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February 18,

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LIVERPOOL WHEAT FIRMER,

But the May Option Declined Over a Cent a Bushel

And the July Delivery Followed Suit — Continental Markets Sluggish—Corn More Freely Delivered and Lower in Price—Lent's Effect on Provisions — Local Markets — Notes and Gossip.

Friday Evening, Feb. 17.

Liverpool wheat market showed a better tone to-day and futures closed ½d per cental above yesterday's last quotations. Continental markets were dull and inclined to be heavy.

Owing to an error in the quotations furnished us yesterday Thursday's closing price of May wheat at Chicago was given as 72¼c, whereas the figure should have been 73¼c. Chicago's market to-day (Friday), was heavy, almost from the opening. The volume of trading was light and mostly on the selling side, as reports from several states failed to show much damage to crops from the recent cold weather. Both the May and July options closed at near the low point for the day and something like a cent below yesterday's final figures.

Liverpool maize futures to-day closed ½d to ¼d per cental higher than yesterday. Chicago corn declined nearly a cent a bushel in sympathy with wheat and on freer offerings from the country.

Lard declined 3d at Liverpool to-day.

Total clearances to-day: Wheat and flour equal to 276,442 bushels.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour 9504 barrels and 1200 sacks; wheat 157,133 bushels.

Argentine shipments of wheat this week aggregated 1,246,000 bushels, and corn shipments 80,000 bushels.

Wheat receipts the past three days at Liverpool 230,000 centals, including 220,000 centals of American. Corn, same time, 120,000 centals.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 394 cars, against 275 cars a year ago.

Michigan Farmers Hold Wheat.

Farmers in Michigan are estimated to have sold since Aug. 1 about 10,858,000 bushels of wheat. The Washington estimate of the wheat crop of 1898 in that state was 34,000,000 bushels. It would appear from this that the farmers in Michigan have been holding their wheat with something like the same tenacity as has been shown by the farmers of Ontario.

The Increase Explained.

The large increase in the visible supply during last week was a surprise to the trade, in view of the large week's exports from the Atlantic seaboard. It now appears that the increase was largely fictitious, and arose from the fact that 800,000 bushels wheat was taken into the report from another elevator at Buffalo, which previously had not been "regular." According to Bradstreet's compilation, the visible supply, east of the Rockies, has increased 1,373,000 bushels during the last six weeks, as compared with a decrease, same time last year, 5,074,000 bushels. The exports of flour and wheat from the United States, July 1,1898, to Jan. 31, 1899, are reported by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, 10,794,969 barrels flour, and 99,047,462 bushels wheat, as compared with 9,086,749 barrels flour and 94,507,266 bushels wheat in corresponding period of last season. Reducing flour to wheat, the exports this season have been 147,624,822 bushels; last season 135,407,636 bushels.

The Flour Trade.

The flour trade of the Western States is reported as in anything but an encouraging position, not even a fair demand from domestic buyers, and not a nibble from buyers across the waters.

Argentina News.

The Buenos Ayres correspondent of The Minneapolis Miller, writing on Dec. 30, says that he does not think that Argentina will export more than 100,000 tons. (This must be a misprint for 1,000,000 tons.) He says that it is impossible to give a definite estimate until about the end of January, but his preliminary estimate is based on result of first threshings and the area known to be sown. The London Statist, Feb. 4, estimates that Argentina will ship 200,000 quarters (1,600,000 bushels) weekly during march.

Leading Wheat Markets.

	Cash.	Feb.	May.	July.
Chicago	$....	$....	$0 72⅝	$0 71
New York	....	....	0 77	0 75⅝
Milwaukee	0 72½	....	....	....
St. Louis	0 73½	0 73½	0 75⅝	0 70
Toledo	0 72½	....	0 75⅝	0 72¼
Detroit	0 75⅝	....	0 73	....
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 71¼	....	....	....
Minneapolis	....	0 70¼	0 70⅝	0 71
Toronto, red	0 69	....	....	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard (new)	0 82	....	....	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Ontario patents, in bags, $3.30 to $3.80; straight rollers $3.10 to $3.25; Hungarian patents, $4 to $4.20; Manitoba bakers', $3.70 to $3.80.

Wheat—Ontario, red and white, 69c north and west; goose, 69c to 69½c; No. 1 Manitoba hard 81c to 82c at Toronto, and No. 1 Northern at 78½c.

Oats—White oats quoted at 29c to 29½c west.

Rye—Quoted at 54c.

Barley—Quoted at 46c to 47c west.

Buckwheat—Firm, 48c north and 50c east.

Bran—City mills sell bran at $14 and shorts at $16, in car lots, f.o.b., Toronto.

Corn—Canadian, 36c west, and American, 41½c to 42c on track here.

Peas—Firm at 65c to 66c north and west, in car lots.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats, in bags, on track in Toronto, $3.60; in barrels, $3.70.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

There was more activity here this morning than has been noticed for some time. Good butter is greatly wanted, but other farm produce is plentiful. This spring's lambs are beginning to come in. A few sold to-day at $5 and $6 each.

Thirty loads of hay sold at: Timothy $8 to $9, clover and mixed $6 to $7, and 8 loads of straw went at $6 to $7. Pork is still cheap and abundant.

Fifteen hundred bushels of grain sold as follows: Wheat, firm, 500 bushels at: White 73½c, red 73c, goose 70½c.

Barley—Steady, 900 bushels at 47c to 49c.

Oats—Steady, 600 bushels at 34c to 35c.

Peas—Firm, 100 bushels at 64c to 65c.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 73½	to $0 74
" red, bush	0 73	....
" fife, spring, bush	0 70½	0 73½
" goose, bush	0 70½	....
Rye, bush	0 53½	0 54
Oats, bush	0 34	0 35
Buckwheat, bush	0 52	....
Barley, bush	0 47	0 49
Peas, bush	0 64	0 65
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 40	to $3 50
White clover, seed, bush	6 00	9 00
Alsike, choice to fancy	3 80	4 20
" good, No. 2	3 50	3 60
" good, No. 3	3 00	3 40
Timothy, bush	1 20	1 35
Beans, white, bush	0 80	0 90
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, timothy, per ton	$8 00	to $9 50
Hay, clover, per ton	6 00	7 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	7 00	8 25
Straw, loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 15	to $0 21
Butter, large rolls	0 13	0 16
Eggs, new laid	0 20	....
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$4 50	to $5 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 00	8 00
Lamb, spring, per lb	0 07½	0 08½
Mutton, carcase, cwt	5 00	6 00
Veal, carcase, cwt	7 50	9 00
Hogs, dressed, light	5 15	5 40
Hogs, dressed, heavy	5 00	5 10
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 40	to $0 80
Turkeys, per lb	0 11	0 12½
Spring ducks, per pair	0 60	0 85
Geese, per lb	0 07	0 09
Pigeons, per pair	0 20	....
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$2 50	to $3 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 65	0 75
Cabbage, per dozen	0 20	0 40
Onions, per bag	0 90	1 10
Beets, per dozen	0 12½	0 15
Cauliflower, per dozen	0 40	0 65
Turnips, per bag	0 25	0 35
Parsnips, per bag	0 50	0 60
FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.		
Hay, baled, car lots, per ton	$7 00	to $7 50
Straw, baled, car lots, per ton	4 00	4 50
Potatoes, car lots, per bag	0 57	0 60
Butter, choice, tubs	0 13	0 15
" medium, tubs	0 11	0 12
" dairy, lb. rolls	0 15	0 16
" large rolls	0 14	0 15
" creamery, boxes	0 19	0 20
" creamery, lb. rolls	0 20	0 22
Eggs, choice, new laid	0 20	0 22
Eggs, held stock	0 14	0 18
Honey, per lb.	0 03	0 07
Hogs, dressed, car lots	5 00	5 10
Chickens, per pair	0 30	0 45
Ducks, per pair	0 50	0 75
Geese, per lb.	0 06	0 07
Turkeys, per lb.	0 10	0 11

Hides and Wool.

Price list, revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, No. 111 East Front-street, Toronto:

Hides, No. 1 green	$0 08½	to 8....
" No. 1 green steers	0 09	....
" No. 2 green steers	0 08	....
" No. 2 green	0 07½	....
" No. 3 green	0 06½	....
" cured	0 08½	0 09
Calfskins, No. 1	0 10	....
Calfskins, No. 2	0 08	....
Pelts, each	0 80	1 00
Lambskins, each	0 80	1 00
Wool, fleece	0 15	....
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 09	....
Wool, pulled super	0 17	0 18½
Tallow, rough	0 01¼	0 02½
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 04

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock to-day were not large, 53 car loads composed of 700 cattle, 200 sheep, 15 calves, and about 2000 hogs.

The quality of fat cattle was only middling, too many undinished, both butchers' and exporters, coming forward, which would have paid the farmers to have fed one month longer.

There were few first class heavy shippers offered, and more would have found ready sale, i.e., good cattle weighing from 1300 to 1400 lbs. each. The bulk of fat cattle came in as mixed loads, there being only some two or three straight loads of exporters.

Trade was fairly good, prices remaining firm at Tuesday's and Thursday's quotations for all classes of live stock, there being little change.

Exporters—Choice heavy exporters sold at $4.50 to $4.75, and light at $4.30 to $4.50 per cwt.

A few choice picked lots of heavy exporters brought from 10c to 20c per cwt. more than the above prices, but they were few in number.

Export Bulls—Choice heavy bulls sold at $3.60 to $4, with an odd one of extra quality and breed at 20c per cwt. extra.

Light and medium export bulls sold at $3.25 to $3.50 per cwt.

Loads of good butchers and exporters, mixed, sold at $3.85 to $4.12½ per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers' cattle, equal in quality to the best exporters, but not as heavy, weighing from 1000 to 1150 each, sold at $4.10 to $4.30 per cwt.

Loads of good butchers' cattle sold at $3.75 to $3.90, and medium at $3.35 to $3.60 per cwt.

Loads of common butchers' cattle sold at $3 to $3.25, and inferior at $2.75 to $3 per cwt.

Stockers—Buffalo stockers were in fair demand, selling at $3.40 to $3.75 per cwt.

Feeders—Few of this class are coming forward, but choice bred steers weighing from 1050 to 1150 are worth from $3.80 to $4 per cwt.

Stock Heifers—A few of this class, weighing 500 lbs. each, sold from $2.60 to $2.85 per cwt.

Calves—About 15 calves sold from $3 to $7 each for general run, and choice heavy veals of good quality worth about $5 per cwt.

Sheep—There were 200 sheep and yearling lambs delivered, ewes selling at $3 to $3.25 and bucks at $2.50 to $2.75 per cwt.

Yearling Lambs—These were in good demand, selling at $4.30 to $4.50 per cwt. for general run, while a few choice picked heavy-weights brought 10c to 15c more per cwt.

Milch Cows—About 20 cows and springers sold at prices ranging from $35 to $50 each.

Hogs—Deliveries about 2000, with prices unchanged. Choice select bacon hogs, 160 to 200 lbs. each, sold at $4.37½ to $4.50 per cwt., off cars.

Light hogs, $4 to $4.25, and thick fats of all kinds, $3.82½ per cwt.

The bulk of car lots unculled sold at $4.25 to $4.35 per cwt.

William Adams sold 50 hogs, out of which 24 thick fats were culled, leaving 26 select bacon hogs. They averaged $4.10 per cwt.

William Levack bought 125 cattle, mixed butchers' and exporters, at $4.25 to $4.40 per cwt.

Joseph Gould bought 6 loads exporters at $4.40 to $4.80 per cwt.

A. Ironsides bought 100 exporters at $4.75 to $4.90 per cwt., the latter price being paid for one choice finished load, which weighed 1308 lbs. each.

Halligan & Lunness bought 8 car loads of mixed feeders and exporters, at prices ranging from $4.20 to $4.70 per cwt.

William Adams sold three heavy feeders at $4; 5 butchers' cattle at $3.50 to $3.80; and one extra choice bred bull, 2000 lbs., at $4.20 per cwt.

George Rountree bought 21 extra choice butcher cattle, 1050 lbs. each, at $4.37½ per cwt.

W. H. Dean bought 2 loads of exporters at $4.25 to $4.80; 4 loads feeders, at $3.75 to $4 per cwt.

Crawford & Hunnisett sold one load butcher cattle, 1000 lbs. each, at $4.10; one lot light exporters at $4.20; and bought one lot of feeders, 1100 lbs. each, at $4.20, as well as 2 loads of stockers at $3.40 to $3.65 for the bulk, and $3.75 for extra choice bred steers.

J. Vance sold 8 export bulls of choice quality, 1900 lbs. each, at $4.12½ per cwt.; and 14 butchers' cattle, 1000 lbs. each, at $3.85.

A. M. Buck sold 12 heavy cows, 1260 lbs. each, at $3.50; 8 export heifers of choice quality, 1000 lbs. each, at $4.10; 2 butchers', 1100 lbs. each, at $4.15 per cwt.

Shipments per G.T.R.: William Levack 2 loads export cattle, W. H. Dean 4 loads of feeders to Belleville.

Shipments per C.P.R.: A. Ironsides 5 cars exporters, M. Vincent 3 cars, and A. Montreal 3 cars.

Export cattle, choice	$4 50	to $4 75
Export cattle, light	4 30	4 50
Butchers' cattle, picked lots	4 10	4 30
" good	3 75	3 90
" medium	3 35	3 60
" common	3 00	3 25
" inferior	2 75	3 00
Milch cows, each	25 00	42 00
Bulls, medium export	3 25	3 50
Bulls, heavy export, good quality	3 60	4 00
Loads good butchers' and exporters, mixed	3 85	4 12½
Stockers and medium to good	3 40	3 75
Feeders, heavy	3 80	4 00
Calves, each	3 00	7 00
Sheep, per cwt	3 50	3 25
Sheep, bucks, per cwt	2 50	2 75
Spring lambs, each	3 00	4 50
Hogs, 160 to 200 lbs. each	4 37½	4 50
" light fats	4 00	4 25
" heavy fats	3 87½	....
" sows	3 00	....

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

No Change in Cables Since Last Reports—Glasgow is Bad.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—No change has taken place in the markets since advices received earlier in the week, later advices to private firms maintaining our cable. London and Liverpool are both held firm but as shipments on the way are somewhat heavier, if vessels arrive a slight reaction is looked for. Glasgow is a disastrous market for shippers, cattle at that port losing from $10 to $15 per head.

New York Live Stock Market.

New York, Feb. 17.—Beeves, receipts 2500; market opened 10 cents lower on steers and steady to 15c. lower on rough stuff; steers closed 15c. lower. Cows 15c and 25c lower. Steers, fair to choice, $5.30 to $5.50; oxen and stags, $4.25 to $4.65; bulls, $4.35 to $4.40; cows, $2.25 to $4.15; cables steady, exports none. Calves, receipts 405; veals, 25c to 50c lower; other calves steady; veals, $5 to $8.50; choice, $8.75; tops, $9; fed calves, $3.50 to $4.50; no southern or western calves.

Sheep and lambs, receipts 12,810; sheep slow and 15c to 25c lower; lambs 40c lower; closed weak with 21 cars unsold. Sheep, $3 to $4.50; few selected export sheep, $5; lambs, $5 to $5.45. Most of the sales $5.25 to $5.35. Hogs, receipts 8230; slow and 20c lower, at $4.10 to $4.30.

Chicago Cattle Market.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Trade in cattle was slow to-day and most of the offering sold at low prices, the average quality being poor. Averages were about 15c lower than late sales last week. Fancy cattle, $5.80 to $6; choice steers, $5.40 to $5.75; medium steers, $4.75 to $4.95; beef steers, $4 to $4.70; stockers and feeders, $3.50 to $4.70; bulls, $2.75 to $4.25; cows and heifers, $3.30 to $4; western fed steers, $4.15 to $5.50; Texas steers, $3.50 to $5; calves, $4 to $7.60.

Early sales of hogs were made at steady prices, but after the offerings were largely disposed of, the market weakened about 2½c. Fair to choice, $3.75 to $3.90; packing lots, $3.55 to $3.72½; mixed, $3.35 to $3.80; butchers, $3.60 to $3.85; lights, $3.55 to $3.80; pigs, $3.25 to $3.70.

There was a fairly good demand for sheep and prices ruled steady. Poor to prime sheep sold at $2.50 to $4.60, choice at $5.50 to $4.40; yearlings, $4.25 to $4.70; lambs, $4 to $5.05; largely $4.75 to $5. Receipts, cattle 2500, hogs 28,000, sheep 7000.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, Feb. 17.—Cattle—The market presented no particular change, with only one load on sale and a moderate demand. Calves were in fair demand, but light supply. A few head sold early $7.75 to $8, later the basis was $7.50.

Sheep and lambs—The market was in an unsatisfactory position generally, with 34 loads on sale. It was a weak market, with the basis lower than yesterday, while there was one sale at $5.15, the bulk were at $5.05 to $5.10, with the best lambs not quotable above, $5 on the store lambs; choice to extra, $5 to $5.05; good to choice, $4.90 to $5; common to fair, $4.75 to $4.90. Sheep, choice to extra, $4.25 to $4.50; good to choice, $4 to $4.25; common to fair, $2.75 to $3.75. Feeders were quotable, $4.50 to $4.75; export lambs sold generally on the basis of $5.

Hogs—The offerings were about 40 loads and with a generally slow demand the market was a declining one. Yorkers sold early at $4.10 to $4.12½, closed inside figures. Pigs early $3.85 to $3.90, closed $3.85, medium opened $4.05 to $4.10, closed $4.02½ to $4.05. The close was weak.

British Markets.

Liverpool, Feb. 17.—(12.30.)—No. 1 Northern, spring wheat, 6s; No. 1 Cal., 6s 7½d to 6s 8d; red winter, no stock; corn, new, 3s 6¾d; old, 3s 8d; peas, 5s 9d; pork, 50s; lard, 28s 6d; tallow, 25s; bacon, long cut, heavy, 28s 6d; light, 27s 6d; s.c., light, 28s; cheese, both white and colored, 49s.

Liverpool—Open—Spot wheat steady at 6s for No. 1 Northern. Futures quiet at 5s 8¾d for March, and 5s 8½d for May. Spot maize quiet, at 3s 6¾d for new and 3s 8d for old. Futures quiet, at 3s 5¾d for March and 3s 5½d for May. Flour 18s 9d.

London—Open—Wheat, off coast, near due. On passage, nominally unchanged. La Plata, Feb., 29s. No. 1 Northern, steam, Feb., 29s 6d. English country markets quiet. Maize, off coast, near due. On passage, American easy and Danubian quiet. Fox, March, 19s 6d. American oats, left, on passage, 15s 1½d, parcel.

Paris—Open—Wheat 21f 05c for Feb. and 21f 45c for May and Aug. Flour 45f 10c for Feb., and 45f 15c for May and Aug. French country markets quiet.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat steady; India, 6s 4½d; No. 1 Northern, 6s; Walla, 6s 1½d; futures, red winter, 5s 8¼d for March and 5s 8d for May. Maize, steady, 3s 6¾d for new, and 3s 8d for old; futures, quiet, 3s 5¾d for March, and 3s 5½d for May. Flour, 18s 9d.

London—Close—Wheat, off coast, nothing doing. On passage, quiet and steady. Maize, off coast, nothing doing. On passage, quiet and steady. Mixed American, sail grade, steam, March, 16s 10d; do., on passage, 17s 9d. Fox, Feb., 19s 1½d, old. Spot Danubian, 18s 9d; American, 18s 3d. S.M. flour, 23s 6d. Mark Lane—English wheat, dull and foreign quiet. Maize, nominally unchanged. Flour weak. Cargo Australian wheat, Dec. and Jan., 28s 3d.

Chicago Markets.

Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
Wheat—May	73⅝	73⅝	72⅛	72⅝
" —July	72	72½	70⅝	71
Corn—May	36¾	36¾	36	36
" —July	36⅝	37	36½	36½
Oats—May	28¼	28¼	27¾	27⅞
" —July	25⅞	26	25⅞	26
Pork—Feb.	9 70	....	....	9 70
" —May	9 90	9 92	9 85	9 92
Lard—Feb.	5 37	....	....	5 37
" —May	5 55	5 57	5 52	5 57
Ribs—Feb.	4 80	....	....	4 80
" —May	4 95	4 95	4 92	4 95

Chicago Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co., 12 East King-street, received the following despatch today from Chicago:

Wheat—It has been an off day so far as volume of trade was concerned. There was nothing exciting from start to finish, and the bulk of the traders preferred to look on and not try to guess at the market. Cables were dull to ½d. higher. In English markets wheat was difficult of sale, with continental markets dull and declining. Around the opening there were some foreign buying orders, but the trade was light and local talent were disposed to sell. Bulls were anxious inquirers for crop damage reports, but there seemed to be none on hand for them. St. Louis wires that reports from different sections of Kansas, Missouri and Illinois say wheat looks all right and samples examined showed no damage. Milder weather is reported everywhere. Cash wheat is in poor demand and the flour trade dull. We see no features in the market either way. Local receipts 65 cars, Northwestern receipts 394 cars, against 275 cars a year ago. Clearances 276,442 bushels. We think there need be no hesitation in buying wheat on sharp breaks, but moderate profits should be taken on the rallies, unless trade broadens out materially. The market closed on the weak side at 72⅝ May.

Corn—The market for corn has ruled moderately active and lower to-day in sympathy with weakness in wheat, increasing stocks and check in cash demand. Elevator people were the best sellers to-day, and the buying was of a light description. Country seems to be offering a little more freely. The close was quiet at bottom figures for the day.

Provisions—Dull and lower. Trade small in volume and principally local. Packers sold pork moderately, and commercial houses bought lard and ribs. The large shipments of live hogs cast short eastern hogs are well out of the way. Sentimental dulness of Lent is all that is against prices at the present time. English packers continue to buy moderately on all soft spots. Receipts to-day 28,000, and 19,000 estimated for to-morrow.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Trade Review.

Trade conditions at Montreal have not varied greatly since a week ago, and continue of a generally healthy and promising character. Some wholesale grocerymen report the movement hardly up to their expectations, but this is largely attributed to the singular lack of snow in sections of this province south of the St. Lawrence, as well as in parts of eastern Ontario, which would naturally affect trade and circulation of money in the interior. In dry goods excellent business is reported, and in most other lines there is a satisfactory seasonable movement, with remittances coming in well and a pleasing absence of noteworthy failures. The trend of values continues upwards in many lines. The most notable advance of the week has been in turpentine, the price of which has gone up a full three cents. Owing to the strong advance in pig lead noted last week, the association of lead pounders has put up prices 25 cents a hundred. Pig iron shows some signs of stiffening, and the Hamilton Furnace Company has issued a circular withdrawing quotations temporarily; ingot tin, copper, lead and zinc are all firmly held at late marked advances. The tea market may be called a strong one, and brokers in this line report a little freer movement between houses, some fair deals having transpired lately in cheap gunpowders at about 11 cents, and Japans at 18 to 19 cents. Canned goods are regarded good property, and a fair-sized lot of two year old corn is said to have changed hands at 87½c. For raw wool the market is a decidedly strong one, spot stocks are in narrow compass and holders are indifferent sellers, except at their own figures. A cargo of about 1200 bales of Cape wools is now afloat for this market, but is yet several weeks distant. The money market is entirely without change.

There is no change in the trade situation at Toronto. Merchants generally are in good spirits and the feeling is one of confidence. Prices of all lines of staple goods are firm, with advances in many cases. Cottons, woolens and metals are higher than for some years, and trade is being stimulated thereby. The dry goods business is in good shape, with the volume greater than last season. Spring goods are going out freely, and the sorting-up trade in heavy goods continues fair. Hardware and metals are in demand, with the outlook for builders' materials good for the coming spring. Prices are extremely firm. The grocery trade is fairly active, with good demand for teas, canned vegetables and dried fruits. Fish are firmer. Leather is moderate demand, with prices firm throughout the list. Hides are unchanged. Provisions are steady, with cured meats selling fairly well at unchanged prices. Cheese and butter remain at same prices. Cattle for export are firm. The movement of wheat is somewhat slow, while prices are firm.

Cotton Markets.

New York, Feb. 17.—Cotton, futures closed steady: February 6.28, March 6.29, April 6.27, May 6.29, June 6.27, July 6.28, August 6.31, September 6.19, October 6.20, November 6.19, December 6.21, January 6.23.

A PREMATURE SCARE.

Florida Fruit Not So Badly Damaged After All.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 17.—The most extravagant reports have been sent broadcast throughout the country regarding the damage done by the cold of the 13th. Reports received last night by The Times Union and Citizen from all sections of the orange belt indicate that the cold wave did not do much permanent damage and utterly refuting the statements sent out to the press. Outside of the tender spring growth on the orange trees, the trees remain uninjured, and in the lower belt it is predicted the orange crop will be larger than ever this season.

Reports from the vegetable districts say that truckers have gone to work with great energy to re-plant, and the spring output of the market vegetables will be equal to many seasons in the past.

SAW HER CHILDREN BURN.

The Terrible Experience of Mrs. Carlson at Dubois, Pa.

Dubois, Pa., Feb. 17.—A dwelling house at French Run, 35 miles east of Dubois, belonging to a woodman named Carlson, was burned this morning. Carlson was away. His wife had just time to grasp a baby and jump from a second storey window into the snow. She was then obliged to stand and witness the burning to death of her four other little ones, aged 12, 7, 5 and 2 years respectively.

Senator Depew Has Grip.

New York, Feb. 17.—Senator-elect Chauncey M. Depew is confined to bed with the grip at his residence in this city. He is also troubled with inflammation of the eyes. The physician assured him last night that his illness was not serious and that he would have him out in a few days.

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Nationalist Elected.

Londonderry, Feb. 17.—The result of the voting yesterday in this city for a member of Parliament to succeed Mr. Edmund E. F. Knox, anti-Parnellite, who resigned his seat, was the election of Count Arthur Moore, Nationalist, by a majority of 42.

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