THE MARKETS

Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc in Trade Centres.

Toronto, April 14. — Wheat, the market is quiet, with feeling rather better at the close. No. 2 red winter and white quoted at 70c middle freight, and at 70½c east. No. 2 spring nominal at 69c on Midland, and No. 2 goose at 65½c on Midland. Manitoba wheat steady; No. 1 hard quoted at 79½c Goderich, and No. 1 Northern at 78c Goderich. No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, 85½c lake ports, and No. 1 Northern at 84c.

Oats — Market is quiet, with prices unchanged. No. 2 white quoted at 29c high freights, and at 29½c middle freights.

Barley—Trade is quiet, with No. 3 extra quoted at 45c middle freight, and No. 3 at 43c middle freight.

Corn — Market is dull. Canadian feed corn quoted at 41 to 42c west, and at 46½c here. No. 3 American yellow at 47c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 46c.

Peas — No. 2 white is quoted at 65 to 66c west, and at 66 to 67c east.

Flour — Ninety per cent. patents unchanged at $2.65 middle freights in buyers' sacks, for export. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at $3.20 to $3.35 in bbls. Manitoba flour steady. No. 1 patents, $4 to $4.10, and seconds, $3.80. Strong bakers', $3.70 to $3.80, bags included, Toronto.

Millfeed — Bran is firm at $18 here. At outside points bran is quoted at $17, and shorts at $18. Manitoba bran, in sacks, $20, and shorts at $21 here.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans — Trade is quiet, with prices nominal. Medium, $1.50 to $1.75 per bushel, and hand-picked $1.90 to $2.

Dried apples—Trade inactive, with prices nominal at 3½c per lb.; evaporated, 6 to 6½c.

Honey — The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. Strained sells at 8 to 8½c per lb., and comb at $1.25 to $1.50.

Hay, baled — The market is quiet at unchanged prices. Choice timothy, $9.50 to $10 on track, and mixed at $8.50.

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

Maple Syrup — The market is quiet, with receipts small. Wine gallons sell at 85 to 90c, and Imperial gallons at $1.10.

Potatoes — Market is steady, with fair offerings. Car lots are quoted at 95c to $1 per bag, and small lots at $1.15 to $1.20.

Poultry — Market is quiet, and prices unchanged. We quote: Dry picked fresh killed turkeys, 17 to 18c per lb.; geese, 10 to 12c per lb.; ducks, $1 to $1.25 per pair; chickens (young), 85c to $1; old hens 60 to 75c per pair.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are nominal. Cured meats are unchanged, with a good demand. We quote: Bacon, clear, 10 to 10½c, in ton and case lots. Pork—Mess, $21 to $21.50; do., short cut, $22.50 to $23.

Smoked meats — Hams, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11½ to 12c; shoulders, 11c; backs, 11 to 14½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½c.

Lard — The market is unchanged. We quote: Tierces, 10¾c; tubs, 11c; pails, 11¾c; compound, 8¾ to 10c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 14. — The local markets are beginning to show a little more activity; rather more enquiry is noted in the grain market, and a little business has been done in oats at firm prices; peas, on the other hand, are weaker, and prices have been reduced. For Manitoba wheat there is a fair enquiry; in flours, feeds, and meals no change is apparent; provisions are quiet and steady for hogs, and fairly active for smoked meats and lard; cheese and butter are firm to strong, the latter having advanced 1c per pound; eggs are active at steady prices. Grain — No. 1 Northern hard wheat, 74c; No. 1 Northern, 72c, March delivery; No. 1 hard, 75c; No. 1 Northern, 73½c, ex-store, May delivery; peas, 69½c high freights; No. 2 oats, in store here, 36¾ to 37c; rye, 51c east; buckwheat, 48½ to 49c east, for May delivery; peas, 65c high freights; rye, 60c; buckwheat, 56 to 57c; peas, 75½ to 76. Flour—Manitoba patents, $4.10 to $4.20; seconds, $3.80 to $3.90; 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, $20 to $21, bags included; Ontario bran in bulk, $18 to $18.50; shorts, in bulk, $20 to $21.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Detroit, April 14. — Wheat closed —Cash, No. 2 white, 76c; No. 2 red, cash, 76c; May, 76¾c; July, 74c.

Duluth, April 14. — Wheat — To arrive, No. 1 hard, 78c; No. 1 Northern, 76c; May, 75¾c; No. 2 Northern, 74½c; May, No. 1 hard, 77¾c; July, 75⅞c. Oats — May, 83½c.

Milwaukee, April 14. — Wheat — Higher; No. 1 Northern, 78 to 78c; No. 2 Northern, 76 to 76½c; May, 75½c. Rye—Firm; No. 1, 52c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 60c; sample, 42 to 52½c. Corn — May, 53½c.

Toledo, April 14. — Wheat—Strong; cash, 75½c; May, 76⅛c; July, 72½c. Corn — Firm; April, 42½c; May, 42½c; July, 45½c. Oats—Steady; April, 34½c; May, 33½c; July, 30½c. Rye—No. 2, 52½c. Seed —Dull, firm; cash, $6.70; April, $6.55; October, $5.37½ bid; prime timothy, $1.60 nominal; do alsike, $7.50.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, April 14.—A light run at the cattle market to-day, combined with the circumstance that there happened to be a demand for export cattle, sent prices up from ten to twenty cents for the few export cattle offering, and also to make butchers' cattle dearer by about the same amount.

Export cattle, heavy... ...	$4.50	$4.85
Export cattle, light...	4.35	4.60
Bulls, export, heavy, cwt	3.50	3.75
do light...	3.00	3.50
Feeders, light, 800 lbs. and upwards...	4.00	4.30
Stockers, 400 to 800 lbs.	2.50	3.75
do 900 lbs...	3.76	.....
Butchers' cattle, choice...	3.85	4.20
do medium.....	3.50	4.00
do picked...	4.25	4.45
do bulls...	3.00	3.25
do rough...	2.75	3.25
Live stock bulls, cwt... ...	2.25	3.00
Milch cows.....	30.00	53.00
Hogs, best...	6.12½	.....
do light...	6.00	.....
Sheep, export, cwt...	4.25	4.75
Bucks...	3.50	4.00
Culls...	2.25	2.50
Lambs...	6.00	6.25
Calves, each...	2.00	10.00

FOUR MEN KILLED.

Express From Montreal to Halifax in Collision.

A Halifax, N. S., despatch says: The Intercolonial Express from Montreal had a head-on collision at eleven o'clock on Saturday night with the fast Sydney freight train near Windsor Junction. Four trainmen were killed and two badly injured. All the passengers escaped with slight injuries.

The cause of the accident was disobedience of orders by Nelson Copeland of the fast freight, who should have stopped at Windsor Junction to allow the freight to pass, but who went on in spite of orders, in addition to semaphore and red lights set against him at the Junction. Copeland is at the hospital.

The freight train was in charge of Conductor Haines and Driver Copeland, and had orders to stop at Windsor Junction so as to allow the express to pass. The train, which was traveling at 20 miles an hour speed, passed the Junction, and the conductor, who was looking after the middle section of the train, jumped on the top of the cars and started toward the front of the train to ascertain why the driver disobeyed the orders. Before he had gone very far the express train, which was an hour and a half late, and running at the rate of 45 miles an hour, hove in sight, and in an instant the trains came together with a frightful crash. The impact could be heard two miles distant. The engines locked together on the rails, and stood there. The postal, baggage, and second-class cars shot ahead and rolled down the bank and gers and clerks scrambled out partly into the lake. The passen- through the windows of the upturned cars. There is water on each side of the track, and two of the cars left the rails, some of them rolling down the bank and becoming partly submerged.

All the trainmen, with the exception of Oakley, who was drowned, were badly mangled. Wall had his head crushed almost to a jelly, the lower part of Hill's body was burned to a crisp; Thorp, besides being crushed, was terribly scalded; Copeland, the driver of the freight, though badly cut was scalded, will recover. When the freight passed the junction the brakesman on the rear of the freight, seeing that the signals were against her, jumped off, and ran back, and got the operator to telegraph the next station to hold the express, but it was too late.

Word was telegraphed to Halifax and a relief train with doctors was sent out. All the dead and injured were brought to Halifax. The road is so badly blocked that the twenty passengers had to be conveyed in a small boat along the edge of the lake to the eastern side, so as to connect with the train.

AN OLD CUSTOM.

Emperor Washes the Feet of Aged Men.

A Vienna despatch says :—Emperor Francis Joseph, assisted by eleven Archdukes, in the Hofburg, performed the ancient Holy Thursday ceremony of washing the feet of twelve aged men. Their ages ranged from 92 to 89, aggregating 1,082 years. His Majesty first placed dishes of food before each man, which the Archdukes removed immediately afterwards, the viands being sent later to the men's homes. The ceremony ended with the Emperor hanging a bag containing thirty pieces of silver around each man's neck. His Majesty appeared to be in excellent health.

BIG C.P.R. CONTRACTS.

Three Firms to Supply Material for Bridges.

A Montreal despatch says :—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company gave out on Wednesday three contracts to Canadian firms for material for bridges and construction work. The contracts in themselves represent in value something like $250,000, but they form part of a much larger scheme, which embraces a contemplated expenditure during the present year of between $1,700,000 and $2,000,000. Mr. C. N. Monsarrat, engineer for bridges, gave out some details of the contracts which have been entered into. The Canada Foundry Company, of Toronto, will he announces, supply sixty-nine plate girders, weighing 1,750 tons, for new bridges. The Dominion Bridge Company have been awarded a contract for three through lattice spans of 160 feet, to be erected on the Atlantic division of the system. The steel required for these three bridges weighs 465 tons. The Hamilton Bridge Company have secured the contract for one 100 feet through lattice span, weighing eighty tons, for the line through the mountains in British Columbia. The same company were given the contract for six lattice spans, weighing 450 tons, and four plate girders. The deck lattice structures supplied by the company will be erected by the Dominion Bridge Company, but the C.P.R. will itself erect the greater part of the plate girders supplied by the Canada Foundry Company.

CANADIAN LIVE STOCK.

Can Be Turned Out as Good as the British.

An Ottawa despatch says :—F. W. Hodson, Dominion Commissioner of Live Stock, was before the Agriculture Committee on Wednesday morning to tell of his investigations in Great Britain last year. On the whole he considers that we turn out or can turn out, as good a quality of animal for the butcher as the British farmer, but we need more care exercised in breeding and feeding, and more continuity than has been usual. In regard to fairs Mr. Hodson thinks the side show attractions should be superseded by attractions of a competitive or commercial nature, such as they have in Great Britain, and that the admission fee at big shows like Ottawa, Toronto and London, might well be made a little higher for the first couple of days.

RESENT KING'S TITLE.

Scotchmen Make Themselves Disagreeable.

An Edinburgh, Scotland, despatch says :—There was a curious scene at the meeting here on Wednesday called to make preparations for the forthcoming visit of King Edward to Scotland. Several of the local Scottish officials refused to have anything to do with welcoming his Majesty until he shall have dropped the title of Edward VII. The objectors protested that the title is an insult to Scotland. They added that, judging from the addresses he received at Lisbon, even the King himself seemed to realize that he was only King of England. Considerable uproar prevailed, but the meeting ultimately refused to listen any further to the malcontents.

C. P. R. LANDS.

All Will Be Disposed of in Four or Five Years.

A Winnipeg despatch says: The C. P. R. land sales continue to be very brisk, and at the present rate the whole of the company's grant will be disposed of in four or five years. The prices now quoted by the road are from $5 to $10 per acre, according to quality and location; in some cases the prices are much higher than the last-named figure and the road has already sold land close to towns and villages as high as $50 per acre. Seeding has commenced in many parts of the province, and there is now a brisk demand for farm lands. J. J. Golden, Provincial Immigration Office, on Saturday sent out many hands to applicants for help, and he says he has about thirty more vacancies which he is looking for men to fill.

RIOT IN RUSSIA'S CAPITAL.

2,000 Persons Without Passports Arrested.

A London despatch says: A Central News despatch from St. Petersburg says serious disturbances occurred in various districts of the city Thursday night, and nearly 2,000 individuals, who were not provided with passports, as required by the law, were arrested.

BANK ROBBERS SENTENCED

Terms in Penitentiary for Nova Scotia Men.

An Annapolis, N.S. despatch says :—The two men arrested for robbing the Union Bank at Granville Ferry were sentenced by Judge Savory on Thursday. Brown got twelve years in Dorchester Penitentiary, and his companion, Wilson, received seven years.

SIR GEORGE WHITE.

Made a Field Marshal by King Edward.

A Gibraltar despatch says :—King Edward arrived here on Wednesday from Lisbon on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert. The ships dressed, manned sides and saluted. The King, who wore a field-marshal's uniform, and his suite landed later in the day. His Majesty was received by the Governor and by the naval and military staffs, while royal salutes were fired. A procession was formed, and the King drove through the streets, which were lined with soldiers and cheering crowds, to the Neutral Ground, and on returning, went to Government House. The town and rock were illuminated at night. King Edward was present at a State banquet given by Sir George Stuart White, the Governor of Gibraltar, and the defender of Ladysmith during the South African war. During the banquet the King announced that he had promoted Sir George White to the rank of field-marshal.

THE DOUKHOBORS.

1,700 of the Stiffnecked Have Signed Their Papers.

A Winnipeg despatch says :—Peter Veregin, the Doukhobor leader, has purchased four big well-bred stallions for the Doukhobors' settlements at Yorkton and Swan River. One of the animals, Lord Smith, was imported to this country by William Hay, of Quebec. The price was $1,200. The other three, whose names are Ashburn, Tavistock, Rover, and Myrtle Boy, are Canadian horses, and the figures paid for them was $600 each. The animals were shipped to Yorkton on Friday evening.

Hugh Harley, the immigration agent of Swan River, who was the special agent deputed to visit the Doukhobors at their homesteads and induce them to take homestead entries, reports that 1,700 who had hitherto refused have signed their papers, and that they are now in possession of their homesteads like other settlers. The records show that in 1901 63 Doukhobors had entered for homesteads ; in 1902, 207, and in 1903, 1,700, making a total of 1,970 entries.

CONFUSION IN ROME.

Troops Fire at Strikers Who Assembled in City.

A Rome despatch says :—Owing to the demonstrations of the strikers foreigners are deserting the city as rapidly as possible. This alone will mean a daily loss to the boarding house keepers of $16,000. Five hundred French pilgrims who arrived on Wednesday were transported in all manner of waggons and carts. The party arrived at the Garibaldi bridge just as a detachment of cavalry charged a mob and a scene of indescribable confusion ensued. About noon the strikers gathered on the Corso Vittorio Emanuele. The troops charged, fired three volleys and dispersed them. About a dozen men were reported to have been wounded. The Government has determined to have a sufficient force of troops on hand to maintain order under any circumstances, and has issued instructions to send ten more battalions of troops to Rome.

CATCHING OF STURGEON.

Hook and Line Fishing Prohibited by Government.

A Toronto despatch says :—The Ontario Fishery Department has received word from the Dominion Government that an order-in-Council has been passed prohibiting the catching of sturgeon by hook and line. The new regulation will go into effect immediately and no more licenses for this kind of fishing will be issued. The fact that many immature fish are caught in this way has led the Dominion authorities to pass the order-in-Council.

SEEDING IN MANITOBA.

Operations Are Well Under Way in Hartney District.

A Winnipeg despatch says :—Seeding operations are well under way in Hartney settlement. The land is in magnificent condition for spring work, and the grain has been all got into the ground in good shape. Work was commenced at the end of March, and the weather has been favorable for continuing it ever since. During the whole of the winter the Souris Plains have had less snow than any other part of Manitoba, and the first few fine days left the ground dry and ready for the seed.

A LOYAL BRITISHER.

60 Years an American Resident, Died in Hamilton.

A Hamilton despatch says :—Charles O'Brien died here on Thursday at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry O'Brien. The deceased was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and left here when a young man to take up his residence in Richmond, Va., where he lived for over 60 years, leaving there a few years ago for Hamilton, as he wished to end his days on British soil.

NEWS ITEMS.

Telegraphic Briefs From All Over the Globe.

CANADA.

Coal is now being shipped from Sydney, N. S., for Copenhagen.

Most of the striking carpenters at Hamilton have returned to work.

There is a movement on foot to appoint permanent city assessors for Brantford.

Hamilton Police Commissioners will buy whistles, bells and bicycles for the use of the police.

Two Indians from the Sarnia reserve are taking a short course at Wolseley Barracks, London.

The Grand Trunk expect to have their road double-tracked between Sarnia and Komoka before next fall.

The Militia Department has furnished 2,500 tents to be used for the accommodation of immigrants in the west.

Chief Justice Hunter has consented to act upon a commission to investigate the labor troubles in British Columbia.

St. Thomas Council is petitioning the Dominion Government for free postal delivery to all parts of the city.

F. W. Schwendeman, of Barton, has been appointed superintendent of Wentworth county roads at a salary of $800.

The users of hydraulic elevators in Hamilton are to be taxed 12 cents per thousand gallons hereafter, instead of 7½ cents.

Four actions against the G. T. R. for damages for injuries sustained at Wanstead will be tried at the forthcoming Assizes at London.

It is expected the Dominion Government will have a surplus of $12,000,000 or $14,000,000 at the close of the current fiscal year.

Montreal's Civic Finance Committee will recommend an increase of $1 per week to the constables, making the wage $12.20 per week.

The Montreal Harbor Commissioners have accepted an offer from the Dominion Iron and Steel Company to supply coal for three years at $3 per ton of 2,240 pounds.

Corporation Counsel Fullerton, of Toronto, fears that the proposed general railway legislation of the Dominion Parliament may interfere with municipal control of streets and street railways.

The proposition to bring the whole Island of Montreal under one municipal government has been revived, and figures have been prepared which show that the population of a "greater Montreal" would be 350,000.

A small riot took place in connection with the strike at Hawkesbury lumber mills on the Ottawa on Saturday. Unarmed police who tried to drive a crowd off a bridge were themselves driven back by stirkers armed with wooden clubs.

Two legacies of $20,000 and $40,000 have been left to Mrs. J. B. Stewart, of Vancouver, within the past eight months by near relatives who resided in Missouri, and Mr. J. B. Stewart will leave for St. Louis to wind up the last of the estates.

According to the report of the King's printer at Ottawa, seven per cent. only of the department's purchases of stationery come from the United States. Of the remaining 93 per cent., 76 per cent is made in Canada and 17 per cent. in Great Britain.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Premier Balfour says the Irish land bill has never been the subject of any bargain with any party, group or individual.

The London Standard says Britain, France and Germany may participate equally in the control of the proposed Bagdad railway.

It is reported that negotiations are proceeding between Britain and the United States, whereby the former will have special privileges on the Panama Canal.

UNITED STATES.

The foot and mouth disease has appeared among cattle at Concordia, Kansas.

Mrs. Ann Wren, aged 103 years, whose father fought under Washington, is dead at Dexter, N. Y.

The New York State Assembly has passed the resolution restoring canal tolls on all State canals.

Two murders, an attempted murder, two suicides and two attempts at suicide occurred in Buffalo on Saturday.

A Missouri State Senator admitted taking bribes from a railway company's solicitor, and said all the other Senators had done so.

G. Hallman Sims, collection clerk for the Capital City National Bank of Atlanta, Ga., for eight years, admitted embezzling $94,000.

The long-standing troubles between the Wabash system officials and its employes have been adjusted and there will be no strike.

GENERAL.

An investigation regarding certain letters, promised by Gen. Andre, the French Minister of War, will probably lead to a re-opening of the Dreyfus case.

It is rumored that one object of the German Emperor's visit to Denmark was to secure that country's assistance for the triple alliance in case of war with the dual alliance.