THE ALGOMA ELECTION.

Brigadier Burden Before the Public Accounts Committee—The Celebrated "Casino" Telegram.

The Public Accounts Committee met on Saturday morning, Mr. Ferris presiding. Mr. Geo. Burden, who acted as commissioner for the Ontario Government at Rat Portage, and who had been subpœnaed to attend, was present and gave evidence regarding his duties at that place. After being sworn he was examined by Mr. Meredith. He said he had been in the employ of the Government since July 25th, 1880. He was first employed auditing provincial accounts. After being nine months thus employed he was engaged upon the Agricultural Commission, and was thus employed for 234 days down to February or March of 1881. Then he was in the Queen's Printer's office from that time until in 1882 he went to Rat Portage, where he arrived on the 22nd of August. On the last day of 1882 he arrived home, and returned to Rat Portage in May, in the interval being employed making up a report and at other work. He went to Rat Portage as a commissioner to make a report and to look after the general interests of Ontario, his instructions being given him by Mr. Mowat verbally. His headquarters were at Rat Portage. From May, 1883, until January 5th last he had remained at Rat Portage, since which time he had been here. At first his salary was $3 per day, and $3 per day in addition being allowed for expenses. That continued until the first of August, 1882, when an arrangement was made that he was to receive $1,600 a year and $3 per day expenses. Before entering the service of the Government he had been on an Ottawa newspaper; before that on the Montreal *Herald*, and prior to that he had been in the British army. He arrived at Rat Portage last year on the 2nd of June. At the time he knew from the newspapers that an election was to take place, but not from members of the Government. He or Mr. Patinullo took no part in meetings for securing Mr. Lyon's return, but he did in meetings to promote the formation of the municipality. He had some communications with the proprietor of a newspaper—or, rather, the proprietor of the newspaper sought to have communications with him. On being asked whether he

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in connection with what had taken place between them, he said he could not say that he had.

Mr. MEREDITH—You swear that you did not communicate with the Commissioner of Crown Lands with reference to that? Ans.—I sent a telegram to the Commissioner of Crown Lands with reference to that. The copy of the telegram which had appeared in the newspapers was correct.

Q.—What did you mean by saying that it was important that you should be placed in possession of funds for the purpose of securing control? A.—My meaning was that it was important that we should hold our friends together for the purpose of forming a municipality. It had no connection with Mr. Lyon's candidature.

Q.—Then why was it that half of the money should be paid before the election and half afterwards? A.—That was the proposition to me. I simply communicated with the Commissioner of Crown Lands that he would be in a position to send funds not from the Government, but from some association, as usual in such cases.

Q.—Have you any of the communications which passed between you and the members of the Government? A.—I have none but such as were confidential. There is nothing in them that I should object to place before the committee.

Q.—Will you produce them? A.—Not confidential communications without authority.

Q.—Do you decline to produce them? A.—I would rather not. There is nothing in the communications.

Q.—I want to know, yes or no, whether you decline to produce them. A.—I do not decline. I have not got them here.

Q.—Will you produce them? A.—Not private letters. Nearly all the communications between me and the Government were confidential.

Q.—Have you brought communications which passed between you and the Government here? A.—Yes, but not confidential communications.

Q.—Why have you not brought all of them? A.—Because I did not think confidential communications would be required.

Q.—Were you instructed not to produce these letters? A.—No.

Mr. Hardy.—I object to asking any question with regard to necessary communications with a Minister of the Crown, although I have nothing to conceal.

Mr. Meredith then proceeded to question the witness about the cypher telegrams. The witness said they were not the confidential communications; he had been referring to letters. He had none of the telegrams he received from the members of the Government; he tore them up because he did not think it was necessary to keep them.

Q. What business had you to destroy them? A. Well, I did destroy them, because I did not think it was necessary to keep them.

Q. Is that the only answer you can give as a reason for destroying them? A. Yes.

Q. Why did you destroy some and preserve others? A. I did not preserve any.

Q. You profess to state that these communications were State documents, dealing with your duties as Commissioner for Ontario? A. Yes. We were there in a peculiar and delicate position, and necessarily everything that passed was of a confidential character.

Q. And that was the reason you destroyed them? A. Yes.

WITNESS then stated that he had had no communication with Mr. Pattullo about the election, nor had he discussed with him steps to be taken. He was not present at any of Mr. Lyon's committee meetings.

A MUTILATED DOCUMENT.

Mr. MEREDITH handed Mr. Burden an account furnished by him to the province, and asked him what was cut off the bottom? A. I do not know.

Mr. MEREDITH—Something has been cut off. A. It was not cut off by me.

Q. Has anything been cut off since it left your hands? A. I do not know.

Q. Upon your oath, has anything been cut off since your name was written there? A. It looks uncommonly like it, but it was not done by me.

Q. Did it come in that shape from you to Toronto? A. I cannot say. I do not think it did. I think it possible that some remarks were put there and cut off afterwards. That is my signature.

Q. It is evident that is cut through your signature. A. I did not do it.

Proceeding, the witness stated that he had not communicated with Mr. Pattullo regarding the proposition of the newspaper at Rat Portage. After he had communicated with Mr. Pardee by telegram he did not offer the proprietor of that paper $500, and he did not think Mr. Pattullo had done so. He was not a political agent.

Mr. MEREDITH—Then how did you come to approach Mr. Pardee? A.—We were interested in forming a municipality.

Q.—Then you were interested? A.—In so far as the formation of a municipality was concerned.

The witness, continuing, said that when he left Rat Portage sixteen policemen were employed. He had not been in control of the force since coming down. He handed his duties over to Mr. Lyon. When Mr. Lyon came down here he did not know who was in charge. On the day before the election in September, on the day of the election, and on the day after the election they had sixty-eight constables employed, and on the following day ten. The Provincial Secretary had communicated with him by telegram with regard to the employment of other specials, but he had destroyed the telegram. He had communicated by letter with Mr. Scott, Deputy Attorney-General, and the cypher code was agreed upon in the Attorney-General's office. On one occasion he communicated

UNDER THE NAME "CASINO,"

and would not give any particular reason for doing so. That was the telegram referring to the procuring of the newspaper. It was necessary to hide the name. They were adopting precautions, because the letters and telegrams were being tampered with in the office! He did not know any particular reason for precautions with regard to that telegram. He communicated the proposition that $250 should be paid before the election and $250 afterwards, as the proposition of the man who approached him, and did not consider it corrupt. The object did not appear to be to bind the paper to support Mr. Lyon. It did not enter his calculations, although it might have entered into the calculations of the man himself. He did not think he had any communications with anybody afterwards with reference to that.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY, March 19.

STOCKS.

Market was quiet this morning, with changes small and varying in tendency. Montreal was held ¼ higher, with bids ¼ lower. Ontario was held ¼ higher. Bids for Toronto fell ¼. Merchants' sold at 111, closed with sellers ½ lower, and changed hands in Montreal at 114 and 114¼. Commerce was offered ¼ lower. Imperial sold thrice at 139¾ and closed ¼ higher. Federal sold at 49 and closed as before. Dominion was held ¼ with bids ¼ higher. Bids for Standard advanced ¼. Hamilton wanted as before. Rest unchanged.

Miscellaneous stocks were steady. Bids for British America advanced ¼. Western Assurance sold twice at 117¼. Dominion Telegraph offered as before at 89, with 87 bid. North-West Land sold outside at 61, and closed with bids 1 higher. Rest unchanged.

Loan and Savings stocks were steady. Canada Permanent sold at 216¼ and 216, closing with sellers ½ lower at 216¼ and 215¾ bid. Western sold at 186 and closed unchanged. Union offered as before at 128½ without bids. London and Canadian offered at 140 with bids as before at 139. The Land Security sold at 141, closing with bids advanced ½, or to 140 and sellers at 141½. British Canadian sold at 103 and closed with more wanted at same figure, but none offered. Rest unchanged or unquoted.

The afternoon board also was quiet. Montreal was offered ¼ lower without bids, and sold below at 192¾. Toronto was offered ¼ lower. Bids for Merchants' declined ¼. Commerce sold at 126, and closed with bids up ¼, with a sale of 200 shares in Montreal at 126¼. Federal sold at 139¾, and closed with bids down ¼. Dominion was held ¼ with bids ¼ higher. Bids for Hamilton rose ¼. Western Assurance sold thrice at 117¼ and closed unchanged. Imperial Savings sold at 110. Rest unchanged or unquoted.

The following are the closing quotations for the Toronto Stock Exchange for March 19:—

Stocks.	12.00 M. Askd.	12.00 M. Bid.	4 P.M. Askd.	4 P.M. Bid.
Montreal	194	192½	193¾	...
Ontario	105	104	105	104
Molsons	...	...	...	...
Toronto	185	183¾	184¾	183¾
Merchants'	114	113½	114	113½
Commerce	126¼	126½	126½	126
Imperial	140	139	140	139
Federal	139¾	139¼	139¾	139
Dominion	199	198½	199½	198
Standard	115	114½	115	114½
Hamilton	...	117	...	117½
Miscellaneous.				
British America	112½	110	112½	110
Western Assurance	118	117½	118	117½
Canada Life	...	400	...	...
Confederation Life	...	...	...	...
Consumers' Gas	152	150	...	...
Dominion Telegraph	89	87	...	...
Montreal Telegraph	...	...	...	...
Globe Printing Co.	...	...	...	...
Lybster Cotton Co.	100	...	...	...
Noxon Bros. Man. Co.	100	...	...	...
Ont. & Qu'Appelle L. Co.	85	...	...	...
North-West L. Co.	63	61	62	61
Railways.				
T., G., & B. stock, 6s	...	...	...	...
Canadian Pacific bonds	...	86½	...	...
Loan Companies.				
Canada Permanent	216¼	215¾	...	...
C. P. (new stock)	...	...	...	...
Freehold	...	105½	...	...
Western Canada	...	186	...	...
W. C. (new stock)	...	203	...	...
Union	xd	128½	...	...
Canada Landed Credit	...	121	...	...
B. & L. Association	104½	103½	...	...
Imperial S. & Invest.	110	...	...	...
Farmers' L. & Savings	...	123	...	...
Lon. & Can. L. & A. xd	140	139	...	...
National Investment	...	105½	...	...
People's Loan	...	103½	...	...
Real Estate L. & D. Co.	...	...	...	...
London & Ontario	...	113	...	...
The Land Security Co.	141½	141	...	...
Manitoba Loan	118	116	...	...
Huron & Erie	160	...	...	...
Hom. Savings & Loan	112	...	...	...
Ontario Loan & Deb.	127	124	125	122½
Canadian S. & Loan	122½	121	122½	121½
London Loan	...	128	128	126
Hamilton Provident	...	130	...	...
Brant L. & S. Society	...	...	...	...
Ontario Invest. Ass.	126	...	...	...
Farmers' & Traders'	...	...	...	...
British Can. L. & Invest.	...	103	...	...
Manitoba Invest. Ass.	...	...	...	...
English Loan Co.	...	...	...	...
Agricultural L. & S. Co.	...	...	...	...
Royal Loan & Sav. Co.	...	...	...	...

MORNING SALES—Merchants', 5 at 114; Federal, 13, 30, at 139¾; 25, 30, at 139¾; Western Assurance, 40, 120 at 117¾; North-West Land Co., 50 at 61 reported; Canada Permanent, 50 at 216¼, 65 at 216, new stock 205 bid, sales, 50 at 202½, 55 at 203; Western Canada, 22 at 186; The Land Security Co., 30 at 141; British Canadian L. & Invest., 50 at 103.

AFTERNOON SALES—Commerce, 20 at 126; Federal, 4 at 139¾; Western Assurance, 20 30, 20 at 117¾; Imperial S. and Investment, 10 at 110.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, March 20.

PRODUCE.

The local situation has remained decidedly quiet all week. There has been very little of anything offered, and the general opinion seems to be that there is very little remaining in the country to come forward, while stocks here are small as compared with those of last year. Under these circumstances there appears little probability of any considerable improvement in trade this spring, be the course of prices in English and foreign markets what it may. Holders, however, have shown no disposition whatever to press sales or make concessions; indeed the feeling seems to have been rather of a "no surrender" character under the impression that all they had would be wanted, but our readers will please remember that we are stating what we believe to be the impression of the market and not expressing any opinion of our own on the prospects. The chief change of stocks during the week has been a decrease of about 20,000 bushels of barley. Stocks on Monday morning stood as follows:—Flour, 2,135 bbls.; fall wheat, 31,568 bush.; spring wheat, 107,391 bush.; oats, nil. bush.; barley, 162,023 bush.; peas, 40,739 bush.; rye, 129 bush. against on the corresponding date last year:—Flour, 8,943 bbls.; fall wheat, 369,959 bush.; spring wheat, 103,310 bush.; oats, 1,461 bush.; barley, 140,726 bush.; peas, 12,540 bush.; rye, nil. bush. English quotations show a fall of 2d. on corn, but are otherwise unchanged. Markets closed dull on cargoes, either of wheat or corn, with Mark Lane slow, and country markets quiet but steady, which seems also to be the case in France. Imports last week were again very low, amounting to 180,000 to 185,000 quarters of wheat, and 150,000 to 155,000 barrels of flour, and home deliveries seem not to have been over 200,000 quarters, which would again leave a deficit. The quantity of flour and wheat in transit for the United Kingdom on the 13th inst., was equal to 2,000,000 qrs. of wheat against 2,043,000 on the 23th ult., and 3,272,000 in the preceding year. Mail advices state that the English trade had very generally resigned itself to abandon all expectation of any active revival or improvement until there should be a very decided reduction in the stocks; but the prospect for such a reduction was not only becoming clearer than before, but was computed to have been 150,000 quarters during the week ending February 23. Meanwhile the average price of English wheat had further receded to the very low point of 16s. 11d. per quarter, against 41s. 9d. in the corresponding week last year, and 46s. 7d. in 1882; and returns for the ensuing week, ending March 1, showed a rise to 37s. 3d. Stocks of wheat in Gloucester and Bristol on the 1st inst. were, however, 277,700 quarters, against 267,500 on the 1st ult., so that thus far the reduction would seem not to have made much progress. Continental advices state that in French ports foreign wheat was unchanged. At Marseilles prices were maintained, but the demand not active. Bordeaux still quoted red winter as before, both on the spot and for March-April delivery. At Nantes transactions were almost nil, but home-grown wheat ruled firm. At Havre wheat was rather lower, but meeting a better demand. According to official returns, the net imports of wheat and flour into France from August 1 to February 15 amounted to 2,572,000 quarters, against 3,225,000 quarters in the corresponding period last year. Country markets ruled quiet with very little change in prices. At Antwerp grain was quiet this week, and business confined to immediate wants; prices, however, were generally maintained. Inferior wheat was neglected, but good sorts in demand. Red winter was quoted at equal to 38s. 9d. to 40s. 6d. per quarter according to quality. German advices report wheat at Berlin inactive but the tendency decidedly firmer, which, in the absence of favourable advices from abroad caused some surprise; the reserve of sellers, however, was thought to be probably owing to the low range of prices leaving little margin for a possible further decline. Stocks of wheat at Berlin on the 1st inst. were 15,422 tons, against 15,227 on the 1st ult., and 13,108 last year. At Hamburg, also, wheat was firmer, with No. 2 red winter to arrive quoted at equal to 38s. to 40s. per quarter. Austro-Hungarian markets seem to have been quiet and easy. Roumanian advices report small stocks of wheat; those in Braila and Galatz being on 58,000 quarters. From the South of Russia shipments were still on a very small scale. The port of Nicolaieff was reported to be open for navigation. From the North of Russia rather liberal shipments were expected in the spring, as has been repeatedly mentioned before, but up to the latest advices the sales effected by the London firms connected with St. Petersburg were not nearly so large as they were last winter, and the prices asked were above the level of those in England as well as on the Continent. States reports show a continued decrease in the quantity of wheat in sight, amounting to 524,000 bushels last week; but receipts in the west showed an increase last week, amounting to 734,000 bushels against 509,000 in the preceding week, and 944,000 in the corresponding week last year. Exports of flour and wheat from the United States seaboard ports and from Montreal for the week ending March 15th, 1884, amounted to 359,000 bbls. of flour, and 463,000 bush. of wheat, against 55,000 bbls. of flour and 557,000 bushels of wheat in the preceding week and 117,000 bbls. of flour and 1,119,000 bushels of wheat in the corresponding week last year. Prices have been weak and declining both at New York and Chicago. The price of wheat at San Francisco has been well sustained, with limited transactions. Arrivals of wheat from the Interior and exports from San Francisco since last report. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and Atlantic ports, and on rail and on the Mississippi river, and afloat on New York canals, destined for tide-water:—

	1884. March 8.	1884. Mar. 1.	1883. Mar. 10.	1882. Mar. 11.
Wheat, bu.	30,549,883	31,073,900	23,626,395	14,102,348
Corn, bu.	16,247,095	15,354,501	14,159,098	12,928,173
Oats, bu.	5,110,237	5,457,999	3,201,937	2,022,885
Barley, bu.	2,160,962	2,241,947	1,987,508	1,869,803
Rye, bu.	2,212,612	2,240,060	1,871,823	1,091,706
Total bu.	56,280,951	56,400,801	45,943,761	32,364,915

The following are the Liverpool quotations for each day of the past week, the prices of wheat and flour being top figures:—

	March 13, 11.30 a.m. S.	D.	March 14, 5 p.m. S.	D.	March 15, 5 p.m. S.	D.	March 17, 5 p.m. S.	D.	March 18, 2.30 p.m. S.	D.	March 19, 11.30 a.m. S.	D.
Flour	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6
S. Wheat	8	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	8	0	8	0
R. Wheat	8	6	8	6	8	6	8	6	8	6	8	6
Cal. No. 1	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4
Cal. No. 2	7	10	7	10	7	10	7	10	7	10	7	10
Corn	4	10½	4	10½	4	9½	4	9½	4	9½	4	9½
Oats	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Barley	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6
Peas	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Pork	75	0	75	0	75	0	75	0	75	0	75	0
Lard	47	6	47	3	47	0	47	6	47	9	47	3
Bacon	45	6	45	6	45	6	45	6	46	0	46	0
Tallow	39	6	39	6	39	6	39	6	39	6	39	0
Cheese	71	0	71	0	71	0	71	0	71	0	71	0

FLOUR—Market inactive with offerings small, but apparently sufficient, or very nearly so, with values steady. Patents have been moving at from $5.60 to $6.25, the latter price being for the choicest brands. Superior extra has sold at equal to $5.05. There was no movement reported at the close; but former prices would readily have been repeated for all grades, and choice superior extra would probably have brought $5.10.

BRAN—Scarce, firmer, and wanted at $16; some lying outside has changed hands at equal to that price here.

OATMEAL—Quiet at about $4.10 for car-lots, with a sale of granulated at equal to $4.70. Small lots as before, at $4.50 to $4.60.

WHEAT—The movement has been small, the supply very limited, and prices of all sorts firm. Fall seems to be the favourite, although No. 2 has been wanted at $1.07, but seems to have been held rather higher, and No. 3 sold in the latter part of last week at $1.04 to $1.05 f.o.c. Red winter on track brought $1.09 on Saturday. Goose sold at 83 and 84c. f.o.c. on Thursday. Spring has sold on p.t., but No. 1 has been worth $1.11 and No. 2 about $1.06. Nothing doing, scarcely any offered, at the close; but buyers at former prices, and No. 2 fall probably worth $1.08. Street receipts very small; valies at the close about $1 to $1.02 for fall, $1.08 to $1.12 for spring, and 80 to 84c. for goose.

SEEDS—The market seems to have been rather unsettled. Dealers have been holding off, and prices of late almost nominal; for a car of clover $6.50 seems to have been the best bid, and it was refused. Job-lots have been easier in sympathy with weakness in the States at $6.75 to $6.80 for clover, at $8 to $9 for Alsike, and $1.90 to $2 for timothy. One lot of clover has been offered below the above prices, but this we understand to be a small quantity which cannot last long.

HAY—Pressed still inactive. Market receipts have decreased, and prices have been firmer at $9.50 to $10 for clover, and $11 to $15 for timothy, the latter price being exceptional.

STRAW—Receipts small and all readily taken at firmer prices. Sheaf has ranged from $7 to $8, and loose $5.50 to $6.

POTATOES—Cars have been abundant but have sold fairly well, usually at 70c., though one sale is reported at 65c. Street receipts very small and prices unchanged at 80 to 85c. per bag.

APPLES—Unchanged; car-lots of really choice have continued in demand at $3.50 but none offered. Street receipts very small and prices steady at $3 to $3.75 for good to fine.

POULTRY—No box-lots offered. Receipts on the street very small and prices generally firmer at 75 to 80c. for Rolls and 90c. to $1 for Dressed per pair; geese, 90c. to $1 each, and turkeys, $1 to $1.37 for hens and $1.50 to $2 for gobblers.

OATS—The supply has been on the increase and prices have been lower. Cars on track sold in the latter part of last week and on Tuesday at 36c., which price was obtainable at the close, when some dealers stood out for 37c. On street 33c. has been readily paid, and 40c. would have been given yesterday had any been offered.

BARLEY—The demand is said to have been fairly active, and prices have been steady, but the sum total of the movement reported is but small. No. 4 steady and sold at 71½c. on Thursday, No. 2 brought 86 and 87c. f.o.c. on Thursday, and 67c. on Friday and Saturday. Extra No. 3 sold at 62c. f.o.c. in the latter part of last week. No. 3 sold at 52c. f.o.c. on Thursday and 53c. on Friday, and choice at 55½c. on track on Monday. Market closed with sales on p.t., and buyers at 71c. for No. 1; at 67c. for No. 2, and 62c. for extra No. 3. Street receipts small, and prices steady at 60 to 65c.

PEAS—Offerings small and values unchanged, with No. 2 having sold at 74c. f.o.c. at which price more would have been taken at the close. Street prices, 75 to 77c.

RYE—Inactive at about 60c. either for cars or street receipts.

FLOUR, F.O.C.

Superior extra, per 196 lbs	$5 05	to $5 10
Extra	4 75	4 80
Fancy and strong bakers'	none.	
Spring wheat, extra	4 50	4 60
Superfine	none.	
Oatmeal, per 136 lbs	4 10	4 20
Cornmeal, small lots	3 40	3 50

BAG FLOUR (per bag 98 lbs., bags returnable, 1c. not 5c. more), by car lots, f.o.c.

Extra, per bag	2 20	2 25
Spring wheat, extra, per bag	none.	

GRAIN, F.O.C.

Fall wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	none	
" " No. 2	1 07	1 08
" " No. 3	1 04	1 05
Red winter	none.	
Spring wheat No. 1	1 11	0 00
" " No. 2	1 06	0 00
" " No. 3	none.	
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 36	0 37
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 71	0 00
" No. 2	0 67	0 00
" Extra No. 3	0 62	0 00
" No. 3	0 53	0 55
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 00	0 00
" No. 2	0 74	0 00
Rye	0 60	0 00

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

Wheat, fall, per bushel	$1 00	to $1 08
Wheat, spring, do.	1 08	1 12
Wheat, goose, do.	0 80	0 84
Barley, do.	0 58	0 68
Oats, do.	0 39	0 40
Peas, do.	0 75	0 77
Rye, do.	0 00	0 55
Cloverseed, do.	0 00	8 25
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	8 00	8 25
Beef, hind quarters	8 00	9 50
" fore "	6 00	7 00
Chickens, per pair	0 75	0 85
Ducklings, do.	0 80	1 00
Geese, each	0 80	1 00
Turkeys, each	1 25	2 00
Butter, pound rolls	0 22	0 25
Do. large rolls	none.	
Do. tub dairy	0 18	0 20
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 20	0 22
Potatoes, per bag	0 85	0 85
Apples, per bbl	3 00	3 75
Onions, green, per peck	0 25	0 00
Cabbage, per doz	1 00	1 50
Cauliflower do.	none.	
Celery, do.	1 00	1 50
Turnips, per bag	0 40	0 50
Carrots, do.	0 60	0 75
Tomatoes, per bush	none.	
Beets, per peck	0 25	0 00
Parsnips, per bag	1 00	0 00
Rhubarb, per doz	1 50	0 00
Melons, do.	none.	
Beans, per bush	none.	
Corn, per doz	none.	
Radishes, per bush	1 00	0 00
Hay, per ton	7 00	15 00
Straw, do.	5 50	8 00

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Seems generally to have been quiet.

BUTTER—There has been very little change in the situation during the week. Some demand was heard for low medium at the prices of inferior and a few small lots changed hands at 12 to 14c., but this was the only shipping demand heard, and there was very little wanted on the one hand, or to be had on the other at these prices. Good shipping lots remained purely nominal with stocks large and could be much larger, as country holders would ship freely were dealers here inclined to take it. Choice has continued in sufficient supply; all offered has found a ready sale at 18 to 20c. as would a good deal more had it been obtainable, but these quotations are for really choice, and town buyers and country sellers are very frequently "apart in their views" as to what constitutes "really choice." Rolls have been less abundant, and fairly steady at 15 to 17c. Street receipts have been small and prices firm at 22 to 25c. for pound rolls and 18 to 20c. for tubs and crocks.

CHEESE—Much as before; small lots of fine from 13½ to 14½c., and medium from 12 to 12½c., with stocks very small and held very firmly.

EGGS—Receipts have decreased during the week; all offered wannted, and round lots readily taken at 19c., which was still bid at the close. Street receipts also small, and 20 to 22c. paid for new-laid.

PORK—There was a car of mess sold on Thursday at $20, and small lots have gone off steadily through the week at $21 to $21.50.

BACON—Quiet but firm; the fact seems to be that buyers have been holding off in hopes off a fall at Chicago, and owners of stock have been holding on to it, in doubt of such a fall, and in reliance on small stocks here. Long-clear in car-lots held at 10½c., and sold in case-lots at 11c., with some old still going at 9½c. Cumberland almost nominal at 10c. for case lots. Rolls quiet at 11½ to 12c. and bellies at 12c. for small lots.

HAMS—No movement in round lots reported, but they could have been obtained at 13½c. for smoked, and small lots have sold quietly at 14c.

LARD—Round lots of tinnets have been wanted at 12½c., but no sales reported; small lots have sold quietly, but steadily as about 13c.

HOGS—The demand for shipment or for local packing has almost ended, and prices have consequently sustained a break, closing at $8 to $8.25 either for rail lots or on the street.

SALT—Inactive and entirely unchanged in value. Liverpool coarse still offered in cars at 90c., and small lots seldom selling over 75c. Liverpool fine unchanged at $1.45. Canadian as before, at $1.25 by the car and $1.32½ to $1.40 for small lots to single barrels.

DRIED APPLES—Nothing as before; country lots worth 8½ to 8¾c., and one lot of 20 barrels on the spot sold at about equal to the former figure outside. Dealers sell small lots usually at 9½ to 9½c.

HOPS—No movement in round lots; a few single bales have sold at 22 to 25c., but for anything larger buyers and sellers have continued to widely separate for business.

WHITE BEANS—There seems to have been some demand heard for lots of unpicked at $1.30 to $1.45, and for hand-picked at $1.65 to $1.80. Dealers have been selling small lots at $1.50 to $2, according to quality and quantity.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has on the whole been rather quiet.

HIDES—The prices of green remained at last week's decline; but supplies have been small and of poor quality. Cured in steady demand, with sales of car-lots at 8c.

CALFSKINS—Receipts of green increasing, but thus far all offered have been taken at former prices. Cured inactive.

SHEEPSKINS—Good to choice green have sold usually at $1 to $1.10, with $1.15 occasionally paid; offerings of country lots have been very small, but quite as large as were wanted, and prices of them have ranged from 75c. to $1, very few going over 90c.

WOOL—Quiet generally; a few small lots of fleece have been taken by dealers at 18 to 18c. for extra Canada Combing wool, and on the street some farmers' lots have ranged from 16 to 20; one small lot of Southdown sold at 24c. Super very quiet; dealers generally holding off; a few sales to factories at 23 to 24c. Extra inactive.

TALLOW—Much as before at 6½ to 7c. for rendered, and 3½c. for rough. One car-lot sold at 7½c., but this was all guaranteed to pass inspection. Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected cows, $7.00; choice No. 1 steers, $8.00; No. 2 inspected, $6.00; No. 3 inspected, $5.00; calfskins, green, 13 and 11c.; calfskins, cured, 15 and 13c.; calfskins, dry, none; sheepskins, green, $1 to $1.15; wool, fleece, 16 to 20c.; Southdown, 25 to 26c.; wool, super, 21 to 22c.; extra super, 23 to 30c.; wool pickings, 9 to 10c.; tallow, rough, 3½c.; rendered, 6½ to 7c.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

Drovers have been complaining that they cannot make a living on the present state of trade, and to some extent blame the market reports as given in some newspapers. THE MAIL reports the prices correctly, as current in Toronto markets, but farmers should bear in mind that at least ½c. should be deducted to cover shrinkage, carriage, etc. Fully five per cent. is lost in weight on the trip here, and neither travelling nor board can be had for nothing by the drovers. All this should be taken into consideration by the farmers, as they would find it would cost more than 4c. to forward their own cattle and then take the chance of reaching a favourable market.

Receipts this week were about the average, and the quality rather poor, prices, however, were firm at quotations. Sheep were scarce, but as many of those offered were in lamb, the demand was light. Good sheep, however, were wanted. Lambs and calves found ready sale. Hogs are firm, and holders of store hogs would find purchasers at 6½ to 6¾c. We quote:—

CATTLE.

Steers, averaging	*Rough to Prime*
1,200 to 1,350	None.
1,100 to 1,200	4¾ 5c. per lb.
950 to 1,000	4 4¼
Inferior	3½ 4
Calves, per head, dressed	10 to 11c. per lb.

SHEEP.

140 to 160 lbs	4½ to 5c. per lb.
100 to 120 "	4½ 5
90 to 100 "	None.
80 to 90 "	None.
70 to 80 "	None.
Lambs, per head	$4.50 to $550.
Hogs—6½c.	

BY TELEGRAPH.

MONTREAL.

March 19.—Flour—Receipts, 800 bbls.; sales, none; reported. Market quiet and weak; prices nominal. Quotations—Superior extra, $5.40 to $5.60; extra, superfine, $5.30 to $5.40; fancy extra, $4.80 to $5.00; superfine, $4 to $4.25; strong bakers', $4 to $4.50; fine, $3.70 to $3.75; middlings, $3.40 to $3.50; pollards, $3 to $3.25; Ontario bags, $2 to $2.50; city bags, $2.85 to $2.90 for strong bakers'. Grain—Wheat—Nominal; red winter, $1.18 to $1.19; spring, $1.16 to $1.18; spring, $1.17 to $1.20. Corn—72½ to 75c. Peas—90 to 91c. Oats—38 to 39c. Barley—55 to 75c. Rye—60 to 62c. Oatmeal—$4.25 to $4.50. Cornmeal—$3.60 to $3.70. Provisions—Pork—$21 to $22. Lard—12 to 13c. Bacon—13 to 14c. Hams—13 to 14c. Cheese—12 to 14c. Butter—Eastern Townships, 19 to 21c.; Morrisburg, 19 to 21c.; Western, 15 to 18c.

LONDON.

March 19.—Wheat, spring, $1.75 to $1.90; corn, $1.30 to $1.40; barley, $1.05 to $1.15; calfskins, green, No. 1, per lb., 10 to 12c.; sheepskins, pelts, each, 50 to 91c.; tallow, rendered, 6 to 6½c.; hides, per lb., 7c.; wool, 17 to 20c.; eggs, retail, 23 to 24c.; butter lb. rolls, 25 to 30c.; cheese, 11½ to 12c.; lard, 11 to 12c.; potatoes, per bag, 90c. to $1.10; apples, per bar, 75c. to $1.25; onions, per bushel, 60 to 80c.; dressed hogs, per cwt., $7.50 to $8.25; beef, per 100 lbs., $7 to $8; mutton, 10 to 11c. per lb.

ST. CATHARINES.

March 19.—Flour, No. 1 super, $5.50 to $5.75; fall wheat, $1.01 to $1.10; spring wheat, $1.10 to $1.15; barley, 65 to 70c.; peas, $1.00 to $1.05; oats, 36 to 37c.; cattle (live weight), 6 to 6½c.; beef, 7 to 8c.; mutton, 8 to 8½c.; dressed hogs, 8 to 9c.; hides, 7 to 8c.; sheepskins, none; wool, none; butter, 20 to 25c.; eggs, 18 to 20c.; cheese, 11 to 15c.; hay, $8 to $8.50; potatoes, 10 to 15c.; corn, 70 to 75c.

BRANTFORD.

March 19.—Flour, No. 1 super, $6.00 to $6.50; wheat, fall, 98c. to $1.02; spring, $1.03 to $1.08; barley, 55 to 58c.; peas, 72 to 74c.; oats, 33c.; cattle, live weight, $4.00 to $6.00; beef, $7.00 to $8.00; mutton, $7.00 to $8.00; dressed hogs, $8.00 to $9.25; hides, $6.00 to $7.00; sheepskins, $1; wool, 15 to 22c.; butter, 22 to 23c.; eggs, 18 to 20c.; cheese, 13½ to 14c.; hay, none; potatoes, 60 to 65c.; corn, 70 to 72c.

GUELPH.

March 19.—Flour, No. 1 super, $2.75 to $3; fall wheat, $1.08 to $1.10; spring wheat, $1.08 to $1.12; barley, 50 to 62c.; peas, 72 to 80c.; oats, 36 to 37c.; cattle (live weight), 4½ to 5½c.; beef, 7 to 9c.; mutton, 8 to 9c.; dressed hogs, $8.00 to $8.50; hides, $5.50 to $6; sheepskins, 75c. to $1.35; wool, none; butter, 20 to 22c.; eggs, 15 to 20c.; potatoes, 60 to 65c.

OTTAWA.

March 19.—Flour, No. 1 super, $5.75 to $6.00; wheat, fall, $1.00 to $1.05; spring, $1.05 to $1.10; barley, 55 to 60c.; peas, 68 to 70c.; oats, 40 to 45c.; cattle, live weight, 3 to 4½c.; beef, 6 to 7c.; mutton, 7 to 8c.; dressed hogs, $8 to $8.50; hides, 6 to 8c., inspected; sheepskins, 75 to 80c.; wool, 20 to 22c.; butter, 18 to 22c.; eggs, 20 to 25c.; cheese