

To the Trade

YES: SILKS Have been advanced

But not by us. We bought before the advance took place, and are now showing

A Well Assorted Stock At old prices.

Taffetas in colored, shot and white; Surahs in black and colored; Satins in black and colored.

Blouse Silk In Fancies, Stripes and Checks

Filling Letter Orders a Specialty.

John Macdonald & Co.
Wellington and Front Sts. East, TORONTO.

OSGOODE HALL TO-DAY.

Queen's Bench and Common Pleas Division—Cases set down for argument: Hawker v. Ker; Taylor v. Roberts; Mills v. Corlett; Teal v. Bawthorpe.

WHEAT FUTURES ERRATIC.

Market Fluctuates Under Influence of Crop Reports.

Chicago Options Made a Net Gain of a Cent a Bushel Yesterday—Chicago Corn Advanced Half a Cent—Visible Supply—Local Grain and Produce—Notes and Gossip.

Monday Evening, April 17. Liverpool wheat futures held steady today, closing prices being almost identical with Saturday's last quotations. Paris wheat declined 1/10 centimes to-day and Paris flour 1/10 centimes.

Chicago's wheat market was active and irregular again to-day, trading and prices continuing to remain under the influence of the contradictory crop reports. The opening was at a good advance over Sunday, but the market soon broke a cent. Late buying and covering by shorts sent prices up again and the futures closed nearly a cent above Saturday's final figures.

Liverpool maize futures to-day closed 1/4 to 3/4 per cent higher than on Saturday. Chicago corn futures advanced 1/2 cent per bushel to-day.

Wheat receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day, 310 cars, against 231 the corresponding day of 1898.

The English visible supply of wheat increased 680,000 bushels the past week.

The Minneapolis Market Record says that there is likely to be a moderate increase in the acreage of grain crops in the Northwest, because much new land is brought under cultivation for the first crop.

The supplement to the Liverpool Corn Trade News, April 8, gives a list of 214 steamers and sailing vessels now loading or engaged to load at Argentine ports.

The last charter for straight grain cargoes from Chicago to Buffalo was made on Thursday last. They were for boats now on Lake Erie, which will arrive at the opening of navigation. The rate was 2 cents, corn or wheat, shippers' option.

The Modern Farmer says: Growing wheat in the winter wheat belt has improved the appearance of the plant and its condition is notably better than in the North.

A Kansas miller writing to the Northwestern Miller says: Wheat in the Northwest is as bad a condition as reported. Not over 10 per cent will be plowed up, and as there is an increase in acreage the loss will be comparatively little. With favorable weather we can raise more wheat this year than last.

The receipts of flour and wheat at the principal western markets during the week were 186,801 barrels flour and 2,051,820 bushels wheat, as compared with 123,477 barrels flour and 1,450,000 bushels wheat in corresponding week last year.

Stocks of wheat at Duluth, 10,706,000 bushels; at Minneapolis, 23,423,000 bushels; at New York, 2,015,000 bushels; at Detroit, 354,000 bushels; at Toledo, 320,000 bushels; at St. Louis, 475,000 bushels.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour, 9,903 barrels and 2,425 sacks; wheat, 56,551 bushels.

As compared with a week ago, the visible supply of wheat in Canada and the United States has increased 71,000 bushels; that of corn has decreased 2,000 bushels, and that of oats has decreased 250,000 bushels.

Following is a comparative statement for the week ending to-day, the preceding week and the corresponding week last year:

Wheat, bu.	20,502,000	20,431,000	22,154,000
Corn, bu.	22,788,000	21,981,000	24,217,000
Oats, bu.	11,138,000	11,370,000	12,746,000

There are now on passage to the United Kingdom 24,400,000 bushels of wheat and flour, and 4,800,000 bushels of corn. There are on passage to the Continent 11,840,000 bushels of wheat and flour, and 1,590,000 bushels of corn. Thus, the total quantities of cereals afloat to-day, with comparative figures for a week ago, April 10, April 7, and a year ago, are:

Wheat, bushels	25,480,000	30,240,000	29,000,000
Corn, bushels	10,880,000	10,940,000	11,800,000
Oats, bushels	10,100,000	10,100,000	11,000,000

Thus the wheat and flour on passage a week ago, and 58,314,000 bushels a year ago, were 38,360,000 bushels.

To recapitulate, the visible supply of wheat in Canada and the United States, together with wheat afloat in Europe, is 66,742,000 bushels, against 66,111,000 bushels a week ago, and 68,314,000 bushels a year ago.

World's wheat shipments the past week totalled 5,967,000 bushels (without Danube), against 9,036,000 bushels the corresponding week last year.

week of 1898. Shipments by countries were: U. S. and Canada, 1,983,000 bushels; 2,452,000 bushels; Australia, 325,000 bushels; India, 104,000 bushels; Russia, 1,120,000 bushels.

Maize shipments the past week: Australia, 40,000 bushels; Russia, 320,000 bushels.

Grain at Toronto. Apr. 17, '99. Apr. 10, '99. Apr. 3, '99. Wheat, bu. 14.85 14.85 14.85

European Wheat Consumption. The returns of the European trade for the eight months, August 1 to March 31, show that the quantity of foreign wheat taken for consumption by the importing countries of Europe during these months was 246,800,000 bushels, or a weekly average for the 26 weeks of 7,000,000 bushels.

Growing Wheat in Argentina. Mr. Wm. Goodwin, writing from Buenos Ayres Feb. 28, on the coast of growing Argentine wheat, gives a detailed statement of the average working of a 200-acre farm. He gives the entire expenses, including interest on value of farm and land, and cost of manure, seed, and other expenses, and from this deducts income from sales of manure, calves, ponies, etc., and the net result is 300 quintales, about 3,000 bushels, and makes cost of delivery to Rosario \$1.02 per bushel.

East Buffalo Cattle Market. East Buffalo, April 17.—Cattle.—The market was generally stronger and 10c to 15c higher on the whole. The basis for choice to extra was \$3.20 to \$3.50, but there was a noticeable improvement in the quality of the offerings.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Flour—Ontario patents, in bags, \$3.00 to \$3.70; straight do., \$2.10 to \$2.30; Hungarian patents, \$3.90 to \$4; Manitoba bakers, \$3.00 to \$3.70.

Wheat—Ontario, red and white, 67c to 68c north and west; same, 65c to 66c north and west; No. 1 Manitoba, 67c to 68c at Toronto, and No. 1 Northern at 77c. Prices are nominal.

Oats—White oats quoted at 31c to 31 1/2c west. Rye—Quoted at 56c to 54c. Barley—Quoted at 42c to 45c west.

Backwheat—Firm; 48c north and 50c east. Bran—City mills sell bran at \$14.50 and shorts at \$15.50, in carlots, f.o.b., Toronto.

Corn—Canadian, 36c west, and American 41c to 42c on track here.

Peas—Sold at 65c north and west, in car lots. Onions—Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track in Toronto, \$3.80; in barrels, \$3.50.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET. As is usual on Monday, the receipts of farm produce were light, 3 loads of grain, 10 of hay and one of straw.

Wheat—Firm; one load of white sold at 71c per bush; one of red at 71c, and one of No. 1 at 71c.

Hay—Firm; timothy sold at \$9 to \$10 per ton, and clover or mixed hay at \$7 to \$8.

Straw—Firm; one load sold at \$5.50 per ton. Potatoes—Firm; none offered from farmers' wagons, but car lots sell at 77c to 80c per bag.

Plentiful, and prices easier at quotations given below.

Wheat, white, bush	70 1/2 to 71 1/2
red, bush	70 1/2 to 71 1/2
spring, bush	67 1/2 to 68 1/2
oats, bush	31 to 31 1/2
rye, bush	54 to 56
barley, bush	42 to 45
peas, bush	65 to 66

Red clover, bush, \$3.00 to \$3.50. White clover, bush, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Alfalfa, choice fancy, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

Good No. 2, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Good No. 3, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Timothy, bush, \$9.00 to \$10.00. Hays, white, bush, \$8.00 to \$9.00.

Hay and Straw—Hay timothy per ton, \$9.00 to \$10.00. Hay, clover, per ton, 7.00 to 8.00. Straw, sheaf, per ton, 6.50 to 7.00. Straw, loose, per ton, 4.00 to 6.00.

Dairy Products—Butter, lb. rolls, \$10.10 to \$11.18. Butter, large rolls, \$10.00 to \$11.00. Eggs, new laid, \$0.12 1/2 to \$0.14.

Fresh Meats—Beef, round, cwt, \$4.50 to \$5.50. Beef, hindquarter, cwt, \$5.00 to \$6.00. Lamb, yearling, per lb, \$0.08 to \$0.09. Mutton, spring, cwt, \$6.00 to \$7.00. Veal, carcass, cwt, \$7.00 to \$8.00. Hogs, dressed, light, \$5.00 to \$6.00. Hogs, dressed, heavy, \$5.00 to \$6.00.

Poultry—Chickens, per pair, \$0.80 to \$1.00. Turkeys, per lb, \$0.12 1/2 to \$0.16.

Fruits and Vegetables—Apples, per bush, \$2.50 to \$4.00. Onions, per bag, \$1.00 to \$1.50. Potatoes, per bag, \$0.75 to \$1.00. Turnips, per bag, \$0.25 to \$0.35. Parsnips, per bag, \$0.50 to \$1.00.

FARM PRODUCE, WHOLESALE. Hay, baled, car lots, per ton, \$7.00 to \$7.50. Straw, baled, car lots, per ton, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

Butter, choice, tubs, \$12.00 to \$13.00. Butter, common, tubs, \$10.00 to \$11.00. Dairy, lb. rolls, \$10.00 to \$11.00. Large rolls, \$13.00 to \$14.00. Creamery, lb. rolls, \$10.00 to \$11.00. Eggs, choice, new laid, \$0.12 to \$0.12 1/2. Honey, per lb, \$0.03 to \$0.07. Hogs, dressed, car lots, \$5.00 to \$6.00. Chickens, per pair, \$0.80 to \$1.00. Ducks, per pair, \$0.50 to \$0.75. Turkeys, per lb, \$0.12 to \$0.16. Geese, per lb, \$0.05 to \$0.07.

Hides and Wool. Price list, revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, No. 314, East Front street, Toronto:

Hides, No. 1 green	90 00/100 to 95 00/100
No. 2 green	85 00/100 to 90 00/100
No. 3 green	80 00/100 to 85 00/100
No. 4 green	75 00/100 to 80 00/100
Calfskins, No. 2	0 08 to 0 09
Sheepskins, fresh	0 80 to 1 00
Wool, prime, superfine	0 10 to 0 15
Wool, fleece	0 13 to 0 15
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 08 to 0 10
Wool, prime, superfine	0 10 to 0 15
Tallow, rough	0 01 1/2 to 0 03
Tallow, rendered	0 03 to 0 04

British Markets. Liverpool, April 17.—(12.30)—No. 1 Northern, 68 1/2; No. 2 do., 68 1/2; red winter, 68 1/2; No. 3 do., 68 1/2; No. 4 do., 68 1/2; No. 5 do., 68 1/2; No. 6 do., 68 1/2; No. 7 do., 68 1/2; No. 8 do., 68 1/2; No. 9 do., 68 1/2; No. 10 do., 68 1/2.

doing, on passage, nominally unchanged. Russian country market generally in demand. Maize of coast, nothing doing, on passage, quiet and steady. Danubian April and May 27c for May and August. Flour, 42 1/2 for April and August. French country market quiet.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat, futures, red winter, 68 1/2; No. 1 do., 68 1/2; No. 2 do., 68 1/2; No. 3 do., 68 1/2; No. 4 do., 68 1/2; No. 5 do., 68 1/2; No. 6 do., 68 1/2; No. 7 do., 68 1/2; No. 8 do., 68 1/2; No. 9 do., 68 1/2; No. 10 do., 68 1/2.

London—Close—Wheat, arrived, 2; waiting orders, 1; off coast, nothing doing, on passage, quiet and steady. Danubian April and May 27c for May and August. Flour, 42 1/2 for April and August. French country market quiet.

Chicago Markets. Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

Wheat—May	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Corn—April	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
May	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
June	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
July	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
August	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
September	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
October	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
November	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
December	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
January	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
February	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
March	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
April	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
May	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
June	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
July	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
August	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
September	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
October	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
November	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
December	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
January	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
February	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
March	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
April	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
May	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
June	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
July	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
August	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
September	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
October	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
November	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
December	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
January	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
February	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
March	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
April	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
May	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
June	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2
July	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
August	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
September	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
October	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2
November	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
December	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
January	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
February	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2
March	131 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2
April	132 1/2	132 1/2	132 1/2	132 1/2
May	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
June	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
July	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
August	136 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2
September	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
October	138 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2
November	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
December	140 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2
January	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2
February	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2
March	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2
April	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
May	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2
June	146 1/2	146 1/2	146 1/2	146 1/2
July	147 1/2	147 1/2	147 1/2	147 1/2
August	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2
September	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2
October	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2
November	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2
December	152 1/2	152 1/2	152 1/2	152 1/2
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February	154 1/2	154 1/2	154 1/2	154 1/2
March	155 1/2	155 1/2	155 1/2	155 1/2
April	156 1/2	156 1/2	156 1/2	156 1/2
May	157 1/2	157 1/2	157 1/2	157 1/2
June	158 1/2	158 1/2	158 1/2	158 1/2
July	159 1/2	159 1/2	159 1/2	159 1/2
August	160 1/2	160 1/2	160 1/2	160 1/2
September	161 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2
October	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2
November	163 1/2	163 1/2	163 1/2	