COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Delayed Reports of Seeding Strengthened the Wheat Market.

OPENING WAS AT A SLIGHT LOSS

There Was Considerable Increase in the May Liquidation, Several of the Large Houses Being Sellers.

CHICAGO, April 24.—The delayed seeding of spring wheat in the northwest, and reports of chinch bugs having made their appearance in the Kansas wheat fields, made a weak wheat market strong today. May closed at 67⅝c or ⅝c over yesterday's closing price, and ⅝c over the opening price. Corn and oats gained a trifle. Provisions also made a slight advance.

There was not a great deal doing during the first hour in wheat, but later in the day the market livened up, and a fair business was transacted. Fluctuations were comparatively wide at 1⅛c. The opening showed a trifle loss and prices gradually sagged back ⅞c, and advanced 1⅜c toward the close. There was considerable increase in the May liquidations, several of the larger commission houses being pronounced sellers of May, and a prominent local trader as well as the professional operator sold quite freely of July, and in absence of any particular outside support, prices declined. The report of the Prairie Farmer was construed as bearish, and had a tendency to increase speculative offerings. The sharp rally late in the session was due largely to good buying influenced by the reports of chinch bugs doing damage to wheat in western Kansas. Evidently operators had rather oversold the market early, and when they wanted to cover they did not find much wheat on sale. The strong closing cables added to the strength here.

The corn market was firm, and a fair amount of trading was done, but up to the last hour the business was chiefly in the way of transferring trades from one month to another. In the last hour there was some heavy buying, said to be for covering a line of shorts for Patten. July opened unchanged at 30⅝c, sold as high as 31c, and closed at from 30¾c to 30⅞c. May opened unchanged at 29⅝c, sold to 29⅞c, reacted to 29⅝c, and closed at 29¾c.

The feature in oats was the general covering by May shorts, one line of over 500,000 bu., being bought. The tone early was easier, but when wheat advanced, a firmer feeling developed, and prices advanced from ¼c to ⅜c, the close being steady at about the top with a net gain of ¼c.

Provisions ruled higher. July pork, which closed yesterday at $8.72½, closed at $8.77½, after a dip it took early in the day, to $8.67½. July lard opened up 2½c over yesterday's latest trading price at $5.00, did not sell below that, nor over $5.02½, and closed at the latter price. The improvement for the day in July ribs was 2½c. English houses were the best buyers of lard, and they took also fair quantities of pork and ribs.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 11 cars; corn, 310 cars; oats, 205 cars; hogs, 13,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Closs.
Wheat, No. 2				
April.....	62⅞	63⅜	62⅞	63⅛
May.....	63¼	64	62⅞	63⅞
July.....	64⅝	65¼	63⅞	65⅝
Sept.....	65¼	65⅞	64¾	65⅝
Corn, No. 2.				
April.....	.....	.....	.....	29¼
May.....	29⅝	29⅞	29½	29¾
July.....	30⅝	31	30⅝	30¾
Sept.....	32	32¼	31⅞	32⅛
Oats, No. 2.				
April.....	19	19⅛	19	19⅛
May.....	19⅝	19⅞	19⅛	19⅝
July.....	19⅞	20	19¾	20
Sept.....	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
Pork, per bbl				
April.....	8 55	8 60	8 50	8 60
May.....	8 55	8 60	8 50	8 60
July.....	8 75	8 77½	8 67½	8 77½
Sept.....	8 90	8 95	8 87½	8 95
Lard, 100 lbs				
April.....	4 82½	4 90	4 82½	4 87½
May.....	4 82½	4 90	4 82½	4 87½
July.....	5 00	5 02½	5 00	5 02½
Sept.....	5 12½	5 17½	5 12½	5 17½
Sh'rt Ribs—				
April.....	4 27½	4 32½	4 25	4 30
May.....	4 27½	4 32½	4 25	4 30
July.....	4 42½	4 45	4 40	4 40
Sept.....	4 52	4 60	4 55	4 57½

Cash quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 63½c; No. 3 spring, 63@63½c; No. 2 red, 66⅞@67⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 29⅝@29¾c; No. 2 yellow, 30½@30¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 19½c; No. 2 white, 19½@19⅝c; No. 3 white, 19½@20¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 36¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 92c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.20@3.20.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl, $8.55@8.60. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.87½@4.90. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.25@4.30. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@4.62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.37½@4.50.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	5,000	20,000
Wheat, bu.....	14,000	90,000
Corn, bu.....	219,000	234,000
Oats, bu.....	241,000	272,000
Rye, bu.....	5,000	4,000
Barley, bu.....	23,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 10@13½c; dairy, 9@13c. Eggs, steady; 8@10c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 10,400 bu.; exports, 7,500 bu.; steadier, with the rise in wheat, but buyers still lack confidence in the situation and trade drags; demand was light, country mills accepting 5@10c less; winter patents, $3.90@4.00; winter straights, $3.65@3.75; Minnesota patents, $3.75@4.05; winter extras, $2.60@2.80; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@3.15; winter low grades, $2.20@2.35; spring low grades, $2.00@2.60. Rye flour, steady; superfine, $2.65@2.75; fancy, $2.75@3.00.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 40c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, coarse, 77c; city, 79c; Brandywine, $2.20.

RYE—Steady; 44@45c.

BARLEY—Steady; 39@45c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 44@45c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 8,300 bu.; exports, 15,800 bu. Options opened steady, but soon declined under liquidation, favorable crop news and short sales, ruling weak all the morning. In the late afternoon a pronounced advance took place, stimulated by a bullish report, talk of chinch bugs and heavy covering; closed ⅛@¼c net higher; April closed at 74¼c; May, 70⅞@71⅛c, closed at 71⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 51,700 bu.; exports, 84,200 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 in elevator. Options opened steady and advanced on covering principally with wheat; closing ⅛@¼c net higher; April, 36½@36¾c, closed at 36¼c; May, 35⅞@36⅛c, closed at 36¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 103,200 bu.; exports, 300 bu. Spot, active for exports; No. 2, 25½c. Options quiet, but steady on the demand for spot; closed unchanged; May, 24⅝@24½c, closed at 24½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,996 packages; market firm; western dairy, 8@11c; western creamery, 10@14½c; Elgins, 14½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,910 packages; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11@11½c; western, 10@11c; southern, 9½@10c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, large, 5⅝@10c; small, 6@10c; part skims, 3@5½c; full skims, 2@2½c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, $7.50@8.00; good to choice, $9.00@10.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 3@8c; coast, 1894 crop, 2½@4c; 1895 crop, 3@8c.

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

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, B. A., light to heavy weights, 19@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.00@11.00; extra mess, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $11.50; packet, $9.00@9.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4½@4¾c; pickled shoulders, 4¾c; pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, steady; western steam closed $5.17½ asked; refined, quiet, steady. Pork, steady; old and new mess, $9.00@10.00; short clear, $10.00@11.50; family, $10.50@10.75.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 3⅝c; country, 3¾c.

OIL—Petroleum, dull; United closed $1.21½ bid. Rosin, firmer; strained, common to good, $1.95@2.00. Turpentine, steady, 29¾@29¾c. Cottonseed oil, slack and uninteresting; prime crude, 21@22c; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 17@18c; off grades, 18½@20c; butter grades, 27@28c; prime summer yellow, 25½c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 5¾@6c; Japan, 3⅞@4¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@35c.

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $10.75@13.00; northern, $11.00@13.50. Copper, steady; brokers, 10.87½; exchange, 10.75. Lead, steady; brokers, $2; exchange, $2.03. Tin, steady; straits, $13.20@13.35; plates, firm. Spelter, firmer.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, April 24.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 2 red, winter, 5s 7d; No. 2 red, spring, stock exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 6d; No. 1 California, 5s 8½d. Futures opened firm, with fair and distant positions ¼d higher; closed quiet, with near and distant positions ¼d higher; April, 5s 5¼d; May, 5s 5¼d; June, 5s 5¼d; July, 5s 5¼d; August, 5s 5¼d; September, 5s 5¼d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 3s 1½. Futures opened steady and unchanged; closed steady, with near and distant positions unchanged to ¼d higher; April, 3s 1d; May, 3s 1d; June, 3s 1¼d; July, 3s 1½d; August, 3s 2½d; September, 3s 1d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand, poor; St. Louis fancy, winter, 7s 6d.

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 8½d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs., 24s; short ribs, 20 lbs., 30s; long clear, light, 35 to 40 lbs., 28s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 27s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 28s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 30s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 34s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 41s. Tallow, fine North American, 19s. Beef, extra India mess, 60s; prime mess, 50s. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 50s; prime mess, medium, 42s 6d. Lard, steady; prime western, 25s; refined, in pails, 28s 6d.

OIL—Turpentine spirits, 25s. Rosin, common, 4s 9d. Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, 16s 9d. Linseed oil, 18s 6d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¼d; hindquarters, 5¾d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b., Liverpool, 4s 6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £1 15s.

The receipts of wheat during the past three days were 59,000 centals, including 18,000 American; receipts of corn, 11,800 centals.

CHEESE—Steady; finest American white, 44s; finest American, colored, 41s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 70s; good, 50s.

WEATHER—Fine.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 7½@8c.

BUTTER—Fair to good stock, 7c; choice to fancy country, 10@12c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young America, 10c; twins, winter make, 8@9c; October make, 9@10c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, 7½@8c; old cocks, 3@4c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, 8@10c; geese, 6@7c; spring chickens, per doz., $3.00@5.00.

HAY—Upland, $4; midland, $3.50; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4; 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 hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, $2.50; redheads, $2.50; canvas back ducks, $2.00@2.25; teal, blue winged, $1.25@1.75; teal, green winged, $1.25@1.50; mixed, $1.25@1.50; Canada geese, $3.50@4.50; small geese, $2.00@3.00; speckled brants, $2.00@3.00; jack snipe, $1.00@1.25.

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

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida stock, 6-basket crates, $6.00.

PEAS—Boxes, ⅝ bu., $2.

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; per bbl., $2.50.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 2c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, 2 doz., $3.50.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2¼c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.50.

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

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.50@3.00 per bbl.; seed sweet potatoes, $2.25.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

WAX PEAS—Per bu. box, $4; qt. case, $1.75.

POTATOES—Native stock, 20@25c; Colorado stock, 35@40c; Red River valley seed potatoes, 50c; Early Ohio, seed, 40@50c; Florida new potatoes, per bu. crate, $1.50; California new potatoes, per lb., 3½c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $2.00.

HOME GROWN ASPARAGUS—Per doz. bunches, 50@65c.

FRUITS.

The supply of strawberries continues light. Yesterday's receipts numbered only twenty cases of Mississippi berries. Next week larger receipts are expected, as Arkansas berries ought to be coming freely by that time. Quotations:

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per case of 24 qts., $2.50@2.75; per qt., $1.00@1.50.

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.

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, fancy, $2.75@3.00; choice, $2.50@2.75; fancy navels, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.50@3.75.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.25@3.50; choice, $2.00@3.25; Californias, $2.75@3.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

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; half bbl., $1.75.

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

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

PIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 14c; choice 20-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

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

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9c.

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, 6¼@7c; roasted, 7¾c.

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

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6¼@6½c; medium steers, 6c; good cows and heifers, 5¾@6c; medium cows and heifers, 5¼@5½c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 4@4½c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters, steers, 7½@8½c; cow rounds, 5½c; cow sirloins, 3½c; 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, 2½c; rump butts, 7c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lamb, 7½c; dressed mutton, 6½c; racks, 8c; legs, 9c; saddles, 9c; stews, 3c; sheep plucks, 3c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; tenderloins, 14c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 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@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@5c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2½c; grease, yellow, 1½c; 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 mixed, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@8c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed, fine medium, 15@16c; 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	$20@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
Brown	20@25	16 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Brown Yearlings .	10@12	8 00	6 00	6 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	30 00	10 00
Silver Pale (according to bea'y)	50 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 20	1 00	1 00	70	25
Gray	75	50	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).....	1@2				
Otter	8 00	6@7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Pale.....	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 50
Raccoon	60@70	50	35	20	10
Raccoon, Black (as to beauty).....	50@52				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased.....	1 25	75	50	50	25
Short striped.....	1 00	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped.....	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped.....	20@25				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf, Mountain..	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf, Prairie.....	65@90	60	40	20	10
Beaver, per skin.	5@6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits.....	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2		3		

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, April 24.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, with prices unchanged to 5 points lower; ruled inactive and generally weak under local pressure; closed dull at 10 to 15 points net decline. Sales, 7,250 bags, including: March, $10.85. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, 12.75. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $15.75@18.00; sales, 1,000 bags, Guatemala, p. t. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 4,884 bags; New York stock today, 222,579 bags; United States stock, 252,443 bags; afloat for the United States, 120,500 bags; total visible for the United States, 372,631 bags, against 465,183 bags last year.

SANTOS, April 24.—Quiet; good average Santos, $14; receipts, 3,000 bags; stock, 113,000 bags.

HAMBURG, April 24.—Quiet; ¼ pfg. advance to ¼ pfg. decline.

HAVRE, April 24.—Closed quiet; prices unchanged; sales, 3,000 bags.

RIO, April 24.—Quiet; No. 7, 13,600 reis; exchange, 9½d; stock, 82,000 bags.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The extending inquiries of the last week or more continue to expand and include everything of a seasonable description, and from the pertinent character of some requests by mail and wire it would appear that important transactions are being carried on.

MANCHESTER, April 24.—The market for cloths and yarns is steady, without quotable change.

STOCKS ARE BEING REDUCED

Business During the Past Week Has Made Fair Progress.

PRICES ARE NOW LOWEST EVER KNOWN

Dun & Co. Report a Further Decline of Two Per Cent Since April 1 in Manufactured Products.

NEW YORK, April 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, to be issued tomorrow, will say: Business has been favored by seasonable weather, and the distribution of products has made fair progress, not yet reducing retail or wholesale stocks far enough, however, to materially improve the position of industries. Those stocks have apparently been large ever since the fever of buying last fall, and the actual buying for consumption smaller than has been generally realized. Hence all the great industries are embarrassed by lack of adequate demand, and in some cases the accumulation of goods in anticipation of demand has gone about as far as it can. Strikes of some importance are threatened in building and window glass trades, and the working force is lessened by stoppage of some factories, because orders are light. Again prices of commodities are on the whole lower than ever before, having declined about 2 per cent since April 1, and 17 per cent since July, 1895, or October, 1892. The fall in manufactured products is a little less than it was April 1, but in farm products greater.

Speculation is swayed by trifling influences when markets are very narrow. The recent advance checked buying of wheat for export, and Atlantic exports for the week were only 1,081,284 bushels, flour included, against 1,798,873 bushels last week, while western receipts were 2,294,657 bushels, against 1,357,408 bushels last year.

Since July 1, Atlantic exports, including flour, have been only 72,900,000 bushels, against 87,500,000 bushels last year, to date, though western receipts have been about 177,000,000 bushels, against 139,000,000 bushels to date last year. With generally fair weather and no danger to wheat, the price has dropped about 2 cents, nearly half the rise based on gloomy reports early this month. Corn receipts continue heavy, and the price is a shade lower.

A single enterprising buyer was able to push up the price of cotton ⅛ per cent. Cotton goods were bought less freely last week, and the northern mills have taken scarcely any cotton this month. The feeling is more hopeful, because retail trade is better. The situation in woolen goods does not improve, though women's dress goods are selling fairly, especially since the invoice prices of some French goods were advanced, but the mills for men's wear, hosiery and carpets are rapidly decreasing production. Sales of wool included 3,000,000 pounds, domestic and some domestic for export, but were in all only 4,063,100 pounds, and for three weeks have been 9,527,700 pounds of which 5,070,300 pounds were domestic, against 17,409,800 pounds last year, of which 9,292,500 pounds were domestic. Leather is weaker, with heavy sales, averaging about 3 per cent lower for the week, although hides at Chicago are a shade stronger.

Neither pig iron nor manufactured products have moved in demand as yet, though further combinations have raised prices of rods of bar iron to $1.20, while steel bars sell at $1.15, and nails are to be 15 cents higher after May 1. Brokers at Pittsburg are still selling steel billets 60 cents below the pool price, though it was formed more than three weeks ago, and bessemer pig has declined there to $13, with grey forge stronger. Structural angles are a shade lower, though some good contracts are expected, and there have been sales of 15,000 tons of steel rails and 10,000 tons of cast pipe for Western work. Many consumers of copper are working part time, and Lake is offered at $10.65. Tin is dull, but a shade higher at 13.4 cents, and lead, with large western sales at 3.07½. Makers of tin plates have agreed to maintain prices—$3.70 being still quoted for Bessemer coke, full weight.

Failures for the week have been 238 in the United States, against 230 last year, and 44 in Canada, against 37 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, April 24.—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:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 576,369,704	.....	0.1
Chicago	88,389,841	8.7	.....
Boston	82,910,298	2.2	.....
Philadelphia	68,795,909	4.5	.....
St. Louis	22,882,957	8.4	.....
San Francisco	12,280,767	15.0	.....
Baltimore	12,185,029	3.1	.....
Pittsburg	17,682,675	0.8	.....
Cincinnati	11,799,350	.....	0.4
Kansas City	10,278,944	1.1	.....
New Orleans	9,277,049	8.3	.....
Buffalo	4,012,698	5.5	.....
Milwaukee	4,505,391	8.0	.....
Detroit	5,281,940	2.1	.....
Louisville	5,872,338	9.1	.....
Minneapolis	5,017,757	.....	11.6
OMAHA	3,454,547	9.8	.....
Providence	5,528,900	7.1	.....
Cleveland	6,097,227	29.1	.....
Houston	3,311,589	24.6	.....
St. Paul	4,069,920	29.0	.....
Denver	2,291,600	.....	10.8
Indianapolis	4,312,450	6.1	.....
Columbus, O.	4,690,200	19.1	.....
Hartford	2,327,820	12.0	.....
Richmond	1,971,562	.....	15.9
Washington	1,850,361	.....	.....
Hamilton, Can.	1,256,186	13.1	.....
Dallas	2,876,543	41.2	.....
St. Joseph	1,237,313	14.9	.....
Peoria	1,592,575	.....	24.6
Memphis	1,878,000	.....	2.1
Portland, Ore.	811,827	.....	5.5
Rochester	1,431,457	.....	5.9
New Haven	1,417,119	10.1	.....
Savannah	1,722,525	.....	19.4
Springfield, Mass.	1,268,253	9.5	.....
Worcester	1,254,390	20.9	.....
Portland, Me.	1,073,978	.....	.....
Atlanta	1,040,344	9.8	.....
Fort Worth	1,266,284	.....	19.2
Waco	1,028,759	.....	42.4
Syracuse	1,021,804	23.8	.....
Des Moines	1,119,843	.....	23.9
Grand Rapids	768,907	.....	20.4
Seattle	603,494	14.2	.....
Knoxville	392,222	.....	.....
Lowell	620,899	5.8	.....
Wilmington, Del.	501,291	18.3	.....
Norfolk	839,872	.....	7.0
Sioux City	506,622	.....	1.7
Los Angeles	1,256,728	.....	.....
Tacoma	597,883	.....	29.9
Scranton	935,610	.....	.....
Spokane	464,699	39.7	.....
Jacksonville	593,708	.....	.....
Lincoln	231,952	.....	17.7
New Bedford	375,428	13.9	.....
Wichita	484,388	.....	.....
Birmingham	489,046	29.0	.....
Topeka	455,321	7.6	.....
Lexington, Ky.	274,548	.....	21.9
Binghampton	242,200	7.5	.....
Helena	542,422	1.4	.....
Bay City, Mich.	247,398	.....	10.0
Fall River	718,773	2.7	.....
Akron, O.	320,300	.....	1.6
Springfield, O.	153,398	.....	7.3
Canton, O.	191,400	15.0	.....
Sioux Falls	79,619	42.0	.....
Fremont, Neb.	48,373	.....	33.3
Hastings, Neb.	59,023	.....	21.0
Chattanooga	264,000	13.3	.....
Fargo	136,704	.....	13.9
Nashville	941,186	13.6	.....
Galveston	3,554,445	.....	24.3
Kalamazoo	298,816	36.6	.....
Rockford	271,764	22.0	.....
Augusta	677,165	4.6	.....
Toledo	1,294,646	.....	.....
Davenport	669,614	.....	.....
Dayton	626,671	.....	.....
Totals, United States.	$1,012,355,800	1.7	.....
Exclusive of N. Y.	435,986,096	4.3	.....
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 9,417,186	.....	6.9
Toronto	5,704,842	.....	2.5
Halifax	1,112,851	13.8	.....
Hamilton	623,513	8.7	.....
Winnipeg	867,108	21.8	.....
Totals	$ 17,725,502	.....	1.0

Augusta, Davenport, Dayton, Knoxville, Waco, Houston and Galveston not included in totals.

OMAHA ONE OF THE FIVE LEADERS.

Trade Improvement for the Week as Reported by Commercial Travelers.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The feeling is more hopeful at many trade centers, owing to continued improvement of demand in retail lines, better weather, generally favorable crop prospects and the activity which follows renewed building operations, distribution of implements and farm supplies and attendant activity, more favorable reports from commercial travelers, especially from those representing Pittsburg, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Milwaukee houses. Moderate improvement is shown at a few other western centers, but at most of the larger distributing points throughout the country the movement of crops on the whole shows no material change. At Atlanta all cities mercantile collections continue slow, remaining relatively the most unfavorable feature of business, even where the tendency in other directions is toward improvements.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat), from both coasts of the United States this week are the smallest since the third week in July, 1895, and with that exception the smallest in any week during the past sixteen years, amounting to only 1,286,000 bushels, compared with 2,017,000 bushels last week, 2,431,000 bushels in corresponding week one year ago, 2,727,000 bushels two years ago, and with 2,597,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1893.

There were 249 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 244 last week, 233 in the corresponding week one year ago, 207 two years ago, and as contrasted with 188 in the like week of 1893.

INCREASED ACTIVITY IN STOCKS.

Upward Movement Ascribed to Anticipated Revival in Trade.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Bradstreet's Financial Review tomorrow will say: Bullish sentiments continue to animate current speculation, the present week having witnessed increased activity and broader conditions, as well as a further improvement in price, though at the close of the week there were signs of weariness. The movement seems to be based upon a desire to discount the anticipated revival of trade, but its character is also due in a large degree to the example afforded by the recent speculative revival in London, and the better standing which American securities are gaining there. The latter tendency, indeed, does not show itself in the form of any special foreign buying of securities. All that can be said is that the balance of arbitrage transactions between here and Europe is in our favor, while there is some foreign buying of bonds in small lots. One of the features of the week has indeed been the more or less open assistance given to the bull campaign by the larger financial and speculative interests. The disposition of the professional element to realize profits naturally caused recession from time to time, but not only was support extended from the sources in question, but the tangible increase