SURFACE SHOWINGS RICH ON PRESTON EAST DOME

Large Number of Quartz Stringers Uncovered—Company Hold Three Claims.

PORCUPINE CITY, March 13.—(From Our Man Up North.)—If rich leads that vary all the way from four inches to 20 feet in width, running in the quartz porphyry, with good values coming from the intervening schist, are factors in the make-up of a gold mine, the Preston East Dome, composed of three claims in southern Tisdale to the south of the Dome, and one lot in Deloro, should become more than a reasonably fair producer.

Deductions as to what conditions are on this property can only be noted from the development work which was done last summer, for during the winter, the period of deep snow in the Porcupine district, no work was done except to sample and make tests from the veins which were opened during the fall.

Just now the plans for the spring work are being laid. Manager S. W. Thorne is at the head of the work with John Wilson as an able assistant.

Uncovered Gold Showings.

New camps are being erected with headquarters on the claim known as the "Preston," to the south of the Ritchie veteran, and one-half mile to the west of the other three claims in the group.

All the machinery for a six-drill compressor plant, boilers and a two Nissen stamp mill is on the ground, ready to be put together as soon as the frames for the buildings are up and pinioned. A sawmill is being installed to cut the lumber.

And quite significant as to what the shareholders may expect to find in the future, while excavating for the bed of the stamp mill, solid rock being required, a place six by fifteen feet was cleaned off Saturday, free gold being taken from the bed. It is not every mine where the stamp mill works in a bed of free gold.

Ninety days will be required, according to Manager Thorne, before the plant will be in operation. And not till the wheels are turning and the snow is off, will he determine where the first hole in the rock is to be punched.

Manager Thorne is conservative. You could not draw a statement out of him relative to what he thinks of the prospects of the Preston East Dome ridges with a pair of dentists' forceps, but from what he has heard of the work and the finds, he is very enthusiastic, indeed, and it requires enthusiasm to do things at a mine as well as in an office.

"I shall determine when the snow is off just where we will sink. My first work will be to test out the veins, see what is below the surface, and is showings warrant it, start in to block out ore. The stamps will be used to help in the tests till we get a body of ore blocked out."

And this statement, in a nutshell, covers about all that could be said relative to the future of the Preston East Dome till work is done.

In Good Formation.

The veins are there, the formation is as stable as that found in any part of the camp, with perhaps a few slight variations, so far as surface work shows, and free gold lies in abundant quantities in the narrow leads. The work to come now is just what Manager Thorne outlines, to prove up these leads and see if the values at 100 feet are as substantial as they are on the surface.

Claim known as No. 1, lying to the north of the other three, has not been prospected, and till there are surface uncoverings, nothing can be said of the values. This claim lies directly east of the Big Dome property.

Claims Nos. 2 and 3 are south of the Dome, with that property's boundary lines striking on the north and the west.

The geology of the claims present an interesting factor. The percentage of rock outcroppings on Nos. 13,151 and 13,152 is above the average found on Porcupine claims. The lower places are heavily covered with soil and where trenching has been done for over 1300 feet the depth runs from two to ten feet. On the east part of the two claims the outcrop consists of a massive fine-grained trap of dark greenish colors. Here and there stringers of quartz appear.

On claim 13,152, to the north, an intrusion of altered diabase comes in. On the west of both claims runs a ridge of quartz porphyry hich forms a contact with the Keewatin green stone to the east, where a vein varying in width from four feet to 20 feet has been stripped for a distance of 700 feet. Free gold was found at various places along the vein in the stripping. Another opening a few rods to the south and west shows where more work was done, laying bare presumably the same lead. In both instances the leads run all into the quartz porphyry.

In this ridge there are a very large number of quartz stringers, a mass of them, it could well be said. Just whether with development work all these stringers will lead to one wide vein is yet to be determined by sinking. In the schist outcropping along the western boundary line of the two claims there is a heavy mineralization which yielded gold on panning. Twenty chains to the north of this ridge the Huronian cuts thru a similar mass of rock on the Dome, where big values were found.

It is impossible, from the work done, altho most intelligently planned and carried out, to define with any degree of accuracy the extent of what the ore body might be on these two claims. That can only be told by sinking at various intervals along the vein, testing up the rock and blocking out the ore, if it runs to a depth worth while going to that extra expense. And this work will come just as soon as Manager Thorne can get his plans into execution, the compressor plant up and the power turned on.

A Prize Gold Shower.

Perhaps the shining light of the wholeaggregation of lots in the company's holdings is the so-called Preston lot. To the south of the Ritchie veteran and a half mile to the west of the most southerly claim in the group, in the Township of Deloro, lies the prize gold-shower of all, from what work has been done.

A quartz porphyry ridge ribboned with small leads that in some cases widen out to ten feet, runs thru the claim in a direction northeast to southwest. And the narrow leads carry some of the richest showings there are in Porcupine. If depth should show that the ribbons of gold widen to any good gold-producing depth, and carry the same values, this lot alone would mine millions in the next few years.

But that is a fact that Manager Stewart Thorne must find out.

It is on this claim that the company's headquarters have been established, and the way of the road that leads from South Porcupine to the camp is nearly five miles, making about seven and a half miles from Porcupine City to the camp.

Here the compressor plant, the sawmill to cut the lumber for the big mill, and the Nissen stamps will be placed.

On the Preston the country rock is a fine grained porphyry carrying an abundance of fine sulphides. The porphyry ridge cuts thru the east and south sides and covers nearly the whole south and east half. In the sheer zones the porphyry is much coarser grained and is softer, carrying high in iron, lime and magnesia, a very favorable formation to rich ore bodies.

In addition to the veins opened and marked in the attendant drawing the whole surface of this ridge is lined with small stringers.

Depth Will Prove Property.

At no place has depth over a few feet been attained, and it is impossible to say if these stringers in this case, as in other instances in Porcupine, run together when depth is made. This is another very important thing which Manager Stewart Thorne will endeavor to find out as soon as he can. Depth should be determined as soon as possible to remove all conjecture as to values.

On the whole the values in free gold run so high in the narrow stringers that mine men have been scared at times to know if the run of the leads were a mere freak or a well-defined ore course.

Across the southeast corner of the porphyry ridge the contact with the greenstone occurs. This contact dips under and towards the western part of the claim. In this formation there is every earmark of the true kind.

Clearing the camp sites and cutting the surrounding timber to protect the buildings from summer fires, digging out the foundation for the stamps and the compressor, now engage the attention of 40 men. More men will be put on when the real work starts after the snow is gone.

Depth is all that is needed on the Preston East Dome now. And if that depth shows what now appears on the surface, all that mine men have said about the property will not be far astray.

Chas. Fox.

PEARL LAKE ON MARKET.

Pearl Lake was quoted on the exchanges yesterday for the first time, and sales were made as high as 51 1-2. The Pearl Lake properties are adjacent to the Hollinger, and with Mr. Burr E. Cartwright, who has made such a success of the Timiskaming mine in Cobalt in control, the Pearl Lake claims will undoubtedly get faithful and rapid development.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF DOMINION EXCHANGE.

The first annual meeting of the shareholders of the Dominion Exchange, Limited, took place yesterday at the close of the afternoon session of the exchange in the board-room at 14 East King-street.

The secretary-treasurer presented an excellent report of the financial position of the exchange, considerable surplus funds being on hand in excess of all requirements. It was pointed out that the business of the exchange had greatly increased during the past few months. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring president, A. McPherson, likewise to the retiring secretary-treasurer, Willard W. Dunlop, for the valuable services rendered by them to the exchange during the past year.

A new board was elected, who, at a subsequent meeting, elected J. R. Carter, president; F. A. Newton, vice-president, and A. T. Cole, secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year.

New York Curb.

Charles Head & Co. (R. R. Bongard) report the following prices on the New York curb:

Buffalo closed at 2 to 2½; Bay State Gas, ½ to ⅝; Cobalt Central, 8 to 8½; high 8½, low 8, 15,000; Kerr Lake, 6¾ to 6 7-16, high 6 7-16, low 6¾, 500; King Edward, 2 to 4; La Rose, 4 9-16 to 4¾, high 4¾, low 4 9-16, 300; McKinley, 1 11-16 to 1¾, 2000 sold at 1¾; May Oil, 68 to 70; Nipissing, 10⅞ to 11⅛, high 11⅛, low 10⅞, 700; Union Pacific, 3 to 4; Yukon Gold, 3 13-16 to 3⅞; Preston East Dome, 45 to 47, high 48, low 46, 15,000; Vipond, 60 to 65, high 63, low 61, 2500; Apex, 2000 sold at 25.

SILVER MARKET.

Bar silver in London, 24⅝d oz.
Bar silver in New York, 52⅞c oz.
Mexican dollars, 46c.

Montreal Dairy Market.

MONTREAL, March 15.—Cheese is quiet but firm. Butter is active, and eggs are easier, with sales of new-laid at 23c to 25c. Potatoes are unchanged at 82½c per bag in car lots. The market for refined sugar is stronger, and prices have advanced 10c per 100 lbs., making standard granulated $4.55.

Eggs—Selected, 22c; fresh, 23c to 25c; No. 1 stock, 20c; No. 2 stock, 18c.

Cheese—Westerns, 12c to 12½c; easterns, 11½c to 12c.

Butter—Choicest, 26c to 27c; seconds, 24½c to 25½c.

Montreal Provisions.

MONTREAL, March 15.—A fair trade is being done in hams and bacon for the Easter trade, but other lines are quiet.

Dressed hogs—Country dressed, $8.25 to $9.25; abattoir, $9.75 to $10 per 100 lbs.

Beef—Plate, half-barrels, 100 lbs., $8.75; barrels, 200 lbs., $17; tierces, 200 lbs., $35.

Lard—Compound tierces, 375 lbs., 10½c; boxes, 50 lbs. net (parchment lined), 10⅝c; tubs, 50 lbs. net, grained, two handles, 11c; pails, wood, 20 lbs. net, 10¾c; tin pails, 20 lbs. gross, 10¼c.

Pork—Heavy, Canada short cut mess, barrels, 35 to 45 pieces, $23; half-barrels, $11.75; Canada short cut and back pork, 45 to 55 pieces, barrels, $23.50; Canada clear pork, barrels, 30 to 35 pieces, $22; bean pork, small pieces, but fat, barrels, $17.

Toronto Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the City Market were 39 carloads, consisting of 418 cattle, 1012 hogs, 885 sheep and 52 calves.

Owing to light run of stock, prices were about steady at Tuesday's quotations in all the different classes.

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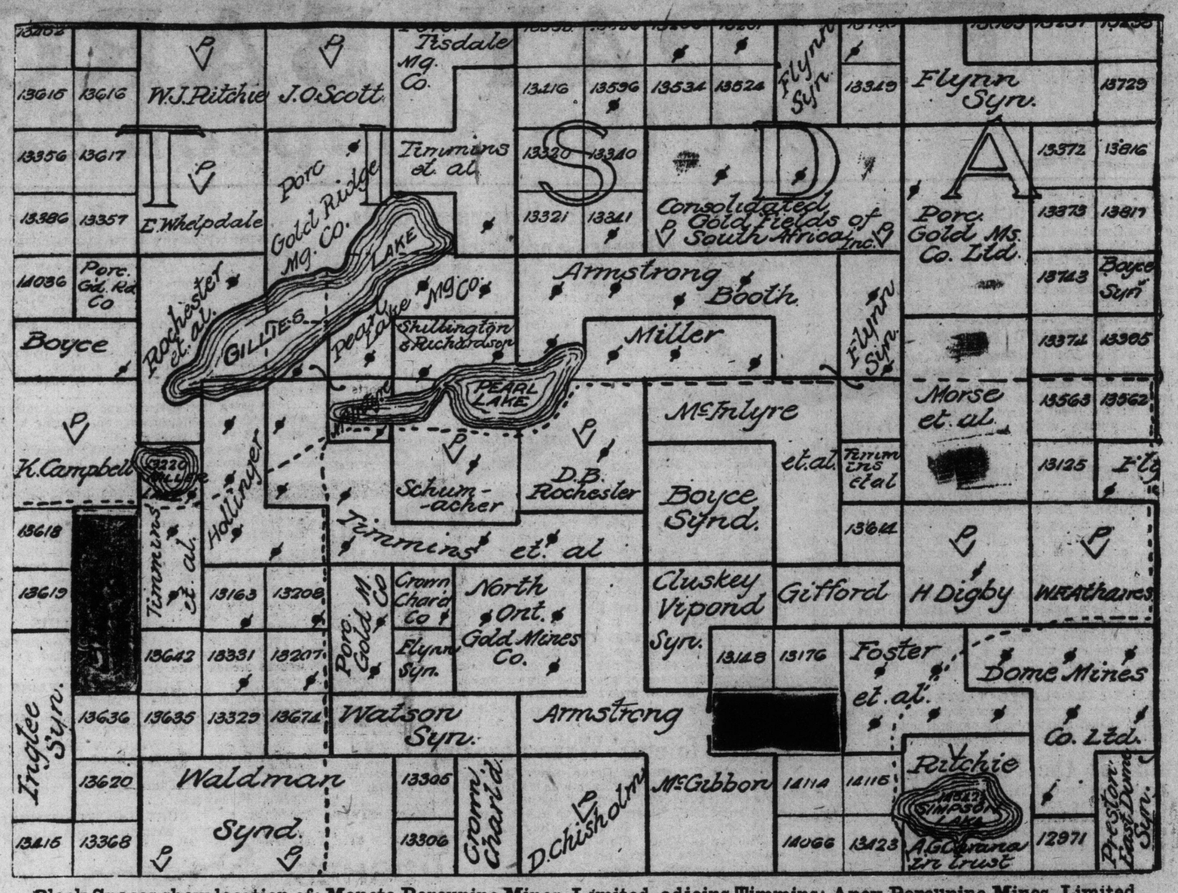

Black Spaces show location of: Moneta Porcupine Mines, Limited, adjoins Timmins; Apex Porcupine Mines, Limited, adjoins Foster.

Prospectus of these companies is in preparation, and will be issued at an early date.

Market Awaiting Crop News Trading in Wheat Flattens Out

No Improvement in Cash Situation and Market for Futures Moves Lifelessly—Winnipeg Exchange Firm.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Dust storms in the northwest lifted the price of wheat to-day. A cold wave predicted for the winter crop belt to-night had a like effect. The advance, however, was not maintained, and there was an irregular close, ⅛c higher than last night, to ⅜c below. On corn the market suffered a net decline of a shade to ¼c, and for oats a gain was made of 1-16c to ¼c. Provisions wound up 5c to 22½c dearer, as compared with 24 hours before.

Buyers lost enthusiasm on being shown official reports that in every wheat raising state except Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana the rain or snowfall during February was much above the average. Surplus moisture varied from 30 per cent. in Illinois, to 320 per cent. in Kansas. Floating short interest moreover, was apparently pretty well eliminated by yesterday's bulge and there was not enough demand to-day to carry on a vigorous bull campaign and dislodge the more stubborn class of bears. On the other hand fresh selling was not sufficient in volume to cause any reaction of importance. At the outset of the day cables had a depressing influence because of heavy offerings by Australia and the Argentine and on account of expected large shipments from Russia. The rally ensuing lasted fairly well until the middle of the session. After that the market fell into a rut. May ranged from 90⅝c to 91⅜c, closing ⅛c up at 91¼c.

No room for corn here and no outlet east made the feeling as to that cereal rather unfriendly. Local shippers were being confronted by re-sales of their own grain. May ranged between 49½c to 49⅛c, with the close ⅛c to ¼c up, at 49¼c. Cash corn steady.

A stronger undertone, notwithstanding light trade, developed in the oats pit. There was considerable bull buying of May and selling of July at ⅛c difference by warehouse. May reached as high and low points, 31¼c to 31⅜c, and 31c, with last sales at 31⅛c, a net advance of a shade.

Because of hogs recovering some of an early loss provisions shorts turned to the buying side. In consequence Pork at the end of the day was 20c to 22½c more expensive and 5c to 7½c had been added alike to the cost of lard and ribs.

Receipts at Primary Centres.

Receipts of wheat in car lots at primary points, with comparisons, were as follows:

	To-day.	Week ago.	Year ago.
Chicago	33	10	43
Minneapolis	183	130	261
Duluth	12	15	96
Winnipeg	207	172	245

European Grain Exchanges.

The Liverpool wheat market closed to-day ¼d lower to ¼d higher than yesterday; corn unchanged to ¼d higher. Antwerp wheat closed unchanged, Berlin ⅛c lower, Budapest ¼c higher, Paris ¼c to ⅜c lower.

Winnipeg Inspection.

Winnipeg receipts of wheat to-day graded as follows: No. 1 northern, 24 cars; No. 2 northern, 89; No. 3 northern, 103; No. 4 northern, 36; No. 5 northern, 17; No. 6 northern, 13; other grades, 19; winter wheat, 6.

Primaries.

	To-day.	Wk. ago.	Yr. ago.
Wheat—			
Receipts	345,000	249,000	613,000
Shipments	182,000	241,000	233,000
Corn—			
Receipts	504,000	747,000	603,000
Shipments	313,000	444,000	598,000
Oats—			
Receipts	470,000	.....	.....
Shipments	567,000	.....	.....

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Liverpool Wheat Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 15.—The wheat market opened easy at ¼d decline, and during the morning further declined ¼d, with offerings larger. The strength in America yesterday was offset by the heaviness in Buenos Ayres, increasing pressure of Australian and Plata offers, and a poor general demand. Reports from Russia continue favorable, with the weather at the ports milder, and expectations of liberal shipments from there. Cash markets are easy, with Australian grade ¼d lower.

Crop Reports.

Broomhall's Argentine agent cables the market there is heavy, under liberal arrivals from the country and increasing stocks. The weather is favorable for the new crop of wheat being planted, and also for late corn.

B. W. Snow says: Weather bureau shows there was more precipitation during February in North Dakota than the average for a series of years.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

	Prev. Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—					
May	92⅞	92¾	93¼	92¾	92⅞
July	94¼	94¼	94⅝	94¼	94¼
Oats—					
May	32½	32⅝	33¼	32⅝	33⅛
July	33½	34	34¼	34	34⅛

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 100 bushels of grain and 10 loads of hay.

Wheat—One hundred bushels sold at 80c.

Hay—Ten loads sold at $17 to $18 per ton.

Grain—		
Wheat, bushel	$0 80	to $0 81
Wheat, goose, bushel	0 78	....
Rye, bushel	0 66	0 68
Barley, bushel	0 66	....
Oats, bushel	0 37	....
Buckwheat, bushel	0 43	0 50
Peas, bushel	0 78	0 80
Seeds—		
Prices at which re-cleaned seeds are being sold to the trade:		
Alsike, No. 1, bush	$11 00	to $....
Alsike, No. 2, bush	9 60	....
Alsike, No. 3, bush	8 75	....
Red clover, No. 1, bush	10 50	....
Red clover, No. 2, bush	9 30	....
Red clover, No. 3, bush	8 40	....
Timothy, No. 1, bush	7 20	....
Timothy, No. 2, bush	6 75	....
Alfalfa, No. 1, bush	13 75	....
Alfalfa, No. 2, bush	12 25	....
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$17 00	to $18 00
Clover or mixed hay	12 00	15 00
Straw, loose, ton	6 50	....
Straw, bundled, ton	14 00	....
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Onions, bag	$0 90	to $1 00
Potatoes, per bag	0 90	1 00
Carrots, per bushel	0 35	0 40
Apples, per barrel	3 00	5 00
Cabbage, per dozen	0 25	0 30
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, farmers' dairy	$0 24	to $0 28
Eggs, strictly new-laid, per dozen	0 25	0 28
Poultry—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb	$0 22	to $0 24
Geese, per lb	0 14	0 15
Yearling chickens, lb	0 18	0 20
Yearling ducks, lb	0 20	0 22
Fowl, per lb	0 15	0 16
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$7 00	to $8 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	10 00	11 00
Beef, choice sides, cwt	9 00	10 00
Beef, medium, cwt	8 00	9 00
Beef, common, cwt	6 00	7 00
Mutton, light, cwt	8 00	10 00
Veals, common, cwt	7 50	9 50
Veals, prime, cwt	10 00	12 00
Dressed hogs, cwt	8 50	8 75
Lambs, per cwt	10 00	12 00

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, car lots, per ton	$12 50	to $13 00
Hay, car lots, No. 2	8 50	10 50
Straw, car lots, per ton	7 00	7 50
Potatoes, car lots, bag	0 80	0 85
Potatoes, N.B. Delawares	0 90	1 00
Butter, store lots	0 17	0 19
Butter, separator, dairy, lb.	0 22	0 24
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 26	0 28
Butter, creamery, solids	0 23	0 24
Eggs, new-laid	0 19	0 20
Eggs, cold storage	0 17	....
Cheese, lb.	0 13	0 13½
Honeycombs, dozen	2 50	....
Honey, extracted, lb.	0 10	0 11

Hides and Skins.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Raw Furs, Tallow, etc.:

No. 1 inspected steers and cows	$0 09½	to $....
No. 2 inspected steers and cows	0 08½	....
No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls	0 07½	....
Country hides, cured	0 08	0 08½
Country hides, green	0 07½	0 08
Calfskins	0 11	0 13
Sheepskins	0 95	1 25
Horsehides, No. 1	3 00	....
Horsehair, per lb	0 30	0 32
Tallow, No. 1, per lb	0 06	0 06½

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows:

Oats—Canadian western oats, No. 2, 36c; No. 3, 35c, lake ports; Ontario, No. 2, 31c to 32c; No. 3, 30c to 31c, outside.

Wheat—No. 2 red, white or mixed, 80c to 81c, outside points.

Rye—No. 2, 65c to 66c, outside.

Barley—For feed, 50c to 55c; for malting, 60c to 65c, outside.

Buckwheat—48c to 49c, outside.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, 97½c; No. 2 northern, 95c; No. 3 northern, 93½c, outside points.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.40; second patents, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, new, 52½c, Toronto freights, prompt shipment from Chicago.

Peas—No. 2, 80c to 81c, outside.

Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, $3.20 to $3.25, seaboard.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $21 per ton; shorts, $23; Ontario bran, $22 in bags; shorts, $24, car lots, track, Toronto.

Toronto Sugar Market.

Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, per cwt., as follows:

Extra granulated, Redpath's	$4 60	
do. St. Lawrence	4 60	
do. Acadia	4 55	
Imperial granulated	4 45	
Beaver granulated	4 45	
No. 1 yellow, Redpath's	4 20	
do. St. Lawrence	4 20	
do. Acadia	4 20	
do. Acadia, unbranded	4 10	

These prices are for delivery here. Car lots, 5c less. Prices in barrels are 5c more per cwt.

Sugar Prices Up.

All grades of refined sugars were raised 10c per cwt. in Toronto yesterday.

Montreal Grain Prices.

MONTREAL, March 15.—There was no improvement in the demand from foreign buyers for Manitoba spring wheat, and what few did come forward were from 1½c to 2c out of line with values here. It was reported that sales of 50,000 bushels of No. 2 C.W. oats were made to London. The local market was firmer in sympathy with the strength in Winnipeg, but the volume of business passing is small. Demand for flour continues slow from all sources, and prices show no change.

Oats—Canadian western, No. 2, 38½c to 38¾c, car lots, ex-store; extra No. 1 feed, 37¾c to 38c; No. 3 C.W., 37½c to 37¾c; No. 2 local white, 37½c; No. 3 local white, 36½c; No. 4 local white, 35½c.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.60; seconds, $5.10; winter wheat patents, $4.50 to $4.75; strong bakers', $4.30; straight rollers, $4.25 to $4.35; in bags, $1.95 to $2.

Rolled oats—Per barrel, $3.90; bag of 90 lbs., $1.95.

Feed barley—Car lots, ex-store, 49c to 50c.

Corn—American No. 3 yellow, 56c to 56½c.

Millfeed—Bran, Ontario, $22 to $23; Manitoba, $21 to $23; middlings, Ontario, $24 to $25; shorts, Manitoba, $23 to $25; mouille, $25 to $30.

London Wool Market.

LONDON, March 15.—A better selection arrounting to 12,324 bales, was offered at the wool auction sales to-day. Bidding was animated and prices were firm, especially in merinos, which ranged from unchanged to 5 per cent. higher. American buyers were quiet. The sales follow: New South Wales, 4600 bales, scoured, 1s to 1s 7½d; greasy, 5d to 1s 1d. Queensland, 900 bales; scoured, 1s to 1s 10d, greasy, 8d to 1s 1½d. Victoria, 900 bales; scoured 9d to 1s 10½d, greasy, 6d to 1s 2½d. South Australia, 300 bales; scoured, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; greasy, 7d to 11d. West Australia, 1700 bales; greasy, 6d to 1s 1d. New Zealand, 5200 bales; scoured, 9½d to 1s 3½d; greasy, 6½d to 1s 1d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 200 bales; greasy, 6½d to 10½d. Falkland Islands, 1700 bales; greasy, 6½d to 10½d.

Chicago Markets.

J. P. Bickell & Co., Manufacturers' Life Building, report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Prev. Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—					
May	91	91	91⅝	90⅝	91⅛
July	89⅝	89⅝	89⅝	89	89⅛
Sept.	88⅞	88⅞	89⅛	88⅝	88½
Corn—					
May	49⅝	49⅝	49½	49⅛	49¼
July	50⅝	50¼	50½	50⅛	50⅛
Sept.	51½	51	51⅛	51	51⅛
Oats—					
May	31	31	31¼	31	31⅛
July	30⅞	30⅞	31⅛	30⅝	31
Sept.	30⅝	30⅝	31	30⅝	31
Pork—					
May	17.37	17.30	17.60	17.30	17.60
July	16.45	16.45	16.67	16.45	16.65
Lard—					
May	9.05	9.02	9.12	9.02	9.12
July	8.97	8.95	9.07	8.95	9.05
Ribs—					
May	9.45	9.42	9.52	9.42	9.52
July	9.00	8.97	9.02	8.85	9.07

Chicago Gossip.

J. P. Bickell & Co. had the following at the close:

Wheat—Dull session, with news featureless, professional and scalping fluctuations, market closing with values unchanged to ¼c lower. Cash demand slightly improved, with receipts light. Crop news mainly favorable. We continue to expect trading market, with purchases on good declines advisable. Accept moderate profits.

Erickson Perkins & Co. had the following at the close:

Wheat—The market opened steady, ruled firm during the early part of the session, but eased later, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts made to advance and hold the price. Dry weather in the northwest was again brought into play, but Minneapolis market did not show any particular strength, and government bureau reports from all stations reporting at North Dakota show 25 per cent. more precipitation during the month of February than average for a series of years. Reports from the southwest in the main were of a flattering character regarding the growing crop. The wheat reported loading at New York for Antwerp is said to be for owners' account and not sold. The market at the moment is a local affair, with the professional traders looking for something to happen to the next crop. In the meantime there is no improvement in the cash situation, except spasmodically. We look for a market of a trading character, and see nothing at the moment on which to advise purchases.

Corn—The market was almost dead, as far as fluctuations and volume of trade were concerned. The early strength in wheat furnished some support, and the small receipts no doubt contributed to lack of selling pressure. Our advices from this state indicated a continued disposition on the part of the country to sell for shipment, and we also notice that purchases by our Omaha office were larger than recently. We believe the market will drag to a lower level, unless the cash demand shows a decided improvement, and our stocks decrease materially.

Oats—Prices showed no changes of importance, and the market was without feature. There was some changing of May to July by elevator people buying the former. Receipts are moderate and so is the demand.

Provisions—The bearish hog news gave an easy start to provisions. Offerings were light and a moderate demand. The buying led by packers brought about fair advances for the list, and the closing was firm. Improvement in the cash trade will account for attitude of the packers. There was some buying in anticipation of falling off in hog movement in the near future.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

LIVERPOOL, March 15.—Closing—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stock. Futures steady; March 6s 8½d, May 6s 9½d, July 6s 9½d.

Flour—Winter patents easy, 27s 3d.

Hops—In London (Pacific coast) firm, £4 6s to £5 5s.

Beef—Extra India mess easy, 112s 6d.

Pork—Prime mess, western, quiet, 95s.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 54s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., steady, 59s; short rib, 16 to 24 lbs., steady, 61s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., quiet, 55s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., dull, 58s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., dull, 58s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., quiet, 54s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., easy, 48s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, easy, 46s 6d; American refined, in pails, dull, 47s 6d.

Cheese—Canadian, finest white, new, firm, 61s; Canadian finest colored, new, firm, 62c.

Turpentine—Spirits strong, 67s 9d.

Rosin—Common firm, 17s 6d.

Petroleum—Refined steady, 6½d.

Linseed oil—Steady, 50s.

Montreal Live Stock.

MONTREAL, March 15.—At the Canadian Pacific live stock market the receipts were 600 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 550 hogs and 1600 calves. A feature of the trade was the weaker feeling in the market for cattle, and prices ruled ¼c per pound lower than on Monday, which was attributed to the fact that the supply was in excess of the requirements. The demand was slow; the weather was much warmer, and, this being the Lenten season, the consumption of beef was curtailed to some extent, and butchers generally are only buying from hand to mouth for the time being. A few choice steers sold as high as 6¼c, but the bulk of the trading was done at 6c; good at 5½c to 5¾c; fairly good at 5c to 5¼c; fair at 4¾c, and common at 4½c per pound. A slow trade in cows at prices ranging from 3¾c to 5¼c, and bulls at from 3½c to 5¼c per pound.

The feature of the trade in small meats was the large offerings of calves, and prices scored another sharp decline. At the reduction the demand was good, and an active trade was done at prices ranging from $1 to $8 each. Old sheep sold at from $4 to $7, and yearling lambs at from $5 to $8 each. There was no change in the condition of the market for hogs, prices being steady on account of the smaller offerings, and sales of selected lots were made at $7.25 to $7.30 per 100 pounds, weighed off cars.

At the Montreal Stock Yards west end market the offerings of live stock this morning were 200 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 600 hogs and 1300 calves. The fire on Monday, which destroyed a portion of the eastern section of the stalls of the above market, has not, nor will it inconvenience business in any way, and the manager states that everything will be in first-class order by Monday next, and that there will be ample accommodation for all the cattle, sheep and hogs that come forward. A fair trade was done in hogs this morning, and, as the supply was smaller, prices ruled steady, with sales of selected lots at $7.25 to $7.30 per 100 pounds, weighed off cars. Receipts of calves are increasing, and prices are steadily tending towards a lower level. The demand is good, and sales were made at from $3 to $12 each, as to size and quality. Sheep sold at 5c per pound, and lambs at $6.25 to $6.85 per 100 pounds, and spring lambs at from $8 to $10 each.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, March 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 100 head; market active, steady; prime steers, $6.50 to $6.75; butcher grades, $3.50 to $6.40.

Calves—Receipts, 200 head; market slow and steady; cull to choice, $5.75 to $10.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 5000 head; market active, firm; choice lambs, $6.75 to $7; cull to fair, $6 to $6.50; yearlings, $6.50 to $6; sheep, $3 to $5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 1700; market active and lower; yorkers, $7.40 to $7.50; stags, $5 to $5.25; pigs, $7.50 to $7.75; mixed, $7.20; heavy, $7.20 to $7.25; roughs, $6 to $6.30.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 17,000; market steady to a shade lower; beeves, $5.15 to $6.85; Texas steers, $4.25 to $5.65; western steers, $4.70 to $8.75; stockers and feeders, $4 to $6.80; cows and heifers, $2.60 to $6.80; calves, $6.25 to $8.50.

Hogs—Receipts estimated at 35,000; market slow, 5c to 10c lower; light, $6.80 to $7.10; mixed, $6.65 to $6.90; heavy, $6.45 to $6.85; rough, $6.45 to $6.65; good to choice, heavy, $6.65 to $6.85; pigs, $6.50 to $7.05; bulk of sales, $6.80 to $6.90.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts estimated at 16,000; market slow at yesterday's close; native, $3 to $5.10; western, $3.25 to $5.10; yearlings, $4.75 to $6.65; lambs, native, $5 to $6.35; western, $5.25 to $6.35.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Beeves—Receipts, 2200; steers, slow and barely steady; bulls and cows, dull to 10c to 15c lower; steers, $5 to $5.75; bulls, $4 to $5; cows, $2.10 to $4.75.

Calves—Receipts, 1550. Market slow and 50c lower. Veals, $6 to $10; culls, $5 to $5.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 10,200; sheep, firm; lambs, 10c to 15c higher; ewes, $4.75 to $4.75; wethers, $5 to $5.25; lambs, $6 to $7.15; yearlings, $6.50 to $6.

Hogs—Receipts, 6490; market, easier; heavy to light, $7.35 to $7.75.