

## LOCAL MARKET IS STRONG

And Prices Generally Steady With No Shortages.

Dawson Is Better Supplied Than Ever at This Season of the Year With Perishables.

The prevailing prices in the market as regards perishables are somewhat peculiar inasmuch as in some cases where the supply is strong, there even being a strong presumption that there will be a surplus to carry over into the season of river navigation, the price remains very firm.

Generally speaking the predictions of these columns made last fall concerning the supply have thus far been verified by results, and it is well within the facts to say that never before since Dawson became a town was there a winter of such ample supply as the present, dealers having learned by past experience just about the extent of staples necessary to carry the city through a winter.

Ham is firm at 35c to 37c according to variety, though it is thought these prices will be the subject of a slight cut in the near future.

Bacon is selling at 32 1/2c to 35c.

The flour market presents rather a peculiar aspect in the light of former times, though its condition is no different from what could be expected when past experiences are considered. Soft wheat is selling this week at \$5.25 to \$5.75 and has a strong upward tendency, at that, as the supply is short. On the other hand the supply of hard wheat flour, the Ogilvie brand, is strong and selling at \$5 to \$5.50.

There are eggs galore and the supply makes them cheap, for this season of the year, at \$25, the price having remained nearly stationary during the season, and although there has been slight fluctuations the quotations is now just what it was at the close of navigation. There will probably be a raise though in this commodity between now and the opening of navigation by reason of the ageing of the stock.

There is a general decline in the prices on canned goods, all along the line and including milk and cream in all varieties excepting Carnation cream which is scarce and subject to a slight advance. It is not too much to say that the depression in prices of canned goods has been as great as 10 per cent during the past week, and the only staple article of perishable nature apt to be of good enough price and demand to pay to bring in over the ice, is fresh eggs, which, if they arrive here about March 1st will probably find good sale at a fair price.

Potatoes are strong at 10c to 15c and there will be no surplus, though it is doubtful if the supply does not last the season out.

The bottom has fallen completely out of the market so far as onions are concerned, and they can be bought in quantity at almost any price.

The butter market is full, but the prices are firm as dealers regard it as good property. Coldbrook is held at \$38 and Elgin and Agen's at \$45 per case.

The meat market is full, though prices are very steady, beef being quoted today at 35c to 50c in quantity, and at 35c to 75c retail, according to cut. Mutton is held at 50c by the carcass, at 65c to 75c retail.

Caribou and moose are going at 30c in quantity and retail at 25c to 50c.

Pork is 65c for carcass and 50c to 75c over the block, and veal is retailed at \$1 and sold by the carcass at 85c.

### A Mental Conundrum.

"Memory," said a well informed man about town yesterday, "is a very peculiar attribute of the human intelligence.

"As a faculty that is subject to education, I don't believe in it, because I have known cases spoken of as illustrative of wonderful feats of memory, which, when analyzed, did not seem to be exactly definable in that way.

"For instance, take the case of a child who has learned his A B C's thoroughly; ask him to tell off-hand what letter comes after L and he will be unable to tell you without going back to the beginning and going over the alphabet down to the letter K.

"I claim that memory, so-called, is merely an association of ideas such as is set forth in Loisset's system of memory training. I myself have been said to have a very retentive memory, yet it is not memory at all, for the same reason as set forth in the case of the

child. I can listen to the reading of a newspaper article of medium length, and at its close repeat it word for word, but if asked to begin anywhere but at the beginning I can't do it.

"The teaching of theosophy as regards memory is that there is practically no such thing, but that what is called memory is but the association of ideas, which, in the course of evolution go to make the faculty known and somewhat indefinitely spoken of as instinct. In other words the first question usually put by people when the proposition of reincarnation is laid down is, if this is a fact, why do people not remember former existences, is answered by a laying down of this principle."

### Some People Can't.

"Ever notice that some people can't drive dogs, or in fact, do anything at all with animals," asked a sour dough the other day when the subject was being talked of.

"I've heard it said that this was due to an antagonistic spirit on the part of the person which the animal instinct recognized and rebelled against. But that isn't so.

"I remember when I was a boy at home we had a cow that had been broken to stand for milking by my mother, and would stand as quiet as a fence post for her, but if father or any of us boys went near her she would kick the daylight out of us.

"Well, mother got sick once, and we had to contrive a plan for milking that cow, and the plan we adopted worked like a charm. We just fooled her. I put on mother's apron and sunbonnet, and the cow never knew the difference.

"The instinct business is all right enough, but in many cases it is only crankiness."

### London's Lord Mayor.

The office of lord mayor of the city of London is one of great honor, dignity and importance. It is an office of very high antiquity and is hedged about with many ancient customs and ceremonials, rendering its occupant an object of interest to students of history. He is an important and interesting personage, even leaving out the historic interest of his position, for besides numerous other duties the lord mayor of London is the chief magistrate of the vast city, a general of militia, an admiral of the port of London and conservator of the river Thames.

For his labors the lord mayor receives a salary equal to that of our president, but he is expected to spend at least as much more to maintain the dignity of his office. As a necessary consequence none but rich men ever attain the mayoralty. Besides his salary he receives during his term of office, which is one year, the use of a princely residence, known as the Mansion House. The lord mayor during his term of office takes rank as an earl and his wife as a countess, and he is always addressed as "my lord," "your lordship" or "my lord mayor."

The election of the lord mayor of London is celebrated with many curious and interesting ceremonies. He is always chosen by and from the 26 aldermen or heads of the wards of which the city is composed, and is also invariably one of the ex-sheriffs or one of the two acting sheriffs of the city. During his term the lord mayor is the greatest personage in London and gives way only to the sovereign.

The incumbent of the lord mayor's chair this year is Mr. Frank Green, who has been an alderman of the city since 1891 and who was one of the sheriffs of the city in 1897. Mr. Green is one of the leading paper makers of the world's metropolis and is very wealthy. He has long been prominent in London affairs and did great service to the city in connection with the erection of the magnificent Tower bridge across the Thames. He has a very accomplished wife to assist him in the social duties of his office, as well as a handsome daughter, who is something of a poet. He will probably be knighted either during or after his term of office, knighthood being the customary award for services as lord mayor of London.—Ex.

### Thieves' Haul.

Detroit, Jan. 2.—The Michigan Central depot at Wyandotte, a suburb of Detroit, was the scene of a bold mail robbery some time last night, when a pouch containing, it is estimated, \$100,000 of negotiable paper, checks and money, was stolen from the waiting room. Two sacks of mail and a pouch of second class mail matter were on the platform as the south-bound Michigan Central arrived at 9:08. Night Operator Dicher, it is supposed, took the two bags, and instead of carrying them to the ticket office, where the mail is usually kept, allowed them to lie in the waiting room.

New fresh Eastern oysters at Meeker's.

Flashlight powder at Goetzman's.

## COMING AND GOING.

There was a well attended meeting of Odd Fellows in the rooms of Dr. Cassels last evening.

Action is being taken today in the matter of the Third avenue obstructions, which will probably be cleared forthwith.

Tim McElroy, the Magnet roadhouse onorial artist and dispenser of fluid happiness, is in the city on business. He is just recovering from a severe sickness.

Mr. Miller, of Holmes, Miller & Co., who has been in the hospital for several months suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, is reported to be on the road to recovery.

G. W. Waltenbough, superintendent and part owner of the McDonald Iron Works, is confined to his home by a severe cold which threatened at one time to develop into pneumonia.

Mrs. J. R. Fulda met with a very painful accident a day or two since from the effects of which she is confined to her room. She slipped on the ice and got a very hard fall.

The Yukon council meets tonight when it is supposed that the tax question will be finally settled and thereby the incorporation proposition will be laid to rest for the present at least.

Commissioner Ogilvie is to have a telephone placed in his residence and another in his office. This will give Dr. Brown and Al Watson a chance to say unpleasant things about the hello bell.

Behind the Regina bar there is an excellent sample of the sculptor's art. It is the head of John Bechtel done in colors. Who the workman is is not known, but it was presented to the bar by Jay Gould.

It is thought that this afternoon's session of the territorial court will witness the close of the Wilson damage action against the C. D. Co., though a decision is not expected earlier than the first of the week.

The police have received instructions to act in the matter of the petition which was largely signed in South Dawson sometime since, and today the objectionable characters referred to in the petition are receiving notice to vamoose.

Just a few members of the Civil Service hockey team were seen on the streets today each wearing a look of tired curiosity, as if he would like to ask, but lacks the necessary energy, "How did it happen?"

Owing to the absence of President Fulda and Col. Reichenbach there was no meeting of the Board of Trade last evening. The illness of Mrs. Fulda prevented the attendance of the former, and the latter named gentleman is visiting Gold Run.

A good meeting of the Arctic Brotherhood was held last night when six chechakos "mushed" the trail and reached the camp of Her Iceiness. Among those who took the degree are Editor Sam W. Wall and Harry Edwards. The camp is growing rapidly and is very popular in Dawson as well as at points where the order is established.

If the weather remains as it is a few days there is danger that the gardening fever will begin to show itself. This is indicated by the fact that people are beginning to look over diaries and newspaper files, and a number of bets concerning the probable time of the moving of the ice have already been made. These wagers cover the time between the 5th and 20th of May.

Concerning the disappearance of J. S. Lancaster and Malcolm McDonald, the Board of Trade has addressed a letter to the Chamber of Commerce of Seattle, urging upon that body the necessity of taking some steps looking to the clearing of the mysteries in question. The letter points out the fact that both the missing men had, or were supposed to have, with them upon their arrival in Seattle, considerable sums of money, and that if the impression among people who travel from here becomes prevalent that Seattle is not safe, it will work considerable of a hardship upon that town.

### Tricks of the Trade.

Herman Knabel, the hustling baker who has all along contended that 50 cents is a fair price for three loaves of bread, is standing by his belief to the disgust of his competitors whom, Knabel asserts, is seeing his price and going him one better, selling two loaves for 25 cents in the south end of town, where much of his (Knabel) trade is, but elsewhere in the city they charge the old price. Knabel is now arranging to open a new bakery in the center of the city which will be conducted on his schedule of three loaves for 50 cents.

### The Weather.

During the 24 hours previous to 9 o'clock this morning the official weather record showed the minimum temperature to be four degrees below, the maximum 12 degrees above zero. The temperature in all parts of the district heard from during the same period was quite uniform.

### Buried Yesterday.

At 2 p. m. the double funeral service of W. J. Kronquist and Wm. Levy took place at the First Methodist church, the Rev. Heatherington conducting the service, and seven voices from the ranks of the K. of P. furnishing the music. A large number of friends and brother knights followed the remains to their last resting place.

### Work Commencing.

Reports from the creeks are to the effect that active work has recently been commenced on a large number of

claims. Especially is this the case on Sulphur, Dominion and Gold Run and their various tributary gulches and pups. On Hunker nearly all claims have been working all winter. Considerable work has also been done and is being done on Bonanza and Eldorado, although many of their side mill and bench properties will not be worked previous to the end of winter.

### Change in Russian Calendar.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—The government puts in operation today the Gregorian Cycle in place of the old style or Julian-Greek calendar, which was 12 days behind the rest of the world, causing much annoyance in business.

### Must Wear Union Clothes.

Brooklyn, Jan. 1.—Today the order of the Brooklyn Central Labor Union goes into effect that delegates must begin the year by wearing no clothes except those bearing the union label. A committee will make an inspection of delegates' clothes on Sunday next.

Imported Turkish cigarettes, at Zaccarelli's Bank Cafe corner. cr5

Sweet potatoes at Meeker's.

Chewing tobacco's all brands, at Zaccarelli's, 75c per pound up, Bank Cafe corner. cr5

Hay and oats 10 cents, job lots that must be sold, Brien & Clememnts, Second avenue. c23

Salinas Valley potatoes for sale at Lancaster & Calderhead's. crt

Fresh carrots and turnips at Meeker's.

The Pacific Cold Storage Company paid the collector of customs in Dawson \$10,000 duty on the cargo of fine meats they are now offering to the trade.

Big dinners every day at Fairview hotel, \$1

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