

CHICAGO MARKET.

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PROVISIONS OPEN STRONG AND WORK HIGHER — WHEAT FROM 1/8 TO 3/8 HIGHER ON HIGHER CABLES — DECREASE IN TOTAL VISIBLE WHEAT AND IN WHEAT ON PASSAGE.

Chicago, Dec. 27.

The wheat market in Liverpool opened for March and May at 5-11, unchanged and a later cable announced that wheat was 1/8 higher.

New York at 74 3/8 was 1/8 and 1/4 higher. At Chicago corn and oats opened weak and looked like working lower, but wheat opened from 1/8 to 3/8 of an advance. Prices kept firmer in the early forenoon sales, but there was no great activity in the trading.

Last year at this time when Argentine prospects were good prices advanced 15 cents inside two months, but then there was a wave of speculative buying which does not exist now either in stocks or in grain market. Severe losses in Wall Street, the copper boom in Boston have brought down many speculators, several banks and the oldest and largest packing firm in New England.

Provisions at Chicago opened strong and at once gave signs of going higher. January opening at 10 07 quickly rose to 10.12, and May from 10.40 to 10.45. Lard and Ribs also acted in a similar way.

Bullish estimates of some advance in wheat prices are strengthened this week again by the statistics of visible supplies given yesterday in the Exchange News. These show a decrease of half a million bushels in the total wheat in sight in the United States and Canada. This is not all, there was during the week nearly a million decrease in the amount of wheat passage to Great Britain and Ireland and of more than a million on passage to the Continent. Taken with the well known small supplies in Britain and with the fact that less is being imported than actual requirements demand, a sharp rally in grain export movement is unavoidable soon and with it improved prices. A clue is advanced that should the South African war be indefinitely prolonged large engagements and shipments of flour will have to be made for the British army in Africa. Argentine makes little flour and the demand would have to be supplied from America.

Seventeen loads of wheat for export, that is 136,000 bush., were taken to-day, and of corn 25 loads, that is 200,000 bushels. Wheat was dull, but corn firm.

BRADSTREET VISIBLE.

December 27.

Wheat east of Rockies, inc. . . . 1,647,000
Europe, dec. 2,400,000

Decrease 758,000
Corn, inc. 678,000
Oats, inc. 106,000

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Earnings for week ending Dec. 21 :
1899 \$566,807
1898 490,288
Increase \$ 67,069

DULUTH S. S. & ATLANTIC EARNINGS.

Week ending Dec. 14 1899 \$47,923
Week ending Dec. 14 1898 36,815
Increase \$17,118
Jan. 1 to Dec. 14, 1899 \$2,296,449
Jan. 1 to Dec. 14 1898 1,720,575
Increase \$ 575,874

| | —GRADING PRICES DEC. 20 TO DEC. 26.— | | | | | —TO-DAY'S PRICES.— | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 26 | Opening. | Highest. | Lowest. | Closing |
| Wheat— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec..... | 35 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 60 1/2 | .... | 65 1/2 | 66 | 66 1/2 | 66 | 66 |
| July..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 70 | 69 1/2 A | 69 1/2 | 70 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 70 |
| May..... | 69 1/2 B | 60 1/2 A | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 |
| Corn— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec..... | 30 1/2 A | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 36 1/2 | 30 1/2 B | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 |
| Jan..... | 30 1/2 A | 30 1/2 B | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 A | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 |
| May..... | 32 1/2 B | 33 B | 33 | 33 | 33A | 33 | 33 | 32 1/2 | 32 1/2 |
| Oats— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec..... | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 B | 22 1/2 | ..... | 22 1/2 B | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Jan..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| May..... | 23 1/2 | 24 | 24 | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 B | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 B |
| Pork— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec..... | 8 75 N | 8 80 | 8 90 N | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9 00 |
| Jan..... | 9 80 | 9 95 B | 10 05 B | 10 00 | 10 02 | 10 07 | 10 20 | 10 07 | 10 17 |
| May..... | 10 25 A | 10 25-7 | 10 40 D | 10 35 | 10 35 | 10 40 | 10 55 | 10 37 | 10 47 |
| Lard— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec..... | 5 05 N | 5 20 | 5 27 N | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Jan..... | 5 30-32 | 5 45 | 5 50-2 | 5 47 | 5 47 | 5 50 | 5 65 | 5 50 | 5 62 A |
| May..... | 5 55 | 5 65 | 5 72-5 | 5 70 | 5 87-70 | 5 70 | 5 88 | 5 70 | 5 80 B |
| Sticks— | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec..... | 5 20 N | 5 25 | 5 25 N | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 20 |
| Jan..... | 5 22 | 5 27 A | 5 30 B | 5 27 | 5 25 A | 5 27 | 5 35 | 5 27 | 5 32-5 |
| May..... | 5 37 | 5 42-5 | 5 50 B | 5 47 | 5 42-5 B | 5 47 | 5 55 | 5 45 | 5 52 |

Puts and Calls for Dec. 28— Puts, May Wheat 69 1/2
Calls " " 69 1/2
Puts, May Corn 32 1/2
Calls, " " 32 1/2

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

| STOCKS. | Shares, Par Value | CAPITAL. | Rest as per Last Statement. | Div. per cent. | Buyers |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| | | Paid up. | Last half year. | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS. | | | | | |
| British America..... | 50 | \$ 750,000 | \$ 79,391 | 3 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Western Assurance..... | 40 | 1,000,000 | †293,743 | 5 | 163 1/2 |
| Canada Life..... | 400 | 125,000 | ..... | 10 | 535 |
| Confederation Life Association..... | 100 | 100,000 | ..... | 7 1/2 | 277 1/2 |
| Imperial Life Assurance Co..... | 100 | 450,000 | 47,821 | ..... | 147 |
| Couriers' Gas..... | 50 | 1,700,000 | ..... | 2 1/2 qr | 224 |
| Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Co..... | 40 | 400,000 | ..... | ..... | 60 |
| Victoria Rolling Stock Co..... | 5000 | 60,000 | 60,630 | 10 | ..... |
| Toronto Electric Light Co., Old..... | 100 | 1,400,000 | ..... | 1 1/2 | 135 |
| " " " " New..... | ..... | 240,000 | ..... | 1 1/2 | 184 1/2 |
| Canadian General Electric Co..... | 100 | 900,000 | 40,000 | 4 | 178 |
| " " " " 20 p.c..... | 100 | 300,000 | ..... | 3 | 108 1/2 |
| Hamilton Electric Light..... | 100 | 250,000 | 60,000 | 1 | 80 |
| 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 | 38 |
| Can. Landed & Nat'l. Inv't Co..... | 100 | 1,004,000 | 350,000 | 8 | 87 |
| Canada Permanent Ln. & Sav. Co..... | 50 | 2,000,000 | 1,200,000 | 3 | 120 |
| " " " " 20 per cent..... | ..... | 600,000 | ..... | ..... | 123 |
| Canadian Savings & Loan Co..... | 50 | 734,175 | 220,000 | 3 | 115 |
| Central Canada Ln. & Sav's Co..... | 100 | 875,000 | 390,000 | 1 1/2 qr | 134 |
| " " " " 20 per cent..... | ..... | 325,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dominion Savings and Invest. Soc..... | 50 | 930,627 | 10,000 | 2 1/2 | 75 1/2 |
| Freehold " " " "..... | 100 | 476,100 | 300,000 | 3 | 75 |
| " " " " 20 per cent..... | ..... | 843,000 | ..... | 3 | ..... |
| Hamilton Provident & Inv't Soc..... | 100 | 1,100,000 | 300,000 | 3 | 110 1/2 |
| Huron & Erie Ln. & Savings Co..... | 50 | 1,000,000 | 750,000 | 4 1/2 | 177 |
| " " " " 20 per cent..... | ..... | 400,000 | ..... | 4 1/2 | 167 |
| Imperial Loan & Inv't Co..... | 100 | 725,155 | 160,000 | 3 | 80 |
| Landed Banking & Loan Co..... | 100 | 700,000 | 160,000 | 3 | 100 |
| London & Can. Ln. & Agency Co..... | 50 | 700,000 | 210,000 | 1 1/2 qr | 80 |
| London Loan Co..... | 50 | 631,500 | 33,000 | 3 | 108 1/2 |
| London & Ontario Investment..... | 100 | 550,000 | 100,000 | 3 | 88 |
| 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 | 1,200,000 | 480,000 | 3 1/2 | 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 | 123 |
| Union Loan & Savings Co..... | 50 | 699,020 | 290,000 | 1 | 38 |
| Western Canada " "..... | 50 | 1,000,000 | 770,000 | 3 | 100 |
| " " " " 25 per cent..... | ..... | 500,000 | ..... | 3 | 98 |

* After deducting \$511,982 for reinsurance. † After deducting \$793,049 for reinsurance. This List is compiled from the fortnightly circular issued by the Secretary Toronto Stock Exchange.