NARROW MARKET FOR N. Y. STOCKS

Early Rally Gave Way to Irregularity With a Weak Close.

EXCHANGE WAS EASIER

Further Withdrawal of Gold From Ottawa Looked for This Week.

Canadian Press Despatch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Irregular prices and moderate trading were the features of today's two-hour session on the stock exchange. The movement was upward at the outset, followed by general declines and an uneven close. Amalgamated Copper was strongest of the active list, its rise being accompanied by rumors that large orders for the metal had been received from abroad. Other speculative favorites, including U. S. Steel, the Pacifics and coalers, made only fractional changes either way.

Foreign exchange was easier, the rate for London bills being slightly under yesterday's final quotations, while remittances on Germany repeated recent low record figures. It is expected that the coming week will bring developments of importance to the various markets for exchange with further gold imports from Canada.

General Trade Improves.

Weekly trade reviews refer to renewed expansion of business, particularly in the west. Retail trade in most sections is expected to be stimulated by the first indication of spring weather.

Foreign news of interest included despatches of a probable Swiss loan by our bankers. The amount mentioned is relatively small, and if carried out may take the form of treasury notes. A more cheerful tone prevailed in London's markets but the volume of operations there, especially in Americans was little more than nominal.

The bank statement fulfilled expectations by showing few changes of importance. Reserves in bank vaults underwent small contraction with a correspondingly light decrease in excess reserves. Announcement that Western Pacific would probably default on its bond interest and that receivership proceedings would be instituted against the road excited little interest by reason of the fact that such action had been foreshadowed.

STEEL MARKET IMPROVES SLOWLY

Trade is Confident, However, That Betterment Will Continue.

Iron Age says: "There are numerous negative influences which tend to chill the enthusiasm for the immediate future, but confidence in continued steady, if slight, improvement persists.

"The Carnegie Steel Company is operating at 65 per cent. of capacity, the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company at 95 per cent. of capacity, with independent tinplate makers ranging from 75 to nearly 100 per cent., and the plate mills of the United States Steel Corporation at Homestead are turning out over 75 per cent. of their capacity, largely for pipe work taken a short time ago by the National Tube Company. The increased active operation is further indicated by the putting in blast of three more stacks of the corporation."

SHIPMENTS SHOW POWER SHORTAGE

Only Three Companies Sent Forward Consignments From Cobalt Camp.

Shipments from Cobalt again reflected the power shortage last week, only three companies sending forward consignments as follows:

	Pounds.
La Rose	31,040
McKinley-Darragh	81,835
M. C. of Con. (Townsite and city mines)	58,070
Total	230,945

The heaviest shipment of bullion ever sent out by the Nipissing Mine in a single shipment was shipped this week, when 330 bars, containing 376,709.05 ounces of silver, valued at $183,645.66, were consigned to London, England.

This is the first bullion shipment of any consequence from the mine within a month, owing to the annual clean up at the high grade mill. The mill is again in running order, and shipments will assume their normal again. Nipissing's total shipments for 1915 have already passed the 1,000,000 ounce mark, over half a million dollars in value.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Glazebrook & Cronyn, exchange and bond brokers, report exchange rates as follows:

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N.Y. fds....	¾ pm.	13-16 pm.	1 p.c.
Mont. fds..	par.	par.	⅛ to ¼
Ster. dem..	483.75	484.25	486
Cable tr....	484.25	484.75	487

—Rates in New York.—

	Actual
Sterling, demand	480 to 480⅛

Bank of England rate, 5 per cent.

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern $1.64, lake ports; No. 2, $1.62; No. 3, $1.58½. ½c per bushel more on track, Goderich.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 70½c; No. 3 C.W., 69c, track, bay ports; No. 1 feed, 68c; sample oats, 67c to 68c.

Ontario oats—Outside, 63c to 65c.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 per car lot, $1.45 to $1.50, outside.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, all-rail shipments, Toronto freights, 78½c.

Peas—No. 2, $2 to $2.05, car lots, outside, nominal.

Rye—No. 2, $1.25 to $1.28.

Barley—Good malting barley, outside $5c to 88c.

Rolled oats—Car lots, per bag of 90 lbs., $3.55; in smaller lots, $3.75, Windsor to Montreal.

Millfeed—Car lots, per ton, bran, $23; shorts, $30; middlings, $35; good feed flour, $40 to $44; mixed cars, $1 more.

Buckwheat—$5c to 88c car lots, outside.

Manitoba flour—First patents, $8 in jute bags; second patents, $7.50 in jute bags; strong bakers', $7.30; in cotton bags, 20c more.

Ontario flour—Winter, 90 per cent. patents, $6.15 to $6.25, seaboard, in bulk; $6.35 to $6.85, bags included, Toronto freights.

Cornmeal—Yellow, 98-pound sacks, in car lots, $2.20; in small lots, $2.50.

WHEAT BULLS IN THE ASCENDANT

Strong Rally in Both Options on the Chicago Market.

CORN WAS ALSO HIGHER

Oats, Too, Enjoyed an Advance on Urgent Seaboard Demand.

Canadian Press Despatch.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—It was more on account of a change of feeling than because of a change of news that the wheat market today scored a substantial advance. Intelligence that 40 warships had forced a passage many miles up the Dardanelles did not reach here until after trading hours. Prices closed strong, 2½c to 4¼c advance. Other net gains were corn 2¼c to 2½c, oats 1¼c to 1½c, and provisions 5c to 12½c.

Buyers ruled the wheat pit today from the start. Virtually all of the decline of the preceding session was overcome. The violent setback had apparently accomplished a drastic clearing out of weak holdings and had given fresh stimulus to export and milling demand. Sentiment favoring the bull side was also encouraged by the fact that Liverpool quotations failed to reflect fully yesterday's decline here. There were besides continuing reductions in the estimates of the Argentine exportable surplus.

Russia Governing Factor.

Traders' opinions regarding the Dardanelles situation leaned a good deal to the view that as far as the wheat market was concerned the progress against the Turks at Constantinople to the extent that had been heard from was not to be taken seriously as implying immediate results. It was in accord with this theory that nearly the highest prices of the day were in force at the wind-up.

Shipping and export sales amounting to about 300,000 bushels put the corn market on the up grade. Most of the time shorts were in a scramble to cover. Rain and snow in the southwest formed a handicap on the bears.

Seaboard demand remained urgent as to oats. Sales to foreigners, however, were reported.

In provisions the feature was a rally from early weakness. Grain strength finally gave the advantage to the bulls.

BUSY DAYS FOR DOMINION STEEL

Company's Mills Will Be Kept Working for an Indefinite Period.

SYDNEY, C.B., Feb. 28.—"Business as Usual" has been the motto of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company since the outbreak of the European war. C. S. Martin, general manager of the company, who has just returned from a trip to Montreal, said: "Considering the prevailing depression, we are doing well in keeping so much of the plant running. In fact, I don't know of any plant that is keeping as many of their men employed under such trying circumstances. All the mills are going and sufficient orders have been received to keep them busy for an indefinite period."

"The longer this war lasts the better it will be for the Steel Company," said another official of the plant. "Our volume of trade with the old country is growing rapidly and we look forward to the future optimistically. A merchant mill for the manufacture of material of builders' materials of all kinds will, I hope, be erected before the summer has flown, and this should mark a notable advance in the company's output and operations. Machinery for the mill is already on the ground and all that is required is a building in which to house it. Several shipments of wire have been forwarded to England and others will follow as rapidly as the material can be manufactured."

The company will also instal a plant for the utilization of by-products of the coke ovens to manufacture tutol and benzol.

LIQUIDATION IN MINING SHARES

Further Break in Teck-Hughes Overshadowed Remainder of the List.

Teck-Hughes continued weak on the Standard Exchange on Saturday, and the remainder of the market was inclined to sympathize. Dome Lake broke to 23¾, but the closing sale was at 25. McIntyre sold at 30, while Vipond eased to 37½. Big Dome was dealt in at $6.05 and $6.10, while Hollinger sold at $22.25 and $22.50 for odd lots. Apex sold at 2⅞, Pearl Lake at 2¼ and Imperial at 2¾.

In the Cobalt group Great Northern sold to 2½ and Peterson Lake to 23¾. Timiskaming was steady at 17.

Crown Reserve was strong at 77, after an odd lot had sold early at 75. It is understood that the new ore body discovered this year, which branches off from twenty-four vein, which has been such a big producer, has been drifted on for about 80 feet, and stoping on the vein has produced a great deal of very rich high grade ore. The mill ore associated with the high grade vein is also very good. The branch vein discovered some time ago near fourteen vein has also produced some rich grade, and a good deal of excellent mill ore. The mill ore is the big thing in the mine today, and now that the power is on at the Dominion Reduction Company, which treats Crown Reserve ore, a big daily tonnage of low grade is being sent across. A car of high grade will be shipped early in March, which should run high.

STREET SEES SCARCITY OF NOVA SCOTIA STEEL

Reported to Be Very Hard to Get Under the Minimum.

It is reported from Montreal that 40 has been bid for a block of Nova Scotia Steel, presumably for the covering of shorts. The minimum is 45¾, and it is stated that no offers under that level have so far been considered.

There is some divergence of opinion regarding the extent of the short interest in Scotia, but it is variously estimated at 1500 to 3000 shares. It is thought that the lower figures are under the mark, as one house alone has not far from 1000 shares out.

While a good deal of the short interest is being cleaned up, it is considered as rather significant that Scotia is one of the slowest in that respect. That is taken as an indication that it is very hard to get, and that an actual scarcity exists, under the minimum at any rate.

IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

E. Hay, General Manager.

CAPITAL PAID UP $7,000,000
RESERVE FUND 7,000,000

—BRANCHES IN CITY OF TORONTO—
HEAD OFFICE—Wellington St. and Leader Lane.

Adelaide and Victoria
Bathurst and Dupont
Bloor and Lansdowne
Davisville
Dundas and Bloor
King and Sherbourne
King and Spadina
King and York
Queen and Kingston Rd.
Queen and Palmerston
Queen and Roncesvalles (Sunnyside)
St. Lawrence Market
Yonge and Bloor
Yonge and Queen
Wellesley-Sherbourne

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT at each Branch of the Bank, where interest is paid on deposits at current rates.

Bank Money Orders, Drafts and Letters of Credit issued available in all parts of the world. 135

Record of Saturday's Markets

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Asked.	Bid.
Canadian Pacific Ry.	...	156½
City Dairy preferred	...	100
Consumers' Gas	180	175
Mackay common	74½	74
do. preferred	*87	85
Maple Leaf common	*39¾	39½
do. preferred	95	*93
Inter. Petroleum	7.87	*7.85
Twin City	97	*95½
West. Can. Flour	105	100
Hamilton Provident	...	138
do. 20 per cent.	...	125
Coniagas	4.90	...
Hollinger	*22.50	*22.30
La Rose	75	8
Trethewey	*216	...
Toronto Gen. Trust	...	83
Bonds—		
Penmans	...	...

*—Less than board lots.

Transactions.

	Op.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Shares.
	74				25
Mackay	800	787	787	160	
Petroleum	96				20
Twins	39¾	39½	39¾		17
M. Leaf	94½	93¾	93¾		50
do. pref.	90	...	...		1
Bread pr.	485	475	475		200
Coniagas	100	...	...		40
W. C. Flour	215				1
Standard					

Total sales, 514 shares.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Erickson Perkins & Co., 14 West King street, report the following fluctuations on the New York Stock Exchange:

	Op.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
—Railroads.—					
Atchison	94½	...	...	...	...
B. & O.	64¾	65	64½	64¾	...
B. R. T.	87	87	86¾	86¾	...
C. P. R.	157⅞	157⅞	156⅞	157	...
C. & O.	40	...	...	...	...
St. Paul	84½	85	84¾	85	...
Erie	20⅞	20⅞	20⅝	20⅝	...
do. 1st pr.	33⅞	...	...	...	...
G. N. pref.	113¾	113¾	113½	113½	...
Inter. Met.	11⅞	12	11⅞	12	...
do. pref.	55¾	56	55¾	56	...
K. C. S.	21⅝	...	...	...	...
Lehigh Val.	132	132	131⅝	131⅝	...
K. & T.	10⅝	10⅝	10	10	...
Mo. Pac.	11¾	12⅛	11⅝	12⅛	...
N. Y. C.	82¼	82¼	81¾	82¼	...
New Haven	45½	45½	44	45¼	...
O. & W.	22½	23¼	22⅛	23¼	...
Nor. Pac.	100⅞	100⅞	100⅝	100⅝	...
Penna.	104¼	104⅝	104	104⅝	...
Reading	142½	142¾	141⅞	142⅝	...
R. I.	⅞	...	...	...	...
South. Pac.	82¼	82¼	81¾	82	...
South. Ry.	13½	...	...	...	...
Third Ave.	48	48¼	47¾	47¾	...
Union Pac.	119½	119⅝	119	119⅝	...
—Industrials.—					
Am. Cop.	53½	53¾	52⅝	53½	...
Am. Beet S.	38⅝	39⅛	38¾	38¾	...
Am. Can.	26½	26½	26½	26¼	...
do pref.	92¼	...	...	...	...
Am. C. & F.	40¼	...	...	...	...
Am. C. Oil	45½	...	...	...	...
A. H. L. pr.	25⅝	...	...	...	...
Am Ice	25⅝	...	...	...	...
Am. Loco.	20¾	...	...	...	...
Am. Smelt.	61	61½	60⅝	61½	...
Am. Sugar	102	...	...	...	...
Am. T & T.	119¼	119¼	119	119	...
Anaconda	25⅝	26	25⅝	26	...
Beth. Steel	54½	54½	53¾	54⅝	...
Chino	35⅝	35½	34¼	35½	...
C. Leather	34½	34½	34⅝	34⅝	...
C. F. & I.	23¾	...	...	...	...
Corn Prod.	9¼	...	...	...	...
Cal. Petrol.	18	18	17⅛	17⅛	...
Distilling	10⅛	...	...	...	...
Gen. Elec.	139	...	...	...	...
G N. Ore Cer.	31	31	30½	30¾	...
Mex. Petrol.	68	68	65¾	66⅞	...
Mackay	74	...	...	...	...
Natl. Lead	49	...	...	...	...
Ray Cop.	16½	...	...	...	...
R.I. & S. pr.	74⅞	...	...	...	...
Tenn. Cop.	27¾	28	27¾	27¾	...
Texas Oil	127	...	...	...	...
U. S. Rub.	54½	54½	54⅝	54⅝	...
U. S. Steel	42¼	42⅝	41¾	42⅛	...
do. fives	100	100¼	100	100	...
Utah Cop.	51¼	51¾	50⅞	51⅛	...
W. U. Tel.	62½	62⅞	62⅛	62⅛	...
West. Mfg.	65½	...	...	...	...

FINANCIAL BRIEFS.

It only took three hours to sell the $16,000,000 Anaconda Copper Co. 2-year 5 per cent. notes offered by the New York National City Bank. The price was 99¾, and accrued interest.

Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co.'s reclaiming plant at Montreal will be reopened March 8 with 100 men. The new tariff puts a 7½ per cent. tariff on rubber, which formerly entered free. Reclaimed rubber is used in the manufacture of nearly all rubber goods.

Brandham-Henderson's surplus earnings on the year's operations were $28,479, or 3 per cent. on the company's outstanding common stock.

The Underwood Typewriter Company reports a deficit of $146,904, for last year after dividends against a surplus in 1913 of $853,026. The company earned 4 1-5 per cent. on its common stock against 15½ per cent. the previous year. Net profits decreased $985,107 and total income $985,428.

Dun's Review says volume of trade continues moderate, but is fairly well maintained.

United States failures last week 518, against 664 previous week and 350 last year.

United States March dividend disbursements $120,000,000, compared with $115,000,000 in 1914.

Duluth-Superior Traction reports gross for third week of February, $22,627, decrease $619; decrease month to date $1603; year to date $4410.

Baldwin Locomotive Works for the year ended Dec. 31 show deficit after dividends of $1,449,000, against surplus of $2,217,000 in 1913.

The minimum for Mackay preferred has been reduced from 67 to 65 in Montreal.

Union Pacific's January statement shows a decrease of about 8 per cent. in gross and about 12 per cent. in net. Gross totaled $5,895,419, a decrease of $515,017, and net $1,484,649, a decrease of $218,391.

Bank clearings in the United States for the week ending Feb. 25, as reported to Bradstreet's aggregate $2,509,406,000, against $2,977,251,000 last week, and $2,724,222,000 in this week last year.

DULUTH GRAIN MARKET.

DULUTH, Feb. 27.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.52½; No. 1 northern, $1.51½; No. 2 northern, $1.46½ to $1.48½; May, $1.49½.

STANDARD EXCHANGE.

	Sell.	Buy.
Cobalt Stock—		
Bailey	2¾	2⅝
Beaver Consolidated	27	26½
Buffalo	1.00	70
Chambers - Ferland	13	11
Coniagas	5.00	...
Crown Reserve	77	74
Foster	...	2
Gifford	...	1
Gould	...	¼
Great Northern	3	2½
Hargraves	1¼	⅝
Hudson Bay	30.00	...
Kerr Lake	4.85	4.70
La Rose	75	67
McKin. Dar. Savage	45	40
Nipissing	5.60	5.40
Peterson Lake	23½	23
Right of Way	3⅝	3¼
Seneca - Superior	1.45	1.35
Silver Leaf	2⅝	...
Timiskaming	17½	17
Trethewey	...	10¾
Wettlaufer	6½	5
York, Ont.	6	5
Porcupine—		
Apex	3	2⅞
Dome Extension	7⅛	6⅞
Dome Lake	25½	24½
Dome Mines	6.25	6.05
Foley - O'Brien	20	15
Homestake	...	13
Hollinger	22.60	21.75
Jupiter	9	8¾
McIntyre	30½	30¼
Moneta	2	1¾
Pearl Lake	2¼	2
Porcupine Crown	8¾	78
Porcupine Imperial	3	2¾
Porcupine Peg	20	17
Porcupine Tisdale	...	¾
Porcupine Vipond	38	37
Preston East D.	...	1¾
Rea Mines	20	12
Teck - Hughes	6½	5⅞
Sundry—		
C. G. F. S.	4¾	4½

STANDARD EXCHANGE SALES.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Shares.
Apex	3⅞	...	...	...	500
Dome Lake	25	25	23¾	24½	10,000
Dome M.	...	...	...	...	70
Hollinger	...	...	...	...	20
McIntyre	30	...	...	...	3,350
Pearl Lake	2¼	...	...	...	500
P. Imp.	3¾	...	...	...	500
P. Vip.	38	38	37½	37½	5,100
Teck H.	6	6	5⅝	5⅞	11,000
Beaver	26½	...	...	...	600
Crown R.	77	...	...	...	650
Gt. Nor.	2	2¼	2¼	2¼	8,000
Hud. Bay	25.00	...	...	...	10
Peterson	23¼	...	...	...	2,500
Timisk.	17	...	...	...	500

Total sales, 42,200.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Erickson Perkins & Co. (J. G. Beaty), 14 West King street, Toronto, report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Wheat—					
May	150	151⅞	149¾	151⅝	149¼
July	122⅝	124⅝	122	123⅝	122¼
Corn—					
May	73¾	73	71⅝	73	71⅝
July	74⅞	75⅝	74⅛	75⅝	73⅞
Oats—					
May	55⅞	56¾	55⅝	56¾	55⅝
July	53	53⅝	52⅝	53⅛	53
Pork—					
May	17.12	17.35	17.10	17.25	17.25
July	17.55	17.75	17.50	17.62	17.60
Ribs—					
May	9.80	9.90	9.82	9.85	9.82
July	10.15	10.20	10.12	10.15	10.12
Lard—					
July	10.50	10.50	10.47	10.50	10.47

NEW YORK COTTON.

Erickson Perkins & Co. (J. G. Beaty), 14 West King street, Toronto, report the following fluctuations on the New York Cotton Exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
March	8.25	8.25	8.23	8.23
May	8.43	8.47	8.43	8.47
July	8.66	8.68	8.63	8.68
Oct.	8.93	8.96	8.92	8.96
Dec.	9.14	9.16	9.14	9.16

DIVIDENDS

Molsons Bank, regular quarterly dividend of 2¾ per cent. payable April 1 to stock of record March 15.

Montreal City and District Bank, regular quarterly dividend of $2 a share, payable April 1 to stock of record March 15.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts 200. Market slow. Beeves, $5.50 to $9.50; cows and heifers, $3.60 to $7.75; calves, $7 to $10.50.

Hogs—Receipts 19,000. Market strong. Light, $6.45 to $6.70; mixed, $6.40 to $6.70; heavy, $6.15 to $6.65; rough, $6.15 to $6.30; pigs, $5.70 to $6.75; bulk of sales, $6.55 to $6.65.

Sheep—Receipts 1000. Market steady. Native, $6.85 to $7.75; yearlings, $7.65 to $8.55; lambs, native, $7.80 to $9.65.

PENMAN'S STATEMENT.

Altho Penman's profits showed a decline of 20 per cent. on the year, the total, $260,315, as compared with $325,901 in the previous year, was sufficient, however, to pay the usual dividends, make the usual appropriation of $100,000 for reserve fund and a special contribution of $1500 to the patriotic fund and leave $8291 to be carried forward. A year ago the company carried forward $75,277.

Earnings on the preferred stock were at the rate of 24.21 per cent. against 30.31 per cent. in 1913; on the common 9.10 per cent. against 12.16 per cent. in 1913.

TORONTO RAILWAY.

Here is The Montreal Star view of Toronto Railway as given in an answer to a request for advice from a St. John, N.B., holder: "If you want to sell your Toronto Rails you could place an order with your broker to dispose of it at 111, which is the minimum price now in force. The advisability of doing so at a time like the present is, however, open to question. The company appears quite able to maintain its present dividend and when conditions are more settled the price would very likely improve. There will be many opportunities to make the sale before the franchise question becomes a factor of immediate importance."

NEW LAID EGGS SELLING CHEAPER

St. Lawrence Market Scene of Busy Throng on Saturday.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE

Boxed Apples and Head Lettuce on Sale and Messina Lemons.

There was the usual busy throng on the St. Lawrence Market Saturday.

New-laid egs were a little easier, the bulk going at from 35c to 40c per dozen, tho there were a few who received the 45c per dozen.

Butter was firmer, the top prices being 38c per lb., then 37c; more at 36c, while the bulk went at 34c and 35c per lb., and some as low as 30c to 32c.

Fowl of all description were scarce, consequently the prices were high as, of course, there was the usual Saturday demand. Chickens brought from 19c to 22c per lb., and boilers from 16c to 18c per lb. Turkeys sold at from 28c to 28c per lb. Ducks and geese are out of season, and there was only an odd one brought in.

There was some very fine hothouse produce. Rhubarb, lettuce, green onions, etc., were brought on the market Saturday and sold at quite reasonable prices. In fact, the prices on these goods only equaled the wholesale prices.

Miss Ruth Patton of Richmond Hill received the high price for butter, 38c per lb. She had sixty-two pounds, and received 40c for eggs gathered during the week, and 45c for Friday's gathering.

Mrs. J. Woodill, Malton, is unique in the fact he has a waiting list for butter. Saturday he had one hundred and eleven pounds, and readily sold the whole quantity at 37c per lb., and The World representative heard more than one asking for some, who had to be refused, and one who asked to be put on his list as soon as he could supply her.

Mrs. Reynar, Buttonville, had eight pounds of pure leaf lard, which sold at 18c per lb., about twenty-two quarts of cream; ten dozen egs at 45c, and 40c per dozen.

Mrs. Robt. Wilson, Humber, had twenty pounds butter at 35c per lb.; twelve dozen eggs at 40c per dozen; young chickens at 50c each, and fowl at 55c.

Mrs. Griffith, Weston, had twenty-two dozen new-laid eggs; Friday's gathering at 45c, per dozen and the balance at 40c.

J. W. Miller, Streetsville, had seven turkeys, receiving 28c per lb. for three of them, and offering the balance at 27c; also twenty chickens, twelve of which he had sold at 20c per lb.

H. E. Burton, Streetsville, had some very choice chickens, and broilers. He had seventeen A1 young roosters, weighing 6½ and 7 lbs. each, which he sold by the lot at 21c per lb., and twenty chickens, which he sold at 20c; also sixteen broilers at 17c and 18c per lb., and new-laid eggs at 37c to 40c per dozen.

A. Davis, Mt. Dennis, had thirty dozen rhubarb, a splendid quality, bright red, selling at 10c per bunch or 3 for 25c; 30 dozen choice crisp leaf lettuce at 3 for 10c, and fifteen dozen green onions at 40c per dozen.

J. A. Leslie, Scarboro Junction, sold two tons turnips to A. A. McKinnon at $5.50 per ton.

There was not any hay brought on the market Saturday.

Who is responsible for the unbusiness-like administration of the St. Lawrence Market? Is it the superintendent, or does it go higher and rest with the property commissioner? Whoever it is, had better get busy, for, as sure as we have before stated, it is a disgrace to the City of Toronto.

In a former article The World referred to the condition of the market in general, and to the atrocious state of the lavatories in particular, advocating that they have some one in charge, like other civic lavatories. In answer to which Commissioner Chisholm was quoted in one of the evening papers as saying, "There was a woman in charge." Since that time The World representative has continually inspected the women's lavatory, and only once has she encountered a woman in charge there, and at that time, the said woman merely entered, sprinkled some sawdust around and immediately withdrew. Does that constitute being in charge of it?

Then the conveniences are very inadequate. There are only six sections, three of which are kept locked for the use of the few women employed by the merchants in the market, leaving only three for the large number who come in each week to sell and buy. Is that fair? If three of them have to be locked to keep them in a fit condition for the few around the market, then it is only reasonable to state that the other three are not fit for their many sisters from the country. Yes, and from the city, too, for our representative has received complaints from the citizen about the horrible state of things, as well as from the country woman. Wake up, Mr. Commissioner, put a woman really in charge, unlock all the sections, especially on Saturdays, and see that the yare all kept in a condition to enable all to use them. (We have been informed the same conditions exist in the men's section).

Now we would like to call your attention to the wasted wagon section. The floor is all that is utilized of this huge space. Why not build a gallery around it for the use of the basket brigade, and not have them packed in the small space they now occupy in the lower section of the market? Then would it not be much better for all concerned if, instead of having the wagons of all sizes and sometimes with very little in them, the authorities would have table sections put in here, and let the farmers and market gardeners display their produce on them? It would certainly be much more cleanly, as oftentimes one cannot help rubbing up against the dirty wheels, and would surely be more sanitary, as these tables would prevent the section being used as a stable during the week.

Then, too, this section should be heated in the cold weather, at least enough to take the chill off it, for after having visited it for six days every week during the winter our representative can readily assert it is not fit for humans to stay in half an hour, let alone from three to eight hours. Human life must be held cheap by the City of Toronto or these conditions would be remedied. The majority of farmers would not keep live stock in as cold a place as this is, yet they and their wives and daughters stand it. We were informed the steam pipes run underneath this section. Why not put them above?

Of course the civic authorities will say they cannot afford to do all this for nothing. Remember, it would benefit thousands of citizens who patronize the market to have a place that did not chill them to do their marketing in, but notwithstanding this fact, we are sure the farmers would be willing to pay for their share of comfort (and theirs would be the greater share), by paying a small fee, and it would only take a small one from each to defray expenses. Therefore, get busy and make the St. Lawrence Market a credit to Toronto.

Grain—		
Wheat, fall, bushel	$1 50 to $....	
Goose wheat, bushel	1 40	....
Buckwheat, bushel	0 90	....
Barley, bushel	0 90	....
Peas, bushel	1 60	1 90
Oats, bushel	0 68	0 70
Rye, bushel	1 20	....
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$23 00 to $25 00	
Hay, mixed, per ton	16 00	18 00
Straw, rye, per ton	15 00	....
Straw, loose, per ton	11 00	12 00
Straw, oat, bundled, per ton	15 00	17 00
Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per bushel	$0 40 to $0 50	
Potatoes, per bag	0 65	0 75
Dairy Produce—		
Eggs, new, per doz.	$0 35 to $0 45	
Butter, farmers', dairy, per lb.	0 32	0 37
Bulk going at, lb.	0 33	....
Poultry—		
Chickens, dressed, per lb.	$0 19 to $0 22	
Fowl, dressed, lb.	0 16	0 18
Ducks, dressed, lb.	0 20	....
Geese, dressed, lb.	0 16	0 18
Turkeys, dressed, lb.	0 25	0 28
Squabs, dressed, each	0 15	0 20
Farm Produce, Wholesale.		
Hay, No. 1, car lots	$17 50 to $18 00	
Hay, No. 2, car lots	16 00	16 50
Straw, car lots	8 00	8 50
Potatoes, car lots, Ontarios	0 50	....
Potatoes, car lots, Delaware	0 55	....
Butter, creamery, lb. sq.	0 33	0 35
Butter, creamery, solids	0 31	0 32
Cheese, new, large	0 18½	....
Cheese, twins	0 19¼	0 19½
Eggs, new-laid	0 31	0 33
Eggs, cold-storage	0 28	0 30
Honey, new, lb.	0 13	....
Honey, combs, dozen	2 50	3 00
Seed Prices—Wholesale.		
Clover, red, cwt., No. 1	$21 00 to $22 00	
Clover, red, cwt., No. 2	19 00	19 50
Clover, red, cwt., No. 3	18 00	....
Clover, alsike, cwt., No. 1	19 00	20 00
Clover, alsike, cwt., No. 2	17 50	18 50
Clover, alsike, cwt., No. 3	16 00	....
Clover, alfalfa, cwt., No. 1	19 00	22 00
Clover, alfalfa, cwt., No. 2	18 00	18 50
Clover, alfalfa, cwt., No. 3	17 50	....
Timothy, cwt., No. 1	11 00	11 50
Timothy, cwt., No. 2	9 50	9 75
Timothy, cwt., No. 3	8 75	....
Fresh Meats, Wholesale.		
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	$9 00 to $10 00	
Beef, hindquarters, cwt.	12 50	13 50
Beef, choice sides, cwt.	11 50	12 25
Beef, medium, cwt.	9 00	11 00
Beef, common, cwt.	7 00	8 00
Light mutton, cwt.	10 00	12 00
Heavy mutton, cwt.	7 00	9 00
Lambs, spring, dressed, lb.	0 14	0 16
Veal, No. 1	13 00	16 00
Veal, common	10 00	12 00
Dressed hogs, cwt.	10 25	11 00
Hogs, over 150 lbs.	9 00	9 75
Poultry, Wholesale.		
Mr. M. P. Mallon, wholesale poultry, gives the following quotations:		
Live-Weight Prices.		
Spring chickens, lb.	$0 12 to $0 13	
Hens, per lb.	0 12	0 13
Ducks, per lb.	0 14	....
Geese, per lb.	0 12	....
Turkeys, per lb.	0 16	0 19
Hides and Skins.		
Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, Dealers in Wool, Yarn, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Raw Furs, Tallow, etc.:		
—Hides.—		
Lambskins and pelts	$1 25 to $1 75	
Sheepskins	2 00	2 50
City hides, flat	0 15	....
Country hides, cured	0 15½	0 16½
Country hides, part cured	0 15	0 16
Calfskins, lb.	0 19	....
Kip skins, lb.	0 17	....
Horsehair, per lb.	0 38	0 40
Horsehide, No. 1	3 50	4 50
Wool, unwashed, coarse	0 17½	....
Tallow, No. 1, per lb.	0 05½	0 07
Wool, washed, fine	0 28	....
Wool, washed, coarse	0 26	....
Wool, unwashed, fine	0 20	....
Wholesale Produce.		

H. Peters had a car of Washington boxed apples, Sunset brand, selling at $1.75 per box, and head lettuce at $3.50 per hamper.

Dawson Elliott had a car of Messina lemons, Buster Brown, at $3 to $3.25 per case and water sellars at $2.50 to $2.75 per case; 160 half boxes in car selling at $1.60 per case; also Florida head lettuce, selling at $3 to $3.25 per hamper, and leaf lettuce from Leamington at 30c per dozen.

A. A. McKinnon received two tons of turnips from J. A. Leslie, Scarboro Junction.

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