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Non-Jury Sittings at 10 a.m.: Ballagh v. Township of Etobicoke (to be continued), Laird v. Gold Medal F. Manufacturing Company, Ontario Industrial Company v. Jones, Porter v. McCullough, Ryan v. Beck, Roach v. Fleming.

Court of Appeal at 11 a.m.: Scottish Ontario I. Company v. City of Toronto (to be concluded), Mustard v. Township of Markham, Fairbairn v. Township of Sandwich South, Murphy v. Township of Oxford, Huffman v. Township of Bayham, Tanner v. Township of Bayham

WHEAT MARKETS BUOYANT

Sharp Advances in Chicago Pit Yesterday.

Opening Was Above Saturday's Close and Prices Rose All Day—Liverpool Cables Up—Reports of Crop Damage In the Southwest—Notes and Gossip.

Monday Evening, March 27.

Liverpool wheat futures to-day were strong, and closed ½d to 1d per cental higher than Saturday's close.

Paris wheat declined 10 to 15 centimes to-day, and flour 15 to 20 centimes.

Chicago saw an active session in the wheat pit to-day. The strong cables caused futures to open at a fractional advance over Saturday's closing figures. Another source of strength was the heavy buying from St. Louis, said to be due to the covering of shorts, scared by reports of damage to crops in the Southwest. The Northwest, moreover, reported millers buyers. May and July advanced nearly 2c over Saturday's close, and held most of the advance.

Liverpool maize futures advanced ½d to ⅝d per cental. Chicago corn advanced ¼c per bushel.

Imports of wheat into the United Kingdom the past week: Wheat, 224,000 quarters; maize, 175,000 quarters; flour, 216,000 quarters.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour, 5550 barrels and 11,076 sacks; wheat, 163,036 bu.

Stocks of wheat at New York, 2,574,769 bushels; at Milwaukee, 50,162 bushels; at Toledo, 310,054 bushels; at St. Louis, 774,905 bushels; at Minneapolis, 7,924,000 bushels; at Duluth, 10,164,000 bushels.

The Liverpool grain and provision exchanges will observe the Easter holidays by closing Friday, March 31, Saturday, April 1, and Monday, April 3. The cotton exchange will also close on these days.

The through rate of freight from Chicago to Liverpool is 12¾c on wheat. Ocean rates are stronger, with a fair demand and liberal engagements for loading up to June at 1¼d per bushel on grain from New York to Liverpool, and 1d to 1¼d from Boston.

Visible and Afloat.

As compared with a week ago, the visible supply of wheat in Canada and the United States has increased 75,000 bushels; that of corn has decreased 69,000 bushels, and that of oats has increased 240,000 bushels. Following is a comparative statement of the week ending to-day, the preceding week and the corresponding week last year:

	Mar. 27,'99	Mar.20,'99	Mar.28,'98
Wheat, bu.	30,067,000	29,992,000	30,061,000
Corn, bu	33,397,000	33,466,000	43,382,000
Oats, bu	11,323,000	11,074,000	11,636,000

There are now on passage to the United Kingdom 26,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour, and 6,080,000 bushels of corn. There are on passage to the Continent 11,520,000 bushels of wheat and flour and 6,560,000 bushels of corn. Thus, the total quantities of cereals afloat to-day, with comparative figures for a week ago, are:

	March 20.	March 27.
Wheat, bush.	36,640,000	37,520,000
Corn, bush.	13,680,000	12,640,000

Thus, the wheat and flour on passage increased 880,000 bushels during the past week, and corn on passage decreased 1,040,000 bushels. The wheat and flour on passage a year ago was 38,640,000 bushels.

To recapitulate, the visible supply of wheat in Canada and the United States, together with that afloat to Europe, is 67,587,000 bushels, against 66,632,000 bushels a week ago, and 68,701,000 bushels a year ago.

Australasian Crop.

The Liverpool Corn Trade News gives a tabular statement of the wheat crops in the different colonies of Australasia for the past four years, the total being: 1898-99, 56,000,000 bushels; 1897-8, 23,900,000; 1896-7, 26,780,000; 1895-6, 25,111,000 bushels. Victoria, South Australia, and New Zealand crops are double those of last year, and South Australia less than half of last season. This year's crop shows an aggregate surplus of 24,000,000 bushels, of which 8,000,000 is required for intercolonial trade, leaving 16,000,000 bushels to be exported to Europe, or carried forward into next crop year.

India's Crop.

The Bengal Presidency is reported to have a better wheat crop than last year, the condition being estimated at 105, against 93 in 1898. A London cable to Chicago says that the condition in all India is 7½ per cent. lower than a year ago.

Russian Exports.

Beerbohm says: There has been more disposition on the part of Black Sea shippers to sell wheat, but their price is still relatively too high, and it is perplexing to discover how and why Russia, with an officially reported crop of 440,000,000 bushels, and a consequently presumed export surplus of at least 160,000,000 bushels, should be so slow to let her wheat go, and be satisfied with exports at the rate of 44,000,000 bushels per annum, which is the rate since Aug. 1. (As Russia has already exported 44,000,000 bushels of wheat, Beerbohm's ratio for the year is evidently in error.)

United States Winter Wheat.

With respect to the condition of the winter wheat, The Chicago Times-Herald publishes reports from over 450 counties in 12 important fall wheat States, and summarizes them as follows: They show that the crop has seriously deteriorated since last fall, but there is yet nothing in the situation to warrant any claim of crop failure. A conservative judgment, based upon such data as are now available, would indicate a moderate promise upon an acreage materially larger than last year.

R. G. Dun & Co., in their weekly report, say: Western crop estimates are large, and such reports as appear of the winter wheat are, on the whole, favorable.

The Chicago Daily Bulletin says that crop reports are very conflicting. A majority of operators apparently lean to the damage theory, but only in exceptional cases will it probably exceed the average of recent years. The reports from Kansas are especially conflicting. Some estimates of prospective yield in 1899 are as low as 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels. The Washington estimate for 1898 was 65,000,000 bushels.

The Cincinnati Price Current says that the details of the March report of Statistician Hyde show that the average weight per bushel of the United States wheat crop of 1898 was 56.9 pounds, which makes his estimate equal to 640,401,000 bushels. This weight per bushel is the lowest in 42 years; the highest average weight was in 1887 and 1891, in both of which years it was 58.5 pounds.

The large deliveries and exports of wheat and flour during the current crop year indicate that the Government estimate of 675,000,000 bushels was rather under than over the actual quantity in bushels of 60 pounds.

On Saturday 100,000 bushels No. 2 red wheat (about all the stock of this grade now in Chicago), was sold to go to St. Louis.

The Modern Miller says: Over the whole winter wheat belt the wheat plant is backward, but gives promise of a full average crop.

The Toledo Market Report says: While we are not crop-killers or calamity-howlers, there is, in our judgment, sufficient evidence of a great loss in the coming crop.

The Chicago Inter Ocean says: It is generally believed that thre will be enough damage developed later in the season to more than offset the increased acreage, and that it will be impossible to raise another bumper crop this season.

French Wheat Crop.

Bradstreet's, March 25, has the following: The French wheat crop, according to The Paris Bulletin des Halles, promises even a larger yield than last year, which, by official estimates, was 360,000,000 bushels, but by commercial estimates 344,000,000. (As complaints of cold, unfavorable weather have been recently reported, it is is probable that The Bulletin's estimate for 1899 crop should be subjected to considerable modification.)

Prices of May Wheat.

The quotations for May wheat at different markets on March 1 and 27, compare as follows:

	March 1.	March 27.
Chicago, May wheat	72⅝	72¼
New York, do.	77½	77
St. Louis, do.	76	77⅛
Minneapolis	71	70½
Toledo	75¾	75
Paris, francs	20.85	20.90
Antwerp, francs	17.12½	16.87
Liverpool	5s 8¼d	5s 5⅝d

Toronto Grain Stocks.

	March 20.	March 27.
Wheat, bush.	79,426	60,237
Barley, bush.	17,413	19,413
Oats, bush.	17,000	17,000
Peas, bush	1,000	1,000

Leading Wheat Markets.

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

	Cash.	March.	May.	July.
Chicago	$....	$....	$0 72¼	$0 71⅜
New York	....	0 83½	0 77	0 75⅞
Milwaukee	0 72	....	....	....
St. Louis	0 76	0 76	0 77⅞	0 69¾
Toledo	0 74½	....	0 75	0 72½
Detroit	0 74¾	....	0 75½	0 72¾
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 70⅛	0 70⅛	0 71⅝	0 72⅝
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 72⅛	....	....	....
Minneapolis	....	0 71	0 70½	0 71⅛
Toronto, red	0 60½	....	....	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard (new)	0 80	....	....	....

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Wheat—Ontario, red and white, 67c to 68c north and west; goose, 65c to 66c, north and west; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 80c at Toronto, and No. 1 Northern at 77c. Prices are nominal.

Oats—White oats quoted at 29c to 30c west.

Rye—Quoted at 56c.

Barley—Quoted at 46c 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—Firm at 65c to 66c north and west, in car lots.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track in Toronto, $3.60; in barrels, $3.70.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were light—3 loads of grain, 25 of hay and 1 of straw, being the amount of deliveries.

Wheat unchanged: one load of red at 70c, and one of goose at 65c.

Oats steady; one load sold at 34½c.

Hay unchanged, timothy selling at $9 to $10, and clover or mixed hay at $6 to $8 per ton.

Straw—One load sold at $7 per ton.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 70 to	$....
" red, bush	0 69	0 70
" fife, spring, bush	0 71	....
" goose, bush	0 65	....
Oats, bush	0 34	....
Rye, bush	0 50	....
Barley, bush	0 45	0 46
Buckwheat, bush	0 55	....
Peas, bush	0 59	0 60
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 00 to	$3 50
White clover seed, bush	5 00	8 00
Alsike, choice to fancy	3 80	4 10
" 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	$0 00 to	$10 00
Hay, clover, per ton	6 00	8 00
Straw, sheaf, per ton	6 00	7 00
Straw, loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 18 to	$0 20
Butter, large rolls	0 15	0 17
Eggs, new laid	0 12½	0 14
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$4 50 to	$5 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 00	8 00
Lamb, yearling, per lb	0 07½	0 08½
Lamb, spring, each	5 00	6 00
Mutton, carcase, cwt	5 00	6 00
Veal, carcase, cwt	7 50	9 00
Hogs, dressed, light	5 15	5 40
Hogs, dressed, heavy	5 00	....
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 50 to	$1 00
Turkeys, per lb	0 12	0 14
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$2 50 to	$4 00
Cabbage, per doz	0 80	1 00
Onions, per bag	1 40	1 50
Beets, per bag	0 50	0 60

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