

CHICAGO MARKET.

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DULL HOLIDAY TRADE -- WHEAT OPENS FROM 1/8 TO 1/4 HIGHER; BUT DECLINES -- PROVISIONS ARE WITHOUT SNAP.

Chicago, December 26.

Openings to-day in May and July wheat were from 1/8 to 1/4 higher than previous close. At New York, March, May and July opened at 75, which was also an advance of from 1/8 to 1/4. Exchanges on the other side being closed, there were no cables giving leading one way or the other. The leading was not likely to be very pronounced and would have hindered the market's sagging tendency. Around New York transactions are scarce and unimportant, and as the inactivity of this year having been more than usual, there would require some stronger influence to rouse the market than as yet is in sight.

Receipts to-day were:

Wheat, car lots, 90, shipments, 85,461.

Corn, car lots, 430, shipments 37,077.

Oats, car lots, 288, shipments none.

Provisions opened higher, but there was not much snap and there must be better support or market will sell off.

Further reports about Russian and Argentine crops give an estimate rather larger than previous ones and are giving some an impression that these especially, the Argentine ones, have not been fully discounted. There have been large shipments from that country and they are increasing much more than ever. Liverpool cables are not expected before to-morrow. Export demand for flour and for wheat being at present very limited and other conditions such as visible supply being greater have little stimulus for the American market outside the uncertainties of the war in South Africa.

Wheat in sight and on passage.

Vis'ble s'p-	1899.	1899.	1898.
ply U.S.	Dec. 26,	Dec. 18,	Dec. 25,
& Ca'da.	58,878,000	57,093,000	28,783,000
On pass.			
to U.K.	13,120,000	14,080,000	1,800,000
On pass. to			
Cont'ent.	6,480,000	7,720,000	8,480,000

Total.....78,478,000 78,893,000 55,263,000

The total amount of wheat in sight and on passage shows a decrease of 415,000 bushels compared with a week ago and an increase of 23,215,000 a year ago.

The amount of wheat on passage to the United Kingdom shows a decrease of 960,000 bushels compared with a week ago, and a decrease of 4,880,000 compared with a year ago.

The amount of wheat on passage to the Continent shows a decrease of 1,240,000 bushels compared with a week ago, and a decrease of 2,000,000 bushels compared with a year ago.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN U. S. AND CANADA.

	Dec. 26,	Dec. 18,	Dec. 25,
	1899.	1899.	1898.
Wheat	58,578,000	57,093,000	28,783,000
Corn..	12,361,000	11,583,000	18,700,000
Oats...	6,473,000	5,382,000	5,947,000
Barley	2,642,000	2,891,000	4,144,000

On last week. On last year.

Wheat inc	.....1,485,000	Inc.....29,795,000
Corn inc	..... 776,000	Dec... 6,339,000
Oats inc	..... 91,000	Dec.... 474,000
Barley dec	..... 249,000	Dec... 1,502,000

	---FADING PRICES DEC. 19 TO DEC. 23---					---PRICES TO 12.30---			
	19	20	21	22	23	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest	Close
Wheat--									
Dec.....	69 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	....	66	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2 A
July.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	70 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2 A
May.....	70 1/2-1/2 B	69 1/2-1/2 L	69 1/2-1/2 A	69 1/2-1/2	69 1/2-1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Corn -									
Dec.....	30 1/2-1/2	30 1/2 A	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	.....	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2 B
Jan.....	30 1/2-1/2	30 1/2-1/2 A	30 1/2 B	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2 A
May.....	32 1/2-1/2	32 1/2 B	33 B	33	33	33	33	32 1/2-33	33A
Oats--									
Dec.....	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2 B	22 1/2	.....	.....	22 1/2	.....	22 1/2 B
Jan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May.....	24 1/2	23 1/2-1/2	24	24	24 1/2	24 1/2-24	24	24 1/2	24 1/2 B
Pork--									
Dec.....	8 75	8 75 N	8 80	8 80 N	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jan.....	9 80 A	9 80	9 85 B	10 05 B	10 00	10 05	10 05	10 02	10 02
May.....	10 25	10 25 A	10 25-7	10 40 B	10 35	10 42	10 42	10 35	10 35
Lard--									
Dec.....	5 12	5 05 N	5 20	5 27 N	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jan.....	5 30-32	5 30-32	5 45	5 50-2	5 47	5 55	5 55	5 47	5 47
May.....	5 50 A	5 35	5 65	5 72-5	5 70	5 75	5 75	5 67-70	5 67-70
Strains--									
Dec.....	5 20	5 20 N	5 25	5 25 N	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jan.....	5 22	5 22	5 27 A	5 30 B	5 27	.....	5 27	5 25	5 25 A
May.....	5 37	5 37	5 42-5	5 50 B	5 47	5 50	5 50	5 42-5	5 42-5 B

Puts and Calls for Dec. 27-- Puts, May Wheat 69 1/2
Calls " " 69 1/2 Puts, May Corn 33
Calls, " " 33

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

STOCKS	Shares.	Par Value	CAPITAL.		Rest as per Last Statement.	Div. per cent.	Bus-ers
			Paid up.				
MISCELLANEOUS.							
British America.....	50		\$ 750,000	\$ 79,381		3 1/2	124
Western Assurance.....	40		1,000,000	125,743		5	103 1/2
Canada Life.....	400		125,000	.....		10	536
Confederation Life Association.....	100		100,000	.....		7 1/2	27 1/2
Imperial Life Assurance Co.....	100		450,000	47,821		.....	147
Consumers' Gas.....	50		1,700,000	.....		2 1/2 qr	24
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Co.....	40		400,000	.....		.....	60
Victoria Rolling Stock Co.....	5000		60,000	60,000		10	.....
Toronto Electric Light Co., Old.....	100		1,400,000	.....		1 1/2	135
" " " " New.....	.....		240,000	.....		1 1/2	13 1/2
Canadian General Electric Co.....	100		900,000	40,000		4	178
" " " " 20 p.c.....	100		300,000	.....		3	100 1/2
Hamilton Electric Light.....	100		250,000	60,000		1	30
LOAN and SAVINGS CO.							
British Canadian Ln & Invest. Co.....	100		398,481	120,000		3	.....
Building and Loan Association.....	25		750,000	100,000		1	38
Can. Landed & Nat'l. Inv't. Co.....	100		1,004,000	350,000		8	85
Canada Permanent Ln. & Sav. Co.....	.....		2,000,000	1,200,000		3	120
" " " " 20 per cent.....	.....		600,000	.....		3	123
Canadian Savings & Loan Co.....	50		734,175	220,000		3	115
Central Canada Ln. & Sav's Co.....	.....		875,000	380,000		1 1/2 qr	13 1/2
" " " " 20 per cent.....	.....		325,000	.....		.....	.....
Dominion Savings and Invest. Soc.....	50		930,627	10,000		2 1/2	75 1/2
Freehold " " " ".....	.....		478,100	300,000		3	75
" " " " 20 per cent.....	.....		843,000	.....		3	65
Hamilton Provident & Inv't Soc.....	100		1,100,000	300,000		3	110 1/2
Huron & Erie Ln. & Savings Co.....	50		1,000,000	750,000		4 1/2	177
" " " " 20 per cent.....	.....		400,000	.....		4 1/2	167
Imperial Loan & Inv't Co.....	100		725,155	160,000		3	80
Landed Banking & Loan Co.....	100		700,000	160,000		3	100
London & Can. Ln. & Agency Co.....	50		700,000	210,000		1 1/2 qr	60
London Loan Co.....	50		631,600	83,900		2	108 1/2
London & Ontario Investment.....	100		550,000	100,000		3	85
Manitoba & North-West Loan Co.....	100		375,000	50,000		.....	48
North of Scotland Can. Mortg. Co.....	£10		730,000	418,583		5	.....
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.....	50		1,200,000	490,000		3 1/2	120
Peoples Loan & D. Co.....	50		593,429	40,000		.....	75
Real Estate Loan Co.....	40		373,720	50,000		2	64
Toronto Savings & Loan.....	100		600,000	105,000		3	128
Union Loan & Savings Co.....	50		692,020	200,000		1	38
Western Canada " ".....	50		1,000,000	770,000		3	100
" " " " 25 per cent.....	.....		500,000	.....		3	98

* After deducting \$511,982 for reinsurance. † After deducting \$792,049 for reinsurance. This List is compiled from the fortnightly circular issued by the Secretary Toronto Stock Exchange.