

RECEIPTS ARE LESS

Wheat Arrivals Not Equal to a Year Ago.

DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY

Responsible for Strong Market at All North Pacific Coast Ports. Heavy Movement to California. Lower Oats Prices Probable.

Receipts of wheat at this port are increasing steadily, but the movement is still much smaller than it was last year. Since the beginning of the crop season the total receipts at Portland have been 221 cars. Of this total, 154 cars have arrived in the past five weeks, while in the corresponding five weeks last year the receipts were 215 cars. The carlot receipts of wheat for the period compare as follows:

Table with columns for Year, Receipts, and other metrics. Rows include 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909.

These limited arrivals of wheat and the chartered tonnage in port continuing growing have combined to create a position in the local wheat market. The situation on the Sound is even stronger than here, as the grain arrivals there are much smaller, and the needs of shippers more pressing. To stimulate a freer movement, prices have, therefore, been advanced at all coast points in the past week. Sales of bluestem at Tacoma, are reported to be in the neighborhood of \$1.00 per bushel. This business is understood to be for milling account. Added to the troubles of the grain trade is the difficulty of bringing wheat, already bought, to the market in the water. This is due to the shortage of motive power rather than of cars, and no relief is likely until the heavy passenger traffic subsides, which will be when the Seattle fair is over and the low collector rates expire.

In the meantime there is a very good demand from California for wheat, and large shipments are being made to that state and to other sound ports. The undertone of the oats market appears to be weak. Prices are unchanged, but trade is very slow. Dealers believe that oats prices will have to decline, in view of the good crop in the Northwest and the offerings by Montana dealers, who have a large surplus to dispose of. In previous years Montana has sent its oats to the Eastern markets, but this year the dealers of that state are looking to the coast for buyers. barley is steady and the market shows more activity, because of an increased local demand. The hay market continues firm under light receipts.

A few small export orders for flour have been received, but the trade is rather quiet. Local patents are quoted firm. Local receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

Table showing local receipts in cars for Wheat, Barley, Flour, Oats, Hay, Monday through Saturday, and Year ago.

EXCITEMENT IN THE HOP MARKET.

Dealers Freely Offer 2 1/2 Cents, but Holders Will Not Sell. The hop market yesterday showed the first traces of real excitement this season. The demand was keen, but buyers were unable to accomplish anything. The market was completely blocked. Offers of 2 1/2 cents were freely made in the country. Through the action of this price on a 200-bale crop at Banks, but without success. Orders are coming in from Middle Western points, where the growers are being urged to hold their crop, but the East still holds back.

A 250-bale lot of Yakima hops was sold at 2 1/2 cents, and this figure was generally offered in that district. Callers advised reported 2 1/2 and 2 3/4 cents offered for Russian Rivers and Sacramento, with the Sonoma market deadlocked. A large part of the Oregon contracts have now been taken in and the dealers have found the growers willing to do business by their own terms. No trouble on this score is anticipated. Advice from Washington indicates that the crop of the Northern state will not exceed 15,000 tons. This is a decrease in progress a Western Washington. Isaac Plinck and Sons, of Tacoma, have received the following cables:

From Nuremberg: Market very stronger 27 to 40 cents paid to growers; believe market will go higher. From Bing of Nuremberg: Crop much smaller. The weather has continued much to advance. From Monger & Henley, of London: Reduce your contracts to 200,000 cwt. Market quiet but firm.

MOVEMENT OF GRAPES IS HEAVY.

Shipments from California Points Have Not Fallen Off. The California Fruit Distributors report shipments of 235 cars of grapes in the past week and say: Shipment of grapes this week has not been quite as heavy as that of last week, and probably will continue in about the same quantity during the next week or ten days after which shipments will undoubtedly decline. Fruit now going forward is of a finer quality than any that has been seen in the past, and the bulk of it will be classed as strictly fancy in character. The fruit is of good color and is sweet and in every way desirable. The weather has continued favorable, and the usual shower, which we get at this season of the year, has so far passed us by.

Very few Cornichons have as yet gone forward, but there is a nice crop of this variety, as well as Emperors, which will move out after Tokays are practically gone. The quality of both Cornichon and Emperor this year is unusually good. There is a large demand for grapes and they are giving almost universal satisfaction in all the markets of the country. Recent sales of Metags grapes in the auction markets have been of a very satisfactory character, and this variety seems to be growing in popularity. This is as it should be, as the Malaga, when well grown, is one of the best grapes produced in California.

FIRST CAR OF CRANBERRIES ARRIVES

Are of the Early Black Variety and Come from Cape Cod. The first car of cranberries of the season arrived yesterday and will be distributed Monday morning. The car came from Cape Cod and are of the early Black variety. They will be offered at 10 per barrel. The fruit market was not heavily supplied yesterday and everything cleaned up well. The season for Summer fruits is drawing to an end and the trade in apples and show more interest now in apples and fall fruits.

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