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These are the closing results of the most widely held stocks on the Toronto exchange as of the close of trading. Stocks in plain type have experienced little percentage gain during the day. **Stocks in bold** have experienced an abnormal price change — they have gained or lost at least five per cent. Underlined stocks have had a statistically significant volume change. **Stocks both in bold and underlined** have gained or lost at least five per cent and have had an abnormal volume change. The Stock Score is a mathematical projection of a stock's perceived value.

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“The uncertainty regarding the effects of unconventional monetary policies, in the event that the recession turns out to be more protracted than expected, and the resulting need for prudence in the use of these instruments, imply that the risks to the bank’s inflation projection are tilted slightly to the downside,” the bank said.

At a news conference, Carney

expressed more confidence in the effectiveness of quantitative easing, and in the economy's ability to bounce back.

"There is light at the end of the tunnel," he said, noting that signs of bottoming out are appearing, and forecasting that activity will begin to recover next year.

In an unusually lengthy analysis of world and Canadian conditions, the central bank's governing council said economies need

aggressive measures, and massive stimulus moves by governments have produced modest results so far.

"Timely and credible action is required to address the impaired assets on bank balance sheets and to restore the normal flow of credit," the report said.

However, "progress on these measures has been slower than expected in the United States and other major financial centres."

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The results were “a little disappointing” given that homes are more affordable than they’ve been in years and mortgage rates are near record lows, said Lawrence Yun, the group’s chief economist.

With unemployment rising and the mortgage crisis far from over, foreclosures and distressed sales are dominating the market - especially in California, Florida, Nevada and Arizona.

The Realtors group estimates about half of sales nationwide are from foreclosures or other distressed properties. First-time homebuyers purchased about half of all homes sold last month.

A top banking regulator tried to ease some concerns, saying banks and the housing sector had passed the worst part of their downturns.

But on Wall Street, stocks turned lower after the disappointing housing figures were released

