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STEEL ISSUES FIRMER IN THE LOCAL MARKET

Toronto Electric Also Higher—New York Stocks Are Still Very Stagnant.

World Office,
Friday Evening, May 6.

Reported sales in the local market today show a moderately large business, with the range of quotations at a higher level. The feature of the day's trading was the further bidding up of the Dominion Steel issues. The common, preferred and bonds all sold higher, with the bonds in most prominence. The theory for the advance is placed on possible tariff changes beneficial to the company, and the getting of the property into more workable shape. The same arguments accompanied a similar rise nearly a year ago, and the present gossip may have about as much authenticity as its predecessor. These stocks carried considerable cantipulation and a like class of buying was attributed to the dealings in Toronto Electric, which was advanced nearly two points. The general list was decidedly quiet.

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At Boston to-day Dominion Steel closed bid 11½, asked 12, and Dominion Coal 65 to 66.

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Ennis & Stoppani, 21 Melinda-street, report the close on Northern Securities bid 99, asked 99⅝; Mackay common bid 23, asked 23½; Mackay preferred bid 67, asked 69.

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The management of American Hide and Leather will be reorganized.

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The dissolution of the ore pool means cheaper ore and cheaper pig iron ultimately in finished material.

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The estimate of the loss of the steel bond underwriting syndicate is over 10 per cent.

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The current consumption of bituminous coal is 40 per cent. less han a few months ago.

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London—Copper—Spot declined 2s 6d; futures declined 1s 3d; market easy.

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Goldman, Sachs & Co. have engaged $1,000,000 gold for export. Total to go out to-morrow, $4,500,000.

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The London and Paris Exchange, Limited, London, England, cabled to its branch office, at 34 Victoria-street, Toronto, to-day as follows: Marconi Wireless Telegraph, 1⅞; East Rands Extension, 2 5-16; Lerol, 1 3-16. Market closed good. Japanese, 79.

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April gross earnings show a general falling off; decline over 12 per cent. in net earnings of 55 roads for the month of March.

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Shamokin, Pa.—Fire in an unknown manner broke out in the Locust Cap Slope last night. Three men are entombed. The fire is stil burning. The slope is operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Company.

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Philadelphia—It is stated that nearly 25,000 shares of Pennsylvania were shipped to New York yesterday, to meet the borrowing demand from the shorts in that city.

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Joseph says: The market is narrow. Manhattan is as scarce as hens' teeth. Buy on any activity. Rock Island common and preferred will positively go better. Pool in Realty preferred talks 75, but there are greater attractions. Buy Union Pacific convertibles. These bonds are absolutely good and cheap. On any activity take on some Sugar, in which excellent trading profits may be quickly made. Con. Gas will discount the governor signing the Remsen bill. Specialties—Reading is a good purchase around 43.

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Charles Head & Co. to R. R. Bongard: There is talk of further bearish pressure upon Steel preferred, for which there is little demand, except that furnished by supporting orders and an extended short interest. The bear crowd in Pennsylvania are taking confidently of lower prices. On any decline of a point or so, we believe purchases should be made for moderate turns.

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Ennis & Stoppani to J. L. Mitchell: Rock Island preferred is working toward a level more commensurate with an issue of controlling policy of one of our greatest railroads. Some new developments must arise before bears will accomplish much in depressing prices.

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Aemilius Jarvis & Co. in their circular say: Our market has shown lately much more proportionate activity than the New York market, more especially in investment buying, and it was noticeable that on two or three of the dullest days the American market has seen recently, the transactions on our board evidenced much more public interest.

Many questions are being asked as to the important step about to be taken by the British America and Western companies. Owing to severe losses in the recent fires, these companies have found their capital seriously impaired, and have found it necessary to reduce their capitalization, replacing the capital so written off by a fresh issue of stock. This the shareholders are entitled to subscribe to at par, and, while the average shareholder will not probably avail himself of the opportunity, we understand that an arrangement has been made for the underwriting of the stock. The directors think that with the very heavy increase in rates the companies will be able to recuperate before long.

There has been some enquiry recently for Canadian General Electric, but, with the general improvement in our markets, owners of this stock did not feel inclined to sell. Purchasers have therefore had to advance their bids, and the stock rose with hardly a transaction, from around 140 to 148½, which price it touched yesterday.

The Dominion Steel securities are again attracting buyers. The bonds have been dealt in to a large extent in the past two weeks, advancing to between 67 and 68, the highest point for a considerable time. It looks as tho the friends of the company were doing what was formerly very much neglected, that is, taking care of the higher class of securities instead of forcing up the common stock.

Sao Paulo has continued to attract a good deal of attention, and early in the week the stock sold at 99⅝, the highest price for over a year. At around this figure a good deal was taken for investment, again proving that the investor rarely gets in at the best price. The company is now earning sufficient to put a large sum to the credit of the reserve account, after payment of its dividend at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum; in fact, so far as its earning power is concerned, the dividend might reasonably be increased. There have been many transactions in the bonds of this company recently. They are a safe investment, and pay on the purchase price a return of over 5¾ per cent. They have been selling recently at around 86 and accrued interest. Too low for such a security.

Weekly Failures.

Dun's Mercantile Agency reports the number of failures in the Dominion during the past week, in provinces, as compared with those of previous weeks is as follows:

	Ont.	Que.	N. S.	N. B.	P.E.I.	Man.	B. C.	Total	1903.
May 5	10	13	1	1	..	2	1	28	24
April 28	12	6	1	..	..	..	1	20	15
April 21	3	8	1	..	..	..	..	14	27
April 14	4	4	3	..	..	..	..	15	20
April 7	11	6	2	..	..	3	1	23	9
Mar. 31	9	9	1	..	..	..	..	19	20
Mar. 24	2	8	3	1	..	5	3	20	24

Dominion Bank Clearings.

The aggregate bank clearings in the Dominion for the past week, with the usual comparisons, are as follows:

	1904. May 5.	1904. April 28.	1903. May 8.
Montreal	$20,837,689	$16,400,589	$24,760,700
Toronto	15,164,362	12,840,328	16,224,366
Winnipeg	6,394,972	4,266,757	5,646,763
Halifax	1,889,750	1,559,018	1,862,178
Quebec	1,718,178	1,279,573	1,617,381
Ottawa	2,489,817	1,838,961	2,389,252
Hamilton	1,326,432	1,007,903	1,150,311
St. John	1,117,599	914,154	961,966
Vancouver	.....	1,278,893	1,286,022
Victoria	500,552	556,798	531,672
London	972,523	753,839	1,022,775

Railway Earnings.

Net earnings of the Union Pacific for March, increase $72,000.

Southern Pacific for March, net increase $220,342.

Kansas City, Southern, net increase $45,540 for March.

Chicago and Alton for March, net increase $21,484.

Soo for the fourth week of April, decrease $37,351.

Detroit Southern, same time, decrease $10,239.

St. L. and S. W. for March, net decrease $30,104.

The Twin City Rapid Transit Company's earnings for the last week in April amounted to $90,174, being an increase over the same period last year of $4692, or 4.97 per cent.

On Wall Street.

Marshall, Spader & Co. wired J. G. Beaty, King Edward Hotel, at the close of the market to-day:

The market almost defies description today, and while there were plenty of influences they were for the most part against values, but no serious loss in any direction took place, and, in fact, on the smallest trading for some time past fractional gains were made.

Transactions showed lack of pressure. Pennsylvania advanced after selling early under 114. R. I. preferred continued to be absorbed and a further improvement in these shares is talked about. The industrials were very steady, even U. S. Steel being either without or able to resist pressure, but what avails it to note these things in a market like this? The situation may be in process of developing something interesting, but meantime it is dull beyond description.

The crop news of the day was still against winter wheat, and excessive rain in some directions with very low temperatures is not conducive to good growth of any vegetation. It does not appear that as a market influence this is now under consideration. Exports of gold are now beginning on a scale which promises to make this question very soon indicative of the extent of our obligations abroad from various causes.

Added to a disbursement of $50,000,000 on the Panama Canal account, nearly all of which will leave the country, we are quite likely to have a debit balance against the Japanese expenditures for war supplies in Europe. That country has already shipped us over $40,000,000, with more to come, and it has been generally supposed that a large part of this is intended for Europe. Apart from the above, our ordinary balance of trade indebtedness was expected to demand moderate exports of gold during the summer.

It is for these reasons that the gold movement may continue to focus the eye of traders for some time in the future, as it is not expected to add to money rates to an oppressive degree. The near future of the market will probably very much resemble the recent past. There is no incentive to more than casual operations

Money Markets.

The Bank of England discount rate is 3 per cent. Money, 1 to 1¼ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2 1-16 to 2⅛ per cent.; three-months' bills, 2¼ to 2⅛ per cent. New York call money, highest 1½ per cent., last loan, 1¼ per cent. Call money in Toronto, 5 to 5½ per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

Messrs. Glazebrook and Becher, exchange brokers, Traders' Bank building, (Tel. 1091), to-day report closing exchange rates as follows:

	Between Banks Buyers	Sellers	Counter.
N.Y.Funds..	par	1-32 prem	1-8 to 1-4
Mont'l Funds	par	par	1-8 to 1-4
60 days sight.	9 3-32	9 5-32	93-8 to 9 1-2
Demand Stg.	9 9-16	9 19-32	9 7-8 to 10
Cable Trans..	9 5-8	9 21 32	10 to 10 1-8

—Rates in New York—

	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, 60 days.....	4.86	4.84.90 to.....
Sterling, demand	4.88	4.86.95 to.....

Price of Silver.

Bar silver in London, 25 7-16d per ounce. Bar silver in New York, 55⅛c per ounce. Mexican dollars, 43¾c.

Toronto Stocks.

	May 5. Ask.	Bid.	May 6. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	...	247	...	249
Ontario	...	128½	...	128
Toronto	...	229	...	229
Merchants	...	158	...	159
Commerce	...	153	...	153
Imperial	...	227½	226	218
Dominion	...	...	238	226½
Standard	...	...	...	...
Hamilton	...	210	208½	210
Nova Scotia	...	...	...	...
Ottawa	...	...	...	...
Traders	...	136½	137½	139½
Royal	...	...	...	206½
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	...	94	...	94
C. N. W. L. pref.	...	100	...	99½
do., com	...	100	...	...
C. P. R. stock	...	117½	117⅛	117¾
M.St.P. & S.S. pr.	...	118¼	118	120
do., com.	...	62¼	62	63
Tor. Elec. Light	...	135½	134	...
Can. Gen. El.	...	147¾	147	148½
do., pref.	...	...	...	...
London Electric	...	100	...	100
Commercial Cable	...	...	...	...
Dom. Telegraph	...	120	...	118
Bell Telephone	...	146	144½	145¾
Rich. & Ont.	...	87½	86½	...
Northern Nav.	...	...	90	...
St. L. & C. Nav.	...	95	...	95
Niagara Nav	...	120	118	120
Toronto Railway	...	102⅜	101½	103⅞
London St. Ry.	...	...	...	...
Twin City	...	94	93¾	94½
Winnipeg St. Ry.	...	160	...	160
Sao Paulo Tram.	...	99	98⅞	99
Toledo Railway	...	...	...	...
Luxfer prism	...	...	...	...
Mackay com.	...	23¾	23	25
do., pref.	...	69	67½	68½
Packers' (A) pref.	...	...	...	...
do., (B) pref.	...	...	...	...
Dom. Steel com.	...	10½	10⅛	11⅜
do., pref	...	...	20½	35¼
do., bonds	...	...	66½	69¼
Dom. Coal com.	...	66	65⅛	66½
N. S. Steel com.	...	76¾	76	78
do., bonds	...	108	106	...
Lake Superior,com	...	...	...	...
Canada Salt	...	115	...	115
War Eagle	...	...	...	...
Republic	...	...	...	...
Payne Mining	...	...	...	...
Cariboo (McK.)	...	...	...	...
Virtue	...	...	...	...
North Star	...	...	...	...
Crow's Nest Coal	350	...	350	...
Brit. Canadian	...	80	...	80
Can. Landed	...	107	105	107
Can. Per.	...	122¾	121½	122¼
Can. S. & L.	...	119½	...	119½
Can. Can. Loan	...	150	...	150
Dom. S. & I.	...	70	...	70
Hum. Provident	...	120	...	120
Huron & Erie	...	180	...	180
Imperial L. & I.	...	...	...	...
Landed B. & L.	...	120	...	120
Lon. & Can.	...	92½	...	92
Manitoba Loan	...	95	...	95
Tor. Mortgage	...	90	...	90
London Loan	...	120	...	...
Ont. L. & D.	...	122	...	122
People's L. & D.	...	...	...	...
Real Estate	...	...	...	...
Toronto S. & L.	...	130	...	130

Morning sales: Merchants' Bank, 5 at 153½; Bank of Commerce, 3at 154; Imperial Bank, 1 at 218; Toronto Electric, 25, 10 at 134¾, 25 at 134⅞, 25 at 134½; Sao Paulo, 20 at 98⅝; Ontario Loan, 20 per cent. paid, 1 at 102½; Canadian Pacific, 75 at 117; Dominion Bank, 50 at 226¾; Toronto Railway, 5 at 102; N. S. Steel, 25, 25 at 77, 25 at 76¾, 10 at 76, 25 at 76¾; Dominion Steel, 23 at 10¾, 50 at 10¾, 50 at 10⅞, 50 at 10⅝, 150 at 10½, 100 at 10¼, 100 at 10⅜, 100 at 10¼, 100 at 10⅛; Dominion Coal, 25, 25 at 65½; Dominion Steel bonds, $2000, $5000 at 68⅜, $2000 at 68½.

Afternoon sales: Toronto Electric, 10 at 135, 25 at 135½, 25 at 135¾, 20 at 136, 10 at 135⅞, 25 at 136⅝, 35 at 136½; Twin City, 25 at 94, 25,25 at 94⅜; Telephone, 100, 75, 25 at 145½; General Electric, 25, 10 at 148; Toronto Railway, 50 at 102½; Sao Paulo, 5 at 98; Steel common, 50 at 11, 50 at 11⅜, 50 at 11½, 150 at 11⅝; pref., 25 at 32½, 25 at 33½, 25 at 35½; Coal, 10 at 65½, 25 at 66; bonds, $3000 at 68½, $3000 at 68¾, $5000 at 69, $25,000 at 68⅝, $5000 at 69, $2000 at 69⅛, $2000 at 69¼; N. S. Steel, 25 at 76⅞, 75 at 77, 50 at 77⅛; Hamilton Bank, 15 at 210.

Montreal Stocks.

Montreal, May 6.—Closing quotations to-day:

	Ask.	Bid.
C. P. R.	117½	117⅜
Toledo	22	19¾
Montreal Railway	269	269
Toronto Railway	102	101⅞
Detroit Railway	84	83¾
Halifax Railway	98	93⅜
Twin City	94⅝	94⅛
Dominion Steel	13	12
do., pref	35½	35¼
Richelieu	88	87½
Montreal L., H. and P.	74	73⅞
Bell Telephone	147	145
Dominion Coal	66	...
Nova Scotia	77½	76½
Montreal Cotton	110	...
Merchants' Cotton	...	...
Colored Cotton	...	...
Bank of Toronto	...	...
Hochelaga	...	...
Commerce	...	...
Montreal Railway bonds	...	...
Dominion Steel bonds	70	68⅞
Ontario Bank	...	...
Lake of the Woods	...	...
War Eagle	...	...
Quebec	130	...
N. W. Land preferred	70	...
Montreal Bank	250	248½
Merchants' Bank	160	159
M. S. M., preferred	...	...
do. common	...	...
Imperial Bank	...	...
Mackay	24¼	23¾
do., pref	68½	68

Morning sales: C.P.R., 50 at 117½, 10 at 117⅝; Power, 100 at 74½; Richelieu and Ont., 25 at 87; Dominion Steel, pref., 20 at 31, 50 at 31¾, 150 at 32; Dominion Steel, 65 at 10⅝, 112 at 10¾, 50 at 10½, 10 at 10⅝, 150 at 10½, 125 at 10¾; Coal, 50 at 65; Toronto Railway, 25 at 101⅝; Detroit 25 at 62½, 30 at 62⅝, 75 at 62½; N.S. Steel, 25 at 76, 25 at 76¼, 25 at 76½; Bell Telephone, 25 at 145, 1 at 144½; Montreal Railway, 25 at 269½, 25 at new, at 268; Twin City, 50 at 94½; Mackay pref., 25 at 68; Montreal Bank, 28 at 250; Merchants' Bank, 85 at 160; Dominion Steel bonds, $5000 at 67¾, $2000 at 68, $7000 at 68⅛, $8000 at 68¼, $2000 at 68⅜.

Afternoon sales: Dominion Steel, 25 at 10⅝, 10 at 11, 150 at 10⅞, 110 at 11, 25 at 11⅛, 50 at 12; Twin City, 200 at 94½, 125 at 94¾, 75 at 94⅝; Richelieu, 25 at 87½; Power, 25 at 74; Steel preferred, 25 at 35, 75 at 35½; Ogilvie preferred, 1 at 120; Mackay preferred, 50 at 69¼; Mackay 10 at 23½; Montreal Bank, 14 at 250; Steel bonds, $2000 at 68¾, $12,000 at 69, $4000 at 69⅜, $7000 at 69¼, $2000 at 69½, $2000 at 69¾, $2000 at 70.

New York Stocks.

J. G. Beaty (Marshall, Spader & Co.), King Edward Hotel, reports the following fluctuations in New York stocks to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
B. & O.	79	...	78⅞	79
Can. Sou	...	...	...	...
C. C. C	70¼	...	...	...
C. & A.	38	...	...	...
C. G. W.	15⅝	16	15¼	16
Duluth	...	...	...	...
do., pref	...	...	...	...
Erie	24½	25	24½	25
do., 1st pref	63¼	63⅞	63⅛	63⅞
do., 2nd pref	...	...	...	...
Ill Central	130	130⅜	130	130¼
N. W.	...	...	...	...
N. Y. C.	115⅞	...	...	...
Ont. & W.	25⅝	28¼	22⅝	22⅞
do., pref	66	67	65⅞	66¾
Atchison	72¼	72⅜	72⅛	72½
do., pref	92⅜	93	92¾	93
C. P. R.	117¼	...	117⅛	117¼
Col. Sou	16½	...	...	...
do. 2nds	...	...	...	...
Denver, pref	...	...	...	...
K. & T.	...	...	...	...
do., pref	...	...	...	...
L. & N.	107¼	107¾	107½	107⅝
Mex. Central	7¼	...	...	...
Mexican Nat.	...	...	...	...
Mo. Pacific	91⅜	91¾	91⅜	91½
San. Francisco	...	...	...	...
do., 2nds	48	...	...	...
S. So Marie	62	...	...	...
do., pref	131	...	...	...
St. Paul	142⅜	142⅞	142⅜	142⅞
Sou. Pacific	47¼	47½	47	47⅜
Sou. Railway	21	...	...	...
do., pref	83½	...	...	...
S. L. S. W.	...	...	...	...
do., pref	32⅜	...	32½	...
U. P.	84⅝	...	84⅜	84⅝
do., pref	...	...	...	...
Wabash	...	...	...	...
do., pref	...	...	...	...
do., B bonds	60⅜	61¼	60⅜	61¼
Wis. Cen	...	...	...	...
do., pref	...	...	...	...
Texas Pacific	22⅜	...	...	...
C. F. & I	30½	32¼	30½	32¼
C. & O.	30¼	...	...	...
D. & H.	...	...	...	...
D. & L.	...	...	...	...
N. & W.	56⅜	57	56⅜	57
Hocking Valley	...	...	...	...
O. & W.	21⅛	21⅝	21½	21⅝
Reading	43¼	43⅝	43¼	43⅝
do. 1st pref	...	...	...	...
do., 2nd pref	...	...	...	...
Penn. Central	114	114½	113⅞	114⅞
T. C. & I	35⅛	...	...	...
A. C. O.	...	...	...	...
Amal. Copper	47⅞	48	47⅝	47⅞
Anaconda	...	...	...	...
Sugar	127	127⅝	127	127½
B. R. T.	45⅜	46½	45⅜	46¼
Car Foundry	17⅜	17⅝	17⅜	...
Consumers' Gas	208½	208¾	208	208¾
Gen. Electric	...	...	...	...
Leather	...	...	...	...
do., pref	...	...	...	...
Lead	...	...	...	...
Locomotive	18½	19⅜	18½	19⅜
Manhattan	142⅜	143¾	142½	145⅞
Metropolitan	100¼	100⅜	108¾	100¼
Nor. American	84	...	...	...
Pacific Mail	27	...	...	...
People's Gas	97⅜	...	97¼	...
Republic Steel	...	...	...	...
Rubber	...	...	...	...
Sloss	...	...	...	...
Smelters	49	...	...	...
U. S. Steel	10⅛	...	...	...
do., pref	55⅜	55½	55½	55⅜
Twin City	94¼	94⅜	94½	94⅜
W. U.	88⅛	89⅝	88½	89½

Sales to noon, 66,700; total sales, 130,600.

London Stocks.

	May 5. Last Quo.	May 6. Last Quo.
Consols, money	89 9-16	89⅜
Consols, account	89 11-16	89⅞
Atchison	74⅞	73½
do., pref	95½	95½
Anaconda	4	4
Chesapeake and Ohio	31½	31¼
Baltimore and Ohio	80	80¾
St. Paul	147	146½
Denver and Rio Grande	20¾	20¾
do., preferred	72	72
Chicago Great Western	16	16
C. P. R.	120	120½
Erie	25⅝	25⅜
do., 1st pref	65¼	65½
do., 2nd pref	40	40
Illinois Central	133¾	133½
Kansas & Texas	17⅜	17⅜
Louisville and Nashville	110	110¼
New York Central	118⅜	118½
Norfolk and Western	58⅜	58½
do., pref	90½	90½
Ontario and Western	22	22
Pennsylvania	60½	60¼
Southern Pacific	48⅞	48½
Southern Railway	21⅜	21⅜
do., pref	87	86½
United States Steel	10½	10½
do., pref	56⅞	56⅜
Union Pacific	87½	86⅜
Wabash	18½	18½
do., preferred	38½	30

Standard Stock & Mining Exchange

	May 5. Ask.	Bid.	May 6. Ask.	Bid.
Rambler Cariboo	28	24	28	24¾
Centre Star	28	26	28	26

Dominion Bank

TORONTO

Capital Paid Up - - $3,000,000

Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits - $3,474,000

A general banking business transacted.

Savings Bank Department in connection with all offices of the bank. 246

Deposits of $1 and upwards received.

HEAD OFFICE—COR. KING AND YONGE STS.

WHEAT PRICES HIGHER CROP NEWS IS BULLISH

Modern Miller Says Little Old Wheat in Farmers' Hands—Liverpool Firmer.

World Office,
Friday Evening, May 6.

Liverpool wheat and corn futures closed to-day ¾d higher than yesterday.

At Chicago, July wheat closed 1c higher than yesterday, July corn ¼c lower, and July oats ¼c lower.

Kentucky state report on wheat gives 60 per cent., as against 75 per cent. last year.

Car lots at Chicago to-day: Wheat, 23; contract, 2; corn, 211, 22; oats, 68, 11.

Ohio state crop report: Wheat condition, 53, against 67 last month.

Northwest receipts to-day, 51 cars; week ago, 71; year ago, 81.

Primary receipts: Wheat, 142,000, against 208,000; corn, 408,000, against 379,000. Shipments: Wheat, 170,000, against 446,000; corn, 245,000, against 329,000.

Bradstreet's reports American wheat exports this week, 1,102,000; last week, 1,010,000; last year, 3,200,000.

Argentine shipments this week, 3,323,000; corn, 350,000; last week; wheat, 3,424,000; corn, 592,000; last year, wheat, 2,516,000; corn, 1,330,000.

Argentine wheat shipments from Jan. 1 to date, 50,555,000; same period year ago, 32,402,000; increase, 18,153,000; corn, 11,388,000.

The Northwestern Miller says: Flour output this week will probably not be much over 100,000 barrels. While flour market is generally considered about as dull as it could well be, somewhat more flour seems to have been sold last week than was previously the case. A good indication to some millers was the inquiry for prices of flour by large men in the trade.

Snow reports show decline in condition of winter wheat, as compared with the condition April 1, as follows: Ohio 12, Michigan 20, Indiana 19, Illinois 6, Oklahoma 15, Kansas and Nebraska gained 1 per cent.

The Modern Miller, St. Louis, says to-day: Replies to numerous inquiries regarding the changes in the condition of the winter wheat crop during April show that there was considerable decline in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Improvement was noted in Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Kansas. Especially was this true in Kansas, in central and eastern section of the state, while conditions in the western part were poor. In Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Oklahoma, a large acreage has been abandoned, but the loss elsewhere in this respect is small. All states report practically no old wheat held by farmers, except Kansas, and the reserves there are unusually small.

Puts and calls, as reported by Ennis & Stoppani, 21 Melinda-street, Toronto: Milwaukee July wheat—Puts 85⅝c; calls, 86¾c to 86⅞c. New York July wheat—Puts 90¼c, calls 91⅝c.

Foreign Markets.

London, May 6.—Close—Corn—Spot quotations, American mixed, 20s 3d. Flour—Spot quotations, Minneapolis patent, 26s 9d. Wheat—On passage quiet, but steady.

Mark Lane Miller Market—Wheat—Foreign and English quiet but steady. Corn—American and Danubian, nothing doing. Flour—English and American quiet.

Paris—Close—Wheat—Tone steady; May 21f, Sept. and Dec. 20f 35c. Flour—Tone steady. May 27f 80c, Sept and Dec. 27f 45c.

Antwerp—Close—Wheat—Spot steady; Walla, 16⅞f.

Leading Wheat Markets.

	May.	July.	Sept.
New York	93½	90¾	84⅝
St. Louis	93⅜	84½	81½
Duluth	92⅝	92½	81½
Toledo	104	91¼	87⅛
Minneapolis	93	92⅞	81⅝

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 12 loads of hay and a few dressed hogs.

Hay—Twelve loads sold at $12 to $14.50 per ton for timothy and $9 per ton for one load of mixed hay.

Dressed Hogs—Deliveries light, with prices firmer at $7 to $7.25 per cwt. for choice light butchers' hogs.

Potatoes—Prices firm at $1.15 to $1.20 per bag for farmers' loads. Car lots are worth $1.10 per bag on track at Toronto.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 90	to ....
Wheat, red, bush	0 90	....
Wheat, spring, bush	0 90	....
Barley, bush	0 46	....
Beans, bush	1 35	....
Rye, bush	0 58	....
Peas, bush	0 66	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 47	0 48
Oats, bush	0 37	0 40½
Seeds—		
Alsike, No. 1	$4 80	to $5 25
Alsike, good No. 2	4 00	4 40
Alsike, fancy	4 75	5 00
Red, choice	5 50	5 80
Red, fancy	6 00	6 20
Red, good No. 2	5 00	5 40
Timothy seed	1 00	1 50
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$12 00	to $14 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	10 00	....
Straw, loose, per ton	7 00	....
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per bag	$1 15	to $1 20
Apples, per bbl	1 25	2 50
Cabbage, per doz	0 40	0 50
Cabbage, red, each	0 05	0 10
Beets, per peck	0 15	....
Cauliflower, per doz	1 00	2 00
Carrots, red	0 30	0 50
Celery, per doz	0 30	0 50
Turnips, per bag	0 30	....
Poultry—		
Spring chickens, per lb	$0 14	to $0 16
Old fowl, per lb	0 09	0 11
Turkeys, per lb	0 18	0 20
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 20	to $0 23
Eggs, new-laid	0 14	0 16
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$5 00	to $6 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 00	8 00
Mutton, heavy, cwt	6 00	7 00
Mutton, light, cwt	8 00	9 00
Yearling lambs, d's'd, cwt	10 00	11 00
Spring lambs, each	3 00	6 00
Veals, carcase, cwt	7 00	8 50
Dressed hogs, cwt	6 50	7 25

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled, car lots, ton	$9 00	to $9 50
Straw, baled, car lots, ton	5 00	5 75
Dressed hogs, car lots	6 25	....
Potatoes, car lots	1 10	....
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 16	0 18
Butter, tubs, lb	0 15	0 16
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 19	0 20
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 18	0 19
Butter, bakers', tub	0 12	0 14
Eggs, new-laid, doz	0 14	....
Turkeys, per lb	0 12½	0 17
Chickens, per lb	0 12½	0 14
Fowl, per lb	0 09	0 10
Honey, per lb	0 07	0 08

Hides and Wool.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter, 85 East Front-street, Wholesale Dealer in Wool, Hides, Calf and Sheep Skins, Tallow, etc.,

Hides, No. 1 steers, ins	$0 07½	to $....
Hides, No. 2 steers, ins	0 06½	....
Hides, No. 1, inspected	0 07	....
Hides, No. 2, inspected	0 06	....
Calfskins, No. 1, selected	0 09	....
Calfskins, No. 2, selected	0 07	....
Deacons (dairies), each	0 65	....
Lambskins	0 15	0 20
Sheepskins	1 00	1 15
Wool, fleece, new crop	0 15	0 16
Wool, unwashed	0 09	0 10
Tallow, rendered	0 04¾	0 05

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Manitoba, first patents, $5; Manitoba, second patents, $4.70, and $4.60 for strong bakers', bags included, on track at Toronto; 90 per cent. patents, in buyers' bags, east or middle freights, $3.60; Manitoba bran, sacked, $20 per ton; shorts, sacked, $24 per ton at Toronto.

Wheat—Red and white are worth 93c, middle freight; goose, 81c, middle freight; spring, 86c; Manitoba No. 1 hard, $1.04, grinding in transit; No. 1 Northern, 90c.

Barley—No. 2 at 44c; No. 3 X at 41c.

Oats—Oats are quoted at 31c, high freight, and 32c east for No. 1.

Corn—Canadian arriving in poor condition at 45c; American, 58c for No. 3 yellow, on track at Toronto.

Peas—Peas, 65c to 66c bid, high freight, for milling.

Rye—Quoted at about 57c middle and 58c east.

Buckwheat—Buckwheat, 51c, eastern freights.

Bran—City mills sell bran at $18, and shorts at $20, car lots, f.o.b., at Toronto.

Oatmeal—At $4.50 in bags and $4.75 in barrels, car lots, on track, Toronto; local lots 25c higher.

Toronto Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.38, and No. 1 yellow, $3.78. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots 5c less.

Chicago Markets.

J. G. Beaty (Marshall, Spader & Co.), King Edward Hotel, reports the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	90⅛	91½	90	91⅝
July	85⅝	86½	85½	86⅜
Sept.	80