

CHICAGO MARKET.

Chicago, Feb. 13.

The early Cables this morning were $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ for the two options of March and May in advance of Saturday's closing. There is still quite a local bearish sentiment prevailing under the belief that with more moderate weather, which is likely to be followed by snow flurries, the large shipments from South America and other competitive countries will prevent any such large marketing of our wheat in Europe as we have had for the past six months. We are inclined to the belief, however, that outside of South America shipments from other countries will not be large. The fall sown wheat has been materially damaged, there is no doubt, and we believe the marketing of our surplus wheat will be much curtailed on any decline from present prices.

Intensely cold weather, reports of crop damage and smaller receipts have advanced wheat of late. The world is drawing on the last crop, not on old crops and supplies, and Europe depends very largely for its wheat on this country. The corn sales to Europe are also very large, and the facts in regard to this cereal are in our judgment distinctly bullish. Oats will follow other grain. We favor purchases on the declines and sales on the advances.

Corn—The heavy movement that is looked for in the near future, when the weather becomes bearable for outdoor work, has created quite a bearish feeling in corn. There is a good demand at the sea-board, but corn is not obtainable except at higher relative prices than will prevail when navigation opens. This causes an accumulation at primary points, and is rather a bearish feature, but the market has shown a good deal of strength lately.

Provisions—The export demand for lard and meat is improving. The consumption of provisions is very heavy throughout the country and indeed throughout the world. Prices are comparatively low, hogs and grain have risen, labor is everywhere employed, the tendency is towards a broad speculative trade, the consumption will probably surpass all previous records, and we believe the tendency of prices is upward.

STREET RAILWAY EARNINGS.

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY.			
	1898.	1897.	Inc.
Oct.	\$133,419.63	\$116,093.09	\$17,326.54
Nov.	125,125.09	110,698.98	14,426.11
Dec.	127,668.38	112,919.71	14,648.67
1899.			
Jan.	125,432.06	110,140.83	15,319.13
Feb. 7,	\$4,218.00	.....	Inc. \$342.25
" 8,	3,864.47	.....	" 24.47
" 9,	4,033.85	.....	" 187.60
" 10,	3,867.93	.....	" 90.10
" 11,	4,356.33	.....	" 370.63
" 12,	3,333.99	.....	" 201.98
TORONTO STREET RAILWAY.			
For month of July, 1899	\$103,892.93		
" Aug. "	109,300.54		
" Sept. "	138,021.74		
" Oct. "	99,650.16		
" Nov. "	100,204.95		
" Dec. "	108,924.86		
For month of Jan. 1899	95,690.12		
" 1898	86,562.36		
Increase	9,127.76		
Feb. 7, \$3,411.54	Inc. \$196.99	
" 8, 3,368.96	" 195.57	
" 9, 3,523.96	" 221.61	

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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

	CLOSING PRICES FEB. 6 TO 10.					TO-DAY'S PRICES.			
	6	7	8	9	10	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—									
May.....	72 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.....	70 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	70 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn—									
May.....	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.....	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	37	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept.....	.....	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	38	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats—									
May.....	28	28	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	29	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.....	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork—									
May.....	10 15	10 10-12 10	17-20	10 07	10 02	10 02	10 12	10 00	10 12
July.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lard—									
May.....	5 77	5 75	5 75-7	5 72	5 05	5 65	5 72	5 65	5 72
July.....	5 87-90	5 87	5 87	5 82	5 77	5 77	5 82	5 77	5 82
Sept.....	.....	.....	5 97	5 92	5 87	.....	5 92	5 87	5 92
Sht ribs—									
May.....	5 07	5 05	5 07	5 02-5	5 00	5 00	5 07	5 00	5 07
July.....	5 17	5 17	5 20	5 15	5 10-12	.....	5 17	5 12	5 17
Sept.....	.....	5 30	5 30	5 27	5 25	.....	5 30	5 25	5 30

MINING STOCKS.

Quotations for active British Columbia Mining Stocks furnished by R. Meredith & Co., Mining Brokers, 51 St. Francois Xavier Street.

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	Bid.	Asked.
Big Three.....	.21	.25
Branan & Golden Crown.....	.20	.25
California.....	.04	.08
Canada Gold Fields Syn.....
Cariboo Hydraulic.....	.95	1.10
Cariboo McKinley.....	.....	.....
City of Paris.....	.50	.60
Deer Park.....	.17	.18
Evening Star.....	.09	.11
Fern.....	.....	.55
Golden Cache.....	.....	.06
Gold Hills Developing.....	.06	.10
Giant.....	.....	.05
Iron Colt.....	.11	.12
Iron Mask.....	.75	.86
Jumbo.....	.....	.47
K. ob Hill.....	.81	.85
Monte Christo Con.....	.10	.11
Montreal & London.....	.90	.92
Montreal Gold Fields.....	.23 $\frac{1}{2}$	.24
Noble Five.....	.19	.21
Old Ironsides.....	.....	1.05
Smuggler.....	.06	.07 $\frac{1}{2}$
Silverline.....	.....	.05
Tin Horn.....	.....	.12
Two Friends.....	.....	.....
Virginia.....	.40	.45
War Eagle Con.....	3.47	3.48
Winchester.....	.....	.09
White Bear.....	.03 $\frac{1}{2}$	.04

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.

Receipts for week ending	
Feb. 5th.....	\$1,883.85
Previous week.....	1,896.85
Decrease receipts..... \$13.00	
Receipts to date Feb. 8th, 1899	
Passengers, 27,508	\$1,337.20
Feb. 1898 " 23,624	1,172.92
Receipts Jan., 1899, passengers	
" " 1898	189,114 \$8,898.20
" " 1898	159,646 8,103.50

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