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WHEAT LOWER IN CHICAGO

Largely Because of Favorable Growing Crop Reports.

Weaker Cables and More Peaceful Outlook Were Also Influences Yesterday—Leiter and His Wheat—Home and Foreign Markets—General Gossip.

Thursday Evening, April 7.

Wheat experienced a weak session in Chicago to-day, owing to bearish news. The increased likelihood of peace, the improved crop outlook, weak cables and heavy selling by shorts, caused a decline of 1c in the July future and a decline of ⅝c in the remoter options. May wheat, after advancing ⅛c, closed at Wednesday's final figure. At Liverpool futures declined from ⅛c to ½c. Corn weakened on both sides of the Atlantic. Provisions dull and weak.

A Melbourne, Australia, despatch says that the wheat yield of the colony of Victoria is estimated at 10,400,000 bushels.

Chicago July wheat, puts 83⅛c, calls 84⅝c.

Chicago May corn puts 29⅛c, calls 29⅝c.

Since January, English stocks of wheat have decreased 2,000,000 bushels.

Receipts of hogs at principal points today are 63,200, against 40,400 a year ago to-day.

The official crop report for the State of Michigan says the average condition of wheat in the state on April 1 was 96 per cent.; wheat is the highest since 1891 and 9 per cent. higher than a year ago.

Price Current says: Hard freezing feared to be prejudicial to oats crop where germinated and growing. Weather retarding seeding and land preparations. Wheat apparently not disturbed in promising outlook.

Total clearances from Atlantic ports today (Newport to hear from), were: Wheat and flour, 329,000 bushels; corn, 855,088 bushels.

Wheat receipts at primary points to-day were 280,470 bushels, against 226,000 bushels a year ago; shipments, 273,800 bushels, against 182,000 bushels.

Corn receipts at primary points to-day were: 241,240 bushels, against 300,000 the corresponding day last year; shipments, 752,986 bushels, against 523,000 bushels.

Germany has bought all prospective spring shipments of spring wheat from St. Petersburg at 3c per bushel over British exporters.

Chicago's flour output for the week has been exceedingly small, only 212,000 bbls., against 322,000 last year, and the news from Minneapolis is that some of the mills up there will close down next Monday.

A Broomhall cable makes Portugal corn reports exceedingly favorable.

Argentine shipping ports report an active demand for wheat, unsatisfactory quality and bad weather.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day were 159 cars, as against 264 cars the corresponding day last year.

Hog packing in the west this week 335,000, as against 245,000 the corresponding day of last week.

The Missouri State crop report for April makes the winter wheat condition 80, against 76 in March, and 65 last April. Eight per cent. will be plowed up this year, against 27 per cent. last year. It is estimated that 13 per cent. of last year's crop is still in the hands of farmers. Of the corn 25 per cent. is on hand. The oats acreage is 96. The pig crop will be 87 per cent. of 1897.

The St. Louis bears are just now the attractive traders in Chicago July wheat. Kauffman is by far the heaviest player.

Exports at New York to-day: 1745 bbls. and 4611 sacks of flour, 39,578 bushels of wheat.

Live stock receipts at Chicago to-day: Cattle 8500, sheep 15,000, hogs 28,000.

Demand for Ontario Wheat.

There is at present an unusually strong demand for Ontario wheat. During the past three days 250 car loads of No. 2 red have been purchased in this Province for export—rush business to Portland. Prices paid yesterday was 86½ north and west, but to-day it is easier at 86c to 85½c.

In Case of War.

The Boston correspondent of The New York Daily Stockholder says that, in case of war, "grain exports would be made on British vessels. War might stop shipments from Gulf ports, but shipments could be made from Montreal and Canadian ports and thus supply the European demand. Spain imports but slightly, and loss of this demand would not affect prices."

Leiter's Wheat.

Leiter is rapidly decreasing his stocks of wheat. Mr. Charles Counselman of Counselman & Day evidently has the exporting of his wheat in charge, for he was in Boston this week, and closed contracts for the shipment of over 2,000,000 bushels in Boston vessels. Mr. Counselman will also engage berth room in New York and Philadelphia. He says Armour and Leiter are in perfect accord, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. All interest in Chicago is now over the disposition of Leiter's cash wheat. He does not see how a war with Spain would affect wheat values except favorably.

Leiter was a seller of cash wheat yesterday to the extent of over 400,000 bushels, all to the other side, at higher prices. All the wheat that he has in Europe and afloat has been sold, and his sales for the day were of wheat to be shipped from Chicago. Leiter has shipped and has under orders about 8,500,000 bushels from Jan. 1 to date.

Orange Judd Farmer.

According to The Orange Judd Farmer's April report, the average condition of winter wheat is 89, the highest since 1891. Last year at this date the condition was 83.5. In Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska the present condition could hardly be better. In California the prospects in the Sacramento Valley are excellent, but drought in the San Joaquin Valley has done serious damage. Conditions in the principal states are: Tennessee 94, Kentucky 97, Ohio 78, Michigan 95, Indiana 86, Illinois 80, Missouri 85, Kansas 95, Oklahoma 95, Nebraska 97, California 80, Oregon 100, Washington 97.

Leading Wheat Markets.

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

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	$....	$1 05¼
New York	....	1 00¾
Milwaukee, No. 1 North	1 00	....
St. Louis	0 98	1 00⅛
Toledo	0 97½	0 97
Detroit	0 95¼	0 95¼
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 98½	0 99¼
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 99½	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard	1 10	....
Toronto, red	0 89	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Quiet. Straight rollers in barrels, middle freights, are quoted at $4.

Wheat—No. 2 red, north and west, quoted at 86c, spring at 87c to 88c on Midland, goose at 84c Midland. No. 1 Manitoba hard is firm and scarce at $1.11 North Bay.

Barley—Quoted at 32c to 33c west; malting barley, 35c.

Oats—Choice heavy white quoted at 29c to 29½c west and mixed at 27½c to 28c.

Bran—Bran sells at $11 west, and shorts at $12 west.

Corn—Canadian, 31c to 31½c west.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track at Toronto, $3.60; in bbls., $3.75.

Peas—Are dull; 56c north and west.

Rye—Dull at 48c and 49c outside.

Buckwheat—Quoted at 38c to 39c outside.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts of farm produce to-day were liberal, 2100 bushels of grain. Prices generally remained steady.

Wheat steady; 500 bushels sold at the following prices: White 76½c to 80c, red 89c to 90c, and goose 84c to 85½c per bush.

One load of rye sold at 50c per bushel.

Barley steady, 100 bushels selling at 37c.

Oats steady, 500 bushels selling at 31c to 32c.

Peas firm, 1000 bushels selling at 55c to 56½c.

Hay, plentiful supply; market dull at $7 to $9 per ton for 35 loads.

Straw easy at $5 to $6 per ton for seven loads.

Dressed hogs, liberal supply; market weak, light selling at $5.75 to $5.80, and heavy at $5.50.

Potatoes, 60c to 70c per bag.

There was a fair supply of butter, eggs and poultry; prices unchanged.

G. F. Frankland, the veteran live stock exporter, had a very fine calf on exhibition for the Easter trade.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 76½ to	$0 80
" red, bush	0 89	0 90
" goose, bush	0 84	0 85½
Barley, bush	0 37	0 38
Rye, bush	0 50	....
Oats, bush	0 31	0 32
Peas, bush	0 55	0 56½
Buckwheat, bush	0 33	0 35
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 00 to	$3 40
Alsike clover, bush	3 25	4 00
Timothy, bush	1 25	1 35
Beans, white, bush	0 60	0 75
Hay and straw—		
Hay, per ton	$7 00 to	$9 00
" baled, cars	7 50	8 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	5 00	6 00
" loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
" baled, cars	4 60	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 18 to	$0 22
" creamery	0 21	0 23
" large rolls	0 14	0 16
Eggs, new laid, case lots	0 10	0 11
Cheese, per lb	0 09	0 10½
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	$6 50 to	$7 50
" forequarters, cwt	4 00	5 00
Lamb, yearling, cwt	8 50	9 50
" each	3 50	5 00
Mutton, carcase, cwt	6 00	7 00
Veal, carcase, cwt	8 00	9 00
Hogs, dressed, light	5 75	5 80
" " heavy	5 40	5 50
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 60 to	$0 90
Geese, per lb	0 06	0 08
Turkeys, per lb	0 10	0 14
Ducks, per pair	1 00	1 25
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$2 50 to	$3 30
Potatoes, per bag	0 60	0 70
Cabbage, per dozen	0 15	0 20
" red, each	0 05	0 08
Turnips, per bag	0 20	0 25
Carrots, red, per bag	0 25	0 30
Parsnips, per bag	0 30	0 35
Celery, per dozen	0 50	....
Onions, per bag	0 75	0 85

British Markets.

Liverpool, April 7.—Spring wheat, quoted at 8s 1d; No. 1 Cal., at 7s 10½d to 7s 11d; red winter, 7s 10d; peas, 5s 3½d; corn, new, 3s 3½d; pork, 31s 3d for fine western; lard, 27s 9d; bacon, heavy, l.c., 30s 6d; light, 30s; do., short cut, 29s 6d; tallow, 20s 6d; cheese, 37s.

Liverpool—Spot wheat firm; futures steady at 7s 7¼d for May, 7s 4d for July, 6s 7¾d for September and 6s 7⅜d for December. Maize firm at 3s 3½d; futures steady at 3s 3¼d for April, 3s 3½d for May and June, 3s 3⅝d for July, and 3s 4⅜d for September. Flour, 25s.

London—Wheat, off coast, firmer; passage, nominal, unchanged. English country markets firm. Maize, off coast, nothing doing; passage, none offering.

Paris—Wheat 29f 10c for April and 28f 35c for May to Aug.; flour, 63f 45c for April and 61f 60c for May to Aug.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat firm; futures steady at 7s 7d for May, 7s 3¾d for July, 6s 7¼d for September and 6s 6¾d for December. Maize quiet; futures quiet at 3s 3¼d for April, 3s 3½d for May, June and July, and 3s 4½d for September. Flour, 25s.

London—Close—Wheat, off coast, nothing doing; passage, quiet. Maize, off coast, nothing doing; passage, quieter.

Paris—Close—Wheat dull at 29f for April and 28f 30c for May to Aug. Flour dull at 63f 20c for April and 61f 40c for May to Aug.

Chicago Markets.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	1 05	1 05	1 05	1 05¼
" —July	84¾	84⅞	83½	84
" —Sept	76⅞	76⅞	76⅛	76⅝
" —Dec	77	77	76½	76¾
Corn—April	28¾	....	....	28¾
" —May	29⅝	29⅝	29	29⅛
" —July	30⅞	30⅞	30⅝	30½
Oats—April	25⅝	....	....	25⅝
" —May	25½	25½	25⅛	25⅝
" —July	23¼	23⅜	22⅞	23
Pork—April	9 80	....	....	9 80
" —May	9 85	9 85	9 75	9 82
" —July	9 92	9 92	9 85	9 90
Lard—April	5 15	....	....	5 15
" —May	5 22	5 25	5 15	5 17
" —July	5 30	5 30	5 20	5 25
Ribs—April	5 15	....	....	5 15
" —May	5 20	5 20	5 15	5 15
" —July	5 27	5 27	5 20	5 22

Chicago Gossip.

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

Wheat—Among the important items that usually effect the grain market to-day we started off with lower Liverpool market. Later came lower continental cables, Michigan State report and other bearish news. The decrease in English stocks since January of about 2,000,000 bushels was at first considered bullish, but afterwards it was shown that the increase in the stocks of flour was equivalent to about 1,000,000, making the decrease on the whole rather light for the season of the year. The potent factor in causing the decline was the shorts, who had covered part of their contracts the past few days and sold heavily yesterday and to-day. This more than offset buying by some of the prominent bulls, who were good buyers early, but gave the market no support later in the day. The greater part of the trading was of a scalping nature, both from local and outside professional traders.

Corn was depressed, owing to some heavy sales made by two or three large speculators; the most of it, we believe, was short selling.

Provisions—Receipts of hogs were fairly liberal. The cash demand still continues dull and neglected.

McIntyre & Wardwell's Chicago despatch says: The wheat market was weak to-day under commission selling, which was apparently some of the wheat accumulated during the recent advance. There was no substantial support to the market, which closed at one cent decline for the day.

Corn—The market ruled weak and declined ½c under continued selling by scattered longs. Principal buying was by shipping houses, who made large sales to the seaboard to-day, reported as high as one million bushels. Exporters took 50 loads at New York and other ports. From present indications the market looks as if further liquidation will continue.

Oats—Market held steady on buying in of hedges against sales cash for export; 250,000 reported sold here and 240,000 at seaboard selling was by longs and local traders. Clearances 80,000.

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The receipts of live stock at the Cattle Market to-day were 20 loads, composed of 350 cattle, 65 sheep, 10 calves and 959 hogs.

Trade was not very brisk. Prices fractically remained unchanged at Tuesday's quotations, for all kinds of cattle.

A. W. Maybee bought about 75 butcher's cattle for shipment to St. John and Halifax at $2.50 to $3.75 per cwt.

One lot of 26 butcher's cattle, 990 lbs. each, sold at $3.65.

William Levack bought 40 cattle, mixed exporters and butchers, at $3.40 to $4 per cwt., and several bulls at $3 to $3.50.

The demand for feeders and stockers was good, several sales being made at Tuesday's quotations.

A. M. Buck bought 4 stockers, 750 lbs. each, at $3.60, and 6 more, 780 lbs. each, at $3.50 per cwt.

There were about 20 milch cows offered; market dull, a few selling at $25 to $40 each.

Sheep were slow of sale, not many being wanted, several lots being unsold. Market weak, prices unchanged.

Hogs, receipts were not so heavy. Prices unchanged at $4.62½ for best selections and $4.37½ for thick and light fats.

Export cattle, per cwt	$3 85 to	$4 25
Bulls, light export	3 00	3 25
Bulls, heavy export, good quality	3 50	3 75
Bulls, feeders, per cwt	2 75	3 00
Stockers and medium to good	3 30	3 55
Feeders, heavy	3 60	3 75
Butchers' cattle, picked lots	3 87½	4 12½
" good	3 65	3 85
" medium	3 50	3 70
" common	3 37½	3 50
" inferior	2 90	3 10
Springers, each	25 00	40 00
Milch cows, each	25 00	40 00
Calves, each	2 00	8 00
Sheep, per cwt	3 50	3 75
Bucks, per cwt	3 00	3 25
Spring lambs, each	3 00	4 25
Yearling lambs, per cwt	5 25	5 90
Hogs, 150 to 200 lbs. each	4 62½	....
" light fats	4 37½	....
" heavy fats	4 37½	....
" sows	3 25	....
" stags	2 00	....

Hides and Wool.

Hides, cured	$0 08 to	$0 08½
" No. 1 green	0 07½	....
" No. 2 green	0 06½	....
" No. 3 green	0 05½	....
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 03¼
" rough	0 01¼	0 02¼
Sheepskins	1 10	1 25
Calfskins, No. 1	0 10	....
" No. 2	0 08	....
Wool, fleece	0 19	0 20
" unwashed fleece	0 10	0 12
" pulled, super	0 19½	0 21
" pulled, extra	0 21	....

Cotton Markets.

New York, April 7.—Cotton, futures opened steady; sales 2700 bales. April 5.95, May 5.99, June 6.01, July 6.05, August 6.07, September 6.04, October 6.03, November 6.04, December 6.06, January 6.07.

New York, April 7.—Cotton, futures closed very dull; sales 21,800 bales. April 5.93, May 5.97, June 5.99, July 6.03, August 6.05, September 6.02, October 6.02, November 6.03, December 6.05, January 6.07.

Business Embarrassments.

J. R. Bouter, general store, Trenton, assigned to Richard Tew, Toronto. Assets $9000; liabilities same.

H. M. Condie, general store, Bainsville, assigned to J. T. Tennant.

W. J. Douglas, lumber, Burlington, assigned to F. R. Davidson.

N. D. & W. W. White, sashes and doors, Hawkesbury, assigned to M. J. Costello.

John White, general store, Drayton, has obtained an extension.

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FEVERISH DAY FOR STOCKS

Securities Kept Wavering by Political Uncertainty.

General Inclination Towards Recessions—Americans Improved in London—Toronto and Montreal Exchanges Dull and Rather and Weak—Markets and Gossip

Thursday Evening, April 7.

Confused reports as to the international situation kept Wall-street securities feverish to-day. Very little trading was done and the close left many stocks in the list fractionally lower than Wednesday's closing. In London American rails closed stronger, C. P. R. gaining ½ for the day, N. Y. C. 1, Illinois Central 1, St. Paul 2¼ and L. & N. 1¼. The Canadian exchanges were dull, with little change in quotations, Toronto showing a declining tendency.

The London and Canadian exchanges closed this afternoon until Tuesday next, but the New York exchange will have a Good Friday session.

Madrid riots weakened Spanish fours in London.

The Bank of England advanced its rate to-day from 3 to 4 per cent. This action was probably taken in view of the heavy demand for gold.

Talk was bullish on Sugar in New York on the ground that Cuban outlook was favorable to the company.

The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England in American eagles to-day was £268,000.

Paris 3 per cent. rentes closed at 103f 15c.

Consols 1-16 higher in London.

On the Toronto Stock Exchange to-day War Eagle sold up to 140 and Golden Cache at 75.

Messrs. A. E. Ames & Co.'s London cable quotes Grand Trunk 4 per cent. guar. stock at 73½, Grand Trunk first pref. shares at 66½, Grand Trunk second pref. shares at 24, Wabash "B" incomes 24, Hudson Bays at 21¼.

Kessler & Company have $250,000 engaged for import from London. Brown Bros. & Co. have $1,250,000 in gold for import.

Bank Clearings at Toronto.

Toronto bank clearings this week show an increase, as the following comparative figures will indicate:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Week ending April 7	$8,922,878	$1,251,053
Last week	7,324,991	991,216
Corresponding week '97	7,310,074	1,005,805
Corresponding week '96	5,339,181	687,286

Winnipeg Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Week ending April 7	$1,517,511	$ 206,828
Last week	1,110,575	76,277

Bank of England Statement.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes, as compared with the previous account: Total reserve, decreased £3,311,000; circulation, increased £882,000; bullion, decreased £2,429,096; other security, decreased £3,626,000; other deposits, decreased £350,000; public deposits, decreased £6,981,000; notes, reserve, decreased £3,231,000; Government securities, decreased £1,011,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 37.25 per cent., as compared with 38.31 per cent. last week. The Bank of England's rate of discount was increased to 4 per cent. to-day.

C. P. R. Capital.

The New York Daily Stockholder says: Londoners who are standing under the Canadian Pacific confess themselves at a loss to see where much of the road's new capital goes, but are, nevertheless, confronted from time to time with the news of large additions thereto. The latest listings on the London Stock Exchange are said to include about $725,000 perpetual 4 per cent. debentures and $3,500,000 4 per cent. preferred stock. Evidently it is the intention to keep operating expenses down, perhaps to last year's level of something like 57 per cent. of earnings. The debentures have increased from nothing in 1892 to $9,830,667 in 1897, according to last year's report, and the preferred stock from $34,953,008 to $46,055,870. Total increase approximately $21,000,000 in five years, or fully $4,000,000 annually.

Money Markets.

On the local market call loans are quoted at 4½ to 5 per cent. In New York call loans to-day were from 1½ to 3 per cent. The Bank of England discount rate is 4 per cent., and the open market rate is 2⅞ per cent.

Montreal Stock Market.

Montreal, April 7.—Close—C. P. R., 81⅝ and 81⅜; Duluth, 4 and 2; do., pref., 6 and 5¼; Commercial Cable, 172 and 170½; Richelieu and Ontario, 100 and 94¾; Montreal Railway, 257¾ and 257⅜; do., new, 258 and 255; Halifax Railway, 130 and 125; Toronto Railway, 94½ and 94; Montreal Gas, xd., 186½ and 185½; Royal Electric, 148 and 146; Montreal Telegraph, xd., 180 and 175; Halifax H. & L., 29 and 25; Bell Telephone, xd., 173 and 172; Dominion Coal, common, 19¾ and 17; do., pref., 105 and 102; Montreal Cotton, 150 and 140; C. Cotton Co., 75 and 45; Dom. Cotton, 92 and 90; Bank of Montreal, 245 and 235; Toronto, 235 and 226; Jacques Cartier, 100 and 98½; Merchants', 182 and 176; Merchants' (Halifax), 190 offered; Quebec, 124 offered; Commerce, 140½ and 137; Ville Marie, 100 and 92; Hochelaga, 155 and 150; Windsor, 100 asked; Inter. Coal, 75 and 32½; do., pref., 100 and 50; Northwest Land, 51 and 49; Auer, 60 asked; Land Grant bonds, 115 and 110; Halifax H. & L. bonds, 90 and 82; Richelieu and Ontario bonds, 103 and 101; C. Cotton bonds, 97 and 96; Dom. Coal bonds, 104 and 103; Toronto Railway bonds, 108 and 106.

Morning sales: C. P. R., 75 at 81½, 15 at 82, 50 at 81⅝, 75 at 81½, 10 at 81¾, 15 at 81¾; Cable, 100 at 170; Richelieu, 150 at 94; Montreal Railway, 50 at 257¾; Halifax Railway, 25 at 126; Dominion Coal, pref., 5 at 102.

Afternoon sales: C. P. R., 75 at 81½, 15 at 82, 50 at 81⅝, 75 at 81½, 15, 5, 10 at 81¾, 15 at 81½ 20 at 81¾; Cable, 100 at 170; Richelieu and Ontario, 150 at 84; Montreal Railway, 50, 50 at 257¾; Halifax Railway, 25 at 126; Toronto Railway, 100 at 94½, 50 at 94, 50 at 94½; Montreal Gas, xd., 50 at 186½; Dom. Coal, pref., 5, 25 at 102.

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Foreign Exchange.

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	—Counter— Buy.	Sell.	—Bet. Banks.— Buy.	Sell.
N. Y. Funds	⅛ to	¼	1-32 pre	to 1-16 pre
Stg. 60 days	8½ to	8⅝	8 1-16	to 8⅛
do. demand	9¼ to	9⅜	8 11-16	to 8 15-16

—Rates in New York.—

	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, 60 days	4.80½	4.80
Sterling, demand	4.84	4.83¼ to 4.83½

Less Failures.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s report shows the number of failures in Canada during the past week to have been 32, as compared with 36 for the corresponding week in 1897.

Toronto Stock Market.

	1 p.m. Ask.	Bid.	3.30 p.m. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	248	238¼	242	236
Ontario	105	103¼	106	103¼
Toronto	232	226	232	226
Merchants'	181	176¼	181	176
Commerce	139¾	138⅛	139	138
Imperial	192¾	192⅝	192¾	192½
Dominion	255	251	255	251¼
Standard	...	174	...	174
Hamilton	...	174½	...	174
Nova Scotia	...	220	...	220
Ottawa	...	198	...	198
British America	128½	127¾	128¾	127¾
Western Assurance	167	165¼	167	165⅛
Imperial Life	...	138½	...	138½
Consumers' Gas	...	213	...	213
Montreal Gas	187¼	185¼	187	186
Dominion Telegraph	...	131	...	131
Ont & Qu'Appelle	50½	49¼	51	49
C N W L Co, pref	50¾	49¾	51	49⅝
C P R Stock	81¾	81⅝	81⅞	81¾
Toronto Electric	132½	131¾	132	131½
do new	117½	116	120	...
General Electric	110	107	110	107
do pref	...	103	105	103
Com Cable Co	170	169¾	170¼	169⅞
do coup bonds	104	103¼	104	103¼
do reg bonds	104	103¼	104	103¼
Bell Telephone	175	172	175	172¼
Richelieu & Ontario	96	94¼	95½	94¾
Hamilton Electric	73	70	73	70
Toronto Railway	94¼	94	94⅜	94
London St Railway	181	178½	181	178½
Empress Mining	6	...	5½	3
G T R guar	75	73	75	73
do first pref	68	66	68	66
B C L & Invest	100	...	...	...
B & Loan Associa	60	...	...	...
Can Landed & N I	97½	...	...	...
Canada Permanent	115	110	...	...
do 20 per cent	95	85	...	...
Can S & Loan	...	109	...	...
Central Canada	125¾	124⅛	...	...
Dom Sav & Inv Soc	78	75	...	...
Freehold L & S	100	...	...	...
do 20 per cent	75	...	...	...
Hamilton Provident	109	...	...	...
Huron & Erie	...	167	...	...
do 20 per cent	...	155	...	...
Imperial L & I	100	...	...	...
Landed B & L	115	...	...	...
Lon & Can L & A	76	...	...	...
London Loan	...	105	...	...
Manitoba Loan	50	...	...	...
Ont Loan & Deb	...	122	...	...
People's Loan	37	30	...	...
Real Est Loan & D	65	53½	...	...
Toronto S & L	121	118½	...	...
Union Loan & Sav.	85	...	...	...
West. Can. L. & S.	...	120	...	...
do 25 per cent.	100	97	...	...

Sales at 11.30 a.m.: Western Assurance, 20 at 165¼; C. P. R., 25 at 81⅝, 25, 25 at 81¾; Hamilton Provident, 2 at 108.

Sales at 1 p.m.: Western Assurance, 5 at 165⅝; Toronto Electric, new, 21 at 116¼; Bell Telephone, 5 at 172; Can. L. & N. I. Co., 15 at 94.

Unlisted—War Eagle, 500 at 140.

Sales at 3.30 p.m.: Bank of Commerce, 12 at 138¼; Dominion, 2 at 251; C. P. R., 25, 25 at 81⅝, 100, 25, 25, 25 at 81¾; General Electric, 7 at 108; Cable, 25, 25 at 169¾, 25, 25 at 169¼, 25 at 170; Richelieu, & Ontario, 25 at 94⅞.

Unlisted—Golden Cache, 100, 200 at 75.

New York Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co.'s gossip from New York: The stock market to-day lost the buoyancy it developed late yesterday, and was feverish and unsettled in tone. There was no great yielding of prices, however, although London prices came lower and there was a momentary chill over the raising of the Bank of England's discount rate. There was some absence of selling pressure, and the bear faction was prudently circumspect in its operations. The tractions were highly speculative, and fluctuated over a range of 2 to 3 per cent., but generally at an improvement over opening prices. Sugar first declined 1⅝ per cent., then rallied 2½ per cent., and afterwards lost over a point. The general list showed fractional declines in the initial dealings, but later there were numerous improvements of 1 per cent. and over. The news regarding Spanish relations was somewhat conflicting, but while no possible progress appeared to be making toward a peaceful settlement the prevailing opinion in financial circles was that war would be averted. The market closed listless and inclined to concessions.

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