

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO MARKET—February 16, 1900.

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REVIEW OF THE WEEK.

Last week's prices show one very good point about the market for wheat, a diminishing spread between high price and low price. There is no improvement upon what was the highest price of May wheat last week, 69½-¾, but throughout the week strength has been so well sustained that large stocks have been marketed at prices which holding firm to previous advances have on no occasion given any signs of weakening. The strength was not due altogether to the decrease in visible supplies which decrease was less than what was expected, but by the occurrence of several other facts along with the decrease. Supplies required for Europe being estimated over 5 millions, the world's wheat shipments even with the 240,000 bushels from Australia, fell below these estimated requirements. Paris quotations have been steadily growing higher on corroboration of serious damage to the French crop, and with Paris quotations higher, foreign markets generally grew steadier and stronger. Amounts taken by foreign buyers were not of more than medium amount, but what was taken was for the continent, the export trade being continuous if not very heavy. Wheat situation has the following points of strength that the famine in India exceeds even the worst accounts given of it, that restriction of Argentine exports is being more rigidly enforced, that unfavorable crop advices seem likely to be renewed and that it is from the American markets that Europe must draw the great bulk of supplies still needed. Primary receipts have fallen behind a year ago by 50 million, and visibles are decreasing from now on to the end of the crop year.

Corn had even a higher record, giving 1¾ on the high price at 35½. Throughout the week it has held firm, gathering gradually increasing vigor from the 33¾ high mark of last Friday.

Oats selling yesterday at 24 advanced ¾ on the 23½ of the week before. The advance came not by fits and starts, but in the course of a steady increase.

The Provision market so long as it shows Pork in the neighborhood of \$11, Lard around \$6, and Ribs about \$6, must be considered in a strong condition. This is satisfactory to provision men, all the more because their strength is not that of the present week only, but has been now prolonged for many weeks.

Details of to-day's market were as follows.

Live-pool wheat opened and closed quiet at a loss of ¼ to ½. March opened 5-10½, May 5-10½, July 5-10½; closed March 5-10½; May 5-10½; July 5-10½.

Paris wheat and flour 10 higher.

Argentine ports declared free from plague Argentine shipments 1,600,000.

New York opened weak, ¼ lower, and later lost half a cent from last night's closing.

Chicago wheat opened ¼ lower, later sold off another ¼ on selling by longs and lower closing in Liverpool.

Think wheat sell off some to-day, and as I said before, buy only on breaks and sell out on bulges.

Looks as though considerable wheat wanted by commission houses.

Corn ruled strong at the opening at last night's closing, but on realizing by longs sold off ½ cent and weak at that price. Would sell corn for a turn.

Oats lost a quarter in sympathy with corn, but is dull.

Provisions opened strong, now free offerings.

	—CLOSING PRICES FEB. 9 TO FEB. 15.					—TO-DAY'S PRICES.			
	9	10	13	14	15	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing
Wheat—									
Feb.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May.....	68½ A	68½	68½-¾ A	68½ A	69 B	68½-¾	68½	68½-¾	68½ A
July.....	68½ B	69½-¾	69½ B	69½-¾	69½ B	69½-¾	69½	69½	69-¾
Corn—									
Feb.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May.....	33½-¾ A	34½	34½ B	34½ A	35½-¾	35½-¾	35½	34½-¾	34½ B
July.....	34½-¾ A	35½	35½-¾ A	35½ A	35½ B	35½-¾	35½-¾	35½	35½ A
Oats—									
Feb.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May.....	23½-¾ B	23½	23½	23½ B	24 A	23½-¾	24	23½	23½ B
July.....	22½	22½-¾	22½-¾ A	22½-¾	23 A	22½-¾	22½-23	22½	22½ A
Pork—									
Feb.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May.....	10 10 A	11 10	10 9½	10 8½-87B	11 00	11 0½-5	11 05	10 90-92	10 95-97
July.....	11 15 A	11 12	10 97	10 90-92B	11 02-5	11 07	11 07	10 92	10 97-11
Lard—									
March.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May.....	6 12	6 12	6 07	6 05 A	6 07 B	6 07-10	6 07-10	6 02-5	6 05-7
July.....	6 20 B	6 20-22	6 16 B	6 12 B	6 1½-17	6 15	6 15	6 12	6 16
Sht ribs—									
Feb.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May.....	6 05	6 07	5 97 B	5 97 A	6 02-5	6 02	6 02	5 97	6 02 A
July.....	6 07	6 07	6 00 B	6 00 A	6 05 B	6 05	6 05	6 00	6 02 B

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

STOCKS.	Shares. Par Value	CAPITAL.		Div. perct.	Buy- ers
		Paid up.	Rest as per Last Statement.		
MISCELLANEOUS.					
British America.....	\$ 50	\$ 750,000	\$ *70,381	3½	122½
Western Assurance.....	40	1,000,000	129,743	5	159½
Canada Life.....	400	125,000	.....	10	536
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	215
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Co.....	40	400,000	.....	.....	54
Victoria Rolling Stock Co.....	5000	60,000	60,000	10	.....
Toronto Electric Light Co., Old.....	100	1,400,000	.....	1½	134½
" " " " New.....	.....	240,000	.....	1½	134
Canadian General Electric Co.....	100	900,000	40,000	4	179
" " " " 20 p.c.....	100	300,000	.....	3	105
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	3	83
Canada Permanent Ln. & Sav. Co.....	50	2,000,000	1,200,000	3	125
" " " " 20 per cent.....	50	600,000	.....	3	125
Canadian Savings & Loan Co.....	50	734,175	220,000	3	112
Central Canada Ln. & Sav's Co.....	100	875,000	360,000	1½qr	134
" " " " 20 per cent.....	100	325,000	.....	.....	.....
Dominion Savings and Invest. Soc.....	50	930,627	10,000	2½	75
Freehold.....	100	476,100	300,000	3	70
" " " " 20 per cent.....	100	843,000	.....	3	.....
Hamilton Provident & Inv't Soc.....	100	1,100,000	300,000	3	109½
Huron & Erie Ln. & Savings Co.....	50	1,000,000	750,000	4½	175
" " " " 20 per cent.....	.....	400,000	.....	4½	166
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	1½qr	51
London Loan Co.....	50	631,500	83,000	3	109
London & Ontario Investment.....	100	550,000	100,000	3	82
Manitoba & North-West Loan Co.....	100	375,000	50,000	.....	46
North of Scotland Can. Mortg. Co.....	£10	730,000	418,533	5	.....
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.....	50	1,200,000	490,000	3½	121
Peoples Loan & D. Co.....	50	599,429	40,000	.....	25
Real Estate Loan Co.....	40	373,720	50,000	2	61
Toronto Savings & Loan.....	100	600,000	105,000	3	126
Union Loan & Savings Co.....	50	699,020	200,000	1	33
Western Canada.....	50	1,000,000	770,000	3	.....
" " " " 25 per cent.....	.....	500,000	.....	3	98

* After deducting \$511,982 for reinsurance † After deducting \$782,049 for reinsurance. This List is compiled from the fortnightly circular issued by the Secretary Toronto Stock Exchange.