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To-day's Lists.

Judge's chambers will be held at 11 a.m. Divisional Court at 11 a.m.—Clarke v. Weir, Waugh v. Stokes, Knapp v. Crawford, re Hall, Hall v. Hall, Kinsman v. Kinsman, Toothe v. Johnston.

East Toronto.

The following families have taken up their residence at Balmy Beach for the coming summer, during the past week: Dr. Withrow, Mr. L. P. Bouvier of the Barber, Ellis Co., Mr. Mercer Adam, Mr. A. H. Hewitt, organist of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Mr. James L. Hughes, public school inspector, Mr. George Keith, seed merchant, Mr. J. Thorne, Mr. J. Madill, Mr. J. Slatter of the Methodist Book Room. Dr. W. Trotter, dentist of Bloor-street, and Mr. W. B. Draper, music publisher, and a party of gentlemen who propose to keep bachelor's hall, and have engaged a colored cook to look after their wants.

R. H. Howarth, for some years in the employment of the Grand Trunk Railway at this place, but who has lately been doing business in the insurance line, left this village on Tuesday last without informing any person of his intention to do so, or leaving them any idea as to his future place of residence. Several creditors are anxious to know of his whereabouts.

New Books at the Public Library.

Heath, The Fern World; Affalo, Natural History (vertebrates) of the British Isles; Harris, Inequality and Progress; Eliot, American Contributions to Civilization; Du Bose, The Ecumenical Councils (Epochs of Church History); Petrie, Religion and Conscience in Ancient Eypt; Hardy and Bacon, The Stamp Collector; Frazer, Literary History of India; Prince Henri D' Orleans, From Tonkin to India; Count Gleichen, With the Mission to Menelik, 1897; Virgil, Aeneid, translated by C. P. Cranch; Sir James Young Simpson, 1811-1870, by H. L. Gordon; Victor Hugo, Letters, edited by Paul Meurlet, second series; Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Cheerful Yesterdays; Robert Fergusson, by A. B. Grosart; Wells, The War of the Worlds; Fraser, A Chapter of Accidents; Sala, Margaret Forster; Watson, Racing and Chasing; Fenn, Frank and Saxon.

The Plebiscite Campaign.

Secretary Spence announces that county conventions, for the purpose of organizing committees and laying general plans for campaign work, will be held at Brampton on the 16th, at Shelburne on the 18th, at Owen Sound on the 19th, and at Chesley on the 20th of this month. Such conventions will be held all over Canada, but as yet these are the only dates positively arranged.

Mr. Duncan Marshall is out acting for the Alliance, organizing and making preparations for the coming plebiscite vote.

Deserted the Twins.

A pair of four-months-old twins were taken charge of by the Children's Aid Society yesterday. They had been left at the house of Mrs. Metcalf, 16 Wilton-crescent, where J. R. Talbot and his wife, who owed a heavy board bill, recently abandoned them.

On the Way to the Yukon.

A letter from Miss Booth, who is in Montana, states that the people out there are wildly enthusiastic over the war. This does not prevent their coming to her meetings, however, and at Butte on Monday night $260 were collected for the Klondike scheme. The party will leave Vancouver on May 15. Miss Booth will likely be home by May 24.

Do Not Delay.—When, through debilitated digestive organs, poison finds its way into the blood, the prime consideration is to get the poison out as rapidly and as thoroughly as possible. Delay may mean disaster. Parmalee's Vegetable Pills will be found a most valuable and effective medicine to assail the intruder with. They never fail. They go at once to the seat of the trouble and work a permanent cure. ed

Cross-Petition Cut Out.

The cross-petition filed against Mr. Charles Lamarche, the defeated Conservative candidate in Nipissing district, has missed fire; the deposit wasn't put up by the petitioner.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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MAY WHEAT SOLD UP TO $1.50

In Chicago Yesterday With the July Line at $1.03 1-8.

The Market Makes Wilder Advances Than Ever—European Shortage a Bullish Factor With Leiter's Manipulative Control and Enforced Coverings by Shorts the Leading Influences.

Thursday Evening, May 5.

To-day was another record-breaker for wheat. Many thought that with Wednesday's sensational advances coming on top of the steady upward movement which has characterized the world's markets for some weeks the cereal had reached the high mark and that a reaction would follow to-day. Nothing of the kind happened, however, but on the contrary prices burst all bonds and went up at a terrific rate. At Chicago May wheat opened up with a gain of 7c over night and closed at $1.50, while July rose to $1.03⅛ and closed at $1.02¼. These figures represent an advance in May of 20c for the day, 29c for two days and 47c for the past six weeks and an advance in July of 8⅜c for the day, 7⅝c for two days and 17⅜c for the longer period. The chief bullish factors were further proofs of a real shortage of the cereal in Europe, The abolition of the Italian import duties on wheat was confirmed, Spain was reported to be about to follow suit, a movement in the Austrian Reichsrath towards a similar end was mooted, while a section of the German Reichstag was spoken of as leaning towards similar action. On the receipt of these advices on the Chicago board there was a rush to cover by shorts, who are said to represent a heavy interest. These shorts are the men who have been shy of the recent advances, believing them to be due to the war scare and therefore only temporary, and to be reversed as soon as Spain's defeat was in sight. The total lack of any effect of Dewey's victory at Manila on the market seemed to kill this sentiment, and on the buoyant cable advices the rush to cover took place. At St. Louis May wheat in sympathy rose 7½c per bushel, at Toledo 18c, at Detroit 9c, at Duluth 10c.

At Liverpool spot wheat advanced 3d, May 5½d, July 4½d, and the remoter options 1¾d to 2¾d. At Paris the cereal closes at an advance of 70 to 95 centimes, equal to a gain of 3⅜c to 5c per bushel. At Antwerp the gain for the day was 75 centimes.

Corn rose ¼c to ½c at Chicago and ¾d at Liverpool. Oats advanced ⅜c to ¾c in Chicago.

Lard is 6d higher at Liverpool, but 5c lower at Chicago.

Flour to-day rose 3d at Liverpool and 3 francs 5 centimes at Paris.

July wheat puts at Chicago 95½c, calls $1.06⅝. Corn puts 34c, calls 35¼c.

Leiter reports 2,000,000 bushels of No. 2 red wheat sold this morning to a French syndicate at 28 francs c.i.f.

Primary receipts to-day were: Wheat 605,000 bushels, against 405,000 bushels last Thursday; corn 827,000 bushels, against 345,000 bushels.

Total clearances to-day: Wheat and flour equal to 522,000 bushels; corn 696,423 bush.

Advices from Tacoma hint at damage to Walla Walla growing spring wheat crop from bad weather.

Leiter is said to have bought 1½ millions bushels of July wheat to-day.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 367 cars, against 358 same day last year.

Receipts of hogs to-day at principal western points were 77,800, against 55,500 the same day last year.

Live stock receipts at Chicago to-day: Cattle 10,000, sheep 14,000, hogs 38,000.

At Chicago the provision stocks on April 30 were Pork 73,099 bbls., lard 119,131 tcs., ribs 16,670,000 lbs.

Growing Crops.

The Cincinnati Price Current says: Wheat crop advices continue encouraging. Corn planting somewhat retarded. Oats area apparently reduced. Advanced prices will induce free selling of remaining wheat.

Hog pack 510,000, against 365,000 last year.

Montreal Grain Stocks.

	April 23.	May 2.
Wheat, bush	212,393	234,297
Corn, bush	52,429	63,909
Oats, bush	1,117,723	1,152,160
Rye, bush	40,613	61,051
Peas, bush	170,512	176,505
Barley, bush	42,409	43,853
Oatmeal, bbls	233	223
Flour, bbls	18,664	15,540
Buckwheat, bush	93,150	99,019

Leading Wheat Markets.

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

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	$....	$1 50
New York	....	1 45
Milwaukee, No. 1 Northern	1 19	....
St. Louis	1 21	1 26
Toledo	1 40	1 40
Detroit	1 29	1 29
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	1 37	1 37
Duluth, No. 1 hard	1 37	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard	1 27	....
Toronto, red	1 06	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Firm and in demand. Straight rollers in barrels, middle freights, are quoted at $4.85 to $5.

Wheat—Firmer, with some purchases for export and a good demand from millers. Prices are: No. 2 red, north and west, $1.05 to $1.06; spring, $1.06 to $1.07, Midland; goose, at 99c to $1 Midland. No. 1 Manitoba hard is firm and scarce at $1.25, Fort William and $1.30 Owen Sound.

Barley—Quoted at 34c to 35c west; malting barley, 36c to 37c north and west.

Oats—Choice heavy white quoted at 34½c west to 35c Midland.

Peas are quoted at 60c outside.

Bran—Sells at $10 to $10.50 west, and shorts at $13 middle freights.

Corn—Canadian, 35c west and 42c on track here.

Rye—59c to 60c west.

Buckwheat—Quoted at 45c to 46c west.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track at Toronto $3.95; in bbls., $4.05.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts of grain to-day were fair, 23,000 bushels all told.

Wheat—Steady, 1000 bushels selling as follows: White at 99c to $1.03 straight; red, $1.03 to $1.07, and goose, 99c to 99½c per bushel.

Barley—Steady; 400 bushels sold at 41c.

Oats—Prices unchanged, 500 bushels selling at 37c to 38c.

Peas—Firmer at 64½c to 65½c for 400 bushels.

Potatoes—Scarce and prices firmer at 85c to 95c per bag, the former price being by the load.

Hay—Steady, 30 loads selling at $8 to $9.50 per ton.

Straw—Easy, 7 loads selling at $5.50 to $6.50 per ton.

H. Wickson, St. Lawrence Market, exhibited some very choice yearling dressed lambs, averaging about 60 lbs. each, fed by James Ford of Halton Co.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 99	to $1 03
" red, bush	1 03	1 07
" goose, bush	0 99	0 99½
Barley, bush	0 40½	0 41
Rye, bush	0 53	....
Oats, bush	0 37	0 38
Peas, bush	0 64½	0 65½
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	$8 00	to $9 50
" baled, cars	7 50	8 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	5 50	6 50
" loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
" baled, cars	4 60	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 15	to $0 18
" creamery	0 21	0 22
" large rolls	0 14	0 15
Eggs, new laid, case lots	0 09	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	7 00	8 00
Veal, carcase, cwt	7 00	8 00
Hogs, dressed, light	5 80	6 00
" " heavy	5 50	5 75
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 60	to $0 85
Turkeys, per lb	0 12	0 15
Ducks, per pair	0 85	1 00
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$2 50	to $3 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 80	0 90
Cabbage, per dozen	0 15	0 25
" 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

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 03½
" rough	0 01¼	0 02½
Sheepskins	1 10	1 25
Lambskins	0 20	....
Calfskins, No. 1	0 09	....
" No. 2	0 07	....
Wool, fleece	0 18	0 19
" unwashed fleece	0 10	0 11
" pulled, super	0 19½	0 21

LOCAL LIVE STOCK

For a Thursday's market there was a large run of live stock at the Cattle Market to-day, 45 carloads all told, composed of 800 cattle, 105 sheep, 60 calves and 2200 hogs.

The bulk of fat cattle offered were exporters, there being a light run in the butchers' class.

Quite a number of sales were made, but trade was quiet. Prices steady at Tuesday's quotations.

Many of the dealers were waiting for Friday's market.

No change in prices for milk cows, feeders, stockers and calves; demand good in each class.

Sheep and lambs—Deliveries light; prices unchanged. A few good yearlings, weighing from 90 to 110 lbs. each, wanted.

Hogs—Deliveries fair, market firm, prices unchanged.

W H Dean bought one load exporters, 1350 lbs. each, at $4.40.

Crawford & Hunnisett bought 2 loads mixed butchers, exporters and feeders at $3.80 to $4.

A M Buck bought 10 exporters, 1225 lbs. each, at $4.20, 8 exporters, 1400 lbs. each, at $4.30.

One very choice lot of 29 exporters, 1325 lbs. each, sold at $4.50 per cwt. This was the only lot quoted at that price.

J Dunn bought one carload exporters at $4.

Alex Levack bought 14 good butchers' cattle, 1000 lbs. each, at $3.80 per cwt.

William Levack bought 40 cattle, mixed butchers' and exporters at $3.40 to $4, several export bulls at $3.40 to $3.70 per cwt.

Shipments per G.T.R.: William Levack 3 carloads exporters, 2 for Liverpool and 1 for Manchester; Brown & Snell 6 cars; Lunness & Halligan 6 cars; W H Dean 5 cars, all exporters via Montreal.

Shipments per C.P.R.: A McIntosh 3 cars expoeters, via Montreal; Crawford & Co. 1 car feeders to Embro, Ont.

Export cattle, per cwt	$3 90	to $4 40
Bulls, light export	3 00	3 25
Bulls, heavy export, good quality	3 40	3 75
Loads good butchers' and exporters, mixed	3 85	4 10
Bulls, feeders, per cwt	2 75	3 00
Stockers and medium to good	3 50	3 65
Feeders, heavy	3 85	4 00
Butchers' cattle, picked lots	4 00	4 12½
" good	3 80	3 90
" medium	3 65	3 75
" common	3 40	3 60
" inferior	3 00	3 25
Very inferior rough cows and bulls	2 75	2 95
Springers, each	25 00	40 00
Milch cows, each	25 00	45 00
Calves, each	4 00	6 00
Sheep, per cwt.	3 50	4 00
Bucks, per cwt.	3 25	3 50
Spring lambs, each	3 00	4 50
Yearling lambs, per cwt	5 50	5 90
Hogs, 150 to 200 lbs. each	4 80	5 00
" light fats	4 62½	....
" heavy fats	4 62½	....
" sows	3 25	....
" stags	2 00	....

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 37	1 50	1 31	1 50
" —July	90½	1 03⅛	98⅜	1 02¼
" —Sept	83⅜	85	83⅛	85
" —Dec.	81⅜	82	80⅝	82
Corn—May	33⅝	34	33½	34
" —July	34⅜	34⅝	33⅝	34⅝
" —Sept	35½	35½	34⅝	35½
Oats—May	30½	30⅞	30	30⅞
" —July	26¼	26⅞	26	26⅞
" —Sept	23⅞	24	23½	23⅞
Pork—May	11 05	11 05	11 00	11 02
" —July	11 20	11 20	11 20	11 20
Lard—May	5 87	5 90	5 87	5 90
" —July	5 95	6 00	5 90	5 92
" —Sept	6 05	6 10	5 97	6 02
Ribs—May	5 55	5 55	5 52	5 52
" —July	5 60	5 62	5 57	5 57
" —Sept	5 67	5 70	5 65	5 65

British Markets.

Liverpool, May 5.—Spring wheat is firm at 10s 3d; red winter, no stock; No. 1 Cal., 10s 5d to 10s 6d; corn, 4s 3d; peas, 5s 9½d; pork, 55s; lard, 30s 9d; tallow, 21s; bacon, heavy, l.c., 35s 6d; light, 34s 6d; do., short cut, 34s 6d; cheese, white 42s, colored 44s.

Liverpool—Open—Spot wheat firm, with No. 1 Cal. at 10s 5d to 10s 6d and No. 1 Northern at 10s 3d; futures strong, with red winter at 10s 2d for May, 9s 8½d for July, 7s 9½d for Sept. and 7s 1¼d for Dec. Maize firm at 4s 3d; futures at 4s 2¼d for May and 3s 10½d for July and Aug. Flour 33s.

London—Open—Wheat off coast and on passage very strong and 2s higher. English country markets generally 1s dearer. Maize, off coast nothing doing, on passage quiet and steady; mixed American, sail grade, steam, June and July, 18s, parcel. American mixed oats on passage 17s 9d, parcel.

Paris—Open—Wheat, 29f 75c for May and 24f 75c for Sept. and Dec. Flour 63f 35c for May and 54f 40c for Sept. and Dec. French country markets dull.

Liverpool—Closing—Spot wheat firm; No. 1 Cal., 10s 5d; No. 1 Northern, 10s 3d; futures firm at 10s 4½d for May, 9s 9d for July, 7s 9¾d for Sept., 7s 0½d for Dec. Maize futures quiet; 4s 2½d for May and 3s 10½d for Sept. and Dec. Flour 33s 3d.

London—Close—Wheat, waiting orders 2; off coast very strong at 2s 6d higher; No. 1 Cal., March 47s 6d; No. 1 Northern on passage, steam, May 47s. Maize, off coast nearly due, on passage quiet and steady; mixed American, sail grade, steam, May and June, 18s.

Paris—Close—Wheat irregular at 30f 45c for May and 25f 45c for Sept. and Dec. Flour irregular at 65f for May and 55f 25c for Sept. and Dec.

Montreal Live Stock.

Montreal, May 5.—There were about 450 head of butcher's cattle, 1200 calves, 75 sheep and 200 spring lambs offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. The butchers were out strong and trade was good, with prices of prime beeves at about the same rate as on Monday, but pretty good cattle sold at from 3¼c to 4c and the common rough stock at from 2½c to 3½c per lb. Several large, fat cows were sold at from 3½c to 4c per lb.; common calves sold in lots at from $2.50 to $3.25 each; a few superior veals brought from $4 to $5 each. "Bobs" sold at from 50c to $1 each. Sheep sold at from 3½c to 4½c per lb.; spring lambs sold at from $2 to $4 each, a very few bringing over $3.50 each. Fat hogs sold at from 4⅞c to a little over 5c per lb.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, May 5.—Cattle—Receipts all consigned through. Hogs—Receipts were light; market fairly steady to strong for good weights and there was but little change in values; good to choice Yorkers, $4.20 to $4.22; fair to good light Yorkers, $4.15 to $4.20; mixed packers' grades, $4.20 to $4.25; medium weights, $4.22 to $4.25; heavy hogs, $4.25 to $4.30; roughs, $3.75 to $3.90; pigs, $3.80 to $4. Sheep and lambs—Receipts light; fairly good demand for the best handy grades of lambs, and prices for these kind were stronger, with good, handy sheep about steady; native clipped sheep, choice to extra, $5 to $5.10; fair to good, $4.65 to $4.90; yearlings, fair mixed to choice wethers, $4 to $4.25; native clipped sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4.15 to $4.25; good to choice mixed sheep, $4 to $4.10; common to fair, $3.75 to $3.95; culls to common sheep, $3.25 to $3.75.

Chicago Gossip.

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

The sensational bullish news from abroad and the reported large sales in this market of cash wheat for export to the continent, aggregating 2,700,000 bushels since the Leiter interest alone, carried prices in the market up to the point that even the most sanguine bulls hardly anticipated. The abolition of the Italian import duty was duly confirmed, and it is also reported that Spain will reduce its duty. That wheat is scarce and hard to obtain is further confirmed by an advance in Paris, equal to 3⅜ to 5 cents per bushel, which is a recovery of about half the decline recorded yesterday in that market as a result of the import duty being taken off. The Leiter interest claims the sale of 2,000,000 bushels of No. 2 red winter this morning to a French syndicate at $1.47 per bushel. After seasons of plenty such a state of affairs as now seems to exist can hardly be credited by the general speculative trade. The general belief has prevailed that the advance abroad was due largely to the war scare and up advance in ocean freights and on the theory that Dewey's victory would have a tendency to check this. Foreign buying both of cash and in a speculative way. Local traders as well as those in other large trading centres have not been in sympathy with the long side, and there is no doubt but that a large short interest was created, which has been forced to cover on the rapid rise during the past two days. The long predicted $1.50 mark on May has been reached to-day, making an advance of 20c since yesterday's closing. July sold up to $1.03⅛ on a rise of 4½c for the day. September and December lagged, being influenced by the fine crop prospects in this country. Liverpool spot wheat was up 3c to 4c per bushel and futures from 1¾d to 5½d.

Considering the advance in wheat the coarse grain market has been disappointing to holders. While cables were higher exporters claim there is a very poor demand. The demand in a speculative way has not been urgent and was supplied by sales by local traders.

Provisions show no sympathy with wheat, the entire list of products being a little lower than yesterday. Trade has been narrow. Packers were apparently not doing much either way, but selling some products if anything.

Business Troubles.

W. A. McCollom, druggist, Tilsonburg, assigned to J. A. Graves, with liabilities of $3000.

Henry Sharpe, grocer, Kingston, assigned to J. Nicolle.

G. L. Flower, fancy goods, Belleville, wants to compromise at 58c.

J. M. McDonald, livery man, Cornwall, assigned to A. MacNabb.

London Markets Opened Dull.

New York, May 5.—The Evening Post's financial cable from London says: The stock markets here opened dull to-day on Lord Salisbury's speech, but closed better, except consols and similar stocks, which were lower on the rise in money. Argentine and Brazil stocks were flat. The default by the latter Government is freely discussed. Americans were good, closing at the best. They opened above the New York parity and that market responded to the rise here. The revival in Kaffirs continues for the reasons previously told in these despatches. Spanish exchange was nominal, at the lowest on record. The insurance premium on stocks at Lloyd's on the possibilities of war between France and England has risen to 10 guineas, but it is mere betting. There were indications today that the preparation for the Chinese indemnity payment were beginning to tell and the market had to borrow from the bank.

The Central Prison Fire.

The recent fire at the Central Prison necessitated about $200 in improvements, which have been made.

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WALL ST. STOCKS FIRMER

While Canadians Showed Little Change Yesterday.

New York Money Market Easier—Gold Import Engagements Resumed—Board Quotations and Gossip—Bank of England Statement.

Thursday Evening, May 5.

Increased confidence in the early conclusion of the war and the renewal of engagements for importations of gold imbued Wall-street with buoyancy to-day, and most securities on the list closed at an advance for the day. Sugar rose 3⅝, Tobacco ⅞, Chicago & Northwestern 2⅛, C., B. & Q. 1½, St. Paul 1⅝, Rock Island 2⅝, L. & N. 1⅝, N.Y.C. 1⅜, Manhattan 4⅛, N.P. pref. 1⅛, etc.

In London American rails were higher. C.P.R., Illinois Central and St. Paul each rose 1 point, N.Y.C. ⅝, L. & N 1⅛ and Erie ⅛.

Canadian securities showed no feature. At Toronto prices only fractionally changed for the worse, with Toronto Railway bid up to 94⅞ as an exception.

At Montreal C.P.R. closed at a gain of 1⅝, R. & O 1⅞, Montreal Railway 1⅝ and Toronto Railway 1⅝.

Consols closed ⅛ lower in London.

In Paris 3 per cent. rentes were at 102f 92½c.

At London Spanish 4's closed 30⅛, a net loss of ⅜ for the day.

At Paris Spanish 4's closed at 30 1-16, a net loss of 13-16 for the day.

The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £309,000.

Missouri Pacific earnings for the fourth week in April showed an increase of $172,000 over the same week last year. The increase since Jan. 1 is $1,205,625.

Earnings of the Southern Railway (exclusive of Memphis division) for the fourth week in April showed an increase of $46,601 over the same week of 1897.

B.R.T. earnings increased $54,000 for April.

The earnings of the London Street Railway Company for the month of April were $7507.40, compared with $6449.91 a year ago, an increase of $1057.49, or 16.3 per cent.

Messrs. A. E. Ames & Co. received the following cable advice from their London agents: Grand Trunk 4 per cent. guaranteed, 73⅞; do., first preference shares, 67⅞; do., second preference shares, 48⅛; Wabash "B" incomes, 24¼.

Americans in London.

Evidence has not been wanting that London had prepared itself for the United States' declaration of war and that it had nothing to get into a panic about when hostilities actually broke out. A good many people looked for a deluge of sales, but the operators over there are not apt to wait until the last moment before taking action. Moreover, London has not had many reasons of late to be cheerful for some time past that have not been pretty thoroughly overhauled. She sent back all that were not wanted some time ago, and seems tolerably well pleased with what she has picked up since—pleased enough to hold on.

War Controls Market.

According to The New York Daily Stockholder the long side should be taken on moderate declines in securities. It is a safe enough prediction that journal thinks, that from now on the market will take little note of any other news than war news. Influences which the street have hitherto waited upon the tip toe of expectation pass unheeded and will continue to do so. It seems to signify nothing now that St. Paul should show an increase in earnings for the week, or that Burlington should send her gross receipts up $600,000. War is the only factor in the market. Nor do the high prices ranging for agricultural products or the abundant crop prospects count for anything. No matter how favorable may be reports on these or any other of our affairs, they will not move the market ¼ where news of a successful shot will turn it a point or points.

Bank Clearings.

Toronto bank clearings for the week ending to-day are large. Figures, with comparisons, are:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Week ended May 5	$8,455,145	$1,102,473
Last week	7,714,336	822,973
Cor. week, 1897	7,169,594	999,189
Cor. week, 1896	7,022,501	954,355

Bank of England Statement.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes, as compared with the previous account: Total reserve increased £1,682,000, circulation increased £25,000, bullion increased £1,932,074, other securities decreased £1,167,000, other deposits increased £1,514,000, public deposits decreased £822,000, notes reserve increased £1,750,000, Government securities decreased £4000.

The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 44.50 per cent., as compared with 41.71 last week.

Money Markets.

On the local market call loans are quoted at 5 to 5½ per cent. In New York call loans to-day were 2 to 3 per cent., and the Bank of England discount rate is 4 per cent., and the open market rate is 3⅝ to 3 11-16 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

Aemilius Jarvis & Co., 23 King-street west, Toronto, stock and exchange brokers, report local rates to-day as follows:

	—Counter— Buy.	Sell.	—Bet. Banks.— Buy.	Sell.
N. Y. Funds	⅛	¼	par to 1-16 pr.	
Stg. 60 days	8⅝	8¾	8 3-16 to 8 5-16	
do. demand	9⅜	9½	8⅞ to 8 15-16	

—Rates in New York.—

	Posted.		Actual.	
Sterling, 60 days	4 81½	4.80¾	to	
Sterling, demand	4.85	4.84	to	

Toronto Stock Market.

	1 p.m. Ask.	Bid.	3.30 p.m. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	240	235¼	241	235
Ontario	107	103	107	103
Toronto	230	225	230	225
Merchants'	...	173	...	173
Commerce	139	138	139	138
Imperial	196¾	194½	196	194¾
Dominion	253	249	253	249½
Standard	...	174½	...	174½
Hamilton	...	174	...	174
Nova Scotia	...	220	...	...
Ottawa	...	200	...	200
British America	129	127½	128	127½
West. Assurance	166	165	166	165½
Imperial Life	...	138½	...	138½
Consumers' Gas	...	213	...	213
Montreal Gas	187½	185¾	187½	186
Dom. Telegraph	133	131	...	131
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	51	48	50	47½
C N W L Co., pref.	49	47½	49	47½
C. P. R. Stock	83⅝	83¼	83⅝	83¼
Toronto Electric	134	132	134	132
do. new	120	115	120	...
General Electric	111	108¼	...	108¾
do. pref.	...	103	...	103
Com. Cable Co.	174¼	174	174⅝	174⅛
do. coupon bonds	103	102½	104	102½
do. reg. bonds	103	102⅝	104	102½
Bell Telephone	173	170⅝	173	170½
Rich. & Ont Nav.	97	95	96	95⅛
Toronto Railway	95½	94½	95½	94⅞
London St Ry.	181	179	181	179
Hamilton Electric	73	68	73	...
Empress Mining	6	2½	5½	...
G.T.R. Guaranteed	76	73	76	73
do. 1st pref.	69½	66	69½	66
British Cana. L.&I.	100	...	...	...
B. & L. Asso	60	...	...	...
Can L & N I.	96	...	...	...
Can. Permanent	...	110	...	...
do. do. 20 p.c.	100	...	...	...
Canadian S. & L.	...	109	...	...
Cent. Can. Loan	125½	124⅝	...	...
Dom S & I Soc	78	75	...	...
Freehold L & S	100	...	...	...
do. do. 20 p.c.	75	...	...	...
Hamilton Prov.	108	...	...	...
Huron & Erie	...	167	...	...
do. do. 20 p.c.	...	157	...	...
Imperial L. & Invest	100	...	...	...
Landed B & L	114	...	...	...
Lon & Can L & A.	75	...	...	...
London Loan	...	105	...	...
London & Ontario.	85	...	...	...
Manitoba Loan	50	...	...	...
Ont. Loan & Deb.	...	122	...	...
People's Loan	...	30	...	...
Real Est., L & D.	65	...	...	...
Toronto S & L.	121¼	118½	...	...
Union L. & S.	85	...	...	...
West. Can L & S.	125	120	...	...
do. do. 25 p.c.	100	90	...	...

Sales at 11.30 a.m.: Dominion Telegraph, 1 at 130; C.P.R., 25, 50, 50, 50, 25 at 83½, 10 at 83¼, 25 at 83⅜, 25 at 83½; Richelieu & Ontario, 25, 25 at 95¾.

Sales at 1 p.m.: Bank of Commerce, 7, 4 at 138¼; Bank of Hamilton, 6 at 175; British America, 20 at 128; C.P.R., 25 at 83¼, 25 at 83⅛, 25 at 83¼; Cable, 25 at 174; Canada Landed, 8 at 95¾; Dominion Savings, 6 at 75; London & Ontario, 38 at 78, 20 at 75; Western Canada, 1 at 120; War Eagle, 500 at 1.45.

Sales at 3.30 p.m.: Bank of Commerce, 20, 9 at 138½; Dominion Bank, 20 at 249½; British America, 10, 15 at 128; Dominion Telegraph, 30 at 132; C.P.R., 25, 25 at 83⅜, 25, 20, 25, 25 at 83⅜, 25 at 83¼, 25, 25, 25 at 83¼; Cable, 25, 50, 25 at 174¼; R. & O., 25 at 95½; Canada Permanent, 20 at 95; Freehold Loan, 10, 10, 1 at 97. War Eagle, 150, 50, 50 at 146.

Montreal Stock Market.

Montreal, May 5.—Close—C.P.R., 83½ and 83⅝; Duluth, 3 and 2½; do., pref., 6 and 4; Cable, 175 and 174½; Richelieu & Ontario, 96½ and 96⅜; Montreal Railway, 253 and 252½; do., new, 250 and 248; Halifax Railway, 130 and 127; Toronto Railway, 95½ and 95¼; St. John Railway, 128⅝ offered; Montreal Gas, 187 and 186½; Royal Electric, 150 and 149; Montreal Telegraph, 135 and 172½; Halifax Heat and Light, 38 and 29⅜; Bell Telephone, 173 and 170½; Dominion Coal, common, 21 and 17; do., pref., 105 and 103½; Montreal Cotton, 160 and 144; Canada Cotton, 75 and 40; Dominion Cotton, 95 and 89. Banks—Montreal, 245 and 235; Ontario, 110 and 102; Toronto, 235 and 225; Merchants', 177½ and 174; Merchants' (Halifax), 180 offered; Eastern Townships, 155 asked; Quebec, 125 offered; National, 97 and 90; Union, 115 and 105; Commerce, 140½ and 136½; Hochelaga, 165 and 160. Interoceanical Coal, 60