COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Intense Heat at Chicago Keeps Traders Away from the Grain Pits.

LARGE PURCHASES OF WHEAT REPORTED

This Talk Causes a Loss of a Large Fraction in the Leading Cereal —Corn and Oats Also Close Lower.

CHICAGO, July 9.—General torridity was in charge of the forces on 'change today, and trading in all the pits was dull in consequence. Wheat was affected by large purchases of new wheat for delivery this month and closed at a 8c decline. All the other markets exhibited more or less weakness, as a result of depletion, coupled with cooler weather, prevailing over the entire country, and prospective larger receipts. Oats was a shade lower at the close.

Notwithstanding lower quotations for futures of wheat from Liverpool and Paris the market here started firm. September, which closed yesterday at 69½@69⅝c, opened at from those figures to 1-16c higher. Its tendency to rise was soon overcome. After advancing to 69¾@69⅞c, it turned downward and about an hour from the opening it got down to 68c. The sweltering heat of the trading pit was such that the brokers kept away from it when they were not compelled by receipt of an order to brave the personal discomfort of its execution. The course of the foreign markets caused a general opinion that the foreign crop injury had been greatly exaggerated. Expectations of a bearish government crop report tomorrow also had a tendency to restrict buying. Chicago receipts were only two cars. Northwest receipts were light, too, Minneapolis and Duluth reporting receipts of 122 cars against 253 cars a week ago and 418 cars on the corresponding day of the year before. Talk of extensive purchases of new wheat to arrive in Chicago this month had a depressing effect on the market in the afternoon of the day and it did not again recover its early buoyancy. The Atlantic port clearances were very liberal, being equal to wheat and flour to 3,000,000 bushels, but that did not affect prices to any perceptible degree. Minneapolis and Duluth stocks are expected to show a decrease for the week of 500,000 bushels, and the visible not to exceed 1,000,000 bushels decrease. New York reported foreign buying orders in the market but generally at unworkable limits. The sales there for export were said to be only 150 bushels for the day. Here sales of spring wheat for shipment to country millers amounted to 150,000 bushels. The price of September slowly declined to 68¾c, and closed at that.

Corn was active for a while in the market, but the heat finally drove traders away. Crop reports, as a rule, were favorable and the disposition at first was to sell, but the demand was so good at the concessions that an advance soon ensued. That was again followed by free selling on profit-taking and on reports throughout the corn belt, and the market ruled quiet and weak for the rest of the session. Local receipts were 440 cars. September opened 3⅛@¼c lower at 31½@32c, advanced to 27⅞c, and declined to 27c. That was the closing price.

In oats the feeling was weak early, due to fairly urgent buying by shorts. The market sold off later, following wheat and corn in their declines. Receipts were 253 cars. September opened unchanged at 18½c, advanced to 18⅝@18¾c, and declined to 18⅛c, closing at 18@18⅛c.

In provisions the market was one of liquidation. Prices started at some advance, due to a strong hog market, but the packers took advantage of it to dispose of all the market could hold. The volume of trading, however, was not heavy, because of the radical weakness. At the close September pork was 2½c lower at $7.70; September lard, 5@7½c lower at $4.05@4.07½, and September ribs 2½@5c lower at $4.00@4.02½.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 31 cars; corn, 415 cars; oats, 140 cars; hogs, 14,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
*Wheat—					
July	70½	71	70	70¼	71
Sept	69¾@⅞	69¾@⅞	68⅝	68⅝@⅞	69¾@⅞
Dec	68	68⅛	67⅝	67⅞	68⅝
*Corn—					
July	29¼@⅜	29⅝	28	28⅛	28¾
Sept	27⅝@¾	27⅞	27	27	27⅞
Dec	28⅝	28⅝	28⅛	28⅛	28⅝@¾
*Oats—					
July	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
Sept	18¾	18⅝@¾	18⅛	18⅛@¼	18¼
*Pork—					
July				7 62½	7 65
Sept	7 77½	7 80	7 62½	7 70	7 72½
*Lard—					
July	4 12½	4 12½	4 05	4 07½	4 05
Sept	4 17½	4 17½	4 10	4 10	4 12½
*Ribs—					
July	4 47½	4 47½	4 37½	4 42½	4 37½
Sept				4 47½	4 47½

*No 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $4.20@4.40; straights, $4.00@4.10; spring specials, $4.00@4.20; spring patents, $4.20@4.30; bakers, $2.50@3.00.

WHEAT—No 2, 70½c; No 2 spring, 64½c; No 3 red, 70@72c.

CORN—No 2, 27½@28c.

OATS—No 2, 17½c; No 2 white, 21½@22c; No 3 white, 21@21½c.

RYE—No 2, 34½c.

BARLEY—No 2, nominal; No 3, 28@32c; No 4, 25@27c; No 2 nominal.

FLAXSEED—No 1, 77½@78½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.75.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl, $7.60@7.75. Lard, per 100 lbs, $4.00. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.25@4.50. Short clear sides, boxed, $4.37½@4.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.19.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, $5.79; standard granulated, $4.87.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	5,000	5,000
Wheat, bu	1,000	7,000
Corn, bu	247,000	308,000
Oats, bu	270,000	182,000
Rye, bu	10,000	17,000
Barley, bu	14,000	1,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 12@14½c; dairy, 9@12½c. Eggs, steady, fresh, 9c. Cheese, firm, 7½@8c. Live poultry, quiet; turkeys, 6@7c; chickens, 7½c; spring, 11@12c; ducks, 9@10c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, July 9.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,100 bbls; exports, 9,700 bbls; dull and lower to sell. Minnesota patents, $4.70@5.20; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.25; winter straights, $3.50@3.60; winter extras, $2.60@2.85; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour, quiet.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 55c.

RYE—Quiet; No 2 western, 37c.

BARLEY—Dull at 29@34c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull at 60@74c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 44,275 bu; exports, 11,635 bu; No 2 red, spot, firm on account a shade lower, rallied on foreign buying and light northwest receipts, but turned weak under liquidation, prices abroad and the heaviness in corn and closed 8c net lower; No. 2 red, July, 72⅞c; closed 72⅝c; September, 71½@72 7-16c, closed 71½c.

CORN—Receipts, 96,250 bu; exports, 62,773 bu; spot quiet; No. 2, 30½c. Options opened steady and advanced on covering, but later weakened under reports of rain on the spreading parts of the belt; July closed at 30½c; September, 31 5-16@31⅜c, closed 32c.

OATS—Receipts, 206,000 bu; exports, 19,357 bu; spot quiet; No. 2, 22½c. Options were quiet and broken with the other markets, closing unchanged to 1c lower. July closed at 22½c; September closed at 23⅛c.

HAY—Steadier; shipping, 60c; good to choice, 80@95c.

HOPS—Quiet; state common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@6c; 1896 crop, 4@6c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 3@6c; 1895 crop, 3@6c.

HIDES—Firm; California, 16@25c; Galveston, 16c; Texas, 15c.

LEATHER—Firm; acid sole, Buenos Ayres, Pacific.

BUTTER—Receipts, 19,012 pkgs; market steady; western creamery, 12@16c; Elgins, 18c; factory, 7@10c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 6,468 pkgs; market quiet; state large, 7½@8c; state small, 7½@7¾c; part skims, 3@5c; full skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,726 pkgs; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10@12c; western, 10c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $9.00@10.00; beef hams, $18.00@19.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4@4½c; pickled shoulders, 4@4½c; pickled hams, $5.75@6.00. Lard, quiet; western steam, $4.15, nominal; refined, steady; Pure, $4.35@4.50. Tallow, quiet and firm.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; United, 8½c; Pennsylvania, crude steady. Cottonseed, August, 20c; Southern, 19@20c; common to good, $1.17@1.19. Turpentine, quiet at 26c. Cottonseed, firmer but quiet on a fair local and export trade; prime summer yellow, 20½c; prime summer yellow, 21½c; off summer yellow, 21½c; butter grades, 20@22c; prime summer white, 22@23c.

RICE—Steady.

MOLASSES—Quiet.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $9.25@16.00; Northern, $10.00@12.00. Copper, easier; brokers, $11.87½; exchange, $11.12@11.25. Tin, quiet; straits, $13.85@13.90; plates, dull. Spelter, quiet at $4.10@4.20. Lead, dull; exchange, $3.80; brokers, $3.95.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, July 9.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, with prices unchanged to 5 points higher, ruled generally inactive with a tolerably steady undertone on better European cables, smaller Brazilian receipts and liberal warehouse deliveries in the United States. Buying was checked by an increase in the American visible supply; closed quiet at 5@10 points net advance; sales, 6,750 bags, including July, $6.35; September, $6.40. Spot coffee, Rio dull; No. 7, invoice, $7.25; jobbing, $7.75. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $11.00@17.00; sales, 500 bags Maracaibo, 100 bags Central American, private terms, 200 bags Savanilla, private terms. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 19,861 bags, including 17,509 bags from New York; New York, 19,861 today, 200,662 bags; United States stock, 447,342 bags against for the United States, 457,766 bags; total visible for the United States, 699,342 bags, against 705,516 bags last year and 767,111 bags in 1895.

HAVRE, July 9.—COFFEE—Closed at a net advance of 3f, sales, 17,000 bags.

SANTOS, July 9.—COFFEE—Steady; good average Santos, 4,000 reis; receipts, 14,000 bags; stock, 700,000 bags.

HAMBURG, July 9.—COFFEE—Unchanged; sales, 50,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 8.—COFFEE—Quiet; No. 7, Rio, 4,000 reis; exchange, 7 19-32d; receipts, 6,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 7,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 1,000 bags; stock, 815,000 bags.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

FRUITS—Bulk of sales. To Hot weather is causing heavy losses, in some cases as high as one-third bulk per cent.

BUTTER—Creamery, 15c for fair to choice; fancy, 16@17c; separator creamery, 16c; gathered creamery, 15c.

CHEESE—Cheese for 30c to 120 lbs, quoted at 10c for large and 10½c for small.

EGGS—Fresh, 10c; market weak, 20@25c; cold storage, 10@11c; pickled eggs, 8c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Live, 7@8c; good demand and market weak.

VEGETABLES.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz, 20@25c.

TOMATOES—Per 4 basket crate, $1.00.

WAX BEANS—Per bu, $1.00.

STRING BEANS—Per bu, box, 50c.

PARSLEY—Per doz, 20@25c.

ONIONS—Per lb, California, 2½c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb, 3c.

BRANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu, $1.10.

CABBAGE—Home grown, 1½c.

POTATOES—New, per bu, 75c.

FRUITS

APRICOTS—Per case, $1.50@1.75.

BLACK RASPBERRIES—Quart cases, $1.50@1.60.

BLACKBERRIES—Per 24-qt case, $1.50.

SOUTHERN PEACHES—Per 5-lb, 60@75c.

RED RASPBERRIES—Per 24-qt case, $2.00@2.50.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Per case, 50c.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per case, $1.50@1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $3.50; St Michaels, $4.00.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.00@3.50; choice California, $3.00@3.25.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb, 10c; English walnuts, per lb, 10c; soft shell, 12@13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb, 10c; pecans, polished, large, 10@11c; pecans, 10@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu; cocoanuts, 4c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy 4 crown, 24-lb, boxes, 12@14c; choice, 10@12c; fancy, 12@14c.

HONEY—Clover, 1897, 10@11c.

CIDER—Cloyed juice, per half bbl, $2.25; per bbl, $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.50; quart cans, $3.50.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs, 5½c; good heifers and forequarters, 5½c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 5c; good forequarters, heifers, 5c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8½c; good cows, 5c; fair cows, 3½c; common cows, 3c; cow forequarters, 2½c; cow hindquarters, 3½c.

VEAL—Veal, 7@8c.

MUTTON—Yearlings, 8c; dressed strips, 5c; strip loins, 8c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 6c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 5c; cow chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, six-row plates, 3½c; short plates, 3c; flank plates, 3c; short loins, No. 1, 12c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; No. 1 short loins, 10c; No. 2 short loins, 8c; No. 3 short loins, 10½c; sirloin cuts, 10½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 9c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rumps, shank off, 7½c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 5c; trimmings, 2½c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 10c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; sidneys, per doz., 25c; ox tails, each, 2c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 4½c; tongues, per lb., 10c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 8½c; loins, 5½c; spare ribs, 3½c; ham sausage, butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; skinned shoulders, 5½c; trimmings, 2½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 4½c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 5c; backbones, 2c; cheek meats, 5c; neck bones, 2½c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 2c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; livers, per lb., 2½c; tongues, each, 3c; sidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 10c; pigs' feet, per doz., 75c; livers, each, 3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5½c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs, 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs, 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 16@12c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 9@10c; part cured sides, 5c per lb less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@40c; green salted, shearlings, short wooled early spring, 25@30c; green shearlings (short wooled early spring), 10@15c; No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 16@8c; dry flint Colorado butchers' wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 16@8c; dry flint Colorado mountain wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 20@8c; dry flint Utah butchers' wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 16@8c; dry flint Colorado mountain wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 20@8c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2½@3c; No. 2, 2@2½c; yellow, white & N. Y. grease, white B. 3c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark yellow and brown, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 27@32c; scraps, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed fine heavy, 7@8c; fine light, 9@10c; unwashed fine medium, 10@11c; unwashed fine fleece, 12@13c; tub washed fine, 16@18c; tub washed fine black, 5c; fine black, 8c; fog locks, 20@25c; dead tallow, 1@2c.

HORSES—In carlots, weighed and delivered in Omaha: Dry feeders, per head, $12@$15.00; dry country, blocked, per head, $10.00@12.00; dry country, stamp and mostly, per head, $6.00@8.00.

COTTON MARKETS.

Heavy Realizing and Other Causes Result in a Big Decline in Prices.

NEW YORK, July 9.—The cotton market opened steady, with prices lower by from 1 to 3 points and further declined from 5 to 12 points, subsequently rulling irregular, with the direction of prices governed almost exclusively by the varied character of weather news. The early advance was partly due to unsatisfactory English advices, which, while showing a good demand from Manchester and continental spinners, were not up to the mark as to futures. Locally the market was very nervous and easily influenced by weather and crop news from what correspondents, but particularly from the southwest. The publication of the weather bulletin showing showers in certain points in Texas and also at several points along the Atlantic coast had to moderate realizing. The course of the market today was for these times quite active and at times it exhibited stubborn. The entire range of the fluctuations was 15 points on the more active positions. The market was finally barely steady at a net decline of from 9 to 10 points. Futures opened steady, sales, including 1,000 January, at 7.37, March, 7.42, August 7.70, October, 7.16, November 7.11. Spot closes steady, middling, 7 15-16c, nothing up, nothing down. Spot sales, 100 bales; net receipts, none; gross receipts, 202 bales; exports to Great Britain, 822 bales; to the continent, 2,500 bales; stock, 250,000 bales. Weekly: Net receipts, 1 bale; gross receipts, 4,088 bales; exports to Great Britain, 822 bales; to France, 1,744 bales; to the continent, 2,779 bales; forwarded, 1,802 bales; sales, 978 bales; spinners, 302 bales; total stock, 91,492 bales. Weekly: Net receipts, 1 bale; gross receipts, 4,088 bales; exports to Great Britain, 822 bales; to France, 1,744 bales; to the continent, 2,779 bales; forwarded, 1,802 bales; sales, 978 bales; spinners, 302 bales; total stock, 91,492 bales. Net receipts, 1,496 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,094 bales; to the continent, 402 bales; stock, 102,553 bales. Last year: Net receipts, 3,874 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,832 bales; to France, 1,243 bales; to the continent, 140 bales. Total since September 1: Net receipts, 6,599,276 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,906,452 bales; to France, 596,103 bales; to the continent, 2,114,847 bales. Last year: Net receipts, 7,487,[illegible] bales. The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1896: Galveston, 1,310,951 bales; New Orleans, 2,068,167 bales; Mobile, 262,137 bales; Savannah, 676,847 bales; Charleston, 279,322 bales; Wilmington, 73,187 bales; Boston, 143,793 bales; Baltimore, 60,184 bales; New York, 108,592 bales; Boston, 135,574 bales; Newport News, 5,747 bales; Philadelphia, 46,831 bales; West Point, Va., 59 bales; Brunswick, 153,951 bales; Port Royal, 73,[illegible] bales; Pensacola, 87,982 bales; Texas City, 4,[illegible] bales; total, 6,599,276 bales.

LIVERPOOL, July 9.—COTTON—Spot, fair demand; prices unchanged. American middling, 4 29-32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, including 9,000 for speculation and export and included 9,000 bales American; receipts, 4,000 bales, including 2,000 bales American. Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand for both; barely steady at the decline. American middling, low middling clause, July, 4 27-64@4 15-32d sellers, July and August, 4 15-64d sellers, August and September, 4 13-64@4 11-32d sellers, September and October, 4d value, October and November, 3 59-64d sellers, November and December, 3 57-64d sellers, December and January, 3 55-64d buyers, January and February, 3 53-64d value, February and March, 3 53-64@3 27-64d buyers, March and April, 3 27-64@3 25-64d sellers, April and May, 3 25-64@3 23-64d sellers.

NEW ORLEANS, July 9.—COTTON—Spot steady; sales, 4,200 bales; ordinary, 4 7-16c; good ordinary, 5 1-16c; low middling, 5 9-16c; middling, 7 11-16c; good middling, 6c; middling fair, 8 7-16c; receipts, 1,000 bales; gross receipts, 125 bales; exports, 12,000 bales. Futures quiet and steady; sales, 76,500 bales; July, 7 5-64@7 7; August, 7 21-64@7 23; September, 6 59-64@7; October, 6 59-64@7; November, 6 59-64@7; December, 6 61-64@6 62; January, 6 62-64@6 63; February, 6 62-64@6 63; March, 6 64@6 65.

ST. LOUIS, July 9.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7½c; sales, and receipts, none; shipments, 218 bales; stock, 15,086 bales.

MEMPHIS, July 9.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 7½c; receipts, 251 bales; shipments, 414 bales; stock, 16,800 bales; sales, 55 bales.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, July 9.—BUTTER—Firm; good demand; fancy western creamery, 15c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 10½@11c; fresh western, 10@10½c.

CHEESE—A shade lower.

EFFECTS OF COAL STRIKE

Takes at Least Seventy-Five Thousand Men from Work.

THREATENS TO RESTRICT SUPPLIES

General Settlement of Iron and Steel Wages is Expected Without Delay—Fewer Failures Than One Year Ago.

NEW YORK, July 9.—R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

The strike of bituminous coal miners has taken 75,000 men or more from work and threatens to restrict supplies of fuel in some sections. It is too early to say that the coal miners will be able to induce or take part enough to be able to meet the eastern demand for some months. At the west the strike is by no means universally sustained and an impression prevails that it will not last long. The production of coal in the west was curtailed and are again idle and show a production of 4,000,000 tons yearly, with a capacity of 6,250,000 tons. The iron mills have more trouble, but a general settlement of iron and steel wages is expected in a few days. New orders are not so abundant since the season began, but yet are large enough, the season considered, to afford some encouragement. Tin is stronger at $14.10 cents without concessions and copper with a large export demand. Lead is steady, with the price about 3.2 cents.

The cotton mills have a steady and increasing demand and the quotation of middling uplands has been advanced a sixteenth, adding to speculative strength on reports of damage to the crop and especially in Texas and Arkansas. The woolen mills are getting decidedly more orders for fall goods and brightening hopefully on spring goods, but are cautious in contracts for future delivery. Some have made large purchases of wool, but by far the greater part of the sales, which amounted to 14,129,400 pounds at the three chief markets for the week, have been of speculative character. Western prices are held much above those of seaboard markets. Montana scoured being sold, according to reports, at the equivalent of 42 cents at the east, against 38 at Boston and 40 at Philadelphia. There is a better demand for domestic wool in expectation of higher prices.

While the most cautious estimates of wheat yield have been advanced, that of the Orange Judd Farmer at 275,000,000 bushels, prices have been lifted nearly 8¾ cents, although Atlantic exports, flour included, were for the week 1,565,[illegible] bushels, against 1,418,326 bushels last year. Western receipts are small, only 1,304,622 bushels, against 2,971,[illegible] bushels last year, and the disposition of farmers to hold for higher rates is strengthened by many foreign reports. It seems to be the fact that crops in other countries are less promising than usual, and the demand for American wheat is supplemented every week by exports of 2,600,000 bushels of corn, against 9,[illegible] bushels for the same week last year. Each week raises the area of the wheat yield, however, and as the weather continues favorable the crop may prove a most important factor in the future of national and international business. The prospect as to corn is growing more cheerful with each week and an immense crop is now anticipated.

Failures for the week have been 206 in the United States, against 215 last year, and thirty in Canada, against 29 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transactions of the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, July 9.—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	$ 626,090,498	9.0	.....
Chicago	79,869,802	0.9	.....
Philadelphia	69,298,971	4.5	.....
Boston	112,606,152	20.9	.....
St. Louis	20,839,238	4.8	.....
San Francisco	17,074,025	4.8	.....
Baltimore	16,442,731	13.1	.....
Pittsburg	16,159,948	14.1	.....
Cincinnati	11,829,200	.....	18.6
Kansas City	7,679,000	.....	11.0
New Orleans	5,318,759	.....	12.0
Minneapolis	3,766,008	.....	11.5
Milwaukee	4,391,701	.....	7.1
Detroit	3,157,427	2.6	.....
Louisville	2,760,316	15.8	.....
Minneapolis	5,040,501	.....	23.7
OMAHA	4,195,142	9.4	.....
Providence	3,415,200	.....	2.8
Cleveland	3,663,343	.....	21.4
Houston	4,137,181	20.4	.....
Denver	2,903,227	.....	26.1
Indianapolis	1,819,294	19.2	.....
Columbus, O.	1,670,441	29.6	.....
Hartford	2,207,000	.....	3.8
Richmond	3,594,087	.....	2.5
Washington	1,384,218	.....	1.9
Scranton	641,896	.....	.....
Augusta	597,816	12.5	.....
St. Joseph	1,246,067	4.3	.....
Peoria	1,189,000	.....	10.5
Memphis	1,260,234	.....	25.3
Portland, Ore.	1,197,348	8.1	.....
Rochester	1,095,785	6.4	.....
New Haven	1,060,248	19.8	.....
Savannah	1,626,859	4.0	.....
Worcester, Mass.	1,474,271	.....	4.5
Portland, Me.	1,090,186	.....	.....
Atlanta	2,043,612	123.8	.....
Fort Worth	1,024,221	5.6	.....
Omaha	605,766	.....	1.9
Syracuse	1,196,337	4.3	.....
Des Moines	841,945	.....	2.8
Grand Rapids	595,280	1.5	.....
Seattle	844,252	.....	.....
East Tenn.	1,401,237	.....	21.1
Erie	839,864	16.7	.....
Erie, pd	834,476	.....	.....
Fort Wayne	481,327	.....	.....
J. Northern, pd.	520,240	26.5	.....
C. & E. I. pd.	675,576	19.6	.....
Tacoma	427,000	.....	23.9
Illinois Central	1,216,019	.....	11.1
Spokane	655,248	58.0	.....
Jacksonville	183,564	.....	31.2
Lincoln	455,000	.....	4.5
New Bedford	479,993	.....	19.5
Wichita	247,751	16.6	.....
Birmingham	380,207	.....	.....
Topeka	414,412	.....	4.8
Lexington, Ky.	328,417	.....	20.9
Binghampton	319,900	14.0	.....
Youngstown, O.	242,968	.....	.....
Jackson, Miss.	230,000	.....	26.0
Fall River	777,529	8.2	.....
Akron, O.	275,000	19.3	.....
Springfield, O.	200,272	.....	19.0
Canton, O.	191,596	9.6	.....
Sioux Falls	157,000	.....	29.8
Norfolk, Neb.	60,152	17.0	.....
Hastings, Neb.	102,352	45.0	.....
Chattanooga	576,097	8.2	.....
Kansas	1,152,921	.....	29.8
Nashville	1,320,000	27.8	.....
Galveston	1,520,110	22.6	.....
Salt Lake	1,700,187	61.7	.....
Los Angeles	693,732	.....	.....
Dayton	599,748	22.5	.....
Kalamazoo	420,297	1.1	.....
Knoxville	423,136	.....	.....
Rockford	305,000	.....	10.4
Davenport	706,953	.....	19.4
Total United States	$1,076,947,557	9.8	.....
Exclusive of New York	451,856,059	7.2	.....
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 17,594,000	19.6	.....
Toronto	10,027,293	9.1	.....
Halifax	1,348,277	42.9	.....
Hamilton	799,665	.....	5.3
Winnipeg	1,177,904	20.1	.....
St. Johns	896,766	.....	.....
Total	$ 32,313,905	16.6	.....

REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET.

Somewhat Unsettled Conditions Prevail in Wall Street.

NEW YORK, July 9.—In the review of the stock market tomorrow Bradstreet's will say:

Somewhat unsettled conditions have prevailed in speculation during the past week, the fluctuations being narrow and the activity of the market depending altogether on the professional element. The foreign professional speculative interest, which took hold of our stocks to some extent during May and June, have apparently liquidated their holdings and are not credited with having sold Americans to a considerable amount for the short account. Realizing sales have originated in London, and there is no disposition to liquidate. Apart from the purchasing by shorts, whenever the market has shown any weakness, there also would seem to be a demand for stocks at concessions in prices.

The most striking influence in the market has been the tariff bill. A decidedly lower tone obtained when it became positively known that the measure would pass the senate, but the realization of this expectation last Wednesday and the submission of the bill to the conference committee caused a large number of fresh buying, and in particular of further modification of the super schedule in a way to render it less acceptable to the refining interests. London on Friday took an unfavorable view of the reports that Havemeyer had offered a bonus to the refinery from the president but been withheld by reason it might create adverse opposition to the tariff bill. There was accordingly further foreign selling here, but our market absorbed the offerings, and though dull on Friday was firm and slightly higher.

The bituminous coal miners' strike affected the London market for Americans, but was soon lost sight of here because the western bituminous carriers are already nearly all in bad financial shape and have ceased to be speculative factors, about 12,000 bituminous coal miners. The reluctance of West Virginia operatives to join in the strike complicates the situation.

The prospect of an early settlement of the tariff has strengthened the widespread feeling of hopefulness that enough will bring a revival of consumptive demand. Orders for clothing, shoes and hardware for fall delivery are already more frequent at Baltimore, Chicago and Omaha. The movement of dry goods is checked by midsummer stock taking, but retail business in seasonable goods has been stimulated by midsummer weather. There is no improvement in demand for cotton goods, but the latter are higher, towards the close of week prices show an advance of one-fifth of 1 per cent during June and mark the beginning of a turn in the outward flow of the tide of prices which continued from January 1 to June 1.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from ports of the United States and from Montreal this week amount to 2,592,000 bu, compared with 2,778,000 bu last week and 2,961,000 bu in the week a year ago, 2,337,000 bu two years ago, 2,227,000 bu three years ago and 3,[illegible] bu in the like week of 1893. Exports of Indian corn amount to [illegible] bu this week, as compared with 1,822,000 bu last week, 837,000 bu in the like week last year, 1,601,000 bu in the week two years ago and 1,[illegible] bu three years ago, and show exports of 9,[illegible] bu in the corresponding week of 1893.

There are 215 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 225 last week, 206 in the same week last year, 226 two years ago, 225 three years ago, and as compared with 296 in the 1894 week of July, 1893. There are 24 business failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week, compared with 31 last week, 29 in the week a year ago, 30 two years ago and 34 in the like week of July, 1894.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Small Gain Due to a Final Rally on Wall Street.

NEW YORK, July 9.—The result of the day's trading is a small gain in the price of stocks, but the larger part of the sales during the day was made at prices considerably below yesterday's close, and it was only in the final hour that a covering movement stiffened prices to a level above last night's close and a point or over above the low level of shares. There was no news to account for the general movement of the market, unless it was the continued good prospects for crops, which sustained the grangers. The strength of Missouri Pacific, Rock Island and Chicago Great Western continued and was attributable to a belated share in the improvement, which has been general in the market for several weeks and which was precipitated by market operations of inside interests of those properties. Sugar was very active and notably strong on the reputed intention of the directors to raise the dividend rate. Omaha was favorably affected by a story that the proposed blanket mortgage for $100,000,000 authorized by the Northwestern directors for refunding operations is to be applied to the refunding of Omaha issues as well, through the merging of the two roads. This rumor affected Northwestern and Omaha to a marked degree in itself and, in fact, gave an impetus to prices in the whole market. New York Central sold at one time during the day on reports that its officials had secured a controlling interest in the Lehigh Valley. The stock reacted sharply on the denial of this report from an accepted authority on both New York Central and Lehigh Valley affairs. Chicago Gas was vigorously attacked and sold down 1% per cent below last night's close on a report that the plan of consolidation included the assumption of its bonded debt, but practically all of the loss was recovered. Sugar was the subject of the usual flood of rumors regarding the intention of the tariff conference, but ruled above last night's close nearly all day and closed with a net gain of 1¾ per cent, sharing the strength of the trading. The market was almost wholly made up of such special incidents as the above. Commission house buying was lacking, the London market was not a factor and, in fact, manipulation and offerings by the professional elements of the market was about the only influence which manifestdf itself. There was a marked diminution in the volume of dealings and Sugar, St. Paul, Burlington and Pacific Mail absorbed about the total trading. Texas Pacific & Pittsburg and Omaha preferred, 5 per cent each, and New York Central, 4 point. Otherwise gains of a fraction were general. A number of shares showed a recovery of over a point from the low point including besides the above, Chicago Gas, Lead, Rubber and Pacific Mail. Minnesota Iron rallied 1 point, a gain of 2 in the three days. Iowa Central preferred lost 1¼ per cent.

A brisk inquiry prevailed for the middle grade bonds and some substantial improvements were recorded. The higher grades were neglected and, slightly, while a more cheerful sentiment prevailed throughout the dealings. The aggregate sales were $1,400,000. The principal gains were Susquehanna & Western generals 2 per cent and Texas 4s 1 per cent, Brooklyn Transit 5s and Standard Rope 6s. Elevations of some irregularity, but closed pretty all unchanged. Government bonds were as a whole lower all around. The transactions were $98,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cable gram says: "The stock markets here after a day of extreme dullness closed firm. American remained under the New York parity. The only feature was a revival of the demand for Argentine bills. Copper was firm. Canadian Pacific was heavily sold in New York and parities at the close. On the Paris bourse there was a better tone and more business. The Berlin market was quiet."

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Adams Exp.	124	N. Y. Central	103¾
Alton & T. H.	152	Ontario & W.	14⅝
Am. Express	118	Oregon Nav.	20
Baltimore & Ohio	19	O. S. L. & U. N.	19⅝
Canada Pacific	54¾	Pacific Mail	27¼
Canada Southern	49⅝	Pullman Deco. & P.	153
Central Pacific	8	Pittsburg	165
Ches. & Ohio	16⅝	Pullman Palace	167
Chicago & Alton	154	Re