

CORN ADVANCED ON AN ACTIVE DEMAND**Shrinkage of Offerings Caused Runaway Bull Market at Chicago.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Sudden shrinkage of offerings from the country made the corn market today the speculative leader both in activity and strength. Prices closed firm at an advance of 1/2 to 2 1/2 cts. The other staples, too, all showed a gain—wheat, 1/2 to 1 1/2 cts; oats, 1/2 to 1 1/2 cts; and provisions 1/2 to 1 1/2 cts.

From the outset trade in corn was on a large scale. At first commission houses were almost unanimous in taking to the bear side, influenced apparently by a continuance of liberal receipts. But, however, began to change when the government forecast hinted that a touch of arctic weather was at hand.

Wheat. The market developed a firm tone after an easy start. The transient weakness was a reflection of lower cables, and seemed to be little if at all the result of announcement that Argentine wheat could now enter the United States duty free. On the other hand, Buenos Ayres dispatches telling of a further reduction in the export surplus had a noticeable effect in favor of the bulls. Winnipeg strength, which was attributed against the Canadian railroads having made lower rates to reach the west, also simply followed the course of other grain.

Hog receipts fewer than expected put backlogs into provisions.

NORTHWEST CARS.

	Week	Year
Minneapolis	551	515
Duluth	75	234
Chicago	100	33
Winnipeg	408	1152

LIVERPOOL CLOSE.

Close—Wheat, 1/2 to 1 1/2 cts lower; corn, 1/2 to 1 1/2 cts lower.

PRIMARY MOVEMENT.

	Yester.	Last wk.	Last yr.
Receipts	1,217,000	1,515,000	1,568,000
Shipments	426,000	784,000	539,000

	Yester.	Last wk.	Last yr.
Corp.	2,446,000	2,580,000	1,841,000
Shipments	654,000	787,000	781,000

U. S. VISIBLE.

Wheat—Increase 104,000, total 62,473,000, against 61,383,000 a year ago; corn, increase 3,007,000, total 7,923,000, against 5,223,000 a year ago; oats, increase 272,000, total 26,754,000, against 25,512,000 a year ago.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Quotations on St. Lawrence market are nominal.

Grain—	
Wheat, fall, bushel	\$0.30 to \$0.32
Barley, bushel	82 to 84
Peas, bushel	0.80
Oats, bushel	0.65 to 0.66
Rye, bushel	0.65
Buckwheat, bushel	0.51 to 0.52

Seed—	
Alfalfa, No. 1, bushel	\$3.50 to \$3.60
Alfalfa, No. 2, bushel	7.50
Alfalfa, No. 3, bushel	6.00
Red Clover, No. 1, bushel	8.50
Red Clover, No. 2, bushel	7.50
Timothy, No. 1, bushel	7.50
Timothy, No. 2, bushel	6.00

Hay and straw—	
Hay, new, ton	\$17.00 to \$18.00
Hay, mixed, ton	15.00
Hay, cattle, ton	10.00
Straw, bundled, ton	12.00
Straw, loose, ton	12.00

Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per bag	\$1.00 to \$1.10
Apples, per barrel	2.50 to 3.00
Dairy produce—	
Butter, farmers' dairy, 30 to 35 lbs.	1.00
Butter, new, dozen	50 to 55

Poultry, retail—	
Turkey, dressed, lb.	\$0.22 to \$0.25
Geese, lb.	0.12 to 0.15
Ducks, spring, lb.	0.16 to 0.17
Spring chickens, dressed, lb.	0.15 to 0.18
Spring chickens, alive, lb.	0.12 to 0.14
Pow, per lb.	0.12 to 0.13

Fresh meats—	
Beef, forequarters, cwt	\$12.00 to \$13.00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	10.00
Beef, choice sides, cwt	14.50
Beef, medium, cwt	12.00
Beef, common, cwt	10.00
Mutton, cwt	10.00
Veal, cwt	12.00 to 14.50
Dressed hogs, cwt	12.50 to 13.25
Spring lambs, cwt	13.00 to 16.00

CHOICE POULTRY, WHOLESALE.

Dry-picked quality prices are as follows—	
Turkey, per lb.	\$0.21 to \$0.22
Geese, per lb.	0.15 to 0.16
Ducks, per lb.	0.15 to 0.16
Chickens, per lb.	0.12 to 0.13
Hens, per lb.	0.13 to 0.14
Live chickens, per lb.	0.10 to 0.11
Live hens, per lb.	0.11 to 0.12

FARM PRODUCE, WHOLESALE.

Hay, No. 1, car lots	\$13.00 to \$13.50
Straw, car lots	8.50 to 9.00
Potatoes, car lots	8.00 to 9.00
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0.31 to 0.34
Butter, separator, dairy, cwt	0.27 to 0.28
Butter, creamery, solid, cwt	0.28 to 0.30
Butter, store lots	0.24 to 0.25
Cheese, old, lb.	0.15 to 0.16
Cheese, new, lb.	0.14 to 0.15
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	0.50
Eggs, cold storage, dozen	0.40 to 0.45
Honey, extracted, lb.	0.10 to 0.11

HIDES AND SKINS.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, Dealers in Wool, Yarn, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Raw Fur, Tallow, etc.

—Hides—	
Lambskins and pelts	\$0.70 to \$1.00
City hides, flat	0.15 to 0.16
Calfskins, lb.	0.15
Horsehair, per lb.	0.30 to 0.40
Horsehides, No. 1	3.50 to 4.00
Tallow, No. 1, per lb.	0.05 to 0.07

TORONTO SUGAR MARKET.

Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, per cwt., as follows:

Extra granulated, St. Lawrence	\$4.40
do. do. Rodpath's	4.40
do. do. Acadia	4.25
Beaver granulated	4.35
No. 1 yellow	4.25
In barrels, 50 per cwt. more; car lots, 5c less.	

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows:

Ontario oats—New, No. 2 white, 33 1/2 cts; 34 1/2 cts, outside; 35 1/2 cts, track, Toronto.	
Manitoba oats—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, \$3.30 in cotton 10c more; second patents, 5c in cotton 10c more; strong bakers', \$4.60, in cuto.	
Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 41c; No. 3 C.W., 39 1/2 cts, lake ports.	
Ontario wheat—New, No. 2, 84c to 85c, outside; 88c, track, Toronto.	
Beane—Imported, hand-picked, 22.25 per bushel; Canadians, hand-picked, 22.35; prime, 22.	
Manitoba wheat—New crop, for October	

GOOD YEAR FOR CONIAGAS MINES

Out of the total revenue of the Coniagas Mines, Limited, amounting to 2,186,664, the sum of \$2,140,235 is attributed to "ore revenue."

The profits, after deducting \$494,445 for working expenses, reached a total of \$1,701,553, which compares with \$1,701,553 the preceding year.

The total silver shipments from the mine during the past year amounted to 3,572,398.33 ounces, which was contained in 724.05 tons of mine ore, and 930.16 tons of concentrates (dry weight). This ore was mined and concentrated at the mine at a net cost of \$7.76 cents per ounce, as compared with 8.515 cents per ounce during the previous year. This cost includes head office expenses, royalties and all expenses exclusive of shipping, smelting, refining and marketing charges, which amounted to 4.445 cents per ounce of silver, compared with 4.445 cents for the previous year.

Ore reserves at October 31 are estimated at 16,660,700 ounces, which when compared with the original estimation, amount to 13,329,000 ounces, showing that 3,331,700 ounces were developed during the past year amounts to about 600,000 ounces less than the ore shipments.

The total cost of production at the Coniagas was 13.297 cents, which compares with 14 cents at the Crown Refinery, Nipissing 17.38, Kerr Lake 13.03 and McKinley 18.03 ounces, which is far in excess of that of any other Cobalt operating company. It has a surplus amount of \$1,415,402, and during the past year it has acquired six acres of property, and further claims upon which sufficient work has not been done to warrant any statement as to their value.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	87 1/2	88	87 1/2	88 1/2
May	88 1/2	89	88 1/2	89 1/2
July	88 1/2	89	88 1/2	89 1/2

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Corn—				
Dec.	63 1/2	64	63 1/2	64
May	64 1/2	65	64 1/2	65
July	64 1/2	65	64 1/2	65

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Oats—				
Dec.	38 1/2	39	38 1/2	39
May	40 1/2	41	40 1/2	41
July	40 1/2	41	40 1/2	41

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Pork—				
Jan.	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25
May	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25
July	20.25	20.25	20.25	20.25

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Lard—				
Jan.	10.50	10.65	10.50	10.65
May	10.50	10.65	10.50	10.65
July	10.50	10.65	10.50	10.65

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Ribs—				
Jan.	10.65	10.70	10.65	10.70
May	11.00	11.05	11.00	11.05
July	11.00	11.05	11.00	11.05

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29.—The wheat market opened weak this morning on lower Liverpool cables and favorable advices from Argentina. Prices were unchanged from yesterday's close. The close was 1/2 to 1/4 cts higher for all months.

Cash demand was active. Cash oats were 1/2 cts lower to 1/4 cts higher, and cash unchanged. Barley unchanged. Cash: Wheat—No. 1 northern, 82 1/2 cts; No. 2 northern, 81 1/2 cts; No. 3 northern, 80 1/2 cts; No. 4 northern, 79 1/2 cts; No. 5 northern, 78 1/2 cts; No. 6 northern, 77 1/2 cts; No. 7 northern, 76 1/2 cts; No. 8 northern, 75 1/2 cts; No. 9 northern, 74 1/2 cts; No. 10 northern, 73 1/2 cts; No. 11 northern, 72 1/2 cts; No. 12 northern, 71 1/2 cts; No. 13 northern, 70 1/2 cts; No. 14 northern, 69 1/2 cts; No. 15 northern, 68 1/2 cts; No. 16 northern, 67 1/2 cts; No. 17 northern, 66 1/2 cts; No. 18 northern, 65 1/2 cts; No. 19 northern, 64 1/2 cts; No. 20 northern, 63 1/2 cts; No. 21 northern, 62 1/2 cts; No. 22 northern, 61 1/2 cts; No. 23 northern, 60 1/2 cts; No. 24 northern, 59 1/2 cts; No. 25 northern, 58 1/2 cts; No. 26 northern, 57 1/2 cts; No. 27 northern, 56 1/2 cts; No. 28 northern, 55 1/2 cts; No. 29 northern, 54 1/2 cts; No. 30 northern, 53 1/2 cts; No. 31 northern, 52 1/2 cts; No. 32 northern, 51 1/2 cts; No. 33 northern, 50 1/2 cts; No. 34 northern, 49 1/2 cts; No. 35 northern, 48 1/2 cts; No. 36 northern, 47 1/2 cts; No. 37 northern, 46 1/2 cts; No. 38 northern, 45 1/2 cts; No. 39 northern, 44 1/2 cts; No. 40 northern, 43 1/2 cts; No. 41 northern, 42 1/2 cts; No. 42 northern, 41 1/2 cts; No. 43 northern, 40 1/2 cts; No. 44 northern, 39 1/2 cts; No. 45 northern, 38 1/2 cts; No. 46 northern, 37 1/2 cts; No. 47 northern, 36 1/2 cts; No. 48 northern, 35 1/2 cts; No. 49 northern, 34 1/2 cts; No. 50 northern, 33 1/2 cts; No. 51 northern, 32 1/2 cts; No. 52 northern, 31 1/2 cts; No. 53 northern, 30 1/2 cts; No. 54 northern, 29 1/2 cts; No. 55 northern, 28 1/2 cts; No. 56 northern, 27 1/2 cts; No. 57 northern, 26 1/2 cts; No. 58 northern, 25 1/2 cts; No. 59 northern, 24 1/2 cts; No. 60 northern, 23 1/2 cts; No. 61 northern, 22 1/2 cts; No. 62 northern, 21 1/2 cts; No. 63 northern, 20 1/2 cts; No. 64 northern, 19 1/2 cts; No. 65 northern, 18 1/2 cts; No. 66 northern, 17 1/2 cts; No. 67 northern, 16 1/2 cts; No. 68 northern, 15 1/2 cts; No. 69 northern, 14 1/2 cts; No. 70 northern, 13 1/2 cts; No. 71 northern, 12 1/2 cts; No. 72 northern, 11 1/2 cts; No. 73 northern, 10 1/2 cts; No. 74 northern, 9 1/2 cts; No. 75 northern, 8 1/2 cts; No. 76 northern, 7 1/2 cts; No. 77 northern, 6 1/2 cts; No. 78 northern, 5 1/2 cts; No. 79 northern, 4 1/2 cts; No. 80 northern, 3 1/2 cts; No. 81 northern, 2 1/2 cts; No. 82 northern, 1 1/2 cts; No. 83 northern, 1/2 cts; No. 84 northern, 1/4 cts; No. 85 northern, 1/8 cts; No. 86 northern, 1/16 cts; No. 87 northern, 1/32 cts; No. 88 northern, 1/64 cts; No. 89 northern, 1/128 cts; No. 90 northern, 1/256 cts; No. 91 northern, 1/512 cts; No. 92 northern, 1/1024 cts; No. 93 northern, 1/2048 cts; No. 94 northern, 1/4096 cts; No. 95 northern, 1/8192 cts; No. 96 northern, 1/16384 cts; No. 97 northern, 1/32768 cts; No. 98 northern, 1/65536 cts; No. 99 northern, 1/131072 cts; No. 100 northern, 1/262144 cts; No. 101 northern, 1/524288 cts; No. 102 northern, 1/1048576 cts; No. 103 northern, 1/2097152 cts; No. 104 northern, 1/4194304 cts; No. 105 northern, 1/8388608 cts; 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