WHEAT PRICES ARE LOWER.

No Change on September Option, But December and May Declined.

Corn is Strong and Higher, Oats Are Firm, Provisions Rallied After a Weak Opening — Latest Commercial News.

Saturday Evening, Sept. 2.

Liverpool September wheat to-day closed unchanged from yesterday; December ½d lower.

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Cars of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth 638, last week 209, last year 801.

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The report that yellow fever had appeared at New Orleans was confirmed to-day. One man died of the fever and Texas has quarantined against the city. Two deaths and 17 cases reported at Key West. No alarm is felt, as it is late in the season.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices at important wheat centres to-day:

	Cash.	Sept.	Dec.	May.
Chicago	$....	$0 69⅝	$0 71¼	$0 74⅜
Milwaukee	0 71	....	....	....
St. Louis	0 68	0 68⅝	0 71⅛	0 75⅝
Toledo	0 69½	0 69½	0 73¼	0 77⅛
Detroit, red ..	0 70¾	0 70¾	0 73⅜	....
Detroit, white.	0 69¾	....	....	....
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 68	0 67¾	0 68½	0 72⅛
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 70½	....	....	....
Minneapolis ..	....	0 66⅝	0 67⅞	0 70¾

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Ontario patents, in bags, $3.55 to $3.65; straight roller, $3.25 to $3.30. Hungarian patents, $3.90; Manitoba bakers', $3.50 to $3.60, all on track at Toronto.

Wheat — Ontario, red and white, 69c north and west; goose, 67c to 68c north and west; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 80c, Toronto, and No. 1 Northern at 76½c.

Oats—White oats quoted at 24c to 25c west.

Rye—Quoted at 49c to 50c, north and west.

Barley—Quoted at 38c west; feed barley, 32c.

Bran—City mills sell bran at $13 and shorts at $16 in car lots, f.o.b., Toronto.

Buckwheat—Firm; 48c north and 50c east.

Corn—Canadian, 36c west, and American 40c on track here.

Oatmeal—Quoted at $3.80 by the bag and $3.50, by the barrel, on track at Toronto.

Peas—At 50c north and west.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts of fruit were much lighter than on Friday, which was the largest on record. Trade slow, with prices steady, as follows:

Peaches sold at 70c to $1.25 for Crawfords; common, 40c to 60c per basket; plums, 25c to 60c; pears, 40c to 50c for Bartletts and 25c to 35c for common; Lawton berries, 6c to 7½c; tomatoes, 10c to 12½c; egg plant, 30c to 40c per basket; grapes, 20c to 40c per basket, according to quality; apples, 15c to 25c per basket, and $1.25 to $2 per bbl.; cucumbers, 10c per basket, and gherkins, 40c to 50c per basket; muskmelons, 20c per basket; medium cases, 40c to 75c, and large cases, $1.25 to $1.50.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce, as is usual on Saturday, were large, especially so for small stuff. Deliveries of grain amounted to 2800 bushels, and 30 loads of hay.

Wheat steady; 1500 bushels sold as follows: White, 69½c to 70½c; red, 69c to 70c; goose, 71½c.

Barley firmer; 700 bushels sold at 40c to 42½c.

Oats firmer; 300 bushels sold at 30½c to 31½c.

Rye steady; one load sold at 53c per bushel.

Peas easier; 200 bushels sold at 60c to 61½c.

Hay steady at $10 to $10.50 per ton.

Straw—None offered.

Dressed Hogs—Prices steady at $6 to $6.50 per cwt.

Potatoes easy at 55c to 65c per bag.

Butter firm, at 20c to 25c per lb., the latter price only being paid for choice dairy by special customers, the bulk going at 22c to 24c per lb.

Eggs plentiful at 14c to 16c for the bulk, with a few extra choice new laid at 17c to 18c per doz.

Chickens—Prices remain fairly steady at 50c to 80c, the bulk selling at 65c to 75c per pair.

Ducks—Choice ducks were in demand, while poor quality were slow of sale. Prices ranged from 60c to 80c per pair.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 69½	to $0 70½
" red, bush	0 69	0 70
" fife, bush	0 69	....
" goose, bush.	0 71½	....
Barley, bush.....	0 40	0 42½
Peas, bush	0 60	0 61½
Oats, bush	0 30½	0 31½
Rye, bush	0 53	....
Buckwheat, bush.	0 55	....
Seeds—		
Red clover, per bush.	$4 00	to $4 50
Alsike, choice to fancy....	4 90	5 40
Alsike, good No. 2.....	4 00	4 75
Alsike, good No. 3.....	3 50	4 00
White clover, per bush..	7 00	8 00
Timothy seed, per bush..	1 00	1 75
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, new	$8 50	to $11 00
Straw, sheaf, per ton	6 00	7 00
Straw, loose, per ton....	4 00	5 00
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb. rolls.....	$0 20	to $0 25
Eggs, new-laid	0 14	0 16
Fresh Meat—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt..	$4 00	to $5 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt..	7 50	8 50
Lamb, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Mutton, carcase, per lb..	0 06	0 07
Veal, carcase, per lb.....	0 07	0 08
Hogs, dressed, light	5 50	6 00
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair.....	$0 50	to $0 80
Turkeys, per lb.	0 10	0 12
Ducks, per pair.....	0 60	0 80
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Cabbage, per dozen.....	$0 40	to $0 50
Apples, per bbl.	0 75	1 50
Onions, per bag	1 00	1 25
Beets, per basket	0 25	....
Potatoes, per bag	0 50	0 65
Celery, per dozen	0 30	0 50

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled, car lots, per ton, new	$8 00	to $8 25
Straw, baled, car lots, per ton	4 00	4 50
Butter, choice, tubs.....	0 16	0 17
" medium, tubs	0 13	0 14
" dairy, lb. rolls....	0 17	0 18
" creamery, lb. rolls.	0 23	0 24
" creamery, boxes...	0 20	0 22
Eggs, choice, new-laid	0 13	0 14
Honey, per lb.	0 09	0 10

Hides and Wool.

Price list revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, No. 111 East Front-street, Toronto:

Hides, No. 1 green.....	$0 08½	to $....
" No. 1 green steers.	0 09	....
" No. 2 green steers.	0 08	....
" No. 2 green	0 07½	....
" No. 3 green	0 06½	....
" cured	0 08½	0 09
Calfskins, No. 1	0 09	....
Calfskins, No. 2	0 07	....
Sheepskins, fresh	0 80	1 00
Lambskins, fresh	0 45	....
Pelts, fresh	0 45	....
Wool, fleece	0 13	0 14
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 08	....
Wool, pulled, super	0 15	0 16½
Tallow, rough	0 01½	0 03
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 04

British Markets.

Liverpool, Sept. 2.—(12.30.)—Wheat—Nor., spring, 6s 0½d to 6s 1d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 1d to 6s 1½d; red winter, 5s 9½d. Corn, new, 3s 4½d; old, 3s 4½d. Peas, 5s 6d. Pork, prime Western mess, 50s 0d. Lard, prime Western, 27s 6d; American, refined, 28s 3d. Tallow, Australian, 25s 3d; American, good to fine, 24s. Bacon, long clear, light, 32s; heavy, 31s; short clear, heavy 29s. Cheese, colored, 53s 6d; white, 52s 0d. Wheat, dull. Corn, quiet.

Liverpool — Close — Spot wheat, dull; red winter, 5s 9½d; northern spring, 6s 1½d; futures, steady; Sept. 5s 9½d, Dec. 5s 11⅝d, March 6s ½d. Spot corn, steady, 3s 4½d; futures, steady; Sept. 3s 4½d, Oct. 3s 4⅞d, Nov. 3s 5⅜d, Dec. 3s 5⅝d, Jan. 3s 3½d, Feb. 3s 3½d. Flour, 18s 9d.

London—Close—Wheat cargoes waiting at outports, offered for sale, 3; wheat, off the coast, buyers indifferent; on passage, white firm, red dull. Corn, off the coast, nothing doing; on passage, American dull, Danubian firm. Maize, spot quotations, Gal., Fox, Bess., 18s 6d; American mixed, 16s 9d. Flour, spot Minn., 23s 6d. Antwerp wheat steady: No. 2 R. W., 16f.

Paris—Close—Wheat, tone quiet; Sept. 19f 65c, Jan. and April 20f 80c. Flour, tone dull; Sept. 27f, Jan. and April 27f 70c.

Chicago Markets.

McIntyre & Wardwell report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—Sept .	69⅝	70½	69⅝	69⅝
" —Dec .	71½	71½	71⅛	71¼
" —May .	74⅝	75	74⅝	74⅝
Corn—Sept ...	31	31⅜	31	31⅜
" —Dec ...	28⅝	29¼	28⅝	28⅝
" —May ...	29⅝	30¼	29⅝	29⅝
" —Oct ...	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝
Oats—Sept ...	20½	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
" —Dec ...	20	20¼	20	20⅛
" —May ...	21⅜	21⅞	21⅜	21⅜
Pork—Sept ...	7 90	7 95	7 85	7 85
" —Oct ...	8 00	8 02	7 95	8 00
" —Dec ...	8 15	8 15	8 10	8 10
" —Jan ...	9 37	9 42	9 32	9 40
Lard—Sept ...	5 15	5 20	5 15	5 20
" —Oct ...	5 17	5 22	5 17	5 22
" —Dec ...	5 25	5 30	5 25	5 30
" —Jan ...	5 35	5 40	5 35	5 40
Ribs—Oct	5 05	5 12	5 05	5 12
" —Jan ...	4 87	4 95	4 87	4 95
" —Sept ...	4 95	5 05	4 95	5 05
" —Dec ...	4 90	....	....	....

Cheese Markets.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Sept. 2.—Sixteen lots—1095 boxes—offered; 11¼c bid; no sales; later on street sales reported at 11⅜c to 11 11-16c; balance holding for 11¾c.

Cowansville, Que., Sept. 2.—At the board to-day 29 factories offered 1340 boxes cheese; 1305 boxes sold to G. W. Brock for 12¼c. One factory, of 35 boxes, were sold for 12⅜c. All sold. Adjourned to Sept. 9.

London, Ont., Sept. 2.—At to-day's market, 15 factories boarded 2221 boxes—1516 colored and 705 white. First half August make cheese. Sales, 150 at 11¾c. Bidding ranged from 11⅜c to 11 13-16c.

Belleville, Ont., Sept. 2.—At our Cheese Board to-day, 14 factories offered 1041 white cheese. Sales, 110 at 12c. After the market adjourned some sold at 12 1-16c.

Watertown, N.Y., Sept. 2.—Sales of cheese to-day, 2500 boxes, August make, at 11c to 11½c; bulk at 11¼c and 11⅜c. Only one-half offerings sold; balance held for higher prices.

Cornwall, Ont., Sept. 2.—Twelve cents was the top notch paid for cheese at to-day's Cornwall Cheese Board, which price was 1¼c higher than paid a week ago. There were 1412 cheese boarded, of which 114 were colored and 50 American. McNeal got 62 white at 11⅞c; Weatherspoon, 70 white, at 11⅞c; McGregor, 62 colored and 606 white, at 12c; McRae, 610 white and 52 colored, at 12c.

Canton, N.Y., Sept. 3.—There were 1800 cheese sold at 11⅜c; 1000 tubs butter sold at 20½c.

New York Markets.

New York, Sept. 2.—Butter—Receipts, 4740 packages; quiet and steady. State dairy, 15c to 19c; State creamery, 16½c to 21c; June creamery, 18c to 21c; western, 16½c to 21c; factory, 13c to 15½c. Cheese—Receipts, 3385 packages; strong; large white, 11c; small white, 11c to 11¼c; large colored, 11¼c; small colored, 11¼c to 11½c. Eggs—Receipts, 6698 packages; market firm; State and Pennsylvania, 18c; western ungraded at mark, 12½c to 15½c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refined, 3 15-16c; refined quiet; crushed, 5 13-16c; granulated, 5 5-16c. Coffee—Dull; No. 7, 5⅝c. Hops—Quiet. Lead—Quiet. Potatoes—Steady. Wool—Steady; domestic fleece, 19c to 24c; Texas, 13c to 15c.

Chicago Gossip.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar) say:

Wheat—The wheat market, after ruling firm in sympathy with the strength in corn, later sold off on longs realizing, pending the holidays. September closed unchanged and December and May ¼c lower than yesterday. Liverpool reported their market as steady, ½d lower for the day. Continental markets were generally easier. Exports from both coasts, as reported by Bradstreet's, amounted to 3,900,000 bushels. Receipts to Chicago and the Northwest, 756 cars, against 1080 cars last year. Clearances from Atlantic seaboard, 630,000 bushels of wheat and flour. Receipts at primary points, 828,000 bushels, against 1,000,000 bushels last year. Cash demand rather slack here, and we do not hear of anything taken at the seaboard for export. Broomhall estimated the world's shipments at 6,000,000 bushels, and predicted very little change in amount on passage. Visible supply likely to show moderate increase. Weather abroad reported unsettled, while favorable conditions existed in the Northwest. Trade has been light all day and mostly of a local professional character. Estimated receipts Monday, 105 cars.

Corn—Market ruled very strong during the early part of the session on covering by shorts, owing to reports of damage to growing crop by continued dry weather, but on advance there was more or less realizing, which caused the market to react. Sept. closed ⅜c, Oct. and May ¼c higher than last night. Country offerings were moderate, but cash demand was rather slack. Liverpool reported their market steady, ¼d higher for the day. Visible supply shows another decrease. Estimated receipts Monday, 600 cars.

Oats—Ruled very firm all day on covering by shorts and in sympathy with strength in corn, and closed ¾c higher than last night. There was a fairly good cash demand, while country offerings were rather light. Estimated receipts Monday, 425 cars.

Provisions—Provisions opened weak on yellow fever report, but the market was given generous support by packers, and held well during the balance of the day. There was considerable loading by holders, and it might not have gone into the strongest hands, and consequently may see further decline, but ribs and lard are cheap enough to buy for investment. Estimated hogs for Monday, 25,000, and 125,000 for next week.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

Steady Feeling at New York and a Fair Amount of Exports.

New York, Sept. 2.—Beeves—Receipts, 211; little trading; feeling steady; exports, 884 cattle, 775 sheep and 5104 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 72; veals steady; grassers dull. Veals, $5 to $8; grassers and fed calves nominal; city dressed veals, 9½c to 12c. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1621; sheep firm; lambs steady. Sheep, $3 to $4.20. Lambs, $4.25 to $5.15. No Canada lambs. Hogs—Receipts, 994; none for sale; feeling steady.

East Buffalo Market.

East Buffalo, Sept. 2.—Cattle—The offerings were 40 loads, mostly Canadian stockers. The demand was fairly active, and on the top grades the market was stronger. Calves sold a shade lower, under moderate demand. Choice to extra, $7 to $7.25, with a few sales at $7.50.

Sheep and lambs—Six loads on sale. The market showed no change, good lambs selling well and the common grades no better. Choice to extra, $5.75 to $6; good to choice, $5.50 to $5.75; common to fair, $5 to $5.25. Sheep—Choice to extra, $4.50 to $4.75; good to choice, $4.25 to $4.50; common to fair, $2.50 to $3.75. Canada lambs, $5.70 to $6.

Hogs—Twenty-one loads on sale. Trade opened slow and lower, and dragged all day. Heavy, $4.60 to $4.70; mixed, $4.70 to $4.80; Yorkers, $4.85 to $4.90; grassers, $4.50 to $4.70. Pigs, $4.60 to $4.70; roughs, $3.80 to $3.90. Stags, $3.25 to $3.50. At the close several loads were left over.

No Market at Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 2.—Receipts of cattle to-day were too light to make a market. Unchanged prices prevailed for the few ordinary grade lots offered, but quotations were practically nominal. Prices for hogs were firm and about 5c higher early, but the improvement was lost before the market was cleaned up. Heavy hogs, $3.90 to $4.50; mixed lots, $4.15 to $4.40; light, $4.20 to $4.65; pigs, $3.50 to $4.45; culls, $2 to $3.90. Sheep and lambs were in fair demand at steady prices. Offerings were light and the market was partly nominal. Sheep, $2 to $3 for inferior, up to $4.35 to $4.50 for prime native wethers; lambs, $3.50 to $6 for inferior to choice flocks; extra fine, $6.25. Receipts: Cattle 200, hogs 11,000, sheep 2500.

LOOK OUT FOR THE TROLLEY!

A Visitor From Greenbank, Ont., Fails to Do So and is Promptly Knocked Down.

AN ODD WAY TO BREAK HER LEG.

A Runaway Badly Injures the Driver—Other Accidents That Happened.

Mr. D. Jameson is a visitor in the city from Greenbank, Ont. On Saturday he walked in front of an approaching eastbound King-street car at the corner of Portland-street, and was knocked down. He received a nasty scalp wound which caused a slight concussion. After being attended to at the Emergency Hospital he was able to go home.

Lost a Finger.

James Colbran of Davisville, who is employed in the Blue Ribbon Tea Manufactory, 42 Scott-street, met with a painful accident on Saturday morning. He was operating a packing machine when he got his right hand caught. His first finger was crushed to a pulp. The injured member was dressed by Dr. Sheppard at the Emergency Hospital.

A Bicyclist Hurt.

While Mattie Flint was wheeling around the corner of King and Yonge-streets on Saturday night, her bicycle slipped and she was thrown to the pavement. She was carried into Bingham's drug store where Dr. Garratt dressed the injured leg. The ambulance afterwards conveyed her to her home at 294 West Adelaide-street.

Lit on His Head.

A team of horses attached to one of Fenwick Bros.' wagons ran away on Saturday night on Parliament-street and threw the driver, George Wells of 1 Cornwall-street, out on his head. He was badly hurt about the head and body, and was taken to the General Hospital.

Fell Off a Chair.

While witnessing the fireworks at the Exhibition on Saturday night, Mary Jones of 147 Denison-avenue fell from the chair on which she was sitting. In falling she broke her leg. The ambulance removed her to the General Hospital.

Another Bike.

At the corner of College and Markham-streets, William Halligan of 61 Agnes-street fell from his bicycle. A deep scalp wound was the result. The injured man was taken to Grace Hospital.

REBEL STRONGHOLD TAKEN.

The Most Impregnable Position on the Island of Negros Captured by the Americans.

TWENTY-ONE DEFENDERS KILLED.

Another Brush on Saturday in Which No One Was Killed, But the Rebels Were Whipped.

Manila, Sept. 2.—Argoguia, the most impregnable stronghold of the bands which have been destroying plantations and levying tribute on the people of Negros, was taken Tuesday by the 6th Infantry, under Lieut.-Col. Byrne. The only means of reaching the towns was up a perpendicular hill, covered with dense shrubbery, and 1000 feet high. The Americans accomplished this under fire, although an officer and several men had been shot and rocks were rolled down upon them. The natives' strength was estimated at 400. Many of the rebels were wounded and captured and 21 were killed. The American forces captured a quantity of stores and destroyed the fortifications.

A Crooked Commissioner.

The shipping commissioner of Manila, a Filipino hitherto in high standing, has been arrested, charged with appropriating half of the first month's salary and levying monthly thereafter an assessment on the native sailors shipped from this port. It is represented that he held a commission in the insurgent army and was raising funds for the insurrection, but it is supposed that his operations were merely private blackmail.

The information resulting in the arrest of the shipping commissioner reached the port captain and chief of police through a sailor who is not in sympathy with the insurrection.

Civil Prisoners and Sick Soldiers.

The Official Gazette, published at Tarlac, which has been received here, contains an order by Aguinaldo assembling the Spanish civil prisoners and sick soldiers at the ports of San Fernando, Union and Dagupan for repatriation. The order stipulates that vessels calling must fly the Spanish or Red Cross flag. Jamecilla, the Spanish commissioner, intends to ask Major-General Otis for permission to send ships.

ANOTHER BRUSH.

Insurgents Attacked Col. Smith's Command and Were Driven Back—No Damage.

Manila, Sept. 2.—The insurgents made an unsuccessful attack early yesterday morning to drive Col. Smith's command out of Angeles with artillery, the first time they attempted to use this arm for months. They brought two Krupp guns from Porac and fired eight shrapnels at the town at night. Only a few of the shells exploded and the aim of the gunners being bad, no damage was done. Lieut. Kenly's guns of the 1st Artillery were brought into action immediately and soon drove the enemy from their position.

At 4.30 o'clock this morning a small party of rebels fired into Guagua, which is held by two companies of the 9th Regiment of Infantry, supported by the tirclad gunboat Laguna de Bay. One native resident was wounded. The enemy was driven off by infantry fire and the guns of the tinclad.

Returns to Vermont.

Armed with a warrant the Chief Constable of Burlington, Vermont, came to the city on Saturday afternoon to take back for trial George T. Jackson, arrested here last week by Detective Black on a charge of embezzling the sum of $400 from his employers at Burlington. Jackson consented to return without extradition proceedings and was handed over to the officer.

BANK STATEMENT WAS FAIR

Better Than Was Expected and New York Stocks Closed Firm.

Initial Prices Were Irregular in Sympathy With London Quotations — Transactions Were Very Limited and Entirely Professional—Latest Financial News.

Saturday Evening, Sept. 2.

To-day was the last of the summer Saturday holidays on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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The net gold balance in the United States Treasury at Washington this morning was $.18,757,971; increase, $877,370.

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The New York bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decreased $3,187,275; loans, decreased $3,126,100; specie, decreased $4,287,200; legal tenders, decreased $985,400; deposits, decreased $8,341,300; circulation, increased $228,400. The banks now hold $9,191,250 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

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Manhattan statement for the year ending June 30 shows a surplus declared of $302,754; gross earnings, decrease $483,532; net decrease, $398,556.

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Bank clearings at the principal United States cities for the week ended Aug. 31 show total clearances $1,443,564,887, an increase of 13.9 per cent., as compared with the corresponding period last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were $533,385,207; increase, 16.9 per cent.

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Kerr & Morson received the following wire from Henry Clews & Co., New York, to-day:

Market is irregular and unsettled and may go a little lower, due to expectation of unfavorable bank statement.

Wall Street.

The stock market was intensely dull throughout the day's short session, and net changes extend beyond fractions only in rare instances. The much-discussed bank statement conformed closely to the estimates. As the bears had sold the market short in anticipation of the statement, the evening up on their contracts, when it appeared, created a demand which rallied the market from earlier depression and brought prices in most cases above yesterday's level. There was nothing in the bank statement to afford relief from the uneasy feeling over the money outlook. The demand from the interior for money is shown to have set in and to be about up to that of previous years at this season. But the available surplus of New York banks has not been so low at any time in recent years. The fact that Monday is a holiday had an effect in keeping stock exchange operations at a minimum, the more so as the situation in the Transvaal, it is feared, may reach its crisis in the meantime. The report of a death from yellow fever in New Orleans and the Texas quarantines caused weakness in the railroad stocks in the South, notably Illinois Central, Brooklyn Transit, Tennessee Coal, the Republic steel stocks and American Tobacco led a rise before the bank statement came out. In contrast to the sudden outbreak yesterday of activity in the Vanderbilts, there was only a single sale in the first hour of Northwestern and of Omaha, the latter at a gain of a point. New York Central did not appear on the tape at all until the second hour. Kansas and Texas seconds became active in the late dealings and advanced 1 per cent.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. Mackellar) say:

Initial prices were irregular, in sympathy with London quotations, which were of like tenor, influenced by advices from this side as to expectations of a bad bank statement. One exception was noted in the International Union Pacific, which was strong and ⅛ higher on good buying for both accounts, closing about the best of the day. Transactions to-day were very limited, and, at that, entirely professional, outside business being of the smallest quantity. In consequence the bear element succeeded in forcing down prices in the first hour, extending in some instances to quite respectable fractions, but, beyond a certain point their attacks had little effect. The declines do not bring out long stock in any volume. The forcing-down process simply served to increase the short interest, which, in some directions, is becoming very unwieldy, notably so, from good advices we receive, in Atchison preferred. Important news to-day has been lacking beyond that furnished by the weekly trade reports of Dun and Bradstreet, both chronicling continued expansion and growing business in every line of trade beyond previous returns.

More superficial issues, such as the weekly bank statement, are forced to the front as the guiding star, and prices are marked up or down on this exhibit without regard to other considerations.

To-day's statement, being better than expected, a quick rally on covering by shorts was made in the last half-hour, leaving closings slightly better than the previous session.

Foreign Exchange.

P. C. Goldingham, Jordan-street, Toronto, broker, to-day reports closing exchange rates as follows:

—Between Banks—	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N. Y. Funds ..	3-64 dis	1-32 dis	1-8 to 1-4
Mont'l Funds..	30 dis	10 dis	1-8 to 1-4
60 Days Sig....	8 5-8	8 1-16	9 1-8
Demand Stg....	9 5-16	9 3-8	9 5-8 to 9 7-8
Cable Trans's.	9 7-16	9 1-2	

—Rates in New York—	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, demand....	4.87½@4.88¼	to ....
Sterling, 60 days....	4.84 @4.83¼	to ....

Money Market.

The local money market is unchanged, with call loans quoted at 5 to 5½ per cent.

Money in New York is quoted at 3 to 3½ per cent., last loan 3 per cent.

The Bank of England rate is unchanged at 3½ per cent. Open market discount rate, 3⅛ per cent.

New York Stocks.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar), 21 Melinda-street, report the fluctuations of prices on Wall-street to-day as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Sugar	156	156⅝	155⅝	156½
Tobacco	128¾	129	128¼	128½
Con Tobacco	46¾	47	46¾	47
Anaconda	56	...	...	...
Leather, pr.....	75½	...	...	...
Int Paper	31⅝	32	31½	31⅞
Fed'ral Steel	59⅝	60¼	59½	60¼
Steel and Wire.....	56⅛	57¼	56⅛	57¼
St. Paul	133⅝	134	133⅝	133⅞
Burlington	135½	135¾	135½	135¾
Rock Island	119	119¼	118⅞	119¼
Northwest	167¼	167¼	167¼	167¼
Chic. Great West.	16½	16½	16⅛	16⅜
Omaha	123	...	...	...
Nor Pacific	56⅛	56⅝	55½	56⅝
Nor Pacific, pr.....	77⅛	...	...	...
Union Pacific	47½	47½	47	47½
Union Pacific, pr..	79¾	80¼	79¾	80⅛
Mo Pacific	48¾	...	...	...
Southern Pacific ..	37	37¼	36⅞	37
Atchison	22½	22½	22⅜	22½
Atchison, pr.....	65	65¼	64¾	65⅛
Lou & N.....	80⅝	81½	80½	81¼
Southern Railway..	12⅞	13	12⅞	12⅞
do pref..	55	55¼	54⅞	55¼
N. & W., pr.....	71½	...	...	...
N Y Central	139¼	139½	139¼	139½
Pennsylvania	136	136	135½	135½
Jersey Central	119¼	119½	119	119
Reading	22	...	...	...
Reading, pr	61	61⅜	61	61⅜
Del & Lack.....	178¼	178½	178¼	178½
Del & Hudson.....	122¾	122¾	122½	122½
N Y, O & W.....	27	27	26⅞	26⅞
Ches & Ohio.....	28¼	28¾	28¼	28¾
Con Gas.....	191¼	191½	191	191½
People's Gas	110¼	119⅞	110¼	119⅞
Manhattan	113¼	113½	112¾	113½
Metropolitan	205½	206	205½	206
Brooklyn R T.....	103⅝	104⅜	103¼	104¼
M. K & T, pr.....	43¾	43¾	43⅛	43⅜
Tenn C & I.....	98	99½	98	99½
Ill Central	115	...	...	...
Denver, pref	77	77	76¾	76¾

London Stock Markets.

	Sept. 1. Close.	Sept. 2. Close.
Consols, account	*104 15-16	*104 13-16
Consols, money	*105¼	*105 3-16
New York Central....	141¾	142¾
Canadian Pacific	99⅞	99¾
Illinois Central	118	118⅜
Erie	14⅝	14⅝
Erie, pref	40¼	40¼
Reading	11⅝	11⅝
St. Paul	137⅝	137¾
Pennsylvania Central..	69½	69½
Union Pacific, pref...	81⅝	82½
Atchison	23⅝	23⅝
Northern Pacific, pref	79¾	79¾
Louisville & Nashville	83½	83⅝
Ontario & Western...	27⅞	...
Wabash, pref	23¾	...

*Ex interest.

Transvaal Has an Effect.

New York, Sept. 2.—The Evening Post's financial cable from London says: Stocks here continue dull on the Transvaal situation, which is by no means lightly regarded in the best informed quarters. Rio Tintos were buoyant on rumors of a dividend of from 35 shillings to 22. Anaconda was flat on a market rumor that the dividend would be only 10 shillings, but I learn from creditable sources that it is likely to be much more.

The London market discount rate is firmer. A feature of the market is the numerous inquiries from New York for rates for bills to leave there after the middle of this month. The high rates at present quoted appear to choke off business. An important combination of spelter producers is in course of formation.

I am informed that an agreement has been arrived at already between Silesian and Belgian firms, and if negotiations now proceeding with American producers are successfully concluded, the whole world's production of spelter will be brought under control.

Cotton Markets.

New York, Sept. 2.—Cotton, spot closed quiet. Mid. uplands, 6¼c; mid. gulf, 6½c; sales, none.

Futures closed steady. Sept. 5.69, Oct. 5.88, Nov. 5.93, Dec. 5.99, Jan. 6.03, Feb. 6.06, March 6.10, April 6.14, May 6.18, June 6.22.

Liverpool, Sept. 2.—(2 p.m.)—Cotton, spot, moderate demand; prices unchanged; American middling, 3 15-32d. The sales of the day were 5000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 4900 American. Receipts, 5000 bales; no American. Futures opened quiet but steady and closed easy at the decline.

A CAMPAIGN FOR BLOOMERS.

Lady Harberton Said at Sanitary Congress That Women Should Not Be Ashamed of Their Forms

LONG SKIRTS GATHERED FILTH.

Only a Few Boys Would Shout "Bloomers!" But That Did Not Matter, She Said.

Southampton, Sept. 2.—The most prominent feature of the Sanitary Congress meeting this week at Southampton has been the proceedings of the Ladies' Conference on Hygiene of Dress.

Lady Harberton told the Congress that she could now go anywhere in bloomers without being obliged to take refreshment in workmen's bars.

As to hygiene, woman's dress, instead of being a help and protection to the wearers, was just the contrary, owing to its construction. The long flapping skirt being the most prominent feature, was not only heavy for walking, but, as it trailed in all kinds of filth in roads, it distributed disease germs in the form of dust.

She maintained that women should not be ashamed of their true God-given form, and should adopt a method of dressing which would be a physical help, instead of an ingenious, disease-producing monstrosity of the nineteenth century.

Miss Carey said she was averse to knickerbockers and bloomers for women on the ground that they were inartistic.

Mrs. H. Percy Boulnois agreed with Lady Harberton. She said what women wanted were pioneers in a movement for rational dress. She would like to be one herself, but had not the pluck. If everyone in that room were to start at once and wear bloomers they would soon become ordinary dress.

Lady Harberton briefly replied that no pluck was required. Reformers, she said, would only meet with a few boys who would shout "Bloomers," but that did not matter.

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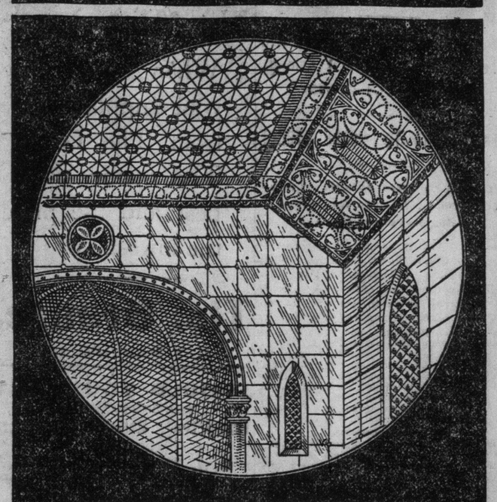

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