

STORIES OF THE STREETS

Boys will be boys even after they grow up to be influential and worthy citizens. This fact was demonstrated the other day when two perfectly sane and reputable residents of Calgary got to harking back to "the good old days" when both were athletes of more or less "don't miss that 'less'" note at their respective universities. The subject of speed on the cinder track came up and an argument as to the respective abilities of Charley Mills, the real estate man, and Percy Edwards, owner of a misbehaving automobile, came up along the lines of foot racing.

"I did a hundred yards once in a fraction more than ten seconds," declared Mills but he neglected to state whether or not he was in the baggage coach ahead or in an automobile.

Suspicious creature that I am to question Charley's veracity! Edwards came back with a declaration that he broke from the start so fast that it was necessary for the starter to put a megaphone to the end of the pistol so that Edwards would be able to hear the start. And what do you suppose these two bear-cats did? Ran it in the eighth avenue at high noon. Dr. W. Spankie officiated as judge and the contestants ran from First to Second streets east.

Charley Mills won. I know for he told me so—and the time was a fraction of eleven seconds. But Mills neglected to tell me whether it was a fraction of a minute or a fraction of an hour. And anyway, Edwards hasn't had a chance to explain so the result is not yet official.

Speaking of foot racing, Bruce Robertson, of the National Register company, told of "some speed" by a Georgia negro, Quetta Bruce.

"It was in an Atlanta police court, so the story goes, and there was a shooting affray between some colored folks. The woman in the case was speaking and explaining.

"Ah had just fired that wuthless nigger from mah boardin' house and was sittin' on mah front porch talkin' to two gemen who they are in the house. One of them was sayin' to me, 'Ah see you nigger, that you just slowly starvin' to death.' But 'Yoah Huh! Ah didn't shoot.'"

"Sam the man who had been shot at then took the stand: 'What about that, Sam,' demanded the judge.

"It was like this, Yoah Huh! Ah was passin' this here 'BANG, BANG, BANG' Ah remember them perky. When Ah heard the first Ah was just crossin' Fourteenth street and as she fired the second Ah was just breezin' pas Sixty Ninth street."

Righto Bruce! Coverin' fifty-five blocks in "BANG-BANG" time is certainly "some speed."

Then so their would be an abundance of "speed" stuff, J. T. McDonald, the hardware man, pulled this one.

"Down in California when horse racing was good, they had a track near Pasadena. En route from the track to the city there was a long mile long over which motorists liked to 'hit it up' on account of the good stretch of road. There had been several accidents and an agitation to have a sane speed limit enforced was in progress. About this time some wag placed a sign at the top of the hill where the speeding was won't to commence. It read:

"Automobiles Must Slow Down to Ninety Miles an Hour!"

Two well known Californians—whose names we must omit—because both are known to be heavy consumers of the stuff that cinders and also inebriates, met the other morning and their conversation ran something like this:

"Good morning, George."

"Good morning, Tom."

"Have you had breakfast yet?"

"Not a drop."

Then both went on a milk diet with an egg and a "stick" in it.

TRADE INQUIRIES

The following trade inquiries have been received by the Calgary board of trade from the Dominion department of commerce:

Apples—A Birmingham firm is open to quotations on Russets, Baldwins, and Greenings.

Apples—A Leicester firm would be glad of quotations on Golden Russets, Baldwins and Greenings, Nos. 1 and 2.

Wood Pulp—A Dixie firm would be glad of quotations on wood pulp, No. 1 and 2.

Cement—Some Birmingham factors are export cement to Canada.

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portable mills and automobile scales or weighing machines. Representative—A manufacturer of clocks in Switzerland is seeking the names and addresses of firms importing clocks into Canada. Cement—Belgian manufacturer of cement desires to come in relation with Canadian firms for the sale of his products in this country. Corsets—A Belgian firm, manufacturer of corsets, desires to communicate with Canadian firms for the sale of their goods in the dominion.

REJECTS WOOL BILL

Washington, July 30.—By a vote of 172 to 56 today, the house refused to accept the Lafayette wool bill, a substitute for the house bill, but agreed to a conference if the senate should ask for one.

BUSINESS MEN WILL NOT TAKE SOUTHERN TRIP

Because all available railway equipment is in use, the business men of Calgary who have been negotiating for a special train to make a trip through the southern part of the province about August 15th, cannot secure a special train. As this date is somewhat late, it is probable that the plan will be abandoned for the season. The committee of the board of trade in charge of the plan will meet in a short time and decide the question definitely. It was planned to have about 100 business men make the trip for the purpose of renewing business acquaintanceships.

MONTREAL STANDS TO LOSE PRESTIGE AS GRAIN PORT

Inadequate Facilities for Handling Likely to Divert Traffic to Other Ports

If Condition Is Not Remedied Canadian Crop Likely to Pass Through America

Montreal, July 30.—The Star says: "It is freely stated among many prominent grain men that Montreal will eventually share the fate of Chicago, which up to seven years ago held all the Great Lakes coal trade, but being unable to handle it, Milwaukee took it. So they believe that Montreal eventually will lose her grain trade unless strenuous measures are adopted at once."

Montreal harbor grain facilities are at present so improperly equipped as to be utterly unable to handle the grain traffic at present coming to the port from the northwest. So bad have these conditions become that one line of steamers has been taken off the Great Lakes and Montreal trade entirely, since July 2nd. These are the boats of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Transportation company.

"This has been done only after the Wallace, Keefe and Davidson boats of their fleet had lost a total of 27 days, waiting to unload their cargoes of grain here in port at a loss of \$155 per day, a total of \$15,445."

"For William Brown has nine grain elevators, and also build three more next year. A reduction of a half cent freight rate to Buffalo and the result will be that Montreal will lose her prestige as a grain port, and the huge Canadian grain crop will be handled through the United States port."

"There is practically no visible chance of hope to have the new harbor commissioners' elevator equipped in time for the fall grain crop, and although the grain natural moves faster near the coast of navigation than at present, despite the fact that the present rates are lower, the congestion, it is believed, will be enormous."

Representative—A manufacturer of machinery in Switzerland desires a Canadian representative for the sale of

THE MARKETS

GENERAL DULLNESS IN TRADE EVIDENT

Winnipeg Market Slow, With Fluctuations Comparatively Little

Winnipeg, Man., July 30.—On the wheat market today trading was dull and slow, with prices steady. There was no news either bullish or bearish and fluctuations were comparatively narrow.

Liverpool closed 3-8 lower to 1-2 cent higher. Continental markets were irregular, while Americans were generally weaker.

Winnipeg closed 1-4 to 1-2 lower. Minneapolis closed unchanged to 7-8 lower. Chicago closed 1-4 higher to 3-8 lower.

The cash demand at Winnipeg was good for all grades. No. 2 and lower, and offerings were heavy, with export inquiry limited.

Contract oats for both months were just holding their own, while July extra No. 1 feed met their Waterloo with the near approach of the close of the month. There were plenty oats in sight and short interest proved a small one so that the close recorded the phenomenal break of 6 1-4 cents.

July flax was offered at 3-4 cents lower. The close showed a decline of 4 cents for July and 2 cents for October. Receipts were exceptionally light, only 25 cars being in sight for inspection today.

Cleanances today were: Wheat, 53,000 bushels. Oats, 11,000 bushels. Feed oats, 56,000 bushels. Flax, 6,000 bushels.

Grain inspection: Spring wheat, No. 1 Ntn 3, 2 Ntn 29, 3 Ntn 46, No. 4 48, Feed, 11, No grade, 56, Rejected, 1, No grade, 15, Condemned, 7.

Barley: No. 2, 2, No. 3, 3, No grade, 3, Feed, 1.

Flax seed: 2 Ntn Man, 2, 2 Man, 9, Rejected, 17, Condemned, 2.

Totals: Wheat, 236,025, 84, Barley, 9, Flax, 20, C.P.R., 109, G.T.P., 7, C.A.R., 52, Duluth, 1, Total, 359.

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NEW WHEAT ON MARKET EASED CHICAGO PRICES

Chicago, Ill., July 30.—Free marketing of new wheat today from Iowa and Nebraska eased prices down. Misgivings about black rust faded. Latest trades varied from 3/4 to 1/2 lower to 3/4 advance. Corn finished 3/4 off to 1/2 up, and oats strung out from 1/2 decline to 2 1/2 advance.

Sales of freshly harvested wheat here and at other primary points surprised speculators by making a total practically as big as for the corresponding day a year ago. The absence of any great movement from Illinois and Indiana proved of no avail to the bulls, the difference being fully supplied from the huge yields west and in Kansas.

Pine weather in the Dakotas and Minnesota was what, for the time being, allayed the fear as to black rust damage.

Export business and activity in a domestic merchandising way helped rally wheat prices a little during the last half of the day.

The crops were for continental Europe, where the crop outlook was reported to have become less favorable.

A little rain in the southwest and predictions of more tonight, weakened corn. Values later recovered in part, however, increasing sales from country, depressed other months. Outside limits reached in September were 32 1/2 to 32 3/4, and 33 1/2, with the close 32 1/2, a net loss of 3/4.

Cash grades were easy. No. 2 yellow was quoted at 72 1/2 to 74 cents.

Contracted July oats resulted in that future bulging 2 1/2 cents, although the actual business in the option was mostly depressed other months. Outside limits reached in September were 32 1/2 to 32 3/4, and 33 1/2, with the close 32 1/2, a net loss of 3/4.

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