

On Friday the weak feeling was maintained all round, and foreign advices being unfavorable caused a farther decline. During the day a slight recovery took place but eased off. Closing quotations were—

	Apl.	May
Wheat	\$0.84	\$0.85½
Corn	45	46½
Oats	32½	34
Pork	11.72	11.72
Lard	6.95	6.95

On Saturday there was a slight feeling of recovery, or rather a check up in the downward movement. Wheat advanced a little and closed firm, while corn and oats were in sympathy. Pork was also moderately firm. Closing quotations were:

	Apl.	May.
Wheat	\$0.85½	\$0.86
Corn	46½	47½
Oats	33½	34½
Pork	11.80	11.82½
Lard	6.97½	7.00

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

During the past week there has been the usual upward tendency in stocks generally, but it has only been the return after the little dip of the previous week. There have been no influences at work to cause any marked effect on the stock market, and in consequence its transactions have been free from excitement, and of a rather uninteresting nature. Nearly every bank stock has made more or less of a gain during the week, some being greater than others, but there has been nothing resembling a sharp rise in any of them. The closing bids of Wednesday, April 5th and April 15th, give an index to the tendency of the market.

	Apr. 5.	Apr. 15.
Montreal	192½	195
Ontario	108	108½
Molson's	—	112
Toronto	179½	181
Merchants'	111	111½
Commerce	119½	121
Imperial	122½	122
Federal	45½	45½
Dominion	188½	185½
Standard	111½	112½
Hamilton	120	121
Northwest Land	34½	35

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The past week has been one of excitement in grain circles, and prices of wheat have taken a big bound. The concessions made by buyers the week before emboldened holders, and they commenced on Monday with heavy demands for further advances which, with the rumors of an Anglo-Russian war unavoidable to support them, had to be conceded by buyers. The consequence was that prices shot up rapidly, and no one was eager to sell even at the advance. Oats were a little in sympathy, and only in barley was there no upward move. Later in the week the feeling was much weaker, but trading fell-off somewhat as holders were unwilling to let go any of the advance secured. With a continuation of pacific news from Europe a decline seems unavoidable, but it is evident that buyers are not likely to purchase any more this season at the figures paid during

March and the early part of this month. In provisions there was no improvement in prices, and in butter the feeling was as weak as any time during the spring. Meats were also weak and inactive and certainly no higher in prices than during the previous week.

WHEAT.

Early in the week there was great excitement and a rapid rise in prices. On Tuesday No. 1 Spring was held at 99c, and No. 2 Fall at \$1; No. 2 Fall sold at 97c, and No. 2 Spring at 96c. Later in the week prices declined and No. 1 Spring and 2 Fall were offered at 96c, and No. 2 Spring and 3 Fall at 95c.

OATS.

There has been quite a scarcity, and prices have been going upward. Car lots of mixed sold up to 38c, and good white to 39½c. Near the close there was an easier feeling, but no decline worthy of note.

BARLEY.

There has been very little offered, and prices have been rather irregular. No. 1 has ranged from 69c to 70c; No. 2, 65c to 67c; extra No. 3, 58c to 60.

RYE.

Has been scarce, and wanted at advanced figures, 65c being offered for car lots.

PEAS.

There has been a sudden upward movement. No. 1 sold up to 75c and No. 2 at 70c.

POTATOES.

There has been very little demand for car lots, although prices have stiffened up a little, and sales were made, as a rule, at 40c.

EGGS.

Receipts have been limited and prices have held firm. Round lots sold at 16c, but towards the close of the week were dropping a little.

BUTTER.

There has been no improvement in prices since last report, and even choice dairy has been slow in sale. The best prices heard of were 16 to 17c for choice dairy, while rolls sold at 13 to 14c, choice lots reaching 15c. Medium and low grades were practically unsaleable.

CHEESE.

Very little demand has been heard and small lots of choice have sold at 12 to 12½c, and of poorer qualities at 10½c to 11c.

PORK.

The feeling has been quiet, and only small lots have been in demand, selling at \$15.50 to \$16.

BACON.

Things have been decidedly slow, and only small lots for immediate use have been called for. Car lots were offered: Long Clear, 8c; Cumberland, 7½c; small lots sold a half cent higher. Rolls sold slowly at 9½c to 10c.

HAMS.

Very little business has been done. Smoked has sold in small lots at 11½c to 12c, and green at 10 to 10½c.

LARD.

There has been no change since our last report. Tierces have sold slowly at 9c, and pails and tinnets at 9½c to 10c.

POULTRY.

Turkeys and geese are out of the market, and only a few fowls have been offered. These sold at 75c to \$1 a pair.

APPLES.

The supply has been fast disappearing, and there is now quite a scarcity. Medium to good lots have sold at \$2.25 to \$2.75, and choice to fancy \$3.25.

Commercial Summary.

Trade has been favored during the week by very generally better weather. Except in the regions west of and tributary to St. Louis and Omaha, where it has been cold, the reports to *Bradstreet's* are almost uniformly of fuller inquiry from the interior. At New York the movement of dry goods has not been as favorable as expected. At Boston it has been noticeably better than heretofore, although prices have been disappointingly low. At Philadelphia there has been a fair movement of dry goods, but orders continue small. The depression in the New England print-cloth market has resulted in a proposition for a concerted stoppage of the Fall River mills, for an equivalent of four weeks between the present time and July 1. The plan includes running on this time or complete stoppage, and it is expected that other print mills throughout New England will join in the movement. One result, telegraphed *Bradstreet's* yesterday afternoon, has been the revival of print-cloth quotations at the full figures quoted last week, 3-1-16 ½ per cent. for 64s and 2½c. for 56x00. The apparent relief to the congestion in the industrial world noted in the surrender of the western Pennsylvania employees, 6,000 soft coal miners, who demanded 3c. instead of 2½c. per bushel, has been offset by 1,600 agricultural implement strikers at Chicago, 400 quarry strikers at Joliet, Ill., and various strike strikers in iron and building lines at different points aggregating about 3,000 workmen. In 7,000 carpet strikers at Philadelphia and New York are still out, as are the 4,000 railway pit miners in the Pittsburgh district. For more the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers threaten to resist the demands of the western Pennsylvania iron and steel owners for reduced wages to be made final. As the latter base their demand on the fact that the selling price of iron is far below the point at which the existing rate of wages fixed, they have a much better case than they did when making a like demand on June 1, 1884 or 1883. In speculative lines all American markets, except that for cotton, made a considerable advance on Thursday on receipt of news from London and St. Petersburg, and hostilities in Asia Minor and the outbreak of war. Wheat had a ready been advanced on confirmed accounts of damage to the winter sown crop. On Thursday, however, it fell 1 to 2c at a bound, and made a clear gain of 1 per bushel, reacting 8c on heavy sales on Friday. On Friday there was a further liquidation to 3c., with an advance later. The transactions on Thursday were beyond precedent in size, and the excitement on 'change was intense. The closing price for No. 2 red was 96½c, 90½c a week ago. No. 2 mixed was 94½c and higher, closing at 52½c. as compared with 49½c on April 3. Hog products shared the excitement to a more limited extent. Lard closed at \$7.50 against \$7.35 a week ago. Pork at \$13.25 as compared with \$13.00 a week ago. The influence of declining stock prices has been sufficient to sustain the price of cotton, owing to the very bad state of European trade. The probability of foreign war has