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Stocks, though very dull in the local market, were firm, while in Montreal there was also a strong tendency. The New York market was firmer to-day, while in London American securities were somewhat lower. The grain and produce markets are all dull and weaker in Chicago.

The local stock market this morning was quiet and firm. Montreal 1 higher at 215½ bid, and Ontario ½ better at 116½ bid. Merchants' wanted at 127½, and Commerce at 114¾, a decline of ½. Standard firmer, with buyers at 137 and no sellers. Miscellaneous shares irregular. British America Assurance sold at 95 and Western at 139½ and 139. Dominion Telegraph wanted at 85, and Northwest Land sold at 55. Freehold Loan higher at 165 bid, and Union firm at 130 bid. National Investment 95 bid, and Land Security 214 bid, without sellers. British Canadian offered at 97, without bids, and the balance of the list is unchanged.

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In the afternoon stocks showed little change and the market was very dull.

The transactions to-day were: Morning—British America 20 at 95 rep.; Western Assurance, 10 at 139½, 30 at 139; Northwest Land 50 at 55. Afternoon—Western Assurance 5, 25 at 140.

Following are the opening and closing quotations on the Toronto Stock Exchange to-day:

STOCKS.	12 M. Ask'd.	12 M. Bid.	4 P.M. Ask'd.	4 P.M. Bid.
Montreal	216¼	215¾	216¾	215
Ontario	116½	116¼	116½	116
Toronto	150	147	150	147
Merchants	130	127¾	.....	127¾
Commerce	115¼	114¾	115¼	114¾
Imperial	.....	137	.....	137
Dominion	.....	227	231	227
Standard	.....	127	.....	127
Hamilton	.....	135¼	.....	135¼
Miscellaneous.				
British America	100	94	.....	94¼
Western Assurance	140	139	141	139½
Confed. Life Ass.	.....	245	.....	245
Consumers' Gas	.....	151	.....	151
Dominion Telegraph	90	85	.....	85
Northwest Land Co.	.....	55¼	.....	.....
Can. Pacific Rail. Grant Bonds	104	.....	.....	.....
Loan Companies.				
Canada Permanent	202	198	.....	.....
Freehold	170	165	.....	.....
Western Canada	.....	250	.....	.....
Union	132	130	.....	.....
Canada Landed Credit	115	112½	.....	.....
B. & Loan Association	108	107	.....	.....
Imperial S. & Invest.	113	111	.....	.....
Farmers' L. & Savings	118	115	.....	.....
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	147	146	.....	.....
National Investment	95	95	.....	.....
People's Loan	110	108	.....	.....
Real Estate, Loan & Deb. Co.	.....	70	.....	.....
The Land Security Co.	.....	244	.....	.....
Dom. Savings & Loan	95	.....	.....	.....
Ontario Loan & Deb.	115½	111	.....	.....
British Canadian L. & Invest.	107½	.....	.....	.....

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

The market was strong to-day and several stocks showed fair activity. Following are the closing prices: Bank of Montreal, 216¼ asked and 216 bid, sales 1 at 216, 50 at 216; Ontario 119 and 116; Banque du Peuple, 106 and 102; Molsons, 140 and 132; Toronto, 202 and 199; Merchants', 130 and 128½; Union, 109 and 55; Commerce, 115¼ and 114¾, sales 41 at 114¾; Federal 100 at 55; Montreal Telegraph, 95 and 94; N.W. Land, 60 and 55; Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., 51¾ and 51¼, sales 128 at 51, 12 at 51¾; City Passenger R.R., 227 and 222; Gas 214 and 213, sales 25 at 213½, 100 at 213¾; C.P.R., 57¾ and 57¼, sales 50 at 57¼; Canada Cotton, 52¼ and 47; Dundas Cotton, 60 and 40; Hoch Cotton, 130 and 122¼.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

To-day's fluctuations and the total sales of the leading stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, as received by J. S. Hanrahan & Co. over their private wire, were as follows:

Stocks.	Open'ing.	High'est.	Low'est.	Clos'ing.	Sales.
Canada So.	51¾	51¾	51¼	51¼	1100
Del. & Hudson	105¼	105¼	105¼	105¼	300
D. L. & W.	127½	128	127	127½	2200
Erie	29	29½	28¾	28¾	9900
Louisville & Nashville	52½	54¾	52½	54¾	11100
Lake Shore	92½	92¾	92½	92¾	700
Mich. Cent.	84	84	84	84	500
M. L. & T.	18¾	18¾	18¾	18¾	1000
No. Pac.	27½	27½	27	27	870
N. P. Com.	10½	10½	10½	10½	600
N. J. Cent.	73¾	73¾	73¾	73	1000
N. Pacific pfd.	69½	69½	69	69½	800
Chicago & Northwest	107	107½	107	107½	3800
N.Y. & N.E.	38½	38½	38¼	38½	3200
Omaha	95½	95½	94¾	95½	1000
Org. Trans.	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾	3300
Pac. Mail	32½	32½	32½	32½	.....
Pull. Palace	153	154	153	154	3100
Reading	37½	37½	37¼	37½	1000
St. Paul	76½	76½	76½	76½	2000
Union Pacific	53½	53½	53½	53½	400
Wabash	13	13	13	13	400
Western Union	78	77¾	78	77¾	9400

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The London market to-day was quiet and featureless. American securities were a shade lower.

The Bank of England rate remains at 2 per cent.

London financial quotations to-day were: Consols 101 11-16 for money and 101 11-16 for account; U.S. 4's, 127; U.S. 4½s, 108; Erie 21; Erie 2nd 97½; C. P. R. 58½; N.Y.C., 108½; Ill. Cent. 118½.

Foreign Exchange is quoted by Gzowski & Buchan to-day as follows:

IN NEW YORK.	Posted.	Actual.
Sixty days' sterling	4 86	4 83½
Sterling demand	4 88	4 87¼

TORONTO.	Between Banks. Bid.	Between Banks. Asked.	Counter.
New York funds	1-16	¼	⅛ to ¼
Sixty days' sterling	9¾	9⅞	9¾ to 9⅞
Demand do.	9¾	9⅞	10 to 10⅛

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The Oil Market.

In New York to-day oil was active, opening at 97, touching 97¼ and 95¾, and closing at 96¾.

Oil City quotations to-day were: Opening 97, highest 97¼, lowest 95¾, closing 96¾.

Grain and Produce.

Grain and produce continue steady in the local and European markets, while in Chicago the market is weak. The markets are all dull.

The car lots received at Chicago on Saturday were: Winter wheat 50, spring wheat 58, corn 403, oats 137, rye 5 and barley 35.

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The Call Board of the grain section of the Board of Trade was [illegible] to-day out of respect to Mr. W. D. Matthews, sr., who died this morning at Leroy, N.Y. Mr. Matthews was one of the charter members of the old Corn Exchange, and at one time was its president.

The report of receipts of hogs from the Chicago Stock Yards to-day is: Estimated receipts 18,500, official on Saturday 11,852. Shipments 6857, left over 7500. Cattle, receipts 11,400. Market dull.

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LOCAL STREET MARKET.

There was little business on the local market to-day and prices remain steady. Wheat unchanged, the only sale being a load of goose at 72c, spring nominal at 77c to 81c, and fall at 83c to 85c. Barley steady, two loads selling at 76c to 77c. Oats are nominal at 49c to 49½c, and peas at 70c to 72c. Hay is limited supply and firm; a few loads sold at $15 to $17 a ton for timothy, and at $12 to $13 for clover. Straw sold at $12 to $13 a ton. Dressed hogs sold at $7 to $7.25. Beef, $3 to $5 for forequarters and $5 to $7.50 for hindquarters. Mutton $6.50 to $8; lamb at $9 to $10; veal $4.50 to $8.50.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The retail market to-day was quiet and prices generally unchanged. Beef, 12c to 18c; sirloin steak at 12c to 14c; steak 10c to 16c. Mutton, 10c and chops, 12c to 13c; round inferior cuts 8c to 10c. Lamb 7c to 8c for front, and 11c to 12c for hindquarters. Veal, best joints 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 6c to 8c. Pork, chops and roasts 10c. Butter, lb. rolls 22c to 25c, large rolls 18c to 20c, inferior 14c to 16c. Lard, tubs 10c to 11c. Cheese 14c to 16c. Bacon 10c to 12c. Eggs 18c to 20c. Turkeys 13c to 14c per lb. Chickens, per pair, 50c to 75c. Geese 10c to 11c per lb.; box lots 9c to 10c per lb. Ducks 80c to $1. Partridges 70c to 90c. Potatoes, per bag $1 to $1.10. Apples, per barrel $1.75 to $2.00. Beets, per bush. 60c to 75c. Onions bag, $1.50 to $2. Celery 45c to 60c a doz. Turnips, bag 40c to 50c. Carrots, bag 50c to 60c.

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Following is the supply on hand for Toronto as compared with last week and the week of last year:

	1888. March 19.	1888. March 12.	1887. March 21.
Flour, barrels	2,500	2,376	3,000
Fall wheat, bushels	45,295	54,368	78,109
Spring wheat, bush	106,137	94,405	89,641
Mixed wheat, bushels	.....	.....	3,503
Oats, bushels	18,660	18,660	13,663
Barley, bushels	131,307	130,750	207,944
Peas, bushels	580	580	15,841
Rye, bushels	907	907	4,249
Corn, bushels	999	999	.....

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The following is a comparative statement of the visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada, as prepared by the secretaries of the New York and Chicago Corn Exchanges:

	New York. 1888. March 19.	New York. 1888. March 14.	Chicago. 1888. March 19.	Chicago. 1888. March 14.
Wheat	30,257,747	30,602,387	29,253,924	30,092,963
Corn	9,258,428	9,202,182	12,238,230	9,212,338
Oats	4,295,545	4,125,377	4,297,510	4,426,990
Barley	2,639,210	2,235,323	2,020,633	2,235,475
Rye	368,021	378,229	367,931	378,723

THE CHICAGO MARKET.

The following table shows the fluctuations of the Chicago market as received by T. G. Hearn han & Co. by private wire to-day:

		Open'ed.	High'est.	Low'est.	Clos'ed.
Wheat	May	78¾	78¾	78¼	78⅝
"	June	79	79⅛	78⅝	78⅞
"	July	79	79⅛	78⅞	78⅞
Corn	May	51⅝	51⅝	51⅛	51⅛
"	June	51¼	51⅜	51	51⅛
"	July	51⅝	51⅝	51	51⅛
Pork	May	14.15	14.17	14.10	14.12
"	June	14.0	14.22	14.15	14.17
"	July	14.30	14.0	14.00	14.02
Short Ribs	May	7.32	7.32	7.30	7.32
"	June	7.37	7.32	7.30	7.32
"	July	7.40	7.37	7.37	7.37
Lard	May	7.62	7.62	7.57	7.60
"	June	7.62	7.62	7.57	7.60
"	July	7.70	7.70	7.60	7.60

LATER—Cash quotations were: No. 2 spring wheat 74½c to 76½c, No. 2 red 81½c, No. 2 corn 50½c, No. 2 oats 27½c to 30c. Mess pork $14.00, lard $7.62½, short ribs sides $7.30, loose salted shoulders $6 to $6.10, short clear sides $7.65 to $7.70. Receipts—Flour 35,000 bbls, wheat 19,000 bush, corn 191,000 bush, oats 92,000 bush, rye 2,000 bush, barley 32,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 33,000 bbls, wheat 13,000 bush, corn 97,000 bush, oats 35,000 bush, barley 30,000 bush.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Cotton quiet and unchanged. Flour weak in price but not quotably lower. Wheat—Receipts 11000 bush, exports 40,000 bush; sales 4,370,000 bush futures, 191,000 bush spot; options lower, cash heavy, 1c to ⅛c lower. No. 2 red March 80½c to 80¾c, April 80½c to 80¾c, May 80c to 80⅛c, June 80½c to 80¾c. Corn—Receipts 8000 bush, exports 16,000 bush; sales 840,000 bush futures; 62,000 bush spot; options opened firm but soon weakened, and declined ½c to ¾c, closing steady; cash ½c to ¾c lower and dull; No. 2 April 60c to 60⅛c, May 59½c to 59¾c, June 59½c to 59¾c. Oats—Receipts 36,000 bush, sales 140,000 bush futures, 143,000 bush spot; cash steady; options shade lower; No. 2 March 33½c to 33¾c, April 33½c to 33¾c, May 37½c to 37¾c. No. 2 38½c to 38¾c to arrive; mixed Western 33c to 41c. Sugar steady; Standard A 6⅛c, cut-loaf and crushed 7⅞c, powdered 7c, granulated 6⅞c.

BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

Beerbohm reports to-day: Floating cargoes—Wheat and corn nothing offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and corn steady.

Mark Lane: Wheat and corn steady. No. 2 Club Calcutta wheat, new crop, 30s 6d was 30s 6d; October shipment new 29s, old was 30s 6d; spot good: Danish corn 24s was 24s 3d; October shipment 23s, was 23s 3d; spot, good: mixed American corn 24s 3d was 24s 3d; straights Minn. flour 27s 3d was 28s 3d. Good cargoes—Laplata corn off coast 29s 9d was 29s 6d; Oct. shipment 23s was 23s. Good cargoes—Australian wheat off coast 33s 9d was 34s; Oct. shipment 33s was 33s 6d. London—Good shipping No. 1 Cal. wheat prompt 32s; mill 33s 6d; do. nearly due 32s 6d, was 33s 9d. French country markets quiet. English farmers' deliveries—Wheat 27,227 qrs., average price 30s 6d, was 30s 6d. Paris steady. Liverpool wheat and corn quiet and steady.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool reports to-day: Wheat dull, poor demand, holders offer freely; corn steady, fair demand. Prices: Spring wheat 6s 6d to 6s 8d, red winter 6s 7d to 6s 9d, No. 1 Cal. 6s 6d to 6s 7d; corn 4s 6d, peas 5s 4½d, pork 67s 6d, lard 38s 9d, bacon 36s 9d and 40s 6d, cheese 53s.

OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

Oswego reports barley quiet to-day at the following prices: No. 2 ex Can. 92, No. 1 Can. 95, No. 1 bright 98.

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