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OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 27.—Oil opened and closed at $1 73 for Pennsylvania amber, and $1 63 for dark.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Feb. 27.—Credit balances, $1 63.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Feb. 27.—Petroleum, 20 francs 50 centimes.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 27.—Petroleum, American refined, 6 13-16d; spirits, 7¾d.

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COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 27.—Cotton—Spot closed steady, 10 points higher; middling uplands, $11 05; middling gulf, $11 40; sales, 511 bales.

Futures closed very steady; February, $9 52; March, $9 46; April, $9 54; May, $9 62; June, $9 67; July, $9 72; August, $9 72; September, $9 74; October, $9 97; December, $10 04; January, $10 24.

New York, Feb. 28.—Cotton—Futures opened steady; March, $9 45; April, $9 56; May, $9 62; June, $9 66 bid; July, $9 73; August, $9 74; September offered at $9 75; October, $9 98; November, $9 95; December, $10 06; January, $10 24 to $10 25.

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 27.—Beans—Cash, $1 34, nominal; March and April, $1 36, nominal; May, $1 37 bid; June, $1 37, nominal.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 27.—Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96° test, 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2 11-16c; refined steady. Molasses—Steady.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 27.—Raw sugar—Centrifugal, 10s 3d; Muscovado, 8s 9d; beet sugar, February, 9s.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Sugar—Extra granulated, $4 40; yellow, $4; Ontario, $4 24; in bags, 5c less.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 22c to 32½c; dairies, 20c to 30c.

Cheese—14c to 16¼c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 27.—Butter—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 4,658 packages.

Cheese—Strong; receipts, 1,083 boxes; state full cream, small, September, fancy, 15c; do, white, October small colored, best, 14c to 14½c; do, good to prime, 13c to 13½c; do, winter made, average best, 12½c; do, large, September, fancy, 14¼c; do, October, best, 13¾c to 14¼c; good to prime, 12¾c to 13¼c; do, inferior, 11½c to 12½c; skims, 2c to 11¼c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Ontario wheat offerings are fairly plentiful, but generally above the bid prices. Manitoba wheat is a shade easier.

Wheat—Ontario, 71c bid at 73 per cent points for white, red and mixed; goose, 68c.

Barley—No. 2, 51c to 52½c; No. 3 extra, 49c bid at 78 per cent points; No. 3, 47c to 48c.

Peas—81c asked outside, 80c bid.

Oats—No. 2, 38½c bid at 78 per cent points, 41c asked on track at Toronto, to arrive; No. 2 mixed, 38½c to 39c.

Millfeed—Bran, $20 bid at Toronto, $21 50 asked; shorts, $20 bid at Toronto, $22 asked.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, American, 52½c to 53c, Toronto and west; Ontario, 45½c to 46c, Chatham freights.

Buckwheat—55c to 56c.

Rye—Nominal, 65c to 66c.

Flour—Ontario 90 per cent patents, $2 70 asked, $2 67 bid; Manitoba, first patents, $4 50; seconds, $3 80 asked, $3 50 bid; bakers, $3 90.

Butter—Steady.

Eggs—Firm; supplies heavier.

Cheese—Firm.

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Thursday, Feb. 28.

The market today was a slight improvement over Tuesday's session. The supply of small stuff was again very light. Sales were brisk in every department.

Grain—There were about 20 loads of oats offered today; sales were brisk, at $1 10 to $1 13 per cwt; most of the sales were made at $1 11. Wheat sold at 70c per bu.

Hay and Straw—There were 25 loads of hay offered today; sales were fairly brisk at $12 to $13 per ton for timothy, and $11 to $12 for clover hay. Straw is easier, at $6 50 per ton for most of the offerings.

Butter and Eggs—Butter was steady, at 25c for pound rolls and 24c for crocks. There was a good demand for eggs, which sold at 28c to 29c per dozen for the basket lot.

Apples—There were quite a large number of barrels offered, which sold at $1 50 to $2 50 per barrel, the latter price for choice Spies; by the bag, 60c to 90c.

There were not many vegetables or poultry offered, and there should be a good demand in these lines on Saturday.

The supply of butchers' meats was fairly large; sales were made at Tuesday's quotations:

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Live Stock—Trade was good; 108 loads, including 3,618 cattle, 606 sheep and lambs, 1,460 hogs and 201 calves.

Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt	$5 00	@	$5 25
Export cattle, medium	4 60	@	4 80
Export bulls	4 00	@	4 25
Export bulls, light	3 40	@	3 60
Export cows	4 00	@	4 25
Butchers' cattle, choice	3 80	@	4 25
Butchers' cattle, common	3 25	@	3 50
Butchers' cows	3 00	@	3 50
Butchers' bulls	2 50	@	3 00
Stockers, choice	3 60	@	3 80
Stockers, common	2 75	@	3 00
Stock bulls	2 00	@	2 50
Feeders, heavy	4 25	@	4 40
Feeders, short-keeps	4 40	@	4 60
Milch cows, choice, each	40 00	@	60 00
Milch cows, common, each	25 00	@	40 00
Springers, each	25 00	@	60 00
Export ewes, cwt	4 75	@	5 25
Export bucks	3 50	@	4 50
Lambs, common	4 50	@	6 00
Lambs, grain-fed	6 50	@	7 25
Calves, each	3 00	@	7 00
Hogs, selects, cwt	6 90	@	6 90
Hogs, fats and lights	6 60	@	6 60

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 27.—Canadian cattle are steady, at 11c to 12¾c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9c at 9½c per lb.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Baled Hay—The market continues steady, at $11 to $11 50 for No. 1 timothy, and $8 to $8 50 for No. 2, in car lotshere.

Baled Straw—Steady, at $6 75 to $7, in car lots here.

TORONTO.

	Toronto, Feb. 27. Morning. Ask.	Morning. Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Afternoon. Bid.
St. Catharines	..	75	..	75
Rio Janeiro Tram	47	46¾	46¾	46¼
Sao Paulo Tram	134¾	134	..	133
Toronto Railway	..	..	113	..
Tri-City, pfd.	95	..	95	..
Twin City Railway	103¾	102½	103¾	..
Winnipeg Railway	187¾	186	186½	..
Minn. & St. Paul	..	..	..	117
Northern Nav.	95	..	95	..
R. & O. Navigation	..	..	80	..
St. L. & C. Nav.	..	..	125	..
Bell Telephone	142½	..	142½	..
General Electric	132	130	133	..
City Dairy, com.	36	..	..	36
City Dairy, pfd., xr.	..	..	90	..
Consumers' Gas	..	202½	..	201½
Dom. Coal, com.	68½	68	68½	68
Dom. Steel, com.	..	..	..	22
Dom. Telegraph	..	120	..	120
Electrical Dev.	50	..	50	..
Mackay, com.	73	72¾	..	72¾
Mackay, pfd.	..	68¾	70¼	70
Mexican L. & P.	..	54	55	..
North Star	18	..	18	..
N. S. Steel, com.	77½	..	77½	..
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	..	100	..	100
Toronto Electric	161	..	161	..
Bank of Commerce	177¼	175¾	177¼	175¾
Dominion Bank	244	243	244	243
Bank of Hamilton	214	..	215	..
Imperial Bank	223	220	223	220
Metropolitan Bank	..	192	..	192
Bank of Ottawa	226	..	226	..
Sovereign Bank	130	129¾	130	129¾
Standard Bank	224	..	224	..
Bank of Toronto	235	..	235	..
Traders' Bank	139	138½	139	138½
Agricultural Loan	..	122	..	122
Canada Landed	125	124	125	124
Canada Permanent	124	..	124	..
Central Canada	..	160	..	160
Dominion Savings	..	71	..	71
Hamilton Provident	..	122	..	122
Huron & Erie	188¾	185	188¾	185
Landed Banking	..	124	..	124
London & Canada	..	..	108	..
London Loan	118	..	118	..
National Trust	..	158½	..	158½
Ontario Loan	134	..	134	..
Real Estate	90	..	..	90
Toronto Mortgage	110	..	..	110
Mex. Electric, bds.	..	..	79	..
Mex. Power, bds.	78½	..	..	82½
Rio, bonds	77¾	..	77¾	..
Sao Paulo bonds	..	..	95	94½

Afternoon Sales: Dominion Coal, common, 75 and 25 at 68¾, 25 at 69¾; N. S. Steel, common, 15, 15 and 10 at 77; Soo, common, 25 at 119¼, 25 at 119¾; Rio, 50 and 25 at 46¾; do, bonds, 5,000 at 77½; Twin City, 5 at 102½, 2, 1 and 2 at 102¾, 25 at 102, 2 at 102¾; Sovereign Bank 5 at 129¾, 10 at 130; Canada Landed, 6 at 125; Bank of Commerce, 6 and 2 at 177¼; Mackay, common, 10 at 73; do, preferred, 25 at 70.

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STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

	Toronto, Feb. 28, 12:45. Ask	Bid
Niagara St. C. & T.	..	75
Rio Janiero	47¼	47
Sao Paulo Tramway	134¼	133
Tri-City, pref.	95	..
Twin City	103¼	102
Winnipeg Railway	188	..
Northern Navigation	98	..
R. & O. Navigation	80	..
St. L. & C. Navigation	125	..
Canada General Electric	131½	130¼
City Dairy, com	38	36
City Dairy, pfd	90	..
Consumers' Gas	..	201½
Dominion Coal, com	69	68¾
Dominion Telegraph	..	120
Electric Development	50	..
Mackay, com	72¾	72¼
Mexican	..	78½
Nipissing	280	..
North Star	20	..
Nova Scotia Steel, com	77½	76
Ontario & Qu'Appelle Land	..	100
Toronto Electric Light	161	..
Bank of Commerce, xd	..	175
Dominion Bank, xd	244	..
Bank of Hamilton	214	..
Imperial Bank	222	..
Metropolitan	..	192
Ottawa Bank	226	..
Sovereign Bank	130	..
Traders' Bank	139	138½
Agricultural Loan	122	..
Canada Landed	125	124
Canada Permanent	124	..
Central Canada	..	160
Dominion Savings	..	71
Hamilton Provident	..	122
Huron & Erie	188½	185
Landed B. & L.	..	124
London & Canada L. & A.	108	..
London Loan	118	..
National Trust	..	158½
Ontario Loan and Deb.	..	134
Real Estate	..	90
Toronto Mortgage	..	110
Mexican Power bonds	82	82¾
N. S. Street bonds	..	108
Rio bonds	77⅞	77¼
Sao Paulo bonds	..	94½

Morning Sales: General Electric, 25 and 50 at 131, 25 at 131¼, 25 at 130½; Dominion Coal, common, 5 at 68¼, 5 and 50 at 68½, 25 at 69, 25 at 68⅞; Rio, 100 at 47; City Dairy, common, 1 at 37; Mexican L. and P., 25 at 53½; Nipissing, 10 at 268; Mackay, common, 10 at 72¾; Dominion Bank, xd., 2 at 243, 20 and 50 at 241½; Imperial Bank, 2 and 2 at 222; Sovereign Bank, 19 at 129¾, 5 at 129¾.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, Feb. 27. Morning. Ask.	Morning. Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Afternoon. Bid.
Canadian Pacific	184¼	184	184⅝	183¾
Minn. & St. Paul	121	120	120	119½
Montreal Railway	222	220½	220⅞	220
Toronto Railway	112	111¾	..	111½
Twin City Railway	103	..	..	101
Detroit Railway	78⅞	78	78¾	78¼
Halifax Railway	105	100	105	100
Toledo Railway	28	26	..	25
Winnipeg Railway	186	185¼	186	185¼
Colored Cotton	58	56½	..	52
R. & O. Navigation	..	..	80	78
Montreal Power	91	90	90½	89¾
Dom. Steel, com	24	22⅞	23	22¾
Dom. Steel, pfd	58	57	..	56
Dom. Coal, com	68¾	68½	68⅝	68½
Illinois Traction	95	92	95¼	91
N. S. Steel & Coal	77⅞	77¼	77⅞	77
N. S. Steel pfd	141	..	141	..
Montreal Telegraph	..	..	..	160
Bell Telephone	..	..	..	141
Ogilvie, pfd.	124	..	124	..
Ogilvie, com.	..	250	..	250
Mackay, com.	73¼	72¾	72¾	72⅝
Mackay, pfd.	70½	..	70½	..
Laur. Paper, pfd	110	106	110	106
Mexican L. & P.	55	53¼	54½	..
Rio Janeiro	47	46¾	48	..
Montreal Cotton	126	122	126	122
Dom. Textile, pfd	98	96	98	96
Bank of Montreal	..	..	250	245
Molsons Bank	..	210½	212	..
Royal Bank	236	..	237	..
Bank Nova Scotia	288	280	285	..
East. Town. Bank	162	..	162	..
Quebec Bank	140	135	140	135
Bank Commerce, xd	177½	..	177½	..
Hochelaga Bank, xd.	163	..	163	..
Textile bonds, A	94	91½	94	91½
Textile bonds, B	91½	..	91½	..
Textile bonds, C	94	91½	94	91½
Havana, bonds	95	..	95	..
Dom. Cotton, bds	97	95	97	95
Rio, bonds	78	77¼	78	77¼
Scotia, bonds	..	100	..	100
Dom. Coal, bonds	..	..	99½	..
Winnipeg Elec., bds.	..	..	106⅝	..
Dom. Steel, bonds	..	77½	79	78
Montreal Ry. bds	..	105	..	105
Mex. Power, bds	85	82	85	82
Bank N. Brunswick	272	270	272	270
Sovereign Bank	130½	129¾	130½	129¾
Sao Paulo, bonds	95	94½	95	94½
Mex. Electric, bds	78½	77½	78½	77½

Afternoon Sales: Montreal Railway, 100 at 220; Mackay, common, 50 at 72¾; Illinois, 65 at 92; Coal, common, 25 at 69, 100 at 68¾, 50 at 68⅝, 50 at 69½; Toledo Railway, 50 at 27; Colored Cotton, bonds, 2,000 at 97½; Coal, bonds, 2000 at 99; Merchants' Bank, 7 at 166; Detroit Railway, 25 at 78¼, 5 at 79½.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, Feb. 28, 12:30 Ask	Bid
Canadian Pacific	186	185
Minneapolis & St. Paul	121	119½
Montreal Street Railway	221	220
Toronto Street Railway	113	111¾
Twin City Electric Railway	102	101
Detroit Railway	77¾	77¼
Halifax Electric Railway	108	..
Colored Cotton	53	52
Winnipeg Railway	..	186
R. & O. Navigation, xd	79½	78
Montreal Power	89¾	89½
Dominion Steel, com	22½	22¼
Dominion Steel, pfd	58	55
Dominion Coal, com	72	69
Illinois	98¼	91
Nova Scotia Steel and Coal	76½	76
Montreal Telegraph Co.	160	..
Bell Telephone	142½	..
Ogilvie Milling, pfd	124	..
Ogilvie Milling, com	..	260
Mackay, com	72⅞	72⅝
Mackay, pfd	70¾	70
Laurentide Paper, pfd	110	106
Mexican Tramway	54	52½
Rio	47	46⅞
Magdalen	..	93
Montreal Cotton	126	122
Dominion Textile, pfd	98	96
Bank of Montreal	250	..
Molsons Bank	216	210
Merchants Bank	..	166
Royal Bank	238	235
Bank of Nova Scotia	293	280
Eastern Townships Bank	162	160
Quebec Bank	140	135
New Brunswick Bank	272	270
Union	..	148
Bank of Commerce	177½	..
Sovereign Bank	130¾	129¾
Hochelaga	150	145
Textile bonds A	..	88¼
Textile bonds B	..	88½
Textile bonds C	..	88½
Dominion Cotton bonds	..	95
Scotia, com., bonds	..	91½
Montreal L., H. & P. Bonds	99	97
Rio bonds	78	77¼
Bell Telephone Bonds	..	100
Dominion Coal bonds	99¼	98
Laurentide Paper bonds	115	109
Winnipeg Electric bonds	104½	105
Dominion Steel bonds	79	77½
Montreal Street Ry. bonds	104	100
Ogilvie Milling bonds	118	112
Lake of the Woods bonds	115	108
Sao Paulo bonds	95	94
Mexican Power bonds	89¾	82½
Mexican Electric bonds	78½	77

Morning Sales: Mackay, common, 5 at 72¾; Magdalen, 50 at 31½; do, preferred, 50 at 71; Bell Telephone, 20 at 141½, 25 at 141; Power, 30 at 90, 25 at 89⅞; Illinois, 10 at 92½, 6 at 92¾; Iron, common, 50 at 22½; Twin City, 25 at 102; Mexican, 100 at 53½; Detroit Railway, 200 and 120 at 78, 25 at 78¼, 25 at 77⅞, 50 at 77½; Coal, common, 240 at 69; Scotia, common, 150 at 77, 25 at 77¼; Caol, bonds, 4,000 and 1,000 at 92½; Magdalen, bonds, 1,000 at 92¾, 3,000 at 93; Hochelaga Bank, 4 at 147; Mexican Power, bonds, 5,000 at 82¾; Iron, bonds, 1,000 at 78½; Royal Bank, 13 at 236; Bank of Commerce, 17 at 177; Sovereign Bank, 3 at 130, 30 at 129¾.

NEW YORK.

	New York, Feb. 27. Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	111¼	111¼	108½	109½
Amer. Locomotive	73	73	71⅞	71½
American Sugar	133	133	131½	131¼
American Smelting	142¼	143	140½	140⅞
Anaconda	286	286½	281½	283
Atchison	102¼	102¾	100¼	101⅛
Atchison, pfd.	98¾	98¾	98	98
Baltimore & Ohio	109¼	109⅞	108¼	108¼
Brooklyn Transit	71¾	71¾	69	69⅝
Canadian Pacific	185	185	183¼	184⅝
Col. Fuel & Iron	44¾	44¾	42	43¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	50¼	50¼	48¾	49½
Chicago & G. W.	15⅝	..	..	..
Rock Island	24¾	24¾	23¼	23¾
St. Paul	145¼	145⅞	143¼	144⅝
Erie	43⅝	34⅝	33	33⅝
Erie, 1st pfd	69⅞	69⅞	67⅞	68
Erie, 2nd pfd	58	..	..	..
Illinois Central	156½	156½	155	155
Louisville & Nash	130	130	126½	127¼
Lead	69⅝	69⅝	67¾	68
Manhattan	142¾	..	..	..
Mexican Central	23½	..	..	..
Missouri Pacific	80	80	78	79
Kansas & Texas	42¼	42⅝	41⅝	42¼
Kansas & Tex., pfd.	70⅝	70⅝	69⅝	69⅝
Norfolk & Western	84¾	84¾	83	83½
New York Central	126¼	126¼	124	124¼
Ontario & Western	43½	43½	43	43
Pennsylvania	129½	130	127	127¾
Pacific Mail	33¾	33¾	32½	32½
People's Gas	92¾	93	92¼	92½
Pressed Steel Car	49¼	49¼	47⅝	47⅞
Reading	117½	117⅝	112¼	113
Republic Steel	33¾	33¾	32⅝	32⅝
Southern Pacific	91⅝	91¾	90½	90½
Southern Railway	25⅞	25⅞	24⅝	25
Southern Ry., pfd	79¾	79¾	77	77½
Texas Pacific	33¼	33¼	32¼	32½
Twin City	102	..	..	..
U. S. Leather	35½	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	44½	44½	43	43½
U. S. Steel, pfd	103⅞	103⅞	103⅛	103⅜
Union Pacific	171¼	171¼	168⅝	169¼
Wabash, pfd.	16½	16½	15¼	15½
Western Union Tel.	82	82	81½	81⅞

SPOTTERS AT HAMILTON

Their Work Responsible for Recent Big Gambling Raid.

Hamilton, Feb. 27.—The police this morning admitted that the raids made yesterday on the alleged gambling joints and handbooks were the outcome of the work of two spotters, who have been in the city for some time, who they would not say by whom the spotters were employed. One of the men goes by the name of W. A. Warner, and comes from Chicago. The other is a man named Beardsley, whose home is in Montreal. Both have been out of the city since the raids were made, but they will be back in time to tell their stories when the cases come up at the police court tomorrow morning.

THE COMPANIES ACT.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Hon. Mr. Hanna, the provincial secretary, and Mr. Mulvey, the deputy provincial secretary, held a meeting of the select committee on amendments to the Ontario companies act this morning. Various amendments dealing with the hypothecation of property and the conversion of debentures into preference shares were discussed. It was proposed to add a section which would make "the company and the managing director or officer making default in filing documents with the Provincial Secretary liable to a penalty of $200. The matter was left over.

PALE, SICKLY CHILDREN should use Mother Graves, Worm Exterminator. Worms are one of the principal causes of suffering in children, and should be expelled from the system.

New Game and Fish Bill; Open Season Dates Changed

Important Measure for Game Protection Introduced by Minister Reaume—Opposition Compel Cochrane to Outline Government's Mining Policy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 28.—The promised legislation respecting the protection of the game and fisheries of Ontario was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Dr. Reaume, minister of public works. The Legislature spent the afternoon in forwarding various bills, the mines act being put through committee with some amendments suggested by its sponsor, Hon. Mr. Cochrane.

Dr. Reaume's measure is entitled "an act respecting the game, fur-bearing animals and fisheries of Ontario," and it supersedes the Ontario game protection act, the Ontario fisheries act, and all amendments to these measures. It is, in fact, a consolidation of all previous legislation on the subject, with certain additions. The act first provides for bringing all the matters with which it deals under the jurisdiction of a branch of the public works department to be known as "the game and fisheries branch," instead of having two separate branches as heretofore. The new branch will be in charge of a "superintendent of game and fisheries." "Inspectors of game and fisheries" are to be appointed, but not to exceed three in number. Their duties will be to supervise the enforcement of the act by the wardens and overseers. The board of game commissioners, which has been in existence since 1892, and of which H. S. Osler, K.C., Toronto, is chairman, is to be abolished.

Close Season Changes.

The act continues in force the present regulations regarding the carrying of arms in forests, game parks and other Government reserves. Changes are made in the close seasons for various species of game are changed in several particulars. The close seasons are as follows:

For deer, moose, reindeer and caribou between Nov. 21 and Oct. 19 of the following year (both days inclusive).

For grouse, pheasants, prairie fowl, partridge, woodcock, black and gray squirrels between Dec. 15 and Sept. 15 of the following year.

For quail and wild turkeys between Dec. 1 and Nov. 1 of the following year.

For swans and geese between May 1 and Nov. 1 of the same year.

For ducks of all kinds or any other water fowl between Dec. 31 and Sept. 1 of the following year.

For snipe, rail, plover or other shore birds or waders between Dec. 15 and Sept. 1 of the following year.

For capercailzie, between Dec. 15 and Sept. 15 of the following year, but not to be hunted before 1909.

For hares, between Dec. 31 and Oct. 1 of the following year.

The existing law respecting beaver, otter and muskrat is retained. Beaver and otter must not be taken before 1910, after which the close season is from April 1 to Nov. 1. The close season for muskrats is from May 1 to the following Jan. 1, but they may be destroyed at any time if they are undermining dams or embankments.

Automatic Guns Barred.

A new provision is the clause forbidding the use of automatic guns within the Province. Persons employed on the construction of railways or public works are not to carry firearms unless licensed to do so, for which the act provides regulations.

The act renews the prohibition of sale by hotels or clubs of game killed in the close season, or fish caught contrary to law. It goes further, and makes it a punishable offense to "unlawfully supply at any hotel, restaurant or club, for, or as part of, a meal, any game or fish under any pretended name, or under the designation of anything which might at the time be lawfully supplied."

As to Fisheries.

The law relating to fisheries is not materially changed. The provisions at present applicable are retained and any amendments made are mainly intended to secure clearness.

A number of changes are made in regard to the penalties for offenses under the act. Persons guilty of an infraction of the law in regard to deer, moose, reindeer, elk, cariboo, beaver or otter will be liable to a fine for each offense not to exceed $100 and not less than $20, with costs. The maximum penalty has heretofore been $50.

Offenses under other sections of the act are punishable by fines of $5 to $50, with costs. The maximum was $25 under the old law. Should the fines not be immediately forthcoming, convicted persons may be jailed for periods up to three months. A second offense within two years is punishable by a fine of not less than double the minimums mentioned above, and for a third offense the maximum fine must be imposed.

The bill received its first reading.

The Mines Act.

The House passed through committee of the whole Hon. Mr. Cochrane's bill to amend the mines act of 1906. Mr. McDougall (Ottawa) asked if the act would affect pending litigation, and Mr. Cochrane replied that it would not.

Mr. Cochrane explained that the Government purposed to set aside the section around Cobalt as a special district, in which claims would be inspected before titles were given. This would not be necessary generally throughout the Province, but in a rich section, where claims were readily disposed of, whether really valuable or not, some safeguard was necessary. The plan would probably be extended next to the Larder Lake district, where a number of claims had already been staked out.

Mr. Smith (Soo) suggested that discoveries made by employes or contractors on Government railways or works should rest in the crown. Mr. Cochrane replied that such a provision would be very harsh toward any employe who might spend his off days prospecting. Mr. Gamey thought it would be putting the ordinary prospector at a great disadvantage.

The clause, providing for the erection of prospectors' pickets where prospectors have found indications of valuable mineral was criticised by Mr. Smith (Soo) as not going far enough. Hon. Mr. Whitney contended that the Government could go no further without abandoning altogether the principle of discovery.

Refining Bounties Bill.

Mr. Cochrane's metal refining bounties act was then taken up in committee. Mr. Graham asked whether the limit fixed upon the extent of the bounty were stationary. He thought that the limit should be removed. Hon. Mr. Whitney replied that if the developments of the years were such as to justify the action, the limits might be removal at another session. Mr. Cochrane said that a few days before Mr. Smith said that a nickel refinery would cost a million and a half, and that $60,000 a year would not be a sufficient inducement. The refining of nickel was bound to be a monopoly, as the process was a secret.

Mr. Whitney replied that the process was not a secret one. Four or five combinations had declared their intention of establishing a refinery without any reference to the bill in question. He had been informed that the difficulty was not that the process was secret, but it had not paid to import to Ontario for the purpose of nickel refining a certain peculiar chemical.

Mr. McDougall suggested that the Government might urge the Dominion Government to prohibit the export of raw minerals or place a tax on all minerals, remitting on all such ores refined in Ontario.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane said that if the Dominion would do what Mr. McDougall had suggested, he thought it would perhaps be well. Personally, he did not favor a step which would hamper those engaged in the development of the country's resources. As to the tax on minerals going out, the late Government had imposed one, but did not put it into force. Every refiner whom he had seen had been in favor of the bill.

Wants Bounty for Iron

In the opinion of Mr. Gamey, something should be given to encourage the electrical smelting of magnetic iron ore. If that industry was developed it would be a great benefit to the Province. He believed that refining would be done in Ontario. One large refinery was wanted to concentrate all the precious metals. There were many people talking about refining, but when all was said and done very few refineries would be founded. The difficulty was to find men who could treat the complex ores of the Province. The nickel industry was in splendid shape, and the bill would have little or no effect in regard to it.

There were no iron properties sufficiently developed to warrant a large plant to work them, was the opinion of Mr. E. W. Rathbun (Hastings East). If there were ore deposits which could compete with those in the United States he would favor going to the absolute limit. Unfortunately, he was informed that the Province was not in that position. Therefore, Mr. Rathbun was compelled to disagree with Mr. Gamey, and to agree with the Minister of Mines, that the time was not opportune for the Government to force the iron mining industry. It must be allowed to develop along natural lines. For this reason he was forced to object to Mr. McDougall's suggestion as to a tax on the expropriation of mineral ores.

Mr. Gamey explained that he had referred to encouragement for the smelting by electricity of ores difficult of treatment. The bill then passed the committee without amendment.

Section 606 Again.

Mr. Duff (Simcoe) inquired whether the Government intended to repeal section 606 of the municipal act. He was informed that there was a clause in the bill of the Ontario Municipal Association dealing with the subject. Section 606 is the enactment which imposes on municipalities liabilites for damages for injuries received by persons as a result of defective highways.

An order was granted to Mr. McMillan for the return of all correspondence relating to the leasing of the woodenware plant at the Central Prison, prior to the contract being entered into with Ellen Charlotte Taylor. An order was granted Mr. Allan Studholme (East Hamilton), for the return of all correspondence, papers, and documents relating to the same contract, and to Mr. Preston (Brant), for the return showing what the contract price for Central Prison labor paid by the Brandon Manufacturing Company, under the terms of the contract with the Government.

Mr. Pearce (North Hastings) drew the attention of the Government to the fact that there were more available water powers on the Trent River than the Northumberland-Durham Company had need of. He hoped the Government would see that the power was kept for mining development purposes in North Hastings, which district was destined to become the greatest arsenic country in the world, with the advantages of the bounties and cheap power.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane said he had not yet checked over the water powers that were left. The Northumberland-Durham Company had been given to understand that they were not given all the power on the river.

Mr. Studholme secured an order of the House for a return of copies of all correspondence, agreements or other documents in any way relating to the contract entered into by the Government with Taylor, Scott & Co., with respect to the use of prison labor in the Central Prison.

Mr. Sutherland's bill to amend the Ontario game protection act was read a second time. It prohibits the shooting of quail until 1916, and makes November the only month in which wild turkeys may be killed. Mr. Sutherland pointed out that quail, which were valuable insectivorous birds, would increase greatly under his amendment. Some good-natured farmers fed the quail until they were tame as chickens, only to have them slaughtered by so-called sportsmen. Instead of being considered as game bird, quail should be protected as an insectivorous bird.

Mr. Auld contended that sufficient protection was given the quail under the present law. It was necessary that the bevies should be broken up in the fall.

The bill went to committee.

Mr. Carnegie's bill, making applicable to Haliburton County the restrictions against cattle running at large now in force in Muskoka and other districts, was read a second time.

Mr. Thompson (Wentworth) introduced an amendment to the liquor license act. It prohibits retail liquor dealers from selling through agents outside of the license district in which their places of business are located.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Clapp—On Thursday next: Bill to amend the municipal act; also bill to amend the municipal act.

Mr. Smellie—On Thursday next: Bill to amend the assessment act.

Mr. Thompson (Wentworth)—On Thursday next: Bill to amend the liquor license act; also bill to amend the municipal act.

Mr. Reed—On Thursday next: Bill to amend the assessment act.

Mr. Craig—On Thursday next: Bill to amend the municipal act; also bill to amend the municipal act.

Mr. McCoig—On Thursday next: Bill respecting sales of land by the Canada Company.

Mr. Labrosse—On Friday next: Inquiry of ministry:

1. Has the Government received any bona fide offer for the mineral rights in the Gillies limits, or in any portion thereof?

2. If so, what were these offers?

3. If offers were received, is it the intention of the Government to accept the same?

4. Is it the intention of the Government to parcel out the Gillies limits, and sell or lease the same?