COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Considerable Anxiety Exhibited Among the Wheat Traders.

ON THE WHOLE IT WAS STEADY TO FIRM

Corn Traders Had a Dull Experience and Provisions Were Firm and Fairly Active, but Trade Was Confined to Pork.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Anxiety as to what percentage of a full condition for wheat would be given by the government caused a dull day in wheat. May closed ¼c higher than yesterday. Corn closed without change and oats gained ⅛c; pork closed with a gain of 5c, while lard and ribs each lost 2½c.

The feeling developed in wheat was rather mixed, but the tone was, on the whole, steady to firm. Initial transactions were at from ⅝c to ⅝c advance, after which prices gradually worked back ⅜c, rallied slightly, changed but little and closed steady. The higher opening was due to some extent to the rather firm tone of cables, Liverpool coming unchanged, and then the northwestern receipts were rather small and imparted some strength to the situation. Commission houses were buyers, having outside orders, and for a while the market ruled quite firm, professionals taking moderate quantities also. There were large offerings as the session advanced, the weather having greater influence than the foregoing. The fact that California had rains all over the state, with warm showers in most of the winter wheat states and more predicted, added to the bearish reaction.

Corn traders had another dull experience. There were no outside orders in the market and local operators were indifferent.

Oats opened active, attracted considerable attention during the entire session and closed with the total sales of the day aggregating much heavier than for some time. A good portion of the trading was in the way of exchanging May for July at ⅝c premium for the latter. The firmness was entirely independent and brought about by the scarcity of cash stuff and good demand for the same. May opened a shade higher at 19¾c, sold to from 19⅞c to 20c and closed with sellers at from 19¾c to 19⅞c.

Provisions were firm and fairly active, but the trade was largely confined to the one article of pork. There appeared to be a nervous short interest in the latter and it took only the buying of small lots to advance prices. Lard and ribs, although benefited to some extent by the strength in pork, both closed at a slight decline in price for the day.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow are: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 170 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 12,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
April	65⅝	65⅝	64¾	65⅛
May	66	66⅝	65⅝	65⅞
July	66⅛	66⅞	66	66⅝
Corn, No. 2				
April	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝
May	30	30⅛	30	30⅛
July	31⅛	31⅛	30⅞	31
Sept	32¼	32¼	32⅛	32⅛
Oats, No. 2				
May	19¾	20	19¾	19⅞
July	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	20¼
Sept	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Pork, per bbl				
May	8 50	8 65	8 40	8 55
July	8 65	8 85	8 62½	8 75
Lard, 100 lbs				
May	5 07½	5 07½	5 07½	5 07½
July	5 22½	5 25	5 20	5 20
Short Ribs				
May	4 55	4 57½	4 50	4 55
July	4 70	4 70	4 62½	4 67½

Cash quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 65¼c; No. 3 spring, f. o. b., 64¾@65¼c; No. 2 red, 68⅞@68¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 29½c; No. 2 yellow, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2, 19⅝c; No. 2 white, 19⅝@20c; No. 3 white, 20@21½c.

RYE—No. 2, 37c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 29@34c, f. o. b.; No. 4, f. o. b., 25½c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 99@99½c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$3.25@3.30.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.50@8.55; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.02½; short ribs, sides, loose, $4.50@4.55; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.50@4.62½; short clear sides, boxed, $4.50@4.62½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.25; granulated, $5.62; standard "A," $5.31.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 10½@11½c; chickens, 8½@9c; ducks, 11@12c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	4,000	12,000
Wheat, bu	40,000	68,000
Corn, bu	110,000	26,000
Oats, bu	117,000	149,000
Rye, bu	5,000	5,000
Barley, bu	22,000	23,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 10@18c; dairy, 10@16c. Eggs, firm; 9@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 10.—FLOUR—Receipts, 6,290 bbls.; exports, 11,310 bbls. Market very quiet; buyers have enough for the present, and the declining wheat market tended to limit business; winter straights, $3.65@3.75; winter extras, $2.60@3.00; winter low grades, $2.20@2.40; Minnesota patents, $3.95@4.05. Rye flour, steady. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.20.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet; 39@40c.

CORNMEAL—Active; yellow western, 43c.

RYE—Quiet at 47c.

BARLEY—Steady; malting, 40@48c; feeding, 34@36c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 40@45c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 2,091 bu.; exports, 56,100 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, 67⅝c. Options opened stronger on covering and better cables. April and May were relatively higher than other months all day on fears of a squeeze. The government report was the controlling factor, all sorts of rumors being afloat. Finally prices sold off sharply at the closing quotations, ranging from unchanged to ⅛c lower, except April, which was 1⅛c net higher; No. 2 red, April, 74⅞@75⅛c, closed at 74⅞c; May, 72½@72 5-16c, closed at 72⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 4,800 bu.; exports, 2,000 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 40c in elevator. Options steady at first, turning easier with wheat, and closing unchanged to ⅛c net lower; April, 37c, closed at 37c; May, 35 15-16@36c, closed at 36c.

OATS—Receipts, 100,800 bu.; exports, 95,400 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 25½c. Options quiet but steady; closing unchanged to ⅛c higher; April closed at 25⅜c; May, 24⅝c, closed at 24¾c.

HAY—Firmer; shipping, 75@80c; good to choice, 95c@$1.00.

HOPS—Dull.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texas, dry, 9c; California, 14c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, B. A., light to heavy, 20c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; family, $10.00@12.00; extra mess, $7.00@8.00; beef hams, $18.00@19.00. Cut meats, steady. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $5.30@5.35; refined, steady. Pork, steady; family, $10.25@10.75.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,433 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 13@18c; Elgins, 18c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,554 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 13@13½c; western, 17@17½c; southern, 11½@12½c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; United closed at $1.29. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.72½@1.75. Turpentine, dull at 28½@29c. Cottonseed oil, inactive, but steady; prime crude, 21c; crude, f. o. b., mills, 17½@18c; butter grades, 25c; prime summer yellow, 25½@26c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@35c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3⅞@6c; Japan, $4@4½c.

METALS—Pig iron, steady. Copper, steady; brokers' price, $10.87½; exchange price, $10.75. Lead, steady; brokers' price, $2.90; exchange price, $2.85. Tin plates, quiet. Spelter, steady.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 10.—FLOUR—Dull but firm, with slightly better domestic inquiry; patents, $3.70@3.80; extra fancy, $3.40@3.50; fancy, $2.90@3.00.

WHEAT—The speculative market was very quiet most of the session, dealers holding off from the government report; changes in prices were small during the early hours, followed later by an advance, and toward the close declined on heavy selling at Chicago and low cables; the final prices being ¼@¾c under yesterday; spot dull and steady; No. 2 red, cash, 70a in elevator; 74½@75½c on track; May, 61⅝c; July, 62⅝c.

CORN—Futures dull and heavy; trading considerable; but at lower prices; spot dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, cash, 26¾c; May, 27c; July, 28@28¼c.

OATS—Futures dull and easy, with July stronger than May; spot dull and weak; No. 2 cash, 18½c; May, 19⅝c; July, 19¾c.

RYE—Quiet; 37c, east track.

CORN MEAL—Higher at $1.40@1.45.

BRAN—Higher; sacked salable on east track at 49@48½c.

FLAXSEED—Steady at 82c.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.50@2.25.

HAY—Strong and higher for choice timothy, of which the market was almost devoid; prairie of all descriptions in light demand; prairie, $5.00@8.00; timothy, $5.00@13.50, this side.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 12½c; chickens, 7@7½c; ducks, 9½c.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 10@16c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 9c.

WHISKY—$1.22.

LEAD—Dull and weak; sellers asking $2.75 for round lots, with no buyers. Spelter, steady at $2.90.

PROVISIONS—Pork, standard mess, jobbing, new, $8.87½; old, $8.25. Lard, lower; choice, $4.85@4.90. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5; longs, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.50; longs, $4.75; ribs, $4.75; shorts, $4.87½.

Some Excitement in Grain.

NEW YORK, April 10.—There was considerable excitement on the Produce exchange when the government report was received late in the afternoon, showing a condition of 77.1 on winter wheat. Although it did not appear until 4 o'clock, every trader was on hand, for rumors had been conflicting all day, and there was an idea that it would be over 80. The actual figures, therefore, being given below this point, started an active buying movement which ran prices up quickly, May touching 73⅝c within ten minutes on the reports. The condition in Ohio was reported at 95, which occasioned much comment, some the bulls, as confirming their dispatches about a poor showing in that state. The bears, however, assert that the conditions have improved since the government figures were compiled.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The egg market shows some signs of weakness, and a few sales were reported at less than the figure quoted below.

The feeling in the butter market is weak.

The poultry market was strong, especially on chickens, the supply being very light.

Commission men are advising their shippers to hold the same at home. The demand is very light, and the weather so warm that very little game can be expected to arrive in marketable condition. It is better to let it spoil at home and save the commission men much needless annoyance. Quotations:

EGGS—Fresh stock, 8½c.

BUTTER—Fair to good stock, 7@9c; choice to fancy country, 12@14c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $2.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $2.50; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Swiss, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, 8@9c; old cocks, 5@4c; fryers, 10@12c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 6@7c.

HAY—Upland, $5.00; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2¼c; choice green, running to foul, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, $1.50@2.00; redheads, $2.00@2.50; canvas back ducks, $2.00@2.50; teal, blue winged, $1.00@1.25; teal, green winged, $1.00@1.25; mixed Canada geese, $3.50@4.50; small geese, $2.00@3.00; speckled brants, $2.00@3.00.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.20@1.25; dead pigeons not wanted.

VEGETABLES.

The near approach of the planting season is causing some improvement in the demand for seed potatoes. Quotations:

TOMATOES—Florida stock, 6-basket crates, $5.

PEAS—Boxes, ⅝ bu., $2.50.

TOP ONIONS—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

WAX BEANS—Per bu. box, $4.50.

STRING BEANS—Per bu. box, $3.50.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.10@1.25.

PIE PLANT—Illinois stock, 50-lb. box, $3.50.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2½c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 35@50c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.40.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.25 per bbl.; red sweet potatoes, $2.25.

CELERY—California, per doz., No. 1, $1; No. 2, 80c; No. 3, 60c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4@4½c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.75.

POTATOES—Native stock, 20@25c; Colorado stock, 35@40c; Red River valley seed potatoes, 50c; Early Ohio seed, 40@50c.

FRUITS.

There were no Texas strawberries here today, and only a few cases of Louisiana pints. The demand was good, and they brought strong prices.

Good apples are very scarce and hard to get, even at the very high prices quoted.

The cranberry season is about at an end, and what stock there is left is for the most part poor. Quotations:

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per case of 24 pts., $5; Louisiana, 24 pts., $3.00@3.25.

APPLES—Choice to fancy Ben Davis, $4.00@4.50; choice wine saps and willow twigs, $4.50@5.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $4.50@5.00; boxes, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

There have been no pineapples, at least none worth mentioning, in this market this season. It has been practically impossible to get them. The Florida crop was injured by the cold weather, and there were not enough to go around. Quotations:

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, fancy, $2.60@2.75; choice, $2.50; fancy navels, $3.75; choice, $3.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.25@3.50; choice, $3.00@3.50; Californias, $2.75@3.00.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The oyster season is practically over, and no one is trying to do much in that line. There is, however, stock still to be had on the market. Quotations:

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 20c; extra selects, 25c; company selects, 27c; New York counts, 30c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 13c; California amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $5.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans., each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 30-lb. boxes, 14c; choice 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

DATES—Halloween, per lb., 5c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 7c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each, $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 8c, large, 10c; peanuts, raw, 4½@7c; roasted, 7½c.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6@6½c; good cows and heifers, 5½@6c; medium cows and heifers, 5c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3½@4½c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 6⅝@7½c; good hindquarters, steers, 7½@8c; cow carcasses, 3½@3¾c; cow boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4c; beef tenderloins, 22c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; loin backs, boneless, 9c; loin backs, 7½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 8c; cow loins, No. 3, 9c; beef trimmings, 3¾c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lamb, 7c; dressed mutton, 6c; racks, 9c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 3c; sweetbreads, 5c; sheep tongues, per doz., 35c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 5¼c; ham sausage butts, 5c; pork shoulder, 4¾c; pork shoulders, skinned, 5c; pork trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5¼c; tenderloins, 15c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 2¾c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 veal, 4 to 6 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2 each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@6c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3¼c; grease, white B, 2½c; grease, yellow, 1¾c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and cheaty, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Pieces, washed—Medium, 13@15c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lge.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'll	2	3
BEAR—					
Black	$30@25	$ 15 00	$ 8@10	$10@12	$ 5 00
Black Yearlings	12@15	10 00	7 00	7 00	3 00
Black Cubs	6@ 8	5@ 6	4 00	5 00	2 00
Black Montana & Mountain	18@22	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00
Black Montana Yearlings	12 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Black Montana Cubs	6 50	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Silver Tip	20 00	12 00	8 00	9 00	4 00
Silver Tip Yrlgs.	11 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Silver Tip Cubs	6 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 50
Cinnamon	20@25	16 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Yearlings	10@12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	1@1 50	60	50	50	50
Fisher	8 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
FOX—					
Silver (according to beauty)	100 00	60 00	40 00	20 00	10 00
Silver Fade (according to bea'y)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 50	1 25	1 00	75	25
Gray	75	55	40	35	15
Kit	50	40	30	20	10
Lynx	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 25	50
Marten	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	50
Mink	80@85	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion (perfect head and feet)	16@ 2				
Otter	8 00	6@ 7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Fade	7 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	1 50
Raccoon	60@70	50	35	20	10
Raccoon, Black (as to beauty)	50@53				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased	1 25	75	50	50	25
Short striped	1 60	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped	30@35				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf, Mountain	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf, Prairie	65@80	60	40	20	10
Beaver, per skin	5@ 6	4 50	2 00	4 00	3 00
Beaver Kits	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2		2		

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, April 10.—WHEAT—Higher; steady; No. 2 cash, 73⅛c; May, 73⅝c; July, 69⅝c.

CORN—Dull; steady; No. 2 mixed and May, 30½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 21½c.

RYE—Dull; firm; No. 2 cash, 39½c.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, April 10.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4½c; sales, 300 tons East India Muscovado, 89 test, at 3⅝c, wharf. Refined, strong and higher; standard "A," 5⅝c; confectioners' "A," 5¼c; cut loaf, 6c; crushed, 6c; granulated, 5⅝c.

WEATHER IS UNFAVORABLE

Reports of Damage to Winter Wheat Serves to Check Distribution.

PRICES AS A WHOLE ARE UNCHANGED

Breadstuffs and Iron Rise Slightly, but Other Commodities Decline—Exports of Wheat Fall Off Almost Half.

NEW YORK, April 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, which issues tomorrow, will say: The volume of business has not, on the whole, increased, nor have prices appreciably advanced since April 1, when the range for all commodities was the lowest ever known in this country. Breadstuffs and iron products have risen slightly, but some other articles have declined and the root of the matter is that demand for consumption is still below expectations. The weather has not favored active distribution of spring goods. The injury done to winter wheat by storms and frosts at the west would appear, from reports of state officers, to have been considerable. Remarkably low estimates of condition are reported by some state authorities, which tends to lessen purchases of farmers and of dealers in farming districts. But the reports are not more gloomy than a year ago, and the quantity of wheat which has come from farms since August 1 has been 163,781,594 bushels, against 129,976,460 bushels at the same date last year. Westerns receipts for the week are about 60 per cent larger than last year, and for two weeks about 50 per cent, while Atlantic exports, flour included, have been for the week only 909,855 bushels, against 1,759,006 bushels last year, a decrease of nearly half. These conditions tend to check the advance, which reached 3 cents, but was followed by a reaction of 1 cent. Corn rose 2¾ cents with wheat and on account of small stocks. Cotton has not changed.

The billet pool and other combinations have raised prices of pig iron and steel, but as yet finished products have gained scarcely anything, nor has demand for them increased. Prices for lake ore are announced, as expected, $1.10 higher than last year, and the coke combination makes no reduction, but gradually lessen the output. While purchases of pig to anticipate future wants have been heavy, actual consumption is but moderate. Minor metals are dull, but lead is weaker at $2.95 on forced sales west.

Wool is weaker, with sales for the week only 2,232,600 pounds at the three chief markets, the smallest for many years. Prices tend lower, except for fine washed fleece, and manufacturers are rapidly reducing production. There is a fair demand in the shoe branch, contracts being due to important steps by customs authorities to stop undervaluations of French and German goods, but it is estimated that not 40 per cent of the men's wear machinery is at work. There have also been cotton mills stopping or reducing time this week. Further reduction in shirting prints to the lowest point ever touched failed to increase the demand materially.

Failures for the past week have been 209 in the United States, against 207 last year, and 43 in Canada, against 37 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

PLACES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 521,165,222	.....	0.3
Chicago	77,068,096	.....	7.3
Boston	75,141,889	.....	14.7
Philadelphia	54,953,363	.....	4.5
St. Louis	22,919,770	.....	10.5
San Francisco	11,638,596	.....	4.1
Baltimore	12,408,806	.....	7.4
Pittsburg	15,217,686	.....	0.6
Cincinnati	12,756,500	.....	9.2
Kansas City	9,396,116	.....	5.9
New Orleans	8,369,574	.....	11.3
Buffalo	4,273,479	13.2	.....
Milwaukee	7,918,491	.....	11.5
Detroit	6,528,512	.....	7.6
Louisville	5,679,371	.....	1.9
Minneapolis	6,030,211	22.3	.....
OMAHA	4,248,829	33.6	.....
Providence	5,148,100	.....	13.0
Cleveland	3,583,143	.....	3.4
Houston	3,935,879	23.6	.....
St. Paul	3,614,955	2.2	.....
Denver	3,397,217	16.7	.....
Indianapolis	4,202,266	2.4	.....
Columbus, O.	3,815,500	.....	.....
Hartford	2,278,081	28.2	.....
Richmond	2,143,547	.....	6.1
Washington	2,155,663	9.6	.....
Salt Lake	1,394,600	25.0	.....
Dallas	2,205,690	.....	.....
St. Joseph	1,182,365	13.2	.....
Peoria	1,970,416	5.4	.....
Memphis	1,913,000	15.1	.....
Portland, Ore.	992,196	4.4	.....
Rochester	1,634,215	17.6	.....
New Haven	1,491,168	1.4	.....
Savannah	1,596,513	27.1	.....
Springfield, Mass.	1,503,661	.....	.....
Worcester	1,447,016	15.2	.....
Portland, Me.	1,288,072	8.6	.....
Atlanta	1,174,533	2.6	.....
Fort Worth	1,618,963	.....	1.2
Waco	1,166,935	.....	52.2
Syracuse	994,749	6.6	.....
Des Moines	1,193,571	0.4	.....
Grand Rapids	757,321	9.4	.....
Seattle	628,275	.....	.....
Scranton	982,139	47.0	.....
Lowell	596,094	1.8	.....
Wilmington, Del.	725,000	0.5	.....
Norfolk	931,688	3.6	.....
Nashville	815,245	7.7	.....
Los Angeles	1,155,374	20.8	.....
Tacoma	481,230	4.1	.....
Helena	576,873	31.5	.....
Spokane	455,351	38.2	.....
Sacramento	492,921	4.3	.....
Lincoln	396,655	17.3	.....
New Bedford	535,194	18.1	.....
Wichita	459,648	.....	.....
Birmingham	407,369	22.5	.....
Tacoma	314,470	1.2	.....
Lexington, Ky.	331,916	13.5	.....
Binghampton	312,100	4.3	.....
Knoxville	448,683	.....	.....
*Bay City, Mich.	234,727	27.4	.....
*Fall River	916,616	29.5	.....
*Akron, O.	255,884	3.9	.....
*Springfield, O.	258,003	.....	2.3
*Canton, O.	193,400	.....	15.7
*Sioux Falls	81,416	14.0	.....
*Fremont, Neb.	59,616	.....	.....
*Hastings, Neb.	61,102	0.7	.....
*Chattanooga	275,769	.....	17.6
*Terre Haute	183,959	34.5	.....
*Nashville	1,066,612	.....	1.8
*Galveston	4,339,900	.....	3.1
Kalamazoo	275,254	.....	1.1
Rockford	240,774	.....	19.6
Augusta	589,442	.....	.....
Toledo	1,275,959	.....	.....
Davenport	1,042,635	.....	.....
Dayton	863,978	.....	.....
Totals, United States	$ 925,220,255	.....	3.0
Exclusive of N. Y.	404,554,033	.....	6.2
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 7,418,868	.....	22.4
Toronto	5,329,181	.....	11.6
Halifax	951,024	.....	15.8
Hamilton	664,227	.....	8.9
Winnipeg	989,088	32.2	.....
Totals	$ 15,353,398	.....	12.5

* not included in total.

GOVERNMENT CROP BULLETIN.

Condition of the Country in General at the Beginning of the Week.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The week ending April 6 was colder than usual over nearly the whole country, the exceptions being the northern portion of the east Gulf states and over the interior of the Carolinas, where the average daily temperature was normal, or slightly above. Nearly normal temperature conditions also prevailed in the central Mississippi valley, extreme eastern Maine and near the California coast, but over much the greater part of the country the temperature was deficient. From southern Texas, northwestward to Wyoming, and generally over the northern districts of the upper Mississippi valley and the middle Atlantic and southern New England coasts, the deficiency in temperature ranged from 3 to 6 degrees, and over a portion of the upper Mississippi valley the deficiency exceeded 8 degrees per day. On the north Pacific coast and over the Florida peninsula the average temperature deficiency was 3 degrees, or more per day.

Unusually low minimum temperature for the season occurred over the northern Rocky mountain districts on the 1st and 2d, and the cold wave extended eastward during the 2d and 3d, carrying the line of freezing temperature into northern Texas, when it extended northeastward to the lower Ohio valley, and thence eastward to the Virginia coast.

In Tennessee, southern Kentucky and over the northern portions of the east Gulf states, more than the usual amount of rainfall occurred during the week ending April 6, and limited areas in the middle Atlantic states, New England, southern Texas, eastern Colorado, upper Mississippi valley and central California, also received more than the usual amount of precipitation. In Tennessee very heavy rains fell, the eastern part of the state receiving over three inches, which is more than two inches in excess of the normal. A marked excess also occurred at San Antonio, Tex., and at Sacramento, Cal.

Over the greater part of the country the week was drier than usual. An area including nearly the whole of Illinois and Indiana, and portions of Michigan, Ohio and Iowa, received no appreciable amount of rain during the week, and similar conditions prevailed in Idaho, Montana and North Dakota, and from Oklahoma and northern Texas westward to the South Pacific coast. There also almost an entire absence of rain in southern Florida.

At the close of the week there was considerable snow on the ground over the northern portions of New York and New England, the northern portions of Vermont and New Hampshire being covered with depths ranging from four to fifteen inches.

Over the central and northern portions of the country the season is generally from two to three weeks late, in consequence of which farm work has been correspondingly delayed. In the southern states the season is quite backward, but not so late as in the more northerly districts, while in Colorado it is more advanced than usual.

By April 6 cotton planting was well advanced in Texas, and preparations for planting were being made in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. During the past week planting has begun in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, and to some extent in South Carolina, in Georgia, Tennessee and Oklahoma. Little or no cotton has yet been planted, but the soil is being prepared and planting will likely begin this week.

In the extreme southern states much of the corn crop had been planted by April 1. Since that date planting has continued, and has begun as far north as southern Missouri. In the more southerly states the early planted is up to a good stand. In Florida corn is nearly a foot high in many sections.

The condition of winter wheat is reported as poor in Virginia and Ohio and fair in Illinois and Kentucky, but more favorable reports are being received from Kansas, Arkansas, Tennessee and New York. The recent freeze has caused some injury to winter wheat in Michigan. The crop is making slow growth in Maryland and West Virginia. No spring wheat has yet been sown in North Dakota, and practically none in Minnesota. In South Dakota spring wheat seeding is becoming general, and in Nebraska and Iowa seeding is nearly completed.

Oat seeding is generally well advanced in the states of the central valleys, and in the southern states this crop is reported as doing well.

HURON, S. D., April 10.—Weekly crop bulletin for the week ending April 6, 1896:

The temperature during the month of March was considerably below the normal, and it was a cold, disagreeable month, as a rule. The amount of precipitation (rain and snow) was somewhat above the normal, and at the close of the month the ground was reported in excellent condition in point of moisture. On the 31st heavy, moist snow fell over the east and southeast portions to the depth, in some localities, of sixteen inches. It soon melted away, however, and was especially beneficial in the southeast portion, where, on the 26th, there was a lack of sufficient moisture in the soil in some counties.

During March there was very little seeding done, and that only in patches here and there in the southern counties, as it was too cold and the ground frozen much of the time.

Since the 1st of April the weather has been more favorable in point of temperature, and the soil has mellowed nicely, although the nights have, as a rule, been frosty. The ground is free of snow everywhere, generally free of frost, so far as heard from, and seeding is now becoming general in the southern counties.

The season is unusually late in opening, and farm work has been considerably retarded, but the general opinion is that the soil could not be in better condition for the reception of seed than it is now, with seasonable temperature conditions.

RECURRENCE OF BEAR SYMPTOMS.

Probable Action on the Cuban Question the Principal Cause.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Bradstreet's Financial Review tomorrow will say: During the early part of the week the New York stock market, while dull and professional in the character of the trading, displayed a decided tone of strength. For the last few days, however, it was inactive and marked by an unsettled and declining disposition, though on Friday covering of shorts gave a firmer tone. The first demonstrations would seem to be a continuous effort, referred to last week, on the part of speculative interests to discount a possible improvement in the general trade situation, coinciding with the beginning of the spring season. This was at the time regarded as somewhat premature, and the absence of public support or foreign participation would have necessarily arrested the further progress of the market before very long. It would not seem, however, that the bearish tendencies, which again asserted themselves, derived any positive character they may have displayed from the situation in Washington in regard to the Cuban question. The street, in fact, appeared to disregard the adoption of the concurrent resolutions favoring recognition of Cuban belligerency. The acceptance by the house of representatives of the senate's form of this measure on last Monday was indeed almost without any effect on