

The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY

CANNOT SOMETHING BE DONE FOR THE FARMERS?

Discussing the important question of binder twine, the Toronto Weekly Sun remarks:—With higher prices in prospect many farmers will naturally ask whether something cannot be done to relieve the situation. The United States Government is already moving and is experimenting on substitutes for both manila and sisal. But if a suitable substitute be found much time must necessarily elapse before it can be brought into general use. Is it possible to take such action as will in the meantime reduce prices?

Some years ago the Dominion and Ontario Governments began the manufacture of binder twine in the Kingston penitentiary and in the Central prison at Toronto. But Government manufacture has not, in recent years, at least, had the slightest effect upon the market. The quantity of twine made in the Government institutions has been comparatively small, and it has been sold to private dealers, who have disposed of it at the highest prices they could secure. If Government manufacture is continued on the same scale next year and the product is disposed of in the same way that it has been disposed of in the past, relief is not likely to be afforded thereby.

TRADE INQUIRIES.

The following were among the inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the High Commissioner's office in London during the week ending October 20th:—

A north of England firm desires to be placed in communication with Canadian timber houses open to sell large quantities of spruce wood boxes, planed and unplanned, cut to sizes and packed in bales.

The names of exporters of evaporated apples, rings, etc., are inquired for.

A firm of agents ask to be referred to Canadian houses exporting raw materials, wood pulp, etc.

The following trade inquiries have recently been received by the Canadian Curator at the Imperial Institute:—

A London importer having a demand for ground mica wishes to hear from Canadian producers.

A Canadian firm ask for names of importers willing to contract for supplies of broom handles.

A Scotch firm of merchants, buyers of wood flour, ask for names of Canadian producers having supplies to sell.

A Midlands firm with a large provincial connection would like to hear from Canadian shippers of turkeys.

A Canadian manufacturer of mouldings writes for names of British importers of same.

A Scotch house asks to be placed in communication with a good firm of Canadian wood pulp manufacturers. They would be prepared either to take up an agency and sell on commission or buy on their own account.

THE CONTEST IN MANITOBA.

The Liberal Government of Manitoba in going to the people advance no new claim for support. They trot out their old anti-separate school policy and once again promise the province prohibitory legislation as far as they can go. In his address to the electors Premier Greenway says:

Since the last provincial general election a judgment has been rendered by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council upon the subject of the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament and Provincial Legislature respectively, with reference to the prohibition and restriction of the liquor traffic. That judgment was considered ambiguous in some respects, and we proceeded to procure opinion of eminent counsel thereon. When the question came up for consideration during the last session of the Legislature, I stated it was the intention of the Government at the next session to introduce legislation prohibiting the sale of liquor to the extent of the powers of the province in that regard, and such statement still stands as our declared policy.

When I last appealed to you the main subject then presented for your consideration was the attack launched by the Government of that day upon our national schools system. That attack was supported by those within the province who oppose us to-day, but, despite their efforts, we succeeded in preserving the system, which will continue as long as I maintain the confidence of the electors. When returned to power, it is my intention to continue on the same lines of progressive policy as in the past. I shall always hold the interests of the farmers as of paramount importance. I shall always advocate their interests and the interests of the province as my first public duty. I think it needs very little impartial consideration to come to the conclusion that the opposition to my Government is not based upon any regard for the public, but solely to gratify the ambition of men who for the most part have taken positions on important questions diametrically oppos-

ed to the best and highest interests of Manitoba.

SOME GRAND OLD PEOPLE.

Dandoro, when past ninety and utterly blind, stormed Constantinople. Titian was painting his finest pictures when he died in his 100th year. Sir Isaac Newton was president of the Royal Society at the age of eighty-three, and Landor finished his "Imaginary Conversations" at the age of eighty-nine. Brougham was a strong debater at eighty, and Lyndhurst, when over ninety, spoke in the house of lords. Franklin was the governor of Pennsylvania at eighty-two, Gladstone (the grand old man), hale and hearty at the age of eighty-three, was a power in the British Parliament. Sir Charles Tupper at seventy-eight is one of the most vigorous men in Canada. He is constantly on the move, travels thousands and thousands of miles yearly by rail and water, addressing immense gatherings in speeches of from one to three hours duration. Sir Charles is one of the marvels of the closing years of the century.

PROHIBITIONISTS HAVE A NEW SCHEME.

At last the Prohibitionists have become convinced that it is foolish to expect anything from either political party in the way of prohibitory legislation. They are determined to take independent action. The Dominion Alliance, we are told, has arranged a new plan of campaign. It proposes to secure a pledged league of 100,000 voters, who will promise that at the next general Dominion elections they will vote only for such candidates as will agree to do all in their power, if elected, to obtain the immediate enactment of legislation for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The scheme might succeed if they could rely on the promises of the politicians. But experience has shown them they cannot. Sir Oliver Mowat promised them to go as far as he had the power. When the judicial committee of the privy council decided how far he could go he gave up the premiership of Ontario before keeping his promise. Hardy succeeded him and repudiated the whole thing. Sir Wilfrid Laurier pledged himself to abide by the result of a plebiscite and broke his word. Greenway in Manitoba promised the same thing as Mowat. His promise was to have been kept this next session. He has dissolved the legislature without fulfilling his pledge. He is trying, however, to play the prohibitionists once more for their vote. He promises them to fulfil his previous promises if again sustained.

After being dealt with in this way by the leaders are Prohibitionists so verdant as to imagine they can rely on the word of the ordinary candidate? They should insist on a bond. If they could compel the men they elect to keep their promises the scheme could hardly fail. Fifty or a hundred voters in a close constituency banded together, to vote for a prohibition worker or else to abstain from voting altogether would be a big temptation to almost any candidate. A hundred pledged men could hold the balance of power in many a Canadian constituency, and if they were firm they could secure their price with a guarantee of the delivery of the goods. But as for promises, Canada seems to have reached the degenerating stage where a politician's word is worthless.

This city has wallowed in the mud long enough. Let us have some decent streets even if they do cost money.

Principal Paterson, of the C. C. I., has the distinction of having brought to Chatham, in the person of Hon. Geo. E. Foster, not only the most gifted speaker in Canada, but a future premier of the Dominion.

The aldermanic excuse for not pushing pavement work, is that the people won't sign for it. What Chatham wants is a council that will give it good payments, whether the people interested sign or not. Of what use is a council which declares itself incapable of overcoming a little opposition?

The Peterboro Examiner calls him "Sir William Mulock." If the Liberals are going to festoon this great Dominion with gold brick titles, the postmaster-general may as well have one as the rest of them. But it might lead more to the dignity of the knighthood if it were conferred by the Queen instead of by the Peterboro Examiner.

In prosecuting a few of the rogues and criminals who returned them to power, the Ross government is overlooking the local gangs in different ridings who, while having no connection with the general machine, look after the party dirty work in their own neighborhoods. It ought not to be necessary to wait for a protest or a judge's report to get after these men. There should be county officers instructed to look after them, just the same as after other classes of thieves.

WOULD LIKE THAT WOOD.

Florence Quill.

Our farmer friends who promised wood on subscription will kindly bear in mind that Christmas is near, and without wood the turkey cannot be cooked. Bring on your wood.

HIS CLOSE SEASON IS HEREBY ABOLISHED.

Ridgetown Dominion.

The corner loaf and street hoodlum whose main object in life appears to be the promiscuous distribution of tobacco juice in defiance of all sense of decency and cleanliness, must be put down.

LOYAL AND LAW ABIDING.

Caledonia Sachem.

The Six Nation Indian council held an adjourned meeting on Friday. They passed a resolution of loyalty to the Queen, and offered to raise 300 men for service in the Transvaal. They also discussed the recent trouble in the St. Regis reserve, and passed a resolution advising the Indians to conform to the laws of the government.

THE MARKETS

Latest Quotations Which are of interest to Everybody.

Retail Prices in Chatham—Gossip About Grain.

John Waddell of the firm of J. B. Stringer & Co., gave The Planet the following market information:—

Wheat is quoted at 66 to 67c. Receipts are small and likely to remain so unless the greater portion of the crop is marketed. Some strength in the States is having its effect here.

Beans—Small receipts with demand good, and more could be used by dealers than are offering. The tendency of the market is towards stronger prices. Quotations are as follows:—Good unpicked \$1.10 to \$1.15, choice picked \$1.20 and picked \$1.25.

Oats—Offerings light with demand fair for them. Present prices are likely to hold or even work higher. Good whites are bringing 25c, and mixed 24c. Corn—No old is offering now, all being used up. New has appeared on the market in the last week or two, but is not in dry enough condition yet to handle with much satisfaction.

Barley—Fair quantities are offering at 70 to 75c. per cwt. Demand is dull and feeling easy.

Dressed hogs.—The season for this article was supposed to open Nov. 1st, and in Montreal it begins Sept. 1st. However, but little has been done in car lots so far around here, owing to the warm weather, yet a few cars have been shipped each week.

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CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat 66 to 67c.
Mixed oats, 23 to 24c.
White oats, 24 to 25c.
Barley, 70 to 75c. per cwt.
Corn, 24 to 25c.
Beans, \$1.05 to \$1.20.
Buckwheat, 45c.
Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75.
Alsike, \$3.50 to \$5.25.

HAY AND HOGS.

Hay, timothy, per ton, \$7.50 to \$8.
Hay, clover, \$4 to \$4.50.
Hay, baled, \$5.50 to \$6.50.
Hogs, fat, \$3.25 to \$3.50.
Hogs of the right kind, weighing from 170 to 200 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.65.
Dressed hogs, light weights, \$4.70 to \$4.80.

LOCAL WOOL AND HIDES.

Wool, washed, 12 to 13c.
Calf skins, 8c.
Sheep skins, 30 to 75c.
Lamb skins, 15 to 20c.
Tallow, rendered, 3 to 4c.
Tallow, rough, 1 1/2c.

FISH MARKET.

Herring, 25c. a dozen.
Pickered, 8c. a pound.
Whitefish, 8c. a pound.

There was an excellent Saturday market on the Square. Mr. Wildgen, of Harwich, was in with pork. He said it was 16 years since he was on the market with this product, and then he had to leave home about 3 o'clock in the morning, to get any kind of a place. He left at six o'clock one morning and had to take his stand away down on Wellington street, beyond the square.

There was an exceedingly large offering of pork and potatoes. The supply of pork was scarcely as large as it was last Saturday, but still it was more than up to the demand. The result was a drop of a cent a pound, and dressed hogs retailed by the quarter at 5 to 6 cents a day. Mutton, in sympathy, was lower at 6 to 7c. a pound. Potatoes were very plentiful at 6c. a bag.

There was a goodly array of fowl. Turkeys sold at from 75 cents to \$1; geese 40 to 50 cents; ducks, 20 to 30 cents; chickens at 15 to 20 cents.

HOUSEKEEPERS' PRICES.

Eggs, 20c.
Butter, 20 to 23c.
Apples, 15 to 20c. a peck.
Cabbages, 5 to 12c. each.
Pears, 20 to 25c. a peck.
Apples, 10 to 15c. a peck.
Potatoes, 60 to 65c. a bag.
Cauliflowers, 5c. up.
Onions, yellow, 20c. white, 30c.
Carrots, 10c. a peck.
Parsnips, 15c. a peck.
Turnips, 10c. a peck.
Beets, 15c.
Pumpkins, 5c.
Green peppers, 5c. a dozen.
Celery, 4c. up.
Cider, 25c. a gallon.
Chickens, 20 to 30c.

Spring chickens, 15 to 20c.
Ducks, 25 to 30c.
Turkeys, 75c. to \$1.
Mutton, 6 to 7c.
Geese, 50c. apiece.
Wild ducks, 25c to 75c. a pair.
Pork, 5 to 6c.
Beef, 4 1/2 to 5c.

TORONTO BEAN MARKET.

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Beans.—Good enquiry and prices firm. Choice hand-picked beans sell at \$1.25 to \$1.30 and common at 75 to 80 cents per bushel.

TORONTO GRAIN.

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Wheat.—Outside markets remained about steady to-day and local business is dull, millers being the only buyers. Red and white Ontario sold at millers at 61 1/2 to 66c, according to nearness to mill. Goose wheat unchanged, 70c. middle freights and 69 north and west. Manitoba about steady. No. 1, hard, g. t. l., sold at 77c, and Toronto and west at 76c.

Barley.—Dull. Straight roller, in buyers' bags, middle freights, in demand by exporters at \$2.60, with \$2.70 asked. Same, in wood, for local account, \$3 per bushel, asked for single car lots.

Oats.—Quiet. No. 2, American, yellow, quoted strong at 42c, Toronto, and mixed at 41 1/2c. Chatham corn is offering at 40c.

Outmeal.—Quiet. \$3.35 for cars of 40c, and \$3.45 for bbls., on track, Toronto.

Buckwheat.—Car lots, east, sold to-day at 49 1/2c, and west at 48 1/2c.

TORONTO PRODUCE.

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Eggs.—Market is firm. There is a good steady local movement. Receipts of new laid light choice eggs 17 1/2 to 18c; No. 2 at about 14 to 15c; limed eggs are quoted at 15 to 16c.

Butter.—Market firmer. Deliveries of choice butter, and their light, local demand is good. Local quotations to the trade: Dairy, tubs, poor to medium, 13 to 15c; strictly choice 17c to 18c; large rolls, 18c; small dairy, 18c; prints, about 20c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 20 to 21c; pounds, 22 to 23c.

Potatoes.—Free deliveries and a slow local demand keeps prices down. Car lots are sold on truck lots at 38c. to 40c. per bag, and at farmers' wagons about 45c. per bag. Out of store, choice stock, brings 45 to 50c. per bag.

Dried apples.—Dealers pay 5 1/2 to 6c. for dried stock, delivered here, and in small lots, resell at 6 to 6 1/2c; evaporated, 8 to 11 1/2c in small lots.

Honey.—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c. per lb. for 10 or 60-lb. tins, and in comb at around \$1.90 to \$2 per dozen sections.

Baled hay.—Steady demand, and the price well maintained. Stocks of light hay are sold on truck lots at 38c. to 40c. per bag, and at farmers' wagons about 45c. per bag. Out of store, choice stock, brings 45 to 50c. per bag.

Straw.—Quiet. Dealers here buy around \$8.50 to \$8.75 for car lots No. 1, delivered; car lots resell here at \$9 to \$9.50 choice, and No. 2 is slow at \$8 to \$8.50.

Hops.—Quiet. Dealers here quote from 14 to 16c. for Canada '99's.

Poultry.—About steady. Chickens job at 4 to 5c. per lb. for 10 or 60-lb. tins, and in comb at around \$1.90 to \$2 per dozen sections.

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TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Nov. 18.—Cattle.—Market pretty well supplied with dressed hogs, but as packers are free buyers, the market keeps fairly steady. Car lots, delivered, sell on truck at \$5 to \$5.25, as to weight. 10th the street, in farmers' loads, choice bring from \$5.25 to \$5.40, according to quality. Pork products are firm.

Export cattle.—Most of this branch delivered were bought on order, with the exception of a few loads that sold at nominal prices, there was practically no export trade done.

Butchers' Cattle.—Were dull again; the class of stock being from medium to common; choice fat cattle wanted at fair prices of from \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt, but most stock sold at \$3.35 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Feeders were dull and inclined to weaken a trifle; heavy feeders sold at \$3.40 to \$3.75, and light at \$3 to \$3.25.

Milch cows.—There was a fair trade done in this branch, with cattle delivered were about thirty cows with the exception of a few loads that sold at nominal prices, there was practically no export trade done.

Stockers.—Young cattle were dull and slow of sale; prices ranged from \$2.20 to \$2.30 per cwt.

Bulls.—Heavy export bulls sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt; and light bulls from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.

Feeding bulls were steady at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt; light stock bulls at \$2, and light bulls for Buffalo very slow, at \$1.75 to \$2 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs.—The run was large but most of the week sold out at a little better price, \$3.25 to \$3.65 per cwt was the market range for lambs, and \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cwt, for export ewes.

Hogs.—Very large run at unchanged prices of \$4 per cwt for 160 to 200 pounds natural weight; corn-fed are quoted at \$3.75.

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