

CHICAGO MARKET.

MARKET NARROW - CORN AND PROVISIONS STRONG BUT QUIET EXPORTS DECREASE.

Chicago, Feb. 23.

After yesterday's holiday wheat opened this morning with a slightly firmer undertone, but with very little advance in actual price. On the curb the bidding was of a better character and wheat was in more demand, during the early transactions the market was steady working in a narrow range of $\frac{1}{8}$ of a point.

There is evidently a large short interest both for foreign and home account in "spot" and March options—and this will likely tell in favor of May wheat when delivery becomes due. Several reports of crop damage are constantly coming to hand but seem to make very little impression in the wheat pit and are generally discredited or belittled by the trade.

Corn showed a greater degree of strength than of late, it is now selling nearly 4c under the tip-top price touched at the close of January. The sentiment amongst cash people is about evenly divided up, the general opinion being that a turn for the better and a recovery from the break is due—advices from the outside as to country offerings are very conflicting. They have been liberal from certain directions and light from others. A continuation of mild weather would favorably affect the price as it would in all probability keep the farmers busy at work in the fields causing the country movement to drop off. Thawing weather would also make the roads bad and influence the movement in that way.

MINING STOCKS.

Quotations for active British Columbia Mining Stocks furnished by R. Meredith & Co., Mining Brokers, 51 St. Francois Xavier Street.

February 23, 1899.

	Bid.	Asked.
\$1.00 Baltimore Gold Mining.....	.07	\$.10
1.00 Big Three.....	.36	.40
1.00 Brandon & Gold'n Crown	.23	.30
1.00 California.....	.04	.07
.10 Canada Gold Fields Syn	.04	.07
5.00 Cariboo Hydraulic.....	.....	1.10
1.00 Cariboo McKinny.....	.....	.....
1.00 City of Paris.....	.50	.60
1.00 Deer Park.....	.10	.11
1.00 Evening Star.....	.10	.11
.25 Fern.....	.....	.55
1.00 Golden Cache.....	.....	.06
1.00 Gold Hills Developing.....	.08	.10
1.00 Giant.....	.34	.05
1.00 Iron Colt.....	.20	.25
1.00 Iron Mask.....	.75	.80
1.00 Jumbo.....	.....	.47
1.00 K ob Hill.....	.90	.85
1.00 Monte Christo Con.....	.13	.15
.24 Montreal & London.....	.82	.83
.25 Montreal Gold Fields.....	.24	.20
1.00 Noble Five.....	.29	.31
1.00 Old Ironsides.....	.....	1.05
1.00 Smuggler.....	.08	.09
1.00 Silverine.....	.....	.05
.25 Tin Horn.....	.....	.12
.25 Two Friends.....	.....	.....
1.00 Virginia.....	.52	.55
1.00 War Eagle Con.....	3.52	3.53
.25 Winchester.....09
1.00 White Bear.....	.04	.05

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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

	CLOSING PRICES FEB. 16 TO 21.					TO-DAY'S PRICES.			
	16	17	18	20	21	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closin'.
Wheat—									
May.....	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.....	72	71	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn—									
May.....	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	30	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	36
July.....	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept.....	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	37	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	37	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats—									
May.....	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	28	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.....	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork—									
May.....	9 95	9 92	9 70	9 35	9 55	9 62-5	9 07	9 57	9 05
July.....	.....	.....	.....	9 55	9 77	9 82	9 82	9 75	9 82
Lard—									
May.....	5 60	5 55	5 45	5 30	5 35	5 40	5 45	5 37	5 45
July.....	5 72	5 67	5 67	5 62	5 57	5 52	5 75	5 60	5 57
Sept.....	5 87	5 77-80	5 67	5 42	4 47	5 65-7	5 70	5 62	5 67-70
Sht rbs—									
May.....	5 97	4 95	4 82	4 70	4 77	4 85	4 85	4 80	4 82-5
July.....	5 12	5 10	4 97	4 82	4 87-90	4 97	4 97	4 90	4 97
Sept.....	5 22	5 20	5 60	.....	5 00-02	5 02	5 07	5 02	5 07

LONDON AND PARIS.

Bank of England rate 3.
Open discounts rate 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Paris Rentes 102-92 $\frac{1}{2}$.
French Exchange 25f. 19c.

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	12.30 P.M.	2 P.M.	4 P.M.
Consols, money.....	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$
Consols, account.....	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atchison.....	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atchison pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
Chee. & Ohio.....	.....	.....	.....
Canadian Pacific.....	93	93	93 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ Consol. Deb.....	.....	.....	.....
“ Preference.....	.....	.....	.....
Denver & Rio G. pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie.....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Erie 1st pfd.....	41	41	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hudson's Bay.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois Central.....	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	121 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas & Texas.....	.....	.....	.....
Louis & Nash.....	*68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mex.....	.....	.....	.....
Mex. Cent.....	.....	.....	.....
New York Central.....	142 $\frac{1}{2}$	142 $\frac{1}{2}$	143
Northern Pacific.....	.....	.....	.....
North'n Pacific pfd.....	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nor. & West. pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
Ontario & West.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	69 $\frac{1}{2}$	69 $\frac{1}{2}$	69 $\frac{1}{2}$
Reading.....	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Reading 1st pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul.....	135 $\frac{1}{2}$	135 $\frac{1}{2}$	136 $\frac{1}{2}$
Southern Ry.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern Ry pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Pacific.....	51 $\frac{1}{2}$
Union Pacific pfd.....	84 $\frac{1}{2}$	83 $\frac{1}{2}$	84
Wabash pfd.....	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
*Ex-Div.

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