

THE MARKETS

Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc in Trade Centres

Toronto, March 25.—Wheat.—No. 1 Manitoba hard offered at 86c en route, North Bay; No. 1 Northern offered at 82½c en route, North Bay, with 82c bid; No. 2 Northern at 78½c en route N.B., with 77½c bid. Ontario, No. 2 red winter, 70c bid, middle freight, without offerings. No. 2 white offered at 73c east on G.T.R., without bids. No. 1 spring, 72c bid east on G. T. R. without offers. No. 2 spring offered at 73½c G.T.R., without bids. No. 2 goose offered at 67c middle freight on C.P.R., without bids. Barley.—No. 3 offered at 50½c outside, without bids. Peas.—No. 2 offered at 81c high freight Pacific, without bids. Oats.—No. 2 white offered at 42½c in buyers' sacks, low freight to New York, with 42c bid, and one car sold at 42c. No. 2 offered at 41c, low freight to N. Y., now shipped with 40½c bid. Two cars of No. 3 white sold at 40c on a 14½c rate to New York; five cars then offered at 40½c on 14½c rate. A bid of 43c on truck here, was made for No. 3 white. Corn.—No. 2 yellow offered at 57½c outside, with 57c bid. No. 2 mixed offered at 57c outside, with 56c bid. Rye.—No. 2 offered at 56½c on G. T. R., middle freight, now shipped, without bids.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Dried Apples—The market is quiet, with small lots jobbing at 6c; round lots bring 5½c per lb. Evaporated, 10 to 10½c. Hops—Business quiet, with prices steady at 13c; yearlings at 8c. Honey—The market is steady at 9½ to 10c for strained. Combs, \$1.15 to \$2.25 per dozen. Maple Syrup—One-gallon tins, 95c to \$1; small packages, \$1.05 to \$1.15 per gallon (imperial). Sugar, 9 to 10c per lb., as to quality. Beans—The market is quiet. Prices \$1.10 to \$1.30 per bush, as to quality. Handpicked, \$1.35 to \$1.40. Cranberries—Market unchanged, with stocks small. Cape Cod, \$9.50 to \$10 per barrel. Onions—Market steady at \$2.50 to \$3 per barrel. Hay, baled—The market is firm, with good demand. Timothy quoted at \$10.50 to \$11 on track, Toronto, for No. 1, and at \$9 to \$9.25 for No. 2. Straw—The market is quiet. Car lots on track quoted at \$5.75 to \$6 the latter for No. 1. Poultry—Offerings limited, and prices firm. We quote—Fresh killed turkeys, 12½ to 14c per lb; chickens, 70c to \$1. Potatoes—In car lots on track, 62 to 67c per bag, according to quality. Small lots, out of store, bring 75c per bag.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—There is a fair trade, with receipts of choice qualities still small. We quote as follows:—Choice 1-lb prints, 19 to 20c; choice large rolls, 17 to 17½c; secondary grades, in rolls, 15 to 16c; low grades, 12 to 13c; creamery prints, 22 to 23c; do., solids, 21 to 22½c. Eggs—The market firm, with sales at 13½ to 14c per dozen in case lots. Cheese—The market rules firm at 11 to 11½c per lb., the latter for choice Septembers.

HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Dressed hogs are nominal, with few offerings, and little demand for carcasses. Hog products in fair demand and steady. We quote:—Bacon, long clear, 10 to 10½c, in ton and case lots. Mess pork, \$19.50 to \$20; do., short cut, \$21.50. Smoked Meats—Hams, 12½ to 13c; breakfast bacon, 13½ to 14c; should-ers, 11c; backs, 13½ to 14c, and rollers, 10½c. Lard—The market is unchanged. We quote:—Tierces, 11c; tubs, 11½c; pails, 11½c to 11¾c; compound, 9 to 9½c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, March 25.—Flour—Quiet and easy. Wheat—Spring active; No. 1 Northern spot, 78c; No. 2 red, 85½c. Corn—Weak; No. 2 yellow, 65½c; No. 3 do., 65c; No. 2 corn, 65c; No. 3 do., 64½c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 50c; No. 3 do., 49½c; No. 2 mixed, 47½ to 47¾c; No. 3 do., 46½ to 47c. Barley—Spot, 68c Rye No. 1, 64½c. Duluth, March 25.—Wheat closed—Cash, No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 1 Northern, 71½c; No. 2 Northern, 69½c; May, 72½c; July, 73½c; Manitoba, No. 1 Northern, cash, 70½c; May, 71½c; No. 2 Northern, 67½c. Oats—41c. Corn—60½c. Milwaukee, Mar. 25, closed—Lower; No. 1 Northern, 75 to 75½c; No. 2 Northern, 74 to 74½c; May, 74½c. Rye—Steady; No. 1, 60c. Barley—Firm; No. 2, 65½c. Minneapolis, March 25. —Wheat closed—May 71½c; July, 72½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 1 Northern, 72½ to 72¾c; No. 2 Northern, 70½c. Flour—First patents, \$3.80 to \$3.90; second patents, \$3.70 to \$3.80; first clears, \$2.50 to \$2.55; second clears, \$2.20 to \$2.25. Bran—In bulk, lower, \$13. Detroit, March 25.—Wheat—Closed 71c; white cash, 83½c; No. 2 red cash, May, 82c; July, 78½c. St. Louis, March 25.—Closed—Wheat—Cash, 81½c; July, 80½c; September, 78½c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, March 25.—At the Western cattle yards to-day the receipts were 56 carloads of live stock, including 1,000 cattle, 1,000 hogs, 400 sheep and lambs, 30 calves, 16 milk cows, and 21 spring lambs. The quotations for loads of good to choice butcher cattle were from 4½ to 4¾c per pound, with from four to eight to a quarter more paid occasionally for extra prime lots. Good feeders are worth from 4 to 4½c per pound, with a fraction more for choice stuff. Both feeders and stockers are in fair request. Following is the range of quotations:—

Cattle.	
Shippers, per cwt.	\$4.50 to \$5.50
Do., light	4.25 to 4.50
Butcher, choice.....	4.50 to 5.00
Butcher, ord. to good.	3.50 to 4.00
Butcher, inferior.....	3.00 to 3.35
Stockers, per cwt.....	3.00 to 3.70
Sheep and Lambs.	
Choice ewes, per cwt.....	3.50 to 4.00
Yearlings, per cwt.....	4.50 to 5.60
Spring lambs, each.....	3.50 to 6.00
Bucks.....	2.50 to 3.25
Milkers and Calves.	
Cows, each.....	25.00 to 45.00
Calves, each.....	2.00 to 10.00
Hogs.	
Choose hogs, per cwt.....	5.75 to 6.00
Light hogs, per cwt.....	5.50 to 5.75
Heavy hogs, per cwt.....	5.50 to 5.75
Sows, per cwt.....	3.50 to 4.00
Stags, per cwt.....	0.00 to 2.00

BOER PEACE OVERTURES.

Acting President Comes in Under Flag of Truce.

A Pretoria despatch says:—Messrs. Schalkburger, who is acting as president of the Transvaal in the absence of Mr. Kruger, in Europe, Secretary of State Reitz, and Commandants Lucas Meyer and Krogh, arrived here on Saturday morning from Balmoral. Only a few persons knew of the arrival of these important members of the Boer Government. The railway station was kept clear until they had left it. They were driven to the chief's house and had an interview with General Kitchener. In the afternoon they left on a special train for the Orange River Colony.

HAD BEEN GREATLY HARRIED.

According to the Pretoria correspondent of the London Standard, the Boer delegates arrived at Pretoria at 2.40 p.m., and left about five o'clock. As some of the despatches do not mention their having interviewed General Kitchener, there is a certain amount of doubt whether they actually did so. One editorial suggests that probably General Kitchener was not in Pretoria, or the stay of the delegates would not have been so short.

The correspondent says that the Boer delegates, after interviewing General Kitchener, left for Kroonstadt, from which place they will go out under a safe conduct. All of the delegates are looking well, showing clear evidence of the healthiness of life on the veldt. The correspondent adds that Schalkburger and the other delegates have been stationed at Rhonesterkop, north of Balmoral for a week. They have been greatly harried by Col. Park and other British commanders. Once Schalkburger had a narrow escape from being captured. The Boer position being increasingly hopeless, despatch riders were sent to Balmoral Friday night to inform the British there of the coming of the delegates.

OGILVY MILLS SOLD.

Negotiations for Deal Are Now Completed.

A Montreal despatch says:—Negotiations have been completed for the sale of the Ogilvy Milling Co. to Messrs. Charles R. Hosmer, of Montreal, and F. W. Thompson, of Winnipeg. The latter is at present the general manager of the company at Winnipeg.

The company, which is the largest in Canada, was founded by the late W. W. Ogilvy, of Montreal, who on his death was succeeded in his interests by his sons. The deal is understood to involve between three and four million dollars.

It is understood that the company will be reorganized, changed slightly in name, and carried on under entirely new auspices. Mr. F. W. Thompson, who has been the leading spirit in the company since the death of Mr. Ogilvy, a couple of years ago, has been in Montreal for several weeks, carrying on the negotiations.

The Ogilvy Company was started in 1801 by the erection of a small mill by the father of W. W. and A. W. Ogilvy, who later joined the firm, and the business has grown steadily, until the company, besides the Royal Mills and City Mills at Montreal, has extensive mills at Goderich, Seaforth, and at Winnipeg.

HORSES FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Colonel Dent Still Shipping as Many as He Can Get.

Nine thousand one hundred and eleven horses have been shipped from Canada to South Africa for the use of the British army by Col. Dent since he was sent out on this mission in 1901. Last month 761 were shipped and Col. Dent says that he expected to ship 800 more early in April. His orders are still, as at first, to ship all the suitable horses he can get.

SITUATION NEVER BETTER.

Delarey's Recent Successes Were Unimportant.

The correspondent of the London Daily Mail wires:—Although I am unable to give, for obvious reasons, exact details regarding the present operations of the troops in the field, I am glad to say that the situation is now more hopeful than it ever was before.

"With a thoroughness and zeal which are most admirable, the columns operating north-east of the Orange River are systematically clearing the country of the strongest centres of Boer resistance.

"Such operations, however, require an enormous number of troops, and it is a tribute to Lord Kitchener's strength that, in spite of General Delarey's recent successes, the columns operating against General De Wet have not been weakened by a single man.

"It must be remembered that in conducting a war within so vast an area the number of troops has never been sufficient, a fact which few people at home realize. An army of a million men would not be excessive. Nor must the fact be lost sight of that our recent successes in Orange Colony, while owing much to the dash, zeal, and wisdom of the driving columns, are the result of long, hard, and patient work, which has now been strikingly rewarded. The capture of guns by General Delarey is unimportant at this stage of the war. The Boers seldom find use for captured guns—witness General De Wet's captures at Zweifontein, General Botha's at Brakenlaagte, and the seizures near the Bloemfontein water works last September. A battery of guns would be less useful to the Boer than a few thousand rounds of ammunition.

"The heavy rains which have recently fallen indicate an early and severe winter, which is always a factor, and local farmers say that the veldt fires, which will destroy the only available Boer forage, must, owing to the present condition of the veldt, be severe."

TRAVEL UNDER PRIVATION.

Passenger Had to Go Without Food and Fire.

A St. Paul, Minn., despatch says:—Three hundred Great Northern passengers from points west of the eastern Montana line, twenty tons of mail matter, and car after car of baggage, all snow bound for a week, reached St. Paul on Friday night. The first section of the through train pulled in late in the evening, breaking a blockade that had lasted 150 hours.

Passengers told stories of frontier privations. They were on the first eastbound overland train snow-bound and were caught at Stanley, N. D., a station which consists of a side track and a cattle yard.

From Thursday night until Monday morning, the passengers were hardly able to leave the train. A blizzard raged, and no food was to be had except the limited quantity on the dining car. The coal in the day coaches gave out on Sunday.

Two brakemen took empty mail pouches and going forward over the drifts filled them with coal from the tender of the engine. They returned with a supply of fuel after a hard fight against the storm, in which both were badly frostbitten. The snow-plows reached the train on Monday, and it was sent west to Williston where local accommodations were available and food plenty.

GETS ANONYMOUS LETTERS

British Consul at New Orleans Asks Protection.

A New Orleans, La., despatch says:—George Van Sittart, British Consul at New Orleans, who declares his life and property are in danger from the Boers and Boer sympathizers in the city, and has appealed to the Mayor and police for protection. Says anonymous letters have grown much more numerous and threatening of late, and that dangerous and suspicious men constantly stand around his Consular office, as well as his house, contemplating, he believes, an attack on him.

Chief of Police Journeay has promised to investigate, and if there are any good grounds for Mr. Van Sittart's fear the request for protection will be granted. Police protection has been recently granted the British mule stations here, at the request of the British officers and Secretary of State Hay.

AN IRISH RESOLUTION.

Board of Guardians Congratulate Kruger.

A London despatch says:—The feeling in Ireland is well illustrated by a resolution now on its way to Mr. Kruger, "care of Queen Wilhelmina," adopted on Wednesday by the Edenderry (King's County) guardians, an elective body, as follows:—

"We desire to record our admiration of the magnificent stand the brave South African Republics have made against the colossal might of the British Empire, and to congratulate the humane Boer leader, Delarey, on his recent great victory, which not only covers England with disgrace and ridicule, a result eminently gratifying to the rest of the civilized world, but which must have a chastening effect on the jingoes of the greatest helot empire the world has ever seen."

LEARNING HOW TO FARM.

Students at Guelph From All Corners of the Earth.

The annual report of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph has just been issued, and shows that 281 students were registered for the general course last year, 80 in the dairy course and 22 in the specialists' course. For the three short courses, stock judging, poultry raising, and domestic science, 344 additional students were registered. The average of age was twenty years, and the gamut ran from 16 to 35 years. In the general course 222 students come from the Province of Ontario (43 counties being represented), 27 from the other provinces of the Dominion, 7 from England, 3 from Jamaica, 4 from the United States, 14 from the Argentine Republic, one each from Asia Minor, Scotland, Mauritius, and Sweden. Eighty of the Ontario students on the roll in 1901 were sent to the college as nominees of County Councils, which, under the Act, have the right to send to the college, free of tuition fees, one nominee each year.

AFRICAN MEAT SUPPLY.

Great Scarcity Expected in the Future.

The London Standard's Pretoria correspondent, reviewing the prospects in South Africa, says the question of the re-stocking of the new colonies is a very serious one. The South African Cold-storage agents killed for the use of the troops between July, 1900, and June, 1901, no fewer than 134,000 cattle and 544,000 sheep. No figures are given for the previous nine nor for the last seven months, nor any record for Natal. The loss in cattle to South Africa through the war cannot, however, have been less than 250,000, and of sheep over a million. Breeding cattle were at one time killed by the thousand, so that oxen might be saved for transport purposes. For many years to come South Africa will be almost wholly dependent upon cold-storage for its meat supplies.

THE IRONY OF FATE.

Methuen Was on His Last "Convoy" Trek When Captured.

A London despatch says:—The "convoy" trek during which Lord Methuen was captured was practically, if not actually, the last which his lordship intended to make. After over two years' hard work of travelling up and down the country, his Lordship was intending to take up permanent headquarters, and from there direct, under Lord Kitchener's supreme command, the operations of the columns in his district. Besides, he was of the mind that the convoys which he was accompanying were becoming too small to justify the employment of an officer of his rank.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

Reading of Bill in British House of Commons.

A London despatch says:—The House of Commons to-day presented the second reading of the Aged Pensioners' Bill granting deserving poor persons a pension of from five to seven shillings weekly, at the age of 65. It is estimated that the sum of £10,000,000 will be required annually to pay the pensions, the national exchequer and the local authorities each providing half the amount required.

As the Government at this session declared it could not provide its share, the scheme is not likely to become effective.

TO OUTFIT RURAL CORPS.

Modern Rifles and Equipment to be Issued.

An Ottawa despatch says:—It is notified that Lee-Enfield rifles and Oliver equipment will be issued, upon requisition, to rural regiments, provided district officers commanding certify that all the officers commanding companies have suitable armories at company headquarters in which to store them, and that the efficiency of all the companies is such as to ensure their being properly cared for.

This certificate is to be appended to all requisitions in the handwriting of the district officer commanding himself.

DUFFERIN LEFT £108,548.

Will of Former Governor-General of Canada.

A London despatch says:—The will of the late Marquis of Dufferin, who died February 12 last, was probated on Wednesday. The estate is valued at £108,548.

\$20,000 FOR M'GILL.

Sir W. Macdonald Adds to His Many Gifts.

A Montreal despatch says:—Sir Wm. Macdonald has added to his many gifts to McGill University by giving \$20,000 toward the library fund of the university, which will now be largely increased.

NEWS ITEMS.

Telegraphic Briefs From All Over the Globe.

CANADA.

Stratford Board of Trade has been reorganized.

An American plough firm may establish a big factory at Paris, Ont. The Corn Exchange is opposed to having a bar in the new Montreal Board of Trade.

Fire destroyed the C.P.R. freight sheds at Winnipeg and a large consignment of goods.

Miss Mary E. Jackson, a Brockville nurse, took poison in mistake for medicine with fatal effects.

Mrs. Wm. Hendrie has offered to build a nurses' home at the Hamilton Hospital, at a cost of \$8,000.

Mr. George Whiteman of Winnipeg a visitor at the residence of Mr. John McMillan, Hamilton, is ill with smallpox.

The C.P.R. has given an order to the Hochelaga shops for 20 first class cars and 1,000 additional box cars and six sleepers.

Rev. Father Walsh, who struck a couple of young ladies in Stratford with a cane, was fined \$40 and costs in the Police Court.

The Manitoba Government will again increase the price of that Province's lands another half dollar an acre the first of April.

F. H. Clergue, says that his rolling mills, which begin work next month, have sufficient orders for the Canadian market to keep them busy to the end of the year.

The new Canadian Pacific shops at Hochelaga will probably comprise twelve or fourteen buildings, and the machine and boiler shop will be a quarter of a mile in length.

There are many more applications for admission to the Kingston Dairy School than can be accepted, and though the attendance is now 115 it is necessary to provide still more accommodation.

Mr. Charles Jolly, residing on the mountain brow near Hamilton, fired a gun at a party of young men who were annoying him by their noise. Two of the young men were wounded, one in the face.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Fiji has sent £250 towards the National Memorial to Queen Victoria.

Alien immigration and its evils are to be considered by a Royal Commission in London.

The Lairds of Birkenhead are now in the field to compete with Belfast and Clyde shipbuilders.

Lord Kelvin, the most famous scientist, will visit America shortly to observe electrical advance.

Thomas M. Smith, barrister, Chiswick, was struck off the rolls for misappropriation of client's monies.

English crime statistics show that convictions of persons who have had previous criminal records is increasing.

The newest and greatest orchid of exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Society in London has been named Edward VII.

Bugler Dunne, who distinguished himself at the Battle of Colenso, is to leave the army. He is suffering from valvular disease of the heart.

The Royal Geographical Society has voted the Royal medal to Brigadier-General Sir F. D. Lugard for his explorations in tropical Africa.

The Royal Humane Society has awarded the Stanhope medal (for the best case of saving life during the year) to Commander A. C. Lowry, of the Royal Navy.

Baroness Rodney, London, has obtained a divorce from her husband, and Captain Kingscote got a divorce from his wife, who betrayed her guilt by talking in her sleep.

The great number of foreign princes and ambassadors who will be present at the coronation is putting the Court officials at their wits' end to find lodgings, and many offers of rooms from the best families are being thankfully accepted.

UNITED STATES.

The insurance companies have paid \$4,011,000 on the \$6,000,000 fire at Paterson N.J.

A union steam railroad station will be built at Washington, D.C., of white marble, costing \$5,000,000.

Agricultural men predict swarms of grass-hoppers for the far western States this summer.

The United States is prepared to retaliate on Germany by excluding her wines and malt liquors from the country.

The U.S. War Department will send soldiers to the Danish West Indies to establish a garrison when the United States takes formal possession.

Li Sing, a Boston Chinaman, left his widow two million dollars on his death. His remains are being conveyed back to Canton, China via Montreal, Vancouver, and the Empress of India. Mrs. Li is accompanying them.

On Thursday a horse in Middleton, N.Y., kicked a dog with cannon ball force against the leg of J. L. Black who was standing on the side of the street, and broke both bones of Black's leg, while the dog was unharmed.