

### Protecting Canadian Trade.

Ottawa, July 23.—An important conference took place this afternoon in the office of the minister of the interior on the all absorbing subject of the Yukon. There were present besides Hon. Clifford Sifton, Senator Scott, secretary of state, Hon. William Patterson minister of customs, and Captain Deville, the surveyor-general.

For some days negotiations had been in progress with the treasury department at Washington in regard to securing a port on the disputed Alaska coast, where goods might be landed in bond destined for the Canadian gold-fields of the interior. A favorably was received to-day. The president, under the provisions of the treaty of Washington, naming the port of Dyea, which is situated on the Lynn canal, at the head of navigation, on the Pacific coast of Alaska. From thence to the head waters of the Yukon, two principal passes are utilized, the Chilkoot and White Pass. These trails converge near Tagish Lake in undisputed Canadian territory, and there probably, the Dominion authorities will establish a custom house and possibly a post of Northwest Mounted Police. Goods landed at Dyea and destined for the Canadian Yukon will be accompanied across United States territory to the frontier, by an official of the United States customs. In this way the United States revenues will be protected against smuggling and the Dominion government will be able to collect duty at the border upon all United States and other foreign goods taken into the British Yukon. The arrangement is regarded as a satisfactory one all round. It will protect the Dominion revenues and give advantage to the merchants of Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., over those of the United States in supplying the growing camps of the Yukon district. There is an Indian village at Tagish.

While the ministers and deputies were in conference upon the foregoing scheme a telegram was handed Hon. Mr. Sifton announcing that a special session of the British Columbia legislature would probably be summoned to deal with the subject of better transportation facilities into the Yukon. The ministers expressed gratification at the news.

Duty upon goods for the Canadian Yukon, via the long, all steamer route is collected at Cudahy. The collector there is D. W. Davis. So far he has sent only \$2,800 to the department and this in the form of a cheque. He feared to send a large sum in gold dust. The amount transmitted represents the collection on a single cargo which Mr. Davis followed to Dawson City before the close of navigation last fall. It is expected collections at Fort Cudahy will amount to over \$10,000. In his brief letter to the customs department, dated June 21st, being only four weeks en route, Mr. Davis says: "This is a hard country to do business in at present."

The department of the interior has issued in pamphlet form the reports of Mr. Wm. Ogilvie, illustrated with sketch maps of the Klondike district and half tone engravings of Yukon scenery. "The object is not to induce anyone to go to that country at the present stage until better means of communication is established," says Capt. Deville, in introduc-

tion. This appears to be the policy of the department, throughout, for in an interview furnished to the press to-day Mr. Sifton says there is likely to be starvation in the Yukon district this winter, and he wishes it clearly understood now that the government will not bear any responsibility for getting food into the country to relieve distress.

### MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, July 24.  
Cattle—Export 41-4c to 41 1/2c; cattle, butchers, 31-2 to 41-4c.  
Sheep, 3 to 31-4. Easier at a decline of 1-4c from the top range of a week ago.  
Hogs 5 to 51-2c. Good demand. These prices show an advance of 1-4c. Exports this week were as follows: Cattle, 5,520; sheep, 5,432.  
Horses—Brisk trade.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 24.  
Special to The Commercial.  
Wheat—No. 1 hard, nominally higher.  
Oats—No. 2 white in store, 281-4 to 281-2. These prices show an easier market.  
Flour—Manitoba strong bankers, \$3.80 to \$4; Manitoba patents, \$4.20 to \$4.40. Good demand and 10c higher than last reported.  
Millfeed—Strong market. Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$18 per ton; Manitoba shorts \$14. Good demand.  
Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.60 to \$1.70 per bag. Prices strong and 15 cents higher than a week ago.  
Hides—Firm and 1-2c higher at 8c for No. 1, and 7c for No. 2.  
Eggs—Fresh, 91-2 to 11c. The top price for candled stock.

### MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, July 24.  
Prices unchanged this week in staples. Fair jobbing trade. Sugars steady. 4 to 41-8c; yellows, 31-4 to 35-8c.

### WINNIPEG CLOSING PRICES.

WHEAT—The market is firmer this morning, and sales of No. 1 hard have been made at 78c afloat Fort William, compared with 76 1-2 to 77c yesterday afternoon.

FLOUR—The market is firm, and a further advance of 5c is quoted on some brands, at \$2.15 for patent, but owing to local competition, prices are irregular and uncertain.

### CLOSING NEW YORK WHEAT.

On Saturday, July 24, wheat closed at 83 5-8c for July option, 78 1-8c for September and 78 2-4c for December. A week ago July wheat closed at 82 3-4c.

### MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, July 24, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 78 3-4c for July and 69 3-4c for September, and 70 1-4c for December. A week ago July wheat closed at 76 3-8c.

A. Young, druggs, Neepawa, has sold out to W. Young, of Winnipeg.

Scott & Co., butchers, Qu'Appelle, have sold out to R. Johnston.

Montreal, July 23.—Cheese—Market unchanged; Quebecs 71-2 to 7 7-8c; Ontarios, 8 to 83-8c.

Butter—Creamery quiet, 17 to 17 1-2c.

### Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

#### CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Chicago, July 19.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 July, 75; Sept., 71 1-8, Dec., 72 3-8.  
Corn, No. 2 July, 26 3-8; Sept., 26 7-8, Dec., 27 5-8 to 28.  
Oats, No. 2 July, 17 1-2; Sept., 17 7-8; May, 20 1-2.  
Mess Pork, July, \$7.57 1-2; Sept., \$7.65.  
Lard, Sep., \$4.17 1-2; Oct., \$4.20  
Short Ribs, Sept., \$4.47 1-2; Oct., \$4.50.

Chicago, July 20.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 July 76 3-4. Sept. 72 3-4; Dec., new, 73 7-8 to 74.  
Corn—No. 2, Sept. 26 5-8 to 3-4c Dec. 27 3-4c.  
Oats—No. 2, July 17 1-8c; Sept. 17 3-4c; May 20 1-2c.  
Mess pork—July, \$7.67; Sept., \$7.75. Lard—Sept., \$4.25; Oct., \$4.27. Short ribs—Sept. \$4.57; Oct. \$4.60.

Chicago, July 21.—July wheat opened 76 1-2c, closed 78 3-8 to 1-2c. Sept. opened 71 3-4c, closed 74 1-4. Dec. opened 73 1-4c, closed 75 1-4c. Corn, Sept. opened 26 3-8c, closed 26 3-4c. Dec. 27 1-2c. Oats, Sept. opened 17 5-8c, closed 17 5-8 to 3-4c. May oats opened 20 1-4c, closed 20 1-4 to 3-8c. Pork, Sept. opened \$7.75, closed \$7.72. Lard, Sept. opened \$4.22, closed \$4.15.

No market on Thursday. Local holiday.

Chicago, July 23.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 July, 75 1-4; Sept., 71 1-4 to 3-8; Dec., new, 72 1-2.  
Corn No. 2 July, 26 1-4; Sept., 26 5-8; Dec., 27 3-4.  
Oats, No. 2 July 17; Sept., 17 1-2 to 5-8; May, 20 1-4.  
Mess Pork, July, \$7.57 1-2; Sept., \$7.72.  
Lard, Sept., \$4.10; Oct., \$4.15.  
Short Ribs, Sept., \$4.50; Oct., \$4.55.

On Saturday, July 24, wheat opened at 71 1-2c for September option and ranging from 71 1-4 to 73. Closing prices were:

Wheat—July, 76 3-4; Sept., 72 3-4; Dec. 73 3-4.  
Corn—July 29 1-4; Sept. 29 1-2.  
Oats—July, 17 1-4; Sept. 17 7-8.  
Pork—July, \$7.70; Sept. \$7.75.  
Lard—July \$4.12 1-2; Sept. \$4.17 1-2.  
Ribs—July, \$4.55; Sept. \$4.60.  
Flax seed—Cash 83; Sept. 82 1-2; Dec. 84 1-4.

A week ago July wheat closed at 75c. A year ago July wheat closed at 58 5-8c. Two years ago at 70 5-8c, and three years ago at 50 7-8c.

### DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—July 78 1-4c, Sept. 71 1-8; Dec. 71 3-8c.  
Tuesday—July 79 1-8c, Sept. 72 3-4.  
Wednesday—July 82c, Sept. 74 3-8.  
Thursday—July 81 1-2c, Sept. 73.  
Friday—July 79 1-2c, Sept. 71 1-2.  
Dec. 71 3-4.

Saturday—July 80 1-4c, Sept. 72 7-8; Dec. 73 1-8c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 80 3-4c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 80 1-4c.

Last week September delivery closed at 70c.

A year ago September option closed at 57 7-8c, and two years ago at 1-8c.