

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

Breadstuffs.
 Toronto, May 19.—Flour—Ontario wheat, flours, 90 per cent, \$3.80 to \$3.85, seaboard, and at \$3.85 to \$3.90.
 Toronto, Manitoba—First patents, \$5.10; strong bakers', in jute bags, \$4.
 Manitoba wheat—Bay ports—No. 1 Northern, 98c, and No. 2 at 94c.
 Ontario wheat—No. 2 quoted at \$1.03 to \$1.04, outside, and \$1.05, on track, Toronto.
 Oats—No. 2 Ontario oats, 39c to 40c, outside, and at 42c, on track, Toronto.
 Western Canada oats, 42c for No. 2, and at 40c for No. 3, Bay ports.
 Peas—\$1 to \$1.05, outside.
 Barley—Good malting barley, 56 to 58c, according to quality.
 Rye—No. 2 at 63 to 64c, outside.
 Buckwheat—80c, outside.
 Corn—No. 3 American, 75c, all-rail, Toronto.
 Bran—Manitoba bran, \$25 to \$26 a ton, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, \$26 to \$28.

Country Produce.
 Butter—Choice dairy, 18 to 20c; inferior, 16 to 16c; farmers' separator prints, 21 to 22c; creamery prints, fresh, 24 to 26c; do., storage prints, 23 to 24c; solids, storage, 21 to 22c.
 Eggs—21 to 22c per dozen, in case lots.
 Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10c to 11c per lb. Combs, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per dozen for No. 1, and \$2 for No. 2.
 Cheese—New cheese, 14c to 15c for large, and 15c to 16c for twins.
 Beans—Hand-picked, \$2.15 to \$2.20 per bushel; primes, \$2.10 to \$2.15.
 Poultry—Powl, 16 to 18c per lb.; chickens, 19 to 20c; ducks, 17 to 18c; geese, 15 to 16c; turkeys, 20 to 23c.
 Potatoes—Delaware, \$1.20 to \$1.25, on track, here, and Ontarios at \$1.10 per bag, on track.

Provisions.
 Bacon, long clear, 15 to 16c per lb. in case lots. Hams—Medium, 18 to 18c; do., heavy, 17 to 18c; rolls, 15 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 19c; backs, 22 to 24c.
 Lard—Tierces, 12c; tubs, 13c; pails, 13c.

Baled Hay and Straw.
 Baled hay—No. 1 at \$14.50 to \$15 a ton on track here; No. 2 quoted at \$13 to \$13.25, and clover at \$10 to \$11.
 Baled straw—Car lots, \$8.25 to \$8.50, on track, Toronto.

Seeds.
 Wholesale seed merchants are selling re-cleaned seeds to the trade, on the 100-lb. basis.—Red clover, No. 1, \$19 to \$21; do., No. 2, \$17 to \$17.50; alsike, No. 1, \$20.50 to \$21; do., No. 2, \$17 to \$18; Timothy, No. 1, \$8.50 to \$9.50; do., No. 2, \$7 to \$7.25; alfalfa, No. 1, \$14 to \$15; do., No. 2, \$13 to \$13.50.

Winnipeg Grain.
 Winnipeg, May 19.—Cash—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 94c; No. 2 Northern, 92c; No. 3 Northern, 90c; No. 4, 87c; No. 5, 79c; No. 6, 74c; feed, 69c; No. 1 rejected seeds, 89c; No. 2 rejected seeds, 87c; No. 3 rejected seeds, 85c; No. 1 smutty, 89c; No. 2 smutty, 87c; No. 3 smutty, 85c; No. 1 red winter, 94c; No. 2 red winter, 92c; No. 3 red winter, 90c. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 37c; No. 3 C.W., 36c; No. 1 feed, 35c; No. 2 feed, 35c. Barley—No. 3, 48c; No. 4, 47c; rejected, 44c; feed, 43c. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., \$1.36; No. 2 C.W., \$1.33; No. 3 C.W., \$1.23.

Montreal Markets.
 Montreal, May 19.—Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 76 to 76c. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 43 to 43c; do., No. 3, 42 to 42c. Barley—Manitoba feed, 50 to 51c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.60; do., seconds, \$5.10; strong bakers', \$5.60; Winter patents, choice, \$5.25 to \$5.50; straight rollers, \$4.70 to \$4.90; do., in bags, \$2.20 to \$2.35. Rolled oats—Barrels, \$4.50 to \$4.65; bag of 90 lbs., \$2.12 to \$2.15. Millfeed—Bran, \$23 shorts, \$25; middlings, \$23; moultie, \$28 to \$32. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$15.50. Cheese—Finest westerns, 12c to 12c; do., easterns, 11c to 12c. Butter—Choice creamery, 23 to 23c; seconds, 22 to 22c. Eggs—Fresh, 2c to 2c; selected, 2c to 2c. No. 1 stock 33c; No. 2, do., 21 to 22c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$1.05 to \$1.20.

United States Markets.
 Minneapolis, Minn., May 19.—Wheat—May, 90c; July, 90c; No. 1 hard, 95c; No. 1 Northern, 82c to 94c; No. 2 Northern, 82c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 66c to 67c. Oats—No. 3 white, 37c to 38c. Flour—bran, unchanged.
 Duluth, Minn., May 19.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 84c; No. 1 Northern, 93c; No. 2 Northern, 92c; July, 93c to 93c. Linseed closed, cash, \$1.56; July, \$1.57.

Live Stock Markets.
 Toronto, May 19.—Cattle—Choice butchers, \$7.90 to \$8.35; good, \$7.90 to \$8.25; common cows, \$5 to \$5.25; canners and cutters, \$5.50 to \$5.75; choice fat cows, \$6.50 to \$7.25; choice bulls, \$7 to \$7.50.
 Calves—Good veal, \$8.75 to \$10; common, \$4.75 to \$7.
 Stockers and feeders—Steers, \$6 to \$6.25; lambs, \$7.25 to \$7.50; good quality, 700 to 800 pounds, \$7 to \$7.50; light, \$6.25 to \$7.25.
 Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, \$6.50 to \$7; heavy, \$5.75 to \$6.25; bucks, \$5.75 to \$5.25; Spring lambs, each, \$5 to \$10; yearling lambs, \$9 to \$9.50, but with 75c per head deducted for all the buck lambs.
 Hogs—\$8.40, fed and watered; \$8.60, off cars; \$8, f.o.b.
 Montreal, May 19.—Prime heaves, 7c to 8c; medium, 5c to 7c; mtkmen's strippers, 5 to 7c; common, 4c to 5c.
 Cows, \$35 to \$80 each; calves, 3 to 7c; sheep, 5c to 8c; spring lambs, \$4 to \$6 each; hogs, 9c.

HAMILTON FACTORIES BUSY.
 Several of Them Have Started to Work Overtime.
 A despatch from Hamilton says: Several of the large east end manufacturing concerns have started to work overtime. The officials of the Steel Company of Canada report that business is picking up, and they expect to have their plant working at full capacity again soon. The Canadian Westinghouse Company also reports improved conditions.

The Mormon church has established a conference with headquarters at St. John, N.B.



Sing-a-song-a-Sixpence, a Pocket full of Rye,
 Four and Twenty Black Birds Baked in a Pie.
 When the Pie was opened the King began to sing:
 "That's the way I want my chef to sweeten everything."

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 1 Pound of Lean Boiled Beef.
 1 Cup of Crown Brand Syrup.
 1 Pound of Tart Apples.
 One Half-pound Chopped Suet.
 One Half-pound cleaned Currants.
 1 Pound of Seeded Raisins.
 One-quarter Pound of Citron, cut up fine.
 One-half Pound of Brown Sugar.
 One-half Pint of Cider.
 1 Teaspoon each of Salt, Pepper, Mace, Allspice, Cloves and Nutmeg.
 1 Tablespoon Cinnamon.
 1 Cup of Brandy and one of Wine.
 Mix all thoroughly, and warm on stove until heated through. Remove from fire, and when nearly cool, add brandy and wine. Put in a crock, cover it tightly. Keep perfectly cool, but do not let it freeze. Will keep good all winter.

PEACH CROP ENTIRE FAILURE

The Yield in Niagara District Will Be Poorest in Many Years.
 A despatch from St. Catharines says: The past two weeks have confirmed the repeated early predictions that the peach crop in the Niagara district will be the poorest in many years, notwithstanding the large acreage of young trees that this year should reach the bearing stage for the first time.

Such well-known and prominent growers as Major Hiscott, Jas. Onslow, Salem Muir, and Jas. Brady of Niagara township unhesitatingly say that the peach crop is practically ruined, and that there will not be five hundred baskets of peaches marketed in the vicinity of Virgil and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Major Hiscott avers that instead of the usual thousands of baskets that he and many neighbors usually ship growers will not have enough for their own use. Messrs. Onslow, Bernard, James, Aikens, and a few others along the lake road say they cannot find a single bud in their orchards.

While the failure of the peach crop will be felt heavily by commission men and transportation companies, the blow will fall the most heavily upon the young farmers who have bought portions of farms at high figures with little capital behind them and have devoted all their land and energy to growing peaches instead of a mixed crop. Japanese plums, too, will be scarce, but a fair crop of standard variety of plums and pears is promised, providing a few warm days are experienced. The smaller fruits, such as strawberries and raspberries, promise well.

A. W. McCubbin, Dominion Plant Pathologist, in investigating the conditions west of St. Catharines, along the lake shore, found a grower with a peach orchard of from eight to ten acres who offered to take one dollar for his entire crop.
 Hon. F. D. Monk, former Minister of Public Works, died at his home in Montreal on Friday, after a lengthy illness.

EXPLOSION OF CHEMICALS.

Structures a Mile Away Damaged By Flying Debris.
 A despatch from Detroit says: Ten men, most of them chemists, were killed by the explosion of acid and chemicals in the mixing-room of the Mexican Crude Rubber Company, on the West Side, here on Friday. Four other employes, removed from the steaming debris, were taken to a hospital. Two men were less seriously hurt. The building, a one-storey structure of solid concrete and cement, was almost obliterated. Other buildings within a radius of a mile were more or less damaged. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. Among those who escaped were John H. Evans, superintendent, and John C. Treadwell, manager of the plant. Just what caused the explosion probably will never be known. In the mixing-room was a large vat of molten rubber being prepared by a secret process. Without a moment's warning the building was torn to pieces. Every man who was in the mixing-room at that moment was killed. The company manufactured imitation leather, and it is understood that ether and other explosives were used in large quantities. Because of the secret process of preparing the crude rubber, employes were not allowed to leave their department to enter other parts of the plant. Few of the employes knew each other, and it was some time before the victims were identified.

NEED FOR PENAL REFORM.
 National Conference of Charities and Corrections.
 A despatch from Memphis, Tenn., says: Need of reform in American and Canadian penal systems was pointed out on Wednesday night by speakers before the National Conference of Charities and Corrections. While different methods of prison administration were advanced, all the speakers agreed that outdoor employment, less restriction and kind treatment were the most important agents in the work of reforming criminals.

TOWNS SWEEPED AWAY.

"Water Rising a Foot a Minute," Said Message.
 Tacoma, May 17.—Fairbanks Alaska, cables that Circle City, Eagle City, and scores of wood-choppers and mining camps, with many native villages along the Yukon above Fort Yukon have been destroyed by the worst flood in the history of the north, according to meagre reports received to-night. "Ice jammed somewhere below here and water rising at the rate of more than a foot per minute. Everybody taking to foothills." This

was the brief message flashed from the wireless station at Circle City and picked up at Fort Gibbon. Flood marks on the Yukon show that water in the past rose more than a hundred feet when ice jammed in the canyons. Circle City, and Eagle City are only thirty feet above the Yukon's normal level.
 Alexander Ross, aged 87 years, was burned to death in a fire which started in the home of his brother, David Ross, 107 North Bay Street, Hamilton, on Thursday. The fire started in the victim's room, evidently from a coal oil stove.

ELEVEN DAYS IN OPEN BOAT

Small Craft From the Burned Columbian Picked up Near Sable Island
 Washington, May 17.—Four survivors of a boatload of fifteen who escaped in the third boat of the freight steamer Columbian, burned at sea on May 3, were picked up today by the U.S. revenue cutter Seneca forty miles south of Sable Island, according to a despatch received here from the cutter to-night. When their short allowance of biscuit and water had failed, they maintained life by chewing boot leather and the few stray crumbs of hard tack. Rain water served them when their water cask went dry. The first two days after drifting away from the burning Columbian they saw three steamers, too far away to be signalled. The despatch from Captain Johnston, of the Seneca, follows:— "Sable Island, SS. Seneca:— "Ten a.m., forty miles south of Sable Island, rescued lifeboat with Officer Robert Teire, Sailors Oscar Kendal, Peter Belanger, Fireman Michael Ludwigen, survivors of fifteen. Oiler George Hull died on

the tenth. Peter Triel died to-day, the others between these dates, namely, Engineer Margetts, Fireman Anderson, Antonio, Richmer, Gustafson, Jakob, Boy Dickman, Cook Schrimberger, Sailor Christensen. All died of exposure and hunger. Short allowance biscuits and water. Eating biscuit crumb and boot leather when rescued. Saw three steamers first two days, none since. Much rain. Fine to-day. All under doctor, doing well! (Signed) "Johnstone."
 The four are the last of those who left the ill-fated steamer Columbian on the night of May 3 in an effort to escape the frightful consequences of a fire and explosion aboard ship at sea. Eleven others there were in the small craft when she left the side of the Leyland liner, but this forenoon at ten, when the Seneca came to the succor of the frail craft, but five remained. The rest had died, and one by one, as they slowly passed out of existence, their bodies were cast overboard. Another died after being rescued.