanying danger have no effect upon them. The sight of a load of experienced tobogganers descending a slide fills the stranger with admiration. In front, perhaps, will be seated a plump little lady, clad in heavy blanket coat, a coquetish toque on her head and a highly colored sash about her waist. The sharp, biting air and the excitement of the sport has brought the blood to her rounded cheeks and the fire to her eyes, and she looks the perfect picture of health and happiness. Without the slightest fear she seats herself in front, crosses her moccasined feet beneath her, grasps the ropes with a firm hand, and she is ready. Behind her is another lady, sometimes a third, and then comes the steerer. He holds the toboggan firmly until all are ready. If he is an expert he lifts the rear of the limber toboggan, throws it forward with a quick movement, and rides on the left knee. With the toe of his right foot he steadies the machine, barely touching the ice, and like a flash of light the party has reached the bottom of the hill. That is Canadian tobogganing.

The top of the chute slants at an angle of nearly forty-five degrees for a short distance, followed by a level space and then another sharp descent stretching out across the fields for a distance of nearly a mile. There are four slides on the chute, and when the weather is good all are occupied at once. Few people have any idea of the speed attained by these toboggans. On the Montreal slide down Mt. Royal, which is the fastest in the city, the length of the coast is over three-quarters of a mile. On cold nights when the chute is smooth a toboggan, carrying four persons, will make the distance in twenty-two seconds, or at a rate of about one hundred and twenty-five miles an hour. On this slide there is one section where there is a sharp dip in the chute, and at this point the toboggan will not follow the coast but will jump the space so quickly and easily that the riders are scarcely aware they have been actually flying through the air. To the novice this high rate of speed is decidedly trying. Unless he is exceedingly careful in keeping his balance he will fall off and this would be most disastrous. Then there is something peculiar in the surroundings. Seated front in a toboggan at the top of the chute, a glance down the long, shining, icy path will cause an involuntary shudder; there is a feeling of great uncertainty as to what is going to happen. Then comes the signal from the steerer: "Are you ready?" and you are off! Heavens! what a sensation! You feel as though you had been shot from the mouth of a cannon. The wind cuts your face like a knife; the sharp descent and terrible rapidity give you the feeling of "goneness" in the pit of your stomach, while your heart comes up into your mouth. The rattle of the icy toboggan seems deafening; the frailty of all things human is painfully apparent, and while you are wondering whether you will ever get out of the scrape alive you have reached the end. Then comes the reaction. The blood tingles to your finger tips; the fresh air fills your lungs, you feel full of life and vigor and in a few minutes there comes an irresistible desire to try it again. The second venture gives you the same delightful sensations without the feeling of danger, and after a few trials tobogganing becomes a mania.

But the danger still remains. Not on the imitation slides, but on the genuine Canadian article, and when an accident does occur, it is generally a serious one. Already quite a number have been severely, if not fatally, hurt in Montreal. Moving at the awful speed of two miles a minute, the slightest obstruction will upset the toboggan. A cap, a stick, or any small article that accidentally falls into the chute, will throw a loaded toboggan into the air, and generally spill the occupants. But, as was said in the beginning, it is the peril that makes the pleasure, and were there no danger, tobogganing would be shorn of its enjoyment. After all comparatively few are hurt, though while one is making the descent it seems incredible that any accident can occur without total annihilation.

The report of the American Iron and Steel Association shows the most gratifying progress in iron production and demand during the past year. In 1885 the production was 4,529,869 net tons, or 4,004,526 gross tons. In 1886 the yield increased over 40 per cent., the product being 6,366,688 net tons, or 5,684,543 gross tons. The record of sales is even more gratifying, as production without demand is a dismal product.

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FORT WORTH MARKETS—DAILY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE GAZETTE, FORT WORTH, TEX., Feb. 25, 1887.

Trade was a good average to-day.

Eggs are still lower with a good supply.

Short clear and dry salt bacon have advanced ⅛c.

Lard is up ⅛c on the entire list.

Corn has declined 2½c per bushel.

We quote amber cane and alfalfa today.

DOMESTIC GRAIN AND FLOUR MARKETS.

The price of wheat has been quite irregular during the week, recovering somewhat on Thursday after responding to the hammering it received at the west in preceding days. The declining cables from Beerbohm received early in the week, together with the speculative selling at Chicago, comprise the leading bear influences in addition to the disinclination of the United Kingdom to stock up to the extent customary several years ago. On the other hand the very much decreased receipts of wheat at western primary markets, the decline of a little less than half a million bushels in the visible supply, the heavy exports of wheat thus far during the cereal year, with the prospects favoring a continuance of liberal exports, are bull arguments. The one weak spot is found in the heavy visible supply, which thus late in the season has failed to fall very materially below the maximum of the crop year. Whether this points to unusually low stocks of invisible wheat or not, the foreigner evidently continues to prefer buying for near-by wants only, for United Kingdom stocks continue to decrease. Later in the week the export demand became fairly active, and later cables were more favorable.—[Bradstreet's.

BUTTER—12½@15c per lb; creamery 25@27½c.

COTTON—Strict low middling, tinged, 7½c; good middling 8⅜c.

COFFEE—Rio, fair 16c; prime 17c; choice 16¾@17c; Laguyra 17⅝c; Java 29½c; Golden Rio 18c; Pea Berry 21⅝c.

CHEESE—The better grades and Ohio factory 10@10½c; full cream twins 10c.

CABBAGE—Per crate, $4 00; in bulk 3c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Prices per dozen: Pine apples, standard, $1 50; peaches, standard, 2 lbs, $1 45; 3 lbs $2 00; seconds, 2 lbs $1 15; 3 lbs $1 60; tomatoes, standard, 2 lbs $1 00; seconds, 2 lbs $——; 3 lbs $1 30; green corn $1 10@1 50; green peas 1 10@1 50; gooseberries $1 25; raspberries $1 35; oysters, full weight, 1 lb 90@95; 2 lbs $1 75@4 00; lt. wt. 1 lb $——; 2 lbs $——; salmon 1 lb $1 65; 2 lbs $——; mackerel 1 lb 90@$1 00; sardines, American, $6 50 case; imported $12 50@14 00 case; strawberries, 2 lbs $1 35; blackberries $1 15; green gages $——; Eagle condensed milk $1 25.

SPRING 1887—PRICE LIST OF DRY GOODS.

Prints—Albion solids, 5½c; Albion Shepard plaids, 5½c; Albion silver greys, 5½c; Allen's fancies, 5½c; Allen's special, 5½c; American fancies, 5½c; American indigo, 7c; anchor sheetings, 5c; Berlin oils, all colors, 6¾c; Berwick fancy, 4c; Conestoga, new fancies, 5½c; Conestoga, chocolates, 5½c; Eddystone novelties, 6c; Eddystone satines, 6c; Gloucester silver greys, 5½c; Hartel fancies, 5½c; Hartel satines, 5½c; Hartel shirting, 5c; Hamilton staples, 5½c; Ramapo fancies, 4c; Simpson's mourning, 6c; Simpson's silver grey, 6c; Simpson's linen finish, 6c; Windsor fancies, 6c; Martha Washington fancies, 4½c; assorted standards 5c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staple checks, 7½c; Amoskeag novelties, 8½c; Amoskeag lotus, 8c; Caledonia staples, 7½@7¾c; Elmsdale dress styles, 8½c; Glen Falls dress styles, 8c; Greylock dress styles, 10½c; Normandie dress styles, 8½c; La gdale book fold, 8c; Renfrew dress styles, 8½c; Renfrew bouclined, 10½c; Scotch book fold, 8½c; Slaterville gubians, 8c; White's fancy, 7½c; York favorite, 7½c; Warsaw, 7½c; zephyr checks, 9c.

Colord Cambrics—Rossmore flat, 5c; Garner rolled, 4½c; Masonville rolled, 5½c; Slater & Sons rolled, 5½c.

Brown Cottons—Atlantic A 4-4, 7c; Atlantic P 4-4, 5½c; Atlantic LL 4-4, 5½c; Adriatic 4-4, 6½c; Alaska 4-4, 6½c; Allendale 4-4, 6½c; Appleton A 4-4, 7c; Argyle family cotton, 6½c; black crow, 6½c; Clifton CO CO, 6½c; Derby, fine brown, 6c; exposition 4-4, 6½c; Chapman 4-4 5c; Graniteville E E, 6½c; Graniteville, H H H, 5½c; Matsha 1 4-4, 4c; Maginnis Z E 4-4, 5½c.

Bleached Cottons—Security ¾, 5c; social 1, 4-4, 7½c; Fairfield ⅞, 6½ and 7c; Chapman X, 7½c; Dyerville 4-4, 7c; Ellerton 4-4, 7½c; gilded age 4-4, 7½c; Lonsdale 4-4, 8½c; Lonsdale cambric, 11c; hero 4-4, 7½c; fidelity 4-4, 7½c; forget me not, 6c; John Hancock, 7½c; Langham cambric, 8c; ne plus ultra, 6¾c.

Cotton Checks—Black Warrior, 7½; Carolina, 7½; Southern, 7½; Georgia, 7; Mississippi, 7; Utility, 6½; Ottoway, 6¾; Randleman, 7½; Greenbriar, 7½.

Cottonades—Aberdeen, 9½c; Little Rock, 8c; Office choice, 8½c; Bell D & T, 17½c; Blue Ridge, 18c; Mt Vernon, N N, 19c; Mt Vernon, D F, 17c, Mt Vernon, B T; 13½c; Norman, 20; Richmond, 14; Surrey, 13½; Burnett, 17½; Golden Peak, 20; Old Cabin, 8; Tecumseh, 18½; Waterloo, 16½.

Dress Goods—American, 5@18; Imported, 10@45.

EGGS—8@10c per dozen.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—Oranges, $4 50 per box; lemons, $5 00 per box; cranberries $12 00, per bbl; hlf-bbl $6 75; apples, per bbl, $3@4 50; Irish potatoes, $1 10 per bu; seed potatoes, Early Rose, $2 50 per barrel; onions, 3½c per pound; navy beans, 3½c; hand-picked in bbls, medium bbls, 3½c; large Lima 4c; beets, per bushel $1 50; bananas, $2 50@3 00 per bunch; sweet potatoes 75c@$1 00 per bu; horse radish per dozen roots $1 00; parsnips per bushel $1 75; carrots per bu, $1 50; celery, per doz, $1 00; rutabaga turnips, per bu, $1 25.

FLOUR—Best patents $3 90 per 100 lbs; half patents $2 65; third grade $2 40.

FUEL—McAllister coal, car-load on track, at yard $6 00, delivered $6 50; McAllister coal, 5 to 10 tons, at yard $6 25, delivered $6 75; McAllister coal, 2 to 3 tons, at yard $6 50, delivered $7 15; McAllister coal, 1 ton, at yard $6 75, delivered $7 50; McAllister coal, ¾ ton, at yard $3 50 delivered $4 00, McAllister coal, ½ ton, at yard $1 75, delivered $2 10; McAllister coal, less than ½ ton per 100, at yard 45c; Pennsylvania hard coal, 5 tons, at yard $11 50, delivered $12 00; Pennsylvania hard coal, 1 ton, at yard $12 00, delivered $12 50; Pennsylvania hard coal, ½ ton, at yard $6 00, delivered $6 50; blacksmith coal, 1 ton, at yard $12 00, delivered $12 50.

Cord wood, 1 cord, delivered $4 00; cord wood, ½ cord, delivered $2 25; stove wood, 1 cord, delivered $5 00; stove wood, ½ cord, delevered $2 75.

GRAIN AND FEEDSTUFFS—Quotations below are on grain from store. In car-load lots corn and oats are 3c per bushel lower than quoted.

Wheat 85@97c.

Corn—Bulk shelled, 57½c; sack shelled, 60½c.

Oats—Bulk, 45@48c; sacked, 50c.

Bran—$1 00 per hundred.

Hay—Loose local, $7 00@8 00; Johnson and Hill county $11 00@13 00; best $15 00@16 00.

Barley, 65c per bu.

Rye $1.

Amber cane, $1 25 per bushel.

Johnson grass $3 50 per bu.

Alfalfa, 16½c per pound.

HIDES AND SKINS—No. 1 heavy D F hides 13½c per lb; No. 2 heavy 10½c; No. 1 light 10½c; No. 2 light 7c.

Dry salted 10c; bull hides 8c; glue 5c; green salted 7c; butchers' green 4c; sheepskins 20@60c.

MOLASSES—Prime, new crop, 32@35c; choice, new crop, 38@45c; fancy, new crop, 53@55c.

NAILS—$3 25 per keg, basis 10d—Burden horseshoe per keg $5; Perkins do, $5 90; Walker do, $5 50; Burden mule $6; Northwestern horse shoe nails, No. 4 50c; No 5 20c; No. 6 23c; No. 7 21c; No. 8 20c; "Lake's" No. 4 45c; No. 5 26c; No. 6 22c; No. 7 20c; No. 8 19c. Ausable do No. 4 45c; No. 5 24c; No. 6 21c; No. 7 19c; No. 8 18c.

NUTS—Peanuts, choice 7@8c; pecans, 09@11c for Texas; Brazil nuts 15c per lb; filberts 15c per lb; English walnuts 15c; almonds 20@22c per lb; cocoa nuts $7 50 per 100.

PROVISIONS—We quote on the basis of carlots:

Fish—Mackerel, 10-lb kits No. 1, $1 00; No. 2, 90c; half bbls No. 1, $5 50; No. 2, $5 00; dried herrings per box, 40c; codfish, 6c.

Pigs' feet—In kits $1 15; ¼ bbls $3 25; ½ bbls $5 50.

Pickled tripe—In kits $1 15.

Spiced pickled herrings, per bucket, $1 00.

Holland Herrings—Keg $1 50@1 75.

Bologna sausage 7½c.

Buckwheat flour—16 6-lbs case $5 00; 32 3-lbs $5 15.

Meat—Sugar-cured hams 13c; sugar-cured breakfast bacon 11c; short clear bacon 9½c; short clear dry salt 9½c.

Lard—Tierce, 7½c; 50-lb cans, 7½c; 20-lb cans, 7½c; 10-lb cans, 8¼c; 5-lb cans, 8½c; 3-lb cans, 8½c.

Hominy and grits—Per bbl, $4 25.

Kraut—Half-barrels, $5 00.

Oatmeal—Per half bbl, $4 00.

Cracked wheat—Per lb, 6c.

Crackers—A soda, 5½c; xxx soda, 6c; cream 8½c; ginger snaps, 8c; lemon creams 8c.

Sundries—Starch, 3¾c; candles, full boxes, 12½c; halves, —; quarters, —; stick candy, 9@10½c; fancy, 10@16c; rope, 9¾c; do cotton, 16c; herring, imported, $1 25 per keg; raisins, layer, $3 50; cider, crab apple 40c; Missouri, 30c; vinegar, 15@25c; concentrated lye, $2 75@4 00; jugs, glazed, 10c per gal; crocks, glazed, 10c per gallon; dried peaches, 6c; indigo, 75c per lb; bluing, 30c@$1 00 per dozen; Coleman's mustard, $1 30@1 50 per dozen; macaroni imported, 15c per lb; American, 75c per box, buckets, two hoops, $1 60 per dozen; brilliant oils, bbls, 18c; Eupion do 28c; do 2-5 cases, $3 10; brilliant, 5 cases, $2 10; do 1½ cases, 3 96; baking powders, bulk, 11c; 1 and 2-lb cans $2 50; macaroni small box 65c; vermicelli small box 65c; catsup [illegible] bulk per gallon 85; Worcester sauce in bulk per gallon $1 25.

Sugar—Fine powdered, bbls, 7⅝c; do half bbls, 7⅝c; cut loaf, 7⅝c; granulated standard, 7c; Louisiana granulated, 6¾c; standard A, 6½c; choice white, 6¼c; Louisiana y. c., 6½@6¼c.

Rice—Louisiana 4¾@5½c.

POULTRY—We quote: Young chickens, $2 00 per doz; old, $2 00; turkeys, 50@75c.

WHISKY—Rectified, $1 10@1 50, as per proof; sour-mash, two year old, $1 60@1 70; three year old, $1 90@2 20; fancy, extra old whisky, $4 00@5 00.

WOOL—Fall wool, six months' clip, bright medium 20½c; light fine 18½c; coarse 13½@16½c.

ENGLISH CONSOLS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Consols closed 100 15-16 for money, silver 46 ½d.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Bonds and stocks closed at following prices bid:

United States threes	100½
Four-and-one-halfs	110⅜
New fours	128⅜
Pacific sixes	127
Central Pacific firsts	114½
Texas & Pacific land grants	60½
Texas & Pac. Rio Grande	71
Union Pacific firsts	114⅜
Union Pacific sinking fund	..
Central Pacific	37
Chicago & Alton	142⅜
Chicago & Alton preferred	155
Burlington & Quincy	137½
Delaware & Hudson	102⅜
Lackawana	136⅜
Denver & Rio Grande	25½
Erie	34⅜
Erie preferred	74½
Harlem	220
Houston & Texas	37
Illinois Central	129
Kansas & Texas	32½
Lake Shore	96
Louisville & Nashville	62
Michigan Central	90½
Missouri Pacific	109⅝
New Jersey Central	69½
Northern Pacific	28⅜
Northern Pacific preferred	60⅜
Northwestern	115½
Northwestern preferred	141
New York Central	112⅜
Oregon Transcontinental	32⅞
Pacific Mail	55½
Reading	37⅜
Rock Island	126½
St Paul	92½
St Paul preferred	121
St. Paul & Omaha	43½
St. Paul & Omaha preferred	108⅜
Texas Pacific	28½
Union Pacific	58
Wabash	18½
Wabash preferred	30⅞
Wells Fargo	129
Western Union	75½

COTTON MARKETS.

Receipts at All United States Ports.

GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 25.—Cotton receipts at United States ports:

This day	12,976
This day last week	12,866
This day last year	22,009
Total receipts this season	4,763,453
Total receipts last season	4,506,796
Excess this season	256,557
Exports thus far this week	81,856
Stock at United States ports this day	832,861
Stock this day last year	1,025,290

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 25.—Cotton—Spot closed steady; sales, 6,50.

Low ordinary, 7½c; ordinary, 7⅝c; good ordinary, 7 [illegible]c; low middling, 8 3-16c; middling, 9½c; good middling 9 [illegible]c; middling fair, 10c; fair, 10 11-16c.

Futures opened steady, ruled quiet but steady, closing steady: April, May and June, 1 point higher.

Months.	1st call	2d call.	Close.
February	9 06@ 9 10	9 06@ 9 10	9 08@ 9 08
March	9 05@ 9 06	9 06@ 9 08	9 06@ 9 07
April	9 15@ 9 16	9 18@ 9 19	9 18@ 9 19
May	9 2[illegible]@ 9 26	9 29@ 9 30	9 29@ 9 30
June	9 39@ 9 41	9 40@ 9 42	9 40@ 9 41
July	9 50@ 9 51	9 [illegible]@ 9 52	9 50@ 9 52
August	9 49@ 9 51	9 50@ 9 52	9 50@ 9 52
September	9 16@ 9 19	9 19@ 9 20	9 18@ 9 20
October	.....	.....	.....
November	.....	.....	.....
December	.....	.....	.....
January	.....	.....	.....

Sales 17,700.

New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet and unchanged.

Ordinary, 6 13-16c; good ordinary, 8 3-16c; low middling, 9 1-16c; middling, 9 9-16c; good middling, 9 13-16c; middling fair, 10 7-16c.

Sales 71 bales.

Futures closed steady, 1 to 3 points higher than yesterday.

Sales 73,600 bales.

February	9 46@ 9 47
March	9 46@ 9 47
April	9 56@ 9 57
May	9 65@ 9 66
June	9 74@ 9 75
July	9 82@ 9 83
August	9 87@ 9 88
September	9 64@ 9 66
October	9 45@ 9 46
November	9 36@ 9 38

Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 25.—Cotton—Spot closed firm and unchanged.

Ordinary, 4 9-16d; good ordinary, 4 13-16d; low middling, 5 1-16d; middling uplands, 5 3-16d; middling Orleans, 5⅛d.

Total sales, 10,000; American, 800; imports, 28,000; American, 25,000.

Futures closed dull, 1 point higher than yesterday.

February	5 05 asked
February March	5 10 asked
March-April	5 10 asked
April-May	5 11 asked
May-June	5 13 asked
June-July	5 15 asked
July-August	5 16 asked
August-September	5 17 bid
September October	5 18 asked

Galveston.

GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 25.—Cotton—Spot closed firm, 1 16c higher.

Low ordinary, 6½c; ordinary, 7½c; good ordinary, 8½c; low middling, 8⅝c; middling 8 15-16c; good middling, 9 5-16c; middling fair, 9½c.

Gross receipts 674.

Sales, 3896.

Exports, 2622.

Stock on hand, 53,169.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Produce and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 25.—Flour—Quiet and steady. Wheat active, but unsettled and closing firmer; opened ⅛c lower, rallied ⅜c, fell off [illegible]c, advanced again and finally closed ⅛c higher than yesterday; No. 2 red cash 76⅝@77c; March, 76⅝@76¾c, closing at 76⅝c; May, 78⅝@79⅛c closing at 79⅛c; June, 80c. Corn dull and firmer, closing ⅛c better than yesterday. No 2 mixed cash, 33½c; March, 33½c; April 34⅛c bid, May 35½c. Oats—Dull, nominal and unchanged. No. 2 mixed cash, 27½@28c; March, 27½c asked; May, 28½c asked. Corn meal—Steady at $2 00. Whisky—Firmer at $1 04. Wool—Quiet and easy, not materially lower, medium, 21@26c; coarse braid, 16@21c; low sandy, 15@19c; fine light, 18@25c; heavy, 14@21c. Provisions—Dull but about unchanged. Pork, $10 25; lard, $6 80@6 85; bulk meats, unchanged. Bacon—long clear, $8 20; short ribs, $8 25@8 30; short clear, $8 40@8 50. Hams—Unchanged. Afternoon board—Wheat, firm, ⅛@⅜c better; corn, steady, ⅛c better; oats, steady, unchanged.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 25.—Wheat started at 77⅞c and rose sharply to 78⅛c; the market broke off again, rallied to 78⅛c and closed firm at ⅛@⅜c higher than yesterday. Tremendous speculative trading in pork, offerings fair at opening, few sales made at a decline of 5@10c but under sharp demand advanced 55@60c, fell back 20@25c several times and finally closed 42½@45c higher than yesterday. Lard ruled higher than yesterday. Short ribs 2½c higher. The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat, No. 2 February 72½c; March 72½c; May 78⅝c; June 79⅛@79½c. Corn—No. 2, February, 33½c; March, 33½c; May, 38⅜c; June, 39½@39⅝c. Pork—February, $15 67½; March, $15 67½; May, $15 92½; June, $15 95. Lard—February, $7 50; March, $7 02½; May, $7 15; June, $7 17½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet, and unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 72½@73c; No. 2 corn, 33½@33c; pork $15 67½@15 75; lard, $7 10; short rib sides, loose, $7 72½@7 75; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $5 40@6 00; short clear sides, boxed, $8 05@8 10; whisky, $1 18.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Flour—more act ve, weak but not quotably lower. Wheat, spot, ¼@½c lower, active in good part for export, options opened firm, advanced ½@¾c, declined ½@⅝c and closed steadier with a recovery of ⅛@½c; spot No. 2 red 88⅛@89½c; March 88⅞c; May 90½c; June 90⅞c. Corn, spot, ¼c, options ⅛@½c lower, closing steady; spot No 2, 47½c @48½c; elevator March 47⅞c; May 48⅝c; June 48½c. Coffee fair; Rio nominal at 14c; options lower and active; sales 73,250 bags; February $12 30@12 45; March, $12 15@12 20; April $12 15@12 25; June, $12 20; October $12 50. Sugar, dull and nominal; refined, quiet; moulds A, 5 15-16c; confectioners A, 5 9-16@5⅝c; off A, 5 1-16@5⅛c; cut loaf and crushed, 6 5-16@6½c; powdered, 5 13-16. Molasses dull and weak, at 30c; February, 18½c. Rice steady. Wool quiet and about steady. Domestic fleece, 30@38c; pulled, 34@45c; Texas, 9@25c. Pork, active: $14 25@14 50 for old; new do. $15 25. Cut meats, firm. Lard, active; Western steam, spot, $7 17½; March $7 15@7 17; May $7 26@7 32.

The Coffee Market.

GALVESTON, TEX., Feb. 25.—Coffee—Lower; prices revised as follows: Good ordinary, 15½c; fair, 16½c; prime, 16½@16¾c; choice, 17c; peaberry, 17½c; old government Java, 26c. Importers are filling round lot orders Rio coffees at following prices: Good ordinary 15⅝@16c; fair, 15½c; prime, 16½c; choice, 16¾c; Peaberry, 16½c.

Refrigerated Beef.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 25.—American refrigerated beef, hindquarters, 5½d; forequarters, 3½d per pound.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—American refrigerated beef, hindquarters, 5s 2d; forequarters, 2s 4d per 8 pounds by the carcass.

Live Stock Markets.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Feb. 25.—Cattle—Receipts 1400; shipments 500; market steady good to choice $4 10@4 45; common to medium $3 50@4 00; stockers $2 60@3 15; feeding steers $3 25@3 60; cows, $2 25@3 40. Hogs—Receipts 8300; shipments 3200; market weak; 5@10c lower at $5 10@5 55. Sheep Receipts 700; shipments 100; market steady; good to choice $3 25@3 75; common to medium $2 25@3 00.

ST LOUIS, MO., Feb. 25.—Cattle receipts 400; market steady; choice heavy native steers, $4 35@4 80; fair to good shipping steers, $3 70@4 25; butchers steers, fair to choice, $3 00@4 00; feeders, fair to good, $2 00@2 90; Texans, common to choice, $1 80@3 45. Hogs—Receipts 2900; active and a shade easier at $4 70@5 70. Sheep—Receipts 640; common to fair $2 60@3 80; medium to fancy $3 90@4 90.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Beeves—Receipts, 90 car-loads; steady; steers $4 15@5 35; bulls and dry cows $3 00@4 00; general sales were at $4 40@5 20 for steers; $3 00@3 60 for bulls and cows. Sheep—Receipts 8100; dull and weak; common to fancy $4 50@6 10; common to prime lambs $5 50@6 65.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 25.—Cattle—Receipts 7000; shipments 2000; market steady; shipping steers, 950 to 1500 pounds $3 40@3 45; stockers and feeders $1 50@3 90; cows, bulls and mixed stock $2 00@3 75; bulk $2 60@3 30. Hogs—Receipts 19,000, weak and 5@10c lower $4 80@5 80. Sheep—Receipts 7000; shipments 2000; market shade weaker; natives $3 00@4 90; western $3 75@4 70; Texans $2 50@4 50; lambs $4 50@5 75.

The Wool Market.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 25.—Wool—Firm; Ohio and West Virginia, 35@39c; New York, Michigan, Indiana and Western, 30@36c; fine washed delaine, 36@37c; medium and coarse unwashed combing and delaine, 29@31c; Eastern Oregon, 15@22c; Valley Oregon, 21@32c; New Mexican and Colorado, 15@22c.

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