#### 141CAGO MARKET.

#### REVIEW FOR THE WEEK.

The wheat position remains unchanged, during the past week prices have remained almost stationary. The fluctuations have been narrow, and the closing prices of each day relatively the same. Some Bear news sifted through on one or two occasions, in spite of the watchful Bulls—but crop damage, although still in reality the controlling factor has temporarily lost some of its effect. Drought conditions have been somewhat relieved in the most urgent cases. Elsewhere indications point to no special improvement or material increase in estimates.

The Government report issued at the beginning of the week was not no satisfactory to the Bears as they had hoped for, and again the substantial decreases in both the visible supply and Bradstreet's helper greatly to strengthen the position of the Bulls

The shipments of wheat from Fereign sources have helped to supply the Contitinental demand. This has been specially noticeable in the case of the Argentine shipments, which have aggregated something over twenty-one millions since January 1st to date compared with seventeen millions for the corresponding period a year age. Foreign markets have been inclined to cut adrift, from American markets, as shown by the asking price for vessel loads.

The statistical position seems making for increased strength in the falling off in the receipts at primary points. The question of acreage will stor be reported upon more definitely. Reports indicate that spring wheat seeding has been nearly accomplished and but little later than a year age which was called an early season. For the present we believe that wheat upon all substantial depressions will be a good purchase. It would seem to require some large of time to develop really bearish conditions in the wheat speculation, although on the other hand the price is not low in comparison with several years back.

As regards the corn situation, Messrs. Norton & Switzer send us the following:

During the past two weeks there has been large sales of corn for Eastern consumption and for export, and mest of the 3,5000,000 bushels which was afloat in Chicago, together with a large portion of the Duluth and Minneapolis stocks formerly held for Western account, has been sold. Now that navigation is open, the movement of corn will be mainly through Chicago, and the receipts here will be a good indication of what the country is doing. Receipts will doubtless increase some, but we believe not to an extent that will prevent a rapid decrease of the Chicago stock, indeed the demand now is considerably more than equal to receipts of 500 cars per day. There has been almost an entire absence of speculation in corn for two or three months; the market has dragged down to a strictly supply and de-

r and standpoint, and we believe the present period of depression is the opportunity to buy for investment. With natural conditions, a steady peresse is the visible supply invariably results in an advance.

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