

# THE WORLD'S MARKETS.

## REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

### Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Oct. 27.—Wheat—Ontario grades are firm, with demand chiefly from millers. No. 2 white and red winter sold at 77½ to 78c low freights. No. 2 Spring is quoted at 76 to 77c east, and No. 2 goose at 70 to 71c east. Manitoba wheat is firm. At upper lake ports No. 1 Northern is quoted at 89½c, and No. 2 Northern at 84c. No. 1 hard nominal at 92c Sarnia.

Oats—The market is steady, with offerings moderate. No. 2 white is quoted at 28 to 28½c west, and at 29c low freights to New York. No. 1 white, 30 to 30½c east.

Barley—The demand is limited, with offerings fair. No. 2 quoted at 44c middle freights; No. 3 extra, 42c middle freights, and No. 2 at 40c middle freights.

Rye—The market is quiet, with prices steady at about 50c high freights, and at 51c east.

Peas—Trade is dull and prices unchanged. No. 2 white quoted at 61 to 62c high freights, and at 64c east. Buckwheat—The market is dull, with quotations 41 to 42c at outside points.

Corn—The market is quiet, with prices steady. No. 2 yellow American quoted at 55c on track, Toronto; No. 3 yellow at 54c, and No. 3 mixed at 53 to 53½c Toronto.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are firm at \$3.10 middle freights, in buyers sacks for export. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at \$3.40 to \$3.55 in bbls. Manitoba flour unchanged; No. 1 patents, \$4.75 to \$4.80; No. 2 patents, \$4.45 to \$4.50, and strong bakers', \$4.30 to \$4.35 on track, Toronto.

Milled—Bran steady at \$16, and shorts at \$18 here. At outside points bran is quoted at \$13.50, and shorts at \$17. Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$18 and shorts at \$20 here.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—The market is unchanged, with moderate supplies. Winter fruit quoted at \$2 to \$2.50 per bbl. in car lots, and \$2.50 in small quantities.

Beans—There is a quiet trade, with prices steady. Unpicked, \$1.75 to \$1.80 a bushel, and handpicked \$2 to \$2.15.

Honey—The market is quiet at 6 to 6½c per lb. for bulk, and at \$1.25 to \$1.50 for comb. Choice clover honey, 7 to 7½c per lb.

Hay—Demand fair, with receipts only moderate. No. 1 is quoted at \$9 to \$9.50 on track, Toronto.

Straw—The market is quiet at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per ton, for car lots on track.

Hops—The market is quiet, with this season's crop quoted at 20 to 25c.

Potatoes—The offerings are fair and prices steady. Car lots quoted at 50c per bag on track. Small lots sell at 65c per bag.

Poultry—The market is steady. Turkeys quoted at 10 to 12c per lb. in case lots; geese, 6½ to 7½c per lb.; ducks 9 to 10c; chickens, 9 to 10c; and fowls, 7 to 8c per lb.

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receipts moderate. The best grades are in demand and firm. We quote—Finest 1-lb. rolls, 18 to 19c; selected dairy tubs, 16 to 17c; secondary grades, 13 to 15c; creamery prints, 21½ to 22c; solids, 19 to 20c.

Eggs—The market is firm. We quote:—Strictly new laid, 20c; fresh gathered, 18c, and pickled, 17c per dozen.

Cheese—Market is quiet, with prices steady. We quote:—Finest, 11½ to 11¾c per lb.; and seconds 11 to 11½c.

### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Oct. 27.—Wheat—Easy; No. 1 Northern, 86 to 86½c; No. 2 Northern, 83½ to 84½c; December, 80½c bid. Rye—Steady; No. 1, 56 to 56½c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 65c; sample, 42 to 61c. Corn—December, 43½c.

Minneapolis, Oct. 27.—Wheat—December, 79½c; May, 78½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 1 Northern, 84½c; No. 2 Northern, 82½c; No. 3 Northern, 80 to 82c. Flour—First patents, \$4.55 to \$4.65; second patents, \$4.45 to \$4.55; first clears, \$3.40 to \$3.50; second clears, \$2.75 to \$2.85, 1.0.b. in wood, Minneapolis Bran—In bulk, \$12.75 to \$13.

Toledo, Oct. 27.—Closed—Wheat—Cash, 84½c; December, 85½c; May, 81½c. Corn—Cash, 48c; December, 43½c; May, 42½c. Oats—Cash, 37½c; December, 36½c; May, 37½c.

St. Louis, Oct. 27.—Closed—Wheat—Cash, 87½c; December, 86½c; May, 82½c.

### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Oct. 27.—Business in grain continues dull, though there is some enquiry for oats and peas for export; wheat is, still quiet, a little above the export price; flour is easing off a little, and if wheat comes down to the present price bid for export, flour will probably go lower. The Liverpool quotation for cheese is up 6d to 5½s for white and 55s for colored; locally, too, the market shows more strength, owing to the high prices paid in the country. Grain—Peas, 68c high freights, 72c afloat here; rye, 53c east, 53c afloat here; huckwheat, 49c; No. 2 oats, 34½c in store, and 33½ to 34c afloat; flaxseed \$1.15 on track here; No. 3 barley, 50c. Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.80; seconds, \$4.50; strong bakers',

\$4.25 to \$4.50; Ontario straight rollers, \$3.90 to \$4; in bags, \$1.90 to \$2; patents, \$4.15 to \$4.40; extras, \$1.70 to \$1.75; rolled oats, \$1.80 per bag, \$3.80 per bbl. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$17 to \$18; shorts, \$20, bags included; Ontario bran, in bulk, \$15.50 to \$16.50; shorts, in bulk, \$20.50 to \$21.50. Eggs—Candled selected, 21 to 22c; and straight receipts, 19c; Montreal limed, 17 to 17½c. Cheese—Ontario, 11½c; Townships, 11½c; Quebec, 11½c. Butter—Townships creamery, 21 to 21½c; Quebec, 20½c; Western dairy, 16c.

### HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged. Cured meats firm, with a fair demand. We quote:—Bacon, long clear, 10½ to 10¾c in ton and case lots. Pork, mess, \$17.50 to \$18; do. short cut, \$21.

Smoked Meats:—Hams, light to medium, 14 to 14½c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11 to 11½c; shoulders, 10½c; backs, 15 to 15½c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15c.

Lard—The market is steady, with fair demand. Tierces, 9 to 9½c; tubs, 9½ to 9¾c; pails, 9½ to 9¾c; compound, 8 to 9c.

### LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Oct. 27.—An active trade in cattle was the feature at the Western Market to-day, and all lines sold quickly and at steady prices. Hogs were steady and unchanged. Sheep continued firm, while lambs were steady.

Not many exporters came forward, and the quality of these was about fair. Buyers were out in force and so business in these was over early in the day, and some said that they wanted several loads more, which they were unable to get on this market. Values were unchanged.

Feeders of good quality and of suitable weights for the distilleries continued in active demand, and sold readily. Many buyers from outside points were on the market looking for stockers and feeders to sell to the farmers, and these men said that a fairly good enquiry from the country for these was still passing. Lighter classes of stockers also sold at steady prices.

The market for ewes and bucks was firm and lambs, under the influence of light receipts, were steady. Calves were in good demand and firm.

The receipts amounted to 92 loads, 1,425 cattle, 2,103 sheep and lambs, 2,231 hogs and 57 calves.

The market for exporters' was unchanged, at \$4.15 to \$4.80 per cwt. Light to medium animals sold at \$4.15 to \$4.50, and fair to choice at \$4.55 up. Not many of the latter class were received.

Activity continued to dominate the butchers' market, and values in these were well maintained. We quote:—Good to choice butchers', loads of, 950 to 1,150 lbs., \$3.75 to \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.25 to \$3.75; common, \$2.50 to \$3.15; canners and rough stock, \$2 up. As much as \$4.40 was paid for several lots of choice animals.

Export bulls sold at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt.

Export cows were quoted at \$3.65 to \$3.85 per cwt.

In feeders and stockers trade continued steady. Quotations follow:—Feeders, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$3.40 to \$3.75; choice feeders, 1,150 to 1,225 lbs., \$3.80 to \$3.90; stockers 700 to 800 lbs., \$2.50 to \$3; feeders, 800 to 950 lbs., \$3 to \$3.75; stock calves, yearlings, 400 to 700 lbs., \$2.50 to \$3.25; rougher grades, of the same weight, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Distillery feeding bulls, 900 lbs. up sold at \$2.50 to \$3.12½ per cwt.

Steady prices prevailed on the sheep market. We quote as follows:—Export ewes, \$3.40 to \$3.50; export bucks, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; cull sheep, \$2 to \$3 each; lambs, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.

Calves continued steady, at 4 to 5½c per lb., and \$2 to \$10 each.

Milch cows were quoted at \$30 to \$56 each.

Steadiness was the feature in hogs. Mr. Harris received 2,000. We quote:—Selects, 160 to 200 lbs., of good bacon quality, off cars, \$5.40; fats and lights, \$5.15; sows, \$3.50 to \$4; stags, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.

### HIS ARM CUT OFF.

Sturgeon Falls Boy Falls Under Express Train.

A Sturgeon Falls despatch says:—Edgar Parker, 15 years of age, son of Mayor Parker, of Sturgeon Falls, was seriously injured by falling under the "Soo" eastbound express on Thursday evening. The lad jumped on the train at the depot, and in getting off at the crossing fell, the wheels passing over his left arm. Amputation just below the shoulder was successfully performed.

### \$60,000 FIRE AT WIARTON

Canada Furniture Company's Saw Mill Destroyed.

A Warton despatch says:—The saw mill of the Canada Furniture Company was completely destroyed by fire on Thursday, together with several hundred thousand feet of oak lumber. The loss on the mill and lumber is about \$60,000, partly covered by insurance.

## RIDLEY COLLEGE BURNED.

Early Sunday Morning Fire at St. Catharines.

A St. Catharines despatch says:—A destructive fire visited Ridley College senior school here early on Sunday morning and the institution is in ruins. About three o'clock one of the students was awakened by a red glare in his room in the front dormitory on the second floor. He raised an alarm which awoke H. C. Griffin, one of the masters, who immediately sent in a telephone alarm to the department, and aroused the students, several of whom had narrow escapes. They all made quick exit from the building, the main portion of which was in flames.

Intense excitement reigned among the students, of whom there were 62 in the institution, had all escaped only partially clad, their personal effects being consumed in the flames. In addition to the students there were five of the staff in the building at the time the fire broke out, four masters and the matron. One master, F. H. Wood, was in Toronto. Thirteen domestics occupied quarters in the south-western portion of the building. They were obliged to make a hurried escape, and lost all their belongings. In all eighty people were sleeping in the building when the blaze was discovered, yet no one was injured.

The fire was first observed in the trunk room, but how it could have started is a mystery. It has been the custom to have this room locked, but it had been opened Saturday afternoon to allow some repairs to be made.

### LOSS NEARLY \$50,000.

The half-robed pupils once out endeavored to check the progress of the flames, but without avail. The firemen upon their arrival worked hard, but found it necessary to devote considerable attention to saving the neighboring property. The entire senior school was destroyed except the gymnasium and boiler-room. The laundry is partially damaged but the balance of the building was burned completely. Only the bare walls of one section stand. Several walls collapsed during the progress of the fire, and barely missed burying people. The students were quartered as far as possible in the junior school, but the majority were taken in by friends of the college. They are all being well cared for.

The loss on building and contents, separate from personal effects, is estimated at \$42,000, upon which there is an insurance of but \$20,000. The insurance is held by the North British and Mercantile Company in three policies, aggregating \$48,000, part of which is upon the new junior school and its contents. The insurance will not cover the loss by \$22,000.

## HAMILTON OFFICER SHOT.

Attempted Burglary at Hamilton Monday Morning.

A Hamilton despatch says:—Constable William Barron was shot on Monday morning, at 1 o'clock, by a burglar, and is now lying in the hospital in a precarious condition. Mrs. J. Bicknell Mills, of 110 Catherine Street north, was awakened by hearing a sound as though someone was attempting to make an entrance into the house. She went to the window and saw a man leave the front of the house and walk into the shadow of a tree, where another man was waiting. Convinced that they were thieves she raised a cry of "police," and Constable Barron promptly responded. The men jumped over the fence, pursued by the officer. One of the men turned to fire, and ordered the constable to hold up his hands. The officer attempted to take his man and the latter fired three shots, one of which took effect in the left side below the heart, the bullet being deflected by a suspender buckle. Barron staggered up Gore Street blowing his whistle, which was heard by a young man named Hugh Spence, who came to his assistance and telephoned for the ambulance. There is no clue to the perpetrators. Mrs. Mills states that one was a tall man and the other considerably shorter.

## KING EDWARD'S PRESENT.

Greyhound from Royal Kennels for New York Firemen.

A New York despatch says:—The Royal Fire Company No. 6, of this city, has been honored by King Edward of England by the present of a handsome greyhound from the Royal kennels at Windsor. The greyhound arrived in a large box covered with the labels of foreign and United States transportation companies. The dog comes in response to a request which was forwarded to his Majesty several months ago, and which was signed by Congressman D. P. Lefaen, and other members of the fire company.

## TORONTO ASSESSMENT.

Amount on Which the Taxation for 1904 Will be Based.

A Toronto despatch says:—The Court of Revision has concluded its work on the assessment of the city for 1904, therefore the amount on which the taxation next year will be based is obtainable. The total taxable assessment for the year will be \$141,667,775, compared with \$138,645,995 for 1903, an increase of \$3,021,780.

## WHAT CANADA WILL ASK.

Aim to Prevent Future Disastrous Decisions.

A London despatch says:—Upon leaving Liverpool on Thursday Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., one of the Canadian commissioners to the Alaska boundary tribunal, said in justification of his refusal to sign the award:—

"It was more of a compromise than a judicial decision. Its effect will be that Dominion goods traversing the disputed territory must pay high tariff duties to the United States. The Canadians feel so keenly on this subject, that although there will be no cry of separation, they probably will demand a larger power of self-government in order to prevent in the future a repetition of such decisions."

The Times of Thursday morning publishes the dissenting opinion presented to the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal by Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, one of the Canadian commissioners. It is dated Oct. 17, and takes up three columns in the Times, and is a most minute discussion of the whole treaty question and a recital of Mr. Aylesworth's reasons for disagreeing with the majority. It concludes as follows:—

"I have merely to say that the course the majority of this tribunal has decided to take with regard to the islands at the entrance of the Portland Channel is, in my humble judgment, so opposed to the plain requirements of justice and so absolutely irreconcilable with any disposition of that branch of this case upon principles of a judicial character, that I respectfully decline to affix my signature to their award."

(Signed)

"A. B. AYLESWORTH."

## LORD ALVERSTONE REPLIES.

A London despatch says:—Lord Chief Justice Alverstone, when questioned regarding the Alaskan award, said he declined to be drawn into any controversy on the subject, or to make any statement beyond saying that he did not believe the allegation that Mr. Sifton, one of the Canadian Commissioners, had averred that the decision was diplomatic instead of judicial. Any such suggestion, Lord Alverstone added, was unwarranted, unjustifiable, and, in his opinion, unfounded, solely upon legal considerations. It is understood that Lord Alverstone is preparing a reply to the one issued by Mr. Aylesworth one of the Canadian commissioners, and that it will be given to the newspapers.

## NELSON'S FLAGSHIP.

Hole Pierced in the Victory's Port Quarter.

A Portsmouth, Eng., despatch says:—Nelson's old flagship, the Victory, was nearly sunk in Portsmouth harbor on Friday morning by the battleship Neptune. The battleship, Hero, and some minor craft were also damaged. The Neptune, which was being towed into Portsmouth, preparatory to being taken to the Thames to be broken up, broke adrift and ran amuck. After desperate efforts the Neptune was secured by the Hero, but not before the former had knocked a six-foot hole in the Victory's port quarter. The Victory's lower decks were flooded and she began to settle, her crew standing at quarters, but the arrival of tugs enabled the old flagship to be kept afloat until she was docked.

## HOSPITAL BLOWN DOWN.

Thirty-Thousand-Dollar Annex Wrecked.

A Winnipeg despatch says:—On Wednesday the wind completely wrecked the new annex to the General Hospital at Brandon, now in course of erection. A catastrophe was averted only by the fact that it occurred during the hour when the numerous workmen engaged upon it were at dinner, otherwise considerable loss of life could not have been averted. The new building was 60 by 100 feet in dimensions, two stories and a basement. It was all ready to roof in when the accident occurred and the loss will be very heavy, as much of the material was destroyed, and the building was expected to cost \$30,000.

## KILL THE INCURABLES.

The Suggestion of a New York Unitarian Divine.

A New York despatch says:—"Where the prolongation of life is simply the prolongation of hopeless agony it seems to me that it would be proper that such a patient should quietly, decently, modestly be allowed to end the suffering. It seems to me that such a course would be a step further away from the barbarians." In these words the Rev. Merie St. C. Wright, of the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, placed himself on record on Wednesday night as favoring "euthanasia," which in medical parlance is the putting of incurables to death. The suggestion was made before the New York State Medical Association, which held its annual dinner at the Hotel Manhattan on Wednesday night, and while it caused much surprise because of its source, it was received none the less with hearty applause.

The cavalry is the weakest "point" in the Japanese army.

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Dominion Parliament Formally Prorogued.

An Ottawa despatch says:—Parliament was formally prorogued on Saturday morning.

The speech from the Throne was as follows:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you from further attendance after an unusually long and laborious session of Parliament I desire to convey to you my best thanks for the assiduity you have shown in the discharge of your onerous duties.

The session now closing will long be remembered not only for its great length but also for the many useful and important measures that have been enacted, all tending to advance the prosperity of the country.

The unprecedented number of private and public bills that have been passed during the past session may be taken as an evidence of the great industrial development that is going on throughout the Dominion.

A steady expanding revenue has enabled my Government not only to materially reduce the debt of the Dominion, but also to submit for your approval numerous grants for useful public works in addition to liberal subsidies for the extension of our railway system which contributes so largely to the development of our country.

In view of the flow of immigrants now seeking homes in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories and the rapid increase of products requiring facilities to reach the markets of Europe via Canadian ports, and in order to promote the settlement of the great areas of agricultural, mineral, and forest lands still untouched in the older provinces, my Ministers considered it essential to obtain authority from Parliament for the construction of a second transcontinental railway, the eastern division of which should serve as a common railway highway from Winnipeg to the Maritime ports of Canada. It will be the duty of my Ministers to proceed immediately with the necessary surveys so that the work of construction of that portion of the line which extends from Moncton to Winnipeg may be prosecuted with all possible speed.

The Act authorizing the transfer of the powers heretofore exercised by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council to a permanent board of commissioners, who will have supreme control over the administration of the railways of Canada, will, I have no doubt, be hailed with much satisfaction.

The difficult task of readjusting the representation of the people in the House of Commons, in accordance with the British North America Act, on a basis not open to fair criticism, has been accomplished in a manner that I trust will prove satisfactory to the electorate.

The subsidy granted by Parliament for the establishment of a line of steamers affording direct connection with France will, I have every reason to believe, result in a largely increased trade with that country.

The amendments to the law relating to the naturalization of aliens will have the effect of removing the disadvantages under which Canadians desirous of returning to their native land have hitherto labored, and will also materially facilitate the naturalization of the many settlers seeking homes in Manitoba and the Territories.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In taking leave of you may I express the hope that the sacrifices you have been called upon to make by an attendance upon this protracted session may be rewarded by the reflection that your labors have productive of great benefit to the Dominion.

## WILL RE-OPEN WORKS.

Part of "Soo" Plant Will be Running This Week.

A Sault Ste. Marie despatch says:—J. S. Fackenthal, who was left by his brother, B. F. Fackenthal, in charge of the Consolidated Companies' industries taken over by Speyer and Company, announces that during the week operations will be commenced in the ground wood pulp mill, saw mill, veneer mill, and charcoal plant. These four industries will employ in the neighborhood of six hundred men, exclusively of those getting out raw material, and the announcement of their reopening is one that will be very much welcomed in town.

## STRIKE IN SPAIN.

19,000 Workmen in Mining Districts are Idle.

A Bilbao, Spain, despatch says:—A strike broke out on Tuesday in the Bilbao mining district and spread rapidly. Nineteen thousand workmen are idle. The railroad service has been interrupted. Reinforcements of troops are arriving here.