

CHICAGO MARKET.

**CONTINENTAL CABLES ADVANCE—
WHEAT OPENS FIRMER—MARKET INCLINED TO BE DULL.**

Chicago, April 8.

Stronger foreign advices, with a better demand and more enquiry, helped the bulls at the opening of the wheat market.

The trading, however, was limited with the local element inclined to await the result of Monday's Government report. The Visible Supply is expected from this on to show average decreases. Provisions and Oats were dull. Corn steady.

The uncertainties of the wheat market are not likely to be altogether removed during the coming week. It will not be until all the snow is gone and the test of growth starting is had that the situation will be determined beyond peradventure. Although primarily wheat is in a strong position, speculatively it is not particularly healthy. This is largely due to the fact that there is no big purchasing power behind the market which is willing to accumulate a line and hold it.

The past winter's severe cold has delayed the progress of winter wheat, and will also delay the seeding of spring wheat to a large extent. Winter wheat is about three or four weeks behind, and spring wheat seeding should be delayed about the same period, as the ground is frozen from a foot to a foot and a half deeper than in average years. This will naturally decrease the acreage.

Stocks afloat in the United States are not up to the normal, and elevators are somewhat bare.

The Government report on Monday next is expected to be favorable to the growing plant, and to show that the damage has been over-rated, the increased acreage is expected to offset any damage that may have been done.

MONTREAL STREET EARNINGS.

	1898-9.	1897-8.	Inc.
Oct.	\$133,419.63	\$116,093.09	\$17,326.54
Nov.	125,125.09	110,698.98	14,426.11
Dec.	127,568.38	112,919.71	14,648.67
Jan.	128,088.54	109,268.46	15,320.08
Feb.	113,838.62	102,425.90	11,412.03
Mar.	123,954.29	114,677.91	9,276.38

For the last 6 months:

	1898.	1897.	Inc.
	750,208.68	667,796.47	82,412.21

	daily earnings.....	\$4,132.03
" " Increase	452.82	

Comparative statement for first 6 months of the last five years:

	Earnings.	Inc. over previous year.
1894-5	\$162,431.30	
1895-6	563,062.18	102,630.98
1896-7	602,019.07	36,986.89
1897-8	687,795.83	65,738.76
1898-9	750,208.68	82,412.21
Apr. 1, 1898	Inc... \$755.97	
" 2, 3,671.50	" 1,002.85	
" 2, 4,914.55	" 1,187.63	
" 4, 602.53	" 867.22	
" 5, 4,328.98	" 763.30	
" 6, 4,273.48	" 502.76	

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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

	CLOSING PRICES MAR. 30 TO APR. 7.—						Opening.	TO-DAY'S HIGHEST.	PRICES.	
	30	31	32	33	34	7		Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—										
May.....	73½-4	72	73	72½	71½	72½-3	72½	71	71-8	
July.....	73	72½	72½	72½	72½	72½-3	72½	71½	71½	
Sept.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70½	.....	.....	70	
Corn—										
May.....	36	34½	35	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½
July.....	36½	35½	35½-1	35½-1	35½	35½-1	35½	34½	34½	34½-35
Sept.....	37½	.....	36½	36½	36½	36½	36½	36½	36½	35½-8
Oats—										
May.....	26½-7	26½	26½-3	26½	26½	26½	26½	26½	26½	26½
July.....	25½	25½	25½	25½	25½	25½-1	25½	25½	25½	25½
Sept.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24½	24½	23½	23½	23½
Pork—										
May.....	9 15	9 10	9 25	9 25	9 27-30	9 30	9 30	9 25	9 27	
July.....	9 27	9 25	9 37	9 37	9 40	9 42	.....	.....	9 37	
Lard—										
May.....	5 30-2	5 27	5 32	5 30	5 30	6 30	.....	.....	5 27	
July.....	5 45	5 42	5 45	5 45	5 42	5 42	5 42	5 40	5 42	
Sept.....	5 57	.....	5 60	5 57	5 55	5 57	5 55	5 52	5 55	
Shrubs—										
May.....	4 75-7	5 75	4 80	4 80	4 77	.....	.....	.....	4 77	
July.....	4 87	4 87	4 92	5 02	4 90	4 90	.....	.....	4 87	
Sept.....	5 00	.....	5 05	4 90	5 02	.....	.....	.....	5 00	
Puts and Calls for April 10—Puts, Wheat.....	70						Puts, Corn.....	.....	34	
Calls, ".....	72½						Calls, "	.....	34½	

CRIPPLE CREEK MINING STOCKS

LONDON AND PARIS.

April 7, 1899.

Bid. Asked.

Anchoria-Leland .....	.93	.91
Battle Mt'n .....	.33	.34
Elkton.....	.92	.93
Findley.....	.19½	.10½
Gold Coin	2.00	....
Gold King.....	.92	....
Isabella.....	.88½	.89
Independent T. & N.....	.60½	.60½
Jack Pot.....	.42	.42
Matto.....	.37½	.39
Moon Anchor	1.16	1.17½
Portland.....	1.88	1.89½
Work.....	.18½	.19

Bank of England rate 3.
Open discounts rate 2½.
Paris Rentes 101-57½.
French Exchange 2½f. 21½c.

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P.M. P.M. P.M.

Cousols, money.....	110½	110½
Cousols, account.....	110½	110½
Atchison.....	22½	21½
Atchison pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio & Ohio.....	.....	.....	.....
Canadian Pacific.....	88½	88½	.....
" Consol. Deb. ....	.....	.....	.....
" Preference....	.....	.....	.....
Denver & Rio G. pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie.....	14½	14½	.....
Erie 1st pfd.....	39	39	.....
Hudson's Bay .....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois Central	117½	118	.....
Kansas & Texas.....	.....	.....	.....
Louis & Nash.....	66½	66½	.....
Mex.....	.....	.....	.....
Mex. Cent.....	.....	.....	.....
New York Central...	142½	142½	.....
Northern Pacific pfd.....	80½	80½	.....
Nor. & West. pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
Ontario & West.....	.....	27½	.....
Pennsylvania	69	68½	.....
Reading.....	12½	12½	.....
Reading 1st pfd.....	.....	.....	.....
*St. Paul.....	130½	130½	.....
Southern Ry.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern Ry pfd.....
Union Pacific.....	48	48
*Union Pacific pfd...	81½	81½
Wabash pfd	23½	24½
"Ex-Div.

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