THE MARKETS

Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc in Trade Centres.

Toronto, Feb. 3. — Wheat — The market is lower. Sales of No. 2 red and white at 70½c middle freights. No. 1 spring quoted at 71c on Midland, and No. 2 goose at 66c on Midland. Manitoba wheat easier, No. 1 hard, 88c all rail, grinding in transit; No. 1 Northern, 86½c all rail, grinding in transit; No. 1 hard, 87½c North Bay, and No. 1 Northern, 86c North Bay.

Rye — Market quiet, with No. 2 quoted at 49 to 50c middle freights.

Peas — The market rules steady, with No. 2 white quoted at 73c outside.

Barley — The market is firm, with No. 3 extra quoted at 47c middle freight, and No. 3 at 43 to 44c middle freight.

Corn — The market for Canadian is easier, with No. 2 yellow quoted at 44 to 44½c west, and No. 2 mixed at 43½c west.

Buckwheat — Market dull, with prices nominal at 47 to 48c at outside points.

Flour — Ninety per cent. patents are quiet, quoted at $2.70 middle freight, in buyers' sacks for export. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at $3.25 to $3.35 in bbls. Manitoba flour firm; No. 1 patents, $4.40, and seconds, $4.10. Strong bakers', $4, bags included, Toronto.

Millfeed — Bran, $16 in bulk here; shorts at $17,50. At outside points bran is quoted at $15.50, and shorts at $17.50. Manitoba bran, in sacks, $18, and shorts at $20 here.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans — Trade is dull, with supplies fair. Medium bring $1.65 to $1.75 per bushel, and hand-picked, $1.90 to $2.

Dried apples — Market quiet, with prices unchanged at 4 to 4½c per lb; and evaporated at 6½ to 7c.

Honey — The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. Strained, 8 to 8½c per lb, and comb, $1.25 to $1.65.

Hay, baled — The market is unchanged. Choice timothy, $10 to $10.25 on track, and mixed $8 to $8.50.

Straw — The market is quiet, with car lots on track quoted at $5.50 to $6 a ton.

Maple Syrup — Five gallon cans, $1 per gal; one-gallon cans, $1.10, and half-gallon, 60c.

Onions — The market is dull at 40c per bushel for Canadian.

Poultry — Market firm. Demand good for finest fresh killed dry-picked stock. Chickens, 12 to 14c per lb. and old 60 to 70c per pair. Ducks, 12 to 14c per lb. Turkeys, fresh, 13 to 14c per lb. Geese, 9 to 11c per lb.

Potatoes — Market is unchanged, with offerings fair. Cars of Canadian on track here quoted at $1, and American $1.05 per bag. Jobbing lots, $1.20 to $1.25.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter — Trade is fairly active, with prices generally unchanged. We quote—Finest 1-lb rolls, 18 to 20c; selected dairy, tubs, 17c; choice large rolls, 18 to 18½c; secondary grades (rolls and tubs), 15 to 16c; creamery prints, 23 to 23½c; do., solids, 20½ to 22c.

Eggs — The market is easier. We quote—Strictly new laid, 23c; cold storage, selected, 15 to 17c; ordinary, 14 to 15c; seconds, and smalls, 12 to 13c.

Cheese — Market steady. We quote—Finest September, 13¼ to 13½c; seconds, 12½ to 12¾c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are steady, with car lots quoted at $7.65 to $7.75. Cured meats steady, with demand fair. We quote—Bacon, long clear, 10½ to 10¾c in ton and case lots. Pork, mess, $21.50 to $22; do., short cut, $22.50 to $23.

Smoked hams, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11¾ to 12c; shoulders, 11c; backs, 14 to 14½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½c.

Lard — Market quiet, with prices unchanged. We quote—Tierces, 11c; tubs, 11¼c; pails, 11½c; compound, 8¾ to 10c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 3. — Grain — No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat, 74c; No. 1 Northern, 72c in store Fort William; peas, 72½c high freights; oats, No. 2 in store here, 36½c, 31 to 31¼c high freights; rye, 49½c east; buckwheat, 50c east. Flour — Manitoba patents, $4.40 to $4.50; seconds, $4.10 to $4.20; Ontario straight rollers, $3.50 to $3.65, in bags, $1.70 to $1.75; patents, $3.70 to $4.10. Rolled oats—Millers' prices $2, bags, and $4.15 per bbl. Feed—Manitoba bran, $19 to $20; shorts, $21 to $22, bags included; Ontario bran, in bulk, $17 to $17.50; shorts, in bulk, $20. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, $24 to $25; short cut, backs, $23.50 to $24; light short cut, $23 to $24; compound refined lard, 8½ to 9c; pure Canadian lard, 11c; finest lard, 12 to 12½c; hams, 12½ to 13½c; bacon, 14 to 15c; dressed hogs, $8.25; fresh killed abattoir, $9 per 100 lbs. Eggs — Fancy, 24 to 25c; candled stock, 20 to 20½c; Montreal limed; 17½ to 18c; Western, 16½ to 17c. Honey—White clover, in sections, 12 to 13c per section; in 10-lb. tins, 8 to 9c; in bulk, 7½ to 8c; dark, 2c lower; Poultry—Turkeys, 14 to 15c per lb; seconds, 9c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

St. Louis, Feb. 3. — Wheat—Cash —72c; January, 72c; May, 75⅜c; July, 71⅝c.

Buffalo, Feb. 3. — Flour — Firm. Wheat—Spring dull; No. 1 hard, 88c. Corn — Only steady; No. 2 yellow, 52½c; No. 2 corn, 51½c. Oats — Quiet; No. 2 white, 42½c; No. 2 mixed, 40½c. Barley — Unchanged. Rye —No. 1 in store, 60½c asked.

Minneapolis, Feb. 3. — Wheat — May, 76⅛c; July, 76⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 77⅛c; No. 1 Northern, 76⅞c; No. 2 Northern, 73⅛c.

Duluth, Feb. 3. — Wheat — Cash, No. 1 hard, 76⅜c; No. 1 Northern, 75⅜c; No. 2 Northern, 73⅜c; May, 77⅜c; July, 77⅛c. Oats—May, 36c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 3. — The arrivals at the Western Cattle Market were large, and most of the stock was disposed of. The quality of the stuff coming forward was medium, with a few good ones amongst the lot. Buyers bought export cattle more freely, there being plenty of space offering for export. The top prices reported paid for export cattle was $5.25 per cwt. The day's run amounted to 61 cars, containing 1,015 cattle, 285 sheep, 765 hogs and 78 calves.

In export cattle the top price was $5.15 to $5.25 for choice stock of 1,300 to 1,400 lbs. weight. The range of medium to choice stock was $4.50 to $5, and $4 to $4.50 for common grades. There is still wanted good well-fattened stock. There were not many butchers' cattle left over, and in addition many that had remained over unsold from last week were disposed of. Medium to choice butchers' sold at $3.50 to $4.50 per cwt. Fair to common cows, 900 to 1,100 lbs. each, sold from $3 to $3.90 per cwt. A large proportion of the butchers' cattle bought on the market changed hands at from $3.90 to $4.12½ per cwt., there being a big number of sales at $4. The prices of export steers and heifers mixed were from $4.60 to $4.75 per cwt. Mixed butchers' and export cattle brought $4 to $4.50 per cwt. There were not many stockers and feeders offered, but prices were maintained with perhaps a trifling easier tone. The quotations are $4 to $4.35 for feeders, and $3.50 to $3.80 for stockers. A quantity of light stockers, weighing about 600 lbs. each, was sold at $3 per cwt. Export bulls were worth $3.75 to $4 per cwt. Canners were sold at $2.25 to $2.85 per cwt. Milch cows and springers brought $30 to $55 each. The demand continued good.

The run of calves was larger than usual, but the market absorbed all that were offered. The prices were unchanged at $2 to $10, and 4½ to 6c per lb. and good veal calves continue to be in demand.

There was a brisk demand for lambs to-day, and prices continued to improve over last week. The quotations given for sheep and lambs are as follows: Lambs, $4.25 to $5.25 per cwt; ewes, $3.50 to $3.90; bucks, $2.50 to $3.25.

The tone of the hog market continued weak, without any change in quotations. We quote: Hogs, selects, 160 to 200 lbs., $6; thick fats and lights, $5.75 per cwt.

Following is the range of quotations to-day:

		Per 100 lbs.
Exporters' cattle—		
Choice	$5.00	$5.25
Medium	4.65	4.90
Light	4.25	4.60
Bulls	3.75	4.00
Butchers—		
Choice	4.00	4.50
Medium	3.40	4.00
Heifers	0.00	3.90
Bulls	3.00	3.50
Cows	2.75	3.75
Feeders	4.00	4.25
Canners	2.25	2.50
Sheep—		
Lambs	4.25	5.25
Ewes	3.50	3.90
Bucks	2.50	3.25
Calves, each	2.00	10.00
Calves, per 100 lbs.	4.50	6.00
Hogs—		
Sows	4.50	4.75
Stags	2.00	3.00
Selects, 160 to 200 lbs.	6.00	0.00
Thick fats	5.75	0.00
Lights	5.75	0.00

WANTED FOR MURDER.

Two Men in Sing Sing Will Be Brought to Alberta.

A Winnipeg despatch says: Capt. Walker of the Northwest Mounted Police has left for Sing Sing Prison, New York, to bring back an alleged murderer named Morgan, and accomplice, Jos. Laron. They are charged with killing a companion named Wm. Johnston, near Red Deer, about two and a half years ago, and efforts will be made to have them extradited. The accused are noted criminals, and are just completing a term at Sing Sing for robbery commited in New York.

SAVINGS BANKS' DEPOSITS.

December's Transactions in Dominion Institutions.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Post-Office Savings Bank deposits during December amounted to $1,049,095, and the withdrawals to $920,389. In the Dominion Government Savings Banks the deposits for the month of December were $220,680, and the withdrawals $236,700.

PREFER CANADA TO VELDT

Members of African Constabulary Reach Ottawa.

An Ottawa despatch says: A party of sixteen members of the South African Constabulary, who two years ago left Ottawa for the front, arrived in the city on Friday morning. Two of the number, Privates Thompson and Bickerton, belong here, while the rest are from the Northwest. The men who have received their discharge from the corps left Bloemfontein on November 1st and Cape Town a month later. They came home by way of England. One of the men stated the South African Constabulary is fast going to pieces.

"Only about one-third of them is now left," he stated. "A great many have got their discharges and left for their homes; others have secured employment as civilians, and several have joined regular regiments. It is frightfully dull in South Africa just now. There is nothing save the tiring monotony of garrison work, and naturally the men are anxious to get away as soon as possible. Business, however, is brisk in all lines, and several of the Canadians have got positions and will remain in the country. For the most of them, however, Canada is good enough, and they will lose little time in getting back here."

SPENT $7,336,799.

Expenditure of Public Works Department.

An Ottawa despatch says: The report of the Public Works Department for the past fiscal year is in the press. The expenditure for the year was as follows:

Harbor and river works	$2,277,767
Dredging and plant	846,566
Slides and booms	260,750
Public buildings	2,040,388
Bridges and roads	400,125
Telegraphs	629,211
Miscellaneous	331,988
Total	$6,786,799

Besides the above expenditure there was advanced to the Montreal Harbor Commissioners $550,000, making the entire expenditure $7,336,799. The revenue of the department was $230,169.

The report says that some improvements might be made in the plants in Manitoba and British Columbia, and the Lower Provinces might also receive some accession to the dredging fleet to keep pace with the growing demands of trade.

TOUR OF THE FARMERS.

Awaited in Great Britain With Interest.

A London despatch says: The proposed tour of a party of Manitoba farmers, who are expected to arrive in England on Feb. 23, is awaited with great interest here. Mr. W. T. R. Preston, Dominion Immigration Agent, is now arranging the visits to all the market towns, where some of the farmers will lecture and meet inquirers. To have Western Canada described at first-hand it is expected will be of great service in stimulating emigration, which promises well for the spring. Other authorities urge the necessity of a careful selection of the Manitoba delegates, especially in the way of avoiding political nominees.

The new Canadian Government immigration office will be ready at the end of February. It is still awaiting internal fittings. This time the delay was due to Canadian, not British, workmen.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

The Cedric Has Left Belfast for Liverpool.

A London despatch says: The largest steamer in the world, the Cedric, of the White Star fleet, is completed, and has left Belfast for Liverpool, to prepare for her maiden voyage to New York early in February. She is 700 feet long, and is the second steamer to exceed 20,000 tons. Her sister ship, the Celtic, being the first. The Cedric will have accommodation for 3,000 passengers, but has not been built for speed, and will not attempt to lower the Atlantic record.

THE BLUE MARINES.

Additions Will Be Made to the Halifax Garrison.

A Halifax despatch says: Halifax will soon have two line regiments. The Worcester Regiment will come here from Bermuda. Part of the corps will be quartered at the Glacis Barracks and the remainder at the citadel. The Royal Artillery will be removed from Halifax and the forts will be manned by marine artillery, known as the Blue Marines. Two ships' companies, comprising about 1,000 men, will be stationed permanently at the barracks and at the dockyard, for service on the ships of the fleet in cases of emergency. An equal number of them will be stationed at Bermuda for similar purposes.

Baron de Sibert has entered an action against the Paris Metropolitan Railway for four cents, the price of a toy balloon which is child was not allowed to take into one of the carriages.

NAVAL RESERVE.

Bill to Be Introduced at Next Session of Parliament.

An Ottawa despatch says: At the coming session of Parliament a bill will be introduced by the Government for the establishment of a Canadian naval reserve force. Although the new force will be defensive, yet it is not the intention to place it under the charge of the Minister of Militia and Defence, but of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Mr. Prefontaine will therefore be the first admiral of the Canadian navy. The details of the scheme are being worked out. Generally it is understood that the idea is to train a number of the young fishermen of the Maritime Provinces in naval and gunnery practice during the winter months, but whether on special Canadian vessels or on the vessels of the North American squadron is not yet determined. It is obvious that the instruction will have to take place on Southern waters owing to climatic influences. It has been suggested, however, to also establish a training school for lads whose vessels could be stationed in Canadian waters in the summer time.

STARVED TO DEATH!

A Wealthy Inventor's Test Proved Fatal.

A New York despatch says: Joseph William Sheppard, a wealthy inventor and student of occultism, died here on Saturday of self-imposed starvation. He resisted all efforts of his family and physician to induce him to take nourishment, and informed the latter that he had no intention of accepting his treatment, and that he had only called him in so that his son might be protected in the event of what he termed his "apparent death." Ten days before he died Mr. Sheppard said to the doctor: "When I appear to be dead I shall not be. You will think I am dead, but my appearance will be the result of the disembodiment of my spirit." How long he had been fasting is not known, but his son while he lived knew that he did for a considerable time refuse to take nourishment, in the belief that he would thus bring about a perfection of the spirit. He was 64 years of age. Owing to the extraordinary character of the case the Health Board has refused to grant a burial permit, and has requested the Coroner to make an investigation.

STEEL INDUSTRY GROWING

Production Increased Nearly 500 Per Cent.

A Toronto despatch says :—The steel industry of Ontario has made marvelous strides during the last year. In 1901 the production amounted to only 14,471 tons, valued at $347,280, while last year 68,802 tons were produced worth $1,610,031. The pig iron industry, however, shows a slight decrease. In 1902 112,687 tons were produced, valued at $1,683,051, as compared with 116,370 tons, worth $1,701,707 in 1901.

Last year the wages paid by the steel and iron industries of the province amounted to $510,107 and in 1901 $274,554.

A LONGING FOR CANADA.

Experienced by Boer Delegates in Australia.

An Ottawa despatch says: Mr. Moore, of the Department of Agriculture, has received a letter from Mr. Lane, one of the Boer delegates, who visited Canada last fall, announcing the arrival of the party all well at Sydney, Australia, on December 16, after a very tedious passage. At the time of writing the delegates had visited the dairy farm of Dr. Hayes at Coolangatta, and the Government stud farm at Berry. The weather was hot and the Boer delegates experienced a longing for the rivers and lakes of Canada.

BABY'S NURSE.

Marvellous Invention by a Swiss Mechanic.

A Geneva despatch says :—A Swiss mechanic claims to have invented an automatic baby's nurse. The apparatus is attached to a cradle. If the baby cries, air waves cause specially-arranged wires to operate a phonograph, which sings a lullaby, while simultaneously clockwork is released and rocks the cradle. When the crying stops, the wires cease to vibrate, and the cradle stops rocking.

TENDERS FROM CANADA.

War Office Will Invite Them for Meat for Army.

A London despatch says :—The British War Office has decided to invite tenders from Canadian farmers for the supply of fresh meat to the British army in South Africa.

CAN PAY IF SHE WISHES.

Venezuela Debts Need Not Bother the Republic.

A London despatch says :—Lord Eustace Cecil, presiding at a meeting of the shareholders of the Foreign and Colonial Investment Trust on Friday said he understood Venezuela could easily pay her debts if she chose to do so.

NEWS ITEMS.

Telegraphic Briefs From All Over the Globe.

CANADA.

Victoria, B. C., is to have a big hotel as a summer resort.

A Winnipeg youth was fined $10 and costs for carrying a razor.

Two members of Rossland's new council were born in Ontario.

St. Catharines has not had a case of contagious disease since the first of December last.

Berlin Board of Trade is on record in favor of the purchase by the town of the lighting plant.

The School of Mining and Agriculture at Kingston will commence the teaching of fish culture and preservation shortly.

The Doukhobors are adapting themselves to existing conditions in the west and are buying horses for labor.

The western division of the C.P.R. is to be shortened by the part west of Medicine Hat being added to the Pacific division.

Mr. Marconi says that in two months his company will be transmitting commercial business between England and Canada at ten cents a word.

McGill University, Montreal, protests against the Marconi wireless station being erected on the mountain top, as it would damage the physical laboratories of the college.

The Middlesex Law Association has followed the lead of the York Law Association, and passed a resolution calling the attention of the Government to the fact that judges' salaries are too low.

After a silence of nineteen years, during which his relatives mourned him as dead, Mrs. John Cameron of Winnipeg on Saturday received word that her brother, Mr. Fred Pearson, was alive and well in Arizona.

Three Woodstock, N. B., youths were charged with abstracting letters from the post-office. Deeming them too young to suffer the sentence of three years in the penitentiary they were let off on suspended sentence, but had to give bonds of $800 each.

From a small island at the mouth of the Klondike, Mr. M. D. Dailey cleared $13,000 by selling lettuce and garden vegetables in Dawson City, and he is now in Tacoma purchasing a stock of flower bulbs and rose bushes which he will take in as soon as the weather moderates.

The Post-office Department has been advised that the New Zealand post-office has recently opened a postal agency at Fanning Island. Parcels may be forwarded at the same rates of postage and under the same regulations as apply to parcels on the mainland of the colony of New Zealand.

GREAT BRITAIN.

There are 195 parishes in Scotland without a public house.

Mr. Carnegie will devote £1,000,000 sterling to scientific research.

Thirteen thousand cavalry recruits have been accepted during the last two years.

Seven hundred congregations in Scotland use non-alcoholic wine at the communion service.

The elevation of the Board of Trade into a Ministry of Commerce is predicted by Mr. Gerald Balfour.

Workmen have already begun demolishing the picturesque old Thames bridges at Sonning, Berkshire.

There is no truth whatever in the statement that the King and Queen are going for a cruise in the Mediterranean.

The "True Catholics," the new Christian sect, initiated by a number of ex-Roman Catholic priests, has been formally established in Westminster.

London had ninety deaths last week from other than natural causes, 81 of which were either from accidents or negligence, and in round figures 4,000 people are killed each year by accident.

The National Review says there can be no doubt as to the truth of its story that the German Emperor, in the presence of an American yachting party, made offensive remarks regarding the King.

The shipbuilders of Glasgow state that the prospects for the shipping industries of the Clyde are very discouraging, and that a reduction in wages is unavoidable. In the event of a strike 30,000 men will be affected.

UNITED STATES.

Three black bears attacked the children of a mountaineer named Parker, living on the road from Mone to Arcadia, Virginia, on the James River, and killed and ate his two-year-old baby.

Miss Mary Thompson, the pretty 25-year-old daughter of James Thompson, a rich mill owner at Valley Falls, N. Y., eloped with her father's hostler, Edward Hines, on Monday evening.

Excessive study caused the death of C. Herbert Orr, a student at Ann Arbor University, Michigan, on Monday. The final examinations were a week away, and Orr was in the habit of studying until 3 o'clock each morning.

A fifteen-months old child of W.M. Biggs, a farmer near Iowa City, Ia., was injured by a nail in a piece of board thrown by a little brother entering its brain in the center of the top of the head, and there are small hopes for its recovery.