

CHICAGO MARKET—May 27, 1899.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

| | CLOSING PRICES MAY 22 TO MAY 26 | | | | | TO-DAY'S PRICES | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|--------|-----------------|----------|--------|-----------|-----|
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | Opening. | Highest. | Lowest | Closing | |
| Wheat— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May..... | 74 | 73½ | ..... | 75½ | 74½ | 74½ | 74½ | 74½ | 74½ | |
| July..... | 75 | 74½-¾ | 75½ | 76½ | 75½ | 75-4½ | 75½ | 74½ | 75½-¾ | |
| Sept..... | 74½ | 74½-¾ | 75 | 76½-¾ | 75½ | 74½ | 75½ | 74½ | 75½ | |
| Corn— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May..... | 33 | 32½ | ..... | 33½ | 32½ | ..... | ..... | ..... | 32½ | |
| July..... | 33½-¾ | 33½-¾ | 33½ | 33½ | 33 | 32½ | 32½ | 32½ | 32½ | |
| Sept..... | 34½ | ¾-34 | 34 | 34½ | 33½-¾ | 33½ | ¾-33 | ¾-33 | 33½ | |
| Oats— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May..... | 20½ | 20½-¾ | ..... | 25½ | 25½ | 25 | 25½ | 24½ | 24½ | |
| July..... | 23½-4 | 23½-¾ | 23½ | 23½-¾ | 22½ | 22½-¾ | 22½ | 22½ | 22½ | |
| Sept..... | 20½-1 | 20½ | 20½ | 20½ | 19½-¾ | 19½-¾ | 19½ | 19½ | 19½-¾ | |
| Pork— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May..... | 8 15 | 8 17 | ..... | 8 05 | 8 95 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 07 | |
| July..... | 8 25 | 8 25-7 | 8 22 | 8 15 | 8 07 | 8 07 | 8 17 | 8 10 | 8 15 | |
| Sept..... | 8 40 | 8 42 | 8 37 | 8 30 | 8 22 | 8 20 | 8 32 | 8 20 | 8 30-2 | |
| Lard— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May..... | 5 10 | 5 07 | ..... | 4 95 | 4 95 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 97 | |
| July..... | 5 15 | 5 15 | 5 07 | 5 02 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 05 | 5 00 | 5 02 | |
| Sept..... | 5 27 | 5 27 | 5 22 | 5 15 | 5 12 | 5 10-15 | 5 17 | 5 12 | 5 17 | |
| Sht ribs— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May..... | 4 65 | 4 65 | ..... | 4 60 | 4 57 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 60 | |
| July..... | 4 72 | 4 70 | 4 72 | 4 67 | 4 62-5 | 4 62 | 4 67 | 4 62 | 4 67 | |
| Sept..... | 4 85-7 | 4 87 | 4 85 | 4 80 | 4 75-7 | 4 75 | 4 80 | 4 75 | 4 80 | |
| Puts and Calls for May 29 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Puts, July | | | | Wheat..... | 75 | | | | Corn..... | 32½ |
| Calls, " " | | | | "..... | 77 | | | | "..... | 32½ |

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FLY DAMAGE REPORTS STILL CONTINUE—MONDAY'S VISIBLE EXPECTED TO SHOW SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE.

Chicago, May 27.

The feature in the market, in addition to previous elements of strength, is the growing apprehension of insect damage. This, together with the gradually widening area of crop damage (notwithstanding favorable weather) and reductions by crop exports in estimates of winter wheat yield, has apparently awakened a more general appreciation of the situation, causing a nervous market with sharp fluctuations. As the weather, however, in the Northwest has been fairly seasonable, and indications would appear to encourage expectations of an average crop of spring wheat, we think, should present prospects be maintained, that the country selling of September is liable to put the future to a considerable discount under July, taking into consideration also, the scarcity of supplies which is liable to develop before the new crop is harvested.

Messrs. Norton & Switzer send us the following:— "The Buffalo strike has practically prohibited shipments to Buffalo and has been an intensely depressing factor. Another feature is the theory among old local operators that Corn sees the low point early in June, and many who believe in Corn are waiting until then to buy. The supply and demand situation continues unchanged. Receipts small; stocks in sight rapidly decreasing; indeed, there is now in Duluth, Minneapolis, and Chicago, including private elevators, about 16,000,000 bushels against 30,000,000 bush. six weeks ago. It is probable receipts will increase somewhat, but we feel very confident that they will not equal the demand, and that the visible will continue decreasing. We, therefore, think that the legitimate situation warrants buying now, and that the Buffalo strike has caused a depression, unusual for the first half of May.

Provisions—There is little change to note in Provisions, except that there seems to be a change in the attitude of some of our leading operators, who have apparently shifted to the buying side, influenced probably by the fact that Hog receipts continue to run materially under last year. We are now very close to the period of the year in which circumstances usually combine to give us our lowest prices, and experience goes to show that Provisions bought about this time result profitably to the investor. We have had a long period of depressions and prices are extremely low. Southern trade shows a tendency to begin to take Ribs, which is earlier in the season than usual. Foreign demand still lags, but their accumulations of supplies must be much smaller than usual, which should mean greater activity soon.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

| STOCKS. | Shares, Par Value | CAPITAL. Paid up. | Rest as per Last Statement. | Div. per cent. Last half year. | Buyers |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| MISCELLANEOUS. | | | | | |
| British America..... | 50 | \$ 750,000 | \$ *79,381 | 3½ | 126½ |
| Western Assurance..... | 40 | 1,000,000 | †296,743 | 5 | 164½ |
| Canada Life..... | 400 | 125,000 | ..... | 10 | ..... |
| Confederation Life Association..... | 100 | 100,000 | ..... | 7½ | ..... |
| Imperial Life Assurance Co..... | 100 | 450,000 | 47,821 | ..... | 155 |
| Consumers' Gas..... | 50 | 1,700,000 | ..... | 2½qr | 229 |
| Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Co..... | 40 | 400,000 | ..... | ..... | 60 |
| Victoria Rolling Stock Co..... | 5000 | 60,000 | 40,000 | 10 | ..... |
| Toronto Electric Light Co., Old..... | 100 | 1,400,000 | ..... | 1½ | 139½ |
| " " " New..... | ..... | 240,000 | ..... | 1½ | 134½ |
| Canadian General Electric Co..... | 100 | 900,000 | 40,000 | 4 | 153 |
| " " " Pref..... | 100 | 300,000 | ..... | 3 | 107 |
| Hamilton Electric Light..... | 100 | 250,000 | 000 | 1 | 78 |
| 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 | ..... |
| Can. Landed & Nat'l. Inv't. Co..... | 100 | 1,004,000 | 350,000 | 3 | 100 |
| Canada Permanent Ln. & Sav. Co..... | 50 | 2,000,000 | 1,200,000 | 3 | 110 |
| " " " 20 per cent..... | 50 | 600,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Canadian Savings & Loan Co..... | 50 | 734,175 | 220,000 | 2 | 114 |
| Central Canada Ln. & Sav's Co..... | 100 | £75,000 | 360,000 | 1½qr | 134 |
| " " " 20 per cent..... | 100 | 325,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dominion Savings and Invest. Soc..... | 50 | 930,627 | 10,000 | 2½ | 67½ |
| Freehold..... | 100 | 476,100 | 300,000 | 3 | ..... |
| " " " 20 per cent..... | 100 | 843,000 | ..... | 3 | 153½ |
| Hamilton Provident & Inv't Soc..... | 100 | 1,100,000 | 300,000 | 3 | 109 |
| Huron & Erie Ln. & Savings Co..... | 50 | 1,000,000 | 750,000 | 4½ | 111 |
| " " " 20 per cent..... | ..... | 400,000 | ..... | 4½ | 170 |
| Imperial Loan & Inv't Co..... | 100 | 725,155 | 160,000 | 3 | 84 |
| Landed Banking & Loan Co..... | 100 | 700,000 | 160,000 | 3 | 110 |
| London & Can. Ln. & Agency Co..... | 50 | 700,000 | 210,000 | 1½qr | ..... |
| London Loan Co..... | 50 | 631,500 | 83,000 | 3 | 107 |
| London & Ontario Investment..... | 100 | 550,000 | 100,000 | 3 | ..... |
| Manitoba & North-West Loan Co..... | 100 | 375,000 | 50,000 | ..... | 35 |
| North of Scotland Can. Mortg. Co..... | £10 | 730,000 | 418,533 | 5 | ..... |
| Ontario Loan & Debenture Co..... | 50 | 1,200,000 | 480,000 | 3½ | 130 |
| Peoples Loan & D. Co..... | 50 | 599,429 | 40,000 | ..... | ..... |
| Real Estate Loan Co..... | 40 | 373,720 | 50,000 | 2 | 55 |
| Toronto Savings & Loan..... | 100 | 600,000 | 105,000 | 3 | 121 |
| Union Loan & Savings Co..... | 50 | 699,020 | 200,000 | 1 | ..... |
| Western Canada..... | 50 | 1,000,000 | 770,000 | 3 | 116 |
| " " " 25 per cent..... | ..... | 500,000 | ..... | 3 | 95 |

* 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.