

New York Wheat.

New York, Dec. 20.—Statement of visible supply on store and afloat Saturday, December 16, as compiled by New York Produce Exchange is as follows: Wheat 35,565,000, increase 821,000.

New York, Dec. 20.—Wheat — Receipts 151,700 bushels, exports 331,775 bushels, sales 2,375,000 bushels futures 40,000 bushels, spot. Spot strong, No. 2 red \$1.00 7-8 f.o.b. afloat, No. 1 northern Duluth \$1.01 3-8, No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.01 5-8, No. 1 Northern New York \$1.02 7-8. Options opened firm on strength in Chicago and advanced with few interruptions all day on bullish American and English visible supply future, better late cables, heavy clearances and generally better demand closing 2 1-2; up on December and 1-2c to 1 5-8c net higher on other months; No. 2 red Jan. 98 1-8c to 99 1-2c, closed 99 1 2; May 94c to 95 3-8, closed 95 3-8; July 88c to 89 7-8c, closed 89 7-8c; Dec. 99 3-4c to \$1.01 3-8, closed \$1.01 3-8.

New York, Dec. 21.—Wheat — Receipts 100,225 bushels, exports 196,111 bushels, sales 4,365,000 bushels, futures: 96,000 bushels, spot. Spot weak; No. 2 red 99 1-2 f.o.b. afloat, No. 1 Northern Duluth \$1.02 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.03 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern New York \$1.01 3-4. Options opened easy under disappointing cables, rallied very sharply on small Northwest receipts and renewed bullish feeling, but finally collapsed under heavy unloading, and closed 7-8c lower, No. 2 red Jan. opened 98 3-8 to 99 7-8, closed 98 3-8; May opened 93 7-8 to 95 11-16, closed 91; Dec. opened \$1.00 1-2 to \$1.02, closed \$1.00 1-2.

New York, Dec. 22.—Wheat — Receipts 110,075 bushels, exports 63,985 bushels, sales 2,060,000 bushels, futures 48,000 bushels, spot. Spot weak, No. 2 red \$1.00 5-8 f.o.b. afloat, No. 1 Northern Duluth \$1.02 7-8 f.o.b. afloat, No. 1 hard Manitoba \$1.02 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern New York \$1.01 5-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened steady on unexpectedly favorable cables and later showed some firmness on light offerings and fair bull support, but finally broke sharply under liquidation in December which closed 3-4 cent off against 1-8c to 1-4c net loss in other months; No. 2 red Jan. 98 1-8c to 98 3-4c closed 98 1-8c; May 93 9-10c to 94 7-16 closed 93 1-8; July 87 5-8 to 88c, closed 87 5-8c; Dec. 99 5-8 to \$1.01 3-16, closed 99 5-8.

New York, Dec. 23.—Wheat — receipts 72,150 bushels; exports 154,604 bushels; sales 2,145,000 bushels; futures: 160,000 spot. Spot firm; No. 2 red \$1.01 3-4 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, \$1.01 do.; No. 1 northern, New York, \$1.02 3-4. Options opened firm on unexpectedly better cables and was advanced later on war talk from Europe and a good demand from all local sources, closing strong at 1 1-8 to 5-8 net advance. No. 2 red January '98 7-8 to 99, closed 95 1-2; July 88 1-8 to 89 1-16, closed 88 1-2; December, \$1.01 to 1.01 5-8 closed \$1.01 1-8.

On Friday, December 24 wheat closed at \$1.01 3-4 for December, and 95 3-8c for May option. A week ago May wheat closed at 93 3-4c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Friday, Dec. 24, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 93c for December, and 91c for May option. A week ago May wheat closed at 90 1-8c.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices

Prices are quoted per bushel of 60 pounds for wheat, bushel of 56 pounds of corn, bushel of 32 pounds of oats, per barrel for mess pork, and per 100 pounds for lard and short rib bacon; flax seed per bushel of 56 pounds.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Interest in the big December wheat deal was greatly increased to-day by the arrival from Washington of L. Z. Leiter, the millionaire ex-merchant of Chicago, and the substantial admission by him that his millions were at his son's command in his struggle with other interests. "My son has plenty of money to pay for the wheat he has purchased," said Mr. Leiter. "The quality of the wheat which he has purchased is of the highest, and I am sure will be in demand at a higher price than he paid for it, I am well pleased with the situation."

Geo. B. French, one of the Leiter clique, stated to-day that the bull combination will have about 6,000,000 bushels of wheat to take care of. The tactics of Armour in rushing millions of bushels to the Chicago market, he said, have caused the Leiter following to change some of their plans very materially. There was another big increase in the amount of contract wheat in store here to-day, over 500,000 bushels being added to the stocks. At least 3,000,000 bushels more are expected to arrive, and in the liquidation of this is expected to come the final test of strength for Leiter. The 500,000 bushels delivered to-day had not the slightest weakening effect on December. On the contrary it sold as high as \$1.02 shortly after the opening. It subsequently reacted to 99 1-2, which was 1-2c above where it closed Saturday.

The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec. \$1.00, Jan. 95 1-2c, May 91 1-4c.

Corn—Dec. 26 3-4c, Jan. 27c, May 29 7-8c.

Oats—Dec. 21 7-8c, May 22 3-4c, to 22 7-8c.

Mess pork—Dec. \$7.72 1-2, Jan. \$8.77 1-2, May \$9.05.

Lard—Dec. \$4.50, Jan. \$4.65, May \$4.82 1-2.

Short ribs—Dec. \$4.47 1-2, Jan. \$4.50, May \$4.67 1-2.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. \$1; Jan. 94; May 93 1-4.

Corn—Dec. 26 3-8, Jan. 26 3-4; May 29 3-8 to 1-2.

Oats—Dec. 21 3-4; May 22 5-8.

Mess pork — Dec. \$7.60; Jan. \$8.62 1-2; May \$8.77 1-2.

Lard—Dec. \$4.40; Jan. \$4.52 1-2; May \$4.72 1-2.

Short ribs—Dec. and Jan. \$4.40; May \$4.45.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 98 3-4c, Jan. 93 1-2c, May 92 7-8c to 93c.

Corn—Dec. 26 1-4 to 3-8c, Jan. 26 1-2c, May 29 3-8 to 1-2c, July 30 12c.

Oats—Dec. 21 7-8c to 22c, May 22 5-8c.

Pork—Dec. \$7.65, Jan. \$8.70, May \$8.92 1-2.

Lard—Dec. \$4.45, Jan. \$4.57 1-2, May \$4.72 1-2.

Short ribs—Dec. \$4.42 1-2, Jan. \$4.42 1-2, May \$4.52 1-2.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The possibility that Leiter and Armour will pool their interests to corner May wheat is stirring traders on change. The Post says: "George French operating for the Leiter crowd, has piled up a line of at least four mil-

lion bushels of May wheat, according to reports from the floor. Armour's radical change of front in buying May wheat is common knowledge. It is equally well known that Armour has a pyramid of May wheat bought, which is supposed to come close to the Leiter holding. As if to emphasize the bull talk both Armour's and Leiter's men bought wheat to-day. Armour's movements are closely veiled, but Leiter's engineers make no secret of their dealings in May wheat. Already that option is regarded as being as very dangerous for the public to handle."

The leading futures closed as follows.

Wheat—Dec., 99 1-2; Jan., 94 3-4; May, 93 3-8.

Corn — Dec., 26 1-2; Jan., 26 3-4; May, 29 1-2; July, 30 1-2.

Oats—Dec., 22 1-2; May, 23.

Mess pork—Dec., \$7.70; Jan., \$8.72 1-2; May, \$8.87 1-2.

Lard—Dec., \$4.45; Jan., \$4.57 1-2; May, \$4.72 1-2.

Ribs—Dec., \$4.40; Jan., \$4.42 1-2; May, \$4.57 1-2.

On Friday, Dec. 24, May wheat opened at 94 1-8 and ranged between the opening price and 94 7-8c. Closing prices were:

Wheat—Dec. 99c, May 94 1-4c, July \$4 1-2.

Corn—Dec. 26 5-8c, May 29 5-8c.

Oats—Dec. 22 5-8c, May 23 1-2c.

Pork—Dec. \$7.70, Jan. \$8.75.

Lard—Jan \$4.55.

Ribs—Jan \$4.42 1-2c.

Flax seed—Cash \$1.19 1-2.

A week ago May wheat closed at 92 1-2. A year ago May wheat closed at \$1 7-8c, two years ago at 58 5-8c, and three years ago at 57 5-8c.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Closing—Corn — Futures steady; Dec. 3s 1-2d; Jan. 3s 2d; Feb. 3s 17-8d.

BRITISH STOCKS.

London, Dec. 23.—4 p.m. closing—Consols for money 112 5-16; consols for the account 112 7-16. Canadian Pacific 83 7-8.

BUSINESS AT TORONTO.

Shorter credits for knitted goods. Yarns lower. Tomatoes reach \$1.00.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 24.

This was the first week of sleighing throughout Ontario. Business very active. Grain deliveries increasing. Best holiday demand in the retail trade for five years. Holiday goods absorbing attention. The Canadian Knitting Mills association has decided to shorten credit to four months, March and September 1st, with uniform cash discount Canadian white yarns and wrapped are slightly reduced. There are inquiries from Winnipeg for Ontario cats, with offers from here at 40 cents delivered in Winnipeg, and 37 bid. Sugars are firm, cane in Europe one penny dearer. Canned salmon is stronger. Tomatoes are dearer, and \$1 is now asked. Currants firmer, and stocks almost exhausted. Ontario and Manitoba wheat 1-2c lower.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Fourteen loads into to-day, including about eight hundred hogs. Scarcely any market. Butchers' cattle, 23-4c to 31-2c; shippers, 31-2 to 41-4c; bulls, 3 to 31-2; stockers, 23-4 to 31-4c; feeders, 3 to 31-2c; stock bulls, 2 to 21-4c. Hogs, best bacon, \$4.75 thick fat and light \$4.25 off cars.