

## MARKETS OF THE WORLD

Prices of Cattle, Cheese, Grain, &c.  
in the Leading Markets.

### BREADSTUFFS, ETC.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Wheat—Exporters now bid \$21-2c for red, white, and green wheat, less freights, to New York, and holders ask 67c. Red and white, north and west, is quoted at 66c bid and 65c asked. Manitoba firm on scarcity: No. 1 hard, 67c; 32-1-2c; No. 2, 94-1-2c; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 97-1-2c; No. 2 hard, 93-1-2c.

Millfeed—Scarce and firm. Top lots at the mill door, sell as follows: Bran, \$13 to \$13.50; and shorts, \$15, wheat.

Cow—Firm American, No. 2 yellow, on track here, 47c; and No. 3, 46c.

Pearl—Firm, No. 2, middle freights, at 63-1-2c; and east at 61c.

Barley—Firm, No. 2, east, 42-1-2c to 43c; and middle freights, 42 to 42-1-2c; No. 3 extra, 40-1-2c, east; and 40c, middle freights.

Rye—Steady. Car lots, 48c, west; and 49c, east.

Buckwheat—Quiet. Car lots, west, are quoted at 49c; and east at 50c.

Oats—Firm, but demand is rather quiet. No. 1 white, east, 29-3-4c; No. 2 white, north and west, 28-3-4c.

Flour—Quiet. Export agents bid \$2.60 for straight roller, in buyers' bags, middle freights; and \$2.65 is asked by the mills, which do not do their own exporting. Choice brands are quoted from 10 to 15c above these figures.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track here, are quoted at \$3.25 per lb.; and in wood, at \$3.35 per lb.

Buffalo, Feb. 26.—Flour. Steady; light trade. Wheat—Spring, No. 1 Northern, old, 83-3c for small lots; no offerings, c.i.f. Winter wheat—Nothing doing; millers would probably pay 70c for fancy white, and 77c for No. 2 red, on track here. Corn—Quiet; No. 2 yellow, 43-3-4 to 44c; No. 3-d, 43-1-2 to 43-3-4c; No. 2 corn, 43-1-2 to 43-3-4c; No. 3, do, 43-1-4c, through bill. Oats—Steady. No. 2 white, 31-1-2c; No. 3 do, 31c; No. 2 mixed, 29c; No. 3 do, 28-1-2c, through bill. Barley—Unchanged. Rye—No. 2 on track, 56c asked.

### SCHEEPER'S COMMANDO.

Exact whereabouts of His Force Is Unknown.

A despatch from Cape Town says:

The Government reports that the exact whereabouts of Commandant Scheepers force, which is a small one, is unknown. He has certainly abandoned his original intention of crossing the railway between Prince Albert and Beaufort West, and is breaking back eastward, followed by Gens. Parsons and Grenfell. During the last few days parties of Boers have been reported in the neighborhood of Willowmore and Uniondale. They probably belong to Scheepers commando.

Parties of invaders continue to move about in the Middelberg and Skoorsteenberg districts, looting on a small scale. The principal body, estimated to number 300 men, appear to be located at Zutzenberg, north-west of Bloemfontein.

Troops are assembling at various points on the Middelberg line, with the object of clearing out the marauders, who probably consist of small bodies of Boers, who have crossed the Orange River at various times during the past month.

In the Albert district the Boers have been reinforced by a number of young colonists, who were recruited in the districts invaded.

### BOTHA SUING FOR PEACE.

All the Boers Proper Anxious to Surrender.

A despatch from Cape Town says: It is rumoured in Johannesburg that General Louis Botha is suing for peace. It is understood that, in addition to the scarcity of food and ammunition, continual hardships coupled with the worrying tactics of the British have told heavily on the burghers. The Boers proper it is said, are anxious to surrender. It is only the mercenaries and the rebels, who have nothing to lose, who desire the continuation of hostilities.

### DESTROYED A CULVERT.

The Boers Captured a Trainload of Foodstuffs.

A despatch from Johannesburg says:—The Boers destroyed a culvert between Natal spruit and Klip river, on the railroad just south of here, at dawn to-day. They captured a trainload of foodstuffs, and after taking all they could conveniently carry, set fire to the rest and disappeared over the veldt.

### KITCHENER'S NEW ORDER.

Thought to Indicate a Big Move Eastward.

London, Friday, Feb. 22.—Despatches to the Daily Mail report that Lord Kitchener has issued instruction that no goods of any description are to go forward by the Delagoa Bay line until further notice, with the exception of urgent military and hospital supplies.

Quotations for provisions are as follows:—Dry salted shoulders, 8c; long clear bacon, loose, in car lots, 10c; and in case lots, 10-1-4 to 10-1-2c; short cut pork, \$19.50 to \$20; heavy mess pork, \$18 to \$19.

Smoked meats—Hams, heavy, 12c; medium, 12-1-2 to 13c; light, 13c; breakfast bacon, 18c; picnic hams, 16c; roll bacon, 10c.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—We had at the western cattle yards to-day fifty carloads of live stock, including 1,500 hogs, 700 cattle, 250 sheep and lambs, 50 calves, and a few milch cows. This order is supposed to indicate a big move eastward.

## ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

What the People's Representatives Are Doing at Toronto.

### LAW REFORM PETITIONS.

A number of important petitions were introduced by members. Several related to law reform; the County Councils of Essex and Bruce asked that the powers of Division Courts be extended. From Bruce also came a petition for the abolition of grand juries. The County Council of Elgin asked for a reduction in the cost of jury service.

A unique petition came from the County Council of Wellington praying that the Government do not grant aid to public highways.

### UNCLAIMED BALANCES.

Mr. Carson introduced a bill to compel loan companies to publish every 3 years statements of the unclaimed deposits in their possession in order that heirs may lay claim to them. This is on the same principle as the law relating to unclaimed balances in banks, which however, must be published every five years.

Last year this bill went to the Legal Committee, which is the legislative graveyard, but Mr. Carson will push it through to an issue this session.

### Cattle.

Shippers, per cwt. . . . . \$1.00 \$5.00

Butcher, choice do. . . . . 4.00 4.25

Butcher, com., to good. . . . . 3.50 3.75

Butcher, inferior. . . . . 2.75 3.00

Stockers, per cwt. . . . . 2.75 3.25

Export bulls, per cwt. . . . . 4.00 4.50

### Sheep and Lambs.

Export ewes, per cwt. . . . . 3.00 3.50

Butcher sheep, each. . . . . 2.50 4.00

Lambs, grafted per cwt. . . . . 4.25 4.75

Do, barnyards per cwt. . . . . 3.75 4.25

Bucks. . . . . 2.50 3.00

### Milkers and Calves.

Cows, each. . . . . 20.00 50.00

Calves, each. . . . . 2.00 3.00

### Hogs.

Choice hogs, per cwt. . . . . 6.50 6.75

Light hogs, per cwt. . . . . 6.00 6.25

Heavy hogs, per cwt. . . . . 6.00 6.25

Sows. . . . . 3.50 4.00

Stags. . . . . 2.00 2.25

### LAND GRANTS TO SOLDIERS.

Hon. E. J. Davis moved the first reading of his bill respecting 100-acre land grants to soldiers. The first clause, he explained, authorized the Government to set apart lands for the purpose, either in the free grants district, or in those districts where a charge was now made for those taking up land. The second clause indicated those entitled to receive the land grants. There must be evidence that the person was enrolled in Ontario for active service in South Africa, and that he actually served there. In the case of a soldier having met death while serving in the war, his next of kin would be entitled to the grant upon proving the relationship. Members of the volunteer militia in Canada who were actually engaged in defensive services in 1866 would also be entitled to grants upon proof of service. The third clause of the bill provided that the land so granted should be free of all settlement duties, and provincial and municipal taxes, except school rates, for ten years, but if the land were disposed of by the original owner within that period, then it should be made subject to the usual taxation.

According to recent statistics, there are 472 colleges in the United States, having a total estimated property value, including grounds, buildings and apparatus, of \$150,000,000.

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The city of Mexico is as much copied as the United States in summer as it is warmer in winter. Summer excursions are coming into vogue.

The court of Queen Victoria has been the best and purest court that the world has ever seen.

The country spends £123,866 a year on the British Museum. The salary of the principal librarian is £1,500.

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Heaton Park, Manchester, the seat of the Earl of Wilton, has been purchased by a London syndicate for £240,000. It is proposed to convert a portion of the demesne into a residential park and to devote other portions to tenements.

### SMALL-POX CASES.

In reply to a query of Mr. Smith, Peel, Hon. J. R. Stratton, gave a detailed statement of the cases of small-pox in Ontario since January 1, 1900, and assured the House that the utmost precautions for the suppression of the disease had been taken. The information in possession of the department showed that the disease was now under control.

### CONSIDERING FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

In reply to Mr. Graham, the Minister of Education says he was considering the question of furnishing free text-books to the pupils of the Public and Separate schools.

The Premier told Mr. Preston that there was no present intention of increasing the number of factory inspectors.

### ONTARIO BEET SUGAR BOUNTY.

Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture introduced a bill for the encouragement of beet root sugar production in this province.

It sets apart \$75,000 for each year for a period of three years for this purpose. The principal provisions are:—

In case any person or company shall establish and erect suitable buildings and install the necessary plant for the refining of sugar from beet roots in any part of this province, such person or company shall be entitled to be paid, out of the said sum mentioned in the preceding section, for sugar so refined of first-class marketable quality, at the rate of one-half cent per pound for the products of the first year's operations of such factory, and at the rate of one-quarter cent per pound for the product of each of the two following years, and no longer.

A haughty woman stumbles, for she cannot see what may be in her way.

Trust not the woman that thinketh more of herself than another; mercy will not dwell in her heart.

The gods honor her who thinketh long before opening her lips. Pearls come from her mouth.

A woman and a child are alike; each needs a strong, uplifting hand.

A woman that respects herself is more beautiful than a single star; more beautiful than many stars at night.

### CONFUSING THOUGHT.

Mrs. Fiji—You think you know what I am thinking about.

Mr. Fiji—Ah!

Mrs. Fiji—Yes, you're thinking that I'm thinking that you don't know,

## DOMINION PARLIAMENT

Notes of the Proceedings in the Canadian House of Commons.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Emerson, intituting an Act respecting the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, and to change the name to the Independent Order of Foresters. Mr. Fortin introduced a bill respecting the Grand Trunk railway of Canada, and also a bill respecting the Champlain railway of Canada.

Mr. Henderson introduced a bill to amend the Dominion Elections Act of 1900. He explained that the object was to remove entirely the white spaces at the top and bottom of the ballot, so as to prevent the voter from marking his ballot elsewhere than opposite the name of one of the candidates.

The bill was also designed to prevent the possible misuse of the oath which permits persons who are not on the lists to demand a ballot, on giving reasons not provided for in the statute, when such reasons seem good to the returning officer, such as absence or neglect in the preparation of the lists.

Mr. Smith, of Wentworth, introduced a bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act. It is designed to secure uniformity in the size of fruit packages and berry boxes.

Mr. Smith, of Vancouver, through Mr. Pearce, introduced a bill to amend the Act to restrict the importation and employment of aliens.

### APPOINTED TO OFFICES.

Mr. Clark was informed by Sir Wm. Egerton that since the 15th of March, 1900, the following members of the late Parliament had been appointed to offices of emolument under the Crown:—Wm. Hutchinson, Commissioner at Buffalo Exhibition, \$250 a month and \$10 a day, for expenses; Firman McClure, Census Commissioner of Nova Scotia, \$5 a day salary, and \$5 a day for expenses; W. T. Stevenson, Collector of Customs at Shetland, \$1,500 a year; J. L. Hurley, Inspector of Fisheries, \$1,000. Of the unsuccessful candidates, R. L. Drury has been appointed Census Commissioner for British Columbia at \$5 a day salary, and \$5 for expenses, and A. D. Wallace has been made a county judge at \$3,000 a year.

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