COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Directors Decline to Make a Marginal Price on May Wheat.

DECISION CAUSES A TEMPORARY ADVANCE

Liquidation in Corn and Oats Produce Declines in Those Markets, but Provisions Close Higher.

CHICAGO, March 17.—The refusal of the Board of Trade directors to fix a marginal price on May wheat was the main factor in that market today. Though the advance this caused was lost about the middle of the session, prices recovered again, the July option closing ¼c higher than yesterday. May showed an equal advance. Liquidation of May contracts in corn and oats made those markets weak, declines of ¼@⅝c and ⅛c respectively resulting. Provisions were firm all day and closed 7½@15c higher.

A good deal of strength was shown at the opening in wheat, although trading was not heavy. The action of the board of directors last night in refusing to fix a marginal price on May contracts and the fact that testimony taken by the board showed shipping values to be more than the bears cared to admit, caused a halt in the liquidation and short selling, which has made the market so weak of late, and though it did not result in very much increase in the buying demand, yet the falling off in the selling pressure was so marked as to cause an immediate advance in prices. Besides the directors' action, some of the routine news was of a bullish nature. Killing frosts were reported from the west and cold weather in the northwest and Minneapolis advices said the receipts of wheat from now on would probably be mostly of low grades. Northwest receipts were not so heavy, Minneapolis and Duluth reporting 231 cars, against 291 last week and 205 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 147 cars. Of this number forty-seven were contract, but notwithstanding this large proportion, the contract supplies here were not so large, as private houses contributed but twelve cars and 20,000 bu. No. 1 northern, a total of about 85,000 bu. Liverpool in view of the decline here yesterday showed an unexpected degree of steadiness. Opening trades in July were on an advance of ¼c being bid. One or two sales were made as low as 84⅞c. This caused a disposition among the scalpers to cover up their short lines. There was some difficulty in doing this, which brought some of the professional shorts into the market to cover on an advance which carried July up to 85⅝c. Then the market turned weak. The continuance of the very favorable weather west was an important factor all week. Prices began to decline under realizing by many of the early buyers. The demand from shorts ceased almost altogether and very little support was given until prices had declined to 84¼c. At around 84½c Leiter's brokers gave July support. This caused a quick halt in the decline and started a buying movement again, under which the market rapidly improved. The strength was continued to the close, July advancing to and closing at 84⅞c. May was very quiet all day. It showed some strength, selling as high as $1.04¼ and never getting below the fixed price of $1.04. It closed at the latter price.

The opening in corn was steady. That was all the strength the market displayed for some time, for liquidation of May soon started and grew quite heavy as the session advanced. The favorable weather was a factor, the trade entirely ignoring yesterday's heavy exports. Covering of short contracts was fairly liberal at the bottom and some rallying ensued. May ranged from 29⅝c to 28¾c and closed ⅛@⅜c higher at 29c bid.

The market for oats was much the same as corn. Early steadiness with wheat was succeeded by a long period of weakness, liquidation of May being heavy. In this market, too, the weather was the factor. Shorts covered near the close and a substantial rally ensued, the market closing fairly steady. There was some demand for spring shipment at the decline. May ranged at from 25¾c to 24⅞c and closed ⅛c lower at 25⅝@25½c.

Provisions were the firmest market on the floor. Small receipts of hogs caused a firm opening. Shorts and packers came into the market with good buying orders and a steady advance ensued, closing prices being about the best of the day. At the close May pork was 15c higher at $9.77½, May lard 10c higher at $5.15 and May ribs 7½c higher at $5.10.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 115 cars; corn, 210 cars; oats, 180 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close	Yest'y.
*Wheat-					
March.	1 01½	1 02	1 01½	1 02	.....
May...	1 04¼	1 04¼	1 04	1 04¼	1 04
July...	85⅝	85⅞	84¼	84⅞@⅞	84⅛@⅜
*Corn-					
May...	29¼@⅜	29⅜	28¾	29	29¼@⅜
July...	30⅛@⅜	30⅜	30	30⅛	30⅛
Sept...	31⅞	31⅞@⅞	31½	31⅞	31⅞@⅞
*Oats-					
May...	25⅝@⅞	25⅞	24⅞	25⅝@⅞	25¼@⅜
July...	23⅝	23⅝	22⅞	23⅛@⅜	23⅛@⅜
Pork—					
May...	9 82½	9 95	9 80	9 92½	9 77½
July...	9 87½	10 02½	9 85	9 97½	9 82½
Lard—					
May...	5 15	5 17½	5 10	5 15	5 05
July...	5 17½	5 22½	5 15	5 22½	5 12½
Sh'ribs					
May...	5 05	5 10	5 05	5 10	5 02½
July...	5 12½	5 17½	5 10	5 17½	5 07½

*No 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $4.80@5.00; straights, $4.30@4.60; spring specials, $5.40@5.50; spring patents, $4.70@4.10; bakers, $3.60@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 83@92c; No. 2 red, $1.00@1.01.

CORN—No. 2, 28¾c.

OATS—No. 2, f. o. b., 29¼@31c; No. 2 white, 33⅛@28⅝c.

RYE—No. 2, 45¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 35@42c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.20@1.21.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.90@9.95. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.12½@5.15. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.05@5.17. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.05. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.25@5.40.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.38.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	32,000	41,000
Wheat, bu	80,000	147,000
Corn, bu	247,000	280,000
Oats, bu	219,000	281,000
Rye, bu	18,000	2,000
Barley, bu	33,000	7,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@18c; dairies, 10½@16c. Cheese, 8@8½c. Eggs, fresh 9½c. Live poultry, firm; turkeys, 7@9c; chickens, 7½@8c; ducks, 7@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,658 bbls.; exports, 3,285 bbls.; market qu'et; prices lower to sell; city mill patents, $5.85@6.10; city mill clears, $5.60@5.75; Minnesota patents, $5.20@5.45; Minnesota bakers', $4.35@4.55; winter patents, $4.90@5.50; winter straights, $4.50@4.65; winter extras, $3.90@4.10; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, dull; fancy, $3.85@3.25. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.20@1.50.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 43@44c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 69c.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 western, 58½c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 41½c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 52½@67c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 62,900 bu.; exports, 144,325 bu. Spot, steadier; No. 2 red, $1.04¼ f. o. b. afloat to arrive and $1.05¼ spot. Options opened firmer at ⅝@⅞c advance on cold weather developments in the northwest. A subsequent reaction under small clearances and lack of outside trade was followed by recovery on demand from shorts, the close being very steady at ⅛@1c net advance; March closed at $1.04¼; May, 99⅛@99⅝c, closed at 99⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 128,700 bu.; exports, 62,030 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 36c. Options were again influenced by May liquidation and ruled weak all day until helped slightly at the close by wheat. Final figures were ⅛c net lower; May, 35⅝@35¾c, closed at 35¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 57,600 bu.; exports, 193,028 bu. Spot, weaker; No. 2, 30⅝@31c; No. 2 white, 32½c. Options, quiet and weaker with corn, closing at ⅛c decline; May, 29¼@29⅜c, closed at 29⅛c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 80@82½c; middlings, 86c; rye feed, 62½@65c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 30@65c; good to choice, 85@90c.

HOPS—Steady; 1895 crop, 46@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 17@18c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; 1897 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 15@15½c; Texas dry, 13c; California, 17½@18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20@20½c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 17½@23½c; Texas, 13½@15½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.25@11.75; extra mess, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $22.50@23.00; short clears, $10.00@11.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $5.75@7.00; pickled shoulders, 4½@4¾c; pickled hams, $7.75@8.00. Lard, easy; western steamed, $5.40; refined, weaker. Pork, dull; mess, $10.00@10.25; short clear, $10.50@12.50; family, $11.00@11.50. Tallow, dull; city, 3 11-16c; country, 3⅜@3½c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4½@4¾c; Japan, 5½c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, steady at 34@34½c. Cottonseed, dull, prime crude, 20c; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 16@16½c; prime summer yellow, 23c; off summer yellow, 23½c; butter oil, 25@27c; prime winter yellow, 28@28½c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 30@33c.

METALS—Practically no change was made in quotations today and all departments continue to suffer from neglect. At the close the Metal exchange calls pig iron warrants quiet, with $6.75 bid and $6.85 asked; lake copper, quiet and unchanged, with $11.87½ bid and $12 asked; tin quiet, with $14.20 bid and $14.30 asked; spelter, steady, with $4.17½ bid and $4.25 asked; lead, very dull and easy, with $3.70 bid and $3.72½ asked. According to the firm fixing the settling price for miners and smelters lead is strong at $3.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,169 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 15@19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 12@15c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 464 pkgs.; quiet; September, 8c; October, 7½@7¾c; skims, 5¾@6¼c; part skims, 4@5½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,499 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 18@18½c; southern, 10½@10½c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; old roosters, 3c; ducks, 6c.

GAME—Mallards, $2.00@2.25; teal, $1.25@1.50; brants, $3.50@4.50; Canadian geese, $4.50@6.00; mixed, $1.25@1.50.

PIGEONS—Live, $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large 50c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.00@1.10.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½@1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; Colorado stock, 70c.

TOMATOES—Per crate, seven baskets, $4.00@$4.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $7.50.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Nebraska, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Fancy Jersey, per bbl., $10.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.00; fancy seedlings, $2.50; choice, $2.25.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $2.75; choice, $2.50; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 10c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 9@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can., each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbl., $5.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6¾c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6¾c; fancy heifers, 5¼c; good heifers, 5c; good forequarters heifers, 3½c; good hindquarters heifers, 6c; good cows, 5¾c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 14½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; rounds, No. 1, 7¼c; rounds, No. 2, 6¾c; rounds, No. 3, 6¼c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 25c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 5c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 11c; calf livers, each, 25c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 15c; tenderloins (calves), 25c; boneless strips, fresh, 9½c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 7½c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 5¾c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 5c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 7c; loins, No. 1, 13½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin, ends, 8c; steer loin, ends, 9c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 9c per lb.; lambs, 8c; sheep, 7c; market racks, long, 9c; hotel racks, short, 11c; loins, 9c; saddles, 9c; legs, 9c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 3½c; mutton carcass, 3c; forequarters, 3½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, short, 6½c; long, 8c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; Boston butts, 5¼c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; neckbones, 2c; cheek meat, 5c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; necks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 20c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 9c; No. 2 green salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1 each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Utah and Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3@3¼c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@60c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 17.—FLOUR—Weaker; patents, $4.70@0.85; straights, $4.35@4.50; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Higher, closing ⅜c for May and September and ⅛c for July above yesterday; the close was strong; spot, higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 97c; track, 97@98c; March, 97c; May, 99¼@99⅝c; July, 86c bid; September, 75¾c; No. 2 hard cash, 91c.

CORN—Futures closed weak and fractionally lower than yesterday, with the exception of May; spot, easy; No. 2 cash, 26½c; March, 26¼c; May, 26¼@26⅝c; July, 27⅞c bid; September, 28⅝c.

OATS—Futures weak and fractionally lower than yesterday; spot, dull and lower; No. 2 cash, 25½c; track, 27½c; March, 25½c; May, 25¾c bid; July, 22½c bid; No. 2 white, 28½c.

RYE—Firmer, 48½c.

FLAXSEED—Higher, $1.15.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85@2.90.

CORNMEAL—Firm, $1.50@1.55.

BRAN—Dull and easier; sacked east track, 57½c.

HAY—About steady; prairie, $7.75@8.25; timothy, $6.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 9@15c.

EGGS—Steady, 8½c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

COTTON TIES—70c.

BAGGING—5½@6c.

METALS—Lead, dull, $3.52½. Spelter, nominal, $4.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $10.00. Lard, higher; prime steam, $4.95; choice, $5.00. Bacon, boxed lots, extra short clear, $5.62½@5.75; ribs, $5.75@5.87½; shorts, $5.87½@6.00. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.50@4.75; extra short clear, $5.12½@5.25; ribs, $5.25@5.37½; shorts, $5.37½@5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 112,000 bu.; oats, 24,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 252,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, March 17.—FLOUR—Dull; western superfine, $2.70@3.10; western extra, $3.35@4.00; western family, $4.20@4.60; winter wheat patents, $4.75@5.00; spring wheat patents, $4.20@5.40; spring wheat straights, $4.00@4.15; receipts, 6,604 bbls.; exports, 13,200 bbls.

WHEAT—Steadier; May, 99@99⅝c; steamer No. 2 red, 95@95½c; receipts, 22,701 bu.; exports, 16,031 bu.; southern wheat by sample, 96@99½c; southern wheat on grade, 95@99c.

CORN—Weak; spot and month, 32⅝@32¾c; steamer mixed, 32@32½c; exports, 242,868 bu.; southern white and yellow corn, 32½@33½c.

OATS—Steady at decline; No. 2 white, 30@31½c; No. 3 mixed, 29@29½c; receipts, 25,365 bu.; exports, 65,000 bu.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 nearby 55½c; No. 2 western, 56½c; receipts, 25,481 bu.; exports, 60,000 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet; rates fairly steady; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 3¼d. May; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 3s 6d@3s 7½d. March; 3s 4½d. April.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 19@20c; imitation, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 12c; good ladle, 11@14c; store packed, 10@12c.

EGGS—Fresh, 10½c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9¼@9½c; fancy New York, medium, 9½@10c; fancy New York, small, 10¼@10½c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, March 17.—FLOUR—Firm; fancy, $4.35@4.55; family, $3.80@4.10.

WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, 97c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 29@29½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 53c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firmer, $4.95. Bulk meats, firm, $5.15. Bacon, firmer, $5.95.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.20.

BUTTER—Easier; Elgin creamery, 20½c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10@12c.

SUGAR—Easy; refined, $4.10@5.85.

EGGS—Firmer at 8c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio ...at, 9@9¼c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 17.—WHEAT — Spot, steady; No. 2 red western, winter, 4s.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 3s 5¼d. Futures, steady; March, 3s 4¼d; May, 3s 3d; July, 3s 2¾d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady 9s 3d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, firm, £4 5s@£4 15s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 61s 9d; prime mess, 58s 9d. Pork, prime mess, firm; western, firm, 51s 3d; prime mess, medium western, 48s 9d. Hams, short cut, steady, 3s 5d. Bacon, firm, 31s; short ribs, steady, 31s 6d; long clear middles, light and heavy, 31s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, steady, 29s; short clear backs, steady, 28s 6d; clear bellies, steady, 32s; shoulders, square, steady, 24s 6d. Lard, prime western, steady, 27s 6d.

CHEESE—American finest white and colored, easy, 28s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm, 20s.

OILS—Cottonseed, Liverpool refined, steady, 15s 3d. Turpentine spirits, firm, 25s 9d. Rosin, common, steady, 4s 3d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 17.—WHEAT—Active and ½@1c higher; No. 1 hard, 88½c; No. 2, 86@87½c; No. 3, 85@85½c; No. 1 red, 93½@94c; No. 2, 92@93½c; No. 3, 88½c; No. 2 spring, 86@87c; No. 3, 83@87c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 mixed, 25¾@26c.

OATS—Active and unchanged; No. 2 white, 27½@28c.

RYE—Higher; No. 2, 46c.

HAY—Fairly active and firm; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.55.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@18c; dairy, 14@16c.

EGGS—Fresh, 8c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 23,400 bu.; corn, 36,400 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 26,400 bu.; corn, 59,800 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Receipts today: Wheat, 147 cars; corn, 170 cars; oats, 208 cars. Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 115 cars; corn, 210 cars; oats, 180 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 17.—Receipts: Wheat, 162 cars.

DULUTH, March 17.—Receipts: Wheat, 69 cars.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—BUTTER—Unchanged; fancy western creamery, 19½c; fancy western prints, 21c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 11c; fresh western, 11c.

CHEESE—Easier; New York fancy full cream, 8½@9¼c; New York prime, 7½@8c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, March 17.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2, cash and May, 97¼c.

CORN—Active and lower; No. 2 mixed, 30c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 27c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, cash, 50½c.

CLOVERSEED—Lower; prime, cash, $2.80.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, March 17.—CORN—Inactive and easy; No. 2, 28½c.

OATS—Dull, but easy; No. 3 white, 26¼@26½c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.19½.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, March 17.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 93¾c; No. 2 red, 95¾c; May, 95¾c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 29¾c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 29c.

RYE—No. 2, 51c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—WHEAT—Inactive; May, $1.40½; December, $1.32½.

BARLEY—Inactive; May, $1.07½; December, 97½c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Trade is Dominated by the Approaching Court of Inquiry Report.

NEW YORK, March 17.—There was a complete reversal of sentiment on the Stock exchange today compared with that of the earlier part of the week and prices sagged almost continuously. The losses averaged nearly 2 per cent in the standard shares and were more pronounced in the specialties, where in one case the decline exceeded 4 per cent. Trading was dominated by the announced completion of the Maine board of inquiry report, the failure of the Pacific roads to reach an amicable agreement upon the passenger rates and the heavy selling by houses with Washington connections. A favorable factor which had little influence was the continued influx of gold. The present movement, including today's engagements of $1,300,000 and the $5,500,000 en route from Austria, is in excess of $30,000,000. The continued ease of money likewise attracted little attention. The resumption of uneasiness as to the general Cuban situation seemed to be shared on the foreign bourses, where Spanish 4s advanced, although this may have been due to the announcement that the interest payments had been guaranteed. The weakness of the leading issues of the grangers, Sugar, Manhattan, Metropolitan Street Railway and other prominent securities. The absence of support by other financial interests was readily perceived by the advocates of lower values and utilized to the fullest extent. London was rather apathetic and early prices afforded little encouragement to either party, being slightly mixed. Subsequent rallies represent the London exchange's closing exceedingly weak. Sugar absorbed the bulk of the traders' attention during the day at receding prices. It was the gossip of the street that in the evening the rapid transit commissioners would announce certain concessions to Manhattan in the way of extensions, but that stock declined considerably. The net losses of 2 points and over follow: Metropolitan Street Railway, 4½; Consolidated Gas, 2½; Tobacco, 2½; Manhattan, 2¾, and Pullman, 2¼. Operations in railway and miscellaneous bonds showed a further contraction in dealings, with the aggregate reaching $1,350,000. The tendency of the market was downward throughout, and as has been the case of late a large preponderance of the dealings centered in a few of the speculative lines. Quotations for government issues indicated losses of ½ per cent in the issues of 1925 and ¼ per cent in the 4s, registered, of 1907.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: In the absence of bad political news the stock markets here continued steady today. The chief feature was the recovery in investment stocks on the prospects of temporarily cheap money. Prices closed under the best, notably Americans and Grand Trunks. Canadian Pacific was strongly bought for Montreal. Foreign stocks were firm on Paris buying. A Cape loan is expected next month. It is to be between £5,000,000 and £6,000,000, of which £4,000,000 are for Turkish indemnity. The interest is to be 2½ per cent, but the issue price is not yet known. Gold is in less keen demand in New York at 77s 10d. More was withdrawn from the Bank of France today. It is understood that the institution is showing more willingness to part with its gold. Details of the gold movement for the week show that a sale of £596,000 in American coin, the receipt of £106,000 from Australia, of £80,000 from Austria and of £5,000 from Malta.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	11	Hawaii Com. Com.	36
do pfd	24¾	St. P. & Om	90
Baltimore & Ohio	16	do pfd	150
Canada Pacific	82	St. P. M. & M	127
Canada Southern	46	So. Pacific	30
Central Pacific	12	So. Railway	7¾
Ches. & Ohio	18⅜	do pfd	23¾
Chicago & Alton	146	Texas & Pacific	9¼
C. B. & Q.	80¾	Union Pacific	20¾
C. & E. I.	54	U. P. D. & G.	7½
C. C. C. & St. L.	27½	Wabash	6¼
do pfd	82	do pfd	15¼
Del. & Hudson	108	Wheel. & L. E.	1⅞
Del. L. & W.	150	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	9¾
Den. & Rio G.	11	Adams Ex.	100
do pfd	44	American Ex.	122
Erie (new)	12⅝	United States Ex.	38
Erie 1st pfd	34	Wells Fargo Ex.	114
Ft. Wayne	166	Am. Cot. Oil	16¼
Great Northern pfd	114	A. Cot. Oil pfd	67½
Hocking Valley	5½	Am. Spirits	6¼
Illinois Central	99¼	Am. Spirits pfd	17¼
Lake Erie & W.	13	Am. Tobacco	95¾
do pfd	66	do pfd	112
Lake Shore	186	People's Gas	90¼
Louisville & Nash.	48¾	Cons. Gas	178½
Manhattan L.	101	Com. Cable Co.	160
Met. St. Ry.	140¼	Col. F. & Iron	18¾
Michigan Central	104¾	do pfd	78
Minn. & St. L.	26	Gen. Electric	31¾
do 1st pfd	82	Illinois Steel	45
Mo. Pacific	26	La Clede Gas	42¼
Mobile & Ohio	26	Lead	25¾
Mo. K. & T.	10¾	do pfd	102¼
Mo. K. & T pfd	31¾	Nat. Lin. Oil	16
Ont. Ind. & L.	7	Oregon Imp. Co.	22
do pfd	24	Pacific Mail	23¾
N. J. Central	91½	Pullman Pal.	168¾
N. Y. Central	109¼	Silver Certificates	55
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	4	Stand. Rope & T.	4
do 1st pfd	63	Sugar	118¾
do 2d pfd	29	do pfd	107¾
Norfolk & Western	12⅝	T. C. & Iron	18¾
No. American Co.	5	U. S. Leather	8¾
No. Pacific	21⅝	do pfd	57¾
do pfd	60¾	U. S. Rubber	16
Ontario & W.	14⅝	do pfd	64¾
Ore. R. & Nav.	44	Western Union	80¾
Ore. Short Line	28	Northwestern	117¾
Pittsburg	168	do pfd	173
Reading	16⅝	Rio Grande West	23
Rock Island	83	do pfd	54
S. L. & S. F.	6¾	Chicago-Great W.	9¼
do 1st pfd	54½	S. L. & S. W.	4¼
St. Paul	88¾	do pfd	8¼
do pfd	145¾	Reading 1st pfd	38¾

Total sales of stocks today, 319,100 shares, including: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 31,257; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 21,756; Metropolitan, 8,400; Missouri Pacific, 4,130; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 4,800; New York Central, 5,195; Northern Pacific, 4,915; Northern Pacific preferred, 14,443; Rock Island, 10,330; St. Paul, 23,735; Tobacco, 29,070; Sugar, 64,565.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 17.—Call loans, 4@5 per cent; time loans, 6@6 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10⅝	Wis. Cent	1¾
American Sugar	138⅜	Boston L.	55¾
Am. Sugar pfd	108¾	Ed. Elec. Ill.	165
Bell Telephone	244¼	Atchison pfd	24¾
Boston & Albany	219	Atchison 4s	87¾
Boston & Maine	163	Gen. Elec. 5s	11
C., B. & Q.	80¼	Allouez Mining Co	1¾
Fitchburg	99¾	Atlantic	29
General Electric	31	Boston & Montana	171
Illinois Steel	45	Butte & Boston	20¼
Mexican Central	5	Calumet & Hecla	512
N. Y. & N. E. pfd	90	Centennial	11¼
Old Colony	188	Franklin	12
O. S. L.	29	Osceola	88
Rubber	15	Quincy	108
Union Pacific	14¾	Tamarack	143
West End	80¾	Wolverines	19¼
W. Elec.	22	Parrott	20¼
W. Elec. pfd	54		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Cholar	50	Ontario	250
Crown Point	14	Ophir	44
Con. Cal. & Va.	80	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	40	Quicksilver	103
Gould & Curry	15	Quicksilver pfd	200
Hale & Norcross	130	Sierra Nevada	115
Homestake	3700	Standard	160
Iron Silver	30	Union Con	30
Mexican	30	Yellow Jacket	25

Bank of England Statement.

LONDON, March 17.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes, as compared with the previous account: Total reserve, increase, £38,000; circulation, decrease, £217,000; bullion, decrease, £279,945; other securities, increase, £557,000; other deposits, increase, £483,000; public deposits, increase, £237,000; note reserve, decrease, £76,000; government securities, increase, £166,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 43.35 per cent, is now 42.84 per cent. The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 17.—MONEY ON CALL—2@2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83⅝@4.84 for demand and $4.80⅝@4.81 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.81½@4.83 and $4.84½@4.85½; commercial bills, $4.80@4.80⅛.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—55@55⅝c.

BAR SILVER—58c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—44⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; new 4s, reg. and coupon, 123; 4s