

HOP ORDERS HEAVY

Over 1000 Bales Change Hands on Local Markets.

LONDON STRONGEST BUYER

Twenty Cents Bid for Good Prices.

Growers Are Tight and Purchases Are Made Principally From Dealers' Stocks.

Over 1000 bales of hops changed hands on the local market yesterday. Nearly all this business was between dealers. No efforts were spared to buy from growers, but very few of them would consider the bids tendered.

An offer of 20 cents was made for a well-known lot of 100 bales of good prime hops for London account, but the holder would not listen to it.

The market could hardly be stronger than it is at present. There are not to exceed 30,000 bales of hops of all kinds in dealers' and growers' hands on the entire coast, and there are eight months of the brewing season yet before a new supply is available.

The position would be strong statistically without a demand. As it is, the English buyers are clamoring for hops, and the Eastern trade is also coming into the market. Bids from both Europe and the East are at better figures than were quoted half a week ago.

In the past two days London, who has bought about 1000 bales on this market, and orders are continually coming in for more.

Activity also characterizes the California market. Richardson bought 1200 bales yesterday. The few hops left in Washington are in strong hands and selling at block.

London hop factors trade circulars say in part:

Wild, Neume & Co.—Our market has made a further recovery during the week. Available stocks have been reduced to a very narrow compass for the time of year and the market generally is very firm.

Manager & Co.—The tone of the market is much stronger and a considerable business has again been done during the past week, and present indications point to higher prices in the near future.

W. H. and H. Le May—The trade noted in our last continues. The stocks now left in growers' hands are getting a narrow compass. Prices are rather better on the week.

QUOTED BUYING IN COUNTRY WHEAT

Established Prices Are Quoted—Inquiry From Millers.

There was not as much excitement in the wheat market at the close of the week as at the opening, but quiet buying of the various kinds was under way at country points. The old prices were paid growers. There was a fair demand for California account.

Interest in the oats and barley markets was slack, but there has been rather easy. The hay trade continues quiet.

Local receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange, as follows:

Wheat Barley Flour Oats Hay
Monday 97 15 8 6 3
Tuesday 100 15 12 8 3
Wednesday 100 15 12 8 3
Thursday 100 15 12 8 3
Friday 100 15 12 8 3
Saturday 100 15 12 8 3
Total this week 437 73 31 33 22
Year to date 1363 1512 1100 1003 1178
Year ago 8230 278 1493 967 1884

BETTER POULTRY SUPPLY EXPECTED

High Prices of Past Week Bring Forward Larger Receipts.

The poultry market is gradually easing off, as the high prices of the past week have brought forward larger receipts. An ample supply of chickens is expected in the coming week. The best hens sold at 15 cents yesterday, but some of the dealers cleaned up at 14 cents a dozen, while others at 13 cents.

Dressed meats were in small supply and steady at the old price.

The egg market was firm with no excess of stocks on the street.

Butter and cheese were steady at unchanged prices.

ALL CALIFORNIA VEGETABLES FIRM

Celery and Sweet Potatoes Selling at Higher Prices—Southern Oranges Due.

The chilly weather put somewhat of a check on the fruit and vegetable trade yesterday, but business during the week was active and stocks at the close were not burdensome.

California vegetables of all kinds are firm. The celery market was especially strong, as there was an advance of 10 cents a dozen in the north, owing to the cold weather prevailing. Sweet potatoes are also a strong feature of the market.

A car of sweet potatoes is due from Los Angeles Monday morning, also a car of Redlands oranges.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland 1,033,713 274,306
Seattle 1,033,713 274,306
Tacoma 1,033,713 274,306
Bank clearings of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for the past week as compared with the same week last year:

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