THE BOARD WANTS HELP IN ITS FIGHT.

APPEALING TO GENERAL NEWTON AND THE ALDERMEN AGAINST THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

The hearing which was to be held by a sub-committee of the Board of Electrical Control, yesterday, to consider means for securing better electrical service in streets where no subways exist, was, at the request of the companies interested, postponed until Tuesday at 11 a. m. The Board then received the report of the electrical expert upon violations of rules and regulations reported by inspectors from June 15 to August 8. This report shows the total number of violations for each company, by dead wires and poles, low lamps, dangerous circuits and in other ways, to be: United States Illuminating Company, 528; Western Union Telegraph Company, 212; Brush Company, 118; Metropolitan Telegraph and Telephone Company, 43; Fire Department, 19; East River Electric Light Company, 16; American District Telegraph, 10; Police Department, 8; Daft Electric Light Company, 2; Mount Morris Electric Light Company, 1. Eighty-three notices of dead wires and thirty-nine of dead poles have been sent to the Bureau of Incumbrances. The Board then proceeded to consider, and finally adopted, two letters to be sent at once to the Board of Aldermen and to the Commissioner of Public Works.

The letter to Commissioner Newton contains an explanation of the notices of dead poles and wires which the Board of Electrical Control has sent to the Bureau of Incumbrances. In regard to the ninety days' notice required before the Commissioner can act upon the order of the Mayor, the letter shows that this refers only to the taking down of conductors because subways have been completed, and not to the removal of structures which are unlawful from any other cause than the completion of the subway.

The letter to the Board of Aldermen states that in the opinion of the Board the enforcement of present rules and regulations, and the removal of all poles, wires and other fixtures which do not comply with the rules, or which are maintained without the permission of the Board, would meet the requirements in all cases, and argues that to leave the Board of Electrical Control to proceed criminally against the corporation which violate its rules is to put off and delay its work and compel it to enter into duties and expensive litigation never contemplated by the statute under which it was constituted.

THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD AND RANGE OF PRICES.

There was a decided increase in the activity of the crude oil market yesterday and the bears had their "innings" on a decline of 2 5-8 cents from Monday night. The total sales at the two New-York boards amounted to over 2,700,000 barrels, but the heaviest movement was in the late afternoon. First prices were about the same as the final figures of the previous day, but it was evident that little support was back of values. A reduction of another 1-8 cent per gallon in refined quotations soon induced free selling by the West and the local traders, and by 2 o'clock the market had fallen to about 84 cents. In the rest hour the selling fever increased and there was a rapid decline to less than 83 cents on a material expansion of the volume of dealings. Around 3 o'clock there was a rally to some "effort" in the market to steady itself, and it failed to do more than place the asking price at 83 3-4 cents, 1-8 above the last sale, which was what was bid. It is apparent that the hunt for "stop-orders" around 84 cents has been successful for the bears, but they have brought values to a point where buying orders from outside sources are likely to reach the market from important interests. The reaction in the railway share market probably lent some depressing influence to crude, but the main encouragement to sellers has been the apparent withdrawal of support from the refined situation, which for the moment has lost sight of its importance. The old and new crops have been temporarily bearish features in Wednesday's history, but the day's record was not of that character. Even if an impending spurt of new production is known to some inside interests it may with reason be argued that the drop of about 7 cents within the last ten days has run far toward "discounting" the effect of any announcement of the kind. Barring a development that is not now observable in the field horizon, the essentially favorable features of the refined position have not been weakened. The trading elements naturally will increase its sway likes on a declining tendency of prices, but the class of buyers will naturally show an improvement as the market goes lower, and bear operations multiply. The feeling in the trade favors a further recession and the market looks weak, but more surprising turns have been made in the speculation than would be an unexpectedly early check to the generally expected decline.

The range of prices and the total dealings were as follows:

	Stock Exchange.	Consolidated
Opening	85	85¼
Highest	85⅛	85⅝
Lowest	82⅞	82⅞
Final	82⅞	82⅞
Sales, barrels	810,000	1,910,000

Refined oil was reduced another 1-8 cent to 7 1-2 per gallon. Also lost at all points. The market is quiet, with versus freights still scarce and high.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

FEATURES OF NEW-YORK DEALINGS.

The wheat speculation opened depressed yesterday and the selling movement did not seem to have spent its force. A prominent Chicago operator was reported to be a large seller there and the heavy receipts excited a bearish influence. Later in the day there were crop reports of an unfavorable character, which, with the increase in the export demand, effected a partial recovery of early losses. The close was firm, with net declines of 3 3-8@1-8 cent as follows: August and September, 91 3-4; October, 92 3-4; November, 93 3-4; December, 94 5-8; May, 98 7-8 cents. Corn wheat was firmer and a large business was done for shipment, checked later somewhat by the advance in freights. Corn on the spot was stronger, with a confirmed large export demand. The options opened heavy, but later advanced sharply on see-sawing of shorts and the improved tone to wheat. The market ended up 1 3-8@1 1-8 cents, at 53 3-4 for August, and September, 53 7-8 for October, 54 5-8 for November, and 41 cents for December. Oats were irregular but in the main lower on corn received a slight carry over. Rye and barley closed unchanged at 81@84 for August, 79@84 for September, 79@84 for October, and 80 1-2 cents for November. Lard was 2@5 points higher for the options, ending as follows: August, 8.07; September, 8.08; October, 8.08; November, 8.15; December, 8.20.

The receipts of grain and flour yesterday at New-York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston were as follows: Wheat, 297,207 bushels; corn, 155,529 bushels; oats, 133,539 bushels; total grain, 626,295 bushels; flour, 62,557 packages. At Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis the arrivals were: Wheat, 297,207 bushels; corn, 308,400 bushels; oats, 176,412 bushels; total grain, 686,385 bushels; flour, 24,230 barrels.

THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Aug. 14 (Special).—When the gong sounded today there seemed to be no end to the offerings of wheat. The official indicator said 81 1-2 cents for September was the lowest price touched, but the demoralization was so great that it was offered at 81, without takers, on one side, while 81 1-2 cents was bid on the other. At the close Hutchinson seemed disposed to give the market a good eye, but he thought better of it, and took a good lot of the cheap wheat that was being thrown away in small parcels. He must have taken fully 1,000,000 bushels. The market closed firm, in sympathy with the east, at yesterday's prices. Receipts were larger than expected, 295 cars being estimated for Wednesday, and were only twelve cars of contract grade. The low quality is generally remarked. The receipts at other western markets since July 1 aggregate 5,875,152 bushels, against 11,004,708 bushels for the same time last year. There were withdrawn from store 207,948 bushels. Charters, 315,000 bushels, at 3 cents to Buffalo. Although Hutchinson was willing to let wheat go off, and did, he kept the boys bustling for corn up to the close, which was at 45 cents for September, the top for the day, 1 3-4 above the low point. The receipts were 676 cars, with 550 estimated for Wednesday. The charters were 300,000 bushels at 2 3-4. In Boston Oats were stronger, in sympathy with corn, but the trade was dull and neglected. Receipts were 278 cars, with 178 estimated for Wednesday. Charters, 120,000 bushels. Provisions seemed dearer than usual. Pork and lard closed not where they opened, and short ribs are off only 2 1-2 cents. There was no significant trading. There were 5,000 hogs at the yards, selling at higher prices, and 10,000 expected Wednesday. Wheat curb unchanged.

EUROPEAN PRODUCE MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 14.—3:30 p. m.—Beef—In poor demand. Pork—In poor demand. Bacon—In poor demand. Hams—In poor demand. Lard—In fair demand. Tallow—In good demand. Spirits of Turpentine—In fair demand. Rosin—In fair demand. Lard—Spot and futures—In fair demand. Wheat—In good demand; new No. 2 Winter firm at 7s; do Spring steady at 7s 1½d. Flour—In fair demand. Corn—Spot and futures—In good demand; mixed Western—spot dull at 4s 6½d. August dull at 4s 6½d, do September dull at 4s 7½d; do October, dull at 4s 6d. Hops at London—New York State—In fair demand.

Receipts of American wheat for the past three days, 22,000 centals.

Receipts of American corn for the past three days, 41,300 centals.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Refined petroleum, 7d@7½d per gallon.

ANTWERP, Aug. 14.—Wheat steady at 103 francs 25 centimes per 100 kilos.

ANTWERP, Aug. 14.—Petroleum—Fine pale American, 21 francs.

BREMEN, Aug. 14.—Petroleum, 7 marks 90 pfennigs.

WOOL MARKETS.

BOSTON, Aug. 14.—The movement in domestic wool continues good and manufacturers are free buyers of desirable grades. Michigan wools have been the favorite this week in washed fleeces, and better than 20 cents has been paid for X this week. Michigan fine delaine is selling well from 29@30. Ohio unwashed fleeces unchanged and selling to a fair extent at previous rates. A good movement in Montana and other Territory wool is in progress, and better prices are being obtained. For fine Texas wools the prices are steady, and in California and Oregon wools a fair business has been done. Pulled wools are steady, with sales of extra at 24@28c; superior at 25@35. Australian wool is very firm and in small stock. Carpet wools quiet.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 14.—Wool market firm at quotations. Stocks light. Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia XX and above 29@30c; X, 29@30c; medium, 33@34c; coarse, 31@32c. New-York, Michigan, Indiana and Western fine of X and XX, 26@37c; medium, 32@33c; coarse, 31@33c.

HAVANA MARKETS.

HAVANA, Aug. 14.—Spanish gold, 239¼@239½. Exchange steady. Sugar—Firm; yesterday 1,000 bags Centrifugal, 97 degrees polarization, were bought on speculation at $3 75 gold per quintal.

OIL MARKETS.

OIL CITY, Penn., Aug. 14.—National Transit Certificates opened at 85; highest, 85¼; lowest, 82½; closed, 82¼. Sales, 2,155,000 barrels; clearances, 2,760,000 barrels; charters, 89,047 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Aug. 14.—Petroleum closed lower; National Transit certificates opened at 85⅝; closed at 82¾; highest, 85¼; lowest, 82⅞.

BRADFORD, Penn., Aug. 14.—National Transit Certificates opened at 85; closed at 82⅝; highest, 85¼; lowest, 82⅝; Clearances, 1,150,000 barrels.

TITUSVILLE, Penn., Aug. 14.—National Transit Certificates opened at 86; highest, 85¼; lowest, 82⅞; closed, 82¾.

Mother—Daughter, didn't I hear Mr. Jenkins kiss you last night when he went away?

Daughter—Yes, mamma; but it was against my will.

Mother—What was?

Daughter—Your hearing mamma.—(Washington Critic.

A REACTION IN STOCKS.

FLUCTUATIONS IN THE MARKET.

AN ORGANIZED RAID BY THE BEARS — THE CLOSING STEADY.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—AUG. 14.

THE GENERAL LIST.

STOCKS.	Actual Sales Opg.	High.	Low'st	Final	Closing. Bid	Ask'd	No. shares sold.
A Top & S F	87⅛	87⅛	87½	87½	87⅛	87½	300
Can Southern	54⅝	54⅝	54	54	54	54⅝	2,010
Central of N J	88	88	87	87½	87⅛	87¾	2,300
Central Pacific	34⅝	35	34⅝	34⅞	34⅝	35	310
Ches & O pref	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13	13½	900
Chic & Alton	113⅞	113⅞	112⅞	112⅞	112⅞	113	6,170
Chic & N W	144	144	141	144	143½	145	100
Chic Mil & St P	72⅝	72⅝	71⅝	71⅝	71⅝	72	23,730
C M & St P pref	111⅞	111⅞	111	111	111	111½	600
Chic St P M & O	40⅝	40⅝	40	40⅛	40	40⅝	1,170
C B P, D & O pt	108⅝	108⅝	108⅝	108⅝	108	109	55
Chic Burl & Q	113	113	111	111	111	111⅛	3,215
C R I & Pacific	108⅝	108⅝	107⅝	107⅝	107⅝	108	661
C W & B pref	5	5	5	5	4⅞	5⅝	160
Col H V & Tol	28⅝	28⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27½	28	910
C & E Ill pref	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝	92⅝	92	92½	160
Del L & W	138⅝	138⅝	137	137⅛	137⅛	137⅞	18,420
Del & Hud	118	118	117⅝	117⅝	117⅛	117½	655
E Tenn lst pf	69⅝	69⅝	69½	69½	69	70	100
E Tenn 2d pf	24⅝	24⅝	23⅝	24⅝	24½	25⅛	210
Evans & Indianap	24	24	24	24	21½	25	100
Green Bay	11	11	11	11	10⅝	11½	100
Ind B & W	16	16	16	16	15	16	445
L E & W	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	17	350
L E & W pfd	50	50	49⅝	49⅝	49⅝	50	1,200
Lake Shore	96⅝	96⅝	95⅝	95⅝	95⅝	95⅞	6,195
Louis & Nash	59⅝	59½	58⅝	58⅝	58⅝	58⅞	6,620
Manhattan Con	91⅝	92	91⅝	92	91	91⅝	1,200
Manhat Beach	10	10	10	10	10	11	200
Mich Cent	87	87	86⅝	86⅝	86⅝	86⅝	450
M L & W	55	55	55	55	55	57	100
M K & T	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14½	1,000
Mo Pacific	82	82	80⅞	80⅞	80⅝	80⅞	4,200
Mobile & Ohio	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝	11⅝	10½	11½	100
Morris & Es	143	144	144	144			170
N C & St L	82⅝	82⅝	82⅝	82⅝	82	84	100
N Y Central	107⅝	107⅝	107⅛	107⅛	107⅛	107⅝	100
N Y C & St L	17⅝	17½	17	17	16⅞	17⅝	525
N Y C & St L pref	71	71	71	71	70½	72	50
N Y C & St L 2d pf	37⅝	37⅝	37	37	36⅞	37⅝	450
N Y L E & W	28⅝	28⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	7,365
N Y & New Eng	43⅝	43⅝	42⅝	42⅞	42⅝	42⅞	7,510
N Y O & W	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	100
N Y S & W	9⅝	9½	9⅝	9⅝	9½	9⅝	50
N Y S & W pref	33⅝	33⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32½	32⅞	300
Nor & West	50⅝	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝	49⅞	50	1,450
North Pacific	26	26	25⅝	25⅝	25½	25⅝	500
Nor Pac pref	57⅝	57⅝	56⅝	56⅝	56⅝	57	5,855
Ohio & Miss	23⅝	23⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	23⅝	500
Ohio Southern	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝	13	14	100
Or Imp	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝	67	68	200
Or R & N	93⅝	93⅝	93⅝	93⅝	93½	93⅞	120
Oregon Trans	26⅝	26⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	26	2,200
Or Short Line	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32	33	300
Pacific Mail	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22	22⅝	400
Phila & Reading	68⅝	68⅝	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝	67⅞	11,100
P P Car Co	168⅝	168⅝	167	167	167	168	250
Phil & Hold	51	51	50	50⅛	50⅛	50⅝	11,725
Rich & W P	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝	3,325
R & W P pref	73	73	72	72	72	73	210
St L & S F	32	32	32	32	31⅝	32	200
St L & S F pref	72⅝	72⅝	72⅝	72⅝	71⅝	72	200
St P & Dul	62⅝	62⅝	62⅝	62⅝	62	64	100
St P & Dur	109½	101	109	109	109	109	300
St P M & M	105⅝	105⅝	105⅝	105⅝	105⅝	106	100
Tex Pac new	25⅝	25⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	5,800
Union Pac	60⅝	60⅝	59⅝	60	60	60⅝	12,010
Wabash	14	14	14	14	14	14⅝	250
Wab pref	27	27⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	850
W & L E pref	59	59⅝	58⅝	58⅝	58	58⅝	2,000
West Union	82⅝	82⅝	81⅝	82	81⅝	82	16,341
US Express	77	77	77	77	76	77	24
Pacific Mail	37⅝	37⅝	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝	1,115
Con Gas	80	80	79	79⅝	79⅝	79⅝	1,289
Amer Cable	80	80	80	80	79	80	215
Hock Coal & I	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝	24	24	160
Col Coal & I	37	37	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝	37	200
Marshall Coal	14	14	14	14	13	14	500
Tenn Coal & I	28⅞	28⅞	28	28	28⅝	29	400
Total sales of the day							180,670

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

U S 4s Con	30,000	127⅝
U S 4½s Con	10,000	107½

BONDS AND BANK STOCKS.

Nor Carolina consol 4s 10,000 95	Internat Coupon ds 6,000 68½	Phila and Reading 1st pref income 26,000 68⅝
Alabama Class A 5,000 104	15,000 68	9,000 67⅝
Tenn Settlement 3s 5,000 70⅝	Kansas Pacific 1st con 4,000 109	37,000 67⅝
St. Nicholas Bank 10 107	Louisville & Nash (gen Mtg 6s 1,000 111	28,000 68
Am Dock & Imp 5s 5,000 107	N O & Mob 1st 7,000 115½	9,000 67⅝
Atlan & Pac guar 4s 13,000 815 81⅝	Pensacola & Atl 1st 1,000 95	4,000 67⅝
25,000 81⅝	con 2,000 119½	1,000 67½
Atlantic & Pacific Income 25,000 24⅛	Lake Erie & West 1st 5s 4,000 105⅞	56,000 67⅝
10,000 24	4,000 106	14,000 68
5,000 24⅛	L S & M S 1st con 5,000 128	2d pref income 20,000 71⅛
Baltimore & Ohio 5s Registered 10,000 105	26 Registered 5,000 125	10,000 71⅝
Cen Pac Gd 6s '95 1,000 114½	Mil & St Paul 1st	62,000 72
7s 5,000 114⅞	Lac & Dav div 4,000 s10 102¾	5,000 71⅝
Ches & Ohio cur Reorganized 2,000 72½	C & Mo Riv 5s 2,000 101	10,000 61
Chi & East Ill con 5s 23,000 98⅝	Mil L S and W's 1st 1,000 119	Phila and R C & I 4s 65,000 88⅞
C St P & M O Cons 16,000 121⅛	Mobile & Ohio G M 5,000	10,000 80
Col Hoc V & Tol 6s 1,000 82⅝	10,000 48⅞	30,000 s20 80
Den & Rio Gde 4s 3,000 76⅝	Mutual U'n Tel 6s 1,000 97⅞	10,000 89⅝
1,000 76⅝	15,000 97⅞	5,000 88⅝
8,000 76⅝	Min & S L 1st 1,000 96	11,000 89⅝
Det & B G W 1st Assented 10,000 75⅛	Mo Kan & Texas Con 7s 5,000 97⅞	Rich & Danville 6s 3,000 114½
1,000 75⅛	5,000 99⅝	Rich & W P term tr 6s 1,000 93⅝
E Tenn Va & Ga Cons Gold 5s 1,000 102½	Mo Kan & Texas 1st 7s 23,000 66	Richmond and Aller 1st 5,000
FortWorth and DC 1st 2000 88	11,000 66⅝	Trust receipts 5,000 61
G Bay W & St P 1st 4,000 103	Morgan L & T 6s 2,000 110⅝	Roch & Pitts consols 2,000 116
1,000 102⅛	N Y Elevated 1st 1,000 115⅝	San A & A P 1st 6s 1-88-1926 23,000 90
Gray Col & San Fe 6s 1,000 98⅝	1,000 115⅝	2,000 90⅝
1st 20,000 118½	N Y S and West 1st Refunding 5s 12,000 94⅞	5,000 90⅝
Han & St Jo 80,000 120⅝	2,000 95	1,000 90⅝
Intern'l and Gt N 1st 6,000 107	New Jersey Cent'l Gen 1st 5s 20,000 105	St L & San F Gen Mtge 6s 1,000 115½
Illinois Cent 1951 2,000 107	Nor & West Gen mtge 2,000 120⅝	St P Min & Man's consolidated 1st 7s 10,000 106⅝
Ind B and W'n Income Trust receipts 3,000 23½	Nor & West imp 6s 5,000 100	Mon Ext 4s 10,000 97⅝
15,000 23	North'n Pacific consol 5,000 122⅝	St P S & M 2d 2,000 120⅝
10,000 22½	Ohio Southern income 12,000 41	Texas & Pacific 2d income 5,000 44½
Ind B and W'n 2d Trust receipts 3,000 23	20,000 41½	10,000 44⅞
15,000 23	5,000 41⅛	15,000 44⅞
10,000 22½	3,000 41⅛	10,000 44
3,000 22½	10,000 40⅝	6,000 44⅛
Iowa C & Nor 1st 1,000 98⅝	Oregon Short Line 6s 16,000 107	Tol and O Cen 1st 15,000 100
20,000 118½	3,000 106⅝	Toledo & Wester 1st con gu 5s Trust Receipts 5,000 84½
Han & St Jo 80,000 120⅝	3,000 106½	5,000 85⅝
Intern'l and Gt N 1st 6s 6,000 107	Oregon & Trans 1,000 100	Union Pacific 1st 6s 6,000 115⅝
Illinois Central 1951 2,000 107	Om & St L 1st 10,000 73	Wab St L & Pac Chicago div Trust receipts 5,000 80
Ind B and W'n Income Trust receipts 3,000 23½	Ohio Southern 1st 5,000 101½	11,000 80⅝
15,000 23	Ott C F and St P 1st 1,000 108	5,000 80⅝
10,000 22½	Peoria, Dec & Evr 2d 15,000 73	W N Y and P 1st 15,000 91⅝
3,000 22½	Pacific of Mo 2d 6,000 105½	West Shore Guaranteed 4s 1,000 103⅝
Iowa C and Nor 1st 1,000 98⅝	St L Alt and Tex 1st 7,000 68½	80,000 103⅝
20,000 118½	St L Alt and Tex 2d 10,000 38⅝	Wheeling and L E 1st 10,000 100⅝
Han & St Jo 80,000 120⅝	33,000 38⅝	Wabash 7s 1879 Trust Receipts 10,000 87
Intern'l and Gt N 1st 6s 6,000 107	15,000 38⅝	
Illinois Central 1951 2,000 107	Spokane & Pa 6s 7000 101	
Ind B and W'n Income Trust receipts 3,000 23½	Tex & Pac 1st 5s 37,000 95	
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