NARROW RANGE IN WHEAT.

Bearish Sentiment Existing in the Chicago Market.

Midsummer Holidays in the Old Country and Grain Exchanges Are Closed—Local Traders Operating for Higher Prices—General Commercial News.

Saturday Evening, Aug. 5.

The trading in wheat in the speculative market was unimportant to-day, and the tendency has been towards lower prices. The absence of a shipping and export demand, a poor shipping interest from outside sources and the existence of conditions warranting carrying charges, all combined to make a bearish sentiment and discouraged holders.

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The week's clearances of wheat and flour from both coasts were heavy, 4,711,000 bushels. Indian shipments were 1,128,000 bushels against 1,440,000 bushels last week.

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Northwest receipts continue to fall off, the day's cars at Minneapolis and Duluth being 240, against 344 last week.

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Privileges on wheat and corn in Chicago were quoted as follows: Wheat, Sept., puts 68⅝c asked, calls 69⅝c to 69¾c; corn, Sept., puts 30½c asked, calls 30⅝c to 30¾c.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Ontario, patents, in bags, $3.55 to $3.70; straight roller, $3.20 to $3.25; Hungarian patents, $4.10; Manitoba bakers', $3.65 to $3.70, all on track at Toronto.

Wheat—Ontario, red and white, 67c to 68c north and west; goose, 67c to 68c north and west; No. 1 Man. hard, 79½c, Toronto, and No. 1 Northern, at 76½c.

Oats—White oats quoted at 28c west.

Rye—Quoted at 54c.

Barley—Quoted at 40c to 41c west.

Buckwheat—Firm; 48c north and 50c east.

Bran—City mills sell bran at $14 and shorts at $16.50, in car lots, f.o.b., Toronto.

Corn—Canadian, 38c west, and American, 41c to 42c on track here.

Oatmeal—Quoted at $3.80 by the bag, and $3.50 by the barrel, on track at Toronto.

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts of fruit were larger than usual to-day. Trade active, with prices unchanged, except for peaches, which were firmer. Raspberries, red, 6c to 8c; black, 5½c to 7c; Lawton berries, 6c to 7½c; red currants, 30c to 40c; black currants, 50c to 70c; cherries, 70c to 90c; peaches, 20c to 35c; cucumbers, 15c to 20c; gooseberries, 30c to 40c; vegetable marrow, 40c; plums, 50c to 75c; apples, 15c to 35c; blueberries, 60c to 75c per basket.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of grain and hay were light, but the usual Saturday's deliveries of fruit, vegetables, butter, eggs and poultry were large.

Wheat steady; 150 new white sold at 68c to 70c; goose, 100 bushels sold at 68c to 68½c.

Oats easier; 300 bushels of old sold at 35½c to 36½c, and 100 bushels of new, at 30½c.

Hay firmer; 10 loads sold at $8 to $9 for new, and $10 to $10.50 for old.

Straw steady; one load sold at $6 per ton.

Potatoes steady at 70c to 80c per bag.

Dressed hogs firmer at $6.40 to $6.75 per cwt.

Poultry plentiful at 50c to 90c per pair; ducks at 50c to 90c per pair for the bulk, with $1 for a few extra choice.

Butter firmer at 20c to 22c per lb. for choice dairy to special customers, while medium sold at 18c to 20c, the bulk going at about 20c.

Eggs plentiful and prices easier at 15c to 17c per doz.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 68	$0 70
" red, bush	0 70	....
" fife, bush	0 68	....
" goose, bush	0 68	0 68½
Barley, bush	0 40	....
Peas, bush	0 60	....
Oats, bush	0 35½	0 36½
Rye, bush	0 50	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 53	....
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, old	$10 00	$10 50
Hay, new	8 00	9 00
Straw, sheaf, per ton	6 00	....
Straw, loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 17	$0 19
Eggs, new laid	0 15	0 17
Fresh Meat—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$4 50	$5 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 50	8 50
Lamb, per lb.	0 09	0 10
Mutton, carcase, per lb.	0 06	0 07
Veal, carcase, cwt.	0 07	0 08
Hogs, dressed, light	6 25	6 50
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 50	$0 80
Turkeys, per lb.	0 10	0 11
Ducks, per pair	0 50	0 90
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Cabbage, per doz.	$0 40	$0 50
Onions, per bag	1 00	1 25
Beets, per bag	0 60	0 75
Potatoes, per bag	0 70	0 80
Celery, per doz	0 40	0 50

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled, car lots, per ton, new	$8 00 to	$8 25
Straw, baled, car lots, per ton	4 00	4 50
Butter, choice tubs	0 14	0 15
" medium, tubs	0 11	0 12
" dairy, lb. rolls	0 15	0 16
" creamery, lb. rolls	0 20	0 21
" creamery, boxes	0 18	0 19
Eggs, choice, new laid	0 12	0 13
Honey, per lb.	0 03	0 07

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 09	....
" No. 2 green steers	0 08	....
" No. 2 green	0 07½	....
" No. 3 green	0 06½	....
" cured	0 08½	0 09
Calfskins, No. 1	0 09	....
Calfskins, No. 2	0 07	....
Sheepskins, fresh	0 80	1 00
Lambskins, fresh	0 35	....
Pelts, fresh	0 35	....
Wool, fleece	0 13	0 14
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 08	....
Wool, pulled, super	0 15	0 16½
Tallow, rough	0 01½	0 03
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 04

Chicago Markets.

McIntyre & Wardwell report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Sept	69⅝	69⅝	69¼	69¾
" —Dec.	71¾	71¾	71½	71⅝
Corn—Sept	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝
" —Dec.	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝
Oats—Sept	19½	19⅝	19¼	19⅝
" —Dec.	19½	19⅞	19½	19⅞
Pork—Sept	8 57	8 62	8 50	8 50
Lard—Sept	5 42	5 42	5 37	5 40
Ribs—Sept.	5 15	5 15	5 07	5 10

Barley Market.

Oswego, Aug. 5.—Barley market shows no change, Canada ranging from 72c to 80c, and Western at 42c to 50c, with absence of transactions. Canal freights to New York: Wheat, peas and rye 2¼c, buckwheat and barley 1¾c per bushel.

British Markets.

London, Aug. 5.—Wheat—off coast, nothing doing; on passage, easier, but in some request. Corn—Off coast, nothing doing; on passage, quiet for American, easy for Danubian.

On passage to United Kingdom: Wheat and flour, 2,670,000 qrs.; corn, 820,000 qrs. To Continent—Wheat and flour, 1,350,000 qrs.; corn, 1,010,000 qrs.

Liverpool, Aug. 5.—Closing—Lard—American refined in pails firm, 28s 6d; prime western in tierces firm, 27s 9d. Hams—Short cut firm, 55c. Bacon—Cumberland cut firm, 31s 6d; short ribs firm, 31s 6d; long clear middles, light, steady, 30s 6d; do., heavy, steady, 30s; short clear backs firm, 29s; clear bellies firm, 32s 6d. Cheese—American finest colored firm, 46s.

WITH THE WHEAT TRADERS.

Prices in the Chicago Market Have a Lower Tendency.

The following is a review of to-day's grain market, as received over private wire by Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar), 21 Melinda-street, from Chicago:

Wheat—The wheat market ruled dull all day, with only light trade, and closed ¼c lower than last night. There were no cables received from Liverpool to-day on account of the holiday there, but weather in England was reported favorable for the growing crop. Continental markets generally lower. Exports from both coasts as reported by Bradstreet's were large, amounting to 4,750,000 bushels wheat and flour. World's shipments were estimated at 7,500,000. Receipts at Chicago and the Northwest 316 cars, against 463 last week and 199 last year. Clearances from Atlantic seaboard 448,000 bushels wheat and flour. Receipts at primary points 675,000, against 800,000 bushels last week and 330,000 last year. There was moderate demand for cash wheat by local millers and a better enquiry for export. Country offerings light. Estimated cars for Monday 225.

Corn—Corn market was weak on the Kansas figures, which are astonishing, as they indicate a crop of 400,000,000 bushels for that state alone. Prices were particularly weak for the new crop futures. Weather throughout the corn belt was generally favorable, rains being reported pretty generally. Country offerings were extremely light; in fact, farmers are selling nothing. Cash demand good. Clearances from Atlantic seaboard large, 829,000 bushels. Exports for the day amounted to 510,000. Estimated cars for Monday 410.

Oats—There was only a moderate trade in oats to-day and the market ruled firm and closed practically unchanged from yesterday. Country offerings light and movement will no doubt be delayed by wet weather. Cash demand good, especially for export. Estimated cars for Monday 450.

Provisions—Provisions ruled easier today on lower hogs and weaker grain. There was some buying by outside parties, and packers do not seem to be anxious sellers. Principal sellers to-day were those who bought yesterday. While cash demand for product is still rather slack, yet the shipments were large, 21,000,000 pounds meats and 11,000,000 pounds lard. The packing of hogs at this point during the week fell 40,000 below corresponding week a year ago. Estimated receipts hogs for Monday, 34,000.

Canada Stockers Strong at Buffalo.

East Buffalo, Aug. 5.—Cattle—Receipts were 14 cars of fresh sale cattle and about 7 loads held over from yesterday's trade. The bulk of the supply was composed of cows and bulls, which the market ruled steady to strong on good grades, several bunches of calvey lots of 400 to 500 lbs. average selling at $4.25 to $4.50. Fat butchers' and shippers' stock in light supply, and the market for these was barely steady.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts were light—only five cars—and so limited that it operated against the sale of the few good lambs that were here, as there were not enough to go with them, and the market was therefore easy to lower for those on offer, $6.25 being the best bid for choice lambs, a few fair to good selling at $5.75 and $5.85 to $6, and culls and common quotable at $3.50 to $5. Sheep were regarded as about steady, with good mixed at $5, and culls to fairly good $2.50 to $4.75. Good to choice scarce at $5 to $5.40, and good to prime wether sheep $5.10. The market closed full easy for lambs at prices quoted, and about steady for sheep.

Veals and Calves—Receipts, 5 head. Market slow; tops, $5.75 to $6; few fancy moved common to good, $4.25 to $5.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 15 cars. The market opened active, and all of 10c higher for pigs and porkers, with the heavier kind from a nickel stronger, and with a good demand all wrye sold. The bulk of the good corn Yorkers sold at $5.10 to $5.15, mostly $5.15, with grassy at $4.90 to $5; light fed at $5 to $5.05, and heavier mixed at $4.90 to $4.95; handy light medium grades sold at $4.90 to $4.95, but heavy grades were sold at $4.85 to $4.90 early, with but $4.80 bid late for choice lots. Pigs, $5 to $5.05, a few going in with the Yorkers at $5.10 to $5.15. Roughs were also stronger, but the coarse, heavy roughs sold at the lowest prices, the lighter ones bringing the best figures, $4.10 to $4.20; heavy ones, $3.90 to $4; stags ranged from $3.25 to $3.60 for common to best.

Tone Strong in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—There was the usual Saturday's supply of cattle. The tone was strong. Choice droves of light hogs sold at strong prices, but other grades were weak and generally 5c lower. Light hogs, $4.50 to $4.90; mixed lots, $4.40 to $4.80; heavy, $4.10 to $4.75; pigs, $3.50 to $4.80; culls, $2 to $4.10. The market for sheep and lambs was about steady and unchanged; receipts light. Sheep, $2 to $5 for poor to best; range sheep, $3.50 to $4.25; lambs, $3 to $6.

Receipts: Cattle, 2000; hogs, 13,000; sheep, 1000.

Cheese Markets.

Cowansville, Que., Aug. 5.—At the Cheese Board to-day 35 factories offered 1871 boxes cheese. One thousand three hundred and thirty boxes sold to G. W. Brock for 10c, all sold but one factory 41 boxes. Adjourned to Aug. 12.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Aug. 5.—Fourteen lots, 1000 boxes, offered, 9⅝c bid; no sales; later on street all sold, bulk going at 9¾c, about 100 at 9⅞c.

Cornwall, Ont., Aug. 5.—At to-day's Cheese Board 1374 cheese were boarded, 1320 white, balance colored, all sold at 9¾c. Lovell and Christmas got 530, Hodgson Bros. 426, Alexander 196, A. A. Ayer & Co. 153.

London, Ont., Aug. 5.—At to-day's market 1840 boxes colored July cheese were boarded; no sales; bids from 9⅝c to 9¾c.

Belleville, Ont., Aug. 5.—Sixteen factories offered 1251 boxes white cheese here to-day. Sales on board were 480 at 9⅞c, on street 400 at 9 15-16c.

Watertown, N.Y., Aug. 5.—Sales of cheese on board to-day 5000 boxes at 9¾c to 9⅞c, latter price ruling; bulk for Montreal and direct export; market firm at ⅛ cent advance.

Canton, N.Y., Aug. 6.—Two thousand cheese sold 9¼c to 9⅝c. One thousand tubs butter sold 18⅝c, two hundred 19c.

DRAMATIC FRENCMEN

Always Respond to Their Dramatic Instincts—Innkeepers Will Reap a Harvest.

Paris, Aug. 6.—France awaits the opening of the trial of Capt. Dreyfus with the nervous tension like that of a Paris audience just before the curtain rises upon the occasion of some memorable first night. Frenchmen never fail to respond to their inborn national dramatic instincts.

Rennes is already full to overflowing. The most primitive sleeping accommodations command exorbitant prices, varying from $8 to $10 a night. It is estimated that the influx of visitors will put into the pockets of the Rennes innkeepers from $5000 to $6000 a day. The leading Paris papers are making extraordinary preparations for the great event. The Figaro, while the trial lasts, will issue two editions of six pages each, and promises its readers to supply to them gratuitously full stenographic reports of the trial each day at 5 o'clock. Never before has there been such a boom of enterprise in Parisian journalism, which has impressed into its service carrier pigeons, special wires and special telephones.

Marines for Manila.

Washington, Aug. 5.—A detachment of 196 marines now stationed at the Washington Marine Barracks have been ordered to leave here Saturday for San Francisco, where they will join the full battalion to be rendezvoused there and take a transport for Manila.

Bishop Lloyd is Dead.

London, Aug. 5.—The Rev. D. L. Lloyd, formerly Bishop of Bangor, is dead. He resigned his see recently, owing to ill-health.

TRADING ON A SMALL SCALE.

Speculators Waited for the New York Bank Statement.

The Money Situation Has Created a Bearish Feeling Which is Hard to Overcome — Holiday Markets at Home and Abroad—Statement of Railway Earnings.

Saturday Evening, Aug. 5.

The bank statement was the influence in the New York market to-day, and pending the publication of the returns the trading was of a professional character. Trade returns, railroad earnings, prospect of the largest corn crop in years, more than an average of wheat and oats, with outlook for merchandise business never so promising as now, all were pushed aside as not worthy of serious consideration. When weighed against a statement that reflects only special conditions, and as a matter of fact not a true return of the actual condition, nor account being taken of funds in the trust companies, the report only reflecting changes of the clearing house banks, the fallacy of attaching so much importance to the statement is pointed out. It has of course a temporary effect upon stocks that must always be reckoned with.

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The following is the statement of the New York associated banks: Reserve, decrease, $2,700,525; loans, decrease, $6,428,600; specie, decrease, $3,837,600; legals, decrease, $1,922,800; deposits, decrease, $12,239,500; circulation, increase, $180,000.

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English markets were closed to-day and business will not be resumed until Tuesday on account of the usual midsummer holiday.

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The rate for call loans on the local market is unchanged at from 5 to 5½ per cent. Money in New York is quoted at from 3½ to 4 per cent.

Wall Street.

There was not much doing in the stock market to-day for many reasons. The half holiday on Saturday takes away many active operators, on holiday trips. The London Exchange was closed and will be again on Monday, thus subtracting an appreciable factor in the usual activity. Nevertheless, the day's dealings were a fairly accurate reflection of speculative opinion on general conditions. There was the disposition to advance prices in the early dealings, on account of the uniformly favorable reports of business in all branches contained in the weekly reports of commercial agencies. Bank clearings show trade to be proceeding on a scale never before equalled and the record of failures is unprecedentedly small, showing business to be sound and solvent, notwithstanding its large volume. But this very condition is a factor in the anxiety over the money outlook, which again dominated sentiment as the time approached for the publication of the weekly bank statement. Expect that such large demand that the available supply for speculative uses is greatly curtailed. The bank statement, when it appeared, was again weak beyond all expectation. Experts had estimated a gain in cash from all sources for the week of over $1,000,000, instead of this cash loss for the week is shown to be well towards $6,000,000. The banks have sought to offset the decline in cash by contracting of loans, but the loan reduction only slightly exceeds the reduction in cash, with the natural result of an inroad upon the surplus reserves of $2,000,000. With forced liquidation in progress at some points in Europe and with a possible demand for money to move the crops, this statement quite logically brought selling of stocks and a general sharp decline. Pauli and Omaha, Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis and Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf rose from 1½ to 2¾. American Smelting and American Car pfd. showed some signs of strength, otherwise the market closed weak and lower all around. It is to be hoped that the heavier tone shown on this market by foreign holders to avoid the necessity for gold shipments, the effect will not be to relieve the money situation here but rather to aggravate it.

McIntyre & Wardwell wire as follows:

The uncertainty felt over the condition of the money markets here and abroad has been unquestionably responsible for the conservatism displayed on the part of the outsiders and the foreigners during the week. This has been the only real factor of importance which has developed in the situation from our previous advices. We think one of the principal conditions prevailing in the money market here is the active business that is still being done in all lines of general business. The strength of the country's position has been demonstrated during the week by the European money markets working in our favor and resulting in renewed weakness in foreign exchange rates here and causing demand sterling to decline to-day to a shade under 4.86. This shows that the balance of the trade is working in our favor again and that we will soon be importing gold again on a larger scale. We think that there is little in the present financial situation here to cause apprehension, although the professional operators still lay considerable stress on this point and hammered the market when to-day's bank statement was announced. It is apparent from the bank returns and the movement of cash during the week that if it had not been for the unexpected Canadian demand for funds to stop the run on the banks there, there would have been little if any loss in the reserve. We still regard the general situation as warranting ultimately higher prices for the better class of railroad and industrial stocks, and barring accidents or some unfavorable features in the money markets, or political situation at present unforeseen, we have confidence in a revival of generally bullish sentiment.

The following is a review of to-day's stock market, as received over private wire, by Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar), 21 Melinda-street, from New York:

Consideration of the bank statement proved a most potent influence in the stock market than all else besides. Trade returns, railroad earnings, prospect of the largest corn crop in years, more than an average wheat and oat crop, with outlook for merchandise business never so promising as now, all were pushed aside as not worthy of serious consideration. When weighed against a statement that reflects only special conditions and, as a matter of fact, is not a true return of the actual condition, nor account being taken of funds in the trust companies, the report only reflecting changes of the clearing house banks, pointing out the fallacy of attaching so much importance to the statements does not mend matters. They have their temporary effect upon stocks and, with the present restricted dealings, are a factor that must be reckoned with. Short sales at present prices are extra hazardous, the decline in prominent shares having now reached an average of two or three points, and we are back to the level from which the last advance started. A swing in either direction is about due and will extend further than the previous one. This set-back offers an opportunity to pick up bargains in the Grangers and other standard shares, and should be availed of by anyone believing in a bull market this fall (as we do). Monday's closing is likely to be at an appreciable advance over that of to-night. The market continues professional, with trading on a small scale. The public refuse to be shaken out of their holdings, and the declines are only made by increasing the short interest, a rather dangerous state of affairs, considering the influences at work. On one side, small professionals working for scalping profits, and on the other the solid financial powers of the country. We elect to go with the latter, biding our time, when positive conditions assert themselves at the expense of short sellers and pessimists.

Railway Earnings.

Southern Railway earnings for the fourth week of July showed an increase of $52,000, and for the month an increase of $147,000. From Jan. 1 the earnings amounted to $14,671,680, against $14,326,782 last year, an increase of $344,898.

St. Louis & Southwestern for fourth week of July earned $138,209, an increase of $6806. For the month the earnings amounted to $428,143 an increase of $58,937.

Texas Pacific for the fourth week of July earned $203,178, an increase of $27,575. For the month the earnings were $564,478, an increase of $84,628.

The earnings of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company for the fourth week of July, 1899, were $74,008.05, being an increase of $10,847.01 over the same period of last year.

Money Market.

The local money market is unchanged, with call loans quoted at 5 to 5½ per cent. Bank of England rate, 3½ per cent. Open market discount rate 3⅝ per cent. Money on call in New York, 3½ to 4 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

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

	Between Banks Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N. Y. Funds	1-13 dis to par		1-8 to 1-4
Mont'l Funds	10 to par		1-8 to 1-4
60 days Sig.	5 3-8 to 5 1-2		8¾ to 8 7-8
Demand Sig.	9 1-4 to 9 3-8		9 5-8 to ..
Cable Transf's.	9 3-8 to 9¾		9 7-8 to 10

—Rates in New York—	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, demand	4.85½	4.85⅝ to 4.86
Sterling, 60 days	4.83½	4.82½ to ....

New York Stocks.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar), 21 Melinda-street, report the fluctuations of prices on Wall-street to-day as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Sugar	162½	162½	160¼	160⅝
Tobacco	115½	116	115	115¼
Con. Tobacco	47⅛	48	46¾	47¼
A. C. O.	42	42¼	41¾	42¼
Anaconda	55⅝	56	55½	55½
Leather, pref.	72¾	...	...	...
Int. Paper	42	42¼	42	42¼
General Electric	124	...	...	...
Federal Steel	60	60	59⅝	59⅝
Steel and Wire	58⅝	58⅞	57¾	57¾
St. Paul	131⅝	131¾	130⅝	130⅝
Burlington	136⅝	136⅝	135⅝	135⅞
Rock Island	118⅝	118½	117½	117½
Northwest	161	161	160¼	160¼
Chi. Great West	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14½
Omaha	112	114	112	114
Northern Pacific	51½	51⅞	51½	51⅜
Union Pacific	43⅝	43⅝	43¼	43⅜
do. pref.	76⅞	77	76¾	76⅞
Central Pacific	54¼	...	...	...
Missouri Pacific	48⅝	48⅞	48¼	48⅝
Southern Pacific	34½	34½	34¼	34⅜
Atchison	20⅝	20⅞	20⅝	20⅝
do. pref.	62⅝	63	62¼	62¼
Texas Pacific	22	22	21¾	21¾
Louis. & Nashville	75	75	74⅝	74¾
Southern Ry., pref	52	52	51⅝	51¾
N. & W., pref.	72	...	...	...
N.Y. Central	138⅝	138⅝	138½	138½
Pennsylvania	136	136¼	135⅝	136¼
C. C. C.	57¼	57¼	57⅛	57⅛
Wabash, pref	22⅝	...	...	...
Jersey Central	117	...	...	...
Reading, pref.	59⅝	60⅛	59½	59½
Del. & Lack.	178	...	...	...
Del. & Hudson	123	123	122½	122¼
N.Y., O. & W.	26	26	25⅞	25⅞
Pacific Mail	47½	47½	47¼	47¼
Ches. & Ohio	27⅝	27⅞	27⅝	27⅝
Con. Gas	178¾	179¼	175	175
People's Gas	120⅝	120⅝	119¼	119½
Manhattan	118	118	117¼	117¼
Metropolitan	209⅝	209⅝	208½	208½
Brooklyn R. T.	115⅝	115⅝	114¼	114⅝
Tenn. Coal & Iron	79⅝	79⅝	78¼	78¼
Ill. Central	114⅝	114⅝	114½	114½
Denver, pref.	75½	...	...	...

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW

Of Trade in the Provinces During the Past Week.

Bradstreets' weekly review of Canadian wholesale trade says: At Montreal payments were very good. Remittances in the market had been so satisfactory during July that there was no general apprehension about the 4th of Aug. paper, and the general condition of trade is shown as a result to be very healthy. There is a good demand for fall dry goods and staples and all classes of goods are very firm. Reports from the country are encouraging and indicate a much larger volume of trade than last year. There is a good demand for lumber and iron for building purposes and money is generally better employed than for some years at this season. The money market has assumed a more normal condition, the anxiety resulting from a run on several of the smaller banks has disappeared and stock exchange values are on the upward turn. Money is unchanged.

Wholesale trade at Toronto has been fairly active this week and the fall purchases continue to be of considerable volume. Retailers in the Northwest realise that the consumption of staple goods the coming six months is going to be much larger than ever before in that part of the country and owing to the better conditions for business prevailing in the eastern sections of the Dominion, as well as in Ontario, the demand from retailers is expected to be larger than for many years. Wholesalers continue very firm in their views and there is an absence of price cutting such as has characterized trade in previous years and very few jobs of goods are offering in any department of trade. Failures are few, payments are good and railway earnings are large. There is a good demand for money and rates for loans are well maintained.

Business at the Coast continues active. There is a very good business being done by jobbers with outlying districts, new camps and various centres of industries through the province. There are, for instance, 400 men employed in the coal mines at Coal Creek, and many other points are liberal purchasers of supplies. Shipping is active. Several vessels have lately arrived from the Klondike and three or four boats have left for the northern gold fields with supplies.

Business at Winnipeg is favorably reported on. The crops continue to inspire retailers with confidence and the outlook now for a large yield is quite within expectations of the past six weeks. Orders from travelers and by mail for fall dry goods are very satisfactory and men on the road report very favorable prospects for the fall and winter trade. There is a good demand for hardware and metals and considerable business is being done in harvesting tools and implements. There is an active demand for hog products and one or two lines, including hams, of home product, at Winnipeg, are sold out.

SOLDIERS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

A Bolt Caught the Cheshire Regiment on the March With Disastrous Results.

Cork, Aug. 5.—While the 2nd Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment, Lieut.-Col. W. F. Curtois commanding, was marching yesterday from the garrison at Limerick to Thurles, 34 miles east, to attend the annual manoeuvres, a bolt of lightning seriously injured two non-commissioned officers and seven privates. A number of others were disabled, and hardly a man of the command escaped some sort of injury.

BELGIUM'S NEW CABINET.

M. de Smet de Nayer Has Succeeded in the Allotted Task of Forming a Ministry.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—A new Ministry has been formed, as follows: Premier, Minister of Finance and Minister of Public Works, M. de Smet de Nayer; Minister of the Interior, M. Detrooz; Minister of Justice, M. Van Den Heuvel; Minister of War, General Consebant Alkemade; Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. de Favereau; Minister of Agriculture, Baron Van Der Bruggen; Minister of Industry and of Railways, Posts and Telegraphs, M. Liebart.

The program of the new Cabinet includes the settlement of the electoral question by proportional representation of the parties in the Chamber.

County News.

Albert Watson of Bolton purchased three more of P. W. Boynton's prize Cotswold sheep, one ewe and two buck lambs. Mr. Watson will exhibit his collection of sheep at the principal shows in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Thomas Teasdell of Concord P.O. and Mr. P. W. Boynton of Dollar P.O. were in the city on Saturday making entries of Berkshire swine for the Industrial Exhibition.

SIR WILFRID DECLINED IT.

Canadian Government Could Not Accept Chicago's Social Invitation.

OWING TO UNFAIR TONE OF PRESS.

What Sir Wilfrid is Alleged to Have Said in Reply to the Invitation.

Washington, Aug. 5.—F. W. Fitzpatrick of the Treasury Department has returned to Washington from Ottawa, where he went at the instance of the committee of citizens of Chicago in charge of the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of that city's great postoffice building next October, by President McKinley, to arrange for the formal invitation and expected acceptance of an invitation from Chicago's citizens to the Governor-General and Cabinet of Canada to participate in these festivities. Mr. Fitzpatrick is the assistant United States architect for the Chicago building.

His Reception Was Chilly.

To an Associated Press representative he admitted that his official reception at the Canadian capital was slightly chilly, Sir Wilfrid Laurier very candidly telling him that under the present conditions it would be impossible for him to accept or even to consider any social invitations to this side of the border. Mr. Fitzpatrick says that in substance Sir Wilfrid's voluntary statements and answers to queries were as follows:

"As a friend in whom I am deeply interested, I am very glad to see you, but, frankly, as a representative of the Federal or any local Government in the United States, your visit could not have been more untimely. When I received your first letter I took up the matter with His Excellency the Governor-General, and he expressed a sincere desire to visit Chicago, and seemed as anxious to accept the invitation as I was. We would have been delighted to go, and were looking forward to the day with much anticipation. But since then the tone of your press has become so harsh in dealing with the Alaskan question, such misrepresentations have been made about our Government and particularly about me, that it would be undignified for us to visit you, and I cannot advise His Excellency to go."

Would Not Be Entirely Safe.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that Sir Wilfrid intimated that in the present state of public feeling in the United States, as indicated in the press, it would not be entirely safe for the Governor-General and nominal to visit Chicago, as he feared that they might in a great gathering of such a character as the Chicago ceremony be subjected to some unpleasantness or indignity by thoughtless persons. Sir Wilfrid expressed himself as strongly in favor of arbitrating the Alaskan boundary dispute, and concluded the interview as follows: "No, much as I regret it, I could not go to Chicago under present conditions, and shall certainly, however painful a duty it may be, also advise His Excellency to decline the invitation that I know and feel has so kindly been extended to us by the city of Chicago."

Mr. Fitzpatrick secured Sir Wilfrid's promise, however, to reconsider the matter.

What Mr. Gordon Says.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Postmaster Charles U. Gordon, who is chairman of the committee having in charge the exercises in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the new federal building, said last night: "I am loth to believe that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has refused to attend the laying of the corner stone, and I shall not believe it until our committee appointed for the express purpose of inviting him has reported that he will not attend. That committee has not yet been made up, but D. H. Cameron has been made chairman of it. The invitations will not be ready for some time, and it will probably be two or three weeks before the committee can go to Canada and submit the invitation. As for Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Cobb's assistant, he has not been delegated or authorized to extend an invitation to Sir Wilfrid or to other members of the Canadian Cabinet. So far as the alleged ground for refusal goes I would say that we are not deciding the international boundary question here or in Chicago, but are holding a great and an important celebration, at which I hope to see the Canadian Premier as well as other high officials."

"I Have Nothing to Say."

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—In the House to-night Mr. Davin read a despatch from Washington, containing an alleged interview with the Premier, in which is quoted a saying that he would not accept the invitation to attend the ceremonies of opening the new United States building in Chicago on account of the unfriendly relations existing between Canada and the United States, and that he would advise the Governor-General not to attend. Mr. Davin wanted to know what the Premier had to say about it.

The Premier: I have nothing to say.

Declined to Be Interviewed.

Later on Sir Wilfrid declined to be interviewed.

Borne to the Tomb.

In St. James' Cemetery the remains of Frederick Charles Day were laid to rest on Saturday. A large number of deceased's young friends were present at the services, which were conducted at the family residence, 71 Louisa-street.

From his late residence, 196 Berkeley-street, the funeral of Mr. John W. Carroll, who died suddenly at Montreal, took place on Saturday to the Necropolis. The obsequies were private.

A large number of the Street Railway employes followed the remains of the late John Cronan to St. Michael's Cemetery on Saturday morning. Services were conducted at the family residence, 514 Eastern-avenue.

From 62 Logan-avenue the funeral took place of Gordon Elmer Cridiford to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Saturday.

The funeral of the late Benjamin E. T. Merrick, who died in the General Hospital from heart trouble, took place from his late residence, 122 West Bloor-street, to the Necropolis on Saturday. Many friends attended the obsequies.

In St. Paul's Church mass was celebrated over the remains of the late John O'Donnell yesterday afternoon. The funeral then proceeded to St. Michael's Cemetery.

The remains of the late Andrew Gifford Warwick were laid to rest in the Necropolis, the funeral leaving his father's residence, 7 Gildersleeve-avenue.

HAYTI IN A FERMENT.

United States Warship May Be Necessary to Protect the Legation.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Hayti is in a state of ferment, perhaps from sympathy with the neighboring State of San Domingo. U. S. Minister Powell has cabled the State Department that the presence of a United States warship may be required if the present threatening conditions continue to ensure the safety of the U. S. Legation and officials.

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OLD BOYS BACK IN LONDON

But Street Railway Fight Helped to Mar the Sport on the Occasion.

HOW THE VISITORS WERE "WORKED"

At the Same Time the Oldtimers Were Given a Cordial Reception at Home.

London, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Old Boys from all over arrived here to-day in thousands, 800 from Toronto, 600 from Detroit and Windsor, a special train of 11 coaches from Chicago and the rest from smaller centres. Rain was drizzling on the arrival of the excursions, but the processions and noonday reception at Victoria Park were perfectly successful. Chairman McPhillips and Mayor Wilson welcomed the Old Boys in warm addresses. The enormous crowd stood around the visitors in the shower, and the first speakers were mildly hissed by the car strikers' supporters, showing that trouble was brewing. President Owens, Toronto; President Davies, Detroit; Mr. McConnell, Windsor, and the chairman of the Chicago Association responded happily for the visiting old boys.

Minister Ross Was There.

Hon. G. W. Ross was a distinguished Old Boy present and gave the crowd a good-natured jolly, incidentally pointing out that while they all had had perfect advantages in London schools, the same splendid system prevailed all over the province.

The Anglo-American ring prevailed in the speeches of the delegates from across the line.

Bands in Procession.

The bands of the 48th Highlanders and Foresters, Toronto; Light Guard, Detroit, and the 7th