CEMENT COMMON IS MOST ACTIVE

Smelters' Recent Sudden Spurt Maintained On Toronto Stock Exchange.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, May 9.—Smelters' sudden spurt on Thursday was more than maintained today. A high point of 40 was reached, and the price at the close was 39⅝. The strong position into which Consolidated Smelters has worked and its very promising outlook are regarded as the real causes of the substantial buying movement. The turnover amounted to slightly over 900 shares.

The local market generally looked better than it has been for the past several weeks. There were a number of small recessions in inactive stocks, but all issues that figured prominently in the trading closed for net gains. The pulp and paper group was stronger. Spanish common was traded in at 102½. Abitibi moved up to a high point of 58, and closed at 57½ for a net gain of 1¼ points. Brompton was inactive, and was quoted at 34½ to 35.

The most active listed stock was Cement common. The buying of these shares on special terms was continued. Sellers are taking a 30-day option on the delivery of this stock, and it is presumed that the offerings are coming from London. The market in Cement common opened at 85¼, and the close was at 86¼ on purchases involving 640 shares.

Brazilian High.

The balance of the market was extremely narrow. Brazilian sold at 51 to 51¼, and closed at the high point. There was a small turnover of Bell Telephone shares at 128½ to 128½. Steamships preferred closed steady at 51. Steel of Canada common dropped off ⅛ to 71⅞. Toronto Rails advanced ½ point to 89, and the closing quotations were 88¾ to 89. There was a slightly stronger but extremely narrow market for Barcelona Traction. A single board lot transaction was put through at 18, which is ½ point up from Thursday's close.

Trading in the mining section of the unlisted market was comparatively uneventful. There was no further talk about the Hollinger power situation being cleared up, but the stock was firmer at $12.84 and $12.85 in a moderately active market. Buying of Indian Lime shares continued, and the closing price was ½ higher at 21½. Keeley was firmer at $2.02. Rouyn Gold is continually finding new low prices. Yesterday's business was done at 9½c a share. Tough Oakes was traded in at 64¼ to 66.

Total sales for the day: 3,272 listed; 10,930 unlisted, and $20,000 government bonds.

GERMAN FIRM SEEKING MILLION BRITISH GUNS

Correspondent Tells of English Company Refusing To Fill Order.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, May 9.—The special London correspondent of the Matin says he has learned that a German firm with headquarters in Hamburg and Berlin asked a well-known British arms manufacturer, name not given, to quote a price on one million rifles equipped with bayonets and one billion cartridges, deliverable at a German port.

According to the text of the request, which the Matin publishes, the German firm said the arms and ammunition were meant for "a friendly government, a member of the entente."

The correspondent says the British manufacturer immediately informed the British government and took no steps to fill the order.

FOUR HOUSES AND CONVENT ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Quebec, May 10.—Four houses and a convent were destroyed in St. Augustin, Port Neuf County, yesterday morning by the fire that broke out at 10 o'clock, and for a while menaced the entire town, the inhabitants of other residences moving their valuables and movables to safety during the general panic that ensued. No person was seriously hurt. The damage amounted to $50,000.

COTTON

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, May 9.—Cotton futures closed very steady. Closing bids: Jan. 24.42c; March, 24.49c; May, 31.30c; July, 29.15c; Oct., 25.33c; Dec., 24.70c.

Spot cotton closed steady. Middling uplands, 31.70c.

DETROIT DISCOUNT RATE

Detroit, May 9.—Detroit clearing-house banks' uniform rate of exchange on Canadian currency for Saturday will be at a discount of $1.73 per $100.

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How Stocks Close At Noon

New York.

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Co. New York, May 10.

Stocks:	Open	High	Low	Close
Ajax Rubber	5⅝	5⅝	5⅜	5⅜
Allied Chemical	71⅞	71⅞	71¼	71¼
Allis-Chalmers	42¾	42¾	42½	42½
American Can	102½	102¾	101½	101⅝
American Car	158	158	158	158
Am. Hide, pfd	53½	53½	53¼	53¼
Am. Locomotive	72½	72½	72	72
Am. Smelting	63½	63½	62⅝	63⅛
American Steel	34½	34½	34⅛	34⅛
American Sugar	42¾	42½	42⅛	42¼
Am. Tel. & Tel.	125¾	125¾	125⅝	125¾
American Wool	65½	65½	64¾	65
Anaconda Copper	32½	32½	32¼	32¼
A., T. & S. F.	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞
Atlantic-Gulf	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾
Baldwin Loco.	110¾	110¾	109¾	109¾
Baltimore & Ohio	53⅞	53⅞	53	53
Beechnut Packing	48	48	48	48
Bethlehem Steel	48¼	48½	47¾	47¾
Cal. Petroleum	23⅝	23⅝	22¾	22¾
C. P. R.	148	148	148	148
Central L., pfd	39⅝	39¾	39½	39¾
Cerro de Pasco	45	45	45	45
Chandler Motor	44½	44½	44	44
Ches & Ohio	75	75⅜	75	75¼
Chicago & G W.	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛
Chile Copper	27⅞	28	27⅝	27⅞
Coca-Cola	64⅝	64⅞	64½	64¾
Col F and I	39	39½	37⅞	37⅞
Con Can	47	47	46⅝	46⅝
Comp Tab	91	91	91	91
Con Gas	63⅞	63⅞	63½	63½
Con Textile	3	3	3	3
Corn Products, old	171½	171½	171⅛	171½
do, new	34⅜	34⅜	34¼	34¼
Cosden & Co	30¼	30⅜	29	29
Crucible Steel	51¾	51¾	51½	51½
Cuba Cane Sugar	12¾	13	12¾	13
do, pfd	57¾	58	57½	58
Cuban-Am Sgr	31⅝	31⅝	31⅜	31⅜
Davison Chem	51½	51½	48¾	49
Dome Mines	15½	15½	15½	15½
Dupont	120	120	119	119
Del & Hudson	108½	108½	108½	108½
Eastman Kodak	106½	106½	106½	106½
Erie Railway	24½	24½	24⅜	24⅜
do, 1st pfd	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛
Fleischmann	50	50	50	50
Famous Players	69½	69½	69½	69½
Fisk Rubber	6½	6½	6½	6½
Gen. Asphalt	34	34	34	34
Gen. Electric	218¼	218¼	214	215½
Gen. Motors	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
Gt. North. pfd.	57¾	57¾	57¾	57¾
Gulf States Steel	63⅞	63⅞	63½	63½
Houston Oil	63½	63⅝	63	63⅛
Hudson Motors	22⅜	22⅜	22⅜	22⅜
Hupp Motors	11⅞	11⅞	11¾	11¾
Insp. Copper	24⅞	24⅞	24½	24½
Inter. Harvester	86¼	86¼	86¼	86¼
In. Mer. Marine	9	9	9	9
do, pfd.	35⅝	35¾	35	35⅛
Inter. Nickel	11¾	11⅞	11½	11⅞
Invincible Oil	12½	12⅝	12½	12½
Kenn. Copper	39	39	38⅝	38⅝
Keystone Tire	1¾	1¾	1¾	1¾
Lehigh Valley	41⅜	41½	41⅜	41½
Lima Loco	59	59	59	59
Maryland Oil	32	32	30	30¼
Mallinson Co.	21½	21½	21½	21½
May Stores	85	85	85	85
Mack Truck	79½	79½	79½	79½
Maxwell M. A	41½	41½	41½	41½
Miami Copper	21½	21½	21½	21½
Middle S. Oil	3½	3½	3⅛	3⅛
Mex. Seaboard	19⅝	19⅝	18⅝	18
Miss. Pac. p.	41¼	41¼	41	40¾
Mother Lode	7⅞	7⅞	7¾	7¾
National Lead	129⅛	129⅛	129⅛	129⅛
N.Y. Central	101	101¼	100⅞	100⅞
N. Y., N. Haven	19¾	19¾	19⅜	19⅜
Nor. and West.	122	122¼	122¾	122¼
North American	24⅛	24⅛	24	24
North. Pacific	52½	52½	52½	52½
Phillips Pet.	36¼	36¼	35	35¼
Pan-American	49	49	48½	48½
do, B	47¼	47¼	46½	46½
Pennsylvania	43¾	43¾	43¾	43¾
Peoples Gas	94¼	94¼	94	94
Pere Marquette	47⅝	47⅝	47⅝	47⅝
Pierce Oil	2⅛	2⅛	2	2
Prod. and Ref.	24¼	24¼	23½	23⅞
Punta Al. Sugar	56⅛	56⅛	56	56
Pure Oil	21¾	21¾	20⅝	20⅝
Ray C Copper	9¾	9¾	9⅝	9⅝
Reading Co	52⅞	52⅞	52¾	52⅝
Republic Iron	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛
Royal Dutch	54⅝	54¾	54⅝	54¾
Shell Union	16⅞	16⅞	16⅝	16⅝
Sears-Roebuck	82¾	82¾	82⅝	82⅝
Shulte Stores	103⅛	103⅛	103	103
Sinclair Oil	18⅝	18¾	18⅜	18⅝
Southern Pacific	89	89¼	88½	88½
Southern Ry	53⅝	53¾	53⅝	53¾
St Paul	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾
do, pfd	25⅝	26	25⅝	25¾
Stan Oil, Cal	57⅞	57⅞	56¾	56¾
do, N J	34⅞	34⅞	33⅞	34
Stewart-Warner	65½	65½	62¼	62¼
Stromberg	60	60	59¾	59¾
Studebaker	82½	82½	81¼	81¼
St L and S F	20½	20½	20⅛	20⅛
Texas Co	40½	40½	39¼	39¼
Tex-Gulf Sulphur	59¼	59¼	59¼	59¼
Tex-Pacific Oil	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜
Tex & Pacific	29¾	30	29½	29½
Tob Products	57⅝	57¾	57½	57⅝
Transcon Oil	4	4	3⅞	3⅞
U S C I Pipe	8	8⅛	8¼	8⅛
U S In Alcohol	67⅝	67⅝	66¾	66¾
U S Rubber	28⅝	28⅝	28½	28½
U S Steel	97¾	97¾	96¾	97¼
Vanadium Corp	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
Wabash A	45¼	45¼	45	45¼
do, com.	16	16⅛	16	16⅛
Westinghouse	56⅛	56⅛	56⅛	56⅛
Willys-Overland	67½	67½	66⅜	66⅜

Toronto, May 10—Close.

Sales	Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Close
35	Abitibi	57½	57½	57½	57½
35	Brompton	35	35	34¾	34¾
2	Bell Tel.	128	128½	128	128½
7	C. Brd. p.	96½	96¾	96½	96¾
100	Cement c.	86¾	86¾	86¼	86¾
10	Can. SS. c	14	14	14	14
245	C. P. R.	150	150½	150	150
110	Con. Smelt.	39	39	38¼	38¼
2	Int. Mill. p.	95	95	95	95
	Rogers c.	53	53	53	53
15	S. of C. c	71½	71½	71½	71½
21	Winn. Ry.	77	77	76½	76½
20	Twin C. c.	55	55	55	55
20	Win. Ry.	25	25	25	25
50	W. C. Flr.	100	100	100	100
	Mines:				
2050	Crown Res.	56	56	55	55
	Banks:				
9	Commerce	181¾	181¾	181¾	181¾
25	Standard	160¾	160¾	160¾	160¾
10	Toronto	173	173	173	173
	Loans, Etc.				
5000	Tor. G. T.	209	209	208	208
	Govt. Loans				
1000	Ref., 1932	10210	10210	10210	10210
1000	V. L., 1924.	10045	10045	10045	10045
200	do, 1934	10250	10250	10250	10250
1500	Ref., 1943	10000	10000	10000	10000

STANDARD EXCHANGE

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Co. Toronto, May 10.—12 o'clock close:

Stock.	Open	High	Low	Close
Apex	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾
Atlas	4½	4½	4	4
Argonaut	48	48	47½	47½
Baldwin	3	3	3	3
West D Lake	23½	23½	23	23
Clifton	15	15	15	15
Dome Mines	16	16	16	16
Goldale	19½	19½	19	19
Hattie	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝
Hunton	9¾	9¾	9½	9½
Hollinger	1280	1280	1270	1270
Indian	22½	23	22¼	22¼
Keora	8⅞	9	8⅛	9
Kirkland	21	21	20¾	20¾
Lakeshore	373	373	370	371
Moneta	18	18	18	18
McIntyre	1610	1610	1600	1600
Newray	30½	30½	30	30
Nighthawk	65	65	65	65
T O Burnside	64	64	63	64
Teck-Hughes	117	120	117	117
Vipond	107	108	107	108
Beaver	21½	22	20¾	20¾
Capitol	33½	34	33½	34
Castle Treth	23½	23½	23½	23½
Keeley	222	222	218	218
Lake Lorrain	15	15	15	15
Lor Trout Lake	130	134	130	130
McKinley	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛
Mining Corpn.	300	303	300	303
Wettlaufer	25	25	2 5	25

QUICK ACTION SAVES 'GAS' TANKS FROM FIRE

Peter Dennis Checks Oil Station Blaze With Extinguisher —Car Damaged.

Quick action and presence of mind on the part of Peter Dennis, who conducts a vulcanizing shop at the corner of Wortley road and Stanley street, was the means of preventing a fire spreading to gasoline tanks of the Canadian Oil Company a few yards away, at 10 o'clock this morning.

A car was being filled with gas at the company's station and when the motorist attempted to start the auto it back-fired, the sparks igniting the gasoline which had leaked out on the floor below.

In a few seconds the car was enveloped in flames and the tanks were endangered. Seeing the blazing auto from the window in his shop, Dennis ran to the office of the station, secured the chemical extinguisher hanging on the wall, and by the time the firemen arrived had the blaze checked.

Firemen responded to the scene of the fire in record time, knowing that a gasoline station was in the neighborhood of the call received. The car was badly damaged.

MRS. WILLIAM THOMSON BURIED AT WOODLAND

London Woman's Husband Had Postponed Trip to Scotland.

The funeral of Mrs. William Thomson was held yesterday afternoon from her residence, 312 Oxford street, to Woodland Cemetery, and was largely attended.

Mr. Thomson, who was en route to Scotland at the time of his wife's death, had postponed his trip at Montreal until the following boat, and was advised of Mrs. Thomson's death before sailing.

Representatives of the Helena Costume Company, Holeproof Hosiery and the Sabine Company attended the funeral.

Many beautiful wreaths bore tribute to the high esteem in which Mrs. Thomson was held.

Rev. James McKay of St. George's Presbyterian Church, officiated.

W. J. M'KEON TO ASSUME CHARGE OF DEPARTMENT

W. J. McKeon, a London man, will commence his duties on Monday, May 12, as manager of the Victrola department of the firm of Heintzman & Co.

MRS. ALICE BURKE.

Word has been received in the city of the recent death in Weston, Ont., of Mrs. Alice Burke (nee Miss Alice Eames), an employee for many years of Smallman & Ingram, Limited.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. A. R. Pemberth, the Misses Mabel Mayo, and Annie Eames of Detroit, Mich.

The remains were interred at Riverside Cemetery, Weston.

AILSA CRAIG

Special to The Advertiser.

Ailsa Craig, May 9.— Yesterday was the anniversary of the disastrous fire which visited Ailsa Craig a year ago.

The new Oddfellows' Hall was dedicated on Tuesday night. About 200 were present for the ceremony. Grand lodge officers were here from Toronto and other points, and lodges from Lucan, Parkhill, Forest, London, and other points were well represented. After the ceremony an excellent lunch was served, followed by toasts and speeches.

The funeral of the late Rev. W. A. Geddes took place at 1:30 today at the Presbyterian Church, Ailsa Craig. Interment in Carlisle Cemetery.

NEW HAMBURG

Special to The Advertiser.

New Hamburg, May 9.—Mrs. W. Berscht of Wellesley is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wenzel.

F. Goebel was a business visitor in Mitchell last week.

Mrs. G. H. Semple and children have returned to Cargill, after spending some time at the home of her father, S. D. Peacock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. McNally of Brantford spent a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brodrecht.

V. C. Wenzel underwent an operation at his home here last week, and is reported to be doing nicely.

Miss Ruth Peacock spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. H. S. Small, Kitchener.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, May 10.—Extreme dullness characterized this week's irregular stock market. Prices developed a firm tone at the beginning of the week in response to the president's veto of the Bursum pension bill, but became unsettled later in reflection of unfavorable trade news and the Senate's insertion into the tax bill of a graduated surtax on undistributed corporation earnings.

Steel shares were inclined to ease on reports of a further contraction in steel output and increasing price competition. Oil stocks turned heavy on publication of the weekly report of the American Petroleum Institute showing another increase in crude production for the week ended May 3. Sinclair was singled out for attack and hammered down to a new low record for the year on reports that the company was planning a new issue of securities, but it developed later that bank credits had been arranged which would take care of its financial requirements until next year.

Good buying was noted in the railroad group, particularly the investment issues. Northwestern carriers were in good demand, Pere Marquette rising to a new 1924 high in the face of official denials that 'any increase in the dividend was contemplated, rumors of which had been held responsible for the active buying of the stock.

Foreign exchanges broke sharply on reports of labor troubles in the Ruhr and the election of Communist members of the Reichstag in the occupied territory, but they made irregular recovery towards the end of the week. French francs again sold below 6c each.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINING BETRAYS BRIGHT SPOTS

Small Spurt of Business At London Following Budget Evaporates.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 9.—The small spurt of business on the stock exchange engendered by the harmless nature of the budget has evaporated, and in its place there has arisen a certain amount of anxiety concerning reparations and the weakness of the continental exchanges. Prices therefore dropped fractionally this week, the weakness being augmented by the poor buying demand.

The South African mining market betrayed some bright spots, principally on account of the favorable character of the Central Mining Association's report. This corporation's numerous interests are reviewed hopefully, reference being made to the concern's participation with the Mond Nickel Company in the formation of a company for investigating Canadian mining properties.

New Zealand, which is a very popular borrower in London, easily secured £5,000,000 this week.

Local Market

With fine weather and warm sunshine here again, the market this morning was larger than usual.

Eggs brought from 22c to 24c a dozen wholesale, and from 25c to 27c retail.

Dairy butter sold at 30c per lb wholesale, and from 33c to 35c retail.

Potatoes ranged in price from $1.45 to $1.50 per bag wholesale, and from $1.50 to $1.60 retail.

Apples brought from $1 to $1.50 per bushel. A large quantity was offered.

Home grown rhubarb brought from 75c to 90c per dozen bunches, asparagus 20c a bunch, and lettuce 5c per head.

The quantity of tomato plants offered was very large.

Grain, Per Bushel:			
Barley, per bu.	$ 77	to	$ 77
Oats, per bu.	51	to	53
Wheat, per bu.	1 07	to	1 10
Grain, Per Cwt.:			
Barley, per cwt.	1 70	to	1 70
Buckwheat, per cwt.	1 60	to	1 60
Oats, per cwt.	1 55	to	1 55
Wheat, per cwt.	1 72	to	1 75
Hay and Straw:			
Hay per ton	13 00	to	15 00
Straw, per ton	9 00	to	10 00
Fruit, Vegetables:			
Apples, per bu.	1 00	to	1 25
Asparagus, bunch	20	to	20
Beans, per qt.	15	to	15
Beets, per bu.	1 25	to	1 25
do, per peck	15	to	15
do, per bunch	10	to	10
Brussels sprouts, box	25	to	25
Cauliflower, head	15	to	40
Carrots, per bu.	1 00	to	1 00
do, per bunch	10	to	10
do, per peck	40	to	40
Cabbage, per head	10	to	10
do, doz.	1 00	to	1 50
Celery, per head	5	to	10
do, per bunch	10	to	15
Cucumbers, each	20	to	20
Lettuce, doz bunches	90	to	90
do, per bunch	5	to	5
Onions, per bu.	1 50	to	2 00
do, green, bunch	5	to	5
do, doz bunches	35	to	40
Parsley, per bunch	5	to	5
Potatoes, w'sale, bag	1 45	to	1 50
do, retail	1 50	to	1 60
Parsnips, per bu.	1 25	to	1 50
do, per lb.	5	to	5
Pineapples, each	40	to	40
Radishes, per bunch	8	to	8
do, 2 bunches	15	to	15
do, doz bunches	70	to	75
Rhubarb, per bunch	15	to	15
do, home grown	75	to	90
Sage, per bunch	5	to	5
Savory, per bunch	5	to	5
Spinach, per peck	50	to	50
Turnips, per bu.	50	to	60
do, per doz.	25	to	25
do, each	5	to	10
Maple Syrup:			
Maple syrup, gal.	2 50	to	2 50
Honey, Wholesale:			
Honey, 5-lb pails	55	to	65
do, comb, sections	25	to	28
Honey, Retail:			
Honey, 5-lb pails	60	to	65
do, comb, sections	25	to	30
Dairy Products, Retail:			
Butter, dairy, lb.	33	to	35
do, creamery, lb.	40	to	40
Eggs, new-laid, doz.	25	to	27
Wholesale to Retail:			
Butter, per lb.	37	to	38
Eggs, fresh, extras	25	to	26
do, firsts	22	to	23
do, seconds	18	to	19
do, cracks	17	to	18
Poultry, Dressed, Retail:			
Chickens, old, lb.	26	to	28
do, spring, lb.	25	to	27
Ducks, per lb.	22	to	25
Geese, per lb.	22	to	25
Turkeys, per lb.	30	to	40
Poultry, Alive, Wholesale:			
Spring chickens, over 5 lbs each	20	to	21
do, 4 to 5 lbs	18	to	19
do, under 4 lbs	16	to	17
Hens, over 5 lbs	20	to	21
do, 4 to 5 lbs	17	to	18
do, under 4 lbs	14	to	15
Roosters, old, over 4 lbs each	12	to	13
Ducks, spring, colored, over 4½ lbs	18	to	19
do, white, over 4½ lbs each	16	to	17
Turkeys, old gobblers, over 10 lbs	22	to	23
Geese, over 10 lbs	12	to	13
Live Stock:			
Hogs, selects, cwt.	7 00	to	7 25
Pigs, small, pair	5 00	to	7 00
Sows, fat, cwt.	4 00	to	4 50
Dressed Meats, Wholesale:			
Heifers and steers, 500 to 600 lbs, cwt.	13 00	to	14 00
Cows, beef, 400 to 500 lbs, cwt.	10 00	to	12 00
Beef, hinds, lb.	17	to	17
do, fronts, lb.	10	to	12
Hogs, dressed, cwt.	10 00	to	10 00
Lambs, choice, cwt.	28 00	to	30 00
do, spring, each	12 00	to	15 00
Veal, per cwt.	10 00	to	12 00
Dressed Meats, Retail:			
Pork, fronts, lb.	12 00	to	12 00
do, hinds lb.	15 00	to	15 00
Hides and Wool:			
Cow hides, No. 1, lb.	6½	to	6½
do, No. 2	5½	to	5½
Calf skins, No. 1	12	to	12
do, No. 2	10	to	10
Horse hides, each	3 00	to	3 00
Kip, No. 1, per lb.	10	to	10
do, No. 2	8	to	8
Sheep skins, each	1 00	to	2 00
Lamb skins, spring, each	15	to	15
Wool, coarse, unwashed, lb	26	to	28
do, medium	28	to	29
do, fine	32	to	34

FINANCIAL NOTES

The Senate disposed of all amendments offered by finance committee to tax bill, and took up recommendations by individual members. Unless consideration of Bursum bill veto blocks way, final vote may be taken early.

May Stores declared two regular quarterly 2½ per cent dividends on common and two regular quarterly dividends of 1¾ per cent on preferred.

J. P. Morgan returned from abroad, and declines to discuss the proposed German loan, declaring there are many details to be considered before loan itself can be taken up.

April locomotive shipments from the principal plants totalled 73, against 217 in April, 1923; unfilled orders 640, against 2,204.

Atlantic Gulf for 1923 shows net of $1,628,000, against net loss of $3,582,000 in 1922.

Twenty industrials 92.04, down .43; 20 rails 81.94, up .06.

HAY AND STRAW

Associated Press Despatch.

Toronto, May 9.—Hay, extra No. 2 timothy, $14.50; No. 2 timothy, $14.50; No. 3 timothy, $12 to $14; mixed, $10 to $12; lower grades, $10.20 to $11.

Montreal, May 9.—A steady feeling prevails for baled hay. No. 2, per ton, carlots, $16.

Grain Markets

WINNIPEG

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, May 9.—The volume was not very large, today's wheat market developing strength after opening unchanged, strength at Chicago being construed as a bullish factor here. Throughout the session trading was very dull, but the early advance was held, and all futures closed ⅝c higher.

The Liverpool market continued to show weakness, and export buying was not very keen. Seaboard advices placed yesterday's wheat sales in all positions around 400,000, largely Manitobas. Weather conditions throughout the Canadian West continues favorable for spring work.

The future coarse grains were all showing strength today, and recovered Thursday's losses, the undertone being generally steady and a moderate trade worked. Flax was in fair demand, with prices about 1c higher.

Trading in cash wheat was very light today, with no particular feature, future offerings from country points being limited, while exporters were out of the market.

The cash coarse grains were all dull, with spreads unchanged.

Cash prices:

Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1.02⅝; No. 2 northern, 99⅜c; No. 3 northern, 96⅛c; No. 4, 91⅜c; No. 5, 85⅝c; No. 6, 78⅞c; feed, 72⅞c; track, $1.02⅝.

Oats—No. 2 C. W., 38⅜c; No. 3 C. W., 36⅜c; extra No. 1 feed, 36⅜c; No. 1 feed, 35¼c; No. 2 feed, 33¾c; rejected, 30¼c; track, 38¾c.

Barley—No. 3 C. W., 63¼c; No. 4 C. W., 58¼c; rejected, 53¾c; feed, 51¾c; track, 63¾c.

Flax—No. 1 N. W. C., $2.16⅞; No. 2 C. W., $2.12⅞; No. 3 C. W., $2.00⅞; rejected, $2.00⅞; track, $2.15⅞.

Rye—No. 2 C. W., 64⅞c.

WINNIPEG GRAIN FUTURES.

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company. Winnipeg, May 9.

	High	Low	Close
Wheat—			
May	$1 01¾	1 02⅝	1 01¾ 1 02⅝
July	1 03	1 03⅞	1 03 1 03⅝
Oct.	1 00	1 00⅝	99⅞ 1 00⅝
Oats—			
May	38¼	38¾	38¼ 38¾
July	39⅝	40⅜	39⅝ 40⅜
Oct.	38¼	38⅝	38¼ 38⅝
Flax—			
May	2 15⅛	2 15⅞	2 15⅛ 2 15⅞
July	2 12⅛	2 12¼	2 12 2 12¼
Oct.	1 86⅝	1 87¼	1 86⅝ 1 87¼

TORONTO.

Toronto, May 9.—Manitoba wheat, No. 1 northern, $1.09; No. 3 northern, $1.02½.

Standard screenings—$17.

Manitoba oats—No. 3 C. W., 41¼c; No. 1 feed, 40c.

American corn—No. 2 yellow, 95c.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, 99c to

WEEKLY TRADE REPORT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, May 9.—The weekly trade report of the Canadian Creditmen's Trust Association reads:

Halifax—Wholesalers report sales slightly improved; retail business only fair. Collections in some districts better.

St. John—Wholesale business meeting expectations, and retail trade fairly good. Collections fair.

Montreal—Good business reported in hardware and building supplies line. Drygoods and boots and shoes are satisfactory. Retail business is quite good.

Toronto—Business reported to be reasonably active in many lines, especially millinery, clothing, footwear and drygoods; further improvement is still looked for. Fair activity in most industries.

Winnipeg—Trade in most lines is keeping up to expectations, although reports indicate a falling off in certain commodities. Retail trade fair in city of Winnipeg, but quiet at country points, where farmers are all busy on land.

Regina—Wholesale trade is reported as diminished, while retail trade shows slight improvement. Collections fair.

Calgary—Spring activities causing considerable improvement in seasonable lines, particularly hardware. General tone of business healthy. Current collections good.

Vancouver — Conditions normal in wholesale grocery lines. Both wholesale and retail business in drygoods and hardware show decided improvement over previous week. Boots and shoes fair. Collections fair.

METALS

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, May 9.—Copper quiet. Electrolytic—Spot and nearby, 13⅜c; futures, 13⅜c to 13½c.

Tin—Firmer; spot and nearby, $47; futures, $46.

Iron—Steady; prices unchanged.

Lead—Steady; spot, $7.25 to $7.50.

Zinc—Steady; East St. Louis, spot and nearby, $5.75 to $5.80.

Antimony—Spot, $8.50.

EGG MARKET REVIEW

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, May 9.—The tone of the market for specials and extras remain firm, but show a slight reduction in prices for firsts and seconds. Ontario stocks on May 1 were 32,620 cases as compared with 8,418 cases for corresponding date last year.

Toronto—Specials, jobbing, 30c; extras, 28c; firsts 25c; seconds 27c. One car firsts offered at 25c f.o.b. Winnipeg; one car western firsts 26c; seconds 22c delivered Toronto. Two cars Ontario extras 29c; firsts 27c f.o.b. country points.

Montreal—Market is active with good demand; specials, jobbing, 32c to 33c; extras 29c to 30c; firsts 26c to 27c; seconds 23c to 24c; receipts continue very liberal, being far in excess of daily requirements, but as storing is heavy there is no pressure on the market.

Ottawa—Paying country points extras 25c; firsts 23c; jobbing extras 30c; firsts 27c; seconds 20c to 22c; retailing specials 40c; extras 35c to 38c; firsts 30c to 32c; seconds 25c. The quality of eggs received is exceptionally, good and movement into storage is heavy.

Manitoba — Receipts continue light with no change in prices.

Saskatchewan—Receipts heavy; prices unchanged.

Edmonton — Market unchanged; receipts heavy and quality good.

Calgary