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THE MARKETS

Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc in Trade Centres.

Toronto, Nov. 11. — Wheat—The receipts are fair, the milling demand is good and the market is firm, at 68c to 68½c for No. 2 red and white and middle freight, 68c to 68½c for east and middle freight, 68c to 68½c for spring wheat, 68c to 68½c for No. 1 wheat, 68c to 68½c for No. 1 hard and 68c to 68½c for No. 1 northern grinding in transit.

Flour—Is steady, cars of Ontario 90 per cent. patents in buyers' bags are quoted at \$2.67½ to \$2.73½ east or middle freights. Choice brands are held 15 to 20c higher. Manitoba flour is steady at \$4.25 for cars of Hamilton patents and \$3.80 for strong bakers' bags included, on track Toronto.

Milled—is in good demand and farmer at \$15 to \$16 for cars of shorts and \$13 for bran in bulk east or middle freights. Manitoba milled is steady at \$19 for cars of shorts and \$17 for bran in car lots, sacks included, Toronto freights.

Barley—is firm at 48c for No. 3 extra and 40c for No. 3 east or middle freights.

Buckwheat—is steady at 58c to 60c for No. 2 east of middle freights.

Rye—is steady at 48c to 49c for No. 3 east of middle freights.

Corn—The market is dull and easy. Canada yellow is quoted at 61c, American No. 3 yellow is quoted at 66c for cars on the track here.

Oats—Are in fair demand and steady at 41c to 41½c for 2 white low freights to New York, and No. 1 white are quoted at 32c east.

Hay—is steady at \$4 for cars of truck Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots.

Peas—Are steady at 72c for No. 2 east and 71c middle freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—There is a good inquiry for all-choice lots in dairy and creamery, and prices for these are firm. Large rolls are being offered now, and are selling at 16c to 17c, the general market is steady, with no changes in prices.

Creamery butter... 20c to 21c
do solids, milk... 19c to 20c
do earlier makes... 17c to 18c
Dairy tubs and pails... 16c to 17c
cheese... 14c to 15c
do medium... 12c to 12½c
do pound rolls... 17c to 18c
do large rolls... 16c to 17c
Cheese—There is no change in prices, and the market is steady, with a moderate amount of activity. Jobbers quote large at 11c to 12c and tins at 10c to 12½c.

Eggs—The demand for strictly fresh gathered is well maintained, and the supply is no more than sufficient to meet the wants of the trade. Prices are firm at 18c to 19c. Spirits and seconds sold at 13c to 15c, and are moving freely. Lined eggs bring 17c to 18c.

Potatoes—Market is active and firm. The receipts are not large and the excellent inquiry continues. Car lots on track here are selling at 89c to 85c per bag, and potatoes out of store are firm at 95c to \$1.10 per bag.

Poultry—Offerings are rather large and with a continuance of mild weather the market is easy. The movement is not very active and low prices are often quoted to hasten sales. The range of quotations is unchanged. Chickens are selling at 40c to 50c per pair, old, 50c to 60c for young, ducks at 50c to 70c per pair and geese at 6c to 8½c per pound. Turkeys sell at 8c to 9c for old and 9c to 10c for young.

Beans—New York, Nov. 5. — For the last few days the best lots of pea beans have brought \$2.45 per bushel; there are some old lots left, for which \$2.30 to \$2.35 is the general price, some holders asking \$2.40.

Hazel Nuts—Offerings at outside points are liberal and the market is easy. Dealers still report a great scarcity of rolling stock. Car lots on track here are quoted at \$9 to \$9.25 per ton.

Lard—The demand is moderate and prices are steady. Car lots in track here are quoted at \$5 to \$5.25 per ton.

PROVISIONS.

The market is firm, with very little business passing. The coming of the season for car lots of dressed hogs has led to a sort of awakening, but no activity has been displayed in any quarter as yet. There is a good demand for all kinds of hog product. Quotations are unchanged.

Pork—Canada short, cut, \$24; heavy mess, \$22.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11½ to 11½c; hams, 11c; rolls, 12c to 12½c; shoulders, 11c; backs, 15c to 16c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 16c; green meats out of pickle are quoted at 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Tierces 10c; tubs 11c and pails 11c.

BUFFALO GRAIN MARKETS.

Buffalo, Nov. 11. — Flour—Firm. Wheat—Spring unsettled; No. 1 hard spot, 74c; winter quiet; No. 2 red, 76c. Corn—Dull and weak; No. 2 yellow 64; No. 3 do, 63½; No. 2 corn, 62c; No. 3 do, 61c to 61½c. Oats—Weak; No. 3 mixed, 31c; No. 2 mixed, 31c; No. 3 mixed, 31c. Barley—47c to 58c. Rye—No. 1 in store, 54c asked. Canal freights—Steady.

EUROPEAN GRAIN MARKETS.

London, Nov. 11. — Mark Lane Miller Market. — Wheat, foreign difficult of sale, English dull; corn, American, nothing doing, Danubian steady, flour, American, quiet but steady, English quiet.

Paris, Nov. 11. — Wheat, steady; November, 21f 60c; March and June,

NEWS ITEMS.

Telegraphic Briefs From All Over the Globe.

CANADA.

There is a real estate boom at Fort William.

The price of brick has been increased in Hamilton, from \$7 to \$8 a thousand.

Another best sugar company has been incorporated, with head office at Peterboro'.

Thomas Barker, a commercial traveler, committed suicide at his home in St. John, N. B., by drinking shoe dye.

Two men in the composing room of the Printing Bureau at Ottawa have been suspended for a day for smoking on the premises.

Conductors and trainmen on the Ontario Eastern and Atlantic division of the C.P.R. want an increase in wages of 25 per cent.

Andrew Carnegie has offered Toronto, N. S., \$10,000 for a public library building on conditions that the town raise \$1,000 a year for maintenance.

An East Flamboro' farmer named William Garvin has been summoned to appear before P. M. Jellis, of Hamilton, for refusing to give the inspector a sample of milk.

Negotiations are under way for the establishment of large iron and steel works at Cambridge Marsh. The company is to expend \$150,000 in buildings and pay annually \$90,000.

Of the \$1,146,201, the total imports into Dawson City via White Horse for the month of September, \$878,138 were imports from Canada, and only \$268,000 were imports from the United States.

At Moose Jaw, Man., the Union Bank is building a \$250,000 block, the Baptists an \$80,000 church, and the Roman Catholics a \$50,000 church, and the Presbyterians an \$18,000 church.

A colonial merchant in London, having a branch store in South Africa, desires to get into touch with Canadian shippers of tongs, sashes, window sashes, lumber, and deals, with a view to large shipments for South Africa.

The exportation of frozen meat from Vancouver to Australia may at first seem like the shipping of the proverbial coals to Newcastle, but it is a fact that arrangements have already been completed for such consignments.

That small miners in the Yukon are better off than they ever have before is shown by the sales of money orders. One day last month the sales of orders amounted to over \$10,000, this amount being of great benefit to families outside of the country. More money was sent out for the first twenty days of October than ever before during the same time.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Grosbury, speaking at Edinburgh, reiterated his opposition to home rule for Ireland.

The new Canadian immigration offices in Trafalgar square, London, will be opened about Christmas.

It is announced that Mr. Brodrick, Secretary of War, is engaged to be married to Miss Madeline Stanley.

A lady who advertises in a Surrey newspaper for the kitchenmaid offers the use of a bicycle.

Last month 20,624 alien immigrants landed in Great Britain. Less than a half—9,017—remained in the country.

The entire length of Oxford street, London, is being paved by the Marylebone borough council with "red" gun blocks.

Every private soldier in the army is henceforth to be provided with a hair-brush. An official edict lately proclaimed that tooth-brushes were to be supplied.

Mr. Gregor McLaren, formerly of the House Guards Blue, and for five consecutive years champion swordsman of the British army, has died at South Norwood.

Declaring cancer to be an infectious disease, a Driffield doctor is urging the town council to inaugurate a system of disinfection to prevent it spreading.

A coroner's jury at Liverpool, which inquired into the death of John Kensit, the anti-rationalist crusader, returned a verdict of murder against J. McKeever.

The whole of the soil under the passage graveyard in Newgate jail will be taken up and the bones collected. These will be placed in boxes and buried in the City of London cemetery at Little Ilford.

UNITED STATES.

A negro who confessed to committing a murder was hanged at the stake at Sardis, Miss.

President Roosevelt has issued his proclamation designating Thursday, Nov. 27, as a day of thanksgiving.

The Anthracite Coal Commission announces that if an increase in the wages of miners is awarded it will date from Nov. 1.

Mrs. Chas. A. Thornton of Indianapolis, was given a divorce from her husband. He obliged her to move three times a year to save rent.

David Cross, an old negro, arrested for killing Mary, Sophie and May, Gibson, young daughters of a negro farmer, of Memphis, Tenn., has confessed.

Because the faculty of the State Agricultural College, of Lansing, Mich., suspended 17 students for indulging in a scrap, all the other students have rebelled.

After brooding for 15 years over the accidental shooting of a friend, Henry Sweet, of Chicago, killed him

CONQUERED PEAKS.

Scotch Divine Climber, the Rocky Mountains.

A Montreal despatch says that James Outram, a Scotch climber, who has achieved fame as a mountain climber, has arrived in Montreal after a summer in the Canadian Rockies. He has ascended ten peaks each had an elevation of 10,000 feet. These include Forbes and Columbia, the highest of the Rockies, 12,000 feet; Bryce, 11,000 feet; Mount Ouellet, 10,000 feet; and Mount Ouellet, 10,000 feet.

The town of St. Pierre, Miquelon, was devastated by fire.

Despatches from Cannes say King Edward will visit the Riviera in November.

Offers have been made to six Prussian railways for their purchase by the State.

A pearl valued at £15,000 has been found by a pearl fisher of western Australia.

It is estimated that the German nation is represented by 88,276,500 people scattered about the world.

King Carlos of Portugal, in a pistol contest, won a medal for twelve hits at a target which represented a running rabbit.

Fifty million letters, 8,535,000 telegrams, and 96,000 newspapers and book packets were dealt with last year by the postal authorities in Cape Colony.

The Australian Postmaster-General has announced that any postal article received by the fiscal authorities addressed to Mr. J. Kornberg, lottery promoter, is to be confiscated.

Meats generally are reported to be 26 per cent. higher in Berlin now than in 1900, although in Rotterdam, Paris, Vienna and Budapest they are only 10 to 18 per cent. higher.

CANADA'S POSTAL BUSINESS.

Annual Report of the Postoffice Department.

An Ottawa despatch says: The annual report of the Dominion Postoffice shows a surplus of \$5,100 during the fiscal year, and this despite multitudinous additions to the service. Last year there was a deficit of \$415,184. This year the increase in revenue amounted to \$466,938, while the increase in expense was only \$45,640.

The net revenue for the year was \$3,888,126, and the expenditure \$3,832,516. These figures do not include the revenue and expenditure of the Yukon and Alaskan districts. On June 30 last there were in operation 9,958 post-offices, an increase of 124 compared with the year previous. The mail matter posted during the twelve months included 213,628,000 letters, 26,343,000 registered letters, and 7,411,000 free letters, an increase of 21,978,000 letters.

There was an increase of 6 per cent. in the value of stamps sold. During the year there was an increase of 134,492 in the number of postal notes issued, and an increase of 1,446,129 in the number of money orders.

The total value of money orders issued was \$23,549,402 and postal notes \$1,459,015. The Savings Bank deposits totalled \$11,382,035, an increase of \$290,936. The withdrawals amounted to \$10,617,070. The balance remaining to the credit of depositors amounts to \$42,320,209, an increase of \$2,359,397.

The city of Toronto does the largest postal business in Canada, the gross revenue of the office being \$709,806, while that of Montreal was \$491,351.

BETTER TIMES IN JAMAICA.

Government Hopes to Repeal \$100,000 Loan Year.

A Kingston, Jamaica, despatch says: The Legislature has given authority to the Government to sugar plantations to the Imperial Government, pending the announcement of a great improvement in the colony's finances, the sum of \$250,000 in the year, due largely to coffee and fruit exports. The Government hopes next year to repay \$100,000 of the loan of the Imperial Government.

ROLLED DOWN 300 FEET.

Accident to Passengers in Colorado Stage Coach.

A Curry, Col., despatch says: The stage coach which ran from the place and Red Mountain, near here, rolled down the mountain a distance of 300 feet. The coach was killed, and all passengers were injured, more or less.

NEW PARK FOR OTTAWA.

Embraces Rideau Hall Grounds and Rockcliffe Ranges.

An Ottawa despatch says: It is said the Government has in view the erection of a park, national in character, at the eastern end of Ottawa, equal in size to the Experimental Farm, which comprises about 450 acres. The scheme is intended to embrace Rideau Hall grounds, composed of 82 acres, and the Rockcliffe ranges, about 850 acres in extent. The Ottawa Improvement Commission has secured options on all the property at the rear of the Government House grounds, some 100 acres. Part of the property acquired would be leveled and converted into an immense plain, on which it would be possible to grow at least 20,000 trees. The scheme is intended to embrace Rideau Hall grounds, composed of 82 acres, and the Rockcliffe ranges, about 850 acres in extent.

THE DRUGS OF THE ORIENT.

QUEER REMEDIES USED BY THE CHINESE.

Powder From a Spotted Rhinoceros Horn—Three Tiger Remedies.

At any Chinese drug store you can buy for 25 cents an assortment of dried herbs, insects and other weird things composing a prescription that, it is stated, will cure the ailments of ordinary people; but when it comes to the sickness of a wealthy Chinaman, then there are drugs which are as high priced as their reputed medicinal virtues.

First in the list of these sovereign remedies is the powder made from a spotted rhinoceros horn. An ordinary rhinoceros horn is said to be less efficacious; the spotted variety is a wonderful cure for intestinal disorders. These horns, which, it is satisfactory to learn, come chiefly from some of the rivers of the Philippines, bring as high as \$50 each in the Singapore Chinese drug market. In the old Japanese pharmacopoeia they were catalogued as "unicorn" horn, at least that is what their "unicorn's" horn is supposed to have been.

Next to spotted rhinoceros come the three tiger remedies—the eyeball, the liver and the blood. It may be imagined, tiger eyeball can only be prescribed for the exceedingly wealthy, but it is firmly believed that this is a disease it will cure. The tiger liver, when dried and reduced to a powder, is worth its weight in gold all over the Orient. Tiger blood, when evaporated to a sediment at a temperature of 110 degrees, and taken in the form of a powder, is believed by all Asiatics to be the best tonic known, and will make a fine warrior out of the most chicken-hearted.

TIGER EYEBALLS.

In desperate cases, when neither spotted rhinoceros horn nor tiger eyeball affords relief, the Chinese physicians prescribe what is known as a waigon. This is a compound of ground pearls and other precious stones, which it is held that no living man could overcome. A major, of course, is high-priced medicine, but it has fallen a good deal in the popular estimation, because the Chinese doctors are suspected of taking advantage of a patient's critical state and craftily substituting a fraudulent powder of glass and metal-leaf for the real thing. In the way they pocket a handsome difference, attributing the death of the patient to a devil even more powerful than the majoon. It would seem that the Chinese medical profession is not above some questionable practices, and is much in need of a system to guarantee the purity of its medicines.

Next to price and virtue of the foregoing remedies are the various oils and fats obtained from gem-pelts. The more costly the gem, the more potent, apparently, are its medicinal qualities. The fat from the tail of a cobra, applied externally, is highly prized in eastern Asia as a cure for chronic rheumatism.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS.

In connection with Chinese medicine, it may occur to many people in this country that they have rarely, if ever, seen a one-legged Chinaman. The reason for this is that all Orientals have a profound objection to surgical operations. Indeed, they prefer to die rather than lose a member, because they believe that, as they come into the world with two arms, two legs, etc., they must necessarily go out of it with the same number. Otherwise, something horribly unlucky might happen. They might, for instance, be sent to hunt up the missing arm or leg and spend half their faculty in finding it. One of the greatest difficulties in the new school of medicine in Japan has had to overcome is to induce the people to submit to surgical operations.

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES.

Ten Thousand Died in a District of Russia.

A St. Petersburg despatch says: The population of Kamtschatka, the peninsula on the extreme northeast corner of Asia, has been decimated by measles. The disease has raged with especial virulence upon the villages in the country districts. The entire population of the village of Chirost, numbering 700 souls, died of the disease. The epidemic has claimed 10,000 victims. But despite this the far season has been the best for fifteen years, about 6,000 sable pelts having been brought to market in Kamtschatka and Petropavlovsk.

BIG STRIKE IMPENDING.

Miners of Nova Scotia Company Insist on an Increase.

A Sydney, N. S., despatch says: There is a great danger of a strike at the mines of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. The miners gave the company notice a short time ago that unless the demands for an average increase of ten per cent. was acceded to, they would go out on strike. Thomas Booth, general superintendent of the company, had been at Sydney Mines during the past two days trying to arrange a settlement, but so far the company and the men have come to no agreement.

UMBRELLA CARNIVAL.

At Devin, a seaside resort in Germany, an umbrella carnival was arranged, suggested, no doubt, by the rainy weather. Over one thousand people were present carrying umbrellas with fantastic decorations. Prizes were given for the best of facts.

TRAFFIC TO MONTREAL.

Navigation Returns of \$44,000 for Season.

A Montreal despatch says: Traffic at the port of Montreal has increased very largely this year as compared with last. The opening of navigation to the harbor amounted to \$240,500, compared with \$199,445 for the same period last year. This means an increase of \$44,000 for the season. The increase was nearly all imports, the exports being only \$8,000 on the season.

RATES BY NEW CABLE.

Will Cost 56 Cents a Word to Australia.

An Ottawa despatch says: Sir William Mulock received a cable message on Thursday morning from Lord Selkirk stating that the charge for cables from all points in Canada to all points in Australia and New Zealand by the new established Pacific cable is to be 56 cents per word, every word to be counted.