

Chicago Market Lacks Support Declines on Profit Taking

Professionals Inclined to Work for Lower Prices in Most Instances
—Winnipeg Market Easier—Cables Weaker.

World Office,
Friday Evening, Feb. 18.
Liverpool wheat futures closed today 1/4 cent lower than yesterday; corn futures 1/4 cent lower.
May wheat at Chicago closed 1/4 cent lower than yesterday; May corn 1/4 cent lower.
Chicago car lots today: Wheat, 17; contract, 6. Corn, 48 1/2. Oats, 12 1/2. Rye, 1. Barley, 58.
Minneapolis receipts of wheat today were 231 cars, against 206 a week ago and 264 a year ago.
Duluth receipts of wheat today were 21 cars, against 17 a week ago and 29 a year ago.
Winnipeg receipts of wheat today were 74 cars, against 143 a week ago and 14 a year ago. Oats today, 11; a week ago, 11. Flax, 1 1/4.

Primarys.
To-day, Wk. Ago, Yr. Ago.
Wheat receipts, 42,000 47,000 525,000
Wheat shipments, 135,000 120,000 210,000
Corn receipts, 620,000 585,000 575,000
Corn shipments, 426,000 492,000 480,000
Oats receipts, 43,000
Oats shipments, 246,000
Rye receipts, 24,000
Rye shipments, 10,000

WORLD'S SHIPMENTS.
Broomhall estimates the world's shipments of wheat and flour for Monday next (exclusive of North America) will be about 10,000,000, against 8,900,000 actual last week. Of the total world's shipments, Europe will take 8,800,000. The total shipments last week amounted to 10,322,000 and 11,994,000 bushels last year.
Arrivals of breadstuffs into the United Kingdom will aggregate about 4,000,000 bushels. He predicts that there will be a fair increase in quantity of breadstuffs on passage to the United Kingdom.

ARGENTINE SHIPMENTS.
Wheat shipments this week, 3,185,000; last week, 3,236,000; last year, 3,236,000; since Jan. 1, 1910, 12,776,000; since Jan. 1, 1909, 27,572,000.
Corn this week, 32,000; last week, 146,000; last year, nil; since May 1, 1909, 85,108,000; since May 1, 1908, 61,883,000.
Broomhall has received a correction in the amount of wheat shipments from Argentina to the United Kingdom: U. K., 900,000; so far this season, 4,568,000; grand total this week, 2,422,000; so far this season, 11,556,000.

THE GRAIN MOVEMENT.
Australia—The Australian shipments this week amount to 2,568,000, against 2,295,000 last week and 1,388,000 last year.
Indian shipments this week, 220,000, against 222,000 last week and all a year ago. Broomhall predicts that the shipments next week will be about 260,000. Visible supply in chief ports: Wheat now, 2,600,000; week ago, 3,360,000; year ago, 4,500,000; two years ago, 5,184,000. Corn now, 240,000; week ago, 731,000; year ago, 167,000; two years ago, 137,000.
Modern Miller says: Reports are increasing regarding the possibility of a winter wheat. Most reports assert that the principal cause of injury to the plant, the root being exposed by heaving of the soil. The Kansas State Agricultural College reports that in several localities wheat on wet ground has been injured by alternate thawing and freezing.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.
Receipts of farm produce were 300 bushels of grain, 10 loads of hay and three loads of straw, with several lots of dressed hogs.
Barley—Two hundred bushels sold at 50c. Oats—One hundred bushels sold at 45c. Hay—Thirty loads sold at \$18 to \$20 a ton for timothy, and \$20 to \$25 for clover and mixed hay.
Straw—Three loads sold at \$14 to \$15 per ton for sheaf.
Dressed Hogs—Prices firmer, at \$11.50 to \$11.75 per cwt.
Prices for butter, eggs and poultry were unchanged from those in table.

Market Notes.
Joshua Ingram bought 40 dressed hogs at \$11.50 to \$11.75 per cwt.
Wheat, fall, bush, \$1.10 to \$1.10
Wheat, red, bush, 1.00
Wheat, goose, bush,95
Buckwheat, bush,56
Rye, bush,70
Barley, bush,53
Peas, bush,90
Oats, bush,45
Seeds.
Timothy, per bush, \$1.00 to \$1.10
Alfalfa, per bush, 1.00 to 1.10
Red clover, No. 2, bush,90
Red clover, No. 1, bush,95
Red clover, No. 3, bush,85
Buckhorn, bush,45
Hay and Straw.
Hay, No. 1 timothy, \$15.00 to \$16.00
Hay, clover, timothy, 15.00 to 16.00
Straw, loose, 8.00
Straw, baled, 14.00 to 15.00
Fruits and Vegetables.
Potatoes, per bush, \$1.10 to \$1.15
Apples, winter, bbl, 2.00
Carrots, per bush,40
Parsnips, per bush,65
Beets, per bush,75
Cabbage, per barrel, 1.25 to 1.50
Poultry.
Turkeys, dressed, lb, \$0.18 to \$0.20
Geese, per lb,17 to .18
Chickens, per lb,15 to .16
Ducks, per lb,12 to .14
Fresh Meats.
Beef, forequarters, cwt, \$5.50 to \$5.75
Beef, hindquarters, cwt, 5.50 to 5.75
Beef, choice sides, cwt, 5.50 to 5.75
Beef, medium, cwt, 5.50 to 5.75
Beef, common, cwt, 5.50 to 5.75
Spring lambs, per lb,12 to .13
Mutton, light, cwt, 9.00 to 11.00
Lamb, veal, cwt, 10.00 to 12.00
Calf, trim, cwt, 10.00 to 12.00
Dressed hogs, cwt, 11.50 to 11.75
Dairy Produce.
Butter, farmers' dairy, \$0.25 to \$0.30
Eggs, strictly new, laid,03 to .04
per dozen03 to .04
FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.
Hay, car lots, per ton, \$12.50 to \$14.50
Hay, No. 2 car lots, 12.50 to 13.00
Straw, car lots, per ton, 8.00
Potatoes, car lots, bag, 5.50
Parsnips, per bush,65
Evaporated apples, lb,07
Cakes, per lb,03 to .04
Cheese, case lots, dozen,25
Butter, separator, dairy, lb,22
Butter, store, dairy, lb,22
Butter, creamery, solids,22
Butter, creamery, lb, rolls,22
Honey, extracted, per lb,10 to .12
Honey, combs, per dozen, 2.25 to 3.00

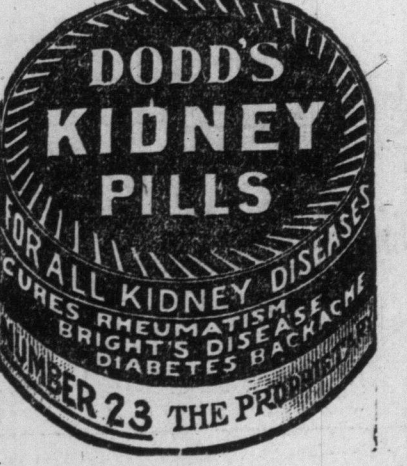
CHICAGO GOSSIP.
J. P. Bickell & Co. say at the close: Wheat—Lower. Indifferent foreign cable and lack of speculative trade were the reasons assigned for heavy profit-taking, closing 1/4 to 1/2 cent lower. Cash demand at moment is besting, and for this reason we caution buying the May future, but July at present discount, to our mind, is the most attractive, and possesses many possibilities. Be careful of bulges, but on all declines we continue to advise purchases.
Ericsson Perkins & Co. had the following to sell:
Wheat—Local professionals were inclined to work for lower prices, and the weakness in corn contributed to the easier feeling. The market today has lacked the support of buying on crop damage, and a good deal of speculative trade were the reasons assigned for heavy profit-taking, closing 1/4 to 1/2 cent lower. Cash demand at moment is besting, and for this reason we caution buying the May future, but July at present discount, to our mind, is the most attractive, and possesses many possibilities. Be careful of bulges, but on all declines we continue to advise purchases.

INCREASED IMMIGRATION.
OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Immigration into Canada for January was 6638, as compared with 4097 for January of last year. The total immigration for the ten months of the present fiscal year was 165,567, as compared with 125,633 during the same period last year.

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The real estate is increasingly active and according to J. Enoch Thompson, the sales are double those during the corresponding period of last year. The removal of the German surtax and the trade agreement with Germany entered into by the Canadian Government are responsible for the loss of one sale. "To our knowledge," said Mr. Thompson, "the removal of the surtax prevented the sale of a factory for which negotiations have been proceeding for months."
Tanner & Gates report an increasing demand for property on the Avenue-road hill, north of Upper Canada College, and south of Eglinton-avenue. There has been a decided movement in the northern suburban districts and the coming spring will see many hand-some residences go up. Down town the following real estate deals have been closed:
Down-Town Sales.
The property on the northwest corner of York and West Adelaide-streets, formerly owned by Charles McGee, has been sold to Richard Richards for \$7000. The property has a frontage of 121 feet on York-street and is 165 feet deep. This makes the price for the land about \$50 a foot. The purchaser expects to erect a modern office building on the site.
The southeast corner of Richmond and Spadina has been purchased by

Hides and Skins.
Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 35, Front-street East. Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calveskins and Sheepskins, Raw, Tallow, etc.
No. 1 inspected steers and cows \$0.12 to \$0.14
No. 2 inspected steers and cows11
No. 3 inspected steers and cows10
Country hides06 to .08
Calveskins, No. 125
Horsehair, per lb02
Tallow, per lb08 to .09



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CANADIAN WEST VS. IRISH LAND QUESTION

Rev. T. W. Davidson of Belfast
Enthusoes Over Prospect—Has
Been Good Immigration Agent.

"We thank God every day the rent falls due that there is no rent to pay."
"That is pretty straight testimony, and a practical solution of the Irish land question," said Rev. T. W. Davidson, who was in Toronto yesterday, "from a family of ten who came from Ireland four years ago, and are now comfortably settled on six homesteads twenty miles from Vermilion."
Rev. Mr. Davidson has been a free lance immigration agent for Canada. He is pastor of the Lynn Memorial Methodist Church in Belfast, and the last eight or nine years has been directing young men to western Canada. The present is his first trip to America. He has been right through Canada to the Pacific coast.
"I am immensely pleased with my trip," he declared. "I shall go home more enthusiastic than ever about the possibilities of this wonderful country. Henceforth I shall endeavor to send families out here as well as young men. I send them to Canada because I want all to remain under the flag."

Describing some of his experiences, Mr. Davidson went on, "I was fascinated by the prairies. Time and again while driving thru the wheat fields I jumped out of the rig and rubbed the prairie soil in my hands. The cool, soft, spongy soil was delightful to feel. The boundless sea of grain charmed the eye."
"Are all your people satisfied?" asked The World.
"Not one of them would go back to Ireland," was the reply. "Most of the young men who have come to Canada at my instigation," remarked Mr. Davidson, "have sought first to gain experience with some farmer before taking up a homestead. In a number of cases they have obtained money and bought in the more settled parts of Manitoba."

On his return to Ireland, Mr. Davidson proposes to induce a large number of girls and young women to come out. He is promised by one gentleman in Winnipeg that 500 will be placed within twenty-four hours of their arrival. Toronto manufacturing concerns are also anxious to secure a number of girls from the Irish factories. Domestic servants, he said, "were difficult to procure; there are more unemployed among the other classes."

"What impressed me most," continued Mr. Davidson, "was the wheat fields around Saskatoon. I visited one farm of 2000 acres of which 800 were under crop. The reapers covered 150 acres per day."
"I correspond regularly for the Belfast papers, and they would discredit a written story of a roving scene on the prairies; so I am taking home a large number of photographs to show them the truth. I will lecture extensively. They have no idea in Ireland of the immense scale on which things are done in the west."

Mr. Davidson was thrilled with his trip thru the Rockies. "They obsessed my mind for two weeks after wards," he said. "I stopped at Banff and Laggan." In addition he visited the lakes in the clouds and the ranch

CITY CHARGE FEES FOR ELECTRIC SIGNS

Policy Finally Agreed Upon Will
Mean Revenue and Little
Apparent Risk.

Owners of electric signs will be required to pay license fees and to give the city personal bonds whereby they will hold themselves liable to meet any claims that may arise to the extent of \$500, the city to be responsible for settlement of any claims over and above that amount.
Thus it was that the civic works committee decided yesterday, thereby disposing of a question which has been causing much deliberation. Incidentally, the guarantee companies which have been charging the owners \$10 for bonds, will be cut out from what has hitherto been a profitable business.
Several of the aldermen who had opposed the city's assuming any share of the risk were won over on discovering that the plan, instead of shouldering all responsibilities for injuries caused by falling signs, merely guaranteed that the owner was "good" for claims amounting to \$500, leaving the city to bear the brunt of any damage suits for larger amounts. Owing to the strict regulations governing the erection of such signs, accidents of the kind have been almost unheard of.

Means Revenue.
The city is now in a fair way to gather a revenue of several thousand dollars yearly without running much hazard. It will take some time to figure out the exact income, as the individual license fees depend upon the dimensions of the signs. The minimum fee will be \$5.
Since the agitation to change the bond system, the companies, alarmed at the prospect, offered to reduce their charges to \$5.

A deputation asked that Kendall-avenue be extended north of the C. P. R. tracks so as to give direct access to Davenport-road, asserting that the present roundabout approach was very unsatisfactory. The city engineer and assessment commissioner will look over the ground.

School Board's Request.
An imposing array of board of education members and officials requested that the city extend water mains and sewers to the Earlscourt, Hillcrest, Balm Beach, Norway, Pyne, Roden, Coleman-avenue, Deer Park, Humbler, St. Clair-avenue, Malvern-avenue and Kimberley-avenues. Chairman Jas. Simpson led the van in the appeal for prompt action, but the city engineer looked dubious. He thought the rate-payers should pass a money bylaw first. However, he will report.

Castle Frank-avenue will be widened from 50 to 66 feet, if the committee has its way. William Jackson appeared in protest, declaring that the high-class residential character of the neighborhood would be injuriously affected, but the aldermen felt that the change would be an improvement to values.
Add. Ald. Russell's report that it would cost \$160,000 per annum to clean the snow from the sidewalks if the city did the work instead of individual householders, asserted that it would take 1000 men eight days to remove each deposit of the beautiful. The alderman wasn't present to oppose Mr. Russell's advice that present methods be continued, and nobody did.

A claim for \$200 seems a small matter for arbitration, yet this process will be resorted to regarding compensation asked by the owner of the land at the northwest corner of Bloor-street and Lansdowne-avenue. The city requires 21-1-2 square feet of land to carry out its undertaking of rounding the corner, and the assessment commissioner thinks the value is only about \$100.

Street Name Changes.
Several changes were made in the recommendations of the street naming sub-committee so far as the "midway" is concerned, the alterations being due to the discovery that the proposed changes had some similarity in sound or spelling to the names of other streets. The new recommendations are:
Maple-avenue to Scarborough-road.
Lynwood-avenue to Kingwood-avenue.
Linden-avenue to Bastedo-avenue.
Cherry-street to Erindale-avenue.
Gibson-avenue to Tomlin-avenue.
Jameson-avenue to Devon-road.
Beattie-avenue to Lipton-avenue.
May-street to Selkirk-avenue.
Murray-street to Windermere-ave.
McCarthy-avenue to Walpole-avenue.

Bad Typhoid Outlook.
That there is a possibility of the number of typhoid fever cases increasing to 200 a month when spring comes is the statement of Medical Officer of Health Shearer, who has in view prospective contamination from freshets.
Dr. Shearer says the death rate is about normal, about 15 per cent., and that there is no occasion for particular alarm. There is discouragement, however, in the fact that, after an absence of several days, typhoid bacteria have again appeared in the city water.

Suggestions as to the construction of the new poultry building were made by a deputation of poultry fanciers who waited on Manager Orr and Architect Gouninck yesterday. The visitors thought the birds should be cooped singly and that there should be accommodation for 5000. These ideas will be considered.

People's Sunday Service.
The program by the City Band, at the People's Service in Massey Hall, tomorrow (Sunday) evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, will include several new numbers. The program will include "The Pilgrims' Chorus" from Tannhauser, will be given. Other numbers will be selected from air and variations on "Home Sweet Home," for clarinet (Mr. Thos. Lake), with illustrated views, a selection of Stephen Adams' songs, "To the Front," "The Star of Bethlehem," "The Midshipman," "The Celebrated Largo," Handel, Miss Ella May Stouffer of New York will sing "O Dream of Paradise" (illustrated), and Capt. W. C. Cockerill, will sing "Eternal Life and Love," and "The Raft." The subject of the pictorial address will be "Wesley and the Early Methodists in England and America."

Will Discuss Wage Inflation.
Vice-President E. H. Fitzgibbon and General Manager of Transportation Browne of the G. T. R., will discuss the wage question at a joint conference with the representatives of the four railway brotherhoods at Montreal, today.

THE EQUITY FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Head Office, 24 King St. West, Toronto.
Twelfth Annual Meeting February 17th, 1910
DIRECTORS' REPORT.

To the Shareholders of The Equity Fire Insurance Company:
Your Directors, in presenting the Twelfth Annual Statement to the Shareholders, would call attention to the increase of Premium Income, the gross amount for the year being \$328,073.12, which with interest earnings and payments on Capital Stock makes a total gross income of \$392,493.46.
The call on the Capital Stock has resulted in receipts of practically \$60,000 and the balance remaining should be paid into the Company without further delay.

It is pleasing to note that of the \$127,234.08 balance of income, no less an amount than \$62,813.74 is due to surplus on underwriting account. The sum of \$63,612.98 has been placed to Reserve, and the total security to Policyholders now stands at \$488,412.98.
We would call attention to the moderate amount of fire losses for the year, namely, \$86,315.07.
We would further point out that every adjusted loss on the 31st of December was paid, and that the net amount of unadjusted losses amounted to only \$4621.34.

The expenses in several items show a reduction, and a strong effort will be made to still further reduce controllable expenditure.
Your Directors obtained in May last from the Dominion Parliament a special Bill incorporating the Equity Fire Insurance Company of Canada, the objects of which have already been explained. A Special General Meeting of Shareholders was held on June 21st last, at which the action of the Board for the proposed transfer of the present Company to the Equity Fire Insurance Company of Canada was duly approved, but the response to the call upon the Shareholders and the sale of new stock has not been sufficient as yet to meet the requirements and thus enable us to make the change.

The record of the year's operations, which we now present, should, we think, result in a recognition of the possibilities of the business and encourage a desire for investment by the public in the Capital Shares of the new Company.
Your Directors, having in mind the intimate relations existing between the Equity, Metropolitan and Independent Fire Insurance Companies, and with a view to greater economy and efficiency, approved of the Company completing a closer working alliance between the Companies, under one management. This has been in operation since the beginning of the year. The thanks of the Shareholders are due to the Agents of the Company.

The members of the Staff have been energetic and loyal in their attention and efforts for the Company.
The Auditors have maintained a continuous audit of the books of the Company and have given excellent service in their department.
The term for which the Directors were elected terminates with this meeting. A reduction in the number of Directors and in meetings of the Board is recommended.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. CRAWFORD, President.
WM. GREENWOOD BROWN, Manager and Secretary.

REVENUE STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1909.	
EXPENDITURE.	INCOME.
Cancellations and Reinsurance	Premium Earnings \$328,073.12
General Expenses, Contingencies	Interest Earnings 4,880.84
Mission, etc.	Payments on Capital Stock 59,540.50
Cancellation of United States business	
Fire losses and adjustment	
Net Premiums in course of collection	
	\$392,493.46

CONTINGENT LIABILITY.	
EXPENDITURE.	INCOME.
Capital in course of collection	Capital subscribed \$424,800.00
Cash in Bank and on hand	Losses unpaid 19,002.67
Not Premiums in course of collection	Reinsurance and amounts due other companies 29,858.40
Bonds and Bills Receivable	Reserve Fund 62,612.98
Office furniture, insurance, plans and sundry other assets	
Net Premiums in course of collection	
	\$488,412.98

This is to certify that we have maintained a continuing audit of the books, verified the vouchers and examined the securities of The Equity Fire Insurance Company for the year ending December 31st, 1909, and find they have been correctly kept and are truly set forth in the above statements.

(Signed) EDMOND GUNN, C.A.
CHARLES ARNOLD, Auditors.
Toronto, February 2nd, 1910.

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New Sunday School.
The trustees of Bathurst-street Church will sell a large section of the land to the south of the church and will apply the proceeds of the sale towards financing the new Sunday school building, on which work will commence next spring.
This action was decided at a meeting of the congregation Thursday night. The plans for the new school were shown. They provided for an up-to-date building that will accommodate about 1000 scholars, and have reading rooms, gymnasium and swimming baths at a cost of about \$25,000.

Cowan Factory Sold.
The old Cowan factory and warehouses on the north side of King-street near Spadina-avenue, have been sold to the Trustees of the Equity Fire Insurance Company. The buildings have a frontage of 102 feet by a depth of 130 feet. The buildings are assessed for \$7000 and the land for \$5 a foot. The deal was put thru by John Stark & Co.

**THIRTY DEATHS
FROM RAZOR**
A physician in Chicago states thirty deaths have resulted from paring cuts with a razor. Avoid blood poisons by applying Putnam's Corn and Wart Extractor. Purely vegetable. Painless and sure is Putnam's.