STRENGTHENED UP A CENT.

Only Moderate Trade on Chicago Wheat Market.

Not Much Pressure of Offerings — Market Looks Healthier — A Decline of Five Centimes in Paris—Liverpool Futures Steady — Notes and Gossip.

Tuesday Evening, May 9.

Wheat closed firm in Chicago yesterday at 72⅝c to 72½c July.

The provision list opened easier in Chicago, with traders disposed to take the short side. The market for live hogs was active, with prices 5 per cent. lower.

In Paris to-day Sept. wheat closed at 20f 55c, a decline of 5 centimes.

Liverpool May wheat to-day closed ¼d lower than yesterday; July unchanged; September ¼d lower.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day: Wheat 97, corn 250, oats 628. Estimated for Wednesday: Wheat 45, corn 110, oats 300.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 180 cars, as against 411 cars the corresponding day of last year.

Cotton closed quiet and steady in New York; Mid. uplands 6¼, mid. gulf 6½; sales 250 bales.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	May.	July.	Sept.
Chicago	$....	$0 71⅛	$0 72½	0 71⅞
New York	....	0 78⅝	0 77	0 76
Milwaukee	0 74	....	....	....
St. Louis	0 75	0 76⅛	0 77⅞	....
Toledo	0 74⅞	0 75⅛	0 74½	....
Detroit	0 75	0 75	0 74⅝	....
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 72¼	0 72½	0 73	....
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 75¼	....	....	....
Minneapolis	....	0 70⅛	0 71⅝	0 69
Toronto, red	0 68	....	....	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard (new)	0 80	....	....	....

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were a little larger to-day, 600 bushels of grain, 20 loads of hay and 2 of straw, with a few lots of dressed hogs.

Wheat steady, 250 bushels selling as follows: White, 71½c; goose, 200 bushels at 65c to 66½c.

Oats steady, 300 bushels selling at 38c to 38½c.

Peas steady; one load sold at 63c per bushel.

Hay firmer; timothy sold at $11 to $13 per ton, and clover or mixed hay at $7.50 to $9.

Straw firmer, at $7 to $7.50 per ton.

Dressed Hogs—Prices steady, at $5.40 to $5.55 per cwt.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 71½	to $....
" red, bush	0 71½	....
" fife, spring, bush	0 67	0 69
" goose, bush	0 65	0 66½
Barley, bush	0 43	....
Peas, bush	0 62½	0 63
Oats, bush	0 38	0 38½
Rye, bush	0 50	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 55	....
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 00	to $3 50
White clover seed, bush	5 00	8 00
Alsike, choice to fancy	3 80	4 20
" good, No. 2	3 50	3 60
" good, No. 3	3 00	3 40
Timothy, bush	1 20	1 35
Beans, white, bush	0 80	0 90
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, timothy, per ton	$11 00	to $13 00
Hay, clover, per ton	7 50	9 00
Straw, sheaf, per ton	7 00	....
Straw, loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 14	to $0 17
Butter, large rolls	0 13	0 14
Eggs, new laid	0 11	0 13
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$4 50	to $5 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 50	8 50
Lamb, yearling, per lb	0 08½	0 09½
Lamb, spring, each	3 00	5 00
Mutton, carcase, cwt	6 50	7 50
Veal, carcase, cwt	7 00	8 00
Hogs, dressed, light	5 40	5 55
Hogs, dressed, heavy	5 10	5 15
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 75	to $0 90
Turkeys, per lb	0 12	0 15
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$2 50	to $4 00
Cabbage, per dozen	0 80	1 00
Onions, per bag	1 40	1 50
Beets, per bag	0 60	0 75
Potatoes, per bag	0 80	0 90
Turnips, per bag	0 25	0 35
Parsnips, per bag	0 90	1 00

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled carlots, per ton	$7 50	to $8 50
Straw, baled, carlots, per ton	4 00	4 50
Potatoes, carlots, per bag	0 75	0 80
Butter, choice, tubs	0 12	....
" medium, tubs	0 09	0 10
" dairy, lb. rolls	0 11	0 12
" large rolls	0 10	0 12
" creamery, lb. rolls	0 17	0 18
Eggs, choice, new laid	0 11½	0 12
Honey, per lb.	0 03	0 07
Hogs, dressed, carlots	5 10	5 25

Hides and Wool.

Price list, revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, No. 111 East Front-street, Toronto:

Hides, No. 1 green	$0 08½	to $....
" No. 1 green steers	0 08¾	....
" No. 2 green steers	0 07¾	....
" No. 2 green	0 07¼	....
" No. 3 green	0 06¼	....
" cured	0 08½	0 09
Calfskins, No. 1	0 10	....
Calfskins, No. 2	0 08	....
Sheepskins, fresh	0 80	1 00
Lambskins, each	0 10	0 15
Wool, fleece	0 13	....
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 08	....
Wool, pulled, super	0 15	0 16½
Tallow, rough	0 01½	0 03
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 04

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Ontario patents, in bags, $3.60 to $3.70; straight rollers, $3.10 to $3.20; Hungarian patents, $3.90 to $4; Manitoba bakers', $3.60 to $3.70.

Wheat—Ontario, red and white easier at 68c north and west; goose, 65c to 66c, north and west; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 81c at Toronto, and No. 1 Northern at 77c. Prices are nominal.

Oats—White oats quoted at 31½c to 32c west.

Rye—Quoted at 54c.

Barley—Quoted at 40c to 43c west.

Buckwheat—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 west in carlots.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the Western Cattle Market were large to-day, 85 car loads, composed of 1500 cattle, 125 sheep, 80 calves and 1500 hogs.

The quality of fat cattle was good, with a plentiful supply of both butchers' and exporters.

Trade was fair, but not active, in fact, it was inclined to be slow, drovers not being inclined to accept readily the prices offered by the dealers, having paid more money in the country.

Prices remained much the same in nearly all the different classes.

Export Cattle—Choice heavy loads of export cattle sold at $4.80 to $4.90, and light exporters sold at $4.40 to $4.60 per cwt. There were no loads of exporters brought $5 per cwt. straight. The general run of exporters sold at $4.60 to $4.75, the bulk going at those prices. Several loads for which $4.75 was paid in the country sold for less money here to-day.

Export Bulls—Heavy export bulls of good quality, $3.85 to $4.25; light export bulls, $3.40 to $3.65 per cwt.

Loads of good butchers and exporters, mixed, sold at $4.45 to $4.65 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers' cattle, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1000 to 1150 lbs., sold at $4.5) to $4.60 per cwt.

Loads of good butchers' cattle sold at $4.37½ to $4.50, while those of medium quality sold at $4.20 to $4.30 per cwt.

Common butchers' cattle sold at $3.75 to $3.85, and inferior at $3.40 to $3.50 per cwt.

Very inferior rough cows and bulls sold at $3.25 to $3.35 per cwt.

Stockers—Buffalo stockers sold all the way from $3.75 for common to $4 for medium, and $4.25 to $4.30 for extra choice bred steers, with the market active at these prices.

Feeders—Heavy feeders in good demand, with prices firm at $4.40 to $4.50 for well-bred steers, half fat, weighing not less than 1000 to 1150 lbs. each.

Stock Heifers—A few heifers for stock purposes sold at $3 per cwt.

Stock Bulls—Inferior stock bulls sold at $2.50 per cwt.

Feeding Bulls—Bulls suitable for the byres are worth about $3 to $3.50 per cwt.

Milch Cows—About 30 cows and springers sold at $30 to $50 each. A few extra choice cows wanted.

Sheep—Deliveries light and prices firm; ewes sold at $3.75 to $4.25, and bucks $3 to $3.50 per cwt., providing that they were not too heavy.

Yearling Lambs—Scarce and wanted. Good grain-fed ewes and wethers sold $5.50 to $5.75 per cwt., while common sold at $5.

Calves—About 80 calves sold at $2 to $4 each, the bulk going at $3 to $6.50 each.

Spring Lambs—Sold at $2 to $4.50 each.

Hogs—About 1500 hogs were delivered, selling at $4.62½ for choice select bacon hogs, weighing 160 to 200 lbs each, off cars; light and thick fats at $4.12½ per cwt., which is an advance of 12½c per cwt.

Unculled car lots sold at $4.40 to $4.50 per cwt.

William Levack bought 200 cattle, mixed butchers' and exporters, at $4.25 to $4.90 per cwt.

John Smith, M.L.A. of Brampton, bought one load of heavy feeders at about $4.50 to $4.60 per cwt.

G. Cameron sold one load of exporters, 1225 lbs., at $4.62½ per cwt.

J. & J. W. Dunn bought 2 loads of exporters, averaging respectively 1247 and 1217 each per load, at $4.60 per cwt.

T. G. Colwill sold 7 exporters, 1200 lbs. each, at $4.75; 9 butchers' cattle, 970 lbs. each, at $4.45 per cwt.

J. L. Rountree bought 23 light exporters at $4.50; one bull, 1900 lbs., at $4.25; 22 butchers' cattle, 1100 lbs. each, at $4.12½ per cwt.

Alex. Levack bought 30 butchers' cattle, 1020 lbs. each, at $4.40 to $4.60 per cwt.

Patterson Bros. sold 150 unculled hogs at $4.40 per cwt.

A. M. Buck bought one load mixed butchers' and exporters, 1150 lbs. each, at $4.50 per cwt.

J. Vance sold one load exporters, 1300 lbs. each, at $4.85 per cwt. and one load of butchers', 1020 lbs. each, at $4.20 per cwt.

N. Schmidt sold 17 mixed butchers' and exporters at $4.50 per cwt.

Nattarass & McKechnie sold to S. Levack, the finest lot of cattle shipped from Kleinburg this season (41 exporters), weighing 1350 lbs. each. These cattle were fed by H. T. Howland & Sons of Kleinburg, and did them much credit.

Total receipts of live stock for last week were as follows: 2906 cattle, 152 sheep, 3397 hogs.

Weigh-scale receipts $135.11.

William Levack shipped 4 cars of export cattle per G.T.R.

Chicago Markets.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	70⅝	71¼	70½	71⅛
" —July	71⅞	72⅝	71⅝	72½
" —Sept	71¼	72	71	71⅞
Corn—May	32	32⅛	32	32⅛
" —July	33	33⅛	32½	33
" —Sept.	33½	33⅝	33⅛	33¼
Oats—May	25⅝	25⅞	25½	25½
" —July	23	23	22⅝	23
" —Sept.	20⅝	20⅞	20½	20⅞
Pork—May	8 35	....	....	8 35
" —July	8 55	8 55	8 50	8 50
" —Sept	8 72	8 75	8 65	8 65
Lard—May	4 97	4 97	4 92	4 92
" —July	5 10	5 10	5 00	5 02
" —Sept	5 22	5 22	5 12	5 15
Ribs—May	4 55	....	....	4 55
" —July	4 67	4 70	4 65	4 65
" —Sept.	4 80	4 82	4 77	4 77

British Markets.

Liverpool, May 9.—Opening.—Spot wheat firm, futures quiet. R. W. 5s 7½d, July, 5s 7⅜d Sept. Maize, steady, new, 3s 5½d; old, 3s 6½d. Futures, quiet, 3s 5½d May and July, 3s 5⅞d Sept. Flour, 17s 9d.

Liverpool—Open—No. 1 Nor. spring, 6s 3d; No. 1 Cal., no stock; R.W., 5s 11½d. Corn, new, 3s 5½d; old, 3s 6½d. Peas, 5s 6½d. Pork, prime western mess, 42s 6d. Lard, prime western, 26s 9d. American Ref., 26s 9d. Tallow, Australian, 24s; American, good to fine, 21s 9d. Bacon, S.R., light, 29s 6d; l.c., light, 29s; l.c., heavy, 28s; s.c., heavy, 27s 6d; Cheese, both, 51s. Wheat, firm. Corn, steady. Receipts of wheat past three days, 307,000 centals; increase 140,000 centals. American corn, same time, 80,300 centals.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat steady. Walla, 5s 9½d. R.W., 5s 11½d. No. 1 Northern, 6s 3d. Futures dull, R.W., 5s 9¼d May, 5s 7¾d July, 5s 7⅝d Sept. Maize, steady; new, 3s 5½d; old, 3s 6½d. Futures, quiet, 3s 5½d May, 3s 5d July, 3s 5⅜d Sept. Flour, 17s 9d.

London—Open—Wheat, off coast, buyers indifferent; on passage, 3d lower, some demand. English country markets quiet. Maize, off coast, nothing doing; on passage, partly 3d lower.

Paris—Wheat, 21f 20c May, 20f 60c Sept. and Dec. Flour, 43f 15c May, 28f 15c Sept. and Dec. French country markets steady.

Cargo Santa Fe wheat, steam, April, 25s 9d.

London—Close—Spot Danube Maize, 18s 9d; American, 17s 6d; S.M. flour, 23s. Ant. R.W., 16s ⅞d.

Paris—Wheat 27f 10c May, 28f 55c Sept. and Dec. Flour, 43f 10c May, 28f 10c Sept. and Dec.

Wheat—Waiting orders 1; off coast, buyers indifferent; passage, lower, neglected. Maize, off coast, nothing doing; passage, quieter, hardly any demand. Mixed American, sail grade, steam passage, 16s 7½d, parcel; new, do., steam, May 16s 3d, parcel, new; do., June, 16s 7½d, old.

Chicago Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co., 12 East King-street, received the following despatch to-day:

Chicago, May 9.—Wheat—The wheat market opened steady to-day, and ruled somewhat irregular during the early session, but strengthened up a cent the latter part of session on buying by commercial houses for outside account. St. Louis also bought. The trade on the whole was only moderate. New York says foreigners were sellers early, and reports 11 loads new business worked for export. Clearances 372,518 bushels. Local receipts 97 cars. In the Northwest 186 cars was reported, as against 411 cars a year ago. Liverpool was dull to ¼d. higher. There has been some improvement in weather conditions, with but very little as regards the growing crop. Advices from the Southwest are not very flattering as regards this year's wheat crop. It looks very much as if all the floating long wheat has come out and been absorbed. The market certainly has a much healthier look, and we would not be surprised to see more activity accompanied by higher prices. It is always good judgment to make purchases on a dull market, just what we have lately been getting, and shrewd operators are doing that very thing. Bradstreet's showed an increase of 1,486,000 bushels. The market closed firm at 72⅜ to 72½c for July.

Corn sagged off ¼c early, but firmed up in sympathy with wheat. Receipts 250 cars. The country were the best buyers, selling principally by elevator interests. Clearances 400,000 bushels. Cables quiet, ½d. lower. We believe this is the opportunity to buy for a substantial advance, and assuredly so, unless receipts increase very materially. We have rarely seen a better shipping demand for export and for eastern consumption, and if receipts are moderate and the stock here decreases, as we expect, we look for a firmer market, and believe that speculation is bound to come sooner or later, when the market will be in shape for a good advance. Estimated cars for to-morrow, 110.

Provisions—Moderately active and lower. Receipts were larger than expected, 18,000; packers were liberal sellers of pork and professionals sold lard. Cash demand was slack. Shipping demand fair. Prices have now reached a point where a large consumptive demand is likely to spring up at any time, which would no doubt result in better prices.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

No Trading at New York—Feeling Steady—Exports Fair.

New York, May 9.—Beeves—Receipts, 587; no trading; feeling steady; exports, 875 cattle, 1003 sheep and 7866 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 9; no trading of importance; feeling firm. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 624; firm; prime unshorn lambs, $7.25; clipped do., $6.50; spring lambs, nominal. Hogs—Receipts, 2018; steady; prime hogs, $4.35.

Prices Up in Chicago.

Chicago, May 9.—The small receipts of cattle to-day in connection with a good general demand resulted in advanced prices, fully 5c; fancy grades brought $5.40 to $5.50; choice steers, $5.15 to $5.35; mediums, $4.60 to $4.80; beef steers, $4.10 to $4.55; stockers and feeders, $4 to $4.15; bulls, $2.70 to $4.15; cows and heifers, $3.50 to $4.25; western fed steers, $4.30 to $5.30; Texas steers, $3.90 to $4.90; calves, $4 to $6.65. The demand for hogs was slow, and the market ruled weak, with prices about 5c lower. Fair to choice, $3.80 to $3.95; heavy packers, $3.55 to $3.76½; butchers, $3.65 to $3.92½; lights, $3.65 to $3.90. Pigs, $3.30 to $3.75. There was an active demand for sheep, and prices ruled strong and higher. Colorado wooled lambs sold at $5.90 to $6.25, largely at $6 to $6.10; shorn lots, $4.25 to $5.60; common to good sheep, $3.50 to $5.10, chiefly $4.90 to $5.10, with export lots bringing $4.85 to $5.

Receipts—Cattle, 2500; hogs, 18,000; sheep, 15,000.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, N.Y., May 9.—Cattle—There were no fresh receipts, but the feeling was firm on the desirable butcher grades. There were no calves.

Sheep and Lambs—The total offerings were 5½ loads. Prices ruled the same as yesterday. Choice to extra lambs, $6.15 to $6.25 bid; sheep, choice to extra, $5 to $5.25. Sales were not on hand to be quoted.

Hogs—There were hardly enough on sale to make a market, only two loads, and prices were strong and five cents higher. Heavy were quotable, $4.15 to $4.20; mixed, $4.20; yorkers, $4.20. There were no pigs on sale. Roughs, $3.40 to $3.50; stags, $2.75 to $3. Offerings cleaned up.

Cheese Markets.

Ingersoll, Ont., May 9.—The Ingersoll Cheese Board opened to-day, and was largely attended by both salesmen and buyers. After the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and other business transacted, 890 boxes of cheese, made the first week in May, were put on the board: 8⅝c was offered for colored and 9c for white, salesmen holding for 9¼c and 9½c.

Belleville, Ont., May 9.—At our Cheese Board to-day there were offered 275 white and 45 colored. April cheese; 9c was bid, but no sales took place on the board.

FALL WHEAT KILLED.

Much of the Area Sown Has Been Plowed Up—Other Notes of Ontario Crops.

The Ontario crop report from correspondence received during the first week in May has just been issued.

The weather in the winter and early spring has been unfavorable to fall wheat. It is practically a failure in some localities. A considerable portion of the area sown has been ploughed up. The reports from Algoma are more favorable than those in older settled counties.

A large part of the clover crop in the province has been winter-killed, because of scarcity of snow. The damage has been greatest in Lake Erie and Lake Ontario sections. Where the crop has survived the winter it is healthy and flourishing.

Winter rye has wintered well.

In many localities the first of May saw vegetation well advanced. Fruit trees and shrubs in the west were in leaf at an earlier date than usual.

The spring seeding has been late. The prospects are that a full area of spring grain will be sown. Oats will predominate.

Reports as to the condition of fruit trees vary in different sections, and sometimes in the same locality. In the peach-growing region, known as the Essex district, many peaches have died during the winter, while in the Niagara district the loss reported is small, particularly near the lake shore. In the Lake Erie group some plums and pears have to date sustained injury during the winter, but, generally speaking, there has not been serious injury to fruit trees other than peaches. A majority of correspondents speak of an abundant bloom on orchard trees, and some fear that the blossoms are out so early that the late spring frosts may attack them. There are some references to black-knot on the plum, but the chief trouble complained of is the appearance in large numbers of the tent caterpillar. Several correspondents express their confidence in spraying as a means of checking this and other insect and fungous pests. In the western part of the province a number of correspondents state that small fruits, particularly raspberries, have suffered from the trying winter.

As a rule live stock have wintered well, and are in good condition. Poultry is not abundant, though some correspondents note a scarcity, especially in the east and on the Lake Erie frontier. Many of the cattle are reported rather thin in flesh, though healthy. The market for both horses and horned cattle is brisk and prices good. Horses have suffered in some places from influenza and distemper. Sheep have been remarkably prolific, and the young lambs are mostly strong and healthy, though in a few localities considerable losses have taken place. The most serious disease affecting live stock has been an ailment described as crippling or rheumatism, which has destroyed very large numbers of pigs, especially the younger animals, in almost every part of the province. The cause of this disorder is supposed by some to be overfeeding with grain during the long confinement of the winter months.

A considerable quantity of hay, beyond that necessary for home requirements, remains in the hands of farmers in most localities, the low prices prevailing having been insufficient to bring it to the market. In many places, however, the extra demands of the late spring have left them with little, if any, available surplus. Oats are much scarcer, and the remaining supply will mainly be required for stock feeding. A large proportion of the wheat harvest is yet retained by those who can afford to do so, in the hope of an increase in price. The great demand for cattle at good figures has resulted in the sale and shipment of an unusually large number of fat and store animals, so that there is almost a universal scarcity, especially of the former, some places being left with an insufficient supply for local slaughtering demands. Several correspondents note that farmers are beginning to realize that it is more profitable—at least when feed is selling at a low price—to fatten their own stock for market instead of selling them as store cattle. This tendency of course somewhat reduces the supply both of coarse grain and of stockers for export. Its permanency will naturally depend upon the relative prices of feed, and of fat as compared with lean cattle.

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WEAKNESS ON WALL STREET

Local Market Opened Strong, But Sold Off in Sympathy.

Eleven Thousand Shares of War Eagle Changed Hands on the Toronto Exchange — Bank of Germany Rate Reduced — Notes and Gossip.

Tuesday Evening, May 9.

The local stock market was fairly strong at the opening, but sold off in the afternoon in sympathy with New York and Montreal. C.P.R. opened at 97⅞, sold down to 96⅞, closing at 97, 1150 shares changing hands. Toronto Railway sold off to 117. Richelieu sold at 112½ and was offered at 112 at the close.

In mines, War Eagle sold down to 367¾, about 11,000 shares changing hands. The buying of this stock was very good. Republic was a little better to-day, selling up to 133.

The Montreal market was weak, with not much doing. C.P.R. sold from 98¼ to 96¼, closing at 96⅞ bid. Republic was a little stronger than yesterday.

In New York, at the close, sterling exchange was weak at 4.87¼ for demand and at 4.85½ for 60 days; posted rates, 4.86½ and 4.88½; commercial bills, 4.84; silver certificates, 61⅝ to 62⅝; bar silver 61⅞; Mexican dollars, 48⅝. Government bonds strong.

Messrs. Henry Clews & Co., New York, advised Kerr & Morson to-day as follows: "The market is weak, has declined owing to continued liquidation and bear hammering. Looks like sale on rallies."

In London to-day very little was done in American stocks. Local shorts covered. Canadian Pacific, St. Paul, Reading and Pennsylvania very firm. In the mining department trade small and tone steady.

The net gold balance in the United States Treasury at Washington this morning was $241,018,876; decrease, $4,993,314.

The Bank of Germany rate has been reduced from 4½ to 4 per cent.

Money Markets.

On the local market call loans are at 5 to 5½ per cent. In New York call loans to-day were at 3½ to 6 per cent., the last loan being at 6 per cent. Bank of England discount rate is 3 per cent., and the open market rate is 2 3-16 to 2¼ per cent.

Toronto Exchange Market.

P. C. Goldingham, Jordan-street, Toronto, broker, reports exchange rates as follows:

	Buy.	Sell.	C'n'r Rates.
N. Y. Funds	par.	1-64 pre.	⅛ to ¼
Montreal Funds	10 dis.	par.	⅛ to ¼
Stg. demand	9¼	9⅝	9⅞ to 10
Stg. 60 days	9 1-16	9 3-16	9⅝ to 9½
Cable transfers	9 11-16	9¾	10⅛ to ....

Dominion Bank Statement.

The statement to the shareholders of the Dominion Bank for the year ending April 29 has just been issued by General Manager Gamble. The directors report as follows:

Balance of profit and loss account, April 30, 1898		$ 32,388 05
Profit for the year ending April 29, 1899, after deducting charges of management, etc., and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts		205,326 09
		$237,714 14
Dividend 3 per cent., paid Aug. 1, 1898	$45,000 00	
Dividend 3 per cent., paid Nov. 1, 1898	45,000 00	
Dividend 3 per cent., paid Feb. 1, 1899	45,000 00	
Dividend 3 per cent., payable May 1, 1899	45,000 00	
Written off bank premises	15,000 00	
		$195,000 00
Balance of profit and loss carried forward		$ 42,714 14
LIABILITIES.		
Capital stock paid up		$1,500,000 00
Reserve Fund	$1,500,000 00	
Balance of profits carried forward	42,714 14	
Dividend No. 66, payable May 1	45,000 00	
Former dividends unclaimed	205 50	
Reserved for interest and exchange	141,348 42	
Rebate on bills discounted	47,283 15	
		1,776,551 21
		$3,276,551 21
Notes in circulation	$1,329,038 00	
Deposits payable on demand	4,495,018 06	
Deposits payable after notice	10 790,024 80	
	$15,294,042 86	
Balance due to London agents	56,897 76	
		16,679,978 62
		$19,956,529 83
ASSETS.		
Specie	$707,675 15	
Dominion Government demand notes	1,115,254 00	
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation	75,000 00	
Notes and cheques of other banks	458,403 58	
Balances due from other banks in Canada	114,120 01	
Balances due from other banks in United States	716,739 65	
Provincial Government securities	426,464 73	
Municipal and other debentures	2,388,448 02	
		$6,002,105 14
Bills discounted and current (including advances on call)	$13,524,801 95	
Overdue debts (estimated loss provided for)	27,324 87	
Real estate	59,950 24	
Mortgages on real estate sold by bank	9,571 19	
Bank premises	321,940 74	
Other assets not included under foregoing heads	10,745 70	
		13,954,424 69
		$19,956,529 83

The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, at noon.

Wall Street.

The stock market to-day was demoralized by liquidations, both voluntary and forced, and values melted away with large interests apparently apathetic. Marginal accounts were wiped out, and nothing escaped the furious decline. The continuance of bear pressure disheartened many, and resulted in shaking out many commission house accounts. The market was devoid of general new features, but local stocks reflected fear as to the probable effect of the Ford Franchise Tax bill, which, it was the general belief, would be signed to-morrow. London purchased some 30,000 shares, rendering an easier tone to sterling exchange and acting as the sustaining factor in the early dealings. Money on call was strong, ranging from 3½ to 6, the latter being the quotation of the last loan, although subsequently offered at 5. Standard shares were thrown over in some instances to protect specialties that were receding at an alarming rate. The forenoon show of strength tempted a renewal of short pressure and liquidation, which was practically continuous. Among the weakest points were the "Flower" stocks, which had risen the most during the long bull campaign. Brooklyn Transit suffering a net loss of 5¼. New York Air Brake 12½ and People's Gas over 2 points, which were the weakest stocks in this group. Other declines among the specialties were American Tobacco 14, Sugar and Steel Hoop 6½ each, Metropolitan 6, Continental Tobacco, pref. 4½, Manhattan 4¼, National Steel 4, and Consolidated Gas 3. The railways suffered from 1 to 3 points, and there were so many weak spots that their enumeration would be tedious. The bear faction was constantly on the alert for vulnerable points, and stop-loss orders were freely uncovered. In some quarters the expectation was entertained that the Government crop report, to be issued to-morrow, would show little improvement in the winter wheat belt. Clearing house balances to-day of $18,971,000 were the largest on record, and the credit balance of over $15,000,000 of the bank which managed the payment of the Spanish indemnity was the largest ever liquidated at the clearing house. The sub-treasurer's debit balance of over $10,000,000 is the largest since 1893. The closing of the market was weak, but final prices were well above the lowest, the total transactions having been considerably over one million shares.

Toronto Stocks.

	Ask.	Bid.	Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	250	250½	260	250
Ontario	132	130½	132	130
Toronto	253	247	253	247
Merchants'	173	172	173	172
Commerce	155	153½	155	153
Imperial	216	215	220	215
Dominion	267	265½	260	265¼
Standard	...	191	...	191
Hamilton	...	192	...	192
Nova Scotia	...	220	...	220
Ottawa	...	200	...	200
Traders'	...	120½	124	120½
British America	...	120⅞	...	126⅝
West. Assurance	164½	163¾	164½	163¾
Imperial Life	...	155	...	155
National Trust	...	130	...	130
Consumers' Gas	235	228	...	228
Montreal Gas	...	203½	...	203
Dom. Telegraph	...	129	...	129
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	...	63	61	63
C N W L Co, pr.	...	53	52¼	53
C. P. R. Stock	97⅞	97¾	97	96⅞
Toronto Electric	140¼	139¾	140¼	139½
General Electric	154½	154⅜	154¼	154
Com. Cable Co.	187½	185	187	185
do., coup. bonds	104½	104	104½	104
do., reg. bonds	104½	104	104½	104
Crow's Nest Coal	170	158	170	158
Twin City	70¼	70	71	69½
Payne Mining	157	155	158	154
Republic	133¾	132¾	133	130
Dunlop Tire, pf.	115	113	114	112
Bell Telephone Co.	180	179	180	178
Richelieu & Ont.	112¾	112½	112	110½
Toronto Railway	118¼	117½	117	116⅞
London St. Rail.	...	178	...	178
Halifax Tram	116	...	116	...
Ham. Elec. Light	81	78	81	78
London Electric	125	124	125	124
Ottawa R.	210	200	...	...
War Eagle	368½	368	367¾	367
Cariboo (McK.)	144	141	143½	140
British Can L & I.	100	...	...	...
B. & L. Associa.	60	...	...	...
Canada L & N I.	104	101	...	...
Canada Per.	118	110	...	...
Canadian S & L.	...	114	...	...
Central Can Loan	...	134	...	...
Dom S & I Soc.	...	176	...	...
Freehold L & S.	100	...	...	...
Ham. Provident	85	76	...	...
Huron & Erie	...	180	...	...
Imperial L & L.	100	85	...	...
Landed B. & L.	120	109	...	...
London & Canada	70	...	...	...
London Loan	119	109	...	...
Manitoba Loan	37	35	...	...
Ontario L & D.	126	123	...	...
People's Loan	36	...	...	...
Real Estate, L. & D	64	55	...	...
Toronto S & L.	...	121	...	...
Union L & S.	60	...	...	...
Western Canada	115	...	...	...

Unlisted Mining Stocks.

	Ask.	Bid.	Ask.	Bid.
Alice A.	24	23	23	22½
Athabasca	45	43	45	43
Big Three	...	24	...	23
Canadian G.F.S.	6	5	6	5
Dardanelles	11½	11	12	11
Deer Park	7	4½	10	6
Dryden	30	...	30	...
Evening Star	...	9	10	...
Golden Star	63	58⅝	61	60
Hammond Reef	45	40	41	38
Iron Mask	75	65	...	...
J. O. A.	...	7½	13½	8
Knob Hill	...	95	...	95
Minnehaha	32	26¾	28	26½
Monte Cristo	12½	11	14	11
Montreal G. F.	31	...	30	...
Noble Five	...	...	30	...
Novelty	5	3	5	3
Olive	85	83	87	80
Smuggler	...	3	5	4
Victory-Triumph	7½	6½	...	6½
Virginia	30	...	30	...
Waterloo	11	9½	10½	...
White Bear	5	4¼	5	4¼

Sales at 11.30 a.m.: Imperial Bank, 5 at 215¼; C.P.R., 25 at 97⅞, 25 at 97⅝; General Electric, 20 at 154¼; Republic, 1000 at 130, 500, 500, 500 at 132; Dunlop Tire, pf., 3, 1 at 114.

Sales at 1 p.m.: Bank of Commerce, 10 at 154½; Imperial Bank, 3 at 215½; Dominion Bank, 20 at 266; C.P.R., 25, 25, 100, 200, 100 at 97⅜; Gen. Electric, 10 at 154⅜; Twin City, 25, 25 at 70¼; Republic, 500, 500, 1500, 500, 500 at 133; Dunlop Tire, 20 at 113; Telephone, 3 at 179; Richelieu, 25 at 112½; Toronto Railway, 25 at 118; War Eagle, 1000, 1500, 500, 1000, 2000 at 360, 500 at