

The Live Stock Trade.

At Toronto on May 25, export cattle advanced a trifle to 4c to 4 1/2c and a few selected head brought 1-4c to 3-8c more. Butchers' cattle were firm at 3 to 3 1/2c and up to nearly 4c for selected. There was a good demand for steekers for the States at 2 1/2c to 3 1/4c. Sheep 3 1/4c to 3 1/2c, yearlings 5c to 5 1/2c. Pigs advanced 1-8c, choice scums at 5 1/2c to 5 1/4c, light 5c, heavy 4 3/4c, sows 3c, stags 2c to 2 1/4c.

At London on May 24 supplies of cattle were heavy, in consequence, the advance in prices of 1-2c noted a week ago, was lost. Choice State steers and heifers sold at 11 1/2c; Canadian at 11c, and Argentines at 10c. Clipped sheep sold at 11 1/2c.

A cable from Liverpool quoted Canadian steers at 11c.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on May 24, the demand for shippers was good, and all suitable stock met with a ready sale at 4 1/4c to 4 1/2c for steers and heifers; 4c for oxen and 3 1/4c to 3 1/2c for bulls. Good butchers' stock sold at 4c to 4 1/4c, fair at 3 1/4c; to 3 3/4c; common at 2 1/2c to 3c, and inferior at 2c to 2 1/4c per lb., live weight. The demand for choice sheep for export was good at 4c per lb; butchers paid from \$3 to \$5 each.

At the Point St. Charles stock yards Montreal, on May 24th, the hog market was weak, prices declining 10c to 25c per 100 lbs, with holders asking \$5.25, and buyers bid \$5.15 per 100 lbs.

BRADSTREETS REPORT.

New York, May 28.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Results of the spring trade in staples, which is now over, are disappointing. The most favorable features are relative activity among woolen goods manufacturers, who are working on old orders; improved demand for shoes and leather; a continuance of the comparative activity in the general demand at Savannah, Memphis, St. Louis, Omaha, Sioux Falls, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, the better demand for lumber in the west, and in the trade outlook in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. Increased exports are reported from Pacific coast ports, but there is comparatively little gain in the domestic trade there, except in cattle, wool and hardware at Portland. Grain and fruit prospects in Washington are excellent. Among twenty of the more important staple products only two—lucis and wheat—have advanced while one-half the number—cotton, lumber, coal, Bessemer pig iron, steel billets, steel rails, print cloths, sugar, pork and coffee—are unchanged, although there is a nominal advance in the asking price for Bessemer pig and steel billets. Now that wool manufacturers have stocked up, wool is off, as are cotton goods when sold in quantity, so is lower, and among cereals, flour, Indian corn and oats, to which may be added lard and petroleum.

Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States, and from Montreal this week amount to 2,081,326 bushels, compared with 2,655,000 bushels last week 2,064,000 bushels in the week a year ago 2,426,000 bushels in the week two years ago 2,241,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with 3,253,000 bushels in the like week of 1896.

British Columbia Notes.

A paper to be known as the East Kootenay Miner, will shortly be started at Golden.

Thos. McNeely, general merchant, of Ladner's Landing, writing the Commercial as follows: We never had a finer seeding time than this has been and there is every promise of big crops and good prices, as all last year's hay and oats will be cleaned out. Our creamery is turning out 300 pounds of butter per day.

Ed. Dricoll, harness and notions, Carson City, is dead.

J. M. Winter, hotel, Cody, has been sold out by sheriff.

A. G. McDonald, blacksmith, Kamloops, is succeeded by McCabe & Ross.

James McGregor, men's furnishings, Nanaimo, is retiring from business.

The Nanaimo Equitable Pioneer Society, general dealers, is being wound up.

J. Campbell is opening in drugs at Quartz Creek.

Neelands & Timmons, blacksmiths, Salmon Arm, have given up business.

M. E. McLean, has started in business in men's furnishings.

H. C. Lester, grocer, Victoria, is offering his business for sale.

The Whitelaw Trading company, of Brandon, Man, has bought the business of Patterson & Steeper, of Rossland.

All the journeymen plumbers in Vancouver have struck for higher wages. They were getting \$2 per day and now demand \$3.

MONEY RATES.

New York May 28.—Money on call easy at 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3 1/2 to 4 per cent; sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 for demand, and at \$4.85 3/4 to \$4.86 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.86 to 1-2 to \$4.87 and \$4.88 to 1-2; commercial bills, \$4.85 to 1-4. Government bonds firm.

WESTERN BUSINESS ITEMS

F. Sagrott, butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out to A. Green & Co.

The stock of E. Bernier, general merchant, of St. Agathe, Man., will be sold by auction in Winnipeg on June 4. Stock amounts to about \$3,000, and book accounts, real estate and chattels to about \$4,000.

Thos. Harrison has re-opened business in the lumber branch at Neepawa, Man.

David Pollock has assumed possession of the Prince Albert hotel Prince Albert.

The general store of J. O. Faubert, La Salle, Man., has been close by the creditors.

E. E. Turner, butcher, McGregor, Man., has sold out to J. Osborne.

Stewart & Dunlop, blacksmiths, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, and each will continue alone.

Atlee Bros., butchers, Yorkton, Assa., have sold out to Ball & Brown.

F. M. Clark, fruits, Yorkton, Assa., has given up business.

A. T. Walley, general merchant, Yorkton, Assa., is reported to be giving up business.

G. W. N. Stewart is opening a general store at Rat Portage.

ENLARGED.

The Commercial is enlarged this week by the addition of four pages and we hope to be able to make a further enlargement in a very short time. If that support is accorded this journal which we believe it is entitled to, a further enlargement will be made at once. It will be the aim of the present management to make this journal a strictly commercial paper devoted to the business interests of Western Canada. The journal will be improved in full proportion to the patronage received from the business people of the West.

CHEESE MARKETS.

Ingersoll, Ont., May 25.—Salesmen holding for 8 1/2c. The same week last year sales were at 6 5/8c.

Belleville Ont., May 25.—Thirty three factories boarded 1,962 white and 377 colored. Sales were 615 of white and 160 colored at 8 1/2-16 30 white at 8 3/4c, 35 white at 5-8c. The same week last year 212 were offered and sold at 6 5/8 to 3-4c.

GOSSIP OF THE TRADE

Weather reports tend to weaken the corn market in Chicago.

The Price Current this week says "Winter wheat condition not improved possibly somewhat lowered, but indications suggest better results than last year. Spring wheat very encouraging."

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT

On Saturday, May 29, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 70c for May option, 69 1/2 for July, and 62 3/4 for September. A week ago July wheat closed at 72 1/8c.

CLOSING WINNIPEG WHEAT.

To-day No. 1 hard closes weak 71c. No. 2 hard 67 1/2 to 68c. No. 68 to 63 1/2c, No. 1 frosted 59c, all prices. Fort William.



Sealed Tenders, addressed to the designer, and endorsed "Tender Hot Water Heating Apparatus, Prince Albert, Sask.," will be received on Monday, the 14th day of June, 1897, for the construction of a hot water heating apparatus at the Prince Albert, Sask., Court House and Jail.

Plans and specifications can be had and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this department and on application to the chief of works, Prince Albert, or at the main Public Works office, Winnipeg. Persons are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on printed form supplied and signed with the actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the tender which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for, the tender will not be accepted and the cheque will be returned.

The department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 22nd May, 1897.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the department will not be paid for it.