

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

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

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Wheat.—The market for Ontario wheat is quiet, with a moderate demand. No. 2 white quoted at 79½ to 80c low freights, and No. 2 red Winter at 79 to 79½c. No. 2 Spring steady at 75 to 76c east, and No. 2 goose at 72c. Manitoba wheat is unchanged. At upper lake ports No. 1 Northern is quoted at 90c, and No. 2 Northern at 87c. No. 1 hard nominal at 93c lake ports. For grinding in transit quotations are 6c higher than above.

Oats.—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. No. 2 white quoted at 29½ to 29¾c west, and 30c low freights to New York. No. 1 white quoted at 31c low freights; No. 2 white quoted at 32½c on track here.

Barley.—The market is quiet, with the prices steady. No. 2 quoted at 43c middle freights; No. 3 extra at 40½c, and No. 3 at 39c middle freights.

Peas.—Trade is quiet and prices unchanged. No. 2 white quoted at 62c west and at 63c east.

Rye.—The market is steady, with No. 2 quoted at 52c west, and at 52½ to 53c east.

Corn.—The market is quiet, and prices steady. No. 3 new American yellow quoted at 51c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 50 to 50½c. Old American is very scarce and firm. Canadian corn 43 to 44c, on track, Toronto.

Buckwheat.—The market is firm, with demand good. No. 2 quoted at 47½ to 48c middle freights.

Flour.—Ninety per cent. patents are steady at \$3.10 middle freights, in buyers' sacks, for export. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.50 in bbls. Manitoba flours are firm. No. 1 patents, \$4.65 to \$4.90; No. 2 patents, \$4.45 to \$4.60, and strong bakers', \$4.25 to \$4.50 on track, Toronto.

Milled bran steady at \$16.50, and shorts at \$17.75 here. At outside points bran is quoted at \$14.50, and shorts at \$17. Manitoba bran in sacks \$18, and shorts at \$20 here.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples.—There is a quiet trade, with prices steady at \$2 to \$2.50 per bbl., for the best stock.

Beans.—Trade is dull and prices steady. Prime beans are quoted at \$1.30 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Dried Apples.—The demand is fair, with prices unchanged at 4 to 5c per lb. Evaporated apples, 6c per lb.

Hops.—The market is unchanged at 26 to 32c, according to quality.

Honey.—The market is firm at 6½ to 7½c per lb. for bulk, and at \$1.25 to \$2 for comb.

Straw.—The market is fair, with receipts only moderate. No. 1 timothy quoted at \$8.75 to \$9 on track, Toronto, and mixed at \$6.50 to \$7.

Potatoes.—The market is quiet, with the feeling easy. Choice cars are quoted at 75 to 78c per bag on track here, and inferior quality at 70 to 72c per bag.

Poultry.—The demand is chiefly for young chickens, which bring 10 to 11c per lb. Turkeys are quoted at 12½ to 14c per lb., and geese at 9 to 10c per lb.; ducks at 10 to 10½c per lb., or \$1 to \$1.25 per pair; fowls, 6 to 6½c per lb.

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Butter.—The market continues quiet, supplies liberal, and prices unchanged. We quote:—Finest 1-lb. rolls, 17 to 17½c; choice large rolls, 16 to 16½c; selected dairy tubs, 16 to 17c; secondary grades (rolls and tubs), 13 to 15c; creamery prints, 20½ to 21c; solids, 18½ to 19½c.

Eggs.—The market continues firm. We quote:—New laid, 35c; cold storage, 27 to 29c; limes, 23 to 24c.

Cheese.—The market is dull but steady. We quote:—Finest, 11 to 11½c; seconds, 10 to 10½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged, with offerings moderate. Sales at \$6.30 to \$6.35, delivered here. Cured meats are steady, with a fair demand. We quote:—Bacon, long clear 8½ to 9c in ton and case lots. Mess pork, \$16.50; do short cut, \$18 to \$18.50.

Smoked meats—Hams, light to medium, 12½ to 13c; do heavy, 11½ to 12c; rolls, 10c; shoulders, 9½c; backs, 13½ to 14c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c.

Lard.—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. We quote:—Tierces, 8½c; tubs, 8½c; pails, 8½c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—Grain and flour are unchanged; a fair quantity of wheat is coming into the city by rail for local millers. Cheese is steady, with prices unchanged. The Butter Market continues dull; there is a fair local jobbing trade going on, but export trade is quiet. Eggs are still scarce; there is a very good demand for this time of year. Prices are unchanged. Grain—Peas, 71½ to 72c in store here; rye, 35c east, 58c here; oats, No. 2, 35 to 35½c in store; No. 3, 35½c; flaxseed, \$1.15 on track here; No. 3 barley, 50c. Flour

—Manitoba patents, \$4.60 to \$4.90; seconds, \$4.30 to \$4.60; strong bakers', \$3.90 to \$4.30; Ontario straight rollers, \$3.90 to \$4; in bags, \$1.85 to \$1.95; patents, \$4 to \$4.25; extra, \$1.65 to \$1.70; rolled oats, \$1.80 per bag, \$3.80 per bbl. Feed—Ontario bran in bulk, \$17; shorts, \$20; Manitoba bran in bags, \$18; shorts, \$20. Beans—Choice primes, \$1.55 to \$1.60 per bush., \$1.50 to \$1.55 in car lots. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$18 to \$18.50; light short cut, \$17.50 to \$18; American short cut clear, \$17 to \$17.50; American fat backs, \$18 to \$18.50; compound lard, 8c; Canadian lard, 8½ to 9c; kettle rendered, 10½c; hams, 11½ to 13c; bacon, 14c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, \$7.50; country dressed hogs, \$6.75 to \$7; live hogs, \$5.38 to \$5.50. Eggs—Candled selected, 26 to 27c; Montreal limes, 22 to 23c; Western limes, 21 to 22c; refrigerator late Fall stock, 22 to 23c; Summer stock, 19 to 20c. Butter—Eastern, 19 to 20c, according to quality; Western dairy tubs, 16c; Western rolls, 16½ to 17c. Cheese—Ontario, 10½ to 11c; Townships, 10 to 10½c; Quebec (Novembers), 10c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Jan. 19.—Wheat—May 87½c, July 86½c, September 79c. On track, No. 1 hard, 87½c; No. 1 Northern, 83½c; No. 2 Northern, 83½ to 83¾c; No. 3 Northern, 75 to 79c.

Milwaukee, Jan. 19.—Wheat—Steady; No. 1 Northern, 87 to 88c; No. 2 Northern 82 to 86c; May 86½c. Rye—Firm; No. 1, 57½ to 58c. Barley—Firm; No. 2, 63 to 64c; sample, 37 to 61c. Corn—Steady; No. 3, 41 to 42½c; May, 37½c.

Buffalo, Jan. 19.—Flour—Firm. Wheat—Spring firm; No. 1 Northern, 95½c; Winter light demand; No. 2 red 93½c. Corn—Only steady; No. 2 yellow, 50½c; No. 2 corn, 48½ to 49c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 43½c; No. 2 mixed, 41c. Barley—Western, 53 to 64c. Rye—No. 1, 65½c.

St. Louis, Jan. 19.—Wheat—May, 84c; July 80c.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—To-day's receipts consisted of 1,294 head of cattle, 1,281 sheep and lambs, over 2,000 hogs, and 57 calves. As might have been expected, under such heavy deliveries, prices were on the whole a little easier. Buyers had more freedom of choice than was the case last week, and while perhaps there were no great changes in the actual prices paid, the purchaser had better value for his money. On the whole, the market was from 25 to 30c or 40c easier on the general run of cattle, but anything choice was steady.

Export—There were some fairly good lots offering. One small lot of five extra choice animals, about 1,500 pounds, sold at \$5.10, but this was an exceptional sale. A fair quotation for the day's sales generally would be from \$4.65 to \$4.75. Export bulls are quoted at \$3.75 to \$4.

Butchers—The market was quite a bit easier on the general run of butchers' cattle offering, though choice cattle were steady. Good loads of butchers' sold to-day at \$4.25, which last week would have fetched considerably higher figures.

Feeders—There were a few enquiries for feeders, bulls at \$3 to \$3.25.

Milk cows—There is a very fair market for good milk cows. Prices range from \$38 up to \$65 per head.

Sheep and lambs—Market steady; all sold, and prospects fair.

Hogs—Market steady, with no change in the quotations. Best \$5.25; lights and fats, \$5.

Export heavy \$4.50 to \$4.75

Export, light 4.00 4.25

Bulls, exp heavy, cwt. 3.75 4.00

do light 3.00 3.75

Feeders, 800 lbs. and upwards 3.00 3.25

Short keep, 1,100 lbs. ... 4.00

Stockers, 400 to 800 pounds 2.50 3.12½

do 900 lbs 2.75 3.50

Butchers' cattle, choice 3.65 4.20

do medium 3.30 3.40

do picked 4.25

do bulls 2.75 3.00

do rough 2.50 2.60

Light stock bulls cwt 2.25 2.50

Milk cows 30.00 65.00

Hogs, best 5.25

do light 5.00

Sheep, export, cwt ... 3.60 3.85

Lambs 4.60 5.12½

Bucks 2.50 3.00

Culls, each 2.25 3.50

Calves, each 2.00 10.00

Calves, per cwt 3.50 5.50

LYNCH TO BE LIBERATED.

Commanded the Irish Brigade in the Boer War.

A London despatch says: The Weekly Despatch says that Colonel Arthur Lynch, who commanded the Irish Brigade against the British forces in South Africa, and who was afterwards convicted of treason and sentenced to imprisonment for life, will be liberated soon.

LUMCERING HAMPERED.

Too Much Snow in the Woods This Winter.

A Toronto despatch says:—Reports to the Crown Lands Department from northern Ontario indicate that lumbering operations are greatly hampered by the heavy snow in the woods. The lumber cut is rather lighter than usual this winter in any case, but the difficulty in breaking roads for hauling to the skidways will make this even less.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

The Ontario Government's Annual Message.

A Toronto despatch says: The speech from the throne, delivered by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Legislature on Thursday afternoon, contained the official announcement that there would be Government bills relating to the liquor traffic, the Assessment Act, the conservation of the timber resources of the Province, and the extension of the school board amalgamation principle, recently adopted in Toronto, to all cities, towns, and villages. Prominence was given to the license legislation, as has been predicted in some quarters, but to the subject of assessment, and especially the question of the taxation of railways, which has been pressed for some time by the member for East Lambton. Legislation regarding the Election Act and the supplementary revenue in full was as follows: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I take great pleasure in again meeting you as representatives of the Province in Parliament assembled.

The important subject of municipal assessment will engage your further consideration, having the advantages derived from the report of the royal commission, already in your hands, and the careful and painstaking deliberations devoted to the difficult questions involved, by the select committee appointed during the last session of the Legislature. Closely connected with this subject, and prominently brought before public attention by farmers' associations, will be the question of taxation of railways and the determination of a reasonable basis of division of revenue received from this source as between the municipalities and the Province.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

It affords me much pleasure to notice the continued efficiency of the asylums, hospitals, and other public institutions of the Province, for which the Legislature has made such liberal provision for many years. You will be pleased to know that buildings to be used as a hospital for Epileptics are in process of erection, and are expected to be ready for the reception of patients during the current year. It is also gratifying to notice that several counties that have not yet established house of refuge for the indigent are preparing to do so. The generosity of the municipalities in this respect is worthy of the highest commendation.

The means adopted for the protection of the public health against contagious diseases have been effective in their results, and the general measures taken to improve the sanitary condition of all parts of the Province have received the cordial co-operation of the local authorities.

PROSPERITY AND CROPS.

Through divine goodness, the blessings of a bounteous harvest have been vouchsafed to the husbandmen in every portion of the Province, and it is an additional cause for gratitude that prices for all the products of the farm, and especially for those of the dairy and orchard, have been very satisfactory during the past year. The signs of continued prosperity, not in agriculture alone, but in every important branch of business and industrial enterprise give cause for hearty congratulation.

The attendance at the Agricultural College continues steadily to increase. The buildings erected through the generosity of Sir William Macdonald are approaching completion, and for the first time in the history of the Province instruction is provided for the daughters of Ontario farmers. The rapid increase of the membership of women's institutes shows that this instruction will be appreciated.

THE FORESTS.

It is satisfactory to be able to state that the lumber industry has continued in a prosperous condition during the past year. The strongest evidence of this is afforded by the recent timber sale, at which, notwithstanding that the dues and ground rent were almost doubled, the prices paid were in excess of those received at any previous sale.

In order to further protect the forest wealth of the Province large additional tracts of timbered lands, non-agricultural in their character, have been set aside as forest reserves, from which settlement will be excluded, and in which it is proposed to apply new conditions as to the cutting and conservation of the timber.

Progress continues to be made in developing the mineral resources of the Province, and recent discoveries of new and valuable ores emphasize at once the latent wealth of our northern regions and the wisdom of providing railway facilities to render them accessible.

Owing to the deficiency of farm labor in the Province, and consequent embarrassment to agriculture, special efforts were made by my Government to induce immigration of agricultural laborers from Great Britain, with the result that many farmers were supplied with much-needed assistance during the harvest and autumn season.

THE NEW RAILWAY.

Satisfactory progress has been made with the construction of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and the advantages which have already resulted to the Province demonstrate the great value of the undertaking. The surveys made during

the past year show that the railway may be profitably prolonged, at moderate cost, through the centre of the rich agricultural district north-west of Lake Temiskaming—at least, as far as the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Railway. A measure enabling the Government to proceed with the extension will be submitted to you.

There will be laid before you the report of the select committee appointed at the last session of the House for the purpose of collating reports of committees or commissions or other authorities on the subject of municipal trading or municipal ownership, or the operation of public utilities, as well as other authoritative deliverances on these subjects.

MEASURES PROMISED.

Measures will be submitted for the improvement of the license laws, the amendment of the Assessment Act, the conservation of the timber resources of the Province, a bill to enable municipal councils in cities, towns and villages by-by-law to substitute one board of trustees for the existing High school board, Public school board and Library board; a bill to amend the Election Act, and the Act respecting the supplementary revenue of the Province.

The estimates for the current year, prepared with as great regard to economy as is consistent with efficient service and the growing wants of the Province, will be submitted for your early consideration.

WILL AGAIN BURN THEATRE

Practical Experiment May Be Made in Chicago.

A Chicago despatch says:—So soon as the coroner releases his control of the Iroquois Theatre the playhouse will again be given over to the flames if plans evolved by Mayor Harrison and Walter L. Fisher, of the City Club, are carried out. Experts, who will fight over again the Iroquois conflagration, will have trained fire fighters at their elbows to see that the demonstration of the plans does not bring about any property loss outside the partially ruined playhouse. The purpose of again firing the theatre is to test the sufficiency of city ordinances present and prospective.

At a conference on Thursday between Mayor Harrison and Mr. Fisher it was decided that nothing that had been done in Chicago for many years would approach this plan in the amount of good for the public. It is proposed to watch every action of the flames and gases, and to regulate effects by manipulation of the ventilators and doors. With the Iroquois stage filled with excelsior and rubbish, and a fire raging thereon, the conditions being like those of the fatal afternoon, Dec. 30, the experts expect to learn a great deal about the flame that swept so many lives away. J. P. Freeman, an expert on fires, will be asked to take charge of the test.

ALLANS WILL CARRY IT.

Contract for Fast Atlantic Mail Service is Signed.

An Ottawa despatch says:—Upon the undertaking that they will maintain a regular weekly service between Great Britain and Canada from the opening of navigation next spring until August 1st, 1906, Messrs. H. and A. Allan have obtained the contract for an improved Atlantic mail service. The terms are £2,000 for each round voyage between Liverpool and Quebec or Liverpool and St. John, run by each 17-knot steamer. £1,000 for each similar round voyage run by the Bavarian or Tunisian, and £500 for each round voyage by the Ionian, Sicilian or Pretorian between Liverpool and Quebec, and £750 for each round voyage by the latter vessels between Liverpool and St. John. Two turbine steamers of seventeen knots guaranteed speed are now under construction for the Allans, one of which is to be ready in August next, and the other by the opening of navigation in 1905.

INCREASE IN TRADE.

Returns for Six Months Show Advance of \$18,237,000.

An Ottawa despatch says: Trade returns for the six months show an increase in the aggregate trade of the country of \$18,937,000 over the corresponding period last year. The total exports were 133,286,478, and the imports for consumption \$124,674,440. There were exports of domestic produce amounting to \$122,983,954, as against \$125,301,466, and exports of foreign produce amounting to \$10,302,524, as against \$7,681,285. The exports of domestic minerals have increased two millions, of manufactures half a million. There is a decrease of four millions in the exports of wheat, cattle, etc., caused by the farmers holding back for higher prices.

LEPROSY AND FISH.

Only When Spoiled is One Supposed to Cause the Other.

A London despatch says:—A physician in the leper hospital at Tracadie, wrote to Jonathan Hutchison, the eminent physician, that for thirty years the people of Tracadie have used only fresh fish, and leprosy has died out, except in one district where the fishermen selected spoiled fish for home use, selling the best.

A MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY

Two Men Found Dead Near Shanty in Algoma.

A Fort Frances, Ont., despatch says: A terrible tragedy took place at Frog Creek, three miles north of here, some time on Tuesday evening. Two men by name of Wm. Watson and John Scott, were engaged last week to cut wood for A. Dowker on the farm of one James McKay, and were allowed the use of a shanty on an adjoining claim. Mr. Dowker visited them on Sunday, when Scott complained of being sick. On Monday night a man named Cole, passing by, heard the door shut, and that is the last heard of the men. Wednesday morning, when Cole and another man were passing by, they thought something was wrong, and going into the shanty found it empty. On the floor they picked up a knife and whetstone covered with blood, and on examining the bed found it in the same condition. On searching near the house they found the body of Watson leaning against a stump, dead, with a gash in his throat, and wounds on his head. Still further on they found Scott lying in the snow frozen stiff, with no marks of violence on him. Scott had been dead for some time. How Watson could have received such terrible wounds is a mystery.

Watson is said to be from Lanark County, Ontario, and is about 40 years of age, and is supposed to have a wife and family. It is not known where Scott came from. He was about 50 years of age and clean shaven. Both men were addicted to drink, and had been hanging around town since the New Year.

JAPAN IS PREPARED.

Remarkable Growth of Pro-British Sentiment.

A Tokio despatch says: Japan does not expect that Russia will reply to her last note for a week. Meanwhile the whole country is patriotically united and prepared for war. The Japanese have confidence in their army and navy. They believe that in the event of a national disaster Great Britain or the United States would intervene to preserve the balance of power in Asia. There has been a remarkable growth of pro-British and pro-American sentiment. The Union Jack and Stars and Stripes are displayed everywhere. Songs are sung reciting the glories of the British lion and Uncle Sam, and characters representing them are prominent in all public dances.

The censorship prohibits the publication of all military movements. They aim at ensuring the despatch immediately of an immense land and sea force if necessary.

A despatch to the Jiji Shimpo from Seoul reports a general rising at Phong Yang, the Korean soldiers co-operating with the rebels. It was a rising at Phong Yang that caused Japan to send troops there, which led to the Chinese-Japanese War.

TWENTY PEOPLE INJURED.

Terrible Accident at Grade Crossing in Detroit.

A Detroit, Mich., despatch says: Over twenty people were injured at a grade crossing accident here on Friday night. A Grand Trunk passenger train crashed into an eastbound Michigan Avenue car at Gratiot Avenue and Pequin Street. Every ambulance in the city was summoned to the scene, and a large crowd of rescuers immediately began the work of extricating the injured from the wreck. The car, which was a double truck one, and contained sixty-four passengers on their way home from down town, was struck squarely in the middle, hurling it from the track, and smashing it almost into kindling wood. Many of the injured were terribly mutilated, but up to a late hour none had been reported dead. Most of those taken to the hospitals were insensible, and the extent of their injuries is not yet known.

TURNED US DOWN.

Our Wheat Too Costly For the Japanese Market.

A Winnipeg despatch says: The price of Canadian wheat and flour is too high for the Japanese market, according to Mr. S. Tamura, of Kobe, Japan. In an interview he expresses regret that he is unable to confirm the rumor that he had closed a contract for the shipment of a million bushels of wheat to Japan. He further stated that such had been his intention on coming to Winnipeg, but owing to the high prices a large amount of Pacific coast wheat had been purchased instead.

COULD ILLUMINATE EARTH

Kipling's Estimate of Power of the Victoria Falls.

A London despatch says: Rudyard Kipling says that South Africa is able not only to feed the Motherland with corn, but the United States, too. The Victoria Falls, with 35,000,000 horse-power, would be able to furnish electricity enough to make the Dark Continent a blaze of glory and illuminate the earth.