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WHEAT MARKETS WEAKER.

In Spite of Heavy Clearances, a Large Increase in Visible Expected.

Liverpool Cables Heavier Towards the Close—Bacon Weak in Liverpool—The Local Grain Market is Firm—Butchers' Cattle Lower.

Friday Evening, Dec. 17. Bacon is lower in Liverpool. Liverpool wheat futures closed unchanged to bid lower. Feb. corn in Liverpool closed 1/4 higher than yesterday. Cash wheat is lower in Chicago. May wheat on crop 1/16c. Puts on May crop 2/16c, calls 2/16c to 2/16c.

At Toledo cover seed closed at \$3.17 for Dec. and at \$3.27 for March. Car receipts of grain at Chicago today: Wheat 270, corn 240, oats 277. Estimated for Saturday: Wheat 230, corn 220, oats 210.

Argentine shipments of wheat for the week all lower. Receipts of wheat at Liverpool the past three days were 207,000 cwt., including 180,000 cwt. of American. Corn same time 151,400 cwt.

Receipts of hogs at Chicago today 20,000, or 800 more than expected, official Thursday 28,822; left over 15,000. Estimated for Saturday 25,000. Market active and strong. Heavy shippers \$3.20 to \$3.50.

Cattle receipts at Chicago today 5,000; best grades steady, others weak to 1/16c lower.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth today 635 cars.

Exports at New York today: Flour 12, 557 bbls. and 40,229 sacks; wheat 28,313 bushels.

A noticeable feature of the flour trade is the large quantities of winter wheat flour which have been contracted by Ontario millers for the December-January month, chiefly to Liverpool and Glasgow. A miller writes a Montreal firm: "We have sold today for English account 1,000 sacks of 40 per cent. rollers at a price here which gives us 10c per bbl. more than your last sale in Montreal."

LOCAL LIFE STOCK.

There was a large run of live stock at the Western Cattle Market today, 31 loads all told, composed of 200 cattle, 285 sheep and lambs, 13 calves and 2000 hogs. Cattle from all generally speaking, of good quality. Prices a little better for exporters, the sold at \$1 to \$1.75 per cwt. for good loads, and some picked lots of choice good steers brought \$4.50 per cwt.

W. H. Patterson of Agincourt sold a choice load of his own feeding, exporters at \$4.75.

A. W. Maybes bought 2 loads of exporters, averaging 2200 lbs. each, at \$4 and \$4.50 per cwt. respectively.

E. J. Wheeler sold 2 exporters, 1112 lbs. each, at \$4, and 2 heifers at \$4 per cwt., less \$1 each.

J. & J. W. Dunn bought 8 exporters, weighing 1300 lbs. each, at \$4.40, and 4 weighing 1250 lbs. each, at \$3.75 per cwt., also several export bulls at \$3.50 to \$4.

Wheat sold the best bull offered, weighing 2000 lbs., at \$4 per cwt.

Anders bought 23 butchers' cattle, at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt., good loads \$4.35 to \$2.70 medium \$3.40, counts \$2.40 to \$1 to \$1.50.

Wheat-Liverpool bought yesterday and today 250 cattle at prices ranging from \$3.75 to \$4 per cwt.

R. Christie bought 48 cattle, weighing 1000 to 1200 lbs. each, at prices ranging from \$3.40 to \$3.40 and \$3.70 per cwt. less \$1 on the lot, and 14 heifers, weighing 1000 lbs. each, at \$3.65.

Alex Levanik bought 14 butchers' cattle, weighing 1000 lbs. each, at \$3.65.

Heavy feeders in demand, and prices firm. Several farmers as well as country dealers were on the market. Supplies limited and prices ranged from \$3.40 to \$3.75 for choice beef steers.

M. Buck sold 13 heavy feeders, weighing 1000 lbs. each, at \$3.60 per cwt., also 3 stock bulls, weighing 1300 lbs. each, at \$3 per cwt.

In stockers there was considerable trade at prices ranging from \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Milk cows more plentiful, and prices easier; 20 came forward, and while \$45 was paid for something choice. Calves sold at \$1.10 to \$1.38 each.

Prices for export sheep remained steady; 25,000 to \$3.40 per cwt., bucks \$2.30 to \$2.50.

Lamb's farmer at \$4.65 to \$4.85 per cwt. or \$3 to \$3.50 each. These prices were paid or \$3 to \$3.50 each.

ACTIVITY IN SECURITIES.

Local Shares in Better Demand and in Some Cases Higher.

Wall-street Fairly Active, Closing Firm at About the Best Prices of the Day—Easier Money in London and in New York—Consols Weaker.

Friday Evening, Dec. 17. Consols closed 1/16 to 3/16 lower at 100 1/2.

Gold is quoted in London at 84 1/2. Canadian Pacific is very strong, closing 1/16 higher in London at 84 1/2.

Bar silver in London is flat at 25 1/16 per ounce, and at New York 66 1/2, at London 46 1/2, and at Home 104 1/2.

Bank clearings at Montreal this week were \$15,200,227, as against \$11,030,353 the corresponding week of last year.

The net gold balance of the United States Treasury is \$150,357,000.

Cables from London to A. E. Ames & Co. report Grand Trunk guar. 1/4 lower at 6 1/2, and Hudson Bay 1/4 higher at 23 1/2.

Canadian stocks more active to-day, and the market was strong generally. C. P. R. and Toronto Railway were active, with both showing advances. Cable a little heavy, selling at 15 1/2. Bank of Commerce and Imperial Bank in good demand and strong.

Railway Earnings.

The earnings of Canadian Pacific for the week ended Dec. 14 were \$345,000, an increase of \$12,000 as compared with the corresponding week of last year.

St. Paul earnings for the second week of December show an increase of \$47,802. For November show net increase of \$688,802. For five months the net increase is \$324,588.

Toronto Railway Earnings.

The gross earnings from the beginning of the month to the 15th inst. were as follows:

	Earnings.	Increase.
1.....	\$ 1,188 51	\$ 222 30
2.....	1,177 14	464 11
3.....	1,280 73	1,222 00
4.....	1,318 38	1,318 38
5.....	1,318 38	1,318 38
6.....	1,318 38	1,318 38

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EIGHTEENTH YEAR

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Russia Takes Quiet Possession of Port Arthur.

CHINA RAISED NO PROTEST

The Czar's Navy Simply Needs Winter Station in the East.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—No. 1 Northern wheat, 7s 5 1/2 to 7s 9 1/2; No. 1 Cal. 10s 100; peas, 4s 8 1/2; corn, 2s 2 1/2; pork, 48s 9d for five western; lard, 22s 0d; bacon, heavy, 1s 4 1/2; do, light, 2s 0d; do, short cut, 2s 0d; tallow, 1s 10d; futures steady at 7s 5 1/2 Liverpool—Wheat futures steady at 7s 4 1/2 for Dec. 7s 4d for March, 7s 4d for May, 7s 4d for Jan. and 7s 4d for Feb. Flour 25s 6d.

London—Wheat of coast and on passage steady. English country markets quiet. Flour—Wheat 29 1/2 for Jan. Flour 6 1/2 for Jan. Flour 29 1/2 for March. Flour 29 1/2 for May. Flour 29 1/2 for July. Flour 29 1/2 for Sept. Flour 29 1/2 for Nov. Flour 29 1/2 for Dec. Flour 29 1/2 for Jan. Flour 29 1/2 for Feb. Flour 29 1/2 for March. Flour 29 1/2 for April. Flour 29 1/2 for May. Flour 29 1/2 for June. Flour 29 1/2 for July. Flour 29 1/2 for August. Flour 29 1/2 for September. Flour 29 1/2 for October. Flour 29 1/2 for November. Flour 29 1/2 for December.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	May.
Chicago.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
New York.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Milwaukee.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
St. Louis.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Indianapolis.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Detroit.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Duluth.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Minneapolis.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Portland.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
San Francisco.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Toronto, No. 1 hard.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Toronto, No. 1 Northern.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Toronto, No. 1 soft.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Toronto, No. 1 extra.....	80 1/2	80 1/2
Toronto, No. 1 extra.....	80 1/2	80 1/2

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

FLLOUR—The market is quiet, and prices unchanged. Straight rollers quoted at \$3.20 to \$3.40, middle freights.

WHEAT—The market to-day was quiet, with sales of red winter at \$1.25 to \$1.30, and of white at \$1.25 to \$1.30. Spring is quoted at \$2.25 to \$2.50, and winter at \$1.25 to \$1.30. No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted at 91c for Fort William and at 90c for Owen Sound and Midland.

BARLEY—The market continues firm, with fair offerings. No. 2 is quoted at 32c east, No. 3 extra at 27c to 28c east, and No. 3 at 25c west.

OATS—The market continues firm, with sales to-day at 14c north and west, and at 14 1/2c on Midland.

PEAS—The market is steady, with sales to-day at 14c north and west, and at 14 1/2c on Midland.

BUCKWHEAT—The market is unchanged, with sales at 30c west and at 31c east.

RYE—The market is firm, with fair demand. Sales were made at 45c high freight and at 45c on Midland.

CORN—The market is quiet, with a limited movement; nothing coming forward.

BRAN—Business quiet, with cars quoted at \$7.50 west. Shorts \$1.10 to \$1.20 middle freights.

OATMEAL—The market is quiet and prices unchanged at \$3.10 in bags and \$3.20 in barrels on freight.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

The range in prices is as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am Sugar Trust.....	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
American Tobacco.....	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Am Spirits.....	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Am Cotton.....	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Am Oil.....	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Am Paper.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Rubber.....	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Am Tea.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Tobacco.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Wine.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Zinc.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Lead.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Tin.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Iron.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Steel.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Coal.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Lumber.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Glass.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Cement.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Brick.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Am Paper.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
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