BREAK, BREAK, TALE OF CORN PIT

Argentina Very Much of Bogey to Bulls These April Days.

CHICAGO, April 20.—It was only for a brief interval today that the war outlook prevented a fresh collapse of the corn market. Holders, especially, seized the opportunity to press the sale of huge amounts, and to get in line with the sharp competition from Argentina. Prices closed weak at a loss of ⅞c to 1⅜c, compared with Saturday night. Wheat finished ¼c off to ¼c up, and oats a shade down to a like advance, but provisions were demoralized almost as much as corn, with declines varying from 20c to 67½c to 70c.

It was the fourth successive day of sensational breaks in the price of corn. The most severe smash yet came just before the close, when it seemed as if about all the conspicuous bulls were admitting defeat, and were leaving quotations to the mercy of the bears. News that a single dealer in Texas had canceled the purchase of a million bushels at Kansas City had much to do with pulling out support from under the market here.

Argentina Offers Freely.

Messages were received from New York that Argentine corn was displacing the domestic cereal from Maine to the Rio Grande. One broker alone in New York was said to be offering 3,000,000 bushels of Argentine corn in lots to suit, and at lower prices than any thus far on the crop.

Wheat held comparatively firm, in view of the corn weakness, but toward the last there was rather free selling on the part of floor traders, including many who had covered early on account of war risk. Crop reports were in the main favorable, altho noticeable damage by Russian fly was reported in Ohio and Indiana, and there was some nervousness regarding a possible freeze. Active buying by shorts upheld the oats market. Arvices indicated some decrease of planting in the central west.

There was virtually no support for provisions. Corn weakness carried the market down to a point where stop-loss orders left no chance for any course but a drastic clean-out.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 15 loads of hay, and no grain.

Hay—Fifteen loads sold at $18 to $19 per ton.

Grain—	
Wheat, fall, bushel	$0 98 to $1 00
Barley, bushel	0 62 0 64
Peas, bushel	0 80 ....
Oats, bushel	0 42 0 44
Rye, bushel	0 65 ....
Buckwheat, bushel	0 70 0 75
Seeds—	
Wholesale seed merchants are selling to the trade:	Per 100 lbs.
Red clover, No. 1	$19 00 to $22 00
Red clover, No. 2	17 50 18 50
Alsike, No. 1	21 00 ....
Alsike, No. 2	17 50 18 50
Timothy, No. 1	8 50 9 50
Timothy, No. 2	7 25 7 50
Alfalfa, No. 1	14 00 15 00
Alfalfa, No. 2	12 00 13 50
Hay and Straw—	
Hay, new, ton	$18 00 to $19 00
Hay, mixed	15 00 16 00
Hay, cattle	10 00 12 00
Straw, bundled, ton	16 00 17 00
Straw, loose, ton	11 00 ....
Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per bag	$1 10 to $1 25
Beets, per bag	1 00 1 25
Carrots, per bag	1 00 ....
Parsnips, per bag	1 00 1 25
Cauliflower, case	2 75 3 00
Onions, Canadian, red, per sack	2 50 ....
Cucumbers, Florida, per case	3 50 3 75
Fruit—	
Apples, per barrel	$2 75 to $4 75
Strawberries, Florida, per quart	0 40 0 50
Dairy Produce—	
Butter, farmers' dairy	$0 30 to $0 35
Eggs, new, dozen	0 23 0 25
Poultry, Retail—	
Turkeys, dressed, lb.	$0 23 to $0 25
Geese, lb.	0 18 0 20
Ducks, lb.	0 20 0 22
Spring chickens, dressed, lb.	0 25 0 28
Fresh Meats—	
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	$11 50 to $12 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt.	14 50 15 50
Beef, choice sides, cwt.	12 50 14 00
Beef, medium, cwt.	11 50 12 50
Beef, common, cwt.	9 50 10 50
Mutton, cwt.	10 00 13 00
Veals, cwt.	12 00 13 00
Dressed hogs, cwt.	12 00 13 00
Hogs, over 150 lbs.	11 00 11 50
Lambs, cwt.	13 00 16 00

FARM PRODUCE, WHOLESALE.

Hay, No. 1, car lots	$14 00 to $14 50
Hay, No. 2, car lots	12 00 13 50
Straw, car lots	$ 50 9 00
Potatoes, car lots	0 90 1 10
Butter, store lots	0 24 0 25
Butter creamery, lb. rolls	0 31 0 32
Butter, separator, dairy	0 27 0 29
Butter, creamery, solids	0 27 0 28
Eggs, new-laid	0 21 0 22
Cheese, old, lb.	0 15 0 15½
Cheese, new, lb.	0 14½ 0 15
Honey, combs, dozen	2 50 3 00
Honey, extracted, lb.	0 09 ....

POULTRY, WHOLESALE.

Cold-storage prices are as follows:

Turkeys, per lb.	$0 21 to $0 25
Geese, per lb.	0 14 0 15
Ducks, per lb.	0 14 0 20
Chickens, per lb.	0 17 0 20
Fowl, per lb.	0 14 0 17

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 00 to $1 50
City hides, flat	0 13 ....
Calfskins, lb.	0 16 ....
Horsehair, per lb.	0 38 0 40
Horsehides, No. 1	2 50 4.50
Tallow, No. 1, per lb.	0 05¼ 0 07

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows:

Ontario oats—New, No. 2 white, 37c to 38c, outside; 40c to 40½c, track, Toronto.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.60, in cotton 10c more; second patents, $5.10, in cotton 10c more; strong bakers', $4.60, in jute.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 41c; No. 3 C.W., 40¼c, lake ports.

Ontario wheat—New, No. 2, 97c to 98c, outside; $1, track, Toronto.

Beans—Imported, hand-picked, $2.25 per bushel; Canadians, hand-picked, $2.25; prime, $2.10.

Peas—No. 2, 98c to $1, nominal, per bushel, outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 73c to 75c, outside, nominal.

Rye—Outside, 63c to 64c.

Corn—American, No. 3 yellow, 73c, all rail, track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat — New crop, No. 1 northern, 96½c, track, bay points; No. 2 northern, 94¾c; more at Goderich.

Barley—For malting, 57c to 58c, outside, nominal.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $25, in bags, track, Toronto; shorts, $26; Ontario bran, $24, in bags; shorts, $25; middlings, $28.

Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, 90 per cent. patents, new, $3.80 to $3.85; bulk, seaboard.

TORONTO SUGAR MARKET.

Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, per cwt., as follows:

Extra granulated, St. Lawrence	$4 21
do. do. Redpath's	4 21
Beaver granulated	4 11
No. 1 yellow	3 81

In barrels, 5c per cwt. more; car lots, 5c less.

Grain Statistics.

PRIMARY MOVEMENT.

Wheat—	Yest'day	Last wk.	Last yr.
Receipts	642,000	528,000	803,000
Shipments	283,000	399,000	2,032,000
Corn—			
Receipts	427,000	558,000	538,000
Shipments	499,000	605,000	992,000
Oats—			
Receipts	905,000	609,000	793,000
Shipments	489,000	597,000	651,000

NORTHWEST CARS.

	Yest'day	Last wk.	Last yr.
Minneapolis	301	215	337
Duluth	25	32	37
Chicago	19	69	66
Winnipeg	242	....	292

U. S. VISIBLE.

Wheat, decreased 1,577,000 bushels; corn, decreased 2,032,000 bushels; oats, decreased 2,613,000 bushels. Totals:

	Today.	Year ago.
Wheat	49,124,000	52,995,000
Corn	15,532,000	13,080,000
Oats	16,189,000	18,435,000

ARGENTINE REVISED CROP.

	April 20.	Rec. Officl.	Last yr.
Wheat—	114,000,000	132,000,000	198,400,000
Corn—	324,520,000	348,500,000	198,841,000
Oats—	853,650,000	740,000,000	1,132,000,000

FLOATING QUANTITIES.

	This wk.	Last wk.	Last yr.
Wht. & flr.	46,712,000	49,344,000	66,048,000
Corn	11,374,000	8,254,000	16,937,000

WORLD'S SHIPMENTS.

	Last wk.	Prev. wk.	Last yr.
Wheat	9,792,000	11,664,000	14,544,000
Corn	5,603,000	4,072,000	3,181,000

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat. Close.
Wheat—					
May	90⅜	90½	90¼	90⅛b	90½
July	92⅛	92½	92	92b	91¾
Oct.	87¼	87⅜	87	87s	86¾
Oats—					
May	34⅝	34¾	34½	34½b	34⅝
July	35⅞	35⅞	35⅝	35⅝b	35⅝
Flax—					
May	..	..	..	136s	137¼
July	..	..	..	138⅜b	140¼
Oct.	..	..	..	138⅜b	140½

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	91⅞	92	91⅛	91¼	91¼
July	85⅞	86⅜	85¾	85⅞	85⅝
Sept.	85⅞	86	85¼	85¼	85¼
Corn—					
May	64¾	64¾	62½	62¾	63⅞
July	64½	64½	62¼	62¼	64
Sept.	64	64	62¼	62½	63½
Oats—					
May	36⅞	37	36¼	36½	36½
July	35⅝	35¾	35¼	35¾	35¼
Sept.	37⅛	37⅛	36⅝	36⅝	35¼
Pork—					
May	20.05	20.05	19.40	19.40	20.07
July	20.12	20.12	19.60	19.60	20.15
Lard—					
May	10.22	10.22	10.05	10.05	10.25
July	10.35	10.35	10.25	10.25	10.45
Ribs—					
May	10.95	10.95	10.80	10.80	11.00
July	11.15	11.15	10.95	10.95	11.27

MONTREAL CATTLE PRICES DECLINED

Offerings Larger Yesterday Than Anticipated by Trade —Range of Quotations.

MONTREAL, April 20.—At the Montreal Stock Yards, west end market, the receipts of live stock for the week ending April 18, were 1250 cattle, 250 sheep and lambs, 3550 hogs and 1750 calves. The supply on the market this morning for sale amounted to 1100 cattle, 150 sheep and lambs, 2300 hogs and 500 calves.

A feature of the trade today was the weaker feeling in the market for cattle, and prices declined 25 cents per 100 lbs., which was attributed to the fact that offerings were much larger than expected by the trade.

There was no change in the market for small meats, prices being steady. The supply of sheep and lambs was small with a fair demand. Spring lambs sold at from $3 to $6 each, and a few extra choice ones brought as high as $8 to $10. The trade in calves was active, and offerings were ample to fill all requirements. The tone of the market for hogs was weaker.

Butchers' cattle, choice, $6.50 to $7.25; do., medium, $5.50 to $6.25; do., common, $5 to $5.50; canners, $3.75 to $4; butchers' cattle, choice cows, $4.75 to $7; do., medium, $5.75 to $6.50; do., bulls, $5 to $7.25; milkers, choice, each, $80 to $90; do., common and medium, each, $70 to $75; springers, $50 to $60; sheep, ewes, $7 to $7.50; bucks and culls, $6 to $6.50; lambs, $8.50 to $9; hogs, off cars, $9.50 to $9.85; calves, $3 to $15.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

WINNIPEG, April 20.—Close: Cash wheat—No. 1 northern, 91⅝c; No. 2 do., 89⅞c; No. 3 do., 87⅝c; No. 4, 82⅞c; No. 5, 78c; No. 6, 73c; feed, 68c; No. 1 rejected seeds, 85¼c; No. 2 do., 83⅝c; No. 3 do., 81⅜c; No. 1 smutty, 85¼c; No. 2 do., 82⅝c; No. 3 do., 81⅜c; No. 1 red winter, 89½c; No. 2 do., 87⅝c; No. 3 do., 85⅞c.

Oats—No. 2 C.W., 34c; No. 3 C.W., 33c; No. 2 feed, 32c.

Barley—No. 3, 44½c; No. 4, 42¾c; rejected, 41c; feed, 40½c.

Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $1.35; No. 2, C.W., $1.32; No. 3 C.W., $1.24.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 20—Close: Wheat—May, 89½c bid; July, 90⅝c bid; No. 1 hard, 93⅞c; No. 1 northern, 91⅜c to 92⅞c; No. 2 do., 88⅝c to 90⅝c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 61½c to 62c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 32½c to 34c.

Flour and bran—Unchanged.

DULUTH GRAIN MARKET.

DULUTH, Minn., April 20.—Close: Wheat—No. 1 hard, 91½c; No. 1 northern, 90½c; No. 2 do., 88½c; Montana, No. 2 hard, 89½c; May, 90½c; July, 91⅜c.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA IN SERIOUS CONDITION?

Guarded Statement Regarding His Illness Gives Rise to Grave Anxiety

Canadian Press Despatch.

VIENNA, Austria, April 20. — "The Emperor Francis Joseph passed a fairly comfortable night. His health otherwise is not unsatisfactory." This was the official bulletin issued at the Palace of Schoenbrunn today. It was also stated that his majesty rose at his usual early hour and transacted official business.

The guarded language of the official bulletin caused apprehension in Vienna that the emperor's condition was graver than was admitted by his physicians. Fear was expressed in court circles that unless the catarrh from which he is suffering diminishes within a short time serious complications may develop.

FREE DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS AND EGGS AT GALT

GALT, April 20.—This week all children in the rural schools who are participating in the school fairs will receive the seeds. Fifty dozen eggs have arrived and will be distributed for those who prefer raising chickens to growing grain or vegetables.

Those entering will plant the seeds and care for them during the summer, when representatives will visit and mark progress being made. At school fairs in the fall prizes will be awarded.

DID NOT SWEAR APPLICANT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Alfred Davies, charged with perjury in obtaining a marriage license from T. W. Woolnough, jeweler, Queen Street west, thru swearing that the age of Grace Armstrong, aged 15, was 20, was acquitted in the police court yesterday on the admission of Woolnough that he did not swear the accused on the Bible. Witness had not even administered the usual form of the oath, but had merely said: "Tell the truth on these articles, so help you God." Woolnough told the court that he had been issuing marriage licenses in this way for many years, and his case will be reported to the attorney-general.

CATTLE PRICES WERE LOWER

Sheep, Lambs and Calves Steady — Hogs Were Easy.

Receipts of live stock at the Union yards yesterday were 111 carloads, comprising 2301 cattle, 777 hogs, 30 sheep, and 152 calves.

The cattle trade was very dull and slow. Up to the noon hour there had been 900 reported sold out of 2301 that were on the market.

At the close of the market there were about 500 cattle still unsold.

Prices were from 15c to 25c per cwt. lower on all classes of fat cattle.

Stockers and feeders were steady at unchanged quotations.

Milkers and springers sold at steady prices.

Sheep, lambs and calves remained firm.

Hogs were quoted 10c lower.

Butchers'.

Choice steers sold from $7.75 to $8.10; good, $7.50 to $7.75; medium, $7.25 to $7.40; common, $7; choice cows, $6.75 to $7; good cows, $6.25 to $6.50; common to medium cows, $5 to $5.50; canners and cutters, $3.75 to $4.75; bulls, $6 to $7.25.

Stockers and Feeders.

The market for stockers and feeders held about steady. Choice steers, 800 to 900 lbs., sold at $7.25 to $7.35; steers, 600 to 700 lbs., sold at $7 to $7.15; stock heifers, $6.25 to $6.75.

Milkers and Springers.

Very few milkers and springers were offered for sale; these sold at $60 to $100 each.

Veal Calves.

The calves on sale yesterday were not of a very good class, the bulk of them being of eastern production. Choice veal calves are worth $9.50 to $10.50; medium to good, $7.50 to $8; common to medium, $6 to $7; rough eastern, $5 to $5.50.

Sheep and Lambs.

Receipts of sheep and lambs were not as large, with prices very firm. Sheep, ewes, sold at $6.50 to $7.50; rams at $6 to $6.50; yearling lambs at $7.75 to $9.50; spring lambs at $5 to $9 each.

Hogs.

Receipts were light, and out of 777 reported on the market, 500 of these were of northwestern production and consigned to the Swift Canadian Company. Prices were reported 10c lower, at $9 for selects fed and watered; $9.65 to $9.75 f.o.b. cars; $9.25 weighed off cars.

Representative Sales.

Charles Zeagman & Sons sold 2 loads of fat cows at $4.50 to $6.35 per cwt.

Corbett, Hall and Coughlin Company sold 24 carloads of live stock: Best butchers' at $7.75 to $8.10; 10 loads at $7.40 to $7.60; best cows at $6.75 to $7.25; medium cows at $6 to $6.40; common cows at $5.25 to $5.50; bulls at $6.50 to $7.40; milkers and springers at $40 to $85; feeders at $6.75 to $7.30; calves at $8 to $11; sheep at $7 to $7.50.

Dunn & Levack sold:

Butchers'—20, 1150 lbs. at $8; 16, 1020 lbs. at $7.75; 16, 1070 lbs. at $7.60; 7, 750 lbs. at $7.40; 8, 1220 lbs. at $7.80; 19, 1080 lbs. at $7.70; 24, 880 lbs. at $7.70; 4, 850 lbs. at $7.40; 2, 900 lbs. at $7.45; 6, 1150 lbs. at $7.90; 13, 1050 lbs. at $7.65; 4, 1130 lbs. at $7.75; 1, 950 lbs. at $7.30; 14, 1200 lbs. at $8; 7, 970 lbs. at $7.75; 2, 780 lbs. at $7.30; 4, 1020 lbs. at $7.65; 11, 1150 lbs. at $7.90; 3, 850 lbs. at $7.35; 6, 850 lbs. at $7.30.

Milkers—1 at $95; 1 at $62.

Bulls—1, 1930 lbs. at $7.50; 1, 1650 lbs. at $7.25; 1, 1760 lbs. at $7.25; 1, 1430 lbs. at $7.

Cows—4, 1160 lbs. at $6.60; 1, 1290 lbs. at $6.75; 1, 1120 lbs. at $5.75; 2, 830 lbs. at $5.50; 1, 900 lbs. at $5.75; 2, 1140 lbs. at $6.40; 2, 1050 lbs. at $6.50; 4, 1100 lbs. at $6.55; 2, 1350 lbs. at $6.55; 4, 1100 lbs. at $6.40; 6, 1130 lbs. at $6.50; 2, 700 lbs. at $6.50; 1, 1110 lbs. at $6.25; 6, 1260 lbs. at $7; 5, 1140 lbs. at $6.55; 2, 1160 lbs. at $6.75.

Rice & Whaley sold 30 carloads of live stock: 12 loads good butchers' at $7.50 to $7.85; 2 loads choice butchers' at $8 to $8.10; 5 loads medium butchers at $7 to $7.50; 4 loads good cows at $6 to $7; 2 loads common cows at $4.50 to $5.50; 1 load stockers at $7 to $7.35; yearling lambs at $8.50 to $9.75; buck sheep at $5.50 to $6.25; light sheep at $8.50 to $7.50; spring lambs at $4 to $10 each; 2 decks eastern calves at $6.25 to $7.50; choice calves at $8.50 to $10; 2 decks hogs at $9 fed and watered.

McDonald & Halligan sold 21 cars stock at the Union Stock Yards Monday as follows: Best butcher cattle, 1000 to 1150 lbs., at $7.80 to $8.10 per cwt.; fair to good cattle, $7.40 to $7.70; common to medium, $7.25 to $7.50; best butcher cows, $6.50 to $6.75; fair to good cows, $6 to $6.25; medium cows, $5 to $5.50; best butcher bulls, $7 to $7.25; fair to good bulls, $6.50 to $6.75; stockers, 750 to 800 lbs., at $7.10 to $7.30; feeders, 900 to 975 lbs., at $7.25 to $7.40; milkers and springers, best cows, $75 to $90 each; fair to good, $55 to $65 each; 44 hogs, at $9.20 per cwt., weighed off cars; 26 calves, at $6 to $9.50 per cwt.

Representative Purchases.

W. J. Neely bought 250 cattle for Matthews' Blackwell Company: Good to choice steers and heifers at $7.50 to $7.90; common at $7.25 to $7.40; cows at $5.50 to $6.75.

The Swift Canadian Company bought 200 cattle: Medium to good steers and heifers at $7.50 to $7.95; medium to good cows at $5.50 to $6.75; good bulls at $6.75 to $7; 2 spring lambs at $8 each; 20 calves at $7.50 to $9.50.

H. M. Levinoff bought for the Montreal Abattoirs over 200 good to choice steers at $7.50 to $8.10.

Alexander Levack bought 190 cattle for Gunns' Limited: Steers and heifers at $7.40 to $8; cows $6 to $7; bulls at $6.75 to $7.50.

Fred Rowntree bought 6 milkers and springers at $60 to $100 each, but only one at the latter price.

Jesse Dunn bought 10 choice butchers' cattle, 1060 lbs. each, at $8.10.

Charles McCurdy bought 30 butchers' cattle, 850 lbs., at $7.35.

EAST BUFFALO CATTLE.

EAST BUFFALO, April 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 5250; slow and 15c to 20c higher; prime steers, $8.75 to $9.25; shipping, $8.25 to $8.65; butchers', $8.75 to $8.25; heifers, $6.50 to $7.85; cows, $3.75 to $7.25; bulls, $6 to $7.50; stockers and feeders, $6.75 to $7.75; stock heifers, $5.50 to $6.25; fresh cows and springers, fairly active and steady, $35 to $80.

Veals—Receipts, 1800; slow and 25c lower; $6 to $10.

Hogs—Receipts, 14050; active and 5c to 10c higher; heavy and mixed, $9.25; yorkers, $9.10 to $9.25; pigs, $8.75 to $9; roughs, $8.25 to $8.35; stags, $7 to $7.50; dairies, $9 to $9.25.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 16,000; slow; sheep, steady; lambs, 20c to 25c lower; wool lambs, $7 to $8.65; clipped lambs, $5.50 to $7.40; yearlings, $5 to $6.75; wethers, $5.75 to $5.85; ewes, $3.50 to $6.50; sheep, mixed, $5.50 to $5.95, all clipped.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Cattle—Receipts 25,000. Market weak. Beeves, $7.05 to $9.40; Texas steers, $7.15 to $8.20; stockers and feeders, $5.50 to $8.15; cows and heifers, $3.65 to $8.60; calves, $6 to $8.75.

Hogs—Receipts 33,000. Market strong. Light, $8.45 to $8.75; mixed, $8.45 to $8.75; heavy, $8.25 to $8.75; rough, $8.25 to $8.40; pigs, $7.25 to $8.40; bulk of sales, $8.60 to $8.70.

Sheep—Receipts 25,000. Market steady. Native, $5.40 to $7; yearlings, $5.30 to $7.50; lambs, native, $6.25 to $8.25.

BIG CROP OF P. E. I. OYSTERS PROMISED THIS SEASON.

(Special Correspondence.)

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., April 20.—This year's production of Malpeque, or native, oysters will reach 20,000 barrels, according to oyster men, who say that only 10 per cent. of this number will be transplanted Cape Cods, or other varieties of American oysters. The trade understands by Malpeques not only the oysters which are raked off the beds of a certain part of Richmond Bay, near the town called Malpeque, but all the good oysters that are fished in this bay and adjacent bays, either north or south of the island. The beds around Cape Curtain Island in Richmond Bay are supposed to contain the standard oysters, that is, genuine and true Malpeques, though every oyster caught off any part of Prince Edward Island is called by that name.

Some few years ago, owing to the increasing demand for Malpeques, not only in this market, but from the United States and Europe, and to the scarcity of supply through depletion of the beds, the producers of these oysters raised the price until Malpeques became a luxury and the demand was curtailed. This led to the introduction into Canada of oysters from Massachusetts waters, and the Cape Cod variety was chosen, because these oysters are fished in bays and have the salty taste, which is a feature of the Malpeques, and so became a near substitute to the native product. Two years ago, the producers of the native oyster, seeing a growing trade in the imported substitutes, readjusted their prices to existing conditions, and since that time the Malpeques have again recovered ground, and this season have been more plentiful and of a better quality.

To grow and flourish oysters require certain conditions. The water must be neither too salt or too fresh. The bottom must be hard, and the water must not be too deep or too cold. There must also be lime present so that shells can be built, and too much mud will choke the oysters.

When one speaks of good native oysters in this country, it has reference to the shape and fleshy part of the oysters only. The flavor is always good, even in the poorest specie far superior to any oysters grown in public beds.

Even the oysters produced on the beds of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia coasts, though not so succulent, so pleasing to the taste as those of Prince Edward Island, still are, as a rule, much superior to any of the specie known as Cape Cods, Blue Points, Cotuits, Buzzard's Bay and other sobriquets. At one time Caraquet oysters had a reputation second only to Malpeques, but these beds are now nearly extinct.

Oyster fishing, which removes the full grown, breeding oysters, stirs up mud and salt, and interferes with the young oysters, and unless methods of artificial propagation are adopted and restrictions placed on oyster fishing, they will soon become extinct. Such measures are being used in Europe. In those countries lime and sand cemented tiles are placed down in the oyster beds, and these afford places for the "spats" or young oysters to develop. In the United States masses of spats are taken from crowded beds and placed in cultch, made of old oyster shells. The young oysters sell at prices varying from ten cents to $1 a bushel. Dr. J. Stafford, M.A., Ph.D., of the Conservation Commission, recommends a campaign of education for the preservation of the oyster.

TOOK SMALL SUM AS DAMAGES.

One hundred dollars was all the Columbia Graphophone Company got as damages against the Real Estate Corporation, Limited, in respect to a breach of contract in respect to heating a building, claimed by the plaintiff. The graphophone company was suing for $15,000 damages in the non-jury assize court, but settled the case out of court.

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Toronto, Canada 21

Estate Notices.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS, MEMBERS, Shareholders and Contributories—In the Matter of Automatic Electric Cook Company, Limited, Toronto, Insolvent.

Notice is hereby given that the above named Insolvent Company has made an assignment of its estate to me for the benefit of its creditors by deed dated April 11, 1914, and the creditors are notified to meet at my office, 15 Wellington St. W., Toronto, on Friday, the 24th day of April, 1914, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a statement of its affairs, appointing inspectors and fixing their remuneration, and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally.

All persons claiming to rank upon the estate of the said Insolvent must file their claims with me on or before the 17th day of May, 1914, after which date I will proceed to distribute the assets thereof, having regard to those claims only of which I shall then have received notice.

F. C. CLARKSON,
15 Wellington St. W.
Toronto, April 17, 1914. 234

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims or demands against Mary Ann McKeen, late of the City of Toronto, married woman, deceased, who died on or about the 24th day of October, 1913, at Toronto, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver, on or before the 22nd day of May, 1914, to the undersigned, Solicitors for Wm. A. Baird, Administrator, with will annexed, of the said deceased, their names and addresses with full particulars, in writing, of their claims and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after said last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated at Toronto this 20th day of April, 1914.

WM. MORTIMER CLARK, GRAY & BAIRD,
425 Confederation Life Building, Toronto,
Solicitors for Said Administrator. 2222

PROMINENT BELLEVILLE MAN CALLED BY DEATH

S. W. Vermilyea, Well Known in Business and Society Circles

BELLEVILLE, April 20.—Mr. S. W. Vermilyea, a well-known and popular citizen of this city, died this morning, aged 53 years. He had been for some time in the shoe trade with his father, A. W. Vermilyea, and was also the head of the Belleville Shoe Co., a wholesale establishment.

He was a member om the A., F. and A. M., and major and paymaster of the 15th regiment. A widow, one son and two daughters survive.

WOODSTOCK LICENSES EXTENDED.

WOODSTOCK, April 20.—North Oxford license commissioners completed their consideration of the three held-over applications, with the following results:

Bright Hotel gets a three months' extension to sell out.

The Arlington and the Royal Hotels get a three months' extension of their present licenses.

WANT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

Judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice Middleton in the assize court yesterday in the action of Arthur W. Gilmore, to enforce the payment of a cheque for $800 as insurance for an automobile which was wrecked by a train at the Toronto golf links crossing. The Ocean Accident and Guarantee Company claims that plaintiff put the machine on the tracks.

SYNOPSIS OF DOMINION LAND REGULATIONS.

ANY PERSON who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion Land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Agency, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties: Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain Districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price, $3.00 per acre.

Duties: Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent), and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price, $3.00 per acre. Duties: Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorised publication of this advertisement will not be paid for. 26666. ed

Estate Notices.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS—IN RE Estate of Elizabeth Corrigan, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the above named Elizabeth Corrigan, deceased, who died at Toronto on or about the 25th day of April, 1910, are required to submit full particulars, in writing, of their claims before the 16th day of May, 1914, after which date the administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and will not be liable for any part of the said assets to any person of whose claim he shall not then have received notice.

Dated at Toronto this 7th day of April, 1914.

OWENS & PROUDFOOT,
Solicitors for Wallace V. Corrigan, Administrator. 2223

NOTICE TO CREDITORS — IN THE Matter of Harry Morris and Joseph Wilkes, Trading Under the Name, Style and Firm of Morris & Wilkes, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, Grocers, Insolvents.

Notice is hereby given that the above named Insolvents have made an assignment to me of all their estate and effects, under the Assignments and Preferences Act, under R.S.O., 1910, Chap. 67, and amending acts thereto.

The Creditors are hereby notified to meet at my offices, 23 Scott street, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, 1914, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a statement of their affairs, appointing inspectors, and fixing their remuneration, and for the general ordering of the affairs of the estate.

The Creditors are hereby requested to file their claims with me, duly proven, on or before the day of meeting, and after the 16th day of May, 1914, I will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate, having regard only to the claims of which I shall then have received notice.

RICHARD TEW,
Assignee.

Dated at Toronto this 18th day of April, 1914. 23

That Son-in-Law of Pa's

By G. H. Wellington

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