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SPECTACULAR ADVANCE  
IN MAY CORN OPTIONNearby Coarse Grain Options  
Strong, But Wheat Only Steady  
— Liverpool Little Changed.

World Office,  
Thursday Evening, May 7.  
Liverpool wheat futures closed today  
unchanged. May corn, 5 1/2c higher.  
at Chicago May wheat closed unchanged  
at yesterday. May corn, 5 1/2c higher.  
at May oats 1 1/2c higher.  
Winnipeg car lots wheat to-day 32, year  
ago 29.  
Corn—Wheat weather over all the corn  
country east of the Mississippi River and  
in most of Missouri, combined with con-  
tinued reports of reduction of local stocks  
by shipment from Chicago, have deter-  
mined that the wheat pit was a dull and  
uninteresting affair most of the day, but  
developed some strength in the late half  
hour and closed showing a gain of 1/4c.  
Traders expect a rise in wheat prices as the  
government report to-morrow. Argentine  
shipments estimate is light. 12,500,000  
bushels. There was a report of twenty  
loads taken for export in the late trading.  
Crop reports are as a rule favorable and  
the talent look for a bearish report, but  
a great many think this has been dis-  
counted.  
Corn—Ruled firm through the session.  
There was a rather sensational advance  
in May, which sold up to 34c on short  
covering. The weather continues un-  
favorable.  
Oats—Ruled strong on good commission  
house buying and short covering.  
The provision market showed moderate  
strength. Influenced by packers buying  
and a better demand at the yards.  
Wheat—The market has been nervous,  
the price seems to have been considerably  
lowered for sale on all the hard spots.  
The professionals have done most of the trad-  
ing, but support holds firm outside.  
The government report comes out Friday  
and is expected to be bearish. The May  
delivery is completely tied up, the un-  
derlying is firm and we believe conditions  
are such that purchases of soft spots, in  
July and September wheat will pay hand-  
some profits. There was some good in-  
vestment buying of July during the last  
hour and market showed good strength.  
Corn—Scored a new high record, 34c,  
selling up to 34c. May is certainly a  
planting. Shorts were nervous and cov-  
ered their May contracts. We would  
advise caution in buying corn. Wait for  
good weak spot before making your pur-  
chases.  
Oats—The May shorts got busy this  
morning, putting the price up to 34c.  
The market is quiet, but the strength  
in corn is the only thing that  
prevents much lower values.

## ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

On account of wet weather there were

no receipts of farm produce.

Joseph Ingraham bought 20 spring lambs

at live stock market at 15 to 35.50

each.

Wheat, spring, bush, 30 1/2 to 30 3/4

Wheat, fall, bush, 29 1/2 to 30 1/4

Wheat, hard, bush, 29 1/2 to 30 1/4

Wheat, soft, bush, 29 1/2 to 30 1/4

Rye, bush, 29 1/2 to 30 1/4

Barley, bush, 29 1/2 to 30 1/4

Oats, bush, 29 1/2 to 30 1/4

Clover, bush, 29 1/2 to 30 1/4

Timothy, No. 1, per bush, 11 1/2

Timothy, No. 2, per bush, 11 1/2

Hay and Straw—

Cattle hay, ton, \$17.00 to \$18.00

Straw, loose, ton, 12.00 to 13.00

Straw, bundled, 12.00 to 13.00

Fruits and Vegetables—

Potatoes, per bag, 30 1/2 to 31 1/2

Apples, car lots, 1.00 to 1.50

Onions, per bag, 1.25 to 1.50

Poultry—

Spring chickens, lb., 0.55 to 0.65

Chickens, one year old, 0.15 to 0.25

Hens, per lb., 0.15 to 0.25

Dairy Produce—

Butter, lb., 0.25 to 0.30

Cream, per dozen, 0.15 to 0.20

Fresh Meats—

Beef, hindquarters, cwt., 10.00 to 12.00

Beef, choice sides, cwt., 8.00 to 10.00

Lamb, dressed, cwt., 10.00 to 12.00

Lamb, spring, cwt., 8.00 to 10.00

Mutton, light, cwt., 8.00 to 10.00

Veal, prime, cwt., 8.00 to 10.00

Veal, prime, cwt., 8.00 to 10.00

Dressed hog, cwt., 8.00 to 10.00

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

The prices quoted below are for first-

class quality; lower grades sell at cor-  
respondingly lower prices.

May car lots, ton, \$15.00 to \$16.00

Straw, car lots, ton, 12.00 to 13.00

Evaporated apples, lb., 0.075 to 0.085

Turkeys, dressed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2

Ducks, dressed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2

Old corn, dressed, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2

Butter, separator, daily, 0.25 to 0.30

Butter, store, lb., 0.25 to 0.30

Eggs, new-laid, dozen, 0.17 to 0.20

Eggs, large, lb., 0.15 to 0.18

Cheese, twin-lb., 0.14 to 0.16

Honey, extracted, lb., 0.11 to 0.12

Live Poultry Wholesale.

Turkeys, young, 10 1/2 to 12 1/2

Turkeys, old, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2

Chickens, fancy, large, 0.15 to 0.20

Chickens, medium, 0.10 to 0.15

Squabs, per dozen, 2.00 to 3.00

Hides and Skins.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter &amp;

Co., 107 St. West, Toronto.

SHIPOWNERS OBJECT.  
To Be Made Liable for Damage  
Would Not Help Shippers.

OTTAWA, May 7.—The banking com-  
mittee of the senate this morning re-  
sumed the consideration of Senator  
Campbell's bill to prevent steamship  
companies using bills of lading, by the  
terms of which they contract them-  
selves out of liability for damage to  
goods in their possession while in trans-  
it.  
D. A. Watt of the Allan Line declar-  
ed that on four Canadian shippers  
were charged a cent a hundred less  
and on package goods two cents a  
hundred less than was charged on  
shipments of American goods. He ex-  
pressed the opinion that the Canadian  
millers had started on a punitive ex-  
pedition against the Canadian steam-  
ship companies.  
Mr. Watt said that railways were com-  
mon carriers and every nation in the  
world which had built up any ton-  
nage had not treated the ship as a  
common carrier, but a carrier  
by contract. The one exception  
to this rule was the United  
States, which had a small tonnage,  
and by the Harper act treated the ship  
as a common carrier. That was dis-  
advantageous to the United States  
and a blow to foreign tonnage. To  
pass the proposed bill would bene-  
fit the Canadian shippers. It would  
not lower their insurance. It would  
lower the insurance of the American  
shippers. The Canadian shippers  
were not in a position to compete  
with the American shippers. From  
six to eight million Canadian steel-  
ing had been invested in the tonnage  
under conditions which it was now  
proposed to change to the disadvantage  
of the Canadian shippers. It would  
be a bonus or any other compensation.  
If the bill was passed the Canadian  
shipowner would have to insure his  
self against this liability at a rate of  
not less than 25c a hundred tons.  
It might be necessary to refuse to accept  
delicate classes of cargo.

## ADVANCE IN FREIGHT RATES.

Important Conference of High Rail-

way Officials Held.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Presidents of

practically all the leading railway sys-

tems east of the Mississippi River were

in conference at the Trunk Line Asso-

ciation offices to-day, considering the

question of a general advance in

freight rates.  
The scale now prevailing, with New

York to Chicago as basis, divides rates

into six classes at from 75c to 35c per

ton. No conclusion was reached to-  
day, but the advance most favored  
calls for an increase  
of 10c to 15c in the minimum.  
The entire matter will be left to the  
traffic officials of the roads interested  
for solution. They are likely to sub-  
mit their reports by July 1, but such  
advances which may be recommended  
will hardly go into effect before No-  
vember 1.  
The importance of to-day's meeting  
may be judged from the fact that those  
in attendance included E. H. Harri-  
man, President of the Pennsylvania  
Railroad, President Newman of the  
New York Central, President Under-  
wood of the Erie, President Murray of the  
Baltimore & Ohio, and President Thomas  
of the Lehigh Valley.

## NEW YORK Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Quiet, unchanged; receipts.

Eggs—Firm; receipts, 30,000. State, Penn-

sylvania, and Michigan selected white,

18c; prime to choice, 18c to 18 1/2c; brown

and mixed, 17 1/2c to 18c; fresh gathered

storage packed, 18c to 18 1/2c.

## LIVERPOOL Grain and Produce.

LIVERPOOL, May 7.—Wheat—

spot, firm; No. 2 red western winter, 7s

4d; No. 1 California, 7s 6d; futures,

May, 7s 3 1/2d; corn, spot, firm; new American

No. 2, 15s 10d; futures, May, 15s 10d; Sep-

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COBALT---Market Manipulated  
When Orders are Filled---COBALT  
MARKET AGAIN KNOCKED  
BY THE PROFESSIONALS

Outside Buying Causes Early Ad-  
vances, But Prices Are De-  
pressed Later On.

World Office,  
Thursday Evening, May 7.  
Mining securities had a varied career  
in the markets to-day. Good outside buy-  
ing was present during the early deal-  
ing, and shares were difficult to get,  
except by 25c to 30c. Under the  
demand the market rose to 90 and Foster  
to 95. With these orders executed, pro-  
fessionals at once carried out their pre-  
vious tactics of marking prices down  
for the purpose of getting in sales to re-  
spec in their operations. And it will  
be noted by the afternoon transactions  
that the amount of stock disposed of was  
small, as compared with the morning  
dealings, a continuous fight being kept  
up in the markets by trading specu-  
lators. The children, between fifty  
and sixty in number, had time to  
crawl down on the floor, and in this  
position they were found by the police  
fourteen or fifteen receiving slight  
scratches and bruises. One of the  
teachers was also slightly hurt.

## LONG TRIP IN NORTHLAND.

Journey of 2400 Miles For Mounted

Police Inspector.

OTTAWA, May 7.—During the presen-

t season the authority of the Northwest

Mounted Police will be extended to a

part of the Canadian Northwest of

the waterways and to Buffalo and

the Lyth Co. of Buffalo to the

contract for supplying pipe for the

construction of a conduit for bringing

water to the city. The contract in-  
volved the expenditure of about \$35-  
000. The Lyth Co. was approached by  
persons interested and told that it had  
secured a losing contract, its agent hav-  
ing not taken duty and other expendi-  
tures into consideration in figuring on  
the contract. It is said that the com-  
pany was also told that it would be  
made worth its while to refuse the  
contract.

## FIGHT FOR A CONTRACT.

Illegal Methods Said to Have Been

Adopted at Guelph.

GUELPH, May 7.—(Special.)—A short

time ago the water commissioners

awarded the Lyth Co. of Buffalo the

contract for supplying pipe for the

construction of a conduit for bringing

water to the city. The contract in-  
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## CEILING COLLAPSED.

Exciting Accident in London, Ont.,

School.

LONDON, Ont., May 7.—Great ex-

citement prevailed in the northern part

of the city about noon to-day, caused

by a report that part of the roof of St.

George's School, on Waterloo-street,  
north of Oxford-street, had fallen, andthat many children had been caught in  
the wreck. Happily the first reports  
were greatly exaggerated. It was  
the matchbox ceiling in the upper  
floor that fell, and, fortunately, it came  
down on masses, resting on the tops of  
the desks. The children, between fifty  
and sixty in number, had time to  
crawl down on the floor, and in this  
position they were found by the police  
fourteen or fifteen receiving slight  
scratches and bruises. One of the  
teachers was also slightly hurt.

## RIVER ON RAMPAGE.

OTTAWA, May 7.—The dams retain-

ing the waters of the Snake Lake have

broken and millions of gallons of water

are rushing down the rapids of the

Gatineau River and thence to the

already swollen Ottawa. Maniwaki is

suffering from the floods and it is ex-  
pected much damage will ensue if the  
dams were used to keep the  
Snake Lake at a high level.

## Week-End Trips.

Return fare.

Brantford, Ont. .... 1.25