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STRENGTH IN CHICAGO CONTINUES —FIRMER FEELING ABROAD.

Trade on the Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges—Business of Swedish Railways—Canadian Oil Traffic and Outlook—Gossip from New York.

MONDAY EVENING, May 14.

Trading on the Toronto stock exchange was fairly brisk to-day, the transactions amounting to 631 shares. Prices were as a rule steady. British America, Northwest Land and Montreal Bank, xd., were stronger. In the forenoon British America was quoted at 94 and 93. Western Assurance, 145¾ and 143¾; Consumers' Gas, 184 and 182; Dominion Telegraph, 83½ bid; Northwest Land, 55 bid; Canada Permanent, 204 and 200; Freehold, 170 bid; West. Can., 138 bid; Union, 134½ and 132; Can. Landed Credit, 123 bid; B. and Loan Assn., 103 and 102½; Imperial S. and Invest., 115 bid; Lon. and Can. L. & A., 145 and 144½; People's Loan, 110 bid; Huron & Erie, 157 bid; Dom. Sav. & Loan, 94 asked; Ont. Loan & Deb., 117½ bid; Hamilton Prov., 120½ asked; Ont. Industrial, 100 asked. In the afternoon British America was quoted at 92 bid; West. Assurance, 145 and 143¾; Consumers' Gas, 184 and 182; Dom. Tel., 90 and 85½; N.-W. Land, 57 and 55; B. & Loan Ass., 103½ and 102½.

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The following table shows to-day's quotations of bank stocks:

STOCKS.	11 A.M. Ask'd.	11 A.M. Bid.	4 P.M. Ask'd.	4 P.M. Bid.
Montreal	216¼	215¾	216¼	215¾
Montreal, xd	211¾	210¾	.....	210
Ontario	125	123¾	124¾	123
Toronto	.....	207	.....	207
Merchants'	184	181	184	181¼
Commerce	120	119¾	120¼	119¾
Commerce, xd	116¼	116¼	117	116¼
Imperial	.....	137	.....	136¾
Dominion	216	215	.....	214
Standard	129	127¾	129	127¼
Hamilton	.....	183	.....	180¾

Transactions: In the forenoon—5 of Ontario at 123¼; 20, 34 and 30 of Commerce at 120; 20 of Commerce, 24, at 119¾; 100, 80, 2 and 5 of Northwest Land at 55¾. In the afternoon—10 of Montreal at 216, 200 of Northwest Land at 55¾ reported; 20 at 56; 20 at 55¾ and 34 at 57; 4 of Canada Permanent at 200.

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

MONTREAL, May 14, 11.45 a.m.—Montreal, 216¼ and 215; Montreal, xd., 212¼ and 210; Ontario, offered, 124, sales, 1 at 124; People's, 105½ and 103; Toronto, 215 and 207½; Merchants', 184 and 182; Commerce, 121 and 120, sales, 50 at 120; Commerce, xd., 117½ and 116¼; Mont. Tel. Co., 95¾ and 94¾; N.-W. Land Co., 60 asked; Richelieu, 64 and 63; City Passenger, 213 and 200; Gas Co., 212 and 211½; C.P.R., 60 and 59¾.

MONTREAL, May 14, 3.50 p.m.—Montreal, 217 and 215; Montreal, xd., 211¼ and 210; Ontario, 124 and 122; People's, 105 and 104; Molsons, offered, 140, sales 24 at 142; Toronto, 211 and 207; Jacques Cartier, 90 and 85, sales 5 at 90; Merchants', 184 and 183¾, sales 56 at 183¾; Merchants', xd., 181 and 179½; Commerce, 120¼ and 120, sales 100 at 120¼ and 5 at 120; Commerce, xd., 117 at 116; Mont. Tel. Co., 95½ and 93, sales 5 at 95; N.-W. Land, 56a 6d and 55a 3d; Richelieu, 64¾ and 63¾, sales 25 at 63¾ and 25 at 63¾; City Passenger, 213 and 209; Gas Co., 211¼ and 211; sales 25 at 211¼ and 125 at 211; C.P.R., 60½ and 59¾.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

To-day's fluctuations in the New York stock market are as follows, as received by Hanrahan & Co.:

STOCKS.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
Cent. Pac.	32¼	32¼	32¼	32¼	.....
Canada So.	50½	50½	50½	50½	700
D. L. & W.	129½	129½	129½	129½	800
Erie	.....	.....	.....	.....	300
Erie, pf.	24	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lou. and Nashville	66½	66½	66½	66½	1500
Lake Shore	91½	91½	91½	91½	3400
M. K. and T.	14¼	14¾	14¼	14¾	600
No. Pacific	27¼	27¼	26¾	26¾	300
N. Y. Cent.	84	84¼	84	84	1300
N. J. Cent.	36½	36½	36½	36½	100
Northwest	109½	109½	109½	109½	100
N. Y. & N. E.	40¾	41¼	40¾	41	200
Reading	41¾	41¾	41¾	41¾	46,300
St. Paul	79½	79½	78¾	78¾	16,700
Union Pac.	76½	76½	76½	76½	14,800
Western Union	76½	77	76½	76¾	800

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WALL STREET GOSSIP.

Robt. Cochran received this despatch from his New York agents to-day:

NEW YORK, May 14.—There was only a limited attendance at the Windsor yesterday. The usual habitues put in an appearance during the evening, and their opinions while not being novel, were unmistakably bullish. Nearly every trader was a bull. Without doubt they thought the market would improve, particularly if Europe continued to buy, which was probable, considering the reassuring tone of despatches sent to the other side last night by foreign bankers. It commences to look as if Wall will vote to increase the rate of dividends in June. The point is given that the company will return to a 6 per cent. basis this year. Both Sage and Gould favor an advance on account of increase in business, which, as Wormser says, is strictly cash and no rebates.

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EUROPEAN AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Robert Cochran received these London financial quotations to-day: London, 12 30—C.P.R., 61; Erie, 32; Ill. Cen., 128½, 4.30 p.m.—N.Y.C., 108½; Lake Shore, 92½; C.P.R., 61; Ill. Cent., 124; Erie, 29; Reading, 31½; Lon. & Nash., 88; St. Paul, 75.

From a report just published of the working of the Swedish state railways in 1887, says London Iron, it appears that their total length at the end of last year was 1556 miles, an increase in 1887 of 83 miles. The value of the lines is estimated at £13,750,000, and the gross receipts were £1,070,000, leaving a profit of £325,000, or £30,000 less than in the preceding year. The net return on the capital sunk in the state lines was 2.14 per cent in 1887, against 2.77 per cent in 1886. The working expenditure varied from 0.68 to 4.05 per cent. The number of passengers carried was 4,085,000, being 60,000 less than in 1886; two-thirds of them traveled third class. The transport of iron ore increased by 5000 tons, but that of manufactured iron decreased by 20,000 tons.

The report of the National Transit Company for April shows a reduction in stocks of 414,112.67 barrels during the month and an increase in acceptance of 113,112.73 barrels, making an apparent net decrease in stocks of 270,899.94. The Transit, however, received 271,993.69 barrels from other lines, and delivered 36,012.42 barrels, in this way drawing on the stocks to the further extent of 235,981.27 barrels, and making a net decrease, so far as reported, of 506,881.11 barrels. Credit balances are mostly for what is known as "premium oil," and do not affect the speculative market.

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A matter of no little importance to the granger lines is the statement that the Canadian Pacific has acquired a virtual control of the "Soo" road and the other properties lately consolidated with it. The first report of a direct sale to the Canadian road was, however, denied only to be followed by acknowledgements by parties in interest that the controlling interest in the property had been substantially acquired by individuals more or less intimately connected with the Canadian Pacific. As tending to make the latter company more directly a competitor with the granger lines, the matter is certainly full of interest. Later advices leave the matter in some doubt, though, without doubt, a "deal" is in progress.—Bradstreet's.

Grain and Produce.

The estimated receipts of hogs at the Union Stock yards, Chicago, to-day are 28,000; official Saturday, 13,879; shipments 6130; left over, about 4000; cattle receipts, 12,000; market easier.

STREET MARKET.

The street market was dull to-day, and prices generally firm. A load of spring wheat sold at 82c; fall is nominal at 85c to 90c, and goose at 72c to 74c. Barley is quoted at 55c to 60c, and oats at 40c to 50c. A load of peas sold at 70c. Hay in moderate supply and prices steady, there being sales of 10 loads at $13 to $18 a ton. Straw easier at $11 to $11.50 a ton. Dressed hogs are easier at $8 to $8.25. Beef, $4.50 to $6 for forequarters, and $7 to $8.50 for hindquarters. Mutton, $6.50 to $10. Lamb, $9 to $10. Veal, $6.50 to $8.50.

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THE RETAIL MARKET.

At the St. Lawrence Market the receipts of produce to-day were quiet, and prices steady. Quotations: Beef, 18c to 25c; sirloin steak at 14c to 15c; steak, 12c to 14c. Mutton, legs and chops, 12c to 13c; round inferior cuts, 8c to 10c. Lamb, 7c to 9c for spring, and 11c to 12c for hindquarters. Veal, best joints, 12c to 13c; inferior cuts, 6c to 8c. Pork, chops and roasts, 10c. Butter, in rolls 22c to 23c; large rolls, 17c to 19c; inferior, 14c to 15c. Lard, tubs 12c to 14c. Cheese 13c to 14c. Bacon, 10c to 12c. Eggs 13½c to 13c. Turkeys, 13c to 14c per lb. Spring chickens, 30c to 90c. Geese, 10c to 12½c per lb; box hens 80c to 90c per lb. Ducks, 80c to $1. Partridges, 70c to 90c. Potatoes, per bag, $1.05 to $1.15. Apples, per barrel, $2.75 to $4. Beets, per bush, 75c to 90c. Onions, bag, $1.50 to $2. Celery, 60c to $1.25 a doz. Turnips, bag, 50c. Carrots, bag, 50c to 60c. Lettuce, per doz 35c to 40c. Rhubarb, 75c to $1. Radishes, per doz 50c to 60c. Asparagus, 40c to 60c.

TORONTO STOCKS IN STORE.

The amount of flour and grain in store in Toronto is as follows, with comparisons:

	This week.	Last week.	May 16, 1887.
Flour, barrels	2,500	2,500	1,750
Fall wheat, bushels	20,761	45,433	38,861
Spring wheat, bush'ls	36,264	57,377	55,542
Oats, bushels	25,731	22,307	22,668
Barley, bushels	64,353	68,331	33,168
Peas, bushels	—	574	12,293
Rye, bushels	—	—	4,210
Corn, bushels	—	—	19,575

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The visible supply of grain in Canada and the United States, according to the Chicago estimate, is as follows, with comparisons:

This Week.	Last Week. May 16, 1887.	
Wheat	9,271,840	31,317,677	44,458,102
Corn	6,909,925	9,415,671	12,769,160
Oats	4,132,169	4,072,516	3,805,730
Barley	569,603	569,315	267,959
Rye	242,886	259,098	326,372

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

To-day's fluctuations in the Chicago grain and produce market are as follows, as received by Hanrahan & Co.:

		Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat	June	87⅞	88¼	87⅞	88¼
"	July	89¼	89¼	89⅛	89⅜
"	Aug.	89¼	89¼	89⅛	89⅜
Corn	June	58	58¼	58	58¼
"	July	58¼	58⅜	57¾	58⅜
"	Aug.	57⅝	57⅝	57⅜	57⅝
Pork	June	14.30	14.35	14.30	14.35
"	July	14.40	14.45	14.40	14.45
"	Aug.	14.57	14.60	14.55	14.57½
Ribs	June	7.62	7.67	7.62	7.67
"	July	7.70	7.72½	7.70	7.72½
"	Aug.	7.80	7.87	7.77	7.85
Lard	June	6.30	6.32	6.30	6.32
"	July	6.37	6.37	6.37	6.35
"	Aug.	6.45	6.46	6.45	6.40

LATER.—Cash quotations were: No. 2 spring wheat 87c to 87½c, No. 3 red 82½c to 83c, No. 3 corn 52½c, No. 2 oats 34½c to 35c, No. 2 rye 64c, No. 2 barley 75c to 77c, pork $14.30, lard $6.47½, short rib sides, $7.55 to $7.62½, dry salted shoulders $6 to $6.25, short clear sides $8.10 to $8.15. Receipts—Flour 12,000 bbls, wheat 18,000 bush, corn 152,000 bush, oats 261,000 bush, rye 2000 bush, barley 3000 bush. Shipments—Flour 20,000 bbls, wheat 22,000 bush, corn 175,000 bush, oats 120,000 bush, rye 3000 bush, barley 4,000 bush.

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NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Cotton quiet; uplands 10c, Gulf 10½c. Wheat—Receipts 36,625 bush., exports none; sales 20,221,000 bush futures, 9500 bush. spot. Cash dull, options irregular, opened ¼c to ⅛c lower, later declined ¼c to ½c, but soon strengthened and rallied ⅛c to 2½c, closing firm at about ½c under the list; ungraded red 87c to 99¼c. No. 2 red May 101½c, June 98½c, July 98½c, Aug. 98½c. Corn—Receipts 172,650 bush, exports 43,736 bush, sales 1,576,000 bush futures, 49,000 bush spot; cash firm, closing dull and heavy; options declined ¼c to ⅛c early, later May broke 1½c and others ¼c to ½c, closing firm ¼c to ⅛c under the best. Ungraded 57c to 69½c. No. 2 May 63½c, June 57c, July 64½c. Oats—Receipts 47,000 bush, sales 960,000 bush futures; 83,000 bush spot. Spot No. 2 May, 36½c; June, 40c; July, 40½c; No. 2, 39½c to 40½c; mixed western, 38½c to 41c; white western, 46c. Sugar quiet; standard A, 6¼c; cut loaf and crushed, 8c; powdered, 7⅞; granulated, 6¾c. Eggs quiet; 14½c.

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BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

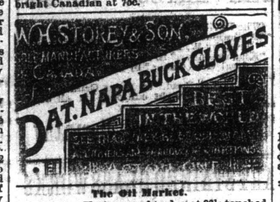
Beerbohm reports to-day as follows: London—Floating cargoes, wheat strong; corn firmer. Cargoes on passage—Wheat strong, corn firmer. Mark Lane—Wheat a turn dearer. Good cargoes—No. 1 Cal. off coast 34s 6d, nearby 34s. Australian 34s 3d, was 34s 3d, present and following month 33s 9d, was 33s 6d, ditto Walla off coast 32s, was 32s 9d, present and following month 32s 9d, was 32s 6d. London—Good shipping No. 1 Cal. prompt sail 34s 9d, was 34s 6d, ditto nearly due 34s 6d, was 34s 3d. French country markets firm. English farmers' deliveries during past week 49,056 qrs, average price 31s 5d, was 31s 2d. Paris—Wheat and flour in dearer. Liverpool—Spot wheat a turn dearer.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool reports wheat firm to-day, with demand fair and holders offering sparingly. Corn strong and nothing offering. Quotations: Spring wheat, 6s 9d; red winter, 6s 9d; No. 1 Cal. 6s 10d to 6s 11d; corn, 5s 8½d; peas, 5s 10d; pork, 67s 6d; lard, 41s 9d; cheese 57s; colored cheese, 52s 6d.

OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

Oswego reports barley unchanged to-day and quiet, with No. 2 extra Canadian held at 73c, No. 1 Canadian held at 74c, and No. 1 bright Canadian at 75c.



The Oil Market.

Oil in New York opened to-day at 86½; touched 87¼ and 86½, and closed at 86¾.

The following shows the business of the Petrolea Oil Exchange for the week ending May 10:

Date.	Open'd.	Clos'd.	Highest.	Lo'est.	Clear'nce.
4	1.14	1.15	1.15	1.14	3304
5	1.14½	1.14½	1.14½	1.14½	2404
7	No regular				1129
8	1.14½	1.14½	1.14½	1.14½	603
9	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	2402
10	1.14	1.14	1.14	1.14	1062

The total clearances on the Petrolea Oil Exchange for the week ending May 3 were 14,793 bbls.; for the week ending May 10, were 11,417 barrels.

There is a good deal of anxiety expressed this spring as to the future requirements, and drain that may be made on crude stocks and production this year. The present booming influences are all pretty well familiar to the reader, and do not need enumeration. The general opinion among manufacturers is that there will be more business done this spring than last. A good many long heads think that from July on—that is, when the country will be able to discount the uncertainties now existing—there will be an improving demand for both refined and crude. There is no doubt that the present stocks of the raw material are far behind the requirements of the trade, and contracts for from five to fifty wells to be drilled this summer on property owned by some of our largest manufacturers go materially to show the way the wind blows. One thing, though, must be taken into consideration, that the low prices paid for drilling the past year has sent some of our best men away to seek pastures new, and we find them to-day not only scattered all over the Dominion but Australia, Austria and India have a big call on our ablest drilling talent. Such being the case, our drilling faculty and facilities are reduced to a minimum.

What the outcome of the business this fall will be is a nut for some wise heads to crack, and all we can go by are the signs of the times, but the air is filled with surmises as to the cause of the existing state of uncertainty. This selling of their yearly production by the larger producers, whose shoulders are supposed to be the broadest, comes in for a share of blame. Those representing the aforesaid heavy productions here, however, of course deny the "soft impeachment" as far as anything else than looking after their own interests is concerned, and it is extremely difficult for the uninitiated "looker on in Venice" to determine just who is telling the truth. The whole difficulty may be—not unfairly—compared to the American national game. In other words it seems to be a bluff on both sides. To carry the simile yet further, to mention a "black pot" and ask who could open it would be both unkind and irreverent.—Petrolea Topic.

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Cheese Markets.

AYLMER, Ont., May 14.—Aylmer cheese market opened to-day with good attendance of salesmen, but few buyers. Eleven factories offered 1275 boxes, first half May. The sales reported amounted to 300 boxes of first week's make at 8½c. Three new factories opened today for the season, but had no cheese to offer. Markets will be held each Monday during the season.

UTICA, N.Y., May 14.—Sales on board to-day: 140 boxes cheese at 8½c, 280 boxes at 8c, 800 boxes at 9½c, 3275 boxes at 9¾c, 930 boxes at 9¾c, 1050 boxes at 9½c, 12 packages creamery butter at 24c, 22 packages creamery consigned.

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