SEVERE DECLINES IN MOTOR STOCKS

This Group Weakest Feature of Trading in Wall Street Yesterday.

SPECIALTIES HIGHER

Pools Lift Certain Stocks, Despite Heavy Tendency of Market.

New York, April 24.—Resumption of German attacks on the French front accounted only in part for the mixed conditions which prevailed in today's stock market. The new Teutonic offensive inspired caution, but had no pronounced effect upon securities of recognized value.

Automobile shares were subjected to severe impairment, the proposed heavy curtailment of production and uncertain dividend prospects of some of the better known companies causing recessions of two to five points in Studebaker, General Motors and the several Maxwell issues.

With the exception of Pacific Mail, which was fairly active and strong, shippings displayed all of their recent sluggishness on limited offerings, and rails were slightly lower, even Reading failing to hold its occasional advance.

Manipulated Rises.

The few impressive gains were made by stocks obviously dominated by professional interests or pools. American Sumatra Tobacco established a new maximum on its rise of 4 3-4 to 100 1-8, and several of the chemical or fertilizer shares scored extreme gains of two to three points, International Paper gaining four points.

Equipments, coppers, oils, Distillers' Securities and Industrial Alcohol were temporarily higher, but for the most part surrendered to the active selling of the last hour. Gulf States Steel added nine points to its recent advance, but seasoned industrials of that class, including United States Steel, were unchanged or nominally lower. Total sales amounted to 400,000 shares.

Bonds were irregular, including the Liberty group, while internationals eased on lighter trading. Total sales (par value) aggregated $6,125,000.

United States bonds (old issues) were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE AT RECORD PREMIUM

Canadian Dollar Worth Only Ninety-Eight Cents in U. S. Currency.

Montreal, April 24.—The premium commanded by New York exchange, which has been hovering close to the two per cent. mark for some time, reached that new record level yesterday, when the prevailing quotation was 2 per cent. to sellers and 2 1-64 to buyers. Transactions in which as high as 2 1-16 per cent. was paid were said to have been made during the day.

A charge of two per cent. for drafts to pay Canadian obligations abroad, making our dollar worth only about 98 cents, establishes a new record for Montreal, and exactly reverses conditions in the exchange market in the panicky days of the summer of 1914, when Canadian banks were drawing heavily on their New York balances and New York funds fell to a two per cent. discount in the early autumn.

Until the early part of the year one per cent. had stood as the highest premium on New York exchange here. That rate was touched on January 2, 1915, and February 9, 1917. The high level for 1916 was 13-16 premium on February 24. Last autumn, when money was flowing into Canada in payment of shipments of new grain, New York exchange fell to 15-16 discount, the weakest period in New York exchange with the exception of the autumn of 1914, when the discount, as already stated, was as much as two per cent.

DOMINION TEXTILE AT YEAR'S HIGHEST POINT

Talk of Dividend Increase Brings About Rise in Montreal Market.

Montreal, April 24.—In a market which developed some hesitation and easiness among the leaders, Dominion Textile took a lead today, both as to activity and to buoyancy. It rose 1½ to 89, a new high for the year to date, and the equal of the high level last year. It closed ½ down. Talk of a dividend increase and promise of a good showing in the next annual statement are the motives accepted by the street for the increase. Another stock to make a new high was Penmans at 76, after opening at 75, compared with 74½ yesterday.

Dominion Glass, on the announcement of the initial dividend of one per cent., opened at a new high at 37, but this advance met a fair amount of liquidation, which depressed the price to 35½. With the exception of Ogilvie, which held at 170, the balance of the list was easier.

Steel of Canada was off from 59 to 58¾, compared with 59¾ at the close yesterday. Iron was quieter, selling at 60 to 59½. Steamships eased from 40 to 39¾.

LONDON STOCK MARKET IS DECIDEDLY HOPEFUL

London, April 24.—The stock market was decidedly hopeful today. Gilt-edged securities were held firmly. Among the international issues Brazilians improved on talk of impending American financial assistance. French and Spanish stocks were in demand. Rio Tinto shares advanced on rumors that they would be introduced on Spanish bourses. Other mining stocks, especially tins, were active and higher.

The money situation was unchanged.

STEAMSHIPS LOWER IN LOCAL MARKET

Stocks in General Somewhat Easier, But Losses Are Small.

Wall street's somewhat reactionary trend yesterday was responsible for a rather easier tendency on the Toronto exchange, but on the whole the market was steady and, save in one or two instances, recessions were merely fractional. Canada Steamships was under the influence of some liquidating sales, and after opening at 40, as compared with 41¼ on Tuesday, the stock fell back to 39⅝, closing at the bottom. Dealings in Steamships, running to 200 shares, were larger than in any other issue. Brazilian lapsed into inactivity and, at 33¾, was ¼ lower. Steel of Canada was a shade easier at 59, but Maple Leaf was firmer, selling at 97½, a gain of ¼. Mackay common was unchanged at 76, but the preferred shares, which have been exhibiting persistent upward tendency, moved up to 64¾, a further gain of ½. The first sale of Toronto Paper in some weeks was at 70, two points down. Twin City made a low record at 48 and Imperial Bank, Standard Bank and Consumers' Gas sold at the minimum. The war loans were quiet and steady.

The day's transactions: Shares, 728; bonds, $3500.

DOMINION GLASS DIVIDEND.

A dividend of one per cent. on the common share capital has been declared by the directors of the Dominion Glass Company, Limited, which now enters the ranks of dividend-paying Canadian industrials. The dividend is for three months, for the quarter ending June 30 next.

DOMINION STEEL CONTRACT.

Montreal, April 24.—With the plate mill contract and other orders recently closed, it is understood that Dominion Steel Corporation has recently put some $30,000,000 new business on its books.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

Monarch Knitting Company declared a dividend for the current quarter on the preferred stock of 1¾ per cent., payable May 1 to shareholders of record April 24.

The Bank of Hamilton has declared a dividend of three per cent., payable June 1 to shareholders of record on May 23.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

London, April 24.—Money 2¾ per cent. Discount rates, short bills, 3½ per cent.; three month bills, 3 9-16 per cent.

Paris, April 24.—Trading was quiet on the bourse today. Three per cent. rentes 58 francs, 90 centimes for cash. Exchange on London, 27 francs, 16½ centimes.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, April 24.—Cotton futures closed quiet. New contracts—April, 23.05; May, 22.60; June, 22.26; July, 21.89; August, 21.51. Old contracts (fixed prices)—April 21.46; April and May, 21.38; May and June, 21.30; June and July, 21.22.

VIOLENT BREAK IN COTTON.

New York, April 24.—A violent break occurred in the cotton market this afternoon under heavy selling orders, due to reports that southern exporters, unable to obtain ocean freight room, were selling out their holdings. Prices declined more than $5 a bale from last night's close, July selling down to 27.75, and October to 26.80.

RAILWAY EARNINGS

Fairly substantial increases in gross earnings for the third week of April, in comparison with the corresponding period last year, are shown by the three large Canadian railways as follows:

C.P.R., $3,016,000; increase, $308,000.
G.T.R., $1,358,972; increase, $273,941.
C.N.R., $929,500; increase, $163,900.

BOMBARDMENT GROWS FROM SOMME TO AVRE

Paris, April 24.—The war office reports:

"Between the Somme and the Avre the enemy's bombardment during the night took on a character of extreme violence along the Franco-British front, especially in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre and Villers-Bretonneux. French artillery carried on an energetic counter-bombardment of the German batteries.

"In the region of the Ailette and Avocourt wood French patrols took prisoners. Elsewhere on the front there was intermittent cannonading."

Former Mersey Ferry Boats Rendered Excellent Service

London, April 24.—The Daffodil and the Iris, which aided the Vindictive in landing the storming parties on the Zeebrugge Mole are steel twin-screw cutters of 465 tons, which will be remembered by thousands as municipal ferry boats on the Mersey. They are the largest and most modern steamers of this class in the United Kingdom, having a carrying capacity of more than 1700 passengers. They belonged to the fleet of ferry boats which carry 25,000,000 passengers annually between Liverpool and New Brighton.

U. S. BANKS TO GAIN PRIVILEGE.

Washington, April 24—The house today passed a bill authorizing national banks in the federal reserve system to engage in fiduciary business in competition with trust companies. The effect would be to eliminate discrimination where state laws favor state institutions. The bill now goes to the senate.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

Belleville, April 24.—Seven sons and two sons-in-law at the front is the proud record of a Trenton couple, Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe Mawhinney. One of the boys has been killed in action.

H. M. MOWAT ENTERTAINS.

Kingston, April 24.—H. M. Mowat, K.C., M.P., here attending Queen's convocation, entertained members of the Kingston Bar Association at luncheon at the Frontenac Club today.

Record of Yesterday's Markets

TORONTO STOCKS.

	Asked.	Bid.
Am. Cyanamid common	22	20
Ames-Holden com.	14½	...
do. preferred	50	...
Barcelona	9¾	9½
Brazilian T., L. & P.	34	33½
B. C. Fishing	50	48½
Burt F. N.	...	63½
do. preferred	...	84½
Canada Bread com.	17	16
C. Car & F. Co.	31	30
Canada Cement com.	60	59¼
Can. St. Lines com.	39¾	39½
do. preferred	76½	75
Can. Gen. Electric	102½	101
Can. Loco. pref.	...	82¾
C. P. R.	139½	138½
City Dairy com.	...	31
do. preferred	...	75
Confederation Life	375	...
Coniagas	3.00	2.90
Cons. Smelters	24¾	...
Consumers' Gas	144½	...
Dome	8.40	8.00
Dom. Canners	25½	24¼
Dom. Steel Corp.	60	59¼
Duluth - Superior	41	...
La Rose	56	52
Mackay common	...	75½
do. preferred	...	64
Maple Leaf com.	97¾	96½
do. preferred	93½	92
Monarch common	42	39
do. preferred	80	...
N. Steel Car com.	11	9
do. preferred	36	...
Nipissing Mines	9.00	8.60
N. S. Steel com.	65	...
Pacific Burt com.	84	...
do. preferred	77¼	...
Penmans common	75	73½
Petroleum	14.12	13.50
Provincial Paper com.	55	...
Riordon common	119½	117¼
Russell M.C. com.	58	54
do. preferred	71	69
Sawyer - Massey	15	...
do. preferred	40	...
Spanish River com.	14	13
Spanish River pref.	50	...
Standard Chem. pref.	57	...
Steel of Canada com.	59	58¼
do. preferred	91	90½
Toronto Paper	...	70
Toronto Railway	58	...
Tretheway	17	15½
Tucketts com.	19	...
Twin City com.	49	48
Winnipeg Railway	48	...
—Banks.—		
Commerce	...	185
Dominion	202	...
Hamilton	...	184
Imperial	...	185
Montreal	210	...
Nova Scotia	248	...
Ottawa	201	...
Royal	208	...
Standard	200	...
Toronto	187	...
Union	...	150
—Loan, Trust, Etc.—		
Canada Landed	148¾	...
Canada Permanent	162½	...
Colonial Investment	63	...
Hamilton Provident	...	135
Huron & Erie	...	204
do. 20 p.c. paid	...	136
Landed Banking	...	141
London & Canadian	126½	...
National Trust	199	...
Toronto Mortgage	134	...
—Bonds.—		
Can. Locomotive	...	85
Electric Development	...	85
Fenmans	...	85
Rio Jan., 1st mort., 5 p.c.	...	83
Steel Co. of Canada	...	92
War Loan, 1925	94¼	94
War Loan, 1931	92¾	92½
War Loan, 1937	92¼	92

TORONTO SALES.

	Op.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
Brazilian	33¾	33⅞	33¾	33¾	55
C. Bread pr.	83¼	83¼	83¼	83¼	7
do. bonds	90	90	90	90	$1,000
Cement	60	60	60	60	35
Con. Gas	144½	144½	144½	144½	13
Dom. Can.	24¼	24¼	24¼	24¼	20
Imp. Bank	185	185	185	185	25
Mackay	76	76	76	76	10
do. pref.	64¾	64¾	64¾	64¾	150
Maple L.	97½	97½	97½	97½	25
Standard Bk.	200	200	200	200	28
Steamships	40	40	39¾	39¾	200
Steel of Can.	59	59¼	58¾	59	120
do. pref.	90¾	90¾	90½	90½	15
Tor. Paper	70½	70½	70½	70½	20
Twin City	48	48	48	48	5
War L., 1925.	94	94	94	94	$1,000
War L., 1931.	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝	$500
War L., 1937.	92	92	92	92	$1,000

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Supplied by Heron & Company.

Stock—	Op.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sales.
Brazilian	34	...	...	...	10
Brompton	50	50	49½	49½	112
Can. S. S.	40	40	39¾	39¾	240
Can. Cem.	60½	...	...	...	5
Con. Smel.	25	...	...	...	10
Can. Car pfd.	72½	...	...	...	5
Can. S. S. pfd	76	...	...	...	17
Can. Cem. pfd	91	...	...	...	2
Dom. Can.	24½	...	...	...	25
A. Macdonald	14	...	...	...	5
MacKay	75½	...	...	...	5
Penmans	75	76	75	75	220
Riordon	118½	...	...	...	10
St. of Can.	59½	59½	58¾	58¾	125
St of Can. pfd	90½	...	...	...	25
Span. River	14	...	...	...	25
Dom. Iron	60	60	59½	59¾	100
War loans—					
do., 1925	94	...	...	...	$500
do., 1931	92½	...	...	...	$2,000
do., 1937	92	92¼	92	92¼	$3,000

GRAIN AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, April 24.—Oats offerings were fairly heavy with spreads unchanged. There was no trading in barley or flax. Spreads were unchanged. The future markets closed ⅝c lower for May and July oats; barley 1½c higher for May, and flax 1½c higher for May and July.

Winnipeg market: Oats—May, 91¾c to 91c; July, 88⅝c to 87⅞c.
Barley—May closed $1.52½.
Flax—May, $3.87; July, $3.87.
Cash prices: Oats—No. 2 C. W., 91½c; No. 3 C. W., 88¼c; extra No. 1 feed, 88c; No. 1 feed, 85½c; No. 2 feed, 81¾c.
Barley—No. 3, $1.51; No. 4, $1.46; rejected, $1.20; feed, $1.17.
Flax—No. 1 N. W. C., $3.87½; No. 2 C. W., $3.83.

Move to Barriefield About Middle of May

Kingston, April 24.—The headquarters staff of military district number 3 will move into camp at Barriefield about the middle of May. All of the service will be under canvas. It is likely that a considerable number of troops will be constantly in training, as under the present draft system recruits are coming in at the rate of 200 a day and there will be probably three or four thousand in constant training.

SEEDING IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Lethbridge, Alta., April 24.—Seeding is between 25 and 50 per cent. completed in southern Alberta, and will be pretty well completed by next week. The seeding conditions have been excellent, the only bad weather being the windstorm of Saturday, which blew seed out at some places The increase in area under crop is large. A great deal of new breaking is being done, which will mean a large acreage of flax.

ENEMY PLANTS DESTROYED.

Zurich, April 24.—Two large Austrian powder factories at Glasenbach were blown up with numerous casualties, according to reports reaching here today.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

J. P. Bickell & Co., Standard Bank Building, Toronto, report fluctuations in New York stocks, as follows:

	Op.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
Trunk Lines and Grangers—					
B. & Ohio	51⅞	51⅞	50⅞	51⅜	300
Erie	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	700
do. 1st pr.	25⅝	25½	25⅝	25½	300
Gt. Nor. pr.	39⅝	...	...	...	200
New Haven	29	29¼	29	29¼	300
Pacifics and Southerns—					
Atchison	88⅝	...	...	...	300
C. P. R.	138⅛	138¼	137⅞	138¼	1,100
K. C. South.	15½	...	...	...	200
Mo. Pac.	21¼	21¼	21	21	400
South. Pac.	82½	82¾	82½	82¾	500
South. Ry.	20¾	21¼	20½	20½	1,500
Union Pac.	120	120	119½	119½	...
Coalers—					
Ches. & O.	55⅞	...	...	...	100
Col. F. & I.	40⅝	40½	40⅜	40½	300
Lehigh Val.	79½	80	79½	80	...
Penna.	44	...	...	...	1,100
Reading	82	82¼	80⅝	80⅞	10,000
Bonds—					
Anglo-French	90⅝	90⅝	90⅝	90⅝	6,600
Industrials, Tractions, Etc.—					
Alcohol	125½	126	124⅞	125¼	3,900
Allis-Chal.	24⅞	25⅝	24⅞	25⅝	900
Anaconda	64	64⅝	63½	63¾	5,500
Am. Can.	44	44¼	43½	43¾	6,200
Am. Wool	52	...	...	...	200
Am. C. O.	35	37⅞	34¾	37¼	4,900
Am. Beet S.	73¼	73¾	73¼	73¾	300
Baldwin	81½	81⅞	80	80⅛	22,900
B. S. B.	80¼	80⅞	79	79½	6,600
B. R. T.	41¾	42	41	41½	1,000
Car Fdry.	78¼	78¾	78	78	2,400
Chino	42⅞	42⅞	42⅝	42¾	1,100
C. Leather	65⅝	66⅝	65¼	65⅞	...
Corn Prod.	37½	37½	36¾	37	3,900
Crucible	65½	65½	64½	64½	3,400
Distillers	49⅝	50⅝	49⅞	50⅛	24,200
Granby	76	...	...	...	...
Goodrich	44	...	...	...	300
G. N. Ore	29⅝	30⅛	29	29½	6,200
Ins. Cop.	53	54	51⅝	51⅝	21,000
Kennecott	32	32½	32	32⅜	700
Int. Paper	37¼	41¼	36⅝	40¼	27,200
Int. Nickel	28⅛	...	...	...	100
Lack. Steel	79½	80	79½	80	500
Lead	57⅞	...	...	...	100
Locomotive	65	65⅛	64½	64½	600
Max. Motor	25⅝	25¾	24½	25⅛	700
Mex. Petrol.	94½	94⅞	93½	93½	12,400
Miami	28¾	28¾	28½	28½	300
Marine	24	24	23½	23⅝	2,700
do. pref.	88	88	86⅞	87½	4,600
Nevada Cons.	19½	...	...	...	1,100
Pressed Steel	58	58¼	57⅞	58¼	800
Ry. Springs	55¼	56	54⅝	54⅝	900
Rep. Steel	81¾	81¾	80½	80½	1,400
Ray Cons.	25	25	24⅞	24⅞	400
Rubber	57⅛	57⅛	56½	57	500
Smelting	77¾	77¾	76¾	76⅞	2,900
Steel Fdries.	65	...	...	...	100
Studebaker	35½	36¼	33⅞	34⅜	28,900
Texas Oil	146	146	144	144	800
U. S. Steel	94⅝	95¼	94¼	94¾	47,100
do, pref.	110½	110⅝	110½	110⅝	...
Utah Cop.	80½	80½	80	80	1,800
Westinghouse	40⅝	40⅝	40½	40⅝	400
Willys-Over.	17½	17½	16¾	17¼	7,400
Total sales, 396,600.					

UNLISTED STOCKS.

	Asked.	Bid.
Brompton	50½	49½
Black Lake common	2	1
do. preferred	5	4
do, income bonds	23	22½
C. P. R. notes	100	97
Carriage Fact. com.	15	...
do. preferred	50	...
Macdonald Co., A.	15	14
do, preferred	83½	...
North Am. P. & P.	2⅝	2 5-16
Steel & Rad. pref.	60	...
do. bonds	63	...
Volcanic Gas & Oil	120	...

Montreal Produce Market

Montreal, April 24.—There was no change in the condition of the local market for cash oats today, prices being about steady, but the trade was very quiet, there being practically no demand. Car lots of No. 3 C.W. and extra No. 1 feed were quoted at $1.02.

Since the reduction in prices for spring wheat flour were announced there has been an improved demand from both local and country buyers. A fair amount of business was done today, with sale of carlots of government standard grades for shipment to country points at $10.95 per barrel, in bags, f.o.b. cars, Montreal, and to city bakers at $11.05, delivered. There were no new developments in the market for winter wheat flour.

An active trade continues to be done in eggs, owing to the fact that the consumption all over the country is very heavy. The demand today was good, and a large business was done in a wholesale jobbing way in fresh gathered selected stock at 43c to 44c, and straight gathered at 41c to 42c per dozen. Egg receipts today were 2296 cases, as compared with 2561 last Wednesday.

Butter receipts today were 1179 packages, as compared with 661 last Wednesday. The market was weaker in tone. Prices declined, in a wholesale jobbing way, 1c per pound. There were purchases made today of some fair-sized lots of finest creamery butter in the country at 48c and 48½c per pound, f.o.b., and sales on spot in a wholesale way were reported at 49½c to 50c, and in a jobbing way at 51c for solid packages and 52c for one-pound blocks.

The demand for oleomargarine, in a wholesale jobbing way, continues good and a fairly active trade was done at 32c to 34c per pound, according to quality.

Cheese receipts today were 316 boxes, as against 129 last Wednesday. The feature today was the announcement made by the Dairy Produce Commission of the price of cheese agreed upon to be paid for the season of 1918, which is 23c for No. 1 grade, f.o.b. steamer at Montreal, showing an advance of 1¼c per pound, as compared with the price paid in 1917.

Oats—Canadian western, No. 3, $1.02; extra No. 1 feed, $1.02; No. 3 local white, $1.00.

Flour—New standard spring wheat grade, $10.95 to $11.05.

Rolled oats—Bags, 90 lbs., $5.50 to $5.60.

Bran, $35.40; shorts, $40.40; middlings, $48 to $50; mouillie, $60 to $62.

Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $17.

Cheese—Finest westerns, 21¾c; finest easterns, 21¼c.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 49½c to 50c; seconds, 48½c to 49c.

Eggs—Fresh, 39c to 41c; selected, 34c to 36c; No. 1 stock, 29c to 31c; No. 2 stock, 26c to 28c.

Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.70.

Dressed hogs—Abattoir killed, $29 to $29.50; country, $28 to $28.50.

Lard—Wood pails, 20 lbs., net, 30½c to 31½c; pure, tierces, 275 lbs., 32½c to 33c.

WILL ASK FOR INQUEST.

Kitchener, April 24.—It is believed that Coroner Hornberger of this city will make application to the attorney-general for jurisdiction to hold an inquest in connection with the death of Walter Lovell, of Guelph, who died at the local hospital yesterday evening as a result of injuries received in a motor accident near Breslau on April 12. The body was taken to Guelph, and its removal raised an impediment to an inquest.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF.

Kitchener, April 24.—Eudore Reist, aged 20, accidentally shot himself in the foot this morning with a double-barreled shotgun. Reist was shooting sparrows in his back yard, and was carrying the gun over his left arm with the muzzle to the ground when the gun exploded. He was immediately rushed to the hospital here and one toe was amputated. Another toe was badly lacerated.

PLANTING OF CORN SERIOUSLY DELAYED

Falling Off in Arrivals Another Influence Toward Higher Prices in Chicago.

Chicago, April 24.—Planting delays and a falling off in arrivals made the corn market show considerable strength at times. The close was nervous, at the same as yesterday's finish, to 1-8 higher, with May $1.27 3-8 and July $1.49 5-8 to $1.49 3-4. Oats lost a shade to one cent net. In provisions the outcome was unchanged to 45c lower.

Government advices that planting in the chief sections of the corn belt had been seriously interfered with by recent low temperatures rallied the corn market after an early advance had been more than offset by sympathy with weakness which developed in the oats trade. The initial gains by corn were ascribed to an evident decrease in the movement from rural sources and to a scarcity of offerings. On the late upturn the principal demand came from shorts. More favorable weather, present and prospective, counted to some extent against any important lasting advance.

Refusal of exporters to follow upturns in the price of oats inspired much selling of that grain. Besides, messages from the east regarding the domestic distribution trade were very pessimistic as to the outlook for new buying in the next fortnight.

Provisions gave way with hogs and as a result of increased packing in the west.

ALBERTA'S CROP OUTLOOK.

Calgary, April 24.—Crop reports being received from all parts of the province indicate that conditions were never better, and it is estimated that the average increase in acreage seeded will be in the neighborhood of 20 per cent. Cool nights have retarded germination somewhat, but in many parts of the south wheat is above the ground. There are a few complaints of lack of moisture and drying winds blowing off top soil, but this happens every year in southern Alberta to a greater or less extent.

Board of Trade

Manitoba Wheat (In Store Fort William, including 2½c Tax.)
No. 1 northern, $2.23½.
No. 2 northern, $2.20½.
No. 3 northern, $2.17½.
No. 4 wheat, $2.10½.
Manitoba Oats (In Store, Fort William).
No. 2 C.W., 91½c.
No. 3 C.W., 88¼c.
Extra No. 1 feed, 88c.
No. 1 feed, 85½c.
American Corn (Track, Toronto).
No. 3 yellow—Kiln dried, $1.90 nominal
No. 4 yellow—Kiln dried, $1.85, nominal.
Ontario Oats (According to Freights Outside).
No. 2 white—91c to 92c.
No. 3 white—90c to 91c.
Ontario Wheat (Basis in Store Montreal).
No. 2, winter, per car lot, $2.22.
Peas (According to Freights Outside).
No. 2—$3.60 to $3.70.
Barley (According to Freights Outside)
Malting—$1.52 to $1.53.
Buckwheat (According to Freights Outside).
Buckwheat—$1.84 to $1.86.
Rye (According to Freights Outside).
No. 2—$2.65.
Manitoba Flour (Toronto, New Bags).
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Bran, per ton, $35.40.
Shorts, per ton, $40.40.
Hay (Track, Toronto).
No. 1, per ton, $17 to $18; mixed, per ton, $14 to $16.
Straw (Track, Toronto).
Car lots per ton, $8.50 to $9.
Farmers' Market.
Fall wheat—Milling, $2.14 per bushel.
Goose wheat—$2.10 to $2.12 per bushel
Barley—Malting, $1.50 per bushel.
Oats—96c to 98c per bushel.
Buckwheat—$1.35 per bushel.
Rye—According to sample, nominal.
Hay—Timothy, $20 to $23 per ton; mixed and clover, $18 to $20 per ton.

STRONG NIGHT ATTACKS LAUNCHED BY ENEMY

London, April 24.—The war office reports:

"The hostile artillery activity increased yesterday afternoon and evening on the greater part of the British front, particularly in the Somme and Ancre sectors, in the valley of the Scarpe and in the sectors north of Bethune and north-northeast of Bailleul.

"At dusk hostile infantry left their trenches to attack northwest of Albert, but met with heavy rifle and machine gun fire, and were driven back.

Strong hostile attacks developed also late in the evening in the neighborhood of Dranoutre, and were repulsed by French troops after sharp fighting French and British artillery inflicted severe losses on the enemy.

"During the night the activity of the enemy's artillery continued, and at an early hour this morning a heavy bombardment was opened along practically the whole British front from north of Albert to our junction with the French south of the Somme. Strong infantry attacks are reported in progress in the Albert sector and between the Somme and the Avre Rivers.

"Heavy hostile shelling is reported to have taken place also early this morning between Givenchy and Robecq. Concentrations of hostile infantry in the neighborhood of Merville were dispersed by our artillery."

Chatham Children Again Need No Vaccination

Chatham, April 24.—Acting on the advice of City Solicitor O. L. Lewis, K.C., Chairman George Cowan of the board of health today acquiesced in the request of the city council that the ban recently placed on school children attending school until they are vaccinated be removed. The ban, which was put in force a second time, was at the order of Dr. T. L. McRitchie, medical officer of health, after the board had previously voted to remove it. The chairman of the board of health today notified the board of education that it could instruct local principals to allow the children to return. The ban was enacted following an outbreak of smallpox. Further difficulties are anticipated, as it is reported that the medical health officer will again issue the prohibitive order.

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DETAILED RESULTS OF CONSCRIPTION ACT

Ottawa, April 24.—A return tabled in the commons today in reply to questions asked by Mr. Trahan of Nicolet gives the number of men who reported for service under the Military Service Act by provinces as follows:

Ontario, 7843; Quebec, 2305; Nova Scotia, 1719; New Brunswick, 1333; Prince Edward Island, 263; Manitoba, 2509; Saskatchewan, 2422; Alberta, 3199; British Columbia, 2815; Yukon, 79.

Up to date exemptions granted on account of medical unfitness numbered 118,322 and for other reasons 200,651. Appeals taken by applicants have numbered 34,751 and by the military authorities 45,981. The total number of appeals disposed of has been 58,712. Appeals of applicants allowed exemption being granted, have numbered 20,705, while refusals have numbered 11,442. Military appeals allowed, exemptions being refused, have numbered 5849, while 18,696 military appeals have been refused. The total number of exemptions claimed thruout Canada was 373,184. Of this number 254,412 have been found to be medically unfit or have not yet been examined.

The total number of cases still pending before the central appeal judge, the return shows, is 10,927, including $102 applications for leave of appeal.

GUELPH MAN RECEIVES SEVERAL PROMOTIONS

Guelph, April 24.—Announcement is made of the promotion to brigade-major of Kenneth Torrance, M.C., son of R. L. Y. Torrance, manager of the Royal Bank here. Several times since he entered the British army have the authorities recognized the soldierly qualities of Kenneth Torrance. He first served as a lieutenant in the Second Manchester Battalion, was promoted to captain on account of his excellent services at the front. Later he was appointed adjutant on the staff, and now comes word that he has received the appointment of brigade-major. He is one of the many Guelph boys in the imperial troops who has won a splendid name for himself as a soldier.

Major Torrance has been in the very thick of the big battle which has been in progress on the western front since March 21. A letter was received from him this week, written on April 1, in which he states that all he has left is what he is standing up in, having lost all his belongings in the drive the Huns have made.

Montreal Tramways Employes Demand Increase of Wages

Montreal, April 24.—Conductors, motormen and other employes of the Montreal Tramways Company are asking for increased wages of from five to eleven cents an hour, according to the length of service. The new men want an increase from 25c an hour to 30c. Besides, two intermediate grades of 32c and 35c an hour for the one and two-year service men is asked, and a demand is made that when an employe, whether motorman or conductor, completes three years of service he shall receive 40c an hour. It is said that 99 per cent. of the men are members of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employes of America, local No. 790, and it is thru the union that the applications for higher pay have been made. The Tramways Company may consider the question in a few days

CHOIRMASTER APPOINTED.

Woodstock, April 24.—Frank Weaver, L.G.M., of St. Thomas, has been appointed choirmaster and organist of College Avenue Church to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Richard Taylor.

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