

CHICAGO MARKET.

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REVIEW OF THE WEEK.

There were three notable prices for wheat during the week, 64½, the Saturday low price for December, and 67½ on Monday for the same and 71½ on the same day for May wheat. In the first of these prices there is an onerous commentary on the bearish reports of increased visibilities, of abundant crops and expanding acreage, and of gradually dwindling export demand and movement. At 66 it was thought that the bottom had been touched and it was the low point for a considerable time, but 65 made its appearance at first infrequently, then habitually. The Wall Street Ticker which is given to jests on markets found some amusement in 65 as the lowest price. Saturday, however, with its 64½, put his jests on the other subject somewhat out of date.

Hope sprung up on Monday with its 3 cents advance on this low value that the upturn had come, which hope the rest of the week has put out of sight as quickly as it appeared. The bulge at the opening of the week is in fact considered as little else than the result of the covering of outstanding short lines and so is no basis for bullish anticipations. The sharp decline in Consols as pointing to political disturbances abroad were not unobserved as having an import that might possibly lend a little strengthening to the market. They were read in a different spirit on the other side as being merely a cheapening of these securities by the additional issue of \$10,000,000 worth of them being put on the market to raise the war loan. Accordingly the Liverpool cable quotations being lower instead of higher as was expected, the markets at Chicago and other grain centres have shown weakness and nothing but weakness since Monday. In line with lower cables the crop news from all countries were singularly free from the usual damage reports and this outweighed a few statistics which were more bullish than they have been lately. The market in fact showed no signs of advancing on the reported decrease of a million and a quarter bushels on passage which brought the total afloat down to 22,000,000, the smallest amount in a dozen years or more. These world's small exports with the falling off from Russia and the United States and nothing from India or Australia failed to have any stimulus on the English market and as a consequence on the market of this side. These figures given as notable prices for the week contrast very strongly with the 80 and 85 cents for which May wheat was sold at Chicago in December 1896.

This week foreign houses had moderate buying orders, but the majority of the business was considered covering of scarce extensive short lines of long standing. With a little help from outside speculative demand and further encouragement from abroad traders look for some advances.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS.

Week ending Dec. 14 1899	\$517,378
Week ending Dec. 14 1898	428,563
Increase	\$88,815
Jan. 1 to Dec. 14 1899	\$24,980,734
Jan. 1 to Dec. 14 1898	22,817,941
Increase	\$2,162,793

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY

For week ending	Compared with previous week
Dec. 3.....\$2,082.70.....Inc.	\$63.70
" 10.....2,089.75....."	6.05

WHEAT—CLOSING PRICES DEC. 18 TO DEC. 21.

	18	19	20	21	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—								
Dec.....	65½	67½	66½	65½	65½	66½	65½	66½
Jan.....	67½	69½	68½	67½	67½	68½	67½	68½
May.....	71½	73½	72½	71½	71½	72½	71½	72½
Wheat—								
Dec.....	30½	31½	30½	30½	30½	31½	30½	30½
Jan.....	31	31½	30½	30½	30½	31½	30½	30½
May.....	33	33½	32½	32½	32½	33½	32½	32½
Wheat—								
Dec.....	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½
Jan.....	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½
May.....	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½	2½
Wheat—								
Dec.....	8 60	8 75	8 75 1/4	8 80	8 80	8 80	8 80	8 80
Jan.....	10 22	10 02	9 90 A	9 80	9 85 B	9 82-5	9 80	10 05 B
May.....	10 50	10 32	10 25	10 25 A	10 27-7	10 27	10 27	10 40 B
Lard—								
Dec.....	5 17	5 12	5 05 N	5 20	5 20	5 20	5 20	5 27 N
Jan.....	5 47	5 87	5 30-32	5 30-32	5 45	5 42-5	5 40	5 50 2
May.....	70 72	5 60	5 50 A	5 35	5 65	5 62	5 72	5 72-5
Shirts—								
Dec.....	5 25	5 20	5 20 N	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25 N
Jan.....	5 40	5 30A	5 22	5 22	5 27 A	5 25-7	5 30	5 22-5
May.....	52 55	5 45	5 37	5 37	5 40	5 42	5 50	5 50 B

Puts and Calls for Dec. 21— Puts, May Wheat 69½—
Calls " " 70 Puts, May Corn 33
Calls, " " 33
Curb May Wheat

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

STOCKS.	Shares.	Par Value	CAPITAL	Rest as per Last Statement.	Div. per cent.	Last half year.	Buyers
			Paid up.				
MISCELLANEOUS.							
British America.....	50	\$	750,000	\$79,381	3½	124	
Western Assurance.....	40		1,000,000	1296,743	5	163½	
Canada Life.....	400		125,000	.....	10	535	
Confederation Life Association.....	100		100,000	.....	7½	277½	
Imperial Life Assurance Co.....	100		450,000	47,821	.....	147	
Consumers' Gas.....	50		1,700,000	.....	2½qr	224	
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Co.....	40		400,000	.....	.....	60	
Victoria Rolling Stock Co.....	5000		60,000	60,000	10	.....
Toronto Electric Light Co., Old.....	100		1,400,000	.....	1½	135	
" " New.....	.....		240,000	.....	1½	134½	
Canadian General Electric Co.....	100		900,000	40,000	4	178	
" " " 20 p.c.....	100		300,000	.....	3	106½	
Hamilton Electric Light.....	100		250,000	60,000	1	80	
LOAN and SAVINGS CO.							
British Canadian Ln & Invest Co.....	100		393,481	120,000	3	.....
Building and Loan Association.....	25		750,000	100,000	1	38	
Can. Landed & Nat'l. Inv't. Co.....	100		1,004,000	350,000	3	85	
Canada Permanent Ln. & Sav. Co.....	50		2,000,000	1,200,000	3	120	
" " 20 per cent.....	50		600,000	.....	3	123	
Canadian Savings & Loan Co.....	50		734,175	220,000	3	116	
Central Canada Ln. & Sav's Co.....	100		875,000	360,000	1½qr	134	
" " 20 per cent.....	50		325,000	.....	.....	.....
Dominion Savings and Invest. Soc.....	50		930,627	10,000	2½	75½	
Freehold " " 20 per cent.....	100		476,100	300,000	3	75	
" " " 20 per cent.....	100		843,000	.....	3	65	
Hamilton Provident & Inv't Soc.....	100		1,100,000	300,000	3	110½	
Huron & Erie Ln. & Savings Co.....	50		1,000,000	750,000	4½	177	
" " 20 per cent.....	50		400,000	.....	4½	167	
Imperial Loan & Inv't Co.....	100		725,155	160,000	3	80	
Landed Banking & Loan Co.....	100		700,000	160,000	3	109	
London & Can. Ln. & Agency Co.....	50		700,000	210,000	1½qr	90	
London Loan Co.....	50		631,500	83,000	3	108½	
London & Ontario Investment.....	100		550,000	100,000	3	86	
Manitoba & North-West Loan Co.....	100		375,000	50,000	.....	45	
North of Scotland Can. Mortg. Co.....	£10		730,000	418,533	5	.....
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.....	50		1,260,000	490,000	3½	120	
Peoples Loan & D. Co.....	50		599,429	40,000	.....	25	
Real Estate Loan Co.....	40		373,720	50,000	2	64	
Toronto Savings & Loan.....	100		600,000	105,000	3	128	
Union Loan & Savings Co.....	50		699,020	200,000	1	38	
Western Canada.....	50		1,000,000	770,000	3	100	
" " 25 per cent.....	.....		500,000	.....	3	88	

* After deducting \$511,982 for reinsurance. † After deducting \$792,019 for reinsurance. This List is compiled from the fortnightly circular issued by the Secretary Toronto Stock Exchange.