SHARES HELD FIRMER

Until Late in the Day Prices Were Crawling Upward.

After a Brief Relapse Came Another Strong Buying Period—Indianapolis Grain Dull.

At New York, yesterday, money on call was easy at 1 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88⅛@4.88¼ for demand and $4.87@4.87¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88@4.89½; commercial bills, $4.86@4.86¼.

Silver certificates, 58⅞@59½c. Bar silver closed at 59½c per ounce; at London, 27 1-16d.

Total sales of stocks amounted to 137,500 shares. Despite the engagement of a million and a quarter of gold for shipment to England, to-day, and the great probability of the signing of the seigniorage bill by the President, the stock market yesterday was strong, and a higher range of prices was established throughout the entire active list and in all but a few of the specialties traded in. The seigniorage measure was the subject of much conjecture, and the financial community of New York seems to be a unit against it, but the gold exports were not a factor of the speculative situation at all, and the greatest advance was made just after the announcement of the projected shipments was made. This is the first shipment to England on Exchange since June, 1893.

London was a buyer during the morning of Atchison, St. Paul, Erie and New York Central and Louisville & Nashville, but only in small amounts, and the room traders were generally on the long side of the market. There was at no time a very great pressure to sell. At the opening prices were mostly a fraction higher than the closing figures of yesterday. Cordage was notably strong on a report that the United States Cordage Company had entered into an agreement with the National Cordage Company by which the interests of the latter were entirely benefited. This apparently well-founded statement induced purchases of shares of the National Cordage, causing them to rapidly advance, the common selling up 2½ and the preferred 8 per cent., both closing at the highest point touched. In the early dealings the general list advanced ⅛@¾ per cent. A slight reaction was soon made, but the speculation soon recovered its tone, and an upward movement began, which continued in force up to midday, an improvement being recorded of ¼@1¼ per cent., General Electric, Sugar, New York Central, Western Union, the grangers, Louisville & Nashville leading therein. After noon the trading became very sluggish, and some few shares declined a small fraction, but the market was generally held firmly until about 1:30 o'clock, when a small raid was made on Chicago Gas, based on Chicago advices that the Hyde Park Gas Company ordinance would certainly pass. The result was a drop of ⅞ per cent. in that stock, Sugar receding ½ and the rest of the list a smaller fraction. The downward tendency of prices was of brief duration, and during the last hour speculation, although dull, was very strong, Cordage making big advance and Sugar selling up on good buying 2 per cent., the last being the best price of the day. The market closed firm at or near the highest price touched, the leading advances not named being: New York Central, Edison Electric and Lead, 1½; Lead preferred and C. C., C. & St. Louis, 1¾; Louisville & Nashville, 1¼; Alton & Terre Haute, Baltimore & Ohio and Illinois Central, ⅞.

The bond market was generally firm throughout the day. Government bonds were firm. State bonds were dull.

The following table, prepared by James E. Berry, Room 16, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

Name.	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	150
Alton & Terre Haute	....	....	....	23
Alton & T. H. pref	....	....	....	150
American Express	....	....	....	113
Atchison	15	15½	14¾	15½
Baltimore & Ohio	75	75	75	75
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	68
Canada Southern	51½	51½	51½	51½
Central Pacific	....	....	....	14¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	....	....	....	18¼
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	136
C., B. & Q.	80¾	81½	80⅝	81⅝
C. & E. I. pref	....	....	....	93
Chicago Gas	65⅝	66¼	64⅝	65¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	40	40⅞	40	40⅞
Cotton Oil	28½	28½	28½	28½
Delaware & Hudson	....	....	....	137¾
D., L. & W.	167	167¾	167	167¾
Dis. & C. F. Co	27¾	28	27½	27¾
Edison Gen Elec	41½	42½	41½	42½
Erie	17⅛	17⅞	17⅛	17⅞
Erie pref	....	....	....	37¼
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	a150
Great Northern pref	....	....	....	102
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	20
Illinois Central	....	....	....	92½
Lake Erie & W	....	....	....	15⅞
Lake Erie & W. pref	....	....	....	68
Lake Shore	127½	127⅞	127½	127⅞
Lead Trust	33	34½	33	34½
Lead Trust pref	78⅛	78⅛	78⅛	78⅛
Louisville & Nashville	48¾	48	48¼	48¼
Louisville & N. A.	....	....	....	8½
Manhattan	....	....	....	b123½
Michigan Central	....	....	....	98
Missouri Pacific	27	27⅛	26¾	26⅞
National Cordage	19¾	21¾	19¼	21¼
National Cordage pref	....	....	....	94
New Jersey Central	....	....	....	116½
New York Central	99¼	100½	98¾	100½
N. Y. & N. E.	10¾	10¾	10½	10¾
Northern Pacific	....	....	....	5⅛
Northern Pacific pref	19⅝	19⅝	19⅜	19⅜
Northwestern	106¼	106⅞	106¼	106⅞
Northwestern pref	....	....	....	140
Pacific Mail	17½	17½	17½	17½
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	4¼
Pullman Palace	....	....	....	170
Reading	22¼	22⅝	22¼	22½
Rock Island	70⅝	70⅝	70⅝	70⅞
St. Paul	62¾	63½	62¾	63⅜
St. Paul pref	....	....	....	122
Sugar Refinery	c88¾	91	c88¾	91
U. S. Express	....	....	....	53
Wabash, St. L. & P.	15½	15⅝	15	15⅜
W., St. L. & P. pref	....	....	....	15¼
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	120
Western Union	85¼	86	85¼	85⅞
U. S. Four, reg	....	....	....	112⅞
U. S. Fours, coup	....	....	....	113⅞

(a) Bid. (b) Ex. dividend 3 per cent. (c) Ex. dividend 1½ per cent.

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:

New York	$468,811,256	Decrease..36.2
Chicago	75,818,249	Decrease..24.5
Boston	78,624,971	Decrease..20.6
Philadelphia	51,163,600	Decrease..23.0
St. Louis	20,828,816	Decrease..17.3
Baltimore	12,328,213	Decrease..13.3
Pittsburg	11,130,191	Decrease..14.0
Cincinnati	11,450,250	Decrease..18.7
Buffalo	4,685,931	Decrease..39.9
Milwaukee	4,242,967	Decrease..50.1
Detroit	5,397,761	Decrease..28.7
Louisville	5,959,654	Decrease..21.5
Minneapolis	5,059,200	Decrease..21.7
Cleveland	3,989,171	Decrease..34.9
St. Paul	3,132,169	Decrease..30.3
Indianapolis	1,277,393	Decrease..65.5
Columbus, O.	3,451,800	Decrease..34.0

Total clearings in the United States last week amounted to $855,091,934, being a decrease of 30.7 per cent.

Total clearings outside of New York, $386,190,678, being a decrease of 22.7.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Strong Prices and Increasing Activity Cover the Situation.

The spring-like weather yesterday gave more life to trade, and on the wholesale streets and Commission row there was a good deal of activity. The poultry market is in good shape, prices advancing another half cent. Eggs are weak on unusually large receipts. In staple groceries strong, steady prices is the leading characteristic. Oranges are in light supply and much firmer. Irish potatoes are in active demand and firm at quotations. Cabbage is in better supply, prices easier, but not quotably lower. The hide market is active and prices unchanged. The leather market is quiet, with prices steady. Druggists are quite busy. Demand for oils and paints more active. On Commission row it was a busy day; probably more goods were shipped yesterday than on any day of the present year.

The local grain market yesterday was dull and wheat unchanged. All grades of white corn are ½c higher than on Thursday. Oats are firm and unchanged. Track bids on the several cereals ruled as follows: Wheat—No. 2 red, 54c; No. 3 red, 51½c; rejected, 40@50c; wagon wheat, 54c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 37c; No. 2 white, 37c; No. 3 white, 37c for one color, 37c for grade; No. 2 white mixed, 36c; No. 3 white mixed, 36c; No. 4 white mixed, 31c; No. 2 yellow, 36c; No. 3 yellow, 36c; No. 4 yellow, 30½c; No. 2 mixed, 36c; No. 3 mixed, 35½c; No. 4 mixed, 31c; ear corn, 37c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 33½c; No. 3 white, 32½c; No. 2 mixed, 32½c; No. 3 mixed, 31c; rejected, 23@25c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $11.50; No. 1, $11.25; No. 2, $9; No. 1 prairie, $6.50; mixed, $8; clover, $7@7.50 per ton.

Rye—No. 2, 49c for car lots; 40c for wagon rye.

Bran, $13.50.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices Paid by Shippers.)

Poultry—Hens, 7c per lb; young chickens, 7c per lb; turkeys, old toms, 4c per lb; hens, 6½c per lb; fancy fat young toms, turkeys, 4c; poor, 3@4c; ducks, 6½c per lb; geese, $4.20@4.80 per doz for choice.

Eggs—Shippers are paying 10c.

Butter—Extra, 10@12c; mixed, 8@10c.

Honey—16@18c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 40c per lb; mixed duck, 20c per lb.

Beeswax—20c for yellow; 15c for dark.

Wool—Unwashed medium wool, 15c; unwashed coarse or braid, 13@15c; unwashed fine merino, 10@13c; tub-washed, 18@20c; burry and cotted wool, 5c to 10c less than above prices.

RAW FURS.

Following is the price list for central and northern Indiana and Ohio for prime skins: Extra coon, $1@2; large coon, 80c; medium coon, 60c; small coon, 40c; large mink, $1.10; medium mink, 80c; small mink, 60c; black skunk, $1.30; half stripe skunk, 80c; narrow stripe skunk, 40c; broad stripe skunk, 20c; opossum, 5@25c; rat, 3@13c; red fox, 50@$1.25; gray fox, 40@55c; otter, $3@8; Kentucky skins, 10@20 per cent. lower than prices quoted above.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 G. S. hides, 3½c; No. 2 G. S. hides, 2½c; No. 1 calf hides, 5c; No. 2 calf hides, 3½c.

Tallow—No. 1 tallow, 4¾c; No. 2 yellow, 4c.

Grease—White, 4½c; yellow, 3½c; brown, 2c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the selling prices of wholesale dealers.)

Canned Goods.

Peaches — Standard 3-pound, $1.85@2; 3-pound seconds, $1.30@1.40; 2-pound pie, 90@95c; California standard, $2.25@2.50; California seconds, $1.85@2. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 90@95c; raspberries, 2-pound, $1.20@1.25; pineapple standard, 2-pound, $1.25@1.35; choice, $2@2.25; cove oysters, 1-pound full weight, 95c@$1; light, 65@70c; 2-pound full, $1.80@1.90; light, $1.10@1.20; string beans, 85@95c; Lima beans, $1.10@1.30; peas, marrowfat, $1.10@1.20; early June, $1.25@1.50; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, $1.20@1.25; strawberries, $1.20@1.30; salmon (fbs), $1.45@2.20; 3-pound tomatoes, $1.15@1.20.

Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 6½c per lb; common mixed, 6½c; G. A. R. mixed, 7½c; Banner mixed, 10c; cream mixed, 10c; old-time mixed, 7½c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 15c; Brazil nuts, 12c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed nuts, 14c.

Coal and Coke.

Anthracite coal, all sizes, $7.50 per ton; Pittsburg and Raymond City, $4.25 per ton; Jackson, $4.25; Block, $3.25; Island City, $3; Blossburg and English cannel, $5. All nut coals 50c below above quotations.

Coke — Connellsville, $3.75 per load; crushed, $3.25 per load; lump, $3 per load.

Dried Fruits.

Figs—Layer, 14@15c per lb.

Peaches—Common sun-dried, 6½@7c per lb; common evaporated, 10@11c; California, choice, 11½@12c; California, fancy, 12½@13c.

Apricots—Evaporated, 16@18c.

Prunes—California, 7@12c per lb.

Currants—3½@4c per lb.

Raisins—Loose Muscatel, $1.25@1.35 per box; London layer, $1.35@1.45 per box; Valencia, 8@8½c per lb; layer, 9@10c.

Drugs.

Alcohol, $2.20@2.40; asafetida, 40c; alum, 4@5c; camphor, 60@65c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 60@65c; copperas, bris, 85c@$1; cream tartar, pure, 26@28c; indigo, 80@90c; licorice, Calab. genuine, 30@45c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@30c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, $2.45; madder, 16@18c; oil, castor, per gal, $1.28@1.30; oil, bergamot, per lb, $3.25; opium, $3.40; quinine, P. & W., per oz, 35@40c; balsam copaiba, 60@65c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@18c; bicarb., 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 4@6c; saltpetr, 8@20c; turpentine, 36@40c; glycerine, 16@20c; iodide potassium, $3@3.10; bromide potassium, 40@45c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonidia, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 22@28c.

Oils—Linseed, 51@54c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 45c. Lard oils—Winter strained in barrels, 75c per gal; in half barrels, 3c per gal extra.

Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6c; Berkeley, No. 60, 8½c; Cabot, 6½c; Capital, 5½c; Cumberland, 7¼c; Dwight Anchor, 7¾c; Fruit of Loom, 7½c; Farwell, 7c; Fitchville, 6c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge, 5½c; Gilded Age, 7c; Hill, 7c; Hope, 6½c; Linwood, 7½c; Lonsdale, 7¾c; Lonsdale Cambric, 10c; Masonville, 7¼c; Peabody, 5¾c; Pride of the West, 11½c; Quinebaugh, 6½c; Star of the Nation, 6c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 18c; Pepperell, 10-4, 20c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 20½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 22½c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6½c; Argyle, 6c; Boott C, 4¾c; Buck's Head, 6½c; Clifton CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 7½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7c; Dwight Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls J, 5c; Hill Fine, 7c; Indian Head, 6½c; Lawrence LL, 4¾c; Lockwood B, 5½c; Pepperell R, 5¾c; Pepperell E, 6¼c; Pepperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperell, 10-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20½c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 4¾c; Allen's staples, 4¾c; Allen TR, 5c; Allen robes, 5½c; American indigo, 4½c; Arnold LLC, 7½c; Arnold LCB, 8½c; Arnold Gold Seal, 9½c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Chocheco madders, 4¾c; Hamilton fancy, 5½c; Manchester fancy, 5½c; Merrimac fancy, 5½c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 6c; Pacific fancy, 5½c; Pacific robes, 6c; Pacific mourning, 5½c; Simpson Eddystone, 5½c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5½c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; Simpson's grays, 5½c; Simpson's mournings, 5½c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5¼c; Amoskeag Persian Dress, 6½c; Bates Warwick Dress, 6½c; Johnson BF Fancies, 8½c; Lancaster, 5¼c; Lancaster Normandies, 6½c; Carrolton, 4¾c; Renfrew Dress, 7½c; Whittenton Heather, 6½c; Calcutta Dress styles, 5½c.

Kidfinished Cambrics—Edwards, 4c; Warren, 3¾c; Slater, 3¾c; Genesee, 3¾c.

Tickings—Amoskeag, ACA, 12c; Conestoga, BF, 13½c; Cordis, 140, 13½c; Cordis, FT, 12½c; Cordis, ACE, 12½c; Hamilton, awning, 10c; Kimono Fancy, 17c; Lenox Fancy, 18c; Metheun, AA, 12c; Oakland, AF, 5½c; Portsmouth, 11½c; Susquehanna, 13½c; Shetucket SW, 7½c; Shetucket F, 8c; Swift River, 5½c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $13.50; American, $13.50; Franklinville, $16.50; Harmony, $13.50; Stark, $17.50.

Groceries.

Sugars—Hard sugars, 4⅝@5½c; confectioners' A, 4½@4⅝c; off A, 4⅜@4¾c; A, 4¼@4⅜c; extra C, 4@4¼c; yellow C, 3½@4¾c; dark yellow, 3¼@3½c.

Coffee—Good, 20½@21c; prime, 22@23c; strictly prime, 24@26c; fancy green and yellow, 26@27c; ordinary Java, 29@30c; old government Java, 32@33c; roasted, 1-pound packages, 23¾c.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@40c; choice, 40@45c; syrups, 20@25c.

Spices—Pepper, 16@18c; allspice, 12@15c; cloves, 20@25c; cassia, 10@12c; nutmegs, 70@80c per lb.

Rice — Louisiana, 4@5¼c; Carolina, 4¾@6¾c.

Honey—New York stock, 1-pound sections, 16@18c per lb.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $2@2.10 per bu; medium hand-picked, $1.90@2; limas, California, 4c per lb.

Salt—In car lots, 80@85c; small lots, 90@95c.

Twine—Hemp, 12@18c per lb; wool, 8@10c; flax, 20@30c; paper, 15c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 16@25c.

Shot—$1.15@1.20 per bag for drop.

Lead—6½@7c for pressed bars.

Wooden Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2.20; No. 2, $2.50; No. 3, $2.80; No. 5, $3.50.

Flour Sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $3.50; 1-16 brl, $5; ⅛ brl, $8; ¼ brl, $16; No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $4.25; 1-16, $6.50; ⅛, $10; ¼, $20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32, per 1,000, $7; 1-16, $8.75; ⅛, $14.50; ¼, $28.50. Extra charge for printing.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $6.50@7; No. 2 tubs, $5.50@6; No. 3 tubs, $4.50@5; 8-hoop pails, $1.60@1.65; 2-hoop pails, $1.35@1.40; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.50@1.85; clothes pins, 50@85c per box.

Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 28@38c; hemlock sole, 22@28c; harness, 26@33c; skirting, 31@32c; single strap, 41c; black brid le, per doz, $50@65; fair bridle, $30@75 per doz; city kip, 55@75c; French kip, 85@$1.10; city calfskins, 85c@$1; French calfskins, $1@1.80.

Flour.

Straight grades, $2.50@2.75; fancy grades, $2.75@3; patent flour, $3.25@3.75; low grades, $1.50@2.

Iron and Steel.

Bar iron, $1.50@1.60; horseshoe bar, 2¾@3c; nail rod, 6c; plow slabs, 3c; American cast steel, 8c; tire steel, 2¾@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $1.25; wire nails, $1.25 rates; horseshoes, per keg, $3.75; mule shoes, per keg, $4.75; horse nails, $4@5.

Oil Cake.

Oil cake, $25.25 per ton; oil meal, $25.25.

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Broccli or Kale—75c@$1 per brl.

Cranberries—Jersey, $6.50@7.50 per brl.

Apples—$5.50@7 per brl.

Cabbage—$1.50@2 per brl, according to quality. Florida cabbage, $1.75@2 per crate.

Sweet Potatoes—Eastern Jerseys, $3.75@4; Cobden, $3.50.

Onions—85@90c per bu, or $2 per brl; new Bermudas, $2.75@3 per bu box.

Grapes—Malaga, $5@6 per keg, according to quality.

Florida Pineapples—Medium, $1@1.50 per doz; extra size, $3.

Bananas—$1.25@1.75 per bunch, according to size and quality.

Potatoes—$2@2.25 per brl; from car, 60c per bu; from store, 65c per bu; seed potatoes, Early Rose, 85c per bu; Ohio, $1.10 per bu.

Lemons—Choice, $2.75 per box; fancy, $3.50.

Cheese—New York full cream, 12@14c; skims, 5@7c per lb.

Florida Oranges—$2.75@3.25 per box, according to size and quality; California navel, $2.75@3 per box; seedlings, per box, $2.25@2.50.

Cider—Duffy brand, 32-gal brl, $5; 16-gal brl, $3.

Sauer Kraut—$5@5.50 per brl; $3 per half brl.

Onion Sets—White, $3@3.50; red and yellow, $2@2.50 per bu.

New Tomatoes—$4@4.25 per case.

Cucumbers—$1.25@1.50 per doz.

Strawberries—30@33c per quart.

Maple Molasses—90c@$1 per gallon.

Provisions.

Bacon—Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 8@8¼c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 8½@8¾c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 8¾@9¼c; clear bellies, 18 to 22 lbs average, 9¼c; 16 to 17 lbs average, 8½@8¾c; 14 lbs average, 8¾c; 12 lbs average, 9¼@9¾c; clear backs, 20 to 25 lbs average, 8c; 12 to 20 lbs average, 8¼c; 9 to 10 lbs average, 8½c.

Shoulders—English-cured, 12 lbs average, 8¼@8½c; 16 lbs average, 8@8¼c.

Hams—Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 9¾@10¼c; 15 lbs average, 10½@11c; 12½ lbs average, 11@11½c; 10 lbs average, 11½@12c; block hams, 9¾@10½c.

California Hams—Sugar-cured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 8½c.

Boneless Ham—Sugar-cured, 9@9½c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl 200 lbs, $16; family pork, $15; rump pork, $13.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear, firsts, 11½@12½c; seconds, 10½@11c.

Lard—Kettle-rendered, in tierces, 8½@9c; pure lard, 8@8½c.

Seeds.

Clover—Choice recleaned, 60-lb bu, $4.75@5; prime, $4.50@4.75; English choice, $4.75@5; prime, $4.50@5; Alsike, choice, $7.50@8; Alfalfa, choice, $5.10@5.35. Timothy, 45-lb bu, choice, $2@2.15; strictly prime, $1.90@2. Bluegrass—Fancy, 14-lb bu, $1.15@1.30; extra clean, 85@90c. Orchard grass—Extra, $1.65@1.75. Red top—Choice, 55@65c; extra clean, 38@40c. English bluegrass, 24-lb bu, $2.75@2.85.

Tinners' Supplies.

Best brand charcoal tin IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $7@7.50; IX, 10x14, 14x20 and 12x12, $8@9.50; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, $6@6.50; IC, 20x28, $12@12.50; block tin, in pigs, 25c; in bars, 27c. Iron—27 B iron, 3c; C iron, 4c; galvanized, 70 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 5¾@6c. Copper, bottoms, 20c. Pianished copper, 24c. Solder, 15@16c.

ERA OF LOW PRICES

According to Dun & Co. This Change Is Just Setting In.

The Past Week All Over the Country Showed a Marked Decline in the Price of Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly trade review says: Prices of commodities are this week the lowest of which there is any record, having declined 1.2 in March and averaging 11.3 lower than a year ago, so that more than a third of the decrease in volume of all payments is due to decline in prices of things consumed. Six more iron furnaces have gone into blast this month, in part because prices of finished products are a shade lower and further contracts have thus been secured. Pittsburg gets the lion's share, and has most of its works in operation, cheaper freights having helped this week, with lower wages and coke, and contracts for Mesaba ore at $2.25. The Illinois steel works are about to resume in part, having secured orders for rails, but at the East rails are inactive, and deliveries everywhere are the lowest for many years. Cheapness of material and labor stimulates the erection of many buildings, both East and West.

In women's dress goods it is judged from sales of wool the business is about three-fourths of the usual magnitude, serges being in better demand. But in men's goods not more than a quarter of the usual orders for fall trade have yet been received. The demand is so large that sales of wool again exceed last year's, being 4,435,700 pounds for the week, against 3,948,200 last year, and for the month, thus far, the increase have been about 1,900,000 pounds, though in February the decrease was 21.3 per cent. Cotton goods generally steady, though good results have followed a small advance in Lancaster ginghams, and further concessions in brown goods are refused. But stocks of print cloths are the largest in March since 1885.

Railroad earnings made a better comparison, falling but 10.6 per cent. below last year's for the first week of March, against 13.7 per cent. in February, but the gain is partly because trunk-lines have cut rates and secured, for the first week in a long time, a larger east-bound movement than was recorded a year ago. The west-bound movement is also larger in dry goods and groceries.

Speculation in products is somewhat tame, though pork and lard have declined sharply, while corn is higher, with visible receipts 40 per cent. larger than a year ago. Wheat has been depressed by department report that 114,000,000 bu remained in farmers' hands March 1, indicating a very great mistake in estimates of yields, or else a heavy decrease in consumption. Cotton has declined a shade, and estimates of the crop are about 7,500,000 bales, in place of 6,600,000, reported not long ago.

Failures for the first week of March were few, with liabilities thus far reported of only $2,092,238, of which $816,284 were of manufacturing and $1,161,270 of trading concerns. Owing to large deferred statements received too late for use last week, the aggregate of liabilities for February has been raised to $17,895,675. The number of failures this week is 284 in the United States, against 190 last year, and fifty-five in Canada, against thirty last year. The absence of important embarrassments is still more encouraging.

Bradstreet's Wheat Statement.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Bradstreet's review says: If to the government's report of 114,000,000 bushels of wheat in farmers' hands March 1 be added 117,000,000 bushels out of farmers' hands, the resulting 231,000,000 bushels will supply food and seed for four months to come, give a reserve on July 1 next of 40,000,000 bushels, and, if required, 16,000,000 bushels a month for export, which is more than will be demanded. Exports of wheat, flour included, both coasts of the United States and Canada, this week equal 3,255,000 bushels, against 2,851,000 bushels last week, 2,888,000 in the week a year ago, 3,318,000 in the week in 1892, and as compared with 2,733,000 in the week in 1891.

REAL-ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Fourteen Transfers Yesterday, with a Total Consideration of $18,616.

Instruments filed for record in the recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana, for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., March 16, 1894, as furnished by Theo. Stein, abstracter of titles, Hartford Block, No. 86 East Market street.

Samuel W. Mercer to Francis M. Helms, lots 28, 29, 30 and 31, in Beaty's addition	$800
Charles E. Barrett to William M. St. Clair, lot 71, in Olleman, Reagan & Wheatley's Belmont addition	3,000
Jennie M. Fay to Ferdinand Dippel, part of lot 5, in Manlove's subdivision of Dunlop's addition	116
John E. Gresh to Julia A. Roller, lot 16, in block 34, North Indianapolis	200
Addison L. Roache to Julia A. Roller, lot 17, in block 34, North Indianapolis	350
Joseph H. Jordan to Nettie B. Wright, lot 13, in Wright's North Illinois-street and Nineteenth-street addition	900
Elisha S. Kise to Justus C. Adams, lot 53, in Floral Park addition	2,500
Albert M. Stiles to Elmer E. Flickinger, lot 27, in square 2, first section Lincoln Park addition	3,300
Lew Nicolai to Charles A. Wilson, lot 27, in Jennings's subdivision of Floral Park addition	400
Michael F. Kelley to Indianola Building and Loan Association, east half of lot 4, Mount Jackson	1,600
Robert E. Woods to Olive Drum, lot 15, in Kaufman's Woodside addition	600
Edward F. Claypool to Macy W. Malott, lots 113 and 132, in Morton Place	3,450
John A. Warner to Effie A. Kerr, lot 534, in McCarty's eleventh West-side addition	500
Henry L. Lindemann to Catharine T. Duffery, north half of lot 6, in Ridenour's Highland Home addition	1,700
Transfers, 14; consideration	$18,616

Falsified Matrimonial Records.

MEXICO CITY, March 16.—Church and legal circles are agog over the arrest of three leading citizens of Coyoacan. Rev. Father Violante, a civil judge, and a member of the City Council are charged with falsifying the matrimonial records of the civil registry in fraudulently recording the marriage of Mrs. Lorenza Flores with Manuel Violante, who died May 3, 1893. The date of two other minutes, it is alleged, were falsified in order to make dates correspond. Father Violante was until recently the spiritual adviser of Senora Diaz, the wife of the President of the republic.

WHEAT RULING DULL

Near the Close Came a Spurt of Buying Causing an Advance.

Other Grains Closed Lower than Thursday, While Pork Was Also Hammered Down in the Last Hour.

CHICAGO, March 16.—After a dull and easy session wheat spurted at the close and finished ¼c higher than yesterday. It was wired from New York that millers there had bought 200,000 bu of No. 2 red winter and had taken 750,000 bu of No. 1 Northern at 65⅞c c. i. f. Buffalo; that exporters had taken eighteen boatloads besides, and sales of No. 2 spring for immediate loading was reported here. This sent the price up ⅜c after May had touched 58c, and the close was but ⅛c from the top. Fine weather and discouraging cables had previously kept the price down. May corn closed ¼c lower. May oats ¼c lower and provisions lower all around.

Wheat was very dull. There was nothing to enliven it. Previous conditions were unchanged at the opening, and up to within an hour of the close there was no fresh news of sufficient weight to turn the scale of general opinion. The Liverpool market was dull at unchanged prices, the weather still favorable here and the receipts and shipments did not vary sufficiently from the recent daily average to disturb either shorts or longs. Chicago receipts were 31 cars, as compared with 195 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported a total of 209 cars, compared with 274 on the corresponding day of last year. A good inquiry for cash wheat at New York both from shippers and millers was reported there, and Minneapolis and Duluth opinion, as expressed over the wires, continued to be of the same bullish tenor as ever. The exports from the four Atlantic ports amounted in wheat and flour together to 545,000 bu, and when reported gave a little needed support to prices. New York estimated a decrease in the visible for the week of 1,750,000 bu, and those who are in the habit of estimating here made a similar guess. The opening for May was 58c, and it ruled between that and 58¾c up to within twenty minutes of the close. The bulk of the day's transactions were at 58⅛c and 58¼c. A report received from New York just before the close advised the purchase at Duluth by New York millers of 750,000 bu of No. 1 Northern wheat c. i. f. Buffalo, and 230,000 bu were bought here for immediate loading. The latter was all No. 2 spring. That closed the market up strong at 58½c bid.

Corn was weak after a short spell of steadiness near the opening. The receipts for the day were 594 cars, against 285 estimated, but estimates for to-morrow amounting to 370 cars was a weakening influence and was instrumental in bringing about the decline which succeeded to the early steadiness. The opening for May was 37⅝c, and it had declined to 37½c by about 12:30 o'clock. The market strengthened toward the close in sympathy with wheat, and May was worth 37⅝c at the close.

But a very light business was transacted in oats. The market was somewhat lower, influenced by the weather, which has increased the receipts, and also by the decline in corn. Very little stuff was offered and buyers were few. Trading was entirely local and mostly by scalpers. To-day's arrivals amounted to fourteen cars more than were expected yesterday. May opened ⅛@¼c under yesterday's price, at 30⅞@31c, and sold gradually down to 30⅛c. The market firmed up slightly before the close. May sold up to 30⅜c and was offered at 30¾c at the end. Hess was reported to have bought freely.

Provisions opened firm at a slight advance in prices. The International and Chicago packing companies were fair sellers at the opening. The packers generally reported a fairly good inquiry for cash meats. There was some decline on the selling referred to and buyers held aloof, apparently expecting lower prices. The market backed and filled a little during the day and acted fairly steady after the first decline until George Goodwin, about half an hour from the close, made one of his characteristic raids, which had the effect of knocking 20c off the price of pork in a few minutes. Closing prices were near the bottom. Compared with last night May pork is 15c lower, May lard .05c lower and May ribs .05c lower.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow are: Wheat, 47 cars; corn, 370 cars; oats, 270 cars; hogs, 12,000 head. Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Wheat—March	56	56½	56	56½
May	58	58⅝	58	58½
July	59½	60⅛	59⅜	60⅛
Corn—March	35⅞	36	35⅜	35⅝
May	37⅝	37¾	37⅛	37⅜
July	38½	38½	37⅝	37¾
Oats—March	30½	30½	30	30¼
May	31	31	30½	30¾
July	28⅝	28⅝	28½	28⅝
Pork—May	$11.15	$11.15	$10.90	$10.95
July	11.17½	11.17½	10.97½	11.02½
Lard—March	6.70	6.70	6.62½	6.62½
May	6.62½	6.65	6.57½	6.57½
July	6.60	6.60	6.55	6.55
Ribs—May	5.75	5.75	5.65	5.67½
July	5.75	5.75	5.65	5.67½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 56½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 62c; No. 2 red, 56½c; No. 2 corn, 35⅞@36c; No. 2 yellow, 35¼c; No. 2 oats, 30¼c; No. 2 white, 32¾@33½c; No. 3 white, 33c; No. 2 rye, 46½c; No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, 48@50c; No. 4, 44@51c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.36@1.37; prime timothy seed, $4.20; mess pork, $10.85@10.87½c; lard, 6.72½@6.75c; short-rib sides (loose), 5.65@5.67½c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 6@6.25c; short-clear sides (boxed), 6@6.25c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, $1.15.

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, the butter market was quiet; creameries, 16@20½c; dairies, 13@18c. Eggs weak; strictly fresh, 12c.

Receipts—Flour, 13,000 brls; wheat, 21,000 bu; corn, 189,000 bu; oats, 198,000 bu; rye, 3,000 bu; barley, 14,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 10,000 brls; wheat, 14,000 bu; corn, 126,000 bu; oats, 216,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 18,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropol