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## AT OSGOODE HALL.

**To-day's Lists.**

Judge's Chambers will be held at 11 a.m.

Non-jury sittings at 11 a.m.—Webster v. Crickmore; Gibbons v. Cozens, Coulthard v. Sawyer, Weston v. Toronto S. Ry. Co., Whitlam v. Scott, Selby v. Canada Permanent L. & S. Co.

Divisional Court at 11 a.m.—Lawrence v. Parsons, re Army & Navy Clothing Co.; Hicks v. Mills, Hubbard v. Township of Melanchton, Toronto & Richmond Hill Ry. Co. v. Township of York, Kennedy v. Beal.

**Notice.**

The Court of Appeal will deliver judgments in the following cases on Tuesday at 11 a.m.—Hilliker v. Kingston of Wellesbees, Tew v. Neill, Biggar v. Mabey, Hardy v. Pickerel, etc., Co., Lewis v. Alison, Welsback I. Light Co. v. Stannard, Jones v. Hendrie, Rowan v. Toronto Ry. Co., Hoffman v. Crerar, Hill v. Broadbent, White v. Toronto H. & B. Ry. Co., Dwyer v. City of Ottawa (two cases), Stinson v. Hearn, Davy v. Taylor, Smith v. Onderdonk, McMillan v. Munro, Yelland v. Yelland, re Malphy, Fisher v. Fisher, City of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co., re Toronto Ry. assessment, Long v. A. O. U. W., St. Dennis v. Shoultz, Union Ins. Co. v. Edge, Webster v. Crickmore, Sweney v. Davidson.

**Lumber Situation.**

According to The Canada Lumberman, retailers and consumers of lumber have entered the market with a much marked degree of confidence, prepared to buy liberally. From present indications there will be a large local consumption during the current year, and the outlets for lumber will be more numerous, But as the quantity of stock to be consumed in the local market will be greater than when there was free entry into the United States, there will be experienced keen competition, and prices in general are not likely to show any substantial advance. Box lumber is in good enquiry for eastern shipment, but for other grades of pine there is little demand from the United States. There has been some scurrying around for certain lines of dry hardwoods, chiefly soft elm and black ash. Buffalo houses now have representatives in this province buying all the suitable stocks of these woods they can find, while they are also picking up some lots of basswood, maple and other lumber. (Shingles are less active, although XX and XXX are selling steadily.

Because of the high prices put on pine by United States manufacturers, United States dealers may be led to seek Canadian stocks. English buyers are holding off in the hope of getting concessions. The South American market shows signs of reviving. Good harvests and fair wheat exports will lead to a better trade in lumber. Already more enquiries are being received for stock for export. France is also regarded as a large consumer of Canadian lumber in 1898.

**Henry Clews' Talk.**

Henry Clews & Co., in their weekly financial review, will say:

"At last the large floating foreign balance due to this country has proved too ponderous to yield to the various arrangements for postponing its settlement, and gold is therefore flowing in from Europe in large volume. The amount shipped and engaged for shipment since the influx set in is about $15,000,000, and the low rates of exchange indicate no immediate abatement of the movement. * * * It is most fortunate that the trade balance should stand largely in our favor in the face of the possibilities of a foreign war. We have now $123,000,000 of specie in the New York banks, and $169,000,000 of gold in the Treasury, which, with the current imports of $15,000,000, after deducting the $100,000,000 of reserve sold, makes a total available supply of $207,000,000. To this may be added, on a very moderate estimate, $50,000,000, represented by foreign creditor balances still due to us, which, in the face of war possibilities, gives us a total available gold resource amounting to over $250,000,000—to say nothing of the other stocks of the metal in this country amounting to over $450,000,000."

**A Stock Sold.**

The stock and fixtures of George Craig & Co., departmental store, of Winnipeg, who assigned recently, with liabilities of $81,489.74, have been sold to Mr. Craig at 50c on the dollar. The stock was valued at $37,052.47.

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# MAY WHEAT HOLDS ITS OWN

## While More Remote Futures Continue to Show Weakness.

**Letter Brokers are Still Buying May Wheat Around $1.04 and Seem Determined to Stick to Their Attitude—Leading Markets—Canadian Lumber.**

Saturday Evening, March 12.

On the leading American markets May wheat holds its own, owing to the support of the bullish clique, but July, Sept. and Dec. futures continue to fall.

May wheat unchanged in Liverpool, while July and September are lower.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth the past week were 2500 cars, against 1690 the previous week and 1490 the corresponding week of last year.

Corn seems steady and firm.

Provisions closed a little weak in Chicago, but the largest holders are said to be adding to their holdings at every break.

The demand for Canadian cheese seems to be improving in England.

English farmers' deliveries of wheat the past week totalled 52,900 quarters, at an average price of 35s 8d.

New York exported to-day 6348 barrels and 18,120 sacks of flour and 20,082 bushels of wheat.

Toronto receipts of all kinds of farm produce small.

Leiter brokers bought 500,000 bushels of May wheat around $1.04 in Chicago to-day.

Chicago live stock receipts to-day: Hogs 11,000, cattle 200, sheep 3000. Estimated hogs for Monday 29,000.

July wheat puts 80⅝c, calls 88⅝c.

May corn puts 30½c, calls 30¼c.

**Leading Wheat Markets.**

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

| | Cash. | May. |
|---|---|---|
| Chicago | $1 01⅞ | $1 04⅛ |
| New York | 1 03 | 0 98 |
| Milwaukee, No. 1 North | 1 01 | 1 01½ |
| St. Louis | 0 97⅛ | 0 99⅞ |
| Toledo | 0 96¾ | 0 99⅝ |
| Detroit | 0 95⅞ | 0 95⅞ |
| Duluth, No. 1 Northern | 0 96⅞ | 0 96⅞ |
| Duluth, No. 1 hard | 0 98⅝ | .... |
| Toronto, red | 0 91 | .... |
| Toronto, No. 1 hard | 1 10 | .... |

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Nothing doing. Straight rollers in barrels, middle freights, are quoted at $3.95 to $4.

Wheat—Little export demand. No. 2 red, north and west, quoted at 84c to 85c. Goose wheat, north and west, sold at 80c. No. 1 hard, north and west, held at $1.10 North Bay.

Barley—Quoted at 32c west and 33c east. Malting barley 35c to 36c.

Oats—Quiet and steady. Choice heavy white will bring 29c to 31c, north and west.

Bran—Firm. Bran sells at $12.50 to $13.50 and shorts at $13.50 to $14.

Corn—No. 2 yellow American on track at Toronto 37c asked; Canadian, Chatham, 31c to 31½c asked.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track at Toronto, $3.65.

Peas—Are scarce and steady, 57c north and west and 58c east.

Rye—Offerings light at 50c west and 52c east.

Buckwheat—Quoted at 35c to 37c outside.

## ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts of all kinds of farm produce were small.

Prices for grain remain unchanged, only one load each of goose wheat, oats and peas being sold.

Potatoes scarce, prices firm at 70c per bag.

Butter scarce, selling at 20c to 22c per lb.

Dressed hogs, prices firm and unchanged.

Hay and straw, prices nominal.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Grain—** | | |
| Wheat, white, bush | $0 80 to | .... |
| " red, bush | 0 80 | .... |
| " goose, bush | 0 86 | 0 86½ |
| Barley, bush | 0 39 | 0 40 |
| Rye, bush | 0 53 | .... |
| Oats, bush | 0 37 | .... |
| Peas, bush | 0 58 | 0 60 |
| Buckwheat, bush | 0 33 | 0 35 |
| **Seeds—** | | |
| Red clover, bush | $3 50 to | $3 80 |
| 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 00 |
| " baled, cars | 7 50 | 8 50 |
| Straw, sheaf, per ton | 6 00 | 6 50 |
| " loose, per ton | 4 00 | 5 00 |
| " baled, cars | 4 50 | 5 00 |
| **Dairy Products—** | | |
| Butter, lb. rolls | $0 20 to | $0 22 |
| " creamery | 0 20 | 0 22 |
| " large rolls | 0 14 | 0 16 |
| Eggs, new laid, case lots | 0 17 | 0 20 |
| " limed, per doz | 0 14 | 0 15 |
| Cheese, per lb | 0 09 | 0 10½ |
| **Fresh Meats—** | | |
| Beef, hindquarters, cwt | $6 00 to | $7 00 |
| " forequarters, cwt | 4 00 | 5 00 |
| Lamb, cwt | 7 00 | 8 00 |
| Lambs, each | 5 00 | 6 00 |
| Mutton, carcase, cwt | 5 00 | 6 00 |
| Veal, carcase, cwt | 7 50 | 8 50 |
| Hogs, dressed, light | 6 00 | 6 15 |
| " " heavy | 5 75 | .... |
| **Poultry—** | | |
| Chickens, per pair | $0 50 to | $0 90 |
| Ducks, per pair | 0 75 | 1 00 |
| Geese, per lb | 0 06 | 0 08 |
| Turkeys, per lb | 0 10 | 0 12 |
| **Fruit and Vegetables—** | | |
| Apples, per bbl | $2 50 to | $3 50 |
| Potatoes, per bag | 0 65 | 0 70 |
| Cabbage, per doz | 0 15 | 0 20 |
| " red, each | 0 05 | 0 08 |
| Cauliflower, per head | 0 10 | 0 20 |
| Turnips, per bag | 0 20 | 0 25 |
| Carrots, red, per bag | 0 25 | 0 30 |
| Parsnips, per bag | 0 30 | 0 35 |
| Celery, per doz | 0 50 | .... |

**British Markets.**

Liverpool, March 12.—No.1 Cal. closed at 7s 10½d to 7s 11½d; red winter, 7s 11d; peas, 5s 4d; corn, new, 3s 5½d; pork, 51s 3d for fine western; lard, 27s 3d; bacon, heavy, l.c., 29s 6d; light 29s; do., short cut, 29s; tallow, 19s; cheese, 38s 6d.

Liverpool—Spot wheat steady; futures steady at 7s 5¼d for May, 7s 2d for July, and 6s 7½d for September. Malze steady at 3s 4¾d for March, 3s 3½d for May, 3s 3½d for July and 3s 4d for September. Flour 25s 6d.

London—Close—Wheat off coast, nothing doing; on passage, quiet and steady. Malze off coast, nearly due. Passage firm.

Paris—Close—Wheat, 27f 60c for August. Flour, 59f 60c for May.

**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 04⅛ | 1 04½ | 1 03½ | 1 04½ |
| " —July | 88½ | 88⅝ | 86½ | 87½ |
| " —Dec. | 79⅝ | 79½ | 78¼ | 78⅝ |
| Corn—Mch | 29 | .... | .... | 29 |
| " —May | 30¼ | 30⅜ | 30 | 30¼ |
| " —July | 31½ | 31½ | 31⅛ | 31⅜ |
| Oats—Mch | 25⅜ | 25⅜ | 25⅜ | 25⅜ |
| " —May | 26¼ | 26¼ | 26 | 26¼ |
| " —July | 24½ | 24⅝ | 24⅜ | 24½ |
| Pork—Mch | 9 90 | .... | .... | 9 90 |
| " —May | 10 05 | 10 17 | 9 95 | 9 95 |
| " —July | 10 20 | 10 20 | 10 02 | 10 02 |
| Lard—Mch | 5 07 | .... | .... | 5 07 |
| " —May | 5 20 | 5 20 | 5 10 | 5 12 |
| " —July | 5 25 | 5 25 | 5 17 | 5 20 |
| Ribs—Mch | 5 02 | .... | .... | 5 02 |
| " —May | 5 10 | 5 10 | 5 02 | 5 05 |
| " —July | 5 15 | 5 17 | 5 07 | 5 10 |

**Chicago Gossip.**

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

Wheat—The week closed with rather a depressed feeling in wheat. July, Sept. and Dec. have shown quite severe breaks during the past three days, while May has been supported by the bull clique, and has, therefore, held its own. The general trade is exceedingly bearish, not only on the statistical news, but on the political situation. The effect of the war scare in a monetary way is noticeable in the New York bank statement to-day, which shows a decrease of $10,392,400 in loans and a decrease of $10,538,500 in deposits. Securities and cotton are making rapid declines in consequence of the grave state of affairs, and, as the general public is unwilling to make investments under such conditions, the tendency also is to hold aloof from buying wheat, especially as the price is high. While May does not waver much, there is a feeling of uncertainty among traders as to how long the bluff can stand up under the load it has bought, the belief being that should May show any weakness, the general market would quickly feel the effects, resulting in a further considerable decline. Receipts continue free at Minneapolis and Duluth for the week, getting 2500 cars, against 1690 the previous week, and 1490 same time last year. On the other hand, clearances were large, aggregating over 4,000,000 bushels. The market to-day sold as low as 86⅝c for July, but rallied, closing at 87¼c to 87½c. The clique appear to have full confidence in the prevailing price of wheat, and we believe they are masters of the situation, and are financially able to fulfil all their contracts and to carry out their plans, whatever they may be.

Corn—Was remarkably steady, considering the weakness in wheat. The position of this cereal seems quite firm. There is a good, local demand on the basis of 30c for May. Exports continue large, while farmers' deliveries west are very small. The Government report was favorable to the long side. With the low price prevailing, a good European demand and the usual indisposition of the trade to be short much in the spring of the year, we doubt if there can be much decline from present level.

Provisions—Shipments of meats for the week were 17,500,000 lbs., and of lard 12,400,000 lbs. These continued large shipments and the good foreign and domestic demand are the bullish influences in provisions. The speculative market, however, closes very weak to-day, owing to liquidation, influenced by the break in wheat and securities. The largest operators are, however, not alarmed and are adding to their holdings of lard and ribs on every break.

McIntyre & Wardwell's Chicago despatch to-day says:

Wheat—Market opened a trifle higher this morning owing to cable advices showing more steadiness than expected, but soon became weak under selling by commission houses and local bears and declined about 2c, catching numerous stop orders on way down. The rally of about 1c at close was due to covering by shorts. Leiter brokers in the market again to-day bidding $1.04 for all May offered. They bought probably half a million bushels. Leiter's principal broker has applied for a marginal price, evidently to preclude any discussion as to financial ability to take care of all contracts made. The active month, July, and the more deferred certainly look weak, and we think destined for a lower level. It is advisable to avoid selling breaks, as prevailing bearish attitude of traders will bring about many sharp upturns.

Corn—There was considerable liquidation by local longs to-day, induced by the general weakness which prevailed in all other markets. The disappointing light clearances for the week, 3,285,000 bushels, as compared with 5,000,000 the previous week, had a bearish effect. The result of the bearish news and too general short selling by local traders caused a reaction of ¼c before the close, and prices are about where they closed yesterday.

Oats—Easier, with lower wheat and corn. Export sales 50,000, clearances 104,000; estimated receipts 313 cars.

Provisions—Opened weak and lower on free selling by commission houses, who were holders of the May product. One firm sold over 2,000,000 lbs. May ribs. Stop orders also came on the market, May pork selling down to $9.95. Packers supported the market near close, but it closes weak. Estimated receipts hogs Monday 30,000, next week 130,000.

**East Buffalo Cattle Market.**

East Buffalo, March 12.—Cattle—Receipts, all consigned through. Top veals sold at $6.75 to $7, fair to good, $5.75 to $6.50; common light to fair, $3.50 to $5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 15 cars. Fairly good demand for good grades of hogs of all kinds and prices ruled a shade stronger for these kind. Good to choice yorkers, $4.10 to $4.15; prime selected light yorkers, $4.05 to $4.10; mixed packers' grades, $4.10 to $4.12; medium weights, $4.12 to $4.15. Heavy hogs, $4.15 to $4.17; roughs, $3.55 to $3.65; stags, $2.75 to $3.10; pigs, $3 to $3.80.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 7 cars and 4½ that held over. Market fairly steady, and stronger for good handy grades, and firm for good handy lambs. Native lambs, choice to extra, $5.65 to $5.75; fair to good, $5.40 to $5.60; culls to common, $4.75 to $5.25; yearlings, common to choice, $4.85 to $5.10. Native sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4.60 to $4.75; good to choice mixed sheep, $3.40 to $3.50; common to fair $4 to $4.25; culls to common, $3.15 to $3.90.

**The Public Library Argument**

Editor World: Perhaps the person who made such scathing comments upon the young ladies connected with the Public Library, in your issue of yesterday morning, would like to stand for several hours herself and be worried to death by the needless and impertinent enquiries which are showered in upon these girls, by just such people as the one who wrote the paragraph I refer to. Her temper, I think, when she got through, would be none of the sweetest. I have known some of these young ladies connected with the Public Library for some time, and know they are patient, good-natured and hard-working, and it is not their fault that people are kept waiting, if they ever are. A Subscriber.

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**Toronto Stock Market.**

| | Mch. 11. Ask. | Bid. | Mch. 12. Ask. | Bid. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 244 | 239 | 244 | 238 |
| Ontario | 106 | 105 | 105½ | 103¾ |
| Toronto | 234 | 227 | 234 | 227 |
| Merchants' | 185 | 179 | 183 | ... |
| Commerce | 140 | 139⅝ | 139¾ | 138½ |
| Imperial | 194½ | 193¼ | 193 | 191½ |
| Dominion | 259 | 254 | 259 | 253 |
| Standard | 176 | 174 | 176 | 174 |
| Hamilton | 174¼ | 173½ | 174½ | 173½ |
| Nova Scotia | ... | 214 | ... | 212 |
| Ottawa | ... | 195 | ... | 195 |
| British America | 128½ | 127¾ | 128¼ | 127½ |
| West. Assurance | 167 | 166½ | 165⅛ | 164½ |
| Imperial Life | ... | 138 | 138 | 138 |
| Consumers' Gas | ... | 214 | ... | 214 |
| Montreal Gas | 196 | 193¼ | 195 | 192 |
| Dominion Telegraph | ... | 132 | ... | 132 |
| Ont. & Qu'Appelle | 50 | 49 | 50 | 48 |
| C. N. L. Pref. | 53 | 50 | 53 | 50½ |
| Canadian Pacific | 80⅝ | 80¼ | 79⅞ | 79 |
| Toronto Electric | 135 | 134⅝ | 136 | 133¾ |
| do. new | ... | ... | 120 | 116 |
| General Electric | 110 | 106¼ | 110 | 106 |
| do. do., pref. | ... | 101 | ... | 101 |
| Com. Cable | 174 | 173⅝ | 173 | 171½ |
| do., coup. bonds | 106½ | 105 | 106 | 105 |
| do., reg. bonds | 106½ | 105 | 106 | 105 |
| Bell Telephone | 175 | 174½ | 175 | 173 |
| Richelieu & Ont. | 99½ | 96½ | 100 | ... |
| Toronto Railway | 98⅞ | 97⅞ | 98¼ | 97¾ |
| do. bonds | ... | ... | 108 | 106½ |
| London Railway | 182½ | 182 | 182¾ | 182 |
| Grand Trunk guar. | 74 | 73½ | 74 | 73 |
| do., first pref. | 68 | 65 | 65 | 63 |
| Brit. Can. L. & I. | 100 | ... | 100 | ... |
| B. & Loan | 60 | ... | 60 | ... |
| Can. L. & Nat. | 100 | ... | 100 | ... |
| Canada Permanent | 110 | 109 | 110 | 109 |
| do., 20 p.c. | 93 | 81 | ... | 80 |
| Can. S. & Loan | ... | 109½ | ... | 109 |
| Central Can. Loan | 125¾ | 124 | 125¾ | 124 |
| Dom. Sav. & Inv. | ... | 76 | 79 | 76 |
| Freehold L. & S. | 100 | ... | 100 | ... |
| do. 20 p.c. | 75 | ... | 75 | ... |
| Hamilton Prov. | 108 | ... | 108 | ... |
| Imperial L. & I. | 100 | ... | 100 | ... |
| Landed B. & L. | 114½ | ... | 115 | ... |
| Lon. & Can. L.&A. | 80 | ... | 80 | ... |
| London Loan | ... | 105 | ... | 105 |
| London & Ont. | 85 | ... | 85 | ... |
| Manitoba Loan | 50 | ... | 50 | ... |
| Ontario L. & D. | ... | 121 | ... | 121 |
| People's Loan | 30 | ... | 30 | ... |
| Real Estate L.&D. | 65 | ... | 65 | ... |
| Toronto S. & L. | 121 | 118½ | 121 | 118½ |
| Union Loan & Sav. | 85 | ... | 85 | ... |
| West Can L. & S. | 125 | 118 | 125 | 118 |

Morning sales: Imperial Bank, 10 at 193; Hamilton Bank, 10 at 174; Western Assurance, 50 at 165¾; Northwest Land, pref., 10 10, 25, 75 at 51; Cable, 20, 5 at 173, 25, 75, 25, 25, 25 at 173; Telephone, 11 at 175; Richelieu, 25 at 95¾.

Afternoon sales: Imperial Bank, 50 at 192; Western Assurance, 50 at 165¾, 50 at 165¼; C P.R., 25 at 79¾, 25, 25 at 79½, 75, 75, 25 at 79¾, 25, 50, 25 at 79½, 5 at 80; Cable, 25 at 171½; Telephone bonds, $500 at 117½; Toronto Railway, 25 at 97⅞, 25 at 97½.

Unlisted mining stocks: War Eagle, 50 at 108.

**Montreal Stock Market.**

Montreal, March 12.—Can. Pac., 79¼ and 79; Duluth, 4 and 3; do., pref., 6½ and 5; Cable, 172 and 170; do., coup., 107 asked; Dominion Telegraph, 180 and 174; Halifax Heat and Light, 40 and 35; do., bonds, 88 and 82½; Richelieu & Ontario, 106 and 96; Montreal Railway, 254 and 252; do., new, 252 and 251; Halifax Railway, 130 and 125¼; Montreal Gas, 194 and 191; Bell Telephone, 175 and 173½; Royal Electric, 150 and 145; Toronto Railway, 98½ and 98; St. John Railway, 145 and 130; Bank of Montreal, 245 and 240; Ontario Bank, 110 and 100; Molsons, 210 and 202¾; Bank of Toronto, 235 and 227½; Jacques Cartier, 100 and 98½; Merchants', 185 and 181; Merchants' (Halifax), 185 offered; Nova Scotia, 230 and 210; Eastern Townships, 160 and 150; Quebec, 120 offered; Union, 115 and 103; Commerce, 144 and 139¾; Ville Marie, 100 and 92; Hochelaga, 153 and 149; Windsor, 100 asked; Northwest Land, 53 and 50; Can. Pac. bonds, 108 and 104; Dominion Coal, 107 and 102; do., common, 17½ and 16; do., bonds, 106 and 105½; Montreal Cotton, 154 and 146; Canada Cotton Co., 75 and 47½; do. bonds, 100 and 95; Dominion Cotton, 95 and 92; Auer, 60 asked.

Morning sales: C.P.R., 25 at 80, 100 at 79¾, 100 at 79½, 300 at 79¼, 25 at 79, 125 at 78¾, 25 at 79, 125 at 79¼, 25 at 79¼, 325 at 79, 25 at 79¼; Cable, 17 at 172, 10 at 174, 50 at 172, 25 at 171; Telegraph, 85 at 175, 1 at 180, 15 at 175; Montreal Railway, 300 at 253½, 50 at 255, 2 at 256, 100 at 255; do., new, 50 at 251½; Halifax Railway, 10 at 130, 25 at 127½, 15 at 127, 25 at 127, 75 at 125½; Gas, 25 at 196, 150 at 192¼, 50 at 192¼, 25 at 192¼; Toronto Railway, 300 at 97½, 25 at 98, 25 at 98½, 25 at 98⅝, 50 at 98¾, 25 at 99, 25 at 98¾, 75 at 98½; Bank of Montreal, 2 at 240; Merchants' Bank, 14 at 182; Commerce, 5 at 139¾; Dominion Coal, 100 at 17½, 75 at 17¼; do., bonds, $7000 at 106.

Afternoon sales: Can. Pacific, 25 at 80, 100 at 79¾, 100 at 79⅝, 100 at 79½, 300 at 79¼, 25 at 79, 125 at 78¾, 25 at 79, 125 at 79¼, 25 at 79¼, 25 at 79¼, 325 at 79, 25 at 79¼; Cable, 17 at 172, 10 at 173, 50 at 172, 25 at 171; Telegraph, 85 at 175, 1 at 180, 15 at 175; Montreal Railway, 300 at 253½, 50 at 255, 2 at 256, 100 at 255; do., new, 50 at 251½; Halifax Railway, 10 at 130, 25 at 127, 75 at 125½; Gas, 25 at 193, 150 at 192½, 50 at 192¼, 25 at 192¼; Toronto Railway, 300 at 97½, 25 at 98, 25 at 98¼, 25 at 98⅝, 75 at 98¾, 25 at 98⅝, 75 at 98½; Merchants', 14 at 182; Commerce, 5 at 139¾; Dominion Coal, common, 100 at 17½, 75 at 17¼; do., bonds, $7000 at 106.

**New York Stocks.**

The range to-day was:

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am. Sugar Trust | 121½ | 122 | 120½ | 121⅝ |
| Am. Tobacco | 92 | 92 | 91 | 91 |
| Am. Spirits | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Atchison | 10⅝ | 10⅝ | 10¼ | 10⅝ |
| do., pref. | 47⅝ | 47⅝ | 45⅞ | 47½ |
| Bay State Gas | 2⅝ | 2⅝ | 2½ | 2½ |
| Brooklyn R. T. | 36½ | 36⅝ | 35 | 35⅛ |
| Ches. & Ohio | 18¼ | 18¼ | 17½ | 17⅝ |
| Chicago G. W. | 10 | 10 | 9⅝ | 9⅝ |
| Cotton Oil new | 16 | 16½ | 16 | 16½ |
| Chicago B & Q. | 88¼ | 88⅝ | 86⅝ | 86⅝ |
| Canada Southern | 45⅛ | 46 | 44½ | 44⅝ |
| C. C. C. & I. | 25 | 25½ | 25 | 25¼ |
| Cels. & Hudson | 108¼ | 108½ | 106 | 106 |
| Erie | 12½ | 12½ | 12½ | 12½ |
| Gen. Electric Co. | 30¼ | 30½ | 29½ | 29½ |
| Jersey Central | 90 | 90¼ | 89½ | 89½ |
| Kansas, Texas, pf. | 29½ | 30 | 28⅝ | 28⅝ |
| Lake Shore | 185 | 185 | 185 | 185 |
| Louis. & Nash. | 47½ | 47½ | 45¼ | 46 |
| Lead'ge, pref. | 59 | 59 | 56¼ | 56½ |
| Manhattan | 97⅝ | 98 | 94½ | 95¼ |
| Metropolitan Trac. | 136½ | 137 | 135 | 135⅝ |
| Michigan Central | 101 | 101 | 99½ | 99½ |
| Missouri Pacific | 24¼ | 24½ | 22½ | 22½ |
| N. Y. Central | 109 | 109¼ | 108 | 108 |
| National Lead | 28½ | 28½ | 27¼ | 27⅝ |
| Northern Pacific | 20½ | 20½ | 20¼ | 20¼ |
| North. Pacific, pf. | 58¼ | 58½ | 56⅞ | 57⅝ |
| Northwestern | 116½ | 116½ | 113¼ | 114½ |
| N. Y. Gas | 178½ | 178⅝ | 174½ | 174½ |
| Ont. & Western | 14½ | 14½ | 14⅛ | 14⅛ |
| Omaha | 66½ | 66½ | 65 | 65 |
| Pacific Mail | 22⅝ | 23 | 22⅛ | 22⅛ |
| People's Gas | 88½ | 88¾ | 87⅞ | 88 |
| Phila & Reading | 16⅛ | 16⅛ | 15⅞ | 15⅞ |
| Pullman | 170 | 170 | 165 | 165 |
| Rock Island | 81⅝ | 81⅝ | 80¼ | 80¾ |
| Rubber | 15½ | 15½ | 14¼ | 14¼ |
| Southern Rail | 7½ | 7½ | 7½ | 7½ |
| do., do., pref. | 25 | 25¼ | 24⅝ | 24⅝ |
| St. Paul | 88¼ | 88¼ | 85⅞ | 85⅞ |
| T. C. & I. | 18½ | 18½ | 17 | 17 |
| Texas Pacific | 9 | 9 | 8⅞ | 9 |
| Union Pacific | 24 | 25 | 23½ | 23½ |
| Western Union | 85¼ | 85⅛ | 83⅞ | 84¼ |
| Wabash, pref. | 14⅞ | 15 | 14⅞ | 15 |
| Wheeling | 1⅞ | 1⅞ | 1⅞ | 1⅞ |

**London Stock Markets.**

| | March 11 | March 12. |
|---|---|---|
| Consols, money | 111 11-16 | 111 9-16 |
| Consols, account | 111⅞ | 111⅝ |
| Canadian Pacific | 84⅛ | 82¼ |
| New York Central | 115¼ | 113⅝ |
| Illinois Central | 103 | 101½ |
| St. Paul | 93⅝ | 91⅝ |
| Erie | 13½ | 13 |
| Reading | 9¼ | 8⅞ |
| Pennsylvania Central | 59 | 58¼ |
| Union Pacific | .... | 26 |
| Louisville & Nashville | 51⅝ | 49⅝ |

**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 | ¼ to | .. | 1-16 pre to 1-10 | |
| Stg. 60 days | 8⅝ to | 8⅞ | 8 5-16 to 8 7-16 | |
| do. demand | 9⅛ to | 9¼ | 8 15-16 to 9 | |

—Rates in New York.—

| | Posted. | Actual. |
|---|---|---|
| Sterling, 60 days | 4.82 | 4.80⅝ to 4.81 |
| Sterling, demand | 4.85 | 4.84 to ... |

**New York Gossip.**

Henry A. King & Co.'s gossip from New York:

The belief that the relations between the United States and Spain, already critical, had reached an acute stage, as denoted by extensive war preparations on both sides and reports of pronounced weakness in our securities in London, led to heavy offerings in this market for both accounts. Traders were free sellers and there was evidence of continued liquidation, Stop orders were caught in many instances. The only buying of importance was to cover short contracts. The opening was excited, with the standard railway stocks and internationally listed shares displaying special weakness. The extreme losses in the early dealings, as compared with Friday's closing figures, extended from 1 to 3 per cent. St. Paul dropped nearly 3 per cent, Northwest 2⅝, B. & Q. 2½ and Sugar 2¼ per cent. Gas declined 4 per cent, and in the inactive specialties, Pullman dropped to 165, as compared with 171½ the last previous sale. After partial rallies from the lowest figures, renewed weakness developed and the market closed active and weak.

McIntyre & Wardwell received the following despatch to-day from New York:

The stock market was thoroughly demoralized to-day, under very heavy liquidation of actual holdings by some of the large operators and commission houses generally. Liquidation was influenced primarily by the very weak tone of the London market, which was caused by the forced liquidation of a large pool formed there in American stocks last month, and by further evidence that the Spanish crisis will be reached in a few days. The unsettled condition of affairs in the far East was also a factor. Support was only noticeable in a few stocks, which are mainly held by cliques. The buying was scattered and principally from the large shorts, who were active in securing profits. The general impression is that President McKinley will receive the report of the United States Naval Court of Enquiry on the Maine disaster on Monday, and that he will send a special message to Congress of the findings of the court, and that some action will be taken by Congress in the matter during the week. We think the technical market conditions have been weakened to some extent by the fact that the heaviest buying of stocks to-day came from shorts and the partial elimination of this interest leaves the market in a more vulnerable position to fresh bear attacks or the development of further bad news from Washington. We therefore see nothing in the situation to warrant changing our opinion in regard to the market.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints. ed

# STOCKS WEAK AND ACTIVE

## It's the Same Old Story of Disquieting Political Rumors.

**American Rails Off in London—Internationally Listed Stocks Slump in New York—Montreal Market Showed Large Sales at Lowering Figures.**

Saturday Evening, March 12.

The stock markets continued active and weak to-day, with the result that many securities struck a phenomenally low figure. Canadian Pacifics and American rails dropped from a fraction to two cents in London. This and a widespread idea that the Cuban situation has reached an acute crisis precipitated liquidation orders, and internationally listed stocks dropped from 1 to 3 points below Friday's closing figures. Pullman slumped 5½ per cent., Sugar 2¾ per cent., Gas 4 per cent., St. Paul 3 per cent., and others went the same way. The Canadian stock markets proved weak in sympathy.

Messrs. E. A. Ames & Co.'s cable from London to-day quotes G.T.R. 4 per cent. guar. stock at 73; G.T.R. first pref. shares at 64⅝; G.T.R. second pref. at 44⅝; G.T.R. third pref. at 21½.

Consols are off ⅛.

In Paris 3 per cent. rentes are 104f 10c.

A rumor that helped to weaken the New York market to-day was one to the effect that something had happened to the United States warship Montgomery in Havana harbor.

Business failures in the United States this week according to Bradstreet number 247, against 232 last week, 227 in the corresponding week of 1897, 282 in 1896, 262 in 1895, and 231 in 1894.

The Shareholder and Insurance Gazette in commenting upon the affairs of La Banque du Peuple states the prospects of the depositors being paid their balances in full is gloomy one, while the shareholders' loss is likely to be a total one.

The directors of Toronto Street Railway Company to-day declared a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent., from dividends were 1¼ per cent. semi-annually. This dividend will be paid on April 1.

According to the New York bank statement loans increased $3,938,700 during the week, specie decreased $10,392,400, legal tenders decreased $4,675,400, deposits decreased $10,538,500, and circulation increased $20,800.

It is stated that, owing to the consolidation of United States wire, rod, and nail manufacturers, Canadian makers will be able to raise and maintain their prices.

**Money Markets.**

On the local market call loans are quoted at 4 to 4½ per cent. In New York call loans were 1½ to 2 per cent. at the close. In London the rates were from 3⅜ to 2¾ per cent. The Bank of England discount remains at 3 per cent., and the open market rate is 3 per cent.

# A WRIT OF MISFEASANCE

## Serious Charge Against a Deputy Returning Officer in East York.

**An Elector Asks for a New Ballot Paper, on the Ground That He Has Spoiled the One Given Him, and the Officer Peremptorily Refuses, Thereby, It is Claimed, Subjecting Himself to a Fine of $400.**

Mr. Summerhayes, the secretary of the East York Liberal-Conservative Association, on Saturday, with Mr. Edward Hastings, interviewed County Crown Attorney Dewart, in reference to a charge of misfeasance against the deputy-returning officer at polling sub-division 6, Markham Township.

According to the statement made to Mr. Dewart by Mr. Hastings, who is a farmer of Almira P. O., and a well-known Conservative, he went into the booth to vote and Mr. Abner Summerfeldt, the deputy returning officer, after tearing the ballot paper out of the book, drew his pencil over the name of John Richardson, the Reform candidate for the riding, saying: "Mark the cross here," indicating the end of Richardson's name.

Mr. Hastings took the ballot, and, going behind the screen, and without reading the names, marked the ballot for Rich