

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

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AN EASIER FEELING IN CORN.

Trading in Oats Uneventful—A Quiet Day in Provisions—A Light Run of Cattle—Hogs Open Active—Quotations.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Wheat was passably active to-day and values ruled very steady. Fluctuations were within narrow limits, and no news of a disquieting character was in circulation. Foreign markets were strong and cables from the other side were for once in substantial harmony. New York did not report any large amount of new business, but clearances from three principal ports to-day were large, including 840,336 bushels of wheat and 18,787 packages of flour, equal all told, to about 10,000 bushels. A New York dispatch gives the clearances for the entire list of American ports at 504,000 bushels of wheat and flour. The Chicago market did not develop particularly striking features early beyond the fact that increased general speculative interest in wheat was shown by the operations of commission houses. Hutchinson was a large open seller of all futures, more particularly May, and succeeded for the greater part of the day in depressing the tendency to advance, but along about noon the market got too strong for him, and the last half hour saw him a buyer at the best prices of the day. December opened at \$2c, held for two hours and a half between \$19½ and \$20c, touching the latter at both top and bottom. The market closed close to \$20 most of the time.

About half past 12 o'clock the market turned up, and an advance of \$1c was scored, December going to \$21c, reaching before the close, and resting there. The market was quiet all day, with a slight advance to \$21c, which again touched \$21½, and advanced to \$21½, closing at \$21½ bid. November was at \$18½ at the close. Compared with yesterday, the market closed 5¢c higher.

The market, at easier feeling in the corn market, but later speculative sentiment was somewhat influenced by the advancing tendency in wheat, and the shorts became uneasy and were bidders for the stuff they had sold earlier in the day. Shipments from the seaboard and also from this point were light, but the market was well supported, less urgent than it has been, but the receipts continue light—only 22 cars—although this was rather in excess of yesterday's estimates. For to-morrow 220 cars are predicted as the probable number of cars to be imported. The foreign market was quiet, firm, and outside domestic markets steady. There was a good inquiry for May at around \$3½c, and after a short spell of weakness near the opening, December became a good demand and advanced from time to time, until it had declined to \$3½c, and finally closed at that, which is the same price as at the finish of the day before. May framed up and closed at an advance of 1c on the final quotation of the day before.

Trading in oats was uneventful, with prices nearly steady within an inch or two range. A few outside buying orders appeared, but the receipts were small, being rather below the estimate, and any tendency to special weakness was checked by Hutchinson's purchase of about 250,000 bushels of May at 23½c, the market closing at 23½c split below. December was quiet around 26c and November was nodecated at 19½c bid. Withdrawals for shipment were 19,723 bushels. No. 2 white oats for May were 24½c, No. 3 regular was nomi-

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