UNITED STATES MEAT TRADE

It Has Received the Ugliest Knock In Its History.

A despatch from Paris says: It is learned that the Commissary-General's denial of the statement that Chicago foodstuffs are supplied to the French army is incorrect. The fact is that 20,000 cans of this food were landed at Havre, and sent thence to Bordeaux, where the meat was recanned, marked with French labels, and sold as French.

One of the largest Paris caterers says that his customers were refusing to take American canned goods. Consequently he intends to cease importing them.

Ogden Armour, in an interview on Wednesday, said that, whatever might happen elsewhere, his yards are above reproach. Nevertheless, he acknowledged that the trade had received the ugliest knock in its history.

JOHN BURNS TAKES A HAND.

A despatch from London says: The Chronicle says that Mr. John Burns, as president of the Local Government Board, has been closely watching developments in the canned meat matter. As soon as the aspect became serious he summoned a meeting of the medical health officers of the London County Council, the city corporation, and the 28 metropolitan boroughs, and consulted with them as to whether anything further could be done to secure an adequate inspection of canned goods. He also instructed Chief Medical Officer Buchanan to prepare a report. This has been done, and the report will be available to the members when Parliament meets next week after the Whitsuntide holiday.

It is stated that steps are being taken to get the Foreign Office to take diplomatic action in the matter.

DISEASED FROZEN HOGS.

A despatch from London says: Mr. Terrett, chief meat inspector at the Smithfield market, says that numbers of frozen hogs arrive from the United States in a shockingly diseased condition, yet bearing the Government inspection seal. He does not believe that any Government inspector would be foolish enough to pass hogs in such condition. The wonder is how the seals get attached to them. Mr. Terrett adds that it is impossible for the inspectors here to discover while the hogs are frozen whether or not they are healthy. Buyers are warned that they purchase at their own risk. If, when the hogs are thawed, they are found to be diseased they are immediately seized.

A newspaper here sent a reporter to make a surprise visit to the makers of canned delicacies and inspect their processes. One leading firm accepted the challenge with alacrity, and passed the ordeal to the utmost satisfaction of the reporter, who was regaled with various tid-bits. Another firm asked the newspaper representative to call at a more convenient time, while another absolutely refused "to have anything whatever to do with any newspaper."

WOULD IMPOSE EMBARGO.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Dr. Chisholm (East Huron) will call the attention of Parliament to the shocking revelations in connection with the sanitary conditions of the Chicago packing-houses, and will ask if it is the intention of the Government to prohibit the importation of canned meats and meat extracts from the United States, not only in the interests of the public health, but also to assist the farming, stock-raising and packing industries of Canada.

LOSSES WILL BE GREAT.

A despatch from Kansas City, Mo., says: It is estimated that the business done by the packing houses located here will suffer to the extent of $10,000,000 as a result of the agitation in connection with the President's crusade against "doctored" meats. Reports of the various plants seen on Thursday agreed with the estimates in the telegraphic despatches that the business of the whole country would show a loss of at least $150,000,000.

"I don't think," said Charles W. Armour on Thursday, "the estimate of $150,000,000 loss to the packers in the whole country is exaggerated. This is only a shrinkage of about ten per cent. on the total volume of the business done, which, I think, is easily one and one-half billion dollars in all branches of the trade. We have complaints already from England that the canned meat trade is decreasing. It is easy to scare people five thousand miles away."

A DUMB MAN SPEAKS.

Recovers Power of Speech After 21 Years of Silence.

A despatch from Chicago says: After 21 years of silence, during which time he was unable to utter an intelligible sound, Louis Mendelson suddenly recovered his power of speech on Tuesday. The return of words was as mysterious as the affliction which silenced him so long. Mendelson is 38 years old, and until Tuesday had not spoken since he was 17 years old. To the surprise of his three brothers and his friends he walked into their wholesale liquor store and said: "Hello, is this hot enough for you?"

Samuel Mendelson, one of his brothers, was so shocked by the unexpected remark that he failed to answer the question. He called his two other brothers, Jules and Anton, and to the great surprise of all three the man who had been dumb since boyhood repeated his question. The mystery perplexed all three. Louis told his brothers that he had felt a sudden tickling in his vocal chords and the impulse to attempt to attempt speech had grown so strong that he could not resist it. When he tried, he discovered that his voice responded.

Mendelson lost his voice after an attack of fever when he was in his seventeenth year.

GREAT WHEAT CROP.

The Prospects Were Never Better in the West.

A Winnipeg despatch says: According to the weekly report of the C. P. R. prospects for a great wheat crop were never better throughout Western Canada, and seldom so good. In all 150 stations reported, and all were sanguine in their estimates. The rainfall has been ample, with the possible exception of a section west of Prince Albert.

Mr. R. E. Oaks, ex-manager of the Traders' Bank at Calgary, is here. Mr. Oaks has just returned from Alberta, and says that while considerable of the wheat has been a disappointment in southern Alberta, still no material loss will be suffered by the farmers, as they ploughed the land this spring and seeded with oats, and a valuable crop of these will be assured.

A NEW STAMP.

Will Denote Deficit on Letters Not Fully Prepaid.

A despatch from Ottawa: A new stamp has been issued by the Post-office Department in connection with letters not fully prepaid. The stamp will be for the use of postmasters only. In the past it has been the custom to mark letters not fully prepaid with a figure, specifying how much the receiver would have to pay. The stamp will now be used instead. The new stamp is bluish in color, and is in several denominations.

BRUTES AT FORT WILLIAM.

Two Men May Be Fatally Wounded With Knives.

A Fort William despatch says: Tuesday night a drunken melee took place at the coal dock among a party of foreigners, three of whom were stabbed and slashed with knives. The affray was the result of two Italians being turned out of a Finlanders' dance hall in the eary part of the evening. It appeared that the two intruders had walked into the Finlanders' dance and began making free with some of the Finland ladies, which was promptly resented by the men, who ejected the strangers with anything but easy force. After the dance was over the Finlanders started for their homes. At the corner of McLaughlin and Christie streets the ejected pair and their friends were on the lookout for their victims, and pounced upon four Finlanders, who were taken by surprise. The affray lasted for only a few minutes, with the result that four Finlanders were fearfully wounded, two of whom, the doctors say, will not recover from their wounds. Restore Nantel, who was stabbed in the abdomen, and Charlie Paine, who received a stab wound in the neck and chest, are in the hospital and very weak. No hopes for the recovery of Nantel are entertained by Drs. Cook and McCarty, who are attending the injured men. The Finlanders claim they were not the worse for liquor. The scene of the tragedy was near where the Galician was clubbed to death three years ago.

PREMIER SEDDON DEAD.

Died of Heart Failure on Steamer for New Zealand.

A Sydney, N. S. W., despatch says: Premier Seddon, of New Zealand, died here on Sunday night, of heart failure. The end came on board the steamer Owstrey Grange, on which he had embarked in the morning to return to New Zealand. Mr. Seddon complained of feeling ill on Sunday afternoon, and slept for two hours. On awakening he rested on a couch while awaiting dinner. Suddenly he leaned his head on his wife's shoulder, saying, "Good-bye, my dear, I am going," and expired.

Mr. Seddon had been in Australia since the middle of May. He came here to consult Mr. Alfred Deakin, the Prime Minister of Australia, on important questions, mainly those concerning the New Hebrides. He visited the principal towns, making vigorous speeches and receiving deputations on various matters interesting to Australia, such as colonial preference and alien immigration. He made a speech at Sydney on Saturday, declaring that it was a suicidal policy for the colonies to send trade to foreign countries, thus enabling them to strengthen their navies. Trade, he said, should go to the Mother Land to assist in strengthening the British Navy.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, June 12.—Flour — Ontario—Exporters bid $3.15 for 90 per cent. patents, buyers' bags, for export; millers ask $3.20. Manitoba—First patents, $4.40 to $4.60; seconds, $4 to $4.10; bakers,' $3 to $4.

Bran—Offered at $16.50, outside.

Wheat—Ontario—No. 2 white, 82c bid, C.P.R., 85c asked; No. 2 red, 82c bid.

Wheat—Manitoba—No. 1 northern, 85½c asked, Point Edward and Owen Sound; 84½c bid, Point Edward.

Oats—No. 2 white, 37½c bid, outside; offered at 38½c; 35⅝c bid, to arrive.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, offered at 59c, Toronto, to arrive.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—The market shows little change

Creamery, prints	20c to 22c
do solids	19c to 20c
Dairy, lb. rolls, good to choice	16c to 18c
Tubs	15c to 16c

Cheese—New cheese is again showing an easier tendency, and is quoted a little lower at 12c to 12¼c. Old is steady at 15c.

Eggs—The market is quoted unchanged and there are still indications of easier prices later. New-laid are quoted at 17c to 17½c, and splits at 14c.

Potatoes—Unchanged. Ontario, 70c to 85c out of sctore, eastern Delawares at 85c to 97½c, Quebec 78c, and Nova Scotia at 75c.

Baled Hay—Is steady to firm at $10 for No. 1 timothy per ton in car lots on track here, and $7.50 to $8 for No. 2

Baled Straw—Unchanged at $6 per ton for car lots on track here.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, June 12.—Oats — No. 2, 42c to 43¼c; No. 3, 42¼c to 42¾c; No. 4, 41c to 41½c.

Peas—78c f.o.b. per bushel; 78 per cent. at 51c.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 56½c; No. 3 yellow 57½c ex-track.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, $4.60 to $4.70; strong bakers', $4.10 to $4.20; winter wheat patents, $4 to $4.25; straight winter wheat patents, $4.20 to $4.40, straight rollers, $3.90 to $4.10; do. in bags, $1.85 to $1.95; extras, $1.50 to $1.65.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, in bags, $18 to $19; shorts, $20 to $21 per ton; Ontario bran, in bulk, $18.50 to $19.50; shorts, 20 to $20.50; milled mouille, $21 to $25; straight grain mouille, $25 to $27 per ton.

Rolled Oats—Per bag, $2 to $2.10 in car lots; cornmeal, $1.30 to $1.40 per bag.

Hay—No. 1, $9.50 to $10.50; No. 2, $8.50 to $9.50; clover, mixed, $7.50 to $8.50, and pure clover, $7 to $8.

Eggs—Quoted at 16¾c to 17c, with 18½c being mentioned occasionally. This is for finest straight gathered.

Provisions—Barrels of heavy Canada short cut pork, $23; light short cut, $21.50, barrels clear fat back, $22.50; compound lard, 7½c to 8c; Canadian pure lard, 11½c to 12c; kettle rendered, 12½c to 13c; hams, 13½c to 15c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 17c to 18c; Windsor bacon, 15½c to 16c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, $10.50; alive, $7.75 to $7.85 per 100 lbs.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 12. — Flour — Steady. Wheat—Spring quiet; No. 1 Northern, 86½c; Winter, nothing done. Corn—Dull but firm; No. 2 yellow, 55¾c. Oatas—Strong; No. 2 white, 39¼c; Winter, nothing done. Rye—Steady; No. 2 in store, 65½c. Canal freights — Steady.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, June 12.—Spot firm;No. 2 red, 94c nominal elevator; No. 2 red, nominal 95c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 91⅝c nominal f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Manitoba 89½c f.o.b. afloat.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, June 12.—The demand for export cattle is steady, and there were some good loads offering, the top prices being around $5.10 to $5.20. The sheep market is steady at recent decline. The hog market was steady and unchanged from the last rise, but the prospects are said to be for a lower market.

Stockers and Feeders—Market fair. Steady demand for good quality.

Export—Market firm. Extra choice, $5 to $5.20; medium export, $4.80 to $4.90.

Good short-keep feeders, $4.75 to $4.80. Market steady.

Heavy Feeders—Good and heavy feeders at $4.60 to $4.80.

Butchers' — Market higher. Choice picked butcher cattle, $4.80 to $4.90; medium heavy butchers', at $4.50 to $4.65; mixed lots and cows, at $3 to $4.25; common canners at $2.50.

Light Stockers—Steady, $3.50 to $3.90.

Sheep and Lambs—The market is slow, and prospects are for lower prices.

Spring Lambs—Lower, at $3 to $5.50.

Calves — Good run. Market slow. Prices range from $3 to $6.

Hogs—Market firm, and 10c higher, at $7.40 for selects.

Milch Cows—Good market for heavy milkers; choice, $50 to $60; common, $30 to $35.

BRITISH ARMY REFORMS.

Infantry to be Reduced to 10,000 and Artillery by 48 Batteries.

A despatch from London says: The Express says it understands that the military programme of Secretary of War Haldane includes a reduction of the infantry by 10,000 and of the artillery by 48 batteries.

CYCLONE IN WEST ONTARIO

Buildings Were Unroofed and Trees Torn Up By the Roots

A despatch from London says: Sarnia and vicinity were swept by a terrific gale, accompanied by rain, thunder,and lightning, about 10 o'clock on Friday night. Fortunately no fatalities occurred. The roof of W. F. Lawrence and Sons' new lumber mill was blown off and about 1,500 square feet of roofing destroyed, besides the shafting and belting of the mill. A large tree at the corner of Christina and Johnston Streets was lifted out by its roots and hurled against Miss Watson's residence, smashing the windows and breaking the cornices. The chimney on Edward McDonald's new house on Queen Street, was blown down. A new house on East Davis Street was lifted from its foundation and blown over. Richard Lynch's house, on Wellington Street east, was struck by lightning and badly damaged. Telegraph lines all through the western peninsula were put out of business, trees were uprooted, chimneys blown away, and many houses wrecked.

The storm struck Chatham about 1.25 o'clock on Friday afternoon and when it had blown over dozens of the beautiful trees from which the town gets its name of the Maple City, had been up-rooted. Among the buildings damaged were the Dowsley Axle Works, the Central School the Collegiate and Park Street Methodist Church. Telegraph, telephone and electric light poles and wires were laid flat all over the city and many of the manufacturing concerns were compelled to shut down for repairs.

The worst of the storm, however, was at St. Thomas, and along the Michigan Central, where it assumed the proportions of a cyclone. The Michigan Central service was interrupted, and many houses were blown down at Rodney, Highgate and Ridgetown. The traffic on the Sarnia branch of the Pere Marquette was also seriously interefered with.

At Port Stanley the storm blew a 90-foot tower on a new elevator in the creek, and the Government observatory was also blown over. It is reported that two men were killed and half a dozen badly hurt by lightning at Springfield, but as the telegraph service has been cut off it is impossible to verify the report.

HAMILTON SUFFERS.

A despatch from Hamilton says: This city was visited on Friday afternoon about 3.30 by one of the heaviest wind and rain-storms in years. It lasted only about 20 minutes, but did more damage than a dozen previous storms. The roof of the warehouse of the International Harvester Company was blown off, causing much damage. A number of houses in various parts of the city were unroofed, and Bastien's boathouse nearly blown into the bay. Telephone and electric light wires are all down, and the city is practically in darkness. It is impossible to estimate the total damage, but it will run up into the thousands. So far as can be learned no one was seriously hurt.

At the race-track the full fury of the storm was felt. Sheets of rain swept the grand stand from one end to the other, and the gaily-dressed occupants were compelled to flee for shelter.

HURRICANE AT BRANT.

A despatch from Brantford says: A tremendous storm swept over Brantford and Brant County on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, doing a great deal of damage. Trees were blown across the T., H. and B. tracks and trains delayed, whilst the street car trolley lines in West Brantford were badly damaged. In the country hundreds of trees were uprooted and much damage done to crops.

DAMAGE AT THE FALLS.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: A terrific wind and rainstorm struck this city from the south-west on Friday afternoon. Two large brick chimneys were blown down, and two wings of the new General Hospital, under construction, crushed in. Some ten workmen got away just in time. Brickwork Contractor J. Blair, who was on one of the top storeys, was badly burned in the eyes with the lime from the falling brick. In the evening about 10 o'clock a small tornado again struck the town.

BARNS BURNED IN TURNBERRY.

A despatch from Wingham says: In a terrific thunder and lightning storm which prevailed here all night three barns and their contents were burned in the Township of Turnberry.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs. A. B. Ingram and H. N. Kittson to Act With Mr. Leitch.

A Toronto despatch says: Two of the commissions made necessary by the enactments of the last session of the Ontario Legislative Assembly are now complete and ready to commence the labors which will be required of them. These are the new Hydro-Electric Commission, whose functions will enable the municipalities of the province to secure electric power at an economical rate, and the Railway and Municipal Board, which has been for so long expected. At the close of a somewhat protracted meeting of the Cabinet on Thursday, Premier Whitney announced that it had been decided that the former body should be composed of Hon. Adam Beck, of London, the Minister who has been so closely identified with the power question of Ontario; Hon. J. S. Hendrie, of Hamilton, and Cecil B. Smith, who is now chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission, and consulting engineer of the commission of inquiry—the Hydro-Electric Commission. Hon. Mr. Beck, will naturally be the chairman of the newly founded organization. It has not been decided as yet what salary will be paid to Mr. Smith, but he will not receive any addition to the aggregate of his present remuneration.

NEW RAILWAY COMMISSION.

The gentlemen who will with James Leitch, K.C., compose the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, are. Andrew B. Ingram, who represents East Elgin in the Dominion House of Commons, and Henry Norman Kitson, of Hamilton. The gentlemen will receive $4,000 a year for their services on the board. Their secretary, H. T. Small, a barrister of Carleton Place, and a former resident of this city, will be paid a stipend of $2,000 a year.

COUNCILLORS FIGHT.

A Lively Scene in the Yarmouth, N.S., Town Council.

A Halifax, N.S., despatch says: A sensational scene occurred during Thursday night's session of the Yarmouth Town Council. Councillor Fuller made an insulting reference to Councillor Perrin. The latter immediately jumped at Fuller and was pummelling him in lively shape when Mayor Hood and the Town Clerk went to Fuller's rescue. As soon as Fuller regained his feet he made an attack on Perrin, kicking at him. The latter returned in vigorous style, until the unseemly encounter was stopped by the other Councillors. There has been bad feeling between the two for some time arising out of Perrin's charge, seeking to disqualify Fuller. The latter is a leading church member of the town. Both are doctors.

BRITISH DEFEAT ZULUS.

Chief and Three Hundred and Fifty Rebels Killed.

A despatch from Durban, Natal, says: Natalian forces under Cols. Mackenzie and Barker have had a severe fight with rebels in the Mome Valley. The rebels were defeated, 350 of them being killed, including the important Chief Mahlokazulu. The Natalians lost Capt. MacFarlane, of the Transvaal Rifles, and Lieut. Marsden killed and several troopers wounded. It is reported that Chief Bambatta was wounded in the fight. The rebels fled, demoralized.

Details have been received of the attack on a rebel impi which was mobilized in the vicinity of M'teli's kraals. Operations started in the vicinity of the Elandskraal settlement with the sweeping of the Insibindi Valley down to Buffalo River. Guns were placed at points of vantage on the tops of eminences, guarded by a portion of the force under Major Wilson. Capt. Rattery with a mixed force of Carbineers, Rifles and reserves, descended the valley under cover of the guns. The approach of the force was discovered and signaled by many fires, which appeared in a few minutes throughout the country far into Zululand. The impi, consisting of upwards of 300 natives, besides small armed parties, was located within the area covered by the guns. The shell fire drove out a number of natives, and Capt. Rattery engaged the rebels, who gradually retired towards broken and thorny country. The Maxim of the Natal Mounted Infantry effectively searched the bush and dislodged the enemy. Thirty-five kraals, containing 150 huts, were burnt.

LANDS FOR VETERANS.

Seven Townships Set Aside for Heroes of 1866.

A despatch from Toronto says: Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, has set apart six townships in Algoma on the north shore of Lake Superior back of Chapleau on the C.P.R., and one in the district of Nipissing, for the veterans of '66. The veterans are privileged now to step in and take full possession of all the lots in the townships, the names of which are D'Arcy McGee, Chewett, Cochrane, Borden and Gamey in Algoma, and Laura in Nipissing.

A KANSAS TORNADO.

Injures Eight People and Demolishes a Town.

A despatch from Hillsboro', Kan., says: Goessel was practically destroyed on Thursday by a tornado. About 80 persons were injured. The tornado laid waste a strip 200 yards wide. Several stores and twelve residences were demolished, and every house in town was damaged. The large Mennonite hospital was only slightly damaged. The injured were taken there.