FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

LOCAL MARKET PRICES SHAKEN UP TODAY

Reductions in Several Lines—Big Supply of Hay on Hand—Load of Lambs Novelty.

Prices received quite a shake-up on the market this morning, and in a good many of the lines reductions took place. Hay is still very plentiful, and there were some thirty-five loads in. The demand was not as large as the supply, however, and as a consequence the majority went at prices ranging from $11 50 to $12 50 per ton. The highest price paid was $13, but only a couple of loads brought this figure. The quality of the hay was very good, but owing to the large quantity that has been in during this week, the demand was not very strong.

Oats were also conspicuous, about eighteen loads being brought in. The price was about the same as yesterday but one load of black oats received $1 05 per cwt. This was the highest figure, however, and the majority sold at prices ranging from $1 to $1 03 per cwt. The demand was fairly good, and the quality of the grain up to the usual standard.

Those farmers who brought in wheat this morning received quite a shock when the buyers would not bid any higher than 82c and 83c per bushel. This is the lowest price that has been paid on the London market for some time, but the buyers were firm, and the farmers were forced to sell at those prices or take the load home. The reduction in price has been caused by the weak demand. Outside places are paying lower prices than here, and the mills seem to be pretty well filled up. There were a little over half a dozen loads in, and they all sold for 82c and 83c, per bushel. The demand here is fairly good.

Dressed Hogs Lower.

Dressed hogs were also sold at lower prices this morning than for the last week or so. The demand was good, but the buyers would not pay the prices the farmers asked, and the majority of hogs went at $9 25 and $9 50 per cwt.

Butter and egg prices continue unchanged, and poultry prices are also unchanged. Chickens are very scarce at present, but the demand is also dull. Eggs are exceedingly plentiful and another reduction is looked for on Saturday. Dairy butter is scarce, but there are no signs of the price advancing.

Potatoes sold at 80c and 85c per bag, but the supply was very small owing to the cold weather. The demand was good.

For the first time in many years, according to Market Clerk Maker, there was a load of lambs on the market this morning. It was a novelty and attracted a good deal of attention. The owner was given a price of 6 cents per pound alive, but he thought he could do better, and so refused the offer. The load was finally bought by a local butcher, but the price could not be learned.

Fruit prices are about the same. Following are today's quotations:

Grain, Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt	$1 00	to	$1 05
Oats, per cwt	1 00	to	1 05
Wheat, per cwt	1 42	to	1 42
Grain, Per Bushel.			
New wheat, per bu	82	to	83
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	11 00	to	12 00
Straw, per ton	6 00	to	6 50
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, store lots, lb	19	to	20
Butter, creamery, lb	27	to	30
Butter, fancy, retail, lb	25	to	28
Butter, choice dairy, lb, wholesale	22	to	24
Eggs, fresh, wholesale	20	to	22
Eggs, fresh laid, dozen	24	to	25
Honey, strained, per lb	11	to	12
Honey, sections, dozen	1 50	to	2 00
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb, retail	20	to	22
Turkeys, lb, wholesale	20	to	21
Chickens, per pair	1 00	to	1 25
Chickens, lb, wholesale	12	to	13
Chickens, lb, retail	14	to	15
Old fowl, per lb	10	to	11
Ducks, per pair	1 25	to	1 75
Ducks, lb, wholesale	15	to	15
Ducks, lb, retail	15	to	16
Geese, lb, wholesale	13	to	13
Geese, lb, retail	14	to	14
Poultry, Alive.			
Ducks, per lb	10	to	12
Chickens, per pair	90	to	1 25
Old fowl, per lb	9	to	9
Chickens, per lb	10	to	11
Butchers' Meats.			
Beef, by the carcase	9 00	to	10 00
Mutton, per cwt	9 00	to	9 50
Yearling lambs, lb	11	to	13
Dressed hogs, cwt	9 25	to	9 50
Veal, per cwt	10 00	to	12 00
Pork, forequarters, lb	11	to	12
Pork, shoulders, lb	12	to	12½
Live Stock.			
Select hogs, cwt	6 75	to	6 85
Fat sows, cwt	5 00	to	5 00
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	6 50
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Small pigs, pair	5 00	to	10 00
Hides and Wools.			
Lambskins, each	30	to	33
Wool, washed, per lb	19	to	20
Wool, unwashed, lb	11	to	12
Hides, No. 1, per lb	7½	to	7½
Hides, No. 2, per lb	6½	to	6½
Hides, No. 3, per lb	5½	to	5½
Calfskins, per lb	10	to	12
Tallow, rough, lb	2½	to	3½
Tallow, rendered, lb	6	to	6½
Sheepskins, each	45	to	65
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, per bag	80	to	90
Lettuce, per dozen	20	to	20
Celery, dozen branches	30	to	50
Carrots, per bu	35	to	35
Cabbage, per dozen	30	to	40
Beets, per bu	40	to	40
Onions, per bu	1 00	to	1 25
Parsnips, per bu	45	to	45
Fruit.			
Apples, per bbl	3 00	to	5 00
Apples, per bu	1 40	to	1 50

PRODUCE.

Toronto, Feb. 22. — Trade in Winnipeg wheat dull, closing ¼c to ⅜c lower than on Tuesday. Ontario grades dull in sympathy with Liverpool, which is ½d to ¾d lower. Corn firmer and oats unchanged. Barley continues to rule firm. Quotations are as follows: Ontario wheat No. 2 winter, 82c to 83½c, outside, according to location. Manitoba wheat, No. 1 northern, 98½c. Manitoba wheat, No. 1 northern, 93½c. Oats, Canada western, No. 2, 37c; No. 3 Canada western, 35½c, at lake ports, for immediate shipment. Ontario No. 2 white, 32c to 32½c, outside.

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on track, Toronto, 34½c. Corn, No. 3 yellow, 51½c to 52c. Peas, No. 1, 80c to 82c; No. 2, 66c to 67c. Barley 66c to 68c, outside, for malting, and 50c to 55c for feed. Buckwheat, 48½c to 49½c. Shipments of potatoes. Manitoba flour—Listed quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.40, second patents, $4.90; strong bakers' cent. patents, $4.40 to $4.45, in jute, delivered. Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $22.50 to $23 per ton; shorts, $24 per ton, on track, Toronto. Ontario bran, $22 to $22.50; shorts, $24 to $25.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—Liverpool cables came 7½d lower. American markets were closed and trading was light. Prices moved on an export basis, but there was little offering. Mills wanted Nos. 1 and 2 northern, and No. 1 was taken for export where it could be obtained. No. 5 was slack, but a little No. 6 went East. The whole of the market was slack and indifferent. The decline was ⅛c to ⅜c down. Oats showed some little activity, but few cars are coming forward. Cash prices: No. 1 northern, 90¼c; No. 2 northern, 87¾c; No. 3 northern, 84¾c; No. 4, 79¾c; No. 5, 75¼c; new wheat 61c. Oats No. 2, 31c. Barley, No. 3, 57c; No. 4, 47c; rejected 41c; feed, 38c. Flax, No. 1 N. W., $2.47.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23.—Closing—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stock; futures steady; March, 6s 1½d; May, 6s 2½d. Flour—Winter patents quiet, 28s 6d. Hops (in London)—Pacific coast firm, £4 6s to £5 5s. Beef—Extra India mess dull, 128s 6d. Pork—Prime mess western easy, 92s 6d. Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet, 58s. Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, quiet, 58s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, steady, 62s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, weak, 58s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, weak, 62s; do, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, weak, 61s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, firm, 55s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, weak, 51s. Lard—Prime western, in tierces, easy, 48s 6d; American refined, in pails, easy, 48s 9d. Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, steady, 57s 6d; do, colored, new, steady, 69s. Turpentine spirits—Strong, 62s. Rosin—Common steady, 16s 6d. Petroleum—Refined steady, 6½d. Linseed oil—Strong, 52s.

[Special to H. C. Becher.]
WINNIPEG, Feb. 23.

Wheat—	Close.
May	91⅜
July	92⅝

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.
[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	90½	90⅝	89⅝	89⅞
July	88½	88¼	87⅛	87⅜
Corn—				
May	49	49	48½	48¾
July	50	50	49½	49⅝
Oats—				
May	31⅞	31⅞	31⅝	31⅝
Pork—				
May	17 70	17 90	17 70	17 90
Lard—				
May	9 35	9 42	9 35	9 42

BAILED HAY AND STRAW.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Quotations on track, Toronto, are as follows:

Hay, No. 1 timothy, $11.50 to $12, mixed clover and timothy, $9 to $11, on track here.

Straw, $6.50 to $7 on track here.

WOOL MARKET.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Quotations are—21c to 22c for unwashed fleece; 12c to 14c for unwashed wool, and 16c for rejects.

POTATOES.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Potatoes—Wholesale quotations range from $1 to $1.10 per bag, out of store, and 90c to 85c per bag is being charged on car lots.

LIVE STOCK.

East Buffalo, Feb. 22. Cattle—Receipts, 175 head, active and steady, to strong; prime steers, $6.50 to $6.75; Veals—Receipts, 100 head; active and 50c higher at $7 to $11; a few at $11.25. Hogs—Receipts, 3,200 head; slow and 5c to 10c higher; heavy, $7.50 to $7.70 mixed, $7.60 to $7.65; Yorkers, $8.10 to $8.20; pigs, $8.20 to $8.48; roughs, $6.80 to $6.90. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts slow; handy lambs 15c lower; handy lambs, $5 to $5.25; yearlings, $4.75; wethers, $4.50 to $4.60; ewes, $4.25 to $4.50; sheep mixed, $4 to $4.25.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 9000; market slow and weak; beeves $4.10 to $8.80; Texas steers, $4.25 to $5.60; western steers, $4.60 to $5.70; stockers and feeders, $3.50 to $8.80; cows and heifers, $2.80 to $8.25; calves, $5.50 to $9.50. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 28,000; market weak to 5c lower; light, $7.25 to $7.60, mixed, $7.05 to $7.45, heavy, $6.95 to $7.35; roughs, $6.95 to $7.15; good to choice pigs, $7.15 to $7.60; bulk of sales at $7.20 to $7.55. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 25,000; market weak, 10c to 15c lower; natives, $2.10 to $4.75; westerns, $2.15 to $4.85; yearlings, $4.75 to $5.75; lambs, natives, $5 to $6.20; westerns, $5.25 to $6.50.

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—Cattle—Trade slow and prices weak; 16 loads in today, including 1346 cattle, 223 sheep and lambs, 2100 hogs and 144 calves. Quotations: Export cattle, choice, $6 to $6.25; do, medium, $5.65 to $5.85; do, bulls, $4.75 to $5.25; butchers' cattle, choice, $5.75 to $6; do, medium, $5.25 to $5.50; do, common, $4.50 to $5; do, cows, choice, $5 to $5.25; do, cows, medium, $4 to $5; do, cows, common, $3 to $4; short-keep feeders, $5 to $5.50; feeding steers, $5 to $5.25; stockers, choice, $4.75 to $5; do, light, $4.25 to $4.50; canners, $2 to $2.50; milkers, choice, each, $60 to $75; do, medium, $35 to $55; do, common, $25 to $35; springers, $40 to $60; sheep, ewes, $4 to $4.50; rams, $3 to $4; bucks, $2.25 to $3.75; steady; lambs, $6 to $6.50; easier; calves, $2.50 to $8.50; hogs, fed and watered, $7.20 do, f o b., $6.90; do, fed, weighed, $7.20; do, f o b., $6.90; do, heavy, 50c less.

DAIRY

Montreal, Feb. 22. — Butter in good demand at advance of ½c to ¾c per pound. Cheese quiet. Cheese, westerns, 12c to 12½c; easterns, 11¾c to 12c. Butter, choicest, 25½c to 25¾c; seconds, 23c to 24c.

COTTON.

Liverpool, Feb. 22. Cotton—Spot in fair demand, prices four points lower. American middling, fair, 7.91; good middling, 7.59; middling, 7.47; low middling, 7.17; good ordinary, 7.01; ordinary, 6.76. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 200 were for speculation and export, and included 7,700 American. Receipts were 7,400 bales, all American. Futures opened easier and closed steady: February 7.27, February and March, 7.27, March and April, 7.27½, April and May, 7.29½, May and June, 7.31½, June and July, 7.31, July and August, 7.29½, August and September, 7.11, September and October, 6.80½, October and November, 6.67½, November and December, 6.60½, December and January, 6.60, January and February, 6.59.

FINANCIAL.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

New York, Feb. 22. Noon Letter—The bulk of business in the first hour reflected the operations of larger close room traders and little commission business was in evidence. J. J. Manning offered stocks as low as possible after the opening but forced declines without losing much, and was in reality a heavy buyer, being credited with buying orders through other brokers as soon as declines were established. The Senate finance committee will probably not vote on the reciprocity bill today. Hearings are still in progress.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

New York, Feb. 22. 10 a. m. There is no especial feature to the cables from London this morning, the prices for our stocks being fractionally higher as a rule. The bank of England taking still easy abroad, the same as here. Happenings over the holiday are not calculated to materially affect prices and the market is likely to back and fill under the stress of professional operations. Washington advices do not speak too hopefully of the reciprocity agreement coming to a vote, owing to the prospects of a filibuster of the insurgents who are disposed to make an amendment not to the liking of the stand patters. This opens a possibility of an extra session with the fear that the country might be unsettled by agitation for a radical revision of tariff. Permission has been granted to the Erie to issue $12,500,000 notes to provide for maturing securities and as this offering will be six p. c. no difficulty should be found in selling the same. The Inter State Commerce Commission should give out its decision any day now, but the street has probably discounted the findings to a large extent, so that the result will be devoid of sensation. Business is looking up in most lines, though the tendency is to go slow pending the handing down of trust cases by the Supreme Court, presumably some time this spring. The market is a traders affair with a steady tone and should be a purchase on all reactions for quick speculative turns, attention being paid to the better class stocks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.
[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	64½	64½	64¼	64½
Anaconda Copper	39			
American Sugar	119	119	118¾	118¾
Amer. Beet Sugar	46¾	47⅛	46¾	47
Amer. Locomotive	41	42	41	41
American Foundry	36⅝			
American Smelters	79	79	78⅞	79
Atchison, com	106⅝	107⅛	106⅝	106⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	109			
Brooklyn Transit	78⅞	78⅞	78¼	78⅝
Canadian Pacific	213½	214⅛	213	211
Central Leather	30½	31	30¼	31
Chesapeake & Ohio	85⅝	85⅝	85	85⅝
Consolidated Gas	142	142	141¾	141¾
Col. & Southern	57⅞	57⅞	57½	57½
Distillers	35¾	36	35¾	36
Erie, com	31⅞	31⅞	31⅝	31⅝
Erie, 1st pfd	51¼	51¼	51	51¼
G. Northern, pfd	129	129	128¾	129
G. Northern Ore	42⅝			
Inter-Met., pfd	53¾			
Kansas Southern	35¼	35¼	35	35
Kansas & Texas	35¼	35¼	35	35
Louisville	137	138⅛	137	137⅞
Mexican Central	38¼	38⅛	38	38
Minn. & St. Paul	142⅞	144	143¼	144
Missouri Pacific	59¼	60½	59⅝	60¼
New York Central	111¾	111¾	111⅛	111½
Northern Pacific	127	127	126½	126¾
Norfolk & Western	166½	166½	166½	166½
Ontario & Western	42⅞			
Pacific Mail	36⅝			
Pennsylvania	127¼	127¼	127¼	127¼
Reading	158¼	158¼	158¼	158⅞
Republic Steel	31⅝			
Rock Island	32¼	32⅜	32¼	32⅜
Southern Railway	28½	28½	28⅛	28⅜
Southern Ry., pfd	66¼	66¼	66¼	66⅜
Southern Pacific	130¼			
St. Paul	126⅞			
Texas Pacific	30			
Union Pacific	178¼	178⅞	178⅛	178
U. S. Rubber	45½	45½	45	45⅜
U. S. Steel	81⅝	81⅝	80⅞	80⅞
U. S. Steel, pfd	119	119¼	119	119¼
Virginia Chemical	65⅝	67	65⅝	66¾
Wabash, com	17⅞	18¼	17⅞	18¼
Wabash, pfd	39¾	40⅞	39¾	40¼
Western Union Tel	74¾			
Wisconsin Central	67	67⅛	65	64⅛

TORONTO STOCK (UP TO 1 P.M.)

[From Dyment, Cassels & Co. Members Toronto Stock Exchange.]

TORONTO, Feb. 23.

	Bid.	Offered.
Bake Lake, com	16	17
B. C. Packers, B	101	104½
Canadian Pacific	214	214¼
City Dairy, com	47	49
City Dairy, pfd	90	
Consumers' Gas	156	163
Duluth-Superior Traction	81½	82
Mackay, com	92	93
Mackay, pfd	75½	76½
Maple Leaf, com	39½	40½
Maple Leaf, pfd	90	91
Niagar Navigation	139½	
Northern Navigation	121	123½
N. S. Steel, com	95	96
Pacific Burt, com	43½	46
R. & O. Navigation	105⅝	
Rio de Janeiro Tram	106⅝	106⅞
Rogers, com	182	183
Sao Paulo Tram	157½	158¼
Shredded Wheat, com	56	
Toronto Electric Light	127½	129
Toronto Railway	130⅞	131
Twin City, com	109½	110
Winnipeg Railway	180	190
Crown Reserve	59	62
La Rose		560
Nipissing Mines		1100
Trethewey	105	109
Bank of Commerce		216
Hamilton Bank		217
Imperial Bank	225	226
Merchants' Bank	168	
Metropolitan Bank	195	198
Molsons Bank	205	
Bank of Nova Scotia	251	
Ontario Bank	250	260
Standard Bank	214	
Traders' Bank	144¼	
Agricultural Loan	150	
Canada Landed	156	159
Canada Permanent	163½	
Hamilton Provident	130	
Huron & Erie	160	
London & Canadian	115	116
Ontario Loan	156	
Toronto General Trusts	137	
Toronto Mortgage	136	
Toronto Savings	100	
Black Lake, bonds	77	81½
Canadian Northern, bonds	98¼	
Dominion Steel, bonds	94⅞	
Mexican L. & P., bonds	68	
Mexican L. & P., bonds	91	
Province of Ontario bonds	101	

Today's Sales—Montreal.

Morning Sales. Detroit, 5 at 71½, 100 at 71¾, 25 at 71¾, 25 at 71¾, 25 at 71¾. Halifax, 10 at 143½, 25 at 144½. Power, 105 at 146¾, 100 at 146. Eastern Canada Pulp and Paper, 100 at 50, 60 at 51, 100 at 52½, 25 at 53½. R. and O., 110 at 105, 75 at 105¼, 50 at 105½, 75 at 105¾, 25 at 105¾, 65 at 105⅞, 200 at 105⅞, 50 at 106. Montreal Railway, 50 at 232, 25 at 231¾, 50 at 230, 25 at 229. Soo common, 25 at 143, 125 at 142¾, 5 at 142¾, 125 at 142¾. Rio, 125 at 106¼, 25 at 106, 50 at 105⅞, 25 at 105⅞, 25 at 105⅞, 25 at 105⅞, 125 at 105⅞, 25 at 105⅞, 25 at 105⅞, 25