

WHEAT MARKETS WERE FIRM

Strengthened in Chicago After a Weak Opening.

Liverpool and Continental Markets Were Generally Firm—Corn Rules Dull, But Closed Firm—Provisions Weak and Lower—Latest Commercial News.

Saturday Evening, Dec. 16. Chicago wheat market opened weak today, but strengthened on good buying. The closing quotations were 85½ for May and 60½ for July.

Liverpool wheat futures are firmer, closing 4½ higher than yesterday. Corn steady. The world's shipments of wheat this week are estimated at 5,200,000 bushels.

Exports of wheat and flour from America this week were 3,253,640 bushels, against 3,135,821 bushels last week and 2,625,595 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898. Corn exports for the week, 4,400,000 bushels, against 3,815,000 bushels last week and 2,531,536 bushels in this week a year ago.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Flour—Ontario patents, in bags, \$3.05 to \$3.15; straight rollers, \$3.35 to \$3.45; Hungarian patents, \$3.90; Manitoba bakers, \$3.50, all on track at Toronto.

Wheat—Ontario red and white, 65c north and west; goose, 65c north and west; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 70½c, Toronto, and No. 1 Northern at 74½c.

Oats—White oats quoted at 25½c west. Barley—Quoted at 38c for No. 2 west; feed barley, 35c to 36c.

Rye—Quoted at 40c and 50c east, north and west. Bran—City mills sell bran at \$14, and shorts at \$10 in car lots, L.C.B., Toronto.

Buckwheat—Firm; 45c north and 50c east. Corn—Canadian, 32c to 33c west; American, 40c on track here.

Oatmeal—Quoted at \$3.40 by the bag and \$2.50 by the barrel, on track at Toronto, in car lots.

Peas—At 57½c north and west, for immediate shipment.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET. Receipts of farm produce were fair—3100 bushels of grain, 30 loads of hay, 3 of straw, several lots of dressed hogs, with the usual Saturday's deliveries of poultry, butter and eggs.

Wheat easy; 950 bushels sold as follows: 150 bushels of white and red at 85½c to 86½c; goose, 800 bushels at 80c to 70c.

Barley farmer, 600 bushels selling at 42c to 43½c. Oats steady, 1200 bushels selling at 28c to 29c.

Hay—One load sold at 53½c per bushel. Hay easier, 30 loads selling at \$11 to \$12 for timothy and at \$9 for mixed.

Straw framer, three loads selling at \$8 to \$9 per ton. Dressed Hogs—Prices unchanged at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per cwt.

Poultry—Prices firm at quotations given below. Butter and eggs unchanged.

Wheat, white, bush, 85½ to 86½ to 87½ to 88½ to 89½ to 90½ to 91½ to 92½ to 93½ to 94½ to 95½ to 96½ to 97½ to 98½ to 99½ to 100½ to 101½ to 102½ to 103½ to 104½ to 105½ to 106½ to 107½ to 108½ to 109½ to 110½ to 111½ to 112½ to 113½ to 114½ to 115½ to 116½ to 117½ to 118½ to 119½ to 120½ to 121½ to 122½ to 123½ to 124½ to 125½ to 126½ to 127½ to 128½ to 129½ to 130½ to 131½ to 132½ to 133½ to 134½ to 135½ to 136½ to 137½ to 138½ to 139½ to 140½ to 141½ to 142½ to 143½ to 144½ to 145½ to 146½ to 147½ to 148½ to 149½ to 150½ to 151½ to 152½ to 153½ to 154½ to 155½ to 156½ to 157½ to 158½ to 159½ to 160½ to 161½ to 162½ to 163½ to 164½ to 165½ to 166½ to 167½ to 168½ to 169½ to 170½ to 171½ to 172½ to 173½ to 174½ to 175½ to 176½ to 177½ to 178½ to 179½ to 180½ to 181½ to 182½ to 183½ to 184½ to 185½ to 186½ to 187½ to 188½ to 189½ to 190½ to 191½ to 192½ to 193½ to 194½ to 195½ to 196½ to 197½ to 198½ to 199½ to 200½ to 201½ to 202½ to 203½ to 204½ to 205½ to 206½ to 207½ to 208½ to 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