

Canadian Produce in England.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's pronouncement in favor of the embargo on Canadian store cattle being removed has called forth a large number of letters in the general press, as well as the agricultural papers, from the Opposition—principally farmers and Irish graziers. The old bogey of "contagious disease" is being run for all it is worth, despite the fact that experience and figures alike prove that contagious disease does not exist. That the opposition to the removal of the embargo is a formidable one there is no gain-saying, but if the Canadian Government, as is reported, throw their weight into the balance, the influential support it has on this side, and the official backing, ought to be sufficient to carry the day in the new Parliament.

There is not a great deal of business being done in the wheat markets, but the tendency is firm, and there has been a gradual hardening of prices during the week. No. 2 Calcutta is chiefly in request, and is now selling at \$7.45. New La Platas do not yet attract much attention in London factors, awaiting more definite knowledge of the quality to be expected. South Russian wheats are firm, and have lately been fairly active, but the finer sorts, which are most in request, are getting scarce and dear—\$7.70 to \$8.40. The latest news with regard to the Australasian crop is distinctly unfavorable, and it is now considered probable that the export surplus from the new crop will not reach two million quarters, whilst last year 4,775,000 qrs. was exported. No. 1. N., Manitoba, landed, is held at \$9.50, but there is very little spring wheat available of any kind.

There is no change in the flour trade, generally, but there is, perhaps, more inclination to buy if millers would make some concession in prices, many bakers evidently being short in stock. London continues to be poorly supplied with foreign flour, the American supplies during the past three weeks averaging little over 10,000 sacks per week, against about 60,000 sacks last year. American spring patents hardly exist, but \$7.50 was paid for a recent small arrival. First bakers' are in better supply, but the quality is generally unsatisfactory, at \$5.50 to \$5.75, up to \$5.90 for the best.

Maize is steady, and La Plata is rather harder to buy, at \$5.35 in bulk, and \$5.30 in bags. American maize is in abundant supply, at \$5.00 landed; Calcutta is quoted \$5.10.

The live cattle trade at Deptford, in sympathy with the central market at Smithfield, has been very quiet; prices, however, have been well maintained. The supplies consist entirely of U. S. consignments. On Monday last 895 beasts were disposed of, at 11½c. to 12½c. per pound, while on Wednesday 700 were sold at 11½c. to 12½c., and 674 more were held over because of the slackness in demand. A lot of 365 States sheep were also forward, but failed to find purchasers. This is the second consignment of U. S. sheep that has lately received the "cold shoulder" from Smithfield buyers, who have discovered that the pick of the shipments have been sold privately, and they won't have anything to do with the "left-overs."

Deptford (Saturday), 1,795 States cattle, 11½c. to 12c.; 200 Canadian cattle, 10½c. to 11½c.; 144 ranchers', 9½c. Trade slow; 500 bullocks are held over.

In Smithfield dead meat market, U. S. chilled beef has declined in value, and 11½c. to 12c. per pound is now accepted for choice hinds, and 7½c. for fores. Argentine chilled beef was conspicuous by its absence last week, but has been available for the last three or four days, and sells at 8c. to 9c. for hinds, and 6c. for fores. Best Scotch beef is cheap at 13c., and English at 11½c. Some chilled mutton from the U. S. is offered daily in small quantities, and makes up to 7c. per pound. In the frozen mutton department Australian makes 7c.; River Plate, 7½c., and New Zealand from 8c. to 9½c. per pound.

Bacon.—This market seems to have acquired more strength during the present week, attributable to shorter supplies and a more active demand generally. The inquiry for Canadian selections has much improved, and all available supplies have been cleared off at stiffening rates, so that the prices of first-class brands have been put up 1c. per pound for leanest and lean meats. Davies' bacon makes from 11½c. to 12c. per pound, and other selections from 10½c.

Hams are in rather better demand, and prices are consequently firmer. For Canadian long-cut green there is a steady inquiry, at 9c. to 11½c.; for short-cut there is not so much demand, at 9c. to 9½c. per pound.

Cheese.—The demand for Canadian has visibly slackened, and to encourage business rather easier terms have been acceded to, 11½c. to 11½c. having been the latest value of colored, and 11½c. to 11½c. landed for white cheese. The C. I. F. quotation is about 11½c. for white and colored, in equal parts. Stocks at Commercial Road Station, on 26th inst., were 107,000 boxes, against 118,000 at corresponding date last year.

The butter market has a healthy tone, and prices, where there has been any change, are on the upgrade. The bulk of the trade is done in Australian and N. Z. makes, at from 20½c. to 22½c. per pound, but Argentine is in good demand, at 21c. to 22c. The Liverpool quotation to-day for Canadian creameries is 21½c. to 22c. per pound.

Apples continue to arrive freely, and satisfactory prices are realized for all Canadian fruit of good quality, but States fruit does not sell quite so freely. States Baldwins range from \$2.40 to \$3.25; Canadians

from \$2.50 to \$4.00, and Golden Russets from \$3.85 to \$6.00, according to quality. The weight of apples imported into the U. K. in the week ending January 21st was 11,297,552 pounds.

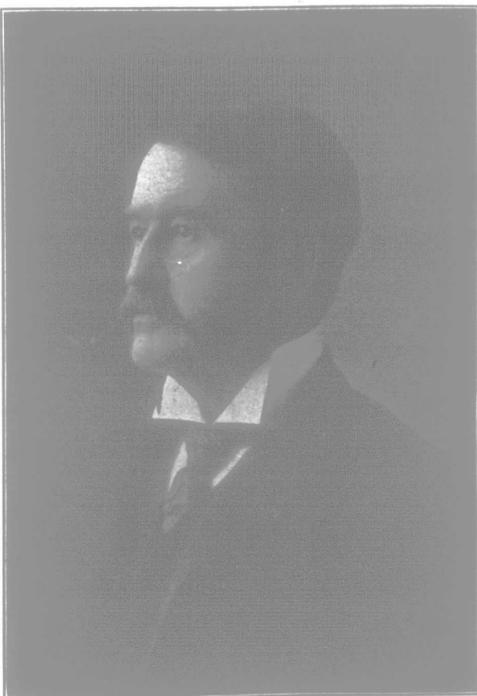
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Newest Way of Threshing.

I noticed an article in your paper of March 10th, 1904, written by Mr. George Hall, President of the Progressive Threshing Co., of Haldimand, describing the "New Way of Threshing." The article and the system of threshing which he described attracted considerable attention among the readers of the "Farmer's Advocate" in this section. I now take much pleasure in describing to your readers the Newest Way of Threshing. This fall a neighbor of mine, Mr. John McGregor, secured the services of a combined cutting and threshing machine, which was manufactured at Blyth by John Richmond & Son, which fills the bill better than anything I have seen. It did excellent work, both in cutting the straw and in cleaning the grain. The straw was cut in the sheaf, which, I am convinced, is the best way to cut straw to make good cut feed. It was cut fine and uniform, and not only that, but it was soft, which made grand feed to mix with meal, roots, or ensilage. The grain was taken away from the machine in two places, the light or poor grain being separated from the good and heavy grain; the latter being cleaned fit for market. The cut straw and chaff was delivered to the mow by a blower, without the aid of any one. No one was required in the straw mow. The cut straw went into comparatively small space; I believe it did not occupy over one-third the room taken up by the sheaves. The farmers of this section are strongly advocating this system of threshing; and also that the threshers would bring along the full gang with them—say at least six men, or enough to take the sheaves out of an ordinary mow, and just have the farmer attend to his grain. I would like to hear more from other subscribers on this system of threshing and as to bringing along the full gang. I would also like if Mr. Hall would give us more information in regard to the management of the Progressive Threshing Co., and if it is proving satisfactory to the farmers.

Huron County, Ont. ALBERT TREWIN.
[Messrs. Richmond advise us that they have only made the one machine as a test.—Editor.]

NEWS OF THE DAY.



Hon. J. P. Whitney, M. P. P.
The new Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Canadian.

Justice Killam has been appointed Chairman of the Railway Commission.

The largest hotel in Canada is to be built by the C. P. R. at Winnipeg.

The snowfall in Eastern Canada has been heavier this winter than last, and snow blockades have been common during the past month.

The British Government has chartered the Dominion Coal Company's steamer, Dominion, to carry three thousand tons of naval stores from Halifax to Gibraltar.

During the blizzard on February 7th, the Furness

Liner, Damara, bound from Liverpool to Halifax, struck upon a submerged ice-floe near the Jeddore Rocks, twenty miles east of Halifax, and went to the bottom. All on board escaped by the lifeboats.

A \$15,000,000 scheme to construct canals between the Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario is under consideration; Mr. H. C. Spalding, New York; Messrs. J. I. Davidson, P. Howland, R. C. Steele and Andrew Drummond, of Toronto; T. W. Hugo, Duluth, and Telford Burnham, of Chicago, being the men behind the movement.

Senator Wark, of Fredericton, will be 101 years old February 19th. When seen a few days ago by a reporter, he was in the midst of writing and examining papers. He expressed himself as being in excellent health, and seemed as smart as he did at his last birthday. Senator Wark will likely go to Ottawa in April. —[Acadian Orchardist.]

An immense cavern, believed to rival the mammoth cave of Kentucky, has been discovered near Revelstoke, B. C. Its length is two miles, and its width nearly half a mile, while the walls are studded with millions of glittering stalactites. Ancient Indian weapons and tools were found in the cave, also the mummified bodies of two human beings.

The Ontario Government resigned on February 6th, Mr. Whitney's cabinet being sworn in on February 8th. The personnel of the new Government is as follows:

- Premier and Attorney-General—J. P. Whitney, K.C., M.L.A., Dundas.
- Minister of Crown Lands—J. J. Foy, K.C., M.L.A., South Toronto.
- Minister of Agriculture—Nelson Monteith, B.S.A., M.L.A., South Perth.
- Provincial Treasurer—A. J. Matheson, M.L.A., South Lanark.
- Minister of Education—R. A. Pyne, M.D., M.L.A., East Toronto.
- Provincial Secretary—W. J. Hanna, M.L.A., West Lambton.
- Minister of Public Works—J. O. Reaume, M.D., M.L.A., North Essex.
- Ministers without portfolio—Adam Beck, M.L.A., London; J. S. Hendrie, M.L.A., West Hamilton; W. A. Willoughby, M.L.A., East Northumberland.
- Speaker—J. W. St. John, M.L.A., West York.

British and Foreign.

Soisalon Soininen, Procurator General of Finland, was assassinated at Helsingfors on February 6th.

Prince Mirsky, Minister of the Interior of Russia, has resigned, on account of ill-health. M. Bouligan has been appointed in his place.

Church union has taken an advanced step in India, where all the Presbyterian churches have been united under one General Assembly.

In a collision between the Norwegian steamer Leif Erikssen and the steamer City of Everett of Cape Romaine, Florida, the Norwegian steamer was sunk.

Botrousky's division of the Second Russian Pacific squadron left Jibutil on February 2nd, sailing to meet Admiral Rojestvensky's warships off Madagascar.

A great religious revival is said to be in progress in England, all denominations uniting in sympathy with the movement, which was inaugurated by Messrs. Torrey and Alexander, the American evangelists. Such a religious awakening, it is declared, has been unknown since 1859.

Good progress is being made on the Panama Canal. At the same rate of working it is estimated by the best engineers on the Isthmus that a sea level canal can be constructed in ten years, and be ready for large vessels by January, 1915.

The strike situation has become acute at Radow, Russia, where the soldiers fired upon the strikers, killing fifteen and wounding over fifty. At Lodz and Sosnovice quiet has been restored, and there is some prospect of an early resumption of work. Governor-General Tchertkoff, of Warsaw, who was wounded in the encounter between the troops and the strikers a fortnight ago, is dead.

An Everyday Friend.

Mr. Geo. D. Sparum, Grey, Ont., says: I would not like to be without the "Farmer's Advocate," as I think it excels all other papers, and is an everyday farmer's friend.

The Provincial Experiment Station for gooseberries, at Nantyr, Ont., and that for pears, at Whitby, Ont., have been closed up. Mr. Woolverton, of Grimsby, will conduct the work with pears, and gooseberries will be teled at all the stations.