FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

OATS TOOK ANOTHER JUMP IN PRICE TODAY

A Few Loads Sold for as High as $1.40 Per Cwt.

Oats took another upward glide on the local market this morning, a few loads selling for $1 40 per cwt. Prices have contracted the habit of breaking records, evidently, and are doing the trick regularly of late.

The present figure is the highest on this year's crop, and at the present rate last year's record of $1 50 will soon be quoted.

Very Little Grain.

The farmers have but little grain of any kind to sell, it is said, and are keeping back wheat and oats for seed purposes. Buyers are still crying for more, and prices would not drop a cent were 50 loads brought in tomorrow, according to one man.

One load of wheat was offered and was picked up by a buyer at $1 05.

About 30 loads of hay were offered, prices ranging from $9 to $10 per ton, while straw was quoted at $6 per ton in the majority of cases.

A small quantity of butter was offered, sales being brisk and prices steady.

Eggs were in good demand and prices unchanged.

A few bags of potatoes and small quantitites of other vegetables were offered:

The following are the quotations:

Grain.

Wheat, per bu	$1 02	to	$1 05
Oats, per bu	1 35	to	1 40
Corn, per cwt	1 20	to	1 30
Barley, per cwt	1 20	to	1 25
Peas, per cwt	1 25	to	1 30
Buckwheat, per cwt	1 15	to	1 20
Beans, per bu	1 10	to	1 60
Rye, per cwt	1 05	to	1 10

Hides and Wool.

Wool, washed, lb	15	to	17
Wool, unwashed, lb	8	to	9
Hides, No. 1, lb	8	to	8
Hides, No. 2, lb	7	to	7
Hides, No. 3, lb	6	to	6
Tallow, rendered, lb	5	to	6
Tallow, rough, lb	3	to	4
Sheepskins, each	75	to	1 25
Calfskins, No. 1, lb	10	to	11
Calfskins, No. 2, lb	9	to	10

Poultry Dressed.

Turkeys, per lb	19	to	22
Geese, each	1 25	to	1 40
Geese, per lb	10	to	11
Ducks, per lb	9	to	11
Chickens, per pair	1 25	to	1 50
Chickens, each	55	to	70
Chickens, per lb	15	to	15
Old fowl, per lb	10	to	12

Poultry, Alive.

Turkeys, per lb	17	to	18
Geese, per lb	9	to	10
Ducks, per lb	9	to	9
Chickens, per lb	12	to	13
Old fowl, per lb	9	to	9

Live Stock.

Select hogs, per cwt	6 75	to	6 85
Fat sows, cwt	4 25	to	4 50
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt	4 50	to	5 00
Milch cows, each	30 00	to	55 00

Vegetables.

Potatoes, per bag	60	to	65
Turnips, per bag	30	to	40
Beets, per bu	35	to	45
Parsnips, per bu	40	to	50
Onions, per bu	55	to	70
Celery, 12 bunches	25	to	45
Cabbage, per dozen	30	to	55
Lettuce, per dozen	30	to	45
Carrots, per bu	25	to	30
Sage, per dozen	15	to	15
Savory, per dozen	15	to	15
Rhurbarb, per dozen	60	to	1 00
Green onions, per dozen	30	to	45
Radishes, per dozen	40	to	45

Dairy Produce.

Butter, creamery, lb	26	to	28
Butter, roll, lb	24	to	25
Butter, crock, lb	23	to	24
Eggs, crate, per dozen	20	to	21
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	22	to	24
Honey, strained, lb	10	to	12
Honey, in comb	12	to	15

Butchers' Meats.

Beef, forequarters, cwt	5 50	to	6 25
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	6 00	to	7 00
Mutton, per cwt	7 00	to	9 00
Veal, per cwt	8 00	to	9 00
Lamb, per cwt	10 75	to	12 50
Dressed hogs, cwt	8 75	to	9 00
Pork, hindquarters, cwt	10 00	to	11 00
Pork, forequarters, cwt	9 00	to	10 00

Fruit.

Apples, per barrel	3 50	to	4 75
Apples, per bag	1 25	to	1 75

Hay and Straw.

Hay, per ton	9 00	to	10 00
Straw, per ton	5 50	to	6 00
Straw, per load	3 50	to	4 50

Millfeed.

Shorts, wholesale, ton	23 00	to	23 00
Shorts, retail, ton	25 00	to	25 00
Bran, wholesale, ton	23 00	to	23 00
Bran, retail, ton	25 00	to	25 00

Seeds.

Alsike, per bu	10 00	to	10 00
Lucern or alfalfa, bu	12 00	to	12 00
Clover, per bu	6 50	to	9 00
Timothy, per bu	2 75	to	2 75
Blue grass, per bu	1 50	to	2 00
Millet, per bu	1 25	to	1 75
Japanese millet, per bu	7 50	to	7 50
Oats, per bu	1 10	to	2 50
Barley, per bu	1 75	to	3 00
Peas, per bu	1 40	to	1 75
Beans, per bu	2 00	to	3 00
Spring wheat, per bu	1 65	to	1 75
Buckwheat, per bu	85	to	1 50
Flint corn, per bu	1 50	to	2 00
Dent corn, per bu	1 15	to	1 50
Fodder corn, per bu	1 15	to	2 50

GRAIN.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 16.—The markets are steady again today, and there is a good demand for all classes of coarse grains, particularly buckwheat, which is wanted for export. Rye is also scarce. Western wheat is rather easier. Local dealers' quotations:

Wheat—Ontario No. 2 white or red, $1 06 to $1 07; No. 2 mixed, $1 06 to $1 07 outside; Manitoba wheat, spot, No. 1 northern, $1 20 to $1 21½; No. 2 northern, $1 17, on track at Georgian Bay ports; all-rail, No. 1 northern is nominal, at $1 25½; No. 2 northern, $1 22½; No. 3 northern, $1 20, delivered at Ontario points.

Barley—No. 2, 63c to 65c; No. 3 extra, 60c to 61c; No. 3, 58c to 59c.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 46c to 46½c outside; No. 2 mixed, 45c outside; No. 2 western, 48, on track at lake ports; No. 2, all-rail, 51½c.

Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 74c to 74½c; No. 3 yellow, 73c to 73½c; Canadian nominal, at 70c, Toronto freights.

Flour—Manitoba, first patents, $5 80 to $5 90; seconds, $5 50 to $5 60; strong bakers, $5 40 to $5 50; Onario winter wheat patents, $4 10 to $4 15, in buyers' sacks.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 62c to 63c.

Rye—No. 2, 71c outside.

Peas—No. 2, 92½c to 93c outside.

Millfeed—Bran scarce, at $24 per ton in bags, outside; shorts, $25 in bags, outside.

LIVE STOCK.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

Glasgow, March 15.—Edward Watson & Ritchie report 129 cattle on offer; short supplies, trade good; prices 13c to 13¼c; secondary, 12c to 12½c; bulls, 10c to 10¾c per lb.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 15.—"Prices can go no higher. They have reached the limit, and butchers are paying more now than they can get back again from the quality of cattle offering," said a prominent dealer this morning. Nevertheless, the trade was brick at the comparatively high prices now prevailing, and strengthened as they were by another very light run of cattle on hand. The run was only 45 loads all told, including nine or ten loads of export cattle, leaving a small supply of butcher cattle available. The high prices going, however, checked the demand somewhat, thus steadying the market. Except for a few picked extra choice butcher cattle, which sold at around $5, and in some cases a little more, the general run of butcher cattle sold steady and firm at last week's prices.

Choice export cattle are steady at $5 25 to $5 50.

The run was 45 loads, with 886 head of cattle, 89 sheep and lambs and 24 calves.

Exporters—Market steady to firm; good demand.

Butchers—Steady demand for choice butcher cattle and prices steady to firm.

Stockers and Feeders—Demand for good stock, but quiet for common stuff.

Lambs—Market steady.

Sheep—Steady.

Hogs—Market steady; select hogs are quoted at $6 90, f. o. b., and $7 15 fed and watered.

The export trade is active and prices are firm for choice, well-finished stock, good weight and quality, selling at $5 35 to $5 50; export bulls steady to firm.

Choice lots of butcher cattle are selling firm around $4 60 to $5; average and medium quality butchers steady at $4 25 to $4 40; good butcher cows firm at $3 75 to $4 25; butcher bulls from $2 50 to $4; Canners, $1 50 to $2.

There is a fair market for good stocker cattle.

Export cattle, choice, cwt	$5 00	to	$5 50
Export cattle, medium	4 40	to	4 85
Export bulls	3 75	to	4 40
Butchers, choice	4 60	to	5 00
Butchers, medium	4 25	to	4 50
Cows, good	3 50	to	4 25
Cows, medium	2 75	to	3 50
Cows, common	2 00	to	3 00
Bulls, good	2 50	to	3 75
Stockers, choice	3 25	to	3 75
Stockers, common, mixed	2 00	to	2 25
Stockers, bulls	2 00	to	2 50
Feeders, steers	3 75	to	4 25
Feeders, bulls	2 50	to	3 00
Milch cows, choice	40 00	to	65 00
Milch cows, common	23 00	to	25 00
Lambs, grain-fed	7 00	to	7 25
Lambs, common	5 50		
Sheep, export	4 00	to	4 25
Sheep, bucks	3 00	to	3 50
Hogs, selects, f. o. b.	6 90		
Hogs, fed and watered	7 15		
Calves, cwt	3 00	to	6 50
Spring lambs, choice	5 00	to	8 00

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 16.—Trade good, prices steady; 70 loads in today, including 1,150 sheep and lambs, 300 hogs and 195 calves. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt	$5 25	to	$5 50
Export cattle, medium	5 00	to	5 25
Export bulls	4 25	to	4 50
Export cows	4 25	to	4 50
Butchers' cows, choice	4 75	to	5 00
Butchers' cattle, medium	4 25	to	4 50
Butchers' cattle, common	3 75	to	4 00
Butchers' cows	3 50	to	4 00
Butchers' bulls	3 75	to	4 25
Stockers, choice	3 25	to	3 50
Stockers, medium	3 00	to	3 25
Stockers, common	2 75	to	3 00
Stockers, bulls	2 25	to	2 50
Feeders, heavy	4 50	to	4 75
Feeders, short-keeps	4 75	to	5 00
Milch cows, choice, each	40 00	to	50 00
Milch cows, common, each	25 00	to	35 00
Springers, each	25 00	to	45 00
Export ewes, cwt	4 50	to	5 00
Export bucks	3 50	to	4 00
Lambs, grain-fed	7 25	to	7 75
Lambs, common	5 00	to	6 00
Calves, cwt	3 00	to	7 25
Hogs, selects, off cars	7 40		
Hogs, fats and lights	7 15		

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 16.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 3,500 head; market steady; beeves, $4 60 to $7 25; Texas steers, $4 50 to $5 40; western steers, $4 60 to $6 60; stockers and feeders, $3 40 to $5 40; cows and heifers, $1 90 to $5 70; calves, $6 to $8 25.

Hogs—Receipts estimated at 17,000 head; market strong and higher; light, $6 25 to $6 67½; mixed, $6 35 to $6 80; heavy, $6 45 to $6 85; rough, $6 45 to $6 55; good to choice heavy, $6 55 to $6 85; pigs, $5 10 to $6; bulk of sales at $6 55 to $6 75.

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 15,000 head; market steady; natives, $3 15 to $5 65; westerns, $4 25 to $5 80; yearlings, $5 75 to $7; lambs, natives, $5 50 to $7 65; westerns, $5 50 to $7 60.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, March 16.—Cattle—Steady; prime steers, $6 50 to $6 75. Veals—Receipts, 200 head; fairly active and 25c lower.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,100 head; active and strong to 5c higher; heavy, $7 10 to $7 15; mixed, $7 05 to $7 15; Yorkers, $6 50 to $7 05; pigs, $6 25 to $6 40; roughs, $5 75 to $6 15; dairies, $6 60 to $7.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,600 haed; slow; lambs lower; lambs, $5 to $8 15; wethers, $5 75 to $6 25.

COFFEE.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 15.—Coffee—The market for futures opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points, in response to higher European markets and light Brazilian receipts, but was somewhat unsettled by realizing or liquidation, which seemed to be caused by rumors that the tariff bill to be reported to Congress contained no reference to a coffee tax. The market closed steady, net 5 points higher to 5 points lower. Sales were reported of 34,000 bags, including March, $6 80 to $6 85; May, $6 70 to $6 80; July, $6 25 to $6 30; September, $5 90 to $5 95; October, $5 70; December, $5 70 to $5 75. Spot steady; No. 7 Rio, 8¼c; No. 4 Santos, 9c; mild quiet; Cordova, 9¾c to 13c.

SUGAR.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 15.—Sugar—Wholesale quotations today were: Montreal granulated, barrel, $4 60; yellow, barrel, $4 20; Paris lumps, 100-lb boxes, cwt, $5 35; do, 50-lb boxes, $5 65; do, 25-lb boxes, $5 85; Acadia granulated, bags or barrels, $5 50; Beaver granulated, bags, $4 30.

DAIRY.

ELGIN.

Elgin, Ill., March 15.—Butter—Firm, 28c; sales for the week, 436,500 lbs.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., March 15.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 22c to 28½c; dairies, 20c to 25c. Cheese—Firm; daisies, 15½c to 16c.

PRODUCE.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 15.—Produce prices today were: Butter, dairy, per lb, 26c to 28c; do, solids, 24c to 25c; eggs, dozen, 27c to 28c; do, new-laid, 30c; turnips, per bag, 20c to 60c; potatoes, 70c to 75c; onions, per bag, 85c to $1; ducks, 15c to 16c; spring turkeys, 16c to 18c; old turkeys, 14c to 15c; spring chickens, dressed, 16c to 18c; geese, dressed, 12c to 14c; old fowl, dressed, No. 1 stock, 10c to 11c.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, March 16.—Wheat — Spot strong; No. 2 red western winter, 8s 6½d. Futures steady; May, 8s 2¾d; July, 8s 4½d; September, 7s 11⅝d.

Corn—Spot firm; new American mixed (via Galveston), 5s 11d. Futures firm; March, 5s 9¾d; May, 5s 10¾d.

Bacon—Long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, strong, 49s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, strong, 49.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, firm, 51s 6d; American refined, in pails, strong, 52s 6d.

TODAY'S STOCKS.

COBALT STOCKS.

Noon quotations on Cobalt mining stocks, telegraphed The Advertiser by Edward Cronyn & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange:

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 16.—Noon quotations on the Standard Mining Exchange: Beaver, 15½; Chambers-Ferland, 83; Crown Reserve, 2.98; Cobalt Lake, 18; Coniagas, 6.55; Foster, 34; Green-Meehan, 14; Kerr Lake, 8; La Rose, 6.80; Little Nipissing, 33; Nipissing, 10.75; Otisse, 49; Peterson Lake, 30; Rochester, 19½; Scotia, 53; Silver Leaf, 13½; Silver Queen, 60; Temiskaming, 1.41; Trethewey, 1.53.

NEW YORK.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

New York, March 16.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	66⅝	67⅞	66⅝	67⅝
American Sugar	128½	130	128⅝	129⅝
Amer. Locomotive	50⅝	50⅝	50⅛	50⅝
American Foundry	48	..	..	..
American Refining	82¼	83½	82¼	83½
Amer. Cotton Oil	31⅝	31⅝	31½	31½
Atchison, com.	103¼	103⅝	103⅛	103⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	106¾	107¼	106½	107⅛
Brooklyn Transit	70⅝	71⅛	70⅝	71
Canadian Pacific	166¼	166½	166⅛	166½
Chesapeake & Ohio	66⅝	66⅞	66½	66¾
Chicago & G. W.	6⅝	6½	6¼	6⅜
Col. Fuel & Iron	31⅞	32⅜	31⅞	32⅜
Erie, com.	23¾	24⅜	23¼	24
Erie, pfd.	37¾	38⅞	37¾	38⅜
G. Northern, pfd	139⅞	140⅝	139¾	140⅜
Illinois Central	140⅞	..	..	..
Inter-Metropolitan	15	1 5	14⅞	14⅞
Inter-Met., pfd.	43 ¾	44	43¾	44
Kansas & Texas	40¼	40½	40¼	40½
Kansas & Tex., pfd.	29½	..	..	..
Mexican Central	68⅝	69	68⅝	69
New York Central	123½	124½	123½	124½
Northern Pacific	136⅝	137⅝	136⅝	137⅝
National Lead	75½	..	..	..
Pacific Mail	29¾	30	29¾	30
Pennsylvania	129⅛	129¾	129	129¾
People's Gas	112¼	113⅜	112¼	113⅜
Reading	125	126	124⅞	125⅝
Republic Steel	20	..	..	..
Rock Island	22½	22½	22½	22½
Southern Ry., pfd	61¼	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	116¾	117¾	116¾	117⅜
St. Paul	141⅜	142½	141¾	142⅜
Texas Pacific	32⅛	32½	32⅛	32½
Union Pacific	175	176⅜	175	175¾
Central Leather	28	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	43⅞	45	43⅞	44⅝
U. S. Steel, pfd	110⅜	110½	110⅜	110½
Wabash, com.	17½	17¾	17⅜	17¾
Wabash, pfd.	43½	44½	43½	44½
Western Union Tel.	66	..	..	..

TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., March 16.

	Asked.	Bid
Packers A	100	93¼
Bell Telephone	146	144½
Canada General Electric	..	104
Canada Gen. Electric, pref	..	107
Canadian Pacific Ry	..	165¼
City Dairy, com	29	26
City Dairy, pref	89	87
C. N. W. Land	105	..
Consumers Gas	..	204½
Crow's Nest	120	..
Dominion Steel, com	33	32½
Dominion Steel, pref	115	..
Dominion Telegraph	..	105
Electric Development	..	59
Halifax Tramway	..	117
Intercolonial Coal	78	71
Illinois Traction, pref	..	92
Lake of the Woods, com	102	101
Laurentide Paper com	..	113
Laurentide Paper, pref	..	117
McKay, com	73	72
McKay, pref	71	70
Mexico Tramway	135	..
Minneapolis & St. Paul	..	140
Niagara Navigation	..	130
Northern Navigation	..	101½
N. S. Steel, com	59	57½
Prairie Lands	..	190
Sao Paulo Tramway	154½	154
St. L. & C. Navigation	116	114
Toronto Electric Light	130	..
Toronto Railway	..	119
Twin City	105	103½
Winnipeg Railway	169	168½
Penman, com	50	47½
Rio Jan. Tram	97	96½
Shredded Wheat	31	..
La Rose	..	660
Bank Commerce	175½	175
Dominion Bank	243½	..
Bank of Hamilton	203	200
Imperial Bank	229	..
Merchants Bank	..	159
Bank of Montreal	247	244
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	282½
Bank of Ottawa	215	..
Standard Bank	229	..
Traders Bank	..	135¼
Agricultural Loan	..	122
Canada Landed	..	148
Canada Permanent	..	158
Central Canada	160	..
Colonial Investment	..	68
Dominion Savings	..	79¾
Hamilton Provident	..	125
Huron & Erie	..	150
Landed Banking	..	122
London & Canadian	..	110½
National Trust	170	165
Ontario Loan	..	135½
Ontario Loan, 20%	..	122
Real Estate	..	96
Toronto General Trusts	..	160
Toronto Mortgage	..	120
Commercial Cable bonds	..	85
Electric Development Bonds	..	85½
Mexican E. L. Co. Bonds	88	..
Mexican L. & P. Bonds	89	..
Sao Paulo Bonds	100	..

Morning Sales: Mackay, common, xd., 10 at 72½, 1 at 73; do, preferred, 20 and 30 at 71; Sao Paulo, 45 and 55 at 114; B. C. Packers, A, 25 at 93¼; City Dairy, preferred, 10 at 88; Woods, 5 at 101¾; Winnipeg, 25 and 5 at 169; La Rose, 25, 25, 20, 5 and 25 at 6.60, 25 at 6.58; Rio, 50 and 25 at 97, 25 at 96¾; Rogers, preferred, 10 and 5 at 99; Nipissing, 100, 200 and 10 at 10.75; Twin City, 5 at 104½; London & Canada, 20, 14, 9, 20 and 9 at 112; Colonial Loan, 40 at 69½, 17 at 69; Bell Telephone, 25 at 145¼, 16 at 145; N. S. Steel, 5 at 58; Traders' Bank, 10 at 138 cash; Twin City, 5 at 104½.

Ex-dividend: Converter Gas, 2½ per cent; Royal Bank, 2½ per cent; Traders' Bank, 1¾ per cent.

MONTREAL

Montreal March 16 1909

	Asked.	Bid
Packers A	95	94¾
Packers B	95	94¼
Can. Converters	39	38⅞
Canadian Pacific	167½	166
Detroit Electric	56½	56¼
Dominion Coal, com	56	55
Dominion Coal, pref	..	100
Dominion Iron & Steel	33	32½
Dominion Iron & Steel, pref	111½	111
Havana Electric, com	39	37
Havana Electric, pref	85	81
Lake of the Woods, com	102	101
Lake of the Woods, pref	120	..
Laurentide Paper, com	..	114
Mackay, com, xd	73	72¼
Minneapolis & St. Paul	144¼	142½
Montreal L. H & P.	..	110½
Montreal Street Railway	..	205¾
Nova Scotia Steel & Coal	59	58½
Ogilvie Milling	115¼	114½
Ogilvie Milling, pref	..	120
R. & O. Navigation	79	98½
Tri-City, pref	99	88
Twin City	105	104½
West India	77½	67½
Winnipeg Electric	161½	..
Penman, Com	49	48½
Keserve	299¾	298
Textile, com	61½	61¼
British North America	..	154
Bank of Commerce	..	174½
Merchants Bank	163	161
Molsons Bank	208	..
Bank of Nova Scotia, xd	..	282
Quebec Bank, xd	..	123
Bank of Toronto	226	..
Union Bank	135	134½
Quebec Railway, com	59¾	..
Quebec Railway, pfd	113	111
Asbestos	93	92½
Dominion Textile, pref	100	97¾
Commercial Cable	..	83
Colored Cotton Bonds	..	97½
Dominion Coal bonds	..	93½
Dominion Cotton Bonds	101	..
Dominion Iron & Steel Bonds	90½	90
Keewatin Milling Bonds	..	103¾
Laurentide Paper Bonds	114	110
Montreal H. & P. Bonds	..	99
Montreal Street Railway bonds	..	101½
Ogilvie Milling bonds	..	108
Price Bros. Bonds	..	105
Rio Janeiro Bonds	..	92
Textile Bonds, A	..	92
Textile Ser. B	100	95
Textile Ser. C	..	92
Winnipeg Electric Bonds	..	105

Morning Sales: Detroit, 25 and 10 at 56, 25, 5, 50 and 5 at 55½, 160 and 15 at 55, 150 at 56, 3 at 57¼, 50, 175 and 50 at 56¼, 45 and 50 at 56½; Mackay, preferred, 15 at 70; Rio, 50 at 97; Quebec Railway, 100 at 50¼; Toronto Railway, 1 at 120; Quebec Railway, preferred, 25 at 111; Iron, common, 75 at 32⅛, 5 at 32, 50 at 32¼, 25 and 25 at 32½; Scotia, common, 25 at 58½; Coal, common, 25 at 55; Converters, 25 at 39; Ogilvie, preferred, 16 at 120; Packers, bonds, A, 10 at 92, 1 at 90½, 25 at 93, 25 at 93½, 25 at 93½, 25 at 94, 15 at 95; Penmans, 5 at 49, 50 at 48¾; Packers, B, 25 at 95; Woods, common, 5 at 102; Iron, preferred, 125 and 50 at 111; Asbestos, 25 at 92, 25 and 25 at 92¾; Textile, common, 160 at 61, 25 at 61¼; Reserve, 100 at 3.00.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Open. High. Low. Close.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Chicago, March 16.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	$116⅝	$116⅞	$116¼	$116⅝
July	104⅞	105½	103⅝	104
Corn—				
May	67⅝	67⅞	67	67⅛
July	67½	67⅝	67	67
Oats—				
May	54⅞	55	54⅜	54⅝
July	49½	49¾	48⅞	48⅞
Pork—				
May	17 95	17 95	17 85	17 85
July	17 95	17 97	17 90	17 90
Lard—				
May	10 25	10 27	10 25	10 25
July	10 40	10 40	10 35	10 37
Ribs—				
May	9 37	9 40	9 37	9 40
July	9 52	9 57	9 52	9 55

THE CROPS AND THE LIVE STOCK

Quality of Grain, Hay and Cattle on Hand Throughout the Dominion.

Ottawa, March 16.—The census and statistics office has issued a statement of the quantities of grain, hay and roots on hand in Canada at the end of February, and the condition of live stock in the country at that date. The statement says:

The reports of correspondents made to the census and statistics office at the end of February show that the quantity of wheat then in farmers' hands in the whole of Canada was 20.22 per cent of the crop of last year, which is 22,747,000 left out of a total product of 112,434,000 bushels. Of oats there was 43.62 per cent, being 109,222,000 out of 250,377,000 bushels. Of barley there was 33.56 per cent, being 15,692,000 out of 46,762,000 bushels. Of buckwheat there was 29.05 per cent, being 2,078,000 out of 7,153,000 bushels. Of potatoes there was 44.10 per cent, being 32,542,000 out of 73,790,000 bushels. Of turnips and other roots there was 39.18 per cent, being 39,671,000 out of 101,248,000 bushels. Of hay there was 34.51 per cent, being 3,952,000 out of 11,450,000 tons. Of fodder corn there was 36.86 per cent, being 1,079,300 out of 2,928,000 tons. In the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the quantity of wheat in farmers' hands at the same date was 18.93 per cent, being 17,391,000 out of a total product of 91,853,000 bushels. Of oats there was 45.93 per cent, being 44,425,016 out of 96,718,000 bushels. Of barley there was 33.63 per cent, being 7,722,000 out of 22,926,000 bushels. In the case of each of these crops the quantity in farmers' hands indicates what is available for seed and for consumption in the country between the 1st of March and the gathering of the next harvest, while the difference between the total product in each case and the quantity in hand indicates what has been sold and consumed at home since the gathering of the last harvest.

The report of the department of trade and commerce made up to the date of 1st of March shows that there had been inspected at Winnipeg and points west for the six months ending with February, 55,152 cars (57,909,600 bushels of wheat, 13,939,200 bushels of oats, and 2,896,800 bushels of barley.

The condition of live stock in the Dominion at the end of February was 81.40 for horses, 78.70 for milch cows, 73.79 for other horned cattle, 78.32 for sheep and 74.34 for swine, 100 being taken as the standard for comparison.

BIG ADVANCE IN PRICE OF POTATOES

Shortage of "Spuds" in Chicago Is Expected to Make Trouble.

There will in all probablly be a decided advance in the price of potatoes in the very near future, owing to the fact that there is a shortage in Chicago, and for the past week the Grand Trunk have been hauling from eight to ten cars of tubers a day from this district.

"Indications are that all the surplus potato crop in Southwestern Ontario will be taken," said a Grand Trunk official to The Advertiser today. "American buyers have agents going all over the district, and they are buying up every bag of potatoes they can get their hands on. It will not be very long at this rate before the supply here will be exhausted, and then, of course, prices will go up."

Local Prices.

Potatoes have been selling at from 55 to 65 cents a bag here all winter, and there has been plenty to meet the demand. It is not likely that the great majority of citizens will suffer, as many of them at the beginning of the winter laid in enough to do them until the new potatoes arrive.

Many of the local grocers have also laid in quite large supplies, but as soon as these are exhausted and they have to get more, they will find prices much stiffer.

Local Items

Big Bunch of Bishops.

In the procession of two hundred clergy at the consecration of Archdeacon Sweeny as Bishop of Toronto on the morning of the 25th inst., it is expected that there will be no less than nine bishops. These will be Bishop of Hamilton of Ottawa, Bishop Dunn of Quebec, Bishop Farthing of Montreal, Bishop Worrell of Nova Scotia, Bishop Mills of Ontario, Bishop DuMoulin of Niagara, Bishop Williams of Huron, Bishop Darlington of Harrisburg, N. S., Bishop Reeve of Toronto.

Claims Issue of Shares.

R. J. McKee, of Buffalo, has had a writ issued against the Quebec Gas Company, J. A. McKee, R. A., Smith (representing shares controlled by him and standing in his own name, and that of E. B. Osler, of the firm of Osler & Hammond), H. A. Richardson, W. H. Pearson, jun., of Toronto, Lorne C. Webster, of Quebec, and J. C. Duffield, of London, Ont., claiming the issue and transfer to him of shares of the defendant company, and a declaration as to his rights, and an accounting, also an injunction restraining defedants from dealing with the shares or permitting J. A. McKee to represent and vote upon the shares.

Mr. Jas. A. Allan, shipowner, has been asked to stand for the central division of Glasgow in the Labor interest.

East London Items

LONDON NOT AFFECTED BY IT

City Is Now in Third Class of Ordnance Departments.

The reclassification of the ordnance stations in Canada, as announced in an Ottawa dispatch, does not affect the local ordnance department.

London is in the third class, with Calgary, St. John and Charlottetown. Following the plan of the Imperial Government the ordnance departments are rated in three classes, according to the quantity of stores at each station. The terms, first, second and third class, are used in the militia orders for mobilizing.

WILL AMEND THE RULES

Permanent Service Men Shall be Admitted with Policy of $250.

The members of the committee of the fourth section of the Grand Trunk Insurance and Provident Society, the members of which were elected on Saturday, have received the official notice of the date of the general meeting in Montreal.

Of the seven men on the committee five are Londoners. The meeting is to be held in the head offices in Montreal on Friday, March 26, at 2 p.m.

The rules will be amended to provide that members of the permanent service of the road between 40 and 50 years of age shall be admitted to the society with a policy for $250.

An auditor will be elected and the reports of the year received.

EAST END FAMILY ALMOST ASPHYXIATED

By Escaping Gas in the Home of Mr. William Proctor, Rectory Street.

The family of Mr. William Proctor, of 404 Rectory street, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation early this morning when gas from the kitchen range filled the house.

As a result of the trouble Alfred, a little fellow of five, and Frank, a young man, are both laid up today. The little boy was found unconscious.

Last night when the family retired two covers were left off the stove, and the escaping gas soon filled the rooms in the rear portion of the house. On awakening this morning Mr. Proctor noticed a strong odor of gas in his room and aroused the family.

Alfred was unconscious, while Frank was in a semi-conscious condition. The other members of the family were also somewhat affected.

They are feeling somewhat better today, however, although Frank, who is employed on the Grand Trunk, was unable to leave his home this morning.

LATE JAMES HOSIE.

The funeral of Mr. James Hosie, who died at Victoria Hospital, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The services were conducted at his late home, 90 Adelaide street, by Rev. James Collins, of the King Street Presbyterian Church, at 2:30.

The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Geo. Burgess, Geo. Ewen, S. Murray, D. Forsythe, Henry Depper and John Kennedy.

EAST END NOTES.

Mr. J. H. Tapper, of 107 Inkerman street, is seriously ill at his home.

Friends of Mr. R. W. LaMarsh, of 622 Hamilton road, will be pleased to hear that he is recovering from his recent illness.

Mrs. T.