COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Absence of Crop Damage Reports Weakened Prices.

THERE WAS A STRONG MARKET IN OATS

Considerable Interest Centered in Corn, that Cereal Ruling Quite Active Early in the Session.

CHICAGO, May 8.—On the lack of faith in the continued reports of damage to wheat in the west and southwest, the bears today succeeded in beating down prices. July wheat closed at 65¾c, or ⅜c below yesterday. Corn and oats declined ⅛c and ⅝c, respectively. Provisions were inanimate.

There was a fair trade in wheat, chiefly local. Many of yesterday's principal buyers took profits. Fluctuations covered ⅝c range, with the top prices scored near the start. There was a renewal of the bug stories from the southwest early and some outside buying. Early cables were, however, a disappointment, coming but ¼d higher, and then the weather was in a general way favorable, though a few showers were noted in the Red and Jim River valleys. It was still hot and clear in the west and southwest. Second private cables quoted Liverpool ¼d higher and caused a temporary rally when announced, but offerings soon increased and general realizing occurred, which caused quite a sharp break to follow.

It was rumored that the Illinois crop report to be issued tomorrow would show a condition of 91 per cent and this cost the price something, notwithstanding that closing cables were generally better. Considerable interest centered in corn, the market during the first half of the session ruling quite active, the range for the day being from ¾c to ⅞c. The feature of the trade was the large receipts, July shorts, there being an active and urgent call for that delivery from the start, one concern taking 700,000 bu., the same being supplied by elevators and commission houses.

There was a strong market in oats early, with sales at the top prices; buyers took hold fairly and the shorts were run. After they had been filled up the break in wheat and increased offerings by longs, shippers and receivers, created weakness and prices declined ⅞c and the close was at the bottom.

Too many hogs continued to be the talk in the provision pit and prices dragged to a lower level in consequence. July pork opened at from $7.92½@7.95 and closed at $7.80. July lard opened at $4.80 and closed at $4.77½, those being top and bottom prices for the day. July ribs started worth $4.20 and $4.22½, then declined to $4.15 and closed at $4.17½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 10 cars; corn, 145 cars; oats, 145 cars; hogs, 18,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
May	63	63¼	62⅜	62⅜
June	63⅛	63⅝	62⅛	62⅝
July	64⅞	64⅞	63⅛	63¼
Sept	65¼	65⅝	63¾	63⅝
Corn, No 2				
May	29¼	29¼	28⅝	28⅝
July	30⅛	30⅛	29⅜	29⅜
Sept	31⅜	31¾	30⅛	31
Oats, No. 2				
May	18⅜	18⅝	18⅛	18⅛
June				18⅛
July	20	20	19⅛	19⅛
Sept	20¼	20¼	19⅜	19⅜
Pork, per bbl				
May				7 70
July	7 92½	7 95	7 75	7 80
Sept	8 12½	8 12½	8 00	8 00
Lard, 100 lbs				
May				4 70
July	4 80	4 80	4 77½	4 77½
Sept	4 95	4 95	4 92½	4 92½
Short Ribs—				
May				4 05
July	4 20	4 22½	4 15	4 17½
Sept	4 35	4 35	4 30	4 32½

Cash quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 62¾c; No. 3 spring, 63¼c; No. 2 red, 66¼@66¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 28¾c; No. 2 yellow, 29¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 18c; No. 2 white, 20½@21½c; No. 3 white, 19¾@21¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 36½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 21@24c; No. 4, nominal.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 85c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.20.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.75@7.77½; lard, per 100 lbs., $4.72½; short ribs sides, loose, $4.10@4.20; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.50@4.62½; short clear sides, boxed, $4.60@4.12½.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.25; granulated, $5.62½@5.75; standard "A," $5.25.

POULTRY—Fairly active; turkeys, 9½@10c; ducks, 8@8½c; geese, 7@8c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	5,000	4,000
Wheat, bu	7,000	141,000
Corn, bu	113,000	229,000
Oats, bu	144,000	177,000
Rye, bu	4,000	1,000
Barley, bu	30,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 11@15½c; dairy, 9@13c. Eggs, dull and weak; fresh, 7½@9c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,000 bbls.; exports, 21,300 bbls.; market was dull, buyers holding off to await developments in wheat; winter patents, $3.75@3.80; winter straights, $3.60@3.55; Minnesota patents, $3.50@4.00; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@3.15; spring, low grades, $1.85@2.00. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.50@2.70; fancy, $2.75@3.00.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 39@40c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, coarse, 70c; Brandywine, $2.15@2.20.

BARLEY—Quiet; malting, 38@42c; feeding, 35@38c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 45@55c.

RYE—Quiet at 43@45c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 279,400 bu.; exports, 47,900 bu.; spot, lower. Options opened firmer, but at once declined in the face of bullish crop news from the north and southwest. The crowd sold out long wheat and denied the crop damage stories. Prospects of a heavy California crop, absence of export demand and talk of a bearish Illinois report, all contributed to the weakness; closed ⅝c net lower; No. 2 red, May, 69 5-16@70 7-16c; closing, 69⅜c; September, 69⅝@70¾c, closing, 69⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 197,200 bu.; exports, 80,900 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 25¾c. Options were fairly active and weaker under bright crop prospects and spring-like weather; wheat closing ⅛@⅜c net lower; May, 35⅜@35⅝c, closing, 35⅜c; September, 37⅛@37½c, closing, 37⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 127,200 bu.; exports, 191,600 bu.; options, dull and easier with the other markets, closing ⅛c net lower; May, 24½@24⅝c, closing 24½c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, $7.50@8.00; good to choice, $9.50@10.00.

HOPS—Dull; 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 3@5c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 3@6c.

HIDES—Quiet; wet salted New Orleans selected, 16c; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texas, dry, 8c; California, 12@13½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 19@20c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,924 pkgs.; steady; western dairy, 8@11c; western creamery, 11@15c; Elgins, 16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,617 pkgs.; steady; large, 5½@6c; small, 4½@6c; part skims, 3@4½c; full skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,063 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10½@11c; western, 9½@10½c; southern, 7@8½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $9.50@11.00; beef hams, $1.50; cut meats, easy; pickled hams, 9@9½c. Lard, easy; western steam closed at $5.00; refined, quiet; lower. Pork, dull; short clear, $10.25@11.50.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; United closed $1.22½. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $2.60. Turpentine, dull at 27¾@28c. Cottonseed oil, slow; prime crude, 21@22c; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 17@19c; off grades, 15½@20c; butter grades, 27@28c; prime summer yellow, 25½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@4c; Japan, 3¾@4c.

MOLASSES—Quiet and steady; New Orleans, 29@37c.

METALS—Lead, steady; brokers, $3; exchange, $3.05. Tin, easier; straits, $13.25@13.35. Plates, quiet. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $4.20@4.10.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 8.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; demand moderate; No. 2 red, winter, 5s 6½d; No. 2 red, spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 4d; No. 1, California, 5s 5d. Futures opened steady, with near positions ¼d higher and distant positions higher; closed firm, with near positions ¼@½d higher and distant positions ¼d higher; business about equally distributed; May, 5s 3½d; June, 5s 3¾d; July, 5s 4½d; August, 5s 4¾d; September, 5s 5d; October, 5s 5¼d.

CORN—Spot, higher; American mixed, new, 3s 4d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions unchanged to ¼d higher; business about equally distributed; May, 3s 3d; June, 3s 3½d; July, 3s 3½d; August, 3s 3¾d; September, 3s 3¾d; October, 2s 3¾d.

FLOUR—Steady; limited demand; nothing offering; St. Louis fancy, winter, 7s.

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 8d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 29s 6d; short ribs, 28 lbs., 27s 6d; long clear, light, 35 to 45 lbs., 28s 6d; long clear, heavy, stocks exhausted; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 27s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 24s 6d. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 27s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 49s. Tallow, fine North American, 18s. Beef, extra India mess, 75s 6d; prime mess, 46s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 41s 6d; medium, western, 40s. Lard, quiet; prime western, 25s 3d; refined, in pails, 26s.

CHEESE—Quiet; demand poor; finest American white, 45s 6d; finest American, colored, 41s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 70s; good, 60s.

OILS—Turpentine spirits, 22s; rosin, common, 4s 9d; cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, 18s 9d; linseed oil, 14s 6d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarter, 2¾d; hindquarter, 3½d.

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

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

The receipts of wheat during the past three days were 128,000 centals, including 28,000 centals American. The receipts of American corn for three days were 44,000 centals.

The weather is fine.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

"Eggs are worth just what one can get out of them," said a commission dealer. "One thing is certain—they are not worth much. Selected stock is selling to the trade at 7@7½c, but that leaves the culls and records on hand, and it is safe to say that eggs are not actually worth over 6c. The local demand is very light, and the storage houses of the country are full. About all a dealer can do is to ship east and pocket his loss." Quotations:

EGGS—Choice stock, 6½@7c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 6@7c; choice to fancy country, 10@13c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 5@6c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 12c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 13c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 10c; twins, winter make, 8@9c; October make, 9@10c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, 70@75c; cocks, 3@5c; turkeys, 7@9c; ducks, 8@10c; geese, 6@7c; spring chickens, per doz., $2.00@4.00.

HAY—Upland, $6.50; midland, $6; lowland, $5.50; rye straw, $4; oats straw, make 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, 2½c; common, 1½c.

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

VEGETABLES.

The supply of string and wax beans has been light, and the market high all the spring. Quotations:

TOMATOES—Florida stock, 6-basket crates, $3.25.

PEAS—Boxes, ½ bu., 65@75c.

TOP ONIONS—Per doz. bunches, 10@15c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@25c.

WAX BEANS—Per ½ bu. box, $1.00.

STRING BEANS—Per ½ bu. box, $1.50.

SPINACH—Per bu., 30@40c.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 1@1½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, 1 doz., $1.75@2.00.

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

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

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.25@2.50; per bbl.; seed sweet potatoes, $2.00.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

WATER CRESS—Per 15-qt. case, $1.25@1.50.

POTATOES—Native stock, 20@25c; Minnesota, 20@25c; Red River valley seed potatoes, 40@45c; early Ohio seed, 35@40c; California new potatoes, per lb., 2½c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $2.00.

FRUITS.

There were plenty of strawberries on the market yesterday, but a good deal of the stock was very soft, and it was almost impossible to secure really first-class shipping stock. The Van Buren crop is about at an end. Nevada, Mo., berries are just commencing to ripen next week.

T. H. Hyatt of Sulsun, Cal., writes regarding the fruit situation in that state: "We have had an unprecedented April, quite a number of severe frosts and a great lot of rain, and it is said that the cherry crop all over the state is all but ruined, if not quite so." Quotations:

STRAWBERRIES—Shipping stock, per case of 24 qts., $2.50.

APPLES—Choice to fancy Ben Davis, $4.00@4.50; choice willow twigs, $3.50@4.75.

CRANBERRIES—No supplies in stock.

CALIFORNIA CHERRIES—Per 10-lb., box, $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, $3.50@3.75; extra fancy, $4.00; choice, $3.25@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $1.00@2.00; medium sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shells, 12c; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 8c; large, 10c; peanuts, raw, 6½@7c; roasted, 7½c.

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.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 50-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.

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

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½@7c; western steers, 6@6½c; good cows and heifers, 6@6¼c; medium cows and heifers, 5@5¾c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3¾@4¼c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7½@8½c; good hindquarters, steers, 8½@10c; cow rounds, 4½c; cow plates, 3c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3c; steer chucks, 3¾c; beef tenderloins, 22c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; loin backs, boneless, 9c; hind quarters, 7½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 3c; cow loins, No. 3, 10c; beff trimmings, 3c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7¾c; dressed mutton, 6½c; racks, 8c; legs, 9c; saddles, 9c; stews, 3c; sheep, spring, 7c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4¾c; pork loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 3½c; ham sausages butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; tenderloins, 12c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6@7c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 4@5c; 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), 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@6c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@6c. Wet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 2¾c; grease, white B, 2½c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; old tallow, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@20c; 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, dark, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, the heavy, 9@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 19@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 5@8c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 8@9c. Fleece, washed—bellows, 15@16c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, May 8.—FLOUR—Dull and steady; patents, $2.65@3.75; extra fancy, $3.35@3.45; fancy, $2.90@3.00; choice, $2.50@2.65.

WHEAT—Opened strong on reports of bugs, but good crop reports soon started the bears to selling and caused a decline, and the market for futures closed ⅜c to lc under yesterday; spot, steady; No. 2 red, cash, 62½@62¾c, on track; May, 58¼c bid; July and August, 60½c bid.

CORN—Futures opened higher, but the decline in wheat had a depressing effect. There were not many buyers and considerably lower prices followed. The market closing ¼@⅜c under yesterday; spot, higher; No. 2 mixed, cash, 26¾c; May, 26c; July, 28¾c; September, 28½c.

OATS—Futures easier, in sympathy with the general decline in all cereals; spot, firm; No. 2 cash, 17¾c; May, 17¾c; July, 18½c.

RYE—Quiet; 36@37c in elevator and on track.

CORN MEAL—$1.25@1.40.

BRAN—Dull and easy; 38c bid, east track.

FLAXSEED—Steady; 81c.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.40@3.00.

HAY—Quiet and firm; prairie, $6.00@8.75; timothy, $7.50@10.50, this side.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 6½c for old; 12@16c for spring; ducks, 7½c.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 11@17c; dairy, 8@13c.

EGGS—Quiet and steady; fresh, 6½c.

WHISKY—$1.22.

LEAD—Firm; $2.89 bid for Missouri and $2.82½ for chemical.

SPELTER—Held firmly at $3.90.

COTTONTIES—7½c.

BAGGING—4½@5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbin, $7.80. Lard, lower; prime, $4.50; choice, $4.55. Bacon, shoulders, $4.75; longs, $4.75; ribs, $4.87½; shorts, $4.87½. Dry salted meats, boxed shoulders, $4.25; longs, $4.12½; ribs, $4.37½; shorts, $4.37½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 46,000 bu.; oats, 16,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, none; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 14,000 bu.; oats, 19,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 8.—COFFEE—Options opened quiet; primes, unchanged to 5 points lower. Ruled inactive and featureless on small local trading. Closing quiet at unchanged prices to 10 points net decline; sales, 5,000 bags, including May, $13.00. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, 14c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $16.75@18; sales, 2,100 bags Maracaibo, 200 bags Savanilla, 100 bags Central American, 1,412 bags Porto Cabello; 100 bags Washed Porto Principe. Total warehouse deliveries from United States, 8,841 bags; New York stock today, 8,217 bags; United States stock, 221,190 bags; afloat for the United States, 130,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 341,690 bags, against 352,066 last year.

SANTOS, May 8.—Dull; good average Santos, nominal; receipts, 3,000 bags; stock, 81,000 bags.

HAMBURG, May 8.—Quiet, ¼ pfg advance; sales, 11,000 bags.

RIO, May 8.—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 15,700 reis; exchange, 9 9-16d. Receipts, 6,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 6,000 bags; stock, 69,000 bags.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The feature of the demand was the renewed request for 64 square bleached cottons and four-yard cottons are firm and an advance of ⅛c, and gray cloths strong at ⅛c higher. Autumn specialties had a good share of attention, especially all styles of domets and wool dress goods, printing cloths firm at 2 9-16c.

MANCHESTER, May 8.—The cloth and yarn market is steady, with a better feeling.

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 8.—Printing cloths firm at 2 9-16c; wide goods on a slightly better basis; fair demand.

PRICES SHOW SOME ADVANCE

Consumption, However, Does Not Yet Equal the Volume of Production.

PROOF OF SOUND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Gold Exports Have Produced No Monetary Disturbance—Effect of New Combinations on Trade—Wheat a Little Higher.

NEW YORK, May 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: That exports of $5,850,000 gold this week have produced no monetary disturbance, is at once proof of the soundness of financial conditions, and of the prevailing confidence in better things to come. Much of the hesitation at present is due to temporarily reduced demand in American industries and in iron and steel the power of the new combinations is being generally tested by refusal of orders, so that production exceeds consumption, but consumption exceeds new buying. The general irregularity of prices for slackness of demand for finished products do not prevent the marking up of prices by combinations, but are largely due to doubt whether such prices as are fixed can be maintained. Pig iron is weaker at the east and also at Pittsburg and most of the finished products are weaker with remarkably narrow demand. Minor metals are inactive, with copper weak, tin steady and lead slightly lower and American tin plates 30 below foreign.

For textile manufactures the situation is trying. Cotton mills have a fairly active demand, though not equal to their normal output, and for many months have been accumulating goods, hoping for better things, so that some are now stopping, although the demand for some grades, with higher prices for cotton, has helped to a small advance in prices. Print cloths are 1-16 higher, but some other grades have declined, so that the average of all quotations is slightly lower. Woolen manufacturers find prices of wool soaring both here and abroad, the decline at London having reached about 5 per cent, while the average of quotations by Coates Brothers, Philadelphia, was nearly 1 per cent lower May 1, and prices have been further reduced by concessions to clear off stocks. At the west traders are buying much above the parity of seaboard prices, and many arriving here are reported believing that the upward spurt of last year will be repeated. Sales for the week have been less than half a week's full consumption, and for five weeks, 15,146,700 pounds, against 29,309,-600 last year. Men's woolens show no improvement, but there is more of an active business in flannels, and the demand for fancy dress goods is encouraging, though for plain goods it is but moderate.

Traders in wheat have lifted prices a little, and yet nobody questions the correctness of western reports indicating more than an ordinary yield of winter wheat, and unusual progress in the planting of spring. With the narrow stock usual at this season, a speculation for advance always has many opportunities, but western receipts are still 40 per cent larger than last year, while Atlantic exports, flour included, are for the week 943,987 bu., against 1,615,000 bu. a year ago. After the fall to 63½c, the price rose about 2c. Corn is also a shade lower, but without definite reason. Cotton has declined ⅛c, the spot price to 8.31, and profits have been realized from the men who sold cotton. They did not own, but it is still the fact, that the outlook for next fall's crop is unusually favorable, while stocks here and abroad exceed all possible demands until September 1.

Failures for the week have been 238 in the United States, against 227 last year, and twenty-four in Canada, against thirty-four last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, May 8.—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 of last year:

PLACES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 628,335,963	....	4.7
Chicago	123,356,747	20.6	....
Boston	121,748,747	2.9	....
Philadelphia	68,720,088	5.5	....
St. Louis	25,073,158	....	9.4
San Francisco	13,885,267	15.9	....
Baltimore	13,715,164	19.8	....
Pittsburg	17,286,223	18.6	....
Cincinnati	12,251,400	....	4.6
Kansas City	9,584,753	....	5.1
New Orleans	8,868,749	8.6	....
Buffalo	5,062,231	15.6	....
Milwaukee	4,816,825	10.3	....
Detroit	6,955,634	6.7	....
Louisville	5,969,490	....	16.2
Minneapolis	9,032,112	59.6	....
OMAHA	4,252,872	29.6	....
Providence	4,667,500	....	29.1
Cleveland	6,553,907	10.6	....
Houston	3,045,365	....	28.8
St. Paul	5,449,856	51.2	....
Denver	2,527,423	....	8.6
Indianapolis	4,587,118	4.7	....
Columbus, O.	3,915,100	4.8	....
Hartford	2,468,366	....	1.2
Richmond	2,498,389	7.3	....
Washington	2,358,180	6.8	....
Salt Lake	1,198,572	2.2	....
Dallas	2,189,969	6.8	....
St. Joseph	1,125,713	....	6.6
Peoria	2,152,945	....	3.1
Memphis	2,126,673	1.2	....
Portland, Ore.	1,041,279	....	29.6
Rochester	1,786,263	11.9	....
New Haven	1,695,922	7.6	....
Savannah	1,928,199	14.2	....
Springfield, Mass.	1,752,331	15.1	....
Worcester	1,593,292	8.1	....
Portland, Me.	1,361,244	6.1	....
Atlanta	1,231,709	....	6.4
Fort Worth	1,182,819	2.3	....
Waco	943,266	....	51.2
Syracuse	1,112,488	3.7	....
Des Moines	1,122,529	3.6	....
Grand Rapids	1,102,774	15.6	....
Seattle	491,699	9.2	....
Rockford	896,458	....	11.2
Lowell	957,930	25.5	....
Wilmington, Del.	746,709	9.7	....
Norfolk	880,253	19.1	....
Sioux City	613,823	5.6	....
Los Angeles	1,755,888	33.3	....
Tacoma	485,506	....	36.7
Scranton	843,934	18.0	....
Spokane	478,974	18.9	....
Jacksonville	343,156	....	18.2
Lincoln	279,970	....	26.7
New Bedford	607,372	20.6	....
Wichita	474,292	8.4	....
Birmingham	585,990	3.7	....
Topeka	393,509	2.1	....
Lexington, Ky.	392,500*	....	17.0
Binghampton	320,400	....	14.9
Helena	582,111	20.6	....
Bay City, Mich.	300,187	7.3	....
Fall River	367,262	28.8	....
Akron, O.	216,593*	....	....
Springfield, O.	241,856	46.9	....
Canton, O.	210,500	7.6	....
Sioux Falls	93,274	46.1	....
Fremont, Neb.	87,275	8.1	....
Hastings, Neb.	65,155	14.0	....
Chattanooga	299,089	38.4	....
Fargo	184,267	10.8	....
Nashville	1,035,524	....	3.7
Galveston	3,389,489	....	17.4
Augusta	258,459	11.2	....
Kalamazoo	268,459	....	21.1
Toledo	1,871,605	....	....
Davenport	1,152,000	....	3.7
Dayton	660,579	....	....
Knoxville	489,821	....	....
TOotals, United States	$1,135,083,412	....	0.7
Exclusive of New York	$508,877,449	....	8.2

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Montreal	16,629,531	....	11.9
Toronto	7,022,501	11.2	....
Halifax	1,210,558	....	8.8
Hamilton	741,974	12.7	....
Winnepeg	1,314,921	16.3	....
Totals	$ 29,849,438	....	2.8

Clearings at Augusta, Toledo, Davenport, Dayton, Knoxville, Waco, Houston and Galveston not in cluded in the totals.

WALL STREET HAS BEEN VARIABLE.

Dullness Followed by Weakness and Renewed Bearish Pressure.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Bradstreet's Financial Review tomorrow will say: Dullness in the early portion of the week was succeeded later on by speculative weakness, with some liquidation and renewed bearish pressure. The stock market may be said to have been ripe for a moderate reaction, as the recent improvement had been mainly founded upon the belief that the adjournment of congress was near, that the foreign markets were ready to join a bull movement in American stocks, and that emphatic declarations in favor of sound money on the part of the political parties should inspire general confidence. These presumptions were, indeed, the basis both for the recent professional buying of stocks and the steadiness of business in the face of dullness and public apathy. Waiting and uncertainty are proverbially likely to culminate in more or less liquidation, and in the present instance the tendency has been increased by the fact that the failure of action in the present senate, an adjournment of congress is not probable till next month, while not only is London decidedly indisposed to interest itself in the American market, but foreign exchange is in a position which facilitates the export of gold to the continent, about $5,000,000 having been shipped this week. Some of the leading bears are of the opinion that the market presents little or nothing favorable to the short side of the account, and that, on the contrary, the prospects favor increasing strength in prices and a widening speculation. Such interests seem, however, to have revised their opinions, and in the declines during the latter portion of the week, the leaders of the bear party were more or less active, and were followed by the bulk of the traders. The bullish feelings which for a fortnight past have animated the latter element in the speculative world was, indeed, already weakened by the complete absence of commissioners' orders or outside buying, and by the gold shipments and the continued indifference of Europe to the situation here. London, while a moderate seller on the declines, has not been a factor of importance, although the growth of favorable sentiment in regard to American securities there has been checked by the renewal of bearish tendencies in Wall street itself.

OMAHA STILL AMONG THE LEADERS.

Bradstreet's Singles Out Missouri and Mississippi River Points.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Relatively unfavorable features of the general business situation this week include unseasonably cool weather, which at some centers has checked trade; continued surplus stocks of cottons, which depress prices and bring idle machinery in the wooden goods industry; a falling off in the demand for lumber at St. Louis and Minneapolis, and continued dullness in iron and steel, where, although mills and furnaces are fairly active, there is a continued absence of new orders. Chicago jobbers report the week's business in light seasonable fabrics as only fairly satisfactory, transactions in clothing smaller than in the like period a year ago, and the leather market weaker, owing to lack of demand, but light hardware relatively more active.

The favorable side of the picture includes a marked increase in the total volume of bank clearings, a longer list of staples for which quotations have advanced, most uniform and unexpectedly improved prospects for cereal and cotton crops, and a reflection of the more confident feeling as to the autumn's business in an improved demand throughout the territory supplied by St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Duluth and Sioux Falls.

Exports of wheat, wheat flour included, from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 1,582,000 bushels, compared with 1,283,-000 bushels last week, 2,855,000 bushels in the first week of May, 1895, 2,813,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1894, and 2,712,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

There are 267 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, as compared with 254 last week, 224 in the week one year ago, 198 in the first week of May, 1894, and as compared with 219 in the corresponding week of 1892. There are thirty-eight business failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week, against twenty-six last week, twenty-seven in the week one year ago, and thirty two years ago.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Show Some Improvement in the Volume of Busines.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The stock market today showed some improvement in the volume of business, although the trading was irregularly distributed and the activity was in spots. London prices came lower and sales for foreign account were executed in this market, owing to the distrust entertained by foreign investors and speculators. The traders also offered stocks freely, being partly influenced by reports of unfavorable crop conditions. The concessions among the standard railway stocks were confined to fractions, the more important of these losses being scored by the internationally listed shares. The news of the indictment of the officials of the American Tobacco company, referred to in these dispatches yesterday, caused large blocks of the stock to be thrown on the market at the outset, depressing the price 12¾ per cent to 62¾ per cent. Sugar, La Clede Gas common, and preferred, General Electric and Rubber preferred, sagged 1¾ per cent, with liberal offerings of the first named, on a scale down, owing to reduction in the prices of foreign grades of the product and reported light demand in the domestic markets.

Rubber continues to feel the influence of the rumors of impending strong opposition. The announcement that $1,500,000 in gold was to be shipped to Paris tomorrow was made shortly after the opening of business on the stock exchange, and at the same time, houses that had been expected to export fairly large amounts of gold, made positive statements that they would not ship. A reaction of a fraction checked the downward tendency of the market. The foreign selling had included Louisville & Nashville, and Atchison stocks and bonds and other speculative mortgages, including Kansas & Texas seconds and Southern thirds. After the first hour, except for some scattered weak spots, the market began to improve, the advances later in the day being substantial in some instances. The shorts were disposed to cover and a fair amount of buying for long account developed.

The industrials again took the initiative in the rallying movement and nearly all of the previous declines were covered. Rubber common made a net gain of 2 per cent; Tobacco improved 6¾; Leather common, 2¼; Sugar, 2⅛, against 12½c, the early low point. The leading railway shares rose fractionally, but in the specialities, Louisville and New Albany advanced a point. A flurry in money, later in the day occurred, call loans rising 4 per cent, but there was no special reflection of this incident in the speculation. The market closed strong at the best figures, general net gains being recorded.

The bond market displayed a sagging tendency and was less active. Foreign selling caused shar