

LOCAL GRAIN.

In both Canada and the United States the option market for oats has been somewhat disturbed owing to the prospects of larger deliveries at American centres in the near future. Prices have fluctuated to some extent, but on the whole show little change with a week ago. The market for cash oats was strong and prices closed 1/2c to 1c per bushel higher. A fairly good business has been done in car lots and the market closed firm with No. 3 Canadian western and extra No. 1 feed quoted at \$1.01 to \$1.01 1/2; No. 1 feed at 98c to 98 1/2c; No. 2 feed at 95c to 95 1/2c; Ontario No. 2 white at 97c to 97 1/2c; No. 3 at 96c to 96 1/2c, and No. 4 at 95c to 95 1/2c per bushel, ex-store. For No. 2 Canadian western oats as high as \$1.12 per bushel was paid last week and even at this figure very few were available. The trade in American corn last week was quiet, there being only sales of a few cars of No. 5 grade made at \$1.70 per bushel, ex-track Montreal, for shipment from Chicago.

Fluctuations in grain on Saturday at Winnipeg were:

Oats:	per bushel.
No. 2 C. W.	0.89%
Do., No. 3 C. W.	0.84%
Do., Extra No. 1 feed	0.79%
Do., No. 2 feed	0.76%
Barley:	
No. 3 C. W.	1.56 1/2
No. 4 C. W.	1.51 1/2
Rejected and Feed	1.28
Flax:	
No. 1 N. C. W.	3.24%
No. 2 C. W.	3.20%
No. 3 C. W.	3.03%

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:—

	Feb. 2, 1918.	Jan. 26, 1918.	Feb. 3, 1917.
Wheat, bush.	2,293,650	2,952,568	729,598
Corn, bush.	16,106	15,821	17,450
Oats, bush.	454,800	661,729	3,787,793
Barley, bush.	59,665	58,418	147,038
Rye, bush.	19,479	17,737	18,280
Buckwheat, bush.	31,175	31,675	4,570
Flax, bush.	1,108	5,857	
Flour, sacks.	31,081	30,350	44,729

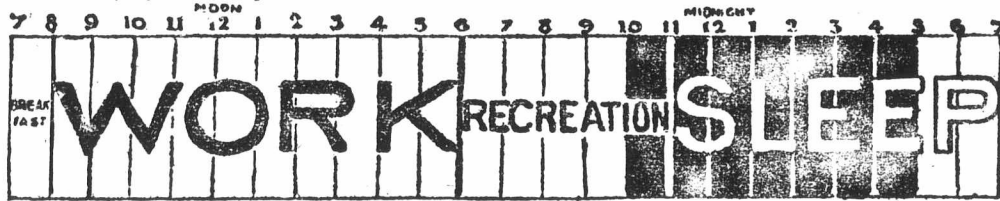
What Daylight Saving Would Do

The above diagrams illustrate what the Daylight Saving Measure would accomplish. In these days when fuel needs conserving, the country could well afford to adopt some sort of daylight saving. The white spaces represent hours of daylight; the black ones hours of darkness. The first diagram represents an ordinary summer day, with clocks running as at present. It becomes light about 4 o'clock in the morning, and dark about 9 at night. The average man in the towns and cities rises about 7 o'clock, works from 8 to 6, and retires at about 11. Of the five hours he devotes to rest and recreation, three are daylight and two darkness.

Under the new system, illustrated by the second diagram, the clocks would be moved one hour ahead. The average man would still rise at 7, according to his clock—though it would really be at 6. His work would begin an hour earlier and end an hour earlier, and for his recreation time he would have four hours of daylight, instead of three. Exactly the same amount of time as at present would be spent in work, recreation and sleep. The effect of the change would be to steal an hour's daylight from one end of the day—where it would be spent in bed—and to add it to the other end, where it can be spent in healthful recreation. The total saving of light would be, on an average 153 hours a year.



The diagram above shows how the average man divides his day now—and the diagram below shows how he would gain an hour of sunlight under the Daylight Saving Bill.



RECEIPTS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR.

The receipts of grain and flour in Montreal for the week ending February 2nd, were:—

Wheat, bushels	89,238
Oats	100,002
Barley, bushels	12,777
Flax	3,534
Flour, sacks	18,673
Hay, bales	16,102
Straw, bales	691

RECEIPTS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending February 2, 1918, with comparisons:

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
Week ending Feb. 2, 1918.	758	437
Week ending Jan. 26, 1918.	3,613	1,592
Week ending Feb. 3, 1917.	1,632	7,000
Total receipts May 1st, 1917 to Feb. 2, 1918	353,412	1,828,340
Total receipts May 1st, 1916 to Feb. 2, 1917	498,425	2,231,240

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