INCREASE IS HELD

Volume of Distributive Trade Is Growing.

RETAIL BUSINESS IMPROVES

Crop Reports Steadily Become More Favorable—Heavy Inquiry for All Kinds of Iron and Steel, Bot's Crude and Finished.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Bradstreets tomorrow will say:

While reflecting irregularities, the volume of distributive trade and the movement of industry hold the same increase as recorded last week. From the South, in fact, the tenor of advices is even better. Retail trade at the large cities is livening up as Spring advances. Crop reports, especially from Winter wheat, are increasingly favorable. Lumber and hides are firm and active.

The really remarkable feature in current industry is the continuance of the heretofore heavy inquiry for all kinds of iron and steel, crude and finished.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending March 23 number 208, against 186 last week, 235 in the like week in 1904. In Canada failures for the week number 18, as against 22 last week and 18 in this week a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending March 23 are 1,944,595 bushels, against 805,842 last week, 1,803,845 this week last year. From July 1 to date exports are 46,658,089 bushels, against 114,742,284 last year.

RAILWAY FACILITIES TAXED.

Shipments of Merchandise Increase Rapidly by Seasonable Weather.

NEW YORK, March 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Spring trade responds to seasonable weather and shipments of merchandise have increased so rapidly that railway facilities are severely taxed. Railway earnings for the first two weeks of March were 7 per cent larger than last year, and foreign commerce at this port for the last week shows a gain of $2,077,612 in exports and $175,258 in imports as compared with 1904.

Strength is seen in the hide market, especially for native steers of mid-Winter salting, and sole leather branded hides are in limited supply.

Failures this week number 235 in the United States, against 226 last year, and 16 in Canada against 15 a year ago.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended March 23, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York*	$1,840,045,000	65.9	....
Chicago*	183,206,000	18.1	....
Boston	147,610,000	27.8	....
Philadelphia*	123,700,000	17.3	....
St. Louis*	35,175,000	10.5	....
Pittsburg	41,371,000	17.1	....
San Francisco*	32,108,000	31.5	....
Cincinnati	21,572,000	....	2.1
Baltimore*	23,808,000	6.6	....
Kansas City*	22,298,000	13.5	....
New Orleans*	17,827,000	....	28.3
Minneapolis*	14,776,000	4.1	....
Cleveland*	17,202,000	43.8	....
Louisville*	11,124,000	17.0	....
Detroit	10,250,000	10.4	....
Milwaukee*	8,050,000	12.4	....
Omaha	8,286,000	6.8	....
Providence*	6,713,000	12.9	....
Los Angeles*	8,710,000	40.1	....
Buffalo	5,908,000	4.6	....
Indianapolis	5,832,000	21.2	....
St. Paul*	6,126,000	....	4
Memphis	5,273,000	....	....
St. Joseph*	4,417,000	5.6	....
Richmond	4,618,000	5.5	....
Denver	5,617,000	45.9	....
Columbus	4,508,000	7.6	....
Seattle	4,920,000	25.8	....
Washington	4,579,000	21.8	....
Savannah*	2,846,000	18.5	....
Albany	3,434,000	18.6	....
Portland, Or.*	4,268,000	49.6	....
Fort Worth	5,116,000	48.1	....
Toledo, O.*	3,127,000	9.7	....
Atlanta	3,877,000	33.1	....
Salt Lake City	2,562,000	12.1	....
Rochester	2,388,000	8.3	....
Peoria	2,797,000	....	6.2
Hartford	2,851,000	.3	....
Nashville	2,717,000	49.1	....
Spokane, Wash.*	2,740,000	35.0	....
Des Moines	2,460,000	29.1	....
Tacoma	3,071,000	61.3	....
New Haven	1,948,000	23.7	....
Grand Rapids	1,783,000	3.2	....
Norfolk	1,808,000	7.8	....
Dayton	1,580,000	....	4.0
Portland, Me.	1,430,000	16.4	....
Springfield, Mass.	1,490,000	10.0	....
Augusta, Ga.	1,518,000	....	2.5
Evansville	1,204,000	18.8	....
Sioux City	1,505,000	26.1	....
Birmingham*	1,343,000	14.9	....
Syracuse	1,402,000	50.0	....
Worcester	1,402,000	....	....
Knoxville	1,118,000	....	11.3
Charleston, S. C.	1,113,000	5.3	....
Wilmington, Del.	1,084,000	8.4	....
Wichita	1,106,000	1.5	....
Wilkesbarre	837,000	....	2.9
Davenport	923,000	....	4.2
Little Rock	1,097,000	18.8	....
Topeka	1,050,000	35.8	....
Chattanooga	803,000	21.6	....
Jacksonville, Fla.	1,000,000	35.9	....
Kalamazoo, Mich.	655,000	12.7	....
Springfield, Ill.	882,000	37.3	....
Fall River	788,000	2.5	....
Wheeling, W. Va.	682,000	13.9	....
Macon	510,000	....	57.9
Helena	821,000	80.0	....
Lexington	772,000	4.6	....
Akron	512,300	....	4.8
Canton, O.	746,000	46.5	....
Fargo, N. D.	524,000	40.8	....
Youngstown	641,000	....	1.1
New Bedford	506,000	26.1	....
Rockford, Ill.	519,000	....	7.3
Lowell	461,000	25.6	....
Chester, Pa.	583,000	....	11.3
Binghamton	420,000	6.4	....
Bloomington, Ill.	421,000	....	5.8
Springfield, O.	441,000	19.9	....
Greensburg, Pa.	351,000	....	18.5
Quincy, Ill.	330,000	....	10.1
Decatur, Ill.	321,000	34.3	....
Sioux Falls, S. D.	289,000	19.5	....
Jacksonville, Ill.	302,000	49.5	....
Mansfield, O.	320,000	72.0	....
Fremont, Neb.	197,000	11.9	....
Cedar Rapids	475,000	32.3	....
Houston	12,893,000	15.1	....
Galveston	10,070,000	21.0	....
Totals, U. S.	$2,733,024,000	45.6	....
Outside N. Y.	892,388,000	16.4	....
CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 27,854,000	48.9	....
Toronto	19,012,000	39.5	....
Winnipeg	4,817,000	8.5	....
Ottawa	2,157,000	16.0	....
Halifax	1,726,000	28.3	....
Vancouver, B. C.	1,492,000	14.6	....
Quebec	1,291,000	6.6	....
Hamilton	1,316,000	18.3	....
St. John, N. B.	884,000	11.0	....
London, Ont.	824,000	4.8	....
Victoria, B. C.	680,000	29.2	....
Totals, Canada	$ 62,054,000	35.8	....

*Balances paid in cash.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.60@4.85 per barrel; straights, $4.30@4.45; clears, $3.85@4; Valley, $4.10@4.25; Dakota hard wheat, $4.50@5.30; Graham, $3.50@4; whole wheat, $4@4.25; rye flour, local, $5; Eastern, $3@3.10; cornmeal, per case, $1.90.

BARLEY—Feed, $23 per ton; rolled $24@25.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.37½@1.42; gray, $1.30 per cental.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19.50 per ton; middlings, $25; shorts, $22; chop, U. S. Mills, $19; linseed dairy foods, $18; linseed oilmeal, car lots, $29 per ton; less than car lots, $30 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $6.75; lower grade, $5@6.25; oatmeal, steel cut, 50-pound sacks, $8 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; cornmeal (ground), 50-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, $4 per 100-pound sack; 25-pound boxes, $1.15; pearl barley, $4 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

HAY—Timothy, $14@16 per ton; clover, $11@12; grain, $11@12; cheat, $11@12.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

There was a strong demand for all kinds of poultry and top prices were readily obtainable. Eggs did not go off so readily, and were quoted barely steady. Butter is also weaker, as receipts are increasing.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 18@19c per dozen.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 27½c per pound; fancy creamery, 26c. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27½@32½c; dairy, 15@17c; store butter, 14@15c; California, 23½@31½c.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, new, 14@15c; old, 16c; American, 14@15½c.

POULTRY—Fancy hens, 14@14½c; old hens, 13@13½c; mixed chickens, 12½@14c; old roosters, 10@11c; young roosters, 11½@12½c; Springs, 1½@2 pounds, 17@18c; broilers, 1@1½ pounds, 22@25c; dressed chickens, 14@16c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c; turkeys, dressed poor, 17½@18c; turkeys, choice, 20@22½c; geese, live, per pound, 8@9c; geese, dressed, 10@12c; ducks, old, $8@9; ducks, young as to size, $9@9.50; pigeons, $1@1.25; squabs, $2@2.50.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Three cars of oranges and one car of vegetables arrived yesterday and relieved the scarcity in these lines. More oranges should have arrived, but were delayed on the way. Prices of most early vegetables are lower.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1 per sack; carrots, $1.25; beets, $1.25; parsnips, $1.50; cabbage, California, 1½c; lettuce, hothouse, $1.25@1.50 per box; parsley, 25c dozen; tomatoes, $2.25 per crate; cauliflower, $2 per crate; egg plant, 12½c per pound; celery, $3.50 per crate; peas, 60@7c per pound; peppers, 25c per pound; sprouts, 6c; asparagus, 7½@8½c per pound; rhubarb, $1@1.25 per crate; cucumbers, $2 per dozen; artichokes, 75c per dozen.

ONIONS—Oregon Fancy, $2.60@3; No. 2, $1@1.50, buying prices; Australian, 5c per pound.

POTATOES—Oregon fancy, 85@90c; common, 65@80c, buyers' price; Merced sweets, 1½c.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatels, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-layer Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6½c; London layers, 2-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 3-crown, $1.75.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 6@7½c per pound; sundried, sacks or boxes, none; apricots, 10@11c; peaches, 9@10½c; pears, none; prunes, Italians, 4@5c; French, 2½@3½c; figs, California blacks, 2½c; do white, none; Smyrnas, 15c; Fard dates, 6c; plums, pitted, 6c.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, fancy, $1.75@2.50 per box; choice, $1@1.25; common, 50@75c; figs, 85c@$2.50 per box.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $2.75@3.75; choice, $2.75 per box; oranges, fancy, $2.25@2.50 per box; choice, $1.50@1.75; standard $1.20@1.50; tangerines, $1.50@2 per box; grapefruit, $2.50@3 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Choice 1904, 23½@24c per pound.

WOOL—Valley, 19@20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 25@26c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 16@16½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 14@15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 17@18c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-slipped, weatherbeaten or grubby, 2@3c per pound less); salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 9@10c per pound; 50 to 60 pounds, 8½@9c per pound; under 50 pounds and cows, 8@9c per pound; salted stags and bulls, sound, 6c per pound; salted kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 9c per pound; salted veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 9c per pound; salted calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 10c per pound; horse, tops, unsalled, $2 per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less). Sheep skins: Shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, 25@30c each; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 40@50c each; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 60@80c; long wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, $1@1.50 each. Murrain pelts, from 10 to 20 per cent less, or 12@14c per pound; horse hides, salted, each, according to size, $1.50@2; dry, each, according to size, $1@1.50; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goat skins, common, 10@15c each; Angora, with wool on, 25c@$1.50 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 3½@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c.

PELTS—Bear skins, as to size, No. 1, $2.50@10 each; cubs, $1@2; badger, 25@50c; wild cat, with head perfect, 25@50c; house cat, 5@10c; fox, common gray, 50@70c; red, 65@90c; cross, $5@15; silver and black, $100@300; fishers, $5@6; lynx, $4.50@5; mink, strictly No. 1, according to size, $1@2.50; marten, dark Northern, according to size and color, $10@15; marten, sable, pine, according to size and color, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, 10@15c; skunk, 40@50c; civet, or polecat, 5@10c; otter, large, prime skin, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, $2@5; raccoon, prime, 30@50c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $3.50@5; coyote, 60c@$1; wolverine, $6@8; beaver, per skin, large, $3@6; medium, $2@4; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 29@32c per pound.

CASCARA SAGRADA (Chittam bark)—Good, 4@4½c per pound.

OREGON GRAPE ROOT—Per 100 pounds, $3@4.

FEATHERS—Geese, white, 35@40c; geese, gray or mixed, 25@30c; duck, white, 15@20c; duck, mixed, 12@15c.

Oils.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 23½c; iron barrels, 17c; 86 deg. gasoline, cases, 32c; iron barrels or drums, 26c.

COAL OIL—Cases, 21½c; iron barrels, 15c; wood barrels, none; 65 deg., cases, 22c; iron barrels, 15½c. Washington State test burning oils, except headlight, 5c per gallon higher.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 61c; cases, 66c. Boiled: Barrels, 63c; cases, 68c; 1c less in 5-barrel lots.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 81c; barrels, 78c.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7½c; 500-pound lots, 7¾c; less than 500-pound lots, 8c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Dressed, bulls, 3@4c per pound; cows, 4½@5c; country steers, 4@5½c.

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 7@7½c per pound; ordinary, 5@6c; Spring lambs, (pelts on), $2.50@3.50 each.

VEAL—Dressed, 100 to 125, 7¼@8½c per pound; 125 to 200, 5@6½c; 200 and up, 5½@6c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150, 8c per pound; 150 and up, 7½@8c.

HAMS—Ten to 14 pounds, 12½c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12½c; 18 to 20 pounds, 12½c; California (picnic), 8c; cottage hams, 9c; shoulders, 8½c; boiled ham, 20c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 14c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 16c per pound; standard breakfast, 14c; choice, 12c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 12c; peach bacon, 11c.

SAUSAGE—Portland ham, 12½c per pound; minced ham, 10c; summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 5½c; wienerwurst, 8c; liver, 5c; pork, 9c; blood, 5c; headcheese, 5c; bologna sausage, link, 4½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, 9½c salt, 10½c smoked; clear backs, 9c salt, 10c smoked; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds average, 11c salt, 12c smoked; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds average, 10½c salt, 11½c smoked; Union butts, 10 to 18 pounds average, 9c salt, 9c smoked.

PICKLED GOODS—Pickled pigs' feet, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled tripe, ½-barrels, $5; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1.25; pickled pigs' tongues, ½-barrels, $6; ¼-barrels, $3; 15-pound kits, $1.50; pickled lambs' tongue, ½-barrels, $9; ¼-barrels, $5.50; 15-pound kits, $2.75.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle-rendered: Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 9¾c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 10c; 10s, 10¼c; 5s, 10½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9¼c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 9¾c. Compounds: Tierces, 6c; tubs, 6¼c; 20s, 6¼c; 10s, 6¾c; 5s, 6¾c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 20@22c; Java, ordinary, 16@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $13.35; 50s, $13.35; Arbuckle, $14.35; Lion, $14.35.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.37½; Southern Japan, $5.50; Carolina, 4½@6c; broken head, 2¾c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy 1-pound flats, $1.85; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 85c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.85.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $6.30; powdered, $6.05; dry granulated, $5.95; extra C, $5.45; golden C, $5.35; fruit sugar, $5.95; advance over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. (Terms: On remittance within 15 days, deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; no discount after 30 days.) Beet sugar granulated, $5.85 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

SALT—California, $11 per ton, $1.60 per bale, Liverpool, 50s, $17; 100s, $16.50; 200s, $16; half-ground, 100s, $7; 50s, $7.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 13½c per pound by sack, 1c extra for less than sack; Brazil nuts, 15c; filberts, 14c; pecans, jumbos, 14c; extra large, 15c; almonds, I. X. L., 16½c; chestnuts, Italians, 15c, Ohio, $4.50 per 25-pound drum; peanuts, raw, 7½c per pound; roasted, 8c; pinenuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; cocoanuts, $5@6c per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 4c; large white, 3¾c; pink, 3½c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 5¾c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The market for evaporated apples shows no change from the conditions recently reported, with holders showing continued confidence. Common are quoted at 4@5½c; prime, 5¾@5½c; choice, 6@6½c; fancy, 7c.

Prunes are in moderate demand and show no change on spot, though it is claimed that quotations are below a parity with the Coast. Prices range from 2½c for 90-100's to 5½c for California fruit.

Apricots unchanged; 10½@11c for choice, 11½@12½c for extra choice, and 12@13c for fancy.

Peaches quiet, but firm, 10½c choice; 10½@10¾c for extra choice, 11½@12c for fancy.

Raisins quieter again. Loose muscatels quoted 4½@6½c; London layers, $1.65@1.75; seeded raisins, 5½@6½c.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The market for coffee futures closed quiet and unchanged to 5 points decline. Sales 35,450 bags, including May, 6.40c; July, 6.55c; September, 6.75c; December, 6.95c. Spot Rio quiet, No. 7 invoice, 7½c; mild, steady.

Sugar—Raw, nominal; fair refining, 4¼c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4½c; molasses sugar, quiet; refined sugar, dull.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 24.—Wool—Dull; medium grades combing and clothing, 20@23c; light fine, 18@20½c; heavy fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 30@37½c.

UPTURN IN STOCK PRICES

DUE TO CLOSING UP OF SHORT CONTRACTS.

Decline Reaches Point Where Sharp Resistance Is Encountered—Good Buying Demand.

NEW YORK, March 24.—There was a pronounced upturn in the course of prices on the stock exchange again today, which was undoubtedly due in part to the closing up of short contracts put out on these declines during the week. Yesterday's market already showed symptoms that the decline had run to a point where effective resistance was encountered and sufficient new buying demand was met to support prices. Bears with uncovered short contracts accepted the warning and bought to cover very generally today.

There was at the same time a marked revival in the circulation of rumors of the same class and for the most part identical in form with those which have already served many times to excite a demand for stocks. The strength of New York Central, Union Pacific and Northwestern was a notable case in point. The information disseminated on the break yesterday was that control of Union Pacific had passed from its present hands. Today the information was renewed that buying of the best character, namely, in the interest of persons already in control, was conspicuous in both New York Central and Union Pacific. News of rumors of this character are of as great effect in the excitement to speculation as the most explicit announcement of plans affecting the control or operation of a property.

The Southern Iron combine was another project which was paraded before the imagination of speculators with proved effect, as shown by the wide movement in stocks of that group. The long-time reports of a merger of lead interests was another effective instrument in the upward movement of prices. Oil and new dividend rumors also played their part, stocks in the rubber industry being especially affected. The Metropolitan stocks had the benefit of hopes of success in securing contracts for further subways in efforts making on behalf of these interests. Colorado Fuel was still in demand on the strength of its subscription rights to new securities. A glance over the list will show the important part played in the recovery by stocks thus specified as under individual influences.

The reversal of sentiment on the general market situation was attributed to subsidence of fears of stringent money. The headlong plunge in the price of foreign exchange was the principal factor in the change of sentiment. The indications thus given of the freedom with which foreign money resources are becoming available to the New York market proved greatly reassuring. The price of exchange was pronounced to be within measurable distance of the gold import point and it was felt that actual need for money here would lead promptly to an inward movement of gold. Account was taken, however, of the accompanying sharp drop in the Sterling exchange rate at Paris, which has fallen three centimes on the pound in two days past, showing a considerable increase in the demand from that center on London.

Estimates of the domestic currency movement indicate a considerable loss in cash by the banks on the week's movement, which is practically measured by the Subtreasury's absorption of $3,786,000 up to Thursday night. But the sharp liquidation of the week in stocks and the large resort had to foreign lenders is expected to result in a large contraction in the volume of loans of the banks with consequent benefit to the surplus item. The allotment to American subscribers of a full half of the new $150,000,000 Japanese loan, was regarded as a highly gratifying evidence of the abundance of capital resources at command in this market.

The profit-taking in the last hour was well absorbed, and the market closed strong and animated at the best prices of the day.

Bonds were strong. Total sales, par value, $4,420,000. United States 3s coupon advanced ⅛ per cent on call.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Atchison	11,000	90⅞	89¼	90
do preferred	2,200	102⅞	102¼	102
Atlantic Coast Line	2,300	142½	140¾	142¼
Baltimore & Ohio	10,600	109¼	108½	108⅞
do preferred	....	....	....	99½
Canadian Pacific	22,500	149	148¼	148⅞
Central of N. J.	100	190	190	190
Chesapeake & Ohio	23,400	58½	57¼	58⅜
Chicago & Alton	100	41	41	41½
do preferred	500	81⅞	81	80
Chi. Great Western	200	24⅞	23¾	24
Ch., Mil. & St. Paul	22,800	177⅞	176¼	177¼
Chi. & Northwestern	2,400	242	239½	242⅞
Chi. Term. & Transb.	100	18	18	18
do preferred	3,200	36	35	35½
C., C., C. & St. L.	600	109⅞	108½	108½
Colorado & Southern	300	24	23⅞	24
do 1st preferred	100	69	69	68⅞
do 2d preferred	100	35	35	34⅞
Delaware & Hudson	1,000	180¼	188½	180
Denver & Rio Grande	100	33½	33½	33
do preferred	600	89½	89	89¼
Erie	26,800	46½	45⅞	46⅞
do 1st preferred	1,100	81	80¼	80⅞
do 2d preferred	2,800	68¼	67⅞	68
Hocking Valley	100	94	94	93½
do preferred	100	93⅞	93⅞	93½
Illinois Central	1,000	161	160½	160⅞
Iowa Central	700	28⅞	27½	28½
do preferred	100	54⅞	54⅞	54
Kan. City Southern	200	29¼	29¼	29
do preferred	500	65	65	65
Louisville & Nashv.	4,500	141½	140½	141⅞
Manhattan L.	1,700	169	168	168
Metrop. Securities	116,200	88⅞	87	88⅞
*Metropolitan St. Ry.	13,400	125⅞	122½	125⅞
Mexican Central	3,000	24⅞	24¼	24⅞
Minn. & St. Louis	200	62⅞	62	61
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	1,300	118	117½	117
do preferred	800	166⅞	166¼	166½
Missouri Pacific	8,300	107⅞	106⅞	107⅞
Mo., Kan. & Texas	300	31½	31¼	31⅛
do preferred	400	66⅞	65⅞	66
National of Mex. pfd.	....	....	....	49
New York Central	47,100	161⅞	160	161⅞
N. Y., Ont. & West.	8,700	39⅞	38½	39⅞
Norfolk & Western	3,800	85⅞	83⅞	85⅞
do preferred	100	92	92	92
Pennsylvania	35,100	143	141⅞	142⅞
P., C., C. & St. L.	100	84	84	87½
Reading	47,000	95¼	94¼	95
do 1st preferred	900	91	91	91½
do 2d preferred	....	....	....	86½
Rock Island Co.	21,100	34⅞	33⅞	34¼
do preferred	4,400	80½	79⅞	80
So. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	....	....	....	70½
St. L. Southwestern	1,100	26⅞	26	29
do preferred	2,100	65	64¼	64½
Southern Pacific	24,800	67	65	67⅞
Southern Railway	600	118½	118⅞	118⅞
do preferred	2,400	35¼	34⅞	35⅞
*do preferred	600	98	97½	97½
Texas & Pacific	7,100	38⅞	37⅞	38⅞
Toledo, St. L. & W.	800	38⅞	37⅞	38⅞
do preferred	400	57⅞	57¼	57⅞
Union Pacific	186,600	131½	129	131⅞
do preferred	1,100	99½	99¼	99⅞
Wabash	3,700	23½	22⅞	22⅞
do preferred	3,200	47½	45½	46⅞
Wheeling & L. Erie	....	....	....	12
do 1st preferred	300	23⅞	23½	23¼
do 2d preferred	900	51⅞	50⅞	52
Express companies—				
Adams	....	....	....	244
American	....	....	....	238
United States	....	....	....	127
Wells-Fargo	....	....	....	250
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	57,300	79⅞	78⅞	79¼
Am. Car & Foundry	3,600	29½	28	29⅞
do preferred	500	100⅞	100	100
American Cotton Oil	....	....	....	54
do preferred	....	....	....	92
American Linseed Oil	100	17½	17½	17½
do preferred	200	43	43	44
American Locomotive	4,100	48	47½	47¼
do preferred	500	116	115⅞	116
Amer. Sm. & Refining	2,300	103	100⅞	102⅞
do preferred	1,400	121½	120	120⅞
*Am. Sugar Refining	6,200	141⅞	141	141⅞
Am. Tobacco pf. cert.	4,200	97½	96¼	97½
Anaconda Mining Co.	100	116	116	116½
Brooklyn R. Transit	14,200	68	66¼	67⅞
Colorado Fuel & Iron	84,100	59	57¼	58⅞
Consolidated Gas	1,000	205⅞	205	205¼
Consd. Products	2,300	14¼	13⅞	13⅞
do preferred	800	65	64¼	64
Distillers' Securities	....	....	....	42½
General Electric	900	187	185¼	185½
International Paper	200	22	21½	22
do preferred	200	78	77½	77
International Pump	....	....	....	35
do preferred	....	....	....	85
National Lead	69,500	43⅞	39¼	43⅞
North American	800	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞
Pacific Mail	1,000	45	44	44⅞
People's Gas	8,600	112	110⅞	111½
Pressed Steel Car	2,400	39¼	38¼	39⅞
do preferred	200	93	93	93¼
Pullman Palace Car	1,400	250⅞	250	249½
Republic Steel	22,300	21⅞	20¼	21⅞
do preferred	24,700	82	79½	81⅞
Rubber Goods	47,500	41	36½	36⅞
do preferred	4,500	97⅞	95¼	97⅞
Tenn. Coal & Iron	37,500	97½	91½	97½
U. S. Leather	100	12⅞	12⅞	12½
do preferred	200	105	104½	104½
U. S. Realty	400	93	93	93
U. S. Rubber	6,100	42	41½	42½
do preferred	3,000	113	110¼	112⅞
U. S. Steel	72,100	35⅞	34⅞	35⅞
do preferred	54,400	95⅞	94⅞	95⅞
Va.-Carolina Chemical	600	34¼	34	34
do preferred	700	108	108	107⅞
Westinghouse Elec.	600	182⅞	181½	181¼
Western Union	300	92⅞	92⅞	92⅞

Total sales for the day, 1,292,800 shares.

*Ex dividend.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg. 104⅝ | D. & R. G. 4s...101
U. S. ref. 2s coupon 105¼ | N. Y. Cent. 1st...100
U. S. 3s reg. 104½ | Nor. Pacific 3s...74⅞
U. S. new 4s reg. 132⅝ | Nor. Pacific 4s...106
do coupon 132⅝ | So. Pacific 4s...95
U. S. old 4s reg. 104⅝ | Union Pacific 4s...106
do coupon 105⅝ | Wis. Cent. 4s...94¼
Atchison Adj. 4s 96⅝

Stocks at London.

LONDON, March 24.—Consols for money, 91⅝; consols for account, 91 3-16.

Anaconda	6⅛	Norfolk & West.	87½
Atchison	92	do preferred	93
do preferred	105⅝	Ontario & West.	21
Baltimore & O.	112½	Pennsylvania	72½
Can. Pacific	153⅞	Rand Mines	10⅞
Ches. & Ohio	59½	Reading	45⅞
C. Gt. Western	24½	do 1st pref	47
C., M. & St. P.	185⅞	do 2d pref	46½
De Beers	17⅞	So. Railway	35⅞
D. & R. Grande	34⅞	do preferred	102⅞
do preferred	92	So. Pacific	69⅞
Erie	47	Union Pacific	133⅞
do 1st pref	82⅞	do preferred	102
do 2d pref	70	U. S. Steel	36½
Illinois Central	164⅞	do preferred	94
Louis. & Nash.	145	Wabash	22½
Mo., K. & Tex.	31⅞	do preferred	47
N. Y. Central	165¼	Spanish Fours	90⅞

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alpha Con.	$ .10	Justice	$ .06
Andes	.22	Mexican	1.73
Belcher	.24	Occidental Con.	.80
Best & Belcher	.95	Ophir	8.00
Bullion	.25	Overman	.20
Caledonia	.56	Potosi	.13
Challenge Con.	.13	Savage	.20
Chollar	.10	Seg. Belcher	.13
Confidence	.68	Sierra Nevada	.45
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.75	Silver Hill	.66
Crown Point	.12	Union Con.	.71
Eschequer	.45	Utah Con.	.07
Gould & Curry	.22	Yellow Jacket	.14
Hale & Norcross	.85		

NEW YORK, March 24.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	$ .25	Little Chief	$ .08
Alice	.90	Ontario	3.