

FEAR FROST IN CANADIAN WEST

Wheat Shows Firmness at Chicago—Irregularity in Corn.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Bull was in control of both the wheat and corn pits today until near the close, when there was a general easing. Wheat ended at a net advance of 1/4 to 3/4, but corn was irregular, closing 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher. Oats finished unchanged to 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, and provisions were 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher.

Corn claimed attention today to a greater extent than wheat, the market approaching in some activity the recent prolonged bull campaign. The weather map seemed to be the dominating influence, dry, hot conditions prevailing in the southwest and most of the remainder of the belt. Reports of rains in Illinois did not seem to have the tendency of prices, and December again reached 70c. Leading longs added largely to their holdings, and the market remained firm and active for the greater part of the day. Weakness was manifest at the close on a number of profit-taking sales. Western Iowa reported corn selling there 1/4 higher than wheat.

Frost scares in the Canadian northwest tonight was a prominent factor in the uplift given wheat. Strength of corn also helped the wheat bulls. The fact that the market had been slightly over-sold added stimulation and shorts covered freely. Bullish cables formed an additional lift to prices, limited offerings of new wheat at European centers being an interesting feature of the day's news. Expert opinion held that there has been too much rain in the northwest, and the fear of damage from this source was one of the day's bullish influences.

Oats became dull after firm start, and prices weakened with the easing of other grain.

Trade in provisions was not large, and price fluctuations were narrow. Selling of October ribs by a leading house was the chief feature of the market.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 30 loads of hay, which was sold at 10c to 11c, new, and one load of old hay, which sold at 8c to 9c.

Wheat, fall, bushel, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Barley, bushel, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Oats, bushel, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Hay, mixed, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Hay, bunched, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Straw, loose, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Vegetables, per bushel, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Potatoes, per bushel, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Butter, farmers', \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Eggs, new, dozen, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

Spring chickens, dressed, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

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LIVE STOCK MARKET ALMOST UNCHANGED

Hogs, Sheep and Calves Steady—Lambs Firmer.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Yards were 61 cars, 798 cattle, 1223 hogs, 1094 sheep and lambs, 295 calves and 25 horses. The cattle trade was dull and drab, but the market was steady for the week of all held over stuff.

Prices for cattle were on a par with Wednesday's quotations. Hogs, sheep and calves were steady, but lambs were fully 25c per cwt. higher again.

Good butchers sold at \$8.10 to \$8.40; medium butchers, \$7.80 to \$8.10; common, \$7.50 to \$7.80; good cows, at \$5.50 to \$5.75; medium cows, at \$4.75 to \$5.00; common cows, at \$4.25 to \$4.50; rough, common cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00; rough, common cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Feeder, 800 to 900 lbs., are worth from \$5.00 to \$5.25; medium cows, at \$4.75 to \$5.00; rough, common cows, at \$4.25 to \$4.50; rough, common cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00; rough, common cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Trade in milkers and springers was a little more active, and the average of prices was a little higher. The quotations ranged from \$4.50 to \$7.50, the bulk selling at from \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Veal calves were about steady. Choice veal calves sold at \$8.50 to \$9.00; good calves sold at \$7.50 to \$8.00; medium calves, at \$6.50 to \$7.00; common calves, at \$5.50 to \$6.00; inferior, rough calves, \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Sheep prices were steady at \$5 to \$5.25 for light and medium ewes, at \$4.50 to \$5.00 for culls and rams, \$3 to \$3.75; choice lambs, \$5.50 to \$7; medium to good lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.50; rough, common lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.50.

The bulk of the hogs sold at \$10.25, fed and watered, and \$9.00, f.o.b. cars, but there were a few lots brought a little more.

Representative Sales: McDonald and Halligan sold on Wednesday and Thursday 15 car loads of live stock: Best butchers, at \$8 to \$8.40; medium butchers, at \$7.50 to \$8.00; common butchers, at \$7.00 to \$7.50; good cows, at \$5.50 to \$5.75; medium cows, at \$4.75 to \$5.00; common cows, at \$4.25 to \$4.50; rough, common cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00; rough, common cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

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