



The Week of April 28th to May 4th, 2014  
"A Brief Look Back Into Tomorrow"

Good Day,

The last trading week of the month begins on Monday, April 28th with investors pleased that another weekend had come and gone with the Ukraine situation flaring up into a full-scale military skirmish, while at the gas pump, consumers were looking at North American **gasoline prices** that in many areas were at **record or near record levels**. For those who are interested, prices here in the Vancouver, BC area are nudging **\$1.52-a-litre**, or for our American readers....about **US\$5.25-a-gallon**.

**Newmont Mining** (NEM-N) decided that its first date with **Barrick Gold** (ABX-T) didn't go so well and **called off any further merger talks** between the two gold mining giants.

Most uranium stocks have a bad day as the **spot price of uranium** falls by \$1.75 to touch a **new nine-year low of US\$30.75-a-pound**.

Like general managers exchanging player in a big-time sports trade, cablevision giant **Comcast Corp.** (CMCSA-Q) offered to sell 1.4-million pay TV subscribers to **Charter Communications** (CHTR-Q) for some US\$7.3-billion in order appease regulators in its proposed US\$45-billion takeover of giant rival **Time Warner Cable** (TWC-N).

The shareholders' of **OncoGenex** (OGXI-Q) were stunned to watch their company's **shares plunge by 60%** to US\$3.88 on word that the pharmaceutical company's **leading prostate cancer drug Custirsen did not produce significantly better results in its most important phase III trial**.

The major North American markets surged ahead on **Tuesday, April 29th** after **U.S. Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen** assured Congress that **the Fed would continue on its cautious path to reducing economic stimulus** of the American economy.

We're not too sure about the enthusiasm about this offering, but the **Government of Canada** reported it quickly **sold out of its first ever \$750-million issue of a 50-year bond that pays a flat rate of 3.5%** to....now wait for it....**2064**.

Meanwhile, the **Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index** climbed by another

0.2% last week to a **4-year high of 60.1**.

Vancouver, BC based **West Fraser Timber Co.** (WFT-T) with mills in British Columbia, Alberta and the American south, reiterated its place as the **world's largest softwood lumber producer** by producing a **record 5.15-billion board feet of wood in 2013**.

And the markets had further stimulus to move higher on **Wednesday, April 30th** on word the U.S. private sector **added a better than expected 220,000 new jobs in April**.

Technical analysts **Olaf Sztaba & Ron Meisels** - "If past patterns persist and oil prices remain stable, the years following 2014 could be good for investors. Since markets entered a new secular bull period in 2009, returns for this decade could make up the poor returns from 2000 to 2010....Past precedents show that gold stocks usually come to the fore towards the tail end of bull markets. **We are not there now.**" (To see the full report send a request to 'ronmeisels@phases-cycles.com'.)

**Canfor Pulp Products** (CFX-T) shares' rose by almost 8% to \$12.25 when their **1st quarter results came in ahead of analysts' expectations**.

Similarly, the share price of **Denison Mines** (DML-T) rose by almost 5% to \$1.50 when the uranium explorer/producer reported **exceptionally high U308 assays** from their **Wheeler River property in northern Saskatchewan**.

However, **Twitter Inc.** (TWTR-N) shares' fell by over 9% to US\$38.71 when the social media company's **1st quarter results couldn't live up to the company's share price evaluation**.

And **Barrick Gold** (ABX-T) said a final farewell to **retiring Chairman, Peter Munk**, the long-time mine builder who was **instrumental in molding Barrick into the world leading gold producer that it is today**, and just fell short of the attempted merger with **Newmont Mining** (NEM-T) earlier in the week.

Canadians continue to improve their rides as **DesRosiers Automotive Consultants** reported on **Thursday, May 1st** that **Canadian auto sales increased by 4% year-over-year in April to a record 178,703 units**.

**Caterman** (CCT-T) shares' rose by over 11.25% to \$46.33 on when the provider of pharmacy benefit pharmacy services and healthcare information technology reported **1st quarter financials that were above analysts' expectations**.

All eyes were on employment on **Friday, May 2nd**, and they weren't disappointed as the **U.S. Labor Department** reported their economy **created a better than expected 288,000 new jobs in April and that their unemployment rate fell by 0.4% to a new 5-year low of just 6.3%**.

Under the heading of 'Pulp Fiction' - **Torstar Corp.** (TS.B -T) ends its 39-year love affair with **Harlequin** as it **sells the iconic book division to Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.** (NWS-N) in an all-cash deal worth some **\$455-million**.

Another intermediate index high was established during the week when the **TSX Composite Index** reached a **new 6-year closing high of 14,765**.

**Bauer Performance Sports Ltd.** (BAY-T) at \$15.82, **Saputo Inc.** (SAP-T) at \$59.48 and **Whistler Blackcomb Holdings** (WB-T) at \$16.93 all established **new TSX 52-week trading highs** while **North American Palladium** (PDL-T) at \$0.31, **NovaCopper Inc.** (NCQ-T) at \$1.19 and **Yamana Gold Inc.** (YRI-T) at \$7.93 all posted **new TSX 52-week trading lows**.

**For the Week - The Dow Industrials** advanced by 0.92% to **16,513**, with the **S&P 500 Index** up by 0.95% to **1,881** and the **NASDAQ Exchange** up on the week by 1.18% to **4,124**. The Les Canadiens move on to second round of the NHL playoffs north, the **TSX Composite Index** rose by 1.59% to **14,765** and the **TSX Venture Exchange** improved marginally by 0.09% to **1,014**.

**Gold Bullion** gained 0.26% to **US\$1,298**, while **copper** lost 0.65% to **US\$3.09**. With petroleum, **crude oil** fell by 0.82% to **US\$99.79** and **natural gas** gained 0.64% to **US\$4.72**. Overall, the **CRB Spot Commodities Index** rose by 2.13-points to end the week at **502.39**.

The **Canadian dollar** gained 0.51% against the U.S. buck to **US\$0.9979**.

And the closely watched **CBOE Volatility Index 'VIX'** dropped by 1.15-points to finish the week at a much calmer level of **12.91**.

**And Finally - Landlord Equity Residential** surmises the percentage of American homeowners may fall to as low as 55% as more and more young people choose to rent rather than buy a home as they postpone marriage and parenthood in favour of establishing their careers.

**And Finally, Finally - The Week will be taking a 2-week hiatus** as we will be traveling to Las Vegas to attend an **investment conference**. (Yes, we will be working). If all goes as planned, this publication will once again be in your inbox sometime near **Monday, May 26th**.

**Rod Blake, ASCT**  
*Investment Advisor*

[rod.blake@canaccord.com](mailto:rod.blake@canaccord.com)

**Paulina Bustillo**  
*Administrative Assistant*

[paulina.bustillo@canaccord.com](mailto:paulina.bustillo@canaccord.com)

T: 604.643.0291

**Looking for investment or trading ideas? Give us a call, we can help. Toll free 1-800-663-1899.**

To view previous editions of “The Week”, “Articles of Interest” or to learn more about us please visit our website at [www.rodneycastle.com](http://www.rodneycastle.com)

**Our mission is to maximize the value of your portfolio through a dedication to investigation, research and innovative ideas, and to enhance your investment experience by providing the highest level of attention to detail and service available in the financial community.**

Sources: Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters, MarketWatch, Globe & Mail, Wall Street Journal, Dow Jones, Financial Times, National Post, Briefing.com, Credit Suisse, and StreetAccount.

Disclaimer: This publication is a general market commentary and for informational purposes only, it does not constitute a research report and does not contain investment advice. This commentary has been prepared using sources believed to be accurate and true. This material is not complete information respecting any security and therefore is not a sufficient basis on which to base an investment decision.

The information contained in this commentary is drawn from sources believed to be reliable, but the accuracy and completeness of the information is not guaranteed, nor in providing it does Rod Blake, Canaccord Genuity Corp. or its subsidiaries, or affiliated companies, assume any liability. This information is current as of the date appearing in this commentary, and neither Canaccord Genuity Corp. nor Rod Blake assume any obligation to update the information or advise on further developments relating to these securities. This commentary is intended for distribution in those jurisdictions where Canaccord Genuity Corp. Rod Blake is registered as advisors or dealers in securities. Any distribution or dissemination of this commentary in any other jurisdiction is strictly prohibited. The information does not constitute an offer or solicitation in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized, or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. Canaccord Genuity Corp. and holdings of its respective directors, officers and employees and their associations, from time to time may buy or sell any securities mentioned herein. This message is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information which is privileged, confidential or subject to copyright. Internet communications cannot be guaranteed to be secure or error-free as information could be intercepted, corrupted, lost, arrive late or contain viruses. Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management is a division of Canaccord Genuity Corp., a Member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund.