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The President and Mrs. Wilson, at the ceremonies in Washington

The Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKET. Toronto, May 21.—Heavy steers, \$15.50 to \$16.25; choice butcher, \$13 to \$15; do. medium, \$11.75 to \$12.50; do. common, \$11 to \$11.50; heifers, good to choice, 12.50 to \$15; butcher cows, choice, \$9.25 to \$12; do. medium, \$7 to \$7.50; bulls, choice heavy, \$10 to \$12; do. good, \$9.25 to \$9.75; do. light, \$7 to \$8; canners and cutters, \$6.25 to \$8; feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs., \$7.50 to \$12.50; stockers, 750 to 800 lbs., \$10.50 to \$12.25; do. medium, \$9 to 700 lbs., \$10 to \$10.50; do. light, 600 to 650 lbs., \$8 to \$8.50; grass cows, \$9 to \$9.50; milk cows, \$9 to \$12.50; calves, \$9.50 to \$15.50; lambs, \$18.50 to \$22; sheep, light, \$16.00 to \$18.00; hogs, fed and watered, \$20.50 to \$21; do. off cars, \$21 to \$21.55; do. f.o.b. to shippers, \$19.50 to \$20.

Calves—Receipts, 2,600; strong, \$7 to \$15.25. Hogs—Receipts, 7,200; active and strong, heavy, \$18 to \$18.50; mixed, \$18.25 to \$18.40; Yorkers, \$18.35 to \$18.50; light Yorkers and pigs, \$18.50 to \$18.75; roughs, \$16 to \$16.25; stags, \$12 to \$13. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 12,000; lambs slow, others steady; lambs, \$11 to \$14.70; yearlings, \$13 to \$15.00; wethers, \$14 to \$14.50; ewes, \$6 to \$13.50; mixed sheep, \$12.50 to \$14. Chicago, May 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; market, firm. Heaves, \$10.75 to \$17.80; stockers and feeders, \$9.40 to \$13.25; cows and heifers, \$7.40 to \$14.60; calves, \$8 to \$14. Hogs—Receipts, \$37,000; market strong. Light, \$17.35 to \$17.85; mixed, \$17.10 to \$17.80; heavy, \$16.40 to \$17.70; rough, \$16.40 to \$16.80; pigs, \$14.50 to \$15.60. Bulk of sales, \$17.35 to \$17.75. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 14,000; market, steady. Sheep, \$12 to \$16.10; lambs, native, \$14.75 to \$16.50.

Manitoba flour—War quality, \$10.95; Toronto. Mill feed—Car lots, delivered, Montreal; shorts, \$40; bran, \$35; feed flour, not quoted; middlings, not quoted. Hay—Baled, track, Toronto, car lots, No. 1, \$16 to \$17; No. 2, \$14 to \$15; straw, car lots, \$5.50 to \$9. Montreal, May 21.—Oats, Canadian Western, No. 2, 97 1/2c; do., No. 3, 94c; extra No. 1 feed, 94c; No. 3 local white, 89 1/2c. Flour, new standard spring wheat grade, \$10.95 to \$11.95. Rolled oats, bags, 90 lbs., \$4.85 to \$5.00. Bran, \$35.00. Shorts, \$40. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$17. Winnipeg, May 21.—Oats—No. 2 C.W., 87c; No. 3, do., 83 1/2c; extra No. 1 feed, 83 1/2c; No. 1 feed, 80 1/2c; No. 2, do., 77 1/2c. Barley—No. 3 C.W., \$1.48; No. 4, do., \$1.38; rejected, \$1.14; feed, \$1.09. Flax—No. 1 N.W., C., \$3.84; No. 2 C.W., \$3.81; No. 3, do., \$3.69. Chicago, May 21.—No. 2 yellow, \$1.72; No. 3 yellow, \$1.65 to \$1.67; No. 4 yellow, \$1.47. Oats No. 2 white, 78 1/2c; standard, 78 1/2c to 79c. Rye, nominal. Barley, \$1.50 to \$1.59. Timothy, \$5.00 to \$5.00. Clover, \$18.00 to \$20.00. Pork, nominal. Lard, \$24.92. Ribs, \$22.15 to \$22.75. Minneapolis, May 21.—Corn—No. 3 yellow, \$1.50 to \$1.60. Oats—No. 3 white, 76 1/2c to 77 1/2c. Flour unchanged. Bran, \$28.25 to \$33.25. Duluth, May 21.—Linsseed, \$3.95 to \$4.01; arrived, \$3.95; May, \$3.95 bid; July, \$4.00 bid; October, \$3.60 bid. New York, May 21.—Flour steady; Springs, \$10.75 to \$11.25; Winters, \$10.35 to \$11.13; Kansas, \$10.90 to \$11.25. Rye flour steady; fair to good, \$10.40 to \$10.80; choice to fancy, \$11.35 to \$12.75. June, spot and to arrive, \$12.75. Corn flour steady; \$5.50 per hundred pounds. Barley flour dull; \$19 to \$11.50 in 98-pound sacks. Hay unsettled; No. 1, nominal; No. 2, \$1.50; No. 3, \$1.20 to \$1.29; shipping, 90 to 95c. Hops quiet; state, medium to choice, \$17.25 to \$42c; 1916, nominal; Pacific coast, 1917, 20 to 23c; 1916, 14 to 16c.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT. CLIPPED FROM THE WHIG'S MANY BRIGHT EXCHANGES. In Brief Form the Events in the Country About Kingston Are Told—Full of Interest to Many. Peterboro's patriotic fund branch expenditure has paid out \$226,161.15. The city has contributed \$222,415 to headquarters. A quiet wedding took place on Saturday at Montreal, when Harold L. Bourke, Halifax, N.S., and Miss Sue Mills, Merckville, were married. The death occurred at Almonte, of Franklin Teskey of Carleton Place, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. Teskey had been a sufferer for a long time. Messrs. H. S. Miller and W. S. Benson have purchased the Bodborough Block, Picton, and intend to open a wholesale and retail farm produce business. Charles Dempsey, a respected yeoman of Ameliasburg Township, passed away suddenly on May 19th. He was a prosperous farmer and a prominent Methodist. The sad news reached Carleton Place, Thursday, of the death that morning in Smith's Falls of Mrs. Galvin, widow of the late John R. G. Galvin, Carleton Place. Rev. A. E. Kelly, Baptist minister, Brockville, performed the ceremony uniting for life, Miss Irene G. McFarlane, Winnipeg, and Stephen K. Davis, of the Township of Bastard. Rev. W. G. Bradford was elected as Brockville district representative on the Montreal Conference stationing committee, and Rev. George Stafford as alternative representative. Mr. and Mrs. William Manion, Perth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Genevieve, to Francis J. Shanks, Browning, Sask. The wedding will take place early in June. The publication of the Athens Reporter ceased last week and the office closed on Saturday, much to the regret of all citizens, as the editor, Austin Tribune, answers the military call July 1st. Margaret, Ellen McCreery, widow of the late William McCreery, of Belleville, died on Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John C. Little, Rochester, N.Y. She was born in Thainston, Hastings county. The death occurred on Thursday at her home in the fourth concession of Sidney of Mrs. Maud Tucker, wife of John Tucker. She had been ill for several years, having under-

gone a number of operations. She was twice married, her first husband having been the late Charles Sharp. Charles Bonsteel has purchased George Pattemore's farm near Athens. Mr. Pattemore having recently acquired the Henry Rowsome farm. Rev. J. A. McNeil, Cobden, whose term has expired and who has been invited to Western Methodist church, Ottawa, was named to represent the Pembroke district on the Montreal conference stationing committee. Mrs. Julius Guay, Morrisburg, Ont., passed away Tuesday after a brief illness. Mrs. Guay was formerly Miss Jean Stuart and was aged thirty years. She is survived by six sons, the eldest of which is not yet twelve years of age. The death occurred at Brockville on Wednesday of Mrs. Hugh Comeford, Morrisburg. She had been in poor health for a number of years, succumbing finally from tuberculosis. She was sixty-two years of age. A. W. Jackson, Neponsee, has purchased from the Toronto General Trust Corporation the property situated at the extreme north end of Perth street, Brockville, and which she was known as the Thomas Bennett place. It was with deep regret that friends learned of the very sudden death of Mr. McKim on Thursday morning, May 9th, at his home in Sydenham. He was a life-long member of the Methodist church. He is survived by two sisters and three brothers. Recently the sale of valuable river property was negotiated at Brockville, whereby Tomata Point at Jones' Creek, was sold by W. W. Deputy, Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, to Fred Fitzgerald, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Brown, Brockville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Reta May, to Andrew Alexander Sutherland, son of the late William Sutherland, formerly of Brockville, the marriage to take place May 23rd. The death occurred at the residence of her brother-in-law, Walter Melleford, Lord's Mills, on Friday, of Mrs. Elin Guest, following an illness that had its origin during the last Christmas holiday season. She ceased to be on May 18th, after eighty-one years ago, a daughter of the late James McDonald. Picton Cheese Board has been organized for the year with the following officers: President, W. G. Badgley; vice-president, B. G. Gilbert; secretary-treasurer, B. B. Tubbs; marker, G. E. Spencer; auditor, F. A. Morgan and J. H. Carter; arbitrator, James Irwin. Miss Margaret Lashay, a well-known dressmaker of Alexandria Bay, N.Y., has begun an action for breach of promise against Clarence S. Thompson, of that village, known from one end of the St. Lawrence river to the other as "Cap" Thompson. On Wednesday, May 15th, a pretty wedding was solemnized at the bride's home, Belleville, when Pearl Eva, third eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mosam, was united in marriage to Kenneth B. Whitney, formerly of Albert College, and only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Whitney, Prescott, Ont. A painfully pleasant incident took place at the close of the Sunday School, Bethel, last Sunday. It was the occasion of bidding good-bye to Messrs. Clarence Allison and Reginald Moore before their departure for Kingston to join the King's colors. They were each presented with a wrist watch and an address. Two other watches are also being sent to Gerald Gorsline at Kingston and Cecil Robinson at Toronto.

GENERAL TRADE. Montreal, May 21.—Eggs, strictly new laid, per dozen, No. 1, 42c; selected, 44c. Butter, finest creamery, per lb., prints, 47c; block, 46c. Oleomargarine, per lb., 32c to 34c. Cheese, per lb., large, 28c; twins, 24c; Swiss, 25c. Lard, in tubs, per lb., 27c. Shortening, per lb., 27c. In tubs. Honey—White clover, 20 lb. to 60 lb. tins, 20c; comb, 22c. Hams—Large, 52c per lb.; medium, 33c; small, 34c. Bacon—Breakfast, 42c per lb.; Windsor, 44c; Windsor, homeless, 46c. Cooked ham, per lb., 47c. Beans, per bushel—Japanese white, 58.25 to 59. Potatoes—90 lb bags, car load lots, \$1.55 to \$1.60. Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs., fresh killed, 42.50 to 43. Maple products—Sugar, per lb., 21c to 22c; syrup, 8 1/2 lb. tins, \$1.40; gallons (Imp.), \$1.90 to \$2.25. Toronto, May 21.—Butter, choice

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Kerak Has Weird History

THE victorious advance of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force up to and beyond Jerusalem, on the west of the remarkable earth depression of the Ghor, is being supported and supplemented by the advance of the King of Arabia's troops south and east of that historic region. The two expeditions emphasize the physical fact that the Ghor, which contains the Dead Sea and the Jordan, naturally divides Palestine into east and west, each with its own peculiar features and history. The Province of Moab consists of four narrow strips of land running north and south almost parallel with the Ghor. Most western of the four strips of land in Moab is the wild, rugged escarpment of the Dead Sea, which is high, unraided, and from which this part of Palestine slopes gently down, with rolling hills, ruddy from the plough, or gold with waving harvests, on its way east to desert waste. Seen from the west, from the far shore of the Dead Sea, this mighty escarpment rises up, a great mountain wall, with slope and sheer precipice sometimes, to 4,000 feet; its projecting headlands grandly impressive, suggestive of the Infinite. South of this the view extends to where the promontory of El Lisan thrusts its head northward, and, in the bay which it forms, the Wadi Kerak empties its waters, a crystal stream against the darkening sea. Even from below the eye wanders instinctively to the frowning precipice above, searching for castle or keep. There, thousands of feet above the sea, entirely separated from the mountain side (save for a narrow neck of rock), on a strange triangular ridge, stands the nest in the rock of Moab-Kerak, the Crow's Fortress, the Kier Moab of Isalah, the capital of the province on whose ancient walls King Mesha sacrificed himself, the only one to propitiate his god, Chemosh, in his war against Israel and Judah. North of Trafle, and but three days' march from Shobek, it was one of the world's strongest natural fortresses. It probably has never been entered through tunnels bored in the rock itself, one of which was hollowed out into a impressive entrance hall. It has rock-hewn reservoirs, conduits and cisterns; the Moabian tradition is that Payen, King Fulk's cup-bearer, built it; it has traces not only of Roman and Byzantine occupation, but of much earlier periods. It was the residence of the Grand Master of the Hospitaliers; Nalek-Daher, Sultan of Egypt, took it from him and restored it. It shows European design and influence, the round towers projecting conspicuously from the walls exhibiting a French origin, though the main walls are older; they increase from above in thickness as a protection against sapping. The walls of the keep rise from a moat inside the front line of fortifications, the Christian church, originally being used as a mosque. There is a beautiful Gothic banquetting hall; and along the top of the wall runs a passage leading to a magnificent chamber and round tower with pointed windows. The Latin Kings of Jerusalem, the Christian conquerors, increased its fortifications, for it guarded the caravan routes from Egypt and Arabia to Damascus. It became the chief town of the Crusading Seigneurie of Kerak de Montreal, which included also Hebron, when Renaud de Chatillon held it. Saladin repeatedly laid siege to it, taking it in 1188. It was this Renaud who was the provoking cause of the fatal termination of the Great Crusade by the battle of Hattin. Saladin offered Renaud his life if he would become a Moslem, but he refused, and so Moab passed into Moslem hands. It was in 1238 that the Emir of Kerak captured Jerusalem and thus drove out the Knights. Atul Fida, who was born in Damascus in 1273, states there was a thermal spring and bath in the valley below Kerak, and that about the city there were many beautiful orchards of apricots, pears and pomegranates. Kerak to-day has a population of about eight thousand, a large number of whom live in the buildings under the great keep, while a Turkish garrison occupies the upper towers. Like the rest of the western portion of Moab, in which it is situated, the district round Kerak is capable of great agricultural development. Stretches of wheat and millet may be seen, while cattle are bred both there and further east. Some attempts have been made to place sailing vessels and a steam ferry upon the Dead Sea so that the products of Moab may reach Jerusalem, its natural outlet, instead of being dispersed by the long, tedious, caravan routes round the north and south of the Dead Sea. The Hedjaz railway is of some service, but necessary connections are still wanting. The spasmodic efforts which the venal Turkish garrisons of the neighborhood make to control marauding tribesmen merely increase the exasperation caused to the fellahs. Seeing the advantages which have accrued to the dwellers on the west side of the Jordan from the advent of the Egyptian expeditionary force, the dwellers in Moab are eagerly hoping that the King of Arabia's forces will effect for them a like liberation from the oppression and neglect of the Ottoman Turks.

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