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MARKETS MORE BUOYANT IMPROVEMENTS NOTED

At New York and Toronto--Coal and Steel Dead to Local Interest.

World Office,
Saturday Evening, June 11.

Influenced by improved crop conditions, Wall-street has experienced a more buoyant tone during the week, and particularly towards the close. The importance of this season's harvest is now seen in the day-to-day fluctuations, and it is recognized that this topic has more effect on prices than anything else. Decreased railway earnings, gold exports and business reaction have severally been followed as far as the present situation will permit, and the future of each of these is now linked in good or bad returns of this year's harvest. Since the first of the month it has generally been conceded that the weather has been favorable for agricultural production, and this has served to draw away from the pessimism which has so long surrounded the market. The general opinion held has been verified by the monthly government report, issued yesterday evening. Of winter wheat the report was not as hopeful as anticipated, but the spring wheat conditions made an average showing, and it was estimated that this year's wheat crop would total 600,000,000 bushels. This is a reduction of about 75,000,000 bushels from that of last year, but the deficit is made up by an increased acreage of other cereals. It is, of course, too early to count on the crop as an assured certainty, but since the compilation of the government's figures on the first of the month nothing has occurred to lessen the percentages given, but rather the reverse. Estimates of the cotton crop are equally hopeful, and the speculative futures of both grain and cotton have had a depressed week. How far these favorable incidents will go towards stimulating speculation, it is out of the question to attempt to predict, but thus far the outside interest remains nearly as dormant as it has done for a year. There have of course been detracting features, and suggestions of inability to meet interest payments on bonds, such as was thought likely in the Chicago Great Western road, still carry considerable weight and deter speculation. In the larger industries, opinions are so contrary that it is impossible to adequately analyze the position. Iron Age says that there is accumulation of output in the steel trade, and on the other side those close to the U. S. Steel trust state that the net earnings for the current quarter will be $5,000,000 in excess of that of the first quarter of the present year. The coal trade is much more promising, but mainly so in the anthracite section, where the output is estimated as in excess of any time in the past. Of the labor situation it is satisfactory to note that a readjustment in wages is proceeding without hostile opposition. The tie-up on the great lakes is now practically settled, and troubles at mining centres in Colorado are extant, but these have no broad significance, and will settle themselves without having any general effect. It is now palpably apparent that money is accumulating at all the leading centres, and this week's statements from London, Paris and Berlin each point in this direction. Under these circumstances, new war loans, should they be required, will not have the depressing influence that they would have had a short time since. Cash holdings are growing by reason of a slackened demand for new ventures, which public sentiment prohibits at the present time, both on this continent and abroad. The draft of gold from New York has ceased for the present, and Paris is beginning to exhibit a surfeit of the yellow metal by the advance in exchange between that centre and London. Two matters of some importance to the market are the possibility of peace in the far east and the platforms adopted by the nominees of the two parties for the presidency. Both of these can produce bullish arguments for the stock market stronger than the reverse. It now seems to be a foregone conclusion that hostilities will be confined to Russia and Japan, and much of the ill-effects of the war are thus discounted. Should Port Arthur fall into the hands of the Japanese it is considered a very likely possibility that some means would be found by the other powers to admit of Russia making the amende honorable without thinking that her prestige would be permanently injured. Overtures of this nature would have a material effect in improving European financial centres and find a ready reflection at New York. Of the presidential election no one surmises that any radical changes will emanate from either party, and if this is assured the contest will fail to act as a disruptive to market values. The immediate outlook is governed to a large extent by the success of the efforts now being put forward to encourage outside speculation. The big interests are willing to assist a rising market, but only if such operations can be profitably effected. A cumbersome short interest will prove the best foundation for higher prices, and more than the average of this class of compliments is now thought to exist. To-day's bank statement was a satisfactory showing of the financial situation, and the snap shown at to-day's close gives fair promise of a firm market at the opening of next week.

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Sentiment in local stocks has veered to a much more bullish tone during the past three days, and the change is rather pronounced, with the Steels and Coals possibly excepted. To the satisfaction of many, the Dominion Coal and Dominion Steel stocks no longer figure as market gauges, and are now left to where they properly belong. The exploitation of these stocks has been the cause of much unrest in the better class of securities, and with their elimination as a market factor more confidence might return to the balance of the market. Dominion Coal is beginning to be viewed in a totally different light to what it was when the common stock, under the manipulation of interested individuals, was talked of as being converted into an 8 per cent. bond. Common-sense and reason are requiring answers to the following: Coal before its monsential advance sold in the forties, and was then regarded as so much water, that might later solidify. The property was intact, and the outlook for coal consumption was improving. Since that time part of the opinion held has been verified, and, owing to the congested state of the U. S. bituminous production the output of the Dominion property was able to be disposed of. At present, conditions are somewhat changed, and the competition from American mining centres is as keen as formerly. Shipments to U. S. ports are entirely barred to this company, and the higher grade of American coal will cause the sharpest of competition in Eastern Canadian centres. When is added to this the fact that the Dominion Coal property is carrying a debt of some $3,000,000 in excess of that of two and a half years ago, it is difficult to understand why the stock should be selling as high as it was, even at that time. The confidence of local speculators and investors has been absolutely lost to the enterprise, and save for the support offered by insiders it is thought the price would recede very rapidly from even the present comparatively low figures. Much the same pessimistic feeling exists regarding the Dominion Steel property. The strike at the works is viewed as a passing incident, that served to permit of allowing the stock to drift lower under a plausible pretext. Excluding these from a resume of the general market, one can gain a clearer view of the outlook, and in some directions an improvement is noted in the surroundings. Freer conditions in the money market, a moderately good outlook for crops and a steadiness in business circles have each contributed to strengthen confidence in the future during the past week. The delay of summer weather is being used as an argument against the navigations, but otherwise earnings and prospects are considered rather favorable. An incident of the week is the further advance in Sao Paulo, and it was stated this morning that the directors had finally agreed to declare in future a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. This action may be dictated by the current earnings, but it certainly has the appearance of applying a little hothouse forcing to the price of the stock. Dividends might be better employed in building up a reserve that would make the bonds one of the best of gilt-edged investments, and at the same time materially add to the solidity of the common stock. The present conditions of the local market are too narrow to permit of a general upward speculative movement of any size, but the better class of securities still offer some attraction to investors.

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At Boston to-day Dominion Coal closed bid 55, asked 56, and Dominion Steel bid 7½, asked 8. At New York Mackay quotations, common, were 23 to 24, and preferred 67 to 67½.

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Considerable flood damage in Arkansas.

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Improvement in general business reported from south and southwest.

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Eighty-two roads for April show average gross decrease 7.45 per cent.

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Seven roads for 1st week June show average gross increase 4.07 per cent.

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Dun's Review says growing confidence in further improvement and best authorities agree that present unsatisfactory results will be temporary.

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Bank clearings of United States this week increased $142,702,931, over last week, but $476,465,167 under last year.

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The decline in copper metal prices in London is reflected in the weaker metal market here, but it looks as if prices have got to about the bottom, and sellers are not disposed to accept bids at the ruling level. It is believed that the decline is largely manipulative, and that a recovery will soon set in. The Chronicle to-day prints its compilation of gross earnings for May. Sixty-six roads are represented, the total gross being $52,134,881, a decrease of $1,866,181, or 3½ per cent., from the previous year. This comparison, however, is made with record high totals for 1903.—Town Topics.

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Output all collieries Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. for week ending June 10, was 13,072 tons. Daily average 2178. Michel idle three days. Same period last year 16,805, daily average 2800.

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John Dickenson & Co. to McMillan & Maguire: The government report while favorable, was not sufficiently so to cause the buying expected to come from its publication. The Tractions were again the feature. B. R. T. is going to sell some bonds and the stock is put up to make them more marketable. Higher prices are predicted for all the Tractions. The appointment of Knox to the senate is construed as bullish, especially on the hard coalers, as it is taken to mean that the administration is breaking water a little on the trust question. The reports as to business conditions thruout the country are slightly more favorable. The pool in O. W. is trying to sell stocks by circulating rumors that Pennsylvania and N. Y. C. will buy control of the road to protect the anthracite situation. The market has had a good upturn, considering the times and we think profits should be taken.

Railway Earnings.

Gross earnings St. L. & S. W., 1st week June, increase $18,177, from July 1st increase $238,115.

Wheeling & Lake Erie 1st week June decrease $30,078, from July 1 increase $10,833.

Southern Indiana May increase $5806 from July 1 increase $303,615.

Den. & R. G. April net increase $6272.

C., G. W., 1st week June increase $17,519, from July 1 increase $454,873.

C. I. & L. April net decrease $27,595.

Mo. P. 1st week June increase $105,000, from Jan. 1 decrease $47,170.

C. B. 1st week June increase $21,000, from Jan. 1 increase $157,171.

Texas & Pac. 1st week June increase $1347, from Jan. 1 decrease $110,910.

On Wall Street.

Marshall, Spader & Co. wired J. G. Beaty, King Edward Hotel, at the close of the market to-day: The close of the week finds the stock market in a more healthy condition than for some time past. There has been no undue haste or activity in speculation and the advances secured have been all the more satisfactory as being the result of a conservative confidence in the general situation in spite of influences, many of which were of a depressing character.

The better class of stock have all shared in the improvement. This applies without distinction to the railroad list and the tractions, while among the industrials the strength of U. S. Steel preferred has been a most satisfactory development in view of the supposed heavy condition in the iron and steel trade. Present tone of the market is not the result of a definite change in conditions, but more probably caused by sober reflection on the real weight of adversity, which has for a long time past been pitted against values and the reaction is simply a natural result of a feeling that most things have been discounted that should act for depression and that another and better result is highly probable.

The most important development for the week has been the reports on crop conditions. In this respect it may be said that with the exception of the great corn crop we have passed into a stage when successful results are nearly sure. The cotton crop is certainly in a much better condition than at the same time last year, with an acreage great enough to make equal conditions unimportant as far as results are concerned. The great wheat crop now promised, according to most experts, to be nearly equal to last year, with even greater possibilities, while other grains are reported in favorable condition. Corn crop conditions are yet to be estimated, tho it seems assured that the largest acreage ever attempted will be under cultivation. American crops are full of promise of good results and this feeling adds much to the existing confidence. The financial situation is reflected in the bank statement which was a good one and could easily represent a better demand for money reflecting changing conditions for the better. Sterling declined to-day on large offerings and further shipments of gold will doubtless prove inexpedient.

Ennis & Stoppani wired to J. L. Mitchell, 21 Melinda-street: A higher level of prices with renewed activity was the expectation of the "Street" to-day, based on the better crop outlook indicated by the agricultural department report for the month of May, made public yesterday afternoon, but was no doubt disappointed as presumably a better condition was looked for. The bureau makes the average of conditions for the whole country on June 1, 77.7, as against 76.5 on May 1. At 77.7 the condition is only 4.6 points lower than the average on June 1, last year, and actually above that on June 1, 1902. The showing as to spring wheat is also very encouraging. Notwithstanding the fact that business on stock exchange has been at a low level for some time, the demand for bonds, especially of best classes, has remained active thruout. This is a healthy sign and should eventually divert considerable capital into stock channels. The mercantile agency reports show a general improvement in trade and increased confidence. There is large short interest in the market which, an any signs of concentrated buying by the banking interest, will no doubt rush to cover, in which event a sharp advance should take place in the entire list.

Price of Silver.

Bar silver in London, 25⅝d per oz.
Bar silver in New York, 55⅝c per oz.
Mexican dollars, 44½c.

Money Markets.

The Bank of England discount rate is 3 per cent. Money, 2¼ to 2½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2⅛ per cent.; three months' bills, 2 1-16 to 2⅛ per cent. New York call money, highest, 1¼ per cent.; lowest, 1 per cent.; last loan, 1¼ per cent. Call money in Toronto, 5 to 5½ per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

Messrs. Glazebrook & Becher, exchange brokers, Traders' Bank building (Tel. 1031), to-day report closing exchange rates as follows:

	Between Banks Buyers	Sellers	Counter.
N.Y. Funds..	1-32 dis	1-64 dis	1-8 to 1-4
Mon'l Funds	par	par	1-8 to 1-4
60 days sight.	9 5-32	9 3-16	9 7-16 to 9 9-16
Demand Sg.	9 17-32	9 5-8	7 7-8 to 10
Cable Trans..	9 11-16	9 3-4	10 to 10 1-8

—Rates in New York—

	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, demand	486	485.35
Sterling, 60 days	488	487.35

New York Bank Statement.

New York, June 10.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows:

Loans, increased	$ 5,328,100
Deposits, increased	10,432,300
Circulation, increased	808,000
Legal tenders, increased	1,390,500
Specie, increased	5,019,100
Reserve, increased	6,409,600
Reserve required, increased	2,608,075
Surplus, increased	3,801,525
Ex-U.S. deposits, increased	3,797,350

Toronto Stocks.

	June 10. Ask.	Bid.	June 11. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal, xd	...	...	...	...
Ontario, xd	...	126	...	126
Toronto, xd	...	225	...	225
Merchants'	...	...	...	...
Commerce, xd	...	151¾	...	151¾
Imperial, xd	...	216	...	217
Dominion	...	228	226¼	227¼
Standard, xd	...	...	...	...
Hamilton, xd	...	208	206	208
Traders', xd	...	136½	...	136½
Nova Scotia	...	270	...	270
Ottawa	...	...	...	215
Royal	...	...	...	...
Brit. America	...	100	...	100
West. Assurance	...	65	...	65
Imperial Life	...	...	149	...
Union Life	...	...	...	...
National Trust	...	...	...	135
Tor. Gen. Trusts	...	...	...	...
Cons. Gas	...	205	...	206½
Ont. & Qu'Ap.	...	94	107	96
C.N.W.L., pr	...	99½	...	99½
do., com.	...	...	...	...
C.P.R.	...	118⅞	118¾	118¾
M.S.P. & S.S., pr.	120	118	120	119
do., com.	...	63	62	63½
Toronto E. L.	...	...	136½	137¾
Can. Gen. Elec	150	147	148	147
do., pref.	110	...	...	...
London Elec	100	...	100	...
Dom. Telegraph	...	120	...	121
Bell Telephone	...	...	...	...
Richelieu & Ont.	...	85½	88	85½
Niagara Nav.	123	121	123	120
Northern Nav.	...	...	...	...
St. L. & C. N.	...	...	...	...
Toronto Ry. xd	...	98½	...	99¼
London St. Ry.	...	...	...	...
Twin City	94½	94	94½	94
Winnipeg St. Ry.	...	160	...	160
Sao Paulo Tram.	106⅞	106⅝	106¾	106½
Mackay com.	23¾	23⅝	...	23½
do., pref.	68	67	...	67
Toledo Ry.	...	...	...	...
Luxfer Prism, pr.	...	...	...	...
Packers (A), pr.	...	...	...	...
do., (B), pr.	...	...	...	...
Dom. Steel Com.	...	7⅝	8	7
do., pref.	...	...	...	...
do., bonds	60	58½	61	58¾
Dom. Coal, com	57	55⅞	56½	55
do., pref	...	...	...	...
N. S. Steel, com.	71½	71	72½	71⅝
do., bonds	...	108½	...	108½
L. Sup., com.	...	...	...	...
Can. Salt	115	...	115	...
War Eagle	...	...	...	...
Republic	...	...	...	...
Payne Mining	...	...	...	...
Cariboo (McK.)	...	...	...	...
Virtue	...	...	...	...
North Star	...	...	...	...
Crow's Nest Coal	350	...	350	...
British Can.	...	80	...	80
Can Landed	107	105	107	105
Canada Per.	122½	122	122½	122
Can. S. and L.	...	119	...	119
Cent. Can. Loan	...	150	...	150
Dom. S. & L.	...	70	...	70
Hamilton Prov.	...	122	...	122
Huron & Erie	...	180	...	180
Imperial L. & I.	...	...	...	...
Landed B. & L.	...	121	...	121
London & Can.	100	...	100	92
Manitoba Loan	...	95	...	95
Tor. Mortgage	...	91	...	91
London Loan	...	...	...	...
Ont. L. & D.	...	122½	...	122½
People's L. & D.	...	...	...	...
Real Estate	...	...	...	...
Toronto S. & L.	...	130	...	130
Cable Comp. bds.	...	...	...	...
do., rez. bds.	...	...	...	...

Sales: Ontario Bank, 2 at 126½; Dominion, 10 at 226⅞; Traders', 10, 10 at 136½; Toronto Electric, 14 at 136½, 25 at 137⅞, 25 at 138, 15 at 138; General Electric, 4 at 147¾, 10 at 148, 1 at 149, 25 at 147½; Sao Paulo, 75 at 106¾, 50 at 106⅝, 200 at 106¾, 10 at 106⅞, 25 at 106¾; Twin City, 25 at 94, 5, 25 at 94; N. S. Steel, 25 at 71½, 5 at 71½; Coal, 5 at 55½; North Star, 2000, 150 at 6; Mackay, common, 72 at 23½, 50 at 23⅝; do., pref., 25 at 67½.

Montreal Stocks.

Montreal, June 11.—Closing quotations to day:

	Ask.	Bid.
C. P. R.	119¼	119
Toledo	21	18½
Montreal Railway	210	206½
Toronto Railway	100	98
Halifax Railway	97	...
Detroit Railway	61	60¼
Twin City	94	93¾
Dominion Steel	...	7¾
do., pref	25⅝	25
Richelieu	88	85½
Montreal L., H. and P.	74	72½
Bell Telephone	147	142½
Dominion Coal	55½	55
Nova Scotia Steel	73	71
Montreal Cotton	...	...
Merchants' Cotton	...	...
Colored Cotton	...	...
Bank of Toronto	...	...
Hochelaga	...	...
Commerce	...	...
Montreal Railway bonds	...	...
Dominion Steel bonds	...	...
Ontario Bank	...	...
Quebec	128½	...
N. W. Land, pref	...	...
Montreal Bank	250	...
M.S.M., pref	...	...
do., com	...	...
Imperial Bank	...	...
Mackay	...	...
do., pref	70	...
Merchants' Bank	...	154
Union Bank	130	...

Sales: Canadian Pacific Railway, 200 at 118¾, 175 at 119; Twin City, 25 at 93¾; Detroit, 100 at 61; Dominion Steel, pref., 25 at 25, 20 at 25½, 5 at 25, 250 at 24¾; Dominion Steel, 50 at 7¾; Mackay, common, 25 at 23¾; Dominion Coal, 25 at 55; Dominion Steel bonds, $3000 at 59, $5000 at 58¾, $1000 at 58⅝.

New York Stocks.

J. G. Beaty (Marshall, Spader & Co.), King Edward Hotel, reports the following fluctuations in New York stocks to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
B. & O.	79¾	...	79½	79⅞
Can. Sou	...	...	...	...
C. C. C.	...	...	...	...
C. & A.	...	...	...	...
C. G. W.	13¼	13½	13¼	13½
Duluth	...	...	...	...
do., pref	...	...	...	...
Erie	24¼	24½	24⅛	24¼
do., 1st pref	58¾	59½	58¾	59½
do., 2nd pref	35½	35⅞	35½	35⅞
Ill. Central	...	...	...	...
N. W.	167¾	...	...	...
N. Y. C.	115½	...	...	...
R. I.	21¼	21¾	21	...
do., pref	64¼	...	...	...
Atchison	71	71½	70⅞	71⅜
do., pref	94½	...	...	...
C. P. R.	118¾	119	118¾	119
Col. Sou	...	...	...	...
do., 2nds	19¾	...	19½	...
Denver, pref	70	...	69	70

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A. & T.	16⅝	...	16⅛	16⅜
do., pref	35¼	35½	35¼	35½
L. & N.	109¼	...	109	...
Mex. Cen.	7⅝	...	7¼	7½
Mex. Nat	...	...	...	...
Mo. Pac	91¼	91½	91⅛	91⅜
San. Fran	...	...	...	...
do., 2nds	44	46	44	46
S. S. Marie	62½	63	62½	62¾
do., pref	119½	...	...	...
St. Paul	142⅝	142⅞	142⅛	142⅞
Sou. Pacific	47¼	47⅞	47⅛	47⅞
Sou. Rail	21	...	20⅞	21
do., pref	...	...	...	...
S. L. S. W.	12	...	...	...
do., pref	29⅝	29⅞	29⅝	29⅞
U. P.	85⅝	85⅞	85¼	85⅞
do., pref	...	...	...	...
Wabash	16¼	...	...	...
do., pref	34¾	35⅛	34¾	35⅛
do., B bonds	58	50	58	58½
Wis. Cen	...	...	...	...
do., pref	...	...	...	...
Texas Pacific	21½	...	...	...
C. & O.	31	31⅛	31	31⅛
C. F. & I	30¼	...	...	...
D. & H.	154⅝	155¼	154¼	155⅛
D. & L.	...	...	...	155½
N. & W.	55½	56	55½	55⅞
Hocking Valley	65	...	...	...
O. & W.	25	25⅛	24⅞	25
Leading	47¾	47⅞	47½	47⅞
do., 1st pref	...	...	...	...
do., 2nd pref	...	...	...	...
Penn. Central	115¼	115¾	114¾	115⅜
T. C. & I	35¼	35⅞	34⅞	...
A. C. O.	...	...	...	...
Anal. Copper	49⅝	49⅞	49⅝	...
Anaconda	...	...	...	...
Sugar	126¼	126½	123¼	126½
B. R. T.	48¼	48⅝	48	48⅝
Car Foundry	17½	...	...	...
Consumers' Gas	190	...	189¾	190
Gen. Electric	158	...	...	...
Leather	...	...	...	...
do., pref	80	...	...	...
Lead	21¾	21⅞	21⅝	...
Locomotive	19½	...	19⅜	...
Manhattan	144	144⅝	143	144⅜
Metropolitan	113⅝	113⅞	113	113⅞
Nor. American	...	...	...	...
Pacific Mail	...	...	...	...
People's Gas	...	...	...	...
Republic Steel	6⅝	...	...	...
Rubber	16½	...	...	...
Sloss	...	...	...	...
Smelters	53½	55⅝	53½	55⅝
U. S. Steel	9⅛	9¼	9⅛	...
do., pref	54⅞	...	54⅝	54¾
Twin City	...	...	...	...
W. U.	...	...	...	...

Sales 131,100.

London Stocks.

	June 10. Last Quo.	June 11. Last Quo.
Consols, money	90¼	90⅛
Consols, account	90⅜	90¼
Atchison	72¼	73
do., pref	96¾	96¾
Anaconda	3⅝	3⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	31	31⅛
Baltimore and Ohio	81	82¼
St. Paul	145	146¼
Denver and Rio Grande	20¼	20½
do., pref	71½	72
Chicago Great West	13½	14
C. P. R.	121½	121¾
Erie	24⅜	24¾
do., 1st pref	59⅝	60½
do., 2nd pref	36½	37
Illinois Central	133	132½
Kansas & Texas	16¼	16⅞
Louis. and Nash	110¾	112
New York Central	117⅛	119
Norfolk and Western	56	57⅛
do., pref	89	89
Ontario and Western	25¼	25⅜
Pennsylvania	58¾	59⅛
Southern Pacific	47¾	48½
Southern Railway	21⅛	21⅝
do., pref	86	86
United States Steel	9¼	9½
do., pref	55¾	56½
Union Pacific	86⅞	87¾
Wabash	16½	17
do., pref	35½	36

Price of Oil.

Pittsburg, June 11.—Oil closed at $1.59.

Cotton Markets.

The fluctuations in cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange to-day (reported by Marshall, Spader & Co.), were as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	11.80	12.48	11.73	12.29
Aug.	11.35	11.90	11.35	11.85
Sept.	10.27	10.75	10.27	10.57
Oct.	9.74	10.14	9.74	10.12
Dec.	9.65	10.05	9.65	10.03

Spot closed quiet, 70 points higher; Middling uplands, 12.85; middling gulf, 13.10; sales, none.

The Boer Leader to Marry Widow of General Sterzel.

St. Louis, Mo., June 11.—At the age of 67, having eight married sons and daughters, Gen. Piet Cronje, the noted Boer leader, is to wed again in St. Louis. The old hero's nuptials, at the Boer-English camp, about July 1, is to be one of the features of the World's Fair season. The general is to marry Mrs. Johanna Sterzel, a comely widow of the Boer contingent of the military concession.

Mrs. Sterzel is 49 years old, and has three sons and three daughters. She was the wife of another prominent Boer leader, Gen. Moritz Sterzel of Johannesburg. The war robbed Mrs. Sterzel of her husband and Gen. Cronje of his wife.

Two years ago Gen. Sterzel died from illness, which he had contracted in the campaign. Eight months ago Gen. Cronje's aged wife died, as the result of terrible exposure, after being driven from her home by the British army.

To Meet June 13.

London, June 11.—The committee of Oxford and Cambridge universities having in charge the arrangements for the athletic meeting with the Harvard-Yale team will meet June 13 to consider conditions suggested by the Americans and to fix a date for the contest. It seems probable that July 23 will be selected as the most available day on which King Edward will be able to be present, owing to His Majesty's other engagements. The members of the committee say it will probably be decided to suggest the same program and conditions as governed in 1899, but they do not anticipate any difficulty in arranging a compromise if necessary.

Canadian Bowlers.

London, June 11.—The three days' singles open competition closes th's evening at the Crystal Palace. There were one hundred and ten entries from all England, and seven Canadians, A. S. Wigmore, J. Jackson, C. E. Nasmith, N. H. Stevens, A. Yule, Sydney Jones, G. B. Woods. After splendid play, the Canadians did well, Woods staying to next the semi-finals. He was defeated by Todd, Carlisle, who looks like the winner.

New White Orchid.

London, June 11.—A new white orchid, which has been named the Queen Alexandra, is being exhibited at the Temple Flower Show. For fifty years the firm has been searching for a pure white specimen of the Laelia purpurata in Brazil, and has at last succeeded in finding one.

KILLED BY HIS DAUGHTER.

Norton, Kan., June 11.—A. C. Jenkins was shot dead by his 11-year-old daughter to-day. Jenkins was insane and had often threatened to kill his whole family. He was whipping his wife to-day when his daughter killed him.

King Decorates Melba.

London, June 11.—King Edward has conferred upon Mme. Melba the decoration for science, art and music. She is the first woman upon whom it has been bestowed.

PRICES REFLECT LITTLE OF LATE CROP REPORT

Wheat Futures Open Easier, But Recover Slightly—Argentine Shipments and Gossip.

World Office,
Saturday Evening, June 11.

Liverpool wheat futures closed steady to-day, unchanged to ⅛d lower than yesterday, and corn futures unchanged to ¼d lower.

At Chicago, July wheat closed ⅜c lower than Friday, July corn ½c lower, and July oats ¼c lower.

Chicago car lots of wheat 20; corn, 545; oats, 122.

Australian wheat shipments this week, 976,000; last week, 648,000; last year, none.

C. W. Gillett wired J. L. Mitchell: The government report suggests a total crop of 592,000,000 bushels of wheat. Domestic requirements on a basis of 15¼ bushels per capita, 420,000,000 bushels; for seeding, at 1½ bushels per acre, about 75,000,000 bushels, or a total of 495,000,000 bushels, leaving 97,000,000 bushels surplus for export.

Puts and calls, as reported by Ennis & Stoppani, 21 Melinda-street, Toronto: Milwaukee new July wheat—Puts, 85¼c; calls, 86¼c. New York July wheat—Puts, 99 5-16c; calls, 91⅞c.

Foreign Markets.

London, July 11.—Close—Flour, spot quotations, Minneapolis patent, 26s 6d. Wheat on passage nominally unchanged. Wheat, English country markets of yesterday quiet.

Paris—Close—Wheat, tone steady: June 20f 20c, Sept. and Dec. 20f 35c. Flour, tone steady; June 27f 45c, Sept. and Dec. 27f 45c.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 2400 bushels of grain, 25 loads of hay, a few potatoes, a few dressed hogs, with the usual Saturday's deliveries of butter, eggs and poultry.

Wheat—Eight hundred bushels sold as follows: White, 100 bushels at 93c; red, 300 bushels at 93c; goose, 400 bushels at 78c.

Barley—One hundred bushels sold at 45c.

Oats—Fifteen hundred bushels sold at 36c to 37c.

Hay—Twenty-five loads sold at $10 to $11 for timothy and $7 to $8 for mixed.

Potatoes—Prices easy at quotations given in table.

Dressed Hogs—Prices easy at about $7 per cwt. for light hogs for butchers' purposes.

Butter—Deliveries large, with prices easy at 15c to 18c per lb., the bulk going at 16c to 17c.

Eggs—Prices firm at 15c to 18c per dozen.

Poultry—Good poultry is scarce, but the market was furnished with a lot of spring chickens that were not fit to kill. Prices ranged from 75c to $1.25 per pair, with a few extra choice at $1.50 per pair.

Grain—	
Wheat, white, bush.	$0 93 to $....
Wheat, red, bush.	0 93 ....
Wheat, spring, bush.	0 90 ....
Wheat, goose, bush.	0 78 ....
Beans, bush.	1 35 ....
Barley, bush.	0 45 ....
Oats, bush.	0 37 0 38
Rye, bush.	0 58 ....
Peas, bush.	0 55 ....
Buckwheat, bush.	0 47 0 48
Seeds—	
Alsike, No. 1	$4 80 to $5 25
Alsike, good, No. 2	4 00 4 40
Alsike, fancy	5 75 6 00
Red, choice	5 50 5 80
Red, fancy	6 00 6 20
Red, good, No. 2	5 00 5 40
Timothy seed	1 00 1 50
Hay and Straw—	
Hay, per ton	$7 00 to $11 00
Straw, sheaf, per ton	9 00 10 00
Straw, loose, per ton	7 00 ....
Fruits and Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per bag	$0 85 to $0 90
Apples, per bbl	2 00 3 00
Cabbage, per doz	0 40 0 50
Cabbage, red, each	0 05 0 10
Beets, per peck	0 15 ....
Cauliflower, per doz	1 00 2 00
Carrots, red	0 30 0 50
Celery, per doz	0 30 0 50
Turnips, per bag	0 30 ....
Poultry—	
Spring chickens, per pr.	$0 75 to $1 50
Chickens, last year's, lb.	0 14 0 16
Old fowl, per lb	0 09 0 11
Turkeys, per lb	0 12½ 0 14
Dairy Produce—	
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 15 to $0 18
Eggs, new-laid	0 16 0 18
Fresh Meats—	
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	$5 00 to $6 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt.	8 00 9 50
Mutton, heavy, cwt.	7 00 8 00
Mutton, light, cwt.	8 00 9 00
Year. lambs, d's'd, cwt.	10 00 11 00
Spring lambs, each	3 00 5 00
Veals, carcase, cwt.	7 00 8 00
Dressed hogs, cwt.	7 00 ....

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled, car lots, ton	$9 00 to $9 50
Straw, baled, car lots, ton	5 50 5 75
Dressed hogs, car lots	6 25 ....
Potatoes, car lots	0 75 0 80
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 12 0 13
Butter, tubs, lb.	0 12 0 13
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 17 0 20
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 17 0 19
Butter, bakers' tub	0 10 0 11
Eggs