HELENE'S MARRIED LIFE

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I could scarcely believe the evidence of my own ears, so astounded was I over Alice's announcement!

It was obvious that she didn't notice me. She was much too intent on Tony, and her meeting with that worthless youth, to have eyes to spare for his companion.

When I emerged, then, from the shadows, materializing by Tony's side, she gave a small, affected scream.

"Good heavens, Helene! How you did startle me!" Embarrassment and a hint of anger mingled in her tones. "I—I didn't see you—"

"Quite evidently not!" I naswered. I was tired of Alice's ridiculous intrigues. With a handsome, kindly husband, who adored her, her flirtations simply couldn't be condoned. And Tony Lascelles was such a worthless object!

"I—I just wanted to tell Tony about our patient," stammered Alice considerably disconcerted. "I thought he'd be interested—"

"He will be!" I emphastzed my words. "I think that Tony is more interested in the patient—and with more definite reason—than either you or I, Alice!"

My voice held a mysterious note. Tony, no doubt, would guess that I knew more than I cared to say. I wished to keep his mind on tenterhooks. I had him in my power now, and I meant to use that power for his discomfiture.

"Helene, what do you mean?" Alice cleverly seized on my remark to draw attention from her own compromising position. "What on earth are you insinuating?" The baby—stare—of which she was past mistress—came into her blue eyes again. Her voice held a childish note.

"Ask Tony," I said briefly. "And don't let me interrupt your little tete-a-tete!"

I sped across the lawn toward the lighted door from which fair Alice had but recently emerged.

The hall was empty. I crossed its spaciousness, and ascended the shallow staircase to the upper floor.

Involuntarily my feet led me toward Jim's room. Oh, how I yearned for him, my husband!

Alas! The door was closed. His mother and his nurse were with him—and I, his wife, shut out!

A mist of foolish tears blinded my eyes. I hurried down the corridor toward my own apartment. Dinner would be ready presently—and I must dress for it. I shut my bedroom door behind me, and was quite alone.

"Helene Beauclaire—Helene St. Aubyns," I remarked to my tearful image in the looking-glass. "For heaven's sake, do be cheerful! Make the best of things! Buck up!"

But naturally I am not philosophic. My heart rules my head—in the most foolish, painful way.

No woman who is in love can be quite logical. I'm no exception to my sex. I'm not strong-minded, resolute. On the contrary, I'm dreadfully feminine.

And so I yearned for Jim. I wept. I saw no light ahead. Everything was dark and dreary and impossible.

Except the one outstanding fact that Jim was on the mend. . . .

When I give way to tears I am no longer pretty. My nose takes on a pinkish hue. In fact, I look ridiculous.

But cry I did—torrentially.

Oh, the queer kinks and twists of fate! I—who through my own unreasoning folly had lost my husband's love—adored him still! And Alice Anstruther—loved by a splendid husband—could yet stoop to flirt with a ne'er-do-well like Tony!

"It's a hateful world," I bitterly remarked to the tear-swollen image in the looking-glass; "I wish that I were dead!"

A light knock sounded on my door.

"Helene, dear—open! It's only Alice!"

Only Alice!

"No, don't come in! Please don't!" I cried. I was in no mood for confidences. Besides, I felt I hated Tony and Alice and their miserable flirtation. Together, they had spoiled my happiness.

"Helene!" Before I could prevent her, Alice had popped her head inside the room. "Great guns! Whatever is the matter?"

Alice had reason for her exclamation. For indeed I looked a sight! Swollen nose and reddened eyelids, and a trickle of tears still on my much-flushed countenance.

She slipped across the room, real consternation in her eyes.

"Helene, you care for Tony! I know it! You—you're angry—because I'd planned to meet him for a moment—" I swung around to face her. I was furious now.

"You little sentimental goose!" I cried. "What do I care for either you or Tony! You two can flirt to your heart's content for all I mind! Just because you happen to admire a worthless man is no reason why I, too, should suffer the same hallucinations! Please make a note of that!"

This terse criticism pulled Alice back to earth. She flushed uneasily.

"Helen, please don't be spiteful!"

"I'm not spiteful—only truthful!" snapjily I answered. "Alice, you make me sick and tired! I don't give two pins for Tony—never did—and never shall!"

My words carried conviction. A relieved look came into Alice's blue eyes. But she remarked, inquisitively:

"Then what on earth are you crying over?"

"The general rotteenss of life," I answered grimly, wiping a few refractory tears away. "One must be an idiot sometimes, I suppose."

"And you don't care for Tony?" Alice asked, with eagerness.

"Of course not—goosey!"

Alice sank down on my bed. With a weary little gesture, she put a hand across her forehead.

"Helene," she said, "I'm awfully frightened! Tony's got me in his power!"

Tomorrow—Returning Good for Evil.

MISSIONARY RELEASED.

Peking, March 11.—(Delayed).—The Rev. Dr. Skelton, a missionary of the Disciples of Christ Church, who was captured by bandits in January at Laoyakuan, near Yunnan-Fu, has been released through the efforts of the American legation and is proceeding under escort to Yunnan-Fu, where he is due to arrive next Monday. Simultaneously with advices of the release of Dr. Skelton, came news of the capture by the same band of bandits of a British missionary named Metcalfe, belonging to the China Inland Mission.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Winnipeg, Man., March 17.—William Howey, 50, was instantly killed yesterday when a compressed air tank exploded at the McIntyre marble works here. Two other men had a miraculous escape.

BUSINESS CARDS

NEW AND SECOND-HAND WOODWORKING machinery and supplies; general repairing, leather belting. Clark Machinery Company.

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Half-mile north of G. T. R. station, lot 7, con. 3, March 22, 1920. Six young Holstein cows, springers, one Jersey cow with calf by side, ten good grade cows due March and April, also 25 Durham yearlings and 2-year-olds, four heavy Percheron horses from 3 to 7 years old, four Clydesdale horses from 5 to 9 years old, sheep and pigs.

AUSTIN WINTERS, Auctioneer.
ELLWOOD M. ZAVITZ, Proprietor.
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Lightfoot's Auction

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 18, at 655 York street, for Mr. H. Smith, all his furniture, stoves, etc., part list in last Saturday's papers. Come. Sale at 2 o'clock. Office, 694 Dundas Street. Phone 2066. b

AUCTION SALE

Tuesday, March 23, 1920, on lot 19, concession 10, Lobo, farm stock, implements, etc. H. Stanley, auctioneer; Herbert Campbell, Clark McNair, proprietors. 60c

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Tender for Breakwater Protection at Toronto Island, Ont.," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, Monday, April 12, 1920, for the construction of a rubble mound stone breakwater built upon a brushwood facine mattress, off the southern shore of Toronto Island, county of York, Ont.

Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this department, at the offices of the District Engineers, Equity Building, Toronto, Ont.; and Shaughnessy Building, Montreal, Que.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted check on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 p.c. of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or War Bonds and check if required to make up an odd amount.

NOTE.—Blue prints can be obtained at this department by depositing an accepted bank check for the sum of $20, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order,

R. C. DESROCHERS,
Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, March 11, 1920. 59c

TENDERS

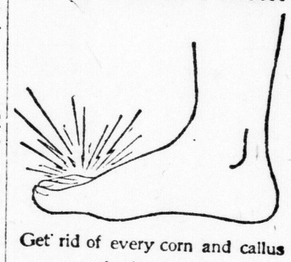
The London Housing Commission have extended the time of receiving tenders for houses at Pine Lawn until Thursday, March 18, at noon.

E. R. DENNIS, Chairman.
H. C. McBRIDE, Architect. 58c

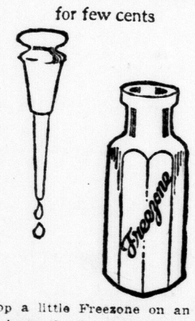
Doctors Recommend Bon-Opto for the Eyes

Physicians and eye specialists prescribe Bon-Opto as a safe home remedy in the treatment of eye troubles and to strengthen eyesight. Sold under money refund guarantee by all druggists.

LIFT OFF CORNS IT DOESN'T HURT



Get rid of every corn and callus for few cents



Drop a little Freezone on an aching corn, instantly that corn stops hurting, then you lift it right out. It doesn't pain one bit. Yes, magic!

Why wait? Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of Freezone for a few cents, sufficient to rid your feet of every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and calluses, without soreness or irritation. Freezone is the much-talked-of ether discovery of a Cincinnati genius.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS ARE WORRIED AS RESULT OF GERMAN TROUBLES

Would Join Allies If Fight Is Made Against Pan-German Element.

London, March 16.—Prague advices say the revolution in Germany is producing anxiety in Czecho-Slovakia which is surrounded by Germans on two sides. The Czech newspapers state that should allied military action against the Pan-German junkers be decided upon, Czecho-Slovakia probably would join the allied troops as the establishment of a Pan-German military rule would mean sooner or later an attack on Czecho-Slovakia, which forms a barrier to a Pan-German advance eastward.

WOMAN WAITS AND WEEPS FOR SPOUSE

Judge Expressed Sympathy for Wife of Convicted Man.

Detroit, March 17.—Silent except for subdued weeping and occasional crooning words to still the cries of her 5-months-old baby in her arms, a woman has sat for two days in the corridors of the county building, or wandered about carrying the child. She is the wife of Joe Kushno, one of the members of the alleged "New Boston gang," who, with two confederates, was convicted by a jury in Judge George P. Codd's court last week of robbery while armed.

Mrs. Kushno appeared at the county building on Monday with the baby. She was expecting that her husband would be sentenced by Judge Codd, the court having remanded him and his companions at the conclusion of the case. Judge Codd did not pronounce sentence Monday, and in the afternoon, Tuesday, persuaded Mrs. Kushno to go home with her baby and get needed rest. She was assured by Judge Codd, who has expressed a deep sympathy for her, that no action in her husband's case will be taken until she is informed, so that she may be present in court.

Mrs. Kushno swooned at the conclusion of the case last week after the jury had brought in a verdict of guilty.

HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY BLIZZARD THAT SWEEPS OVER WEST

Storm Passes to South and Is Now Central Over States.

Winnipeg, March 17.—The storm which has crossed the prairie provinces since last Sunday has passed to the south and is now playing havoc over the border. It has left in its trail considerable damage, but the full story cannot yet be told, as the west is still cut off from communication with Winnipeg. It is known that some of the Saskatchewan cities are still badly tied up from the effects of the blizzard. Between this city and Brandon some 900 telegraph poles are down on the Canadian Pacific Railway lines and other services are in as bad a condition.

BRICKLAYERS' WAGES $1.25 AN HOUR.

Port Arthur, March 17.—The Building Trades Federation has notified local contractors that wages this year will be $1.25 per hour for bricklayers and $1.10 for carpenters.

SECOND CHARGE DROPPED.

Winnipeg, Man., March 17.—The second charge of seditious utterances against J. S. Woodworth, on which he was to have been arraigned at the present assizes, has been dropped.

NOVA SCOTIA M. P. P. DIES.

Halifax, N. S., March 17.—(By Canadian Press).—Hon. S. W. W. Pickup, member of the Legislative Council of Nova Soctia, died suddenly at his home in Granville Ferry, N. S., yesterday. He was prominent in the political life of Annapolis County for 35 years, and was twice elected to the House of Commons in 1904 and again in 1908. He was 61 years of age, and a successful merchant and shipowner.

VICTORY BONDS.

[Jones, Easten, McCallum Company.]
Toronto, March 17—Noon.

	Open.	High.
1922	98	99
1923	98	99
1925	96½	97½
1927	99	100
1933	99	100
1935	96	97
1937	100	101

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, March 17.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cent loan	87½
British 4½ per cent loan	79¾
Atchison, com.	110
Baltimore & Ohio	48
Canadian Pacific	163
Chesapeake & Ohio	75
Chicago Great Western	11
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	52
De Beers	29
Denver & Rio Grande	11
Erie, com.	20
Erie, 1st pfd.	31
Grand Trunk	6⅜
Illinois Central	120
Louisville & Nashville	140
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	13
New York Central	100
Norfolk & Western	27
Pennsylvania Railway	56
Rand Mines	4
Reading Railway	112
Southern Railway	32
Southern Pacific	122
Union Pacific	160
United States Steel	130

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CITY EDITOR'S CASE WILL BE TAKEN TO HIGHEST U.S. COURT

Chicago, March 17.—One of the highest principles of the newspaper profession—that of refusing to betray a confidence in revealing a source of information—will be brought before the highest court of the country, as the result of the holding in contempt of court here of Hector H. Elwell, city editor of the Chicago American.

Because Mr. Elwell refused to break his word in declining to answer questions concerning the source of a news story, put to him by a federal grand jury, Federal Judge George Carpenter fined him $500 and ordered that he be confined in jail until he answer them. On the request of Mr. Elwell's attorney a stay order of ten days was granted, to perfect an appeal.

"The point involved is so important to newspapers generally that we intend to carry the case to the highest court," said Roy D. Keehn, Mr. Elwell's attorney.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

HAY STILL HIGHER AND NOW SELLING AT FROM $33 TO $35

Live Hogs Are Firmer at $18.50 to $19—Dairy Produce in Demand.

Hay has taken another rise, and is now selling at $33 and $35 per ton. Live hogs are slightly firmer, going at $18.50 and $19. Eggs and dairy produce remains firm. Eggs are expected to take a decided drop as soon as the roads are in better condition. Dressed hogs remain firm.

Oats are still very scarce, but remain at a firm price. Very few have been offered during the week. Straw remains firm at $14 and $14.50.

Grain, per cwt.—			
New oats, per cwt.	$3 50	to	$3 50
Barley, per cwt.	2 80	to	2 80
Grain, per Bushel—			
New oats, per bu.	1 19	to	1 19
Wheat, per bu.	2 00	to	2 00
Barley, per bu.	1 34⅝	to	1 34⅝
Vegetables—			
Cabbages, per doz.	2 50	to	3 00
Cabbages, per head	20	to	30
Potatoes, per bag, wholesale	3 75	to	4 25
Potatoes, per bag, retail	4 00	to	4 25
Potatoes, per bu.	2 90	to	3 00
Potatoes, per peck	75	to	80
Lettuce, per doz.	75	to	75
Parsley, per doz.	40	to	50
Sage, savory, doz.	40	to	50
Green onions, doz.	30	to	40
Dry onions, bu.	4 50	to	5 00
Onions, per peck	1 25	to	1 35
Beets, per bu.	50	to	60
Carrots, per bu.	90	to	1 00
Parsnips, per bu.	1 25	to	1 50
Radishes, per doz.	40	to	50
Hubbard squash	15	to	25
Pumpkins, each	15	to	25
Green and red peppers, per doz.	8	to	10
Celery, per doz.	60	to	1 00
Turnips, per bu.	50	to	60
Rhubarb, per doz	1 00	to	1 00
Fruits—			
Apples, ungraded, bbl	6 00	to	6 00
Apples, domestic, bbl	6 50	to	7 50
Apples, per peck	75	to	1 00
Apples, per bu.	2 50	to	3 00
Hay and Straw—			
Hay, per ton	33 00	to	35 00
Straw, per ton	14 00	to	14 50
Dairy Products, Retail—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	65	to	68
Creamery, storage	60	to	65
Butter, dairy, lb.	62	to	65
Dairy, storage	58	to	60
Eggs, strictly fresh	65	to	68
Honey, extracted, 5-lb pails	1 50	to	1 60
Dairy Products, Wholesale—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	58	to	63
Butter, dairy, lb rolls	60	to	63
Butter, crocks, lb	65	to	65
Eggs, fresh, doz	60	to	65
Eggs, storage, crate lots, doz	57	to	60
Poultry, Dressed Retail—			
Ducks, each	1 25	to	1 90
Chickens, each	1 25	to	1 70
Chickens, per lb	38	to	42
Turkeys, retail, lb	53	to	55
Turkeys, wholesale	50	to	52
Geese, per lb	30	to	32
Live Fowl—			
Ducks, per lb	22	to	24
Old fowl, per lb	22	to	24
Spring chickens, lb	25	to	26
Turkeys, per lb	36	to	40
Geese, per lb	22	to	25
Live Stock—			
Fat sows, cwt.	14 50	to	15 00
Small pigs, pair	8 00	to	12 00
Hogs, per cwt.	18 50	to	19 00
Meats, Wholesale—			
Dressed pork quarter, per lb	26	to	28
Dressed hogs, whole	25 00	to	25 00
Veal, per cwt	25 00	to	27 00
Beef, per cwt	14 00	to	17 00
Heifer beef, cwt	18 00	to	20 00
Mutton, per cwt	16 00	to	18 00
Lamb, per cwt	22 00	to	25 00
Rabbits, dressed, pair	50	to	60
Hides and Wool—			
Cow hides No. 1	22	to	23
Cow hides No. 2	21	to	21
Cow hides, No. 3	20	to	20
Calf skins, No. 1	60	to	65
Calf skins, No. 2	58	to	60
Horse hides, each	8 00	to	9 00
Kip, per lb	30	to	40
Sheep skins, each	3 50	to	3 00
Wool, unwashed—Fine, per lb	53	to	55
Coarse, per lb	40	to	42

HAY.

MONTREAL, March 16—A weaker feeling has developed in the baled hay market, but the local market is firm, with a small trade passing.

Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, $29 @30.

TORONTO, March 16.—Hay—Baled, track, Toronto, carlots; No. 1, $27@28 per ton; No. 2 mixed, $25 per ton.

Straw—In carlots, on track, Toronto; $16@17 per ton.

FLOUR.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 16.—Cash grain—Close:

Wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern, $2.65 @2.75.

Barley—$1.32@1.55.

Rye—No. 2, $1.73⅜@1.74.

Flax—$5.18@5.28.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 16.—Flour—Unchanged; shipments, 30,098 barrels.

Bran—$47.

TORONTO, March 16.—Ontario Flour—Government standard, in jute bags, prompt shipment: Montreal, $10.80@11; Toronto, $11.

Manitoba Flour—Government standard, in jute bags: Toronto, $13.25.

Millfeed—In carlots, delivered Montreal freights, bags included; bran, $45 per ton; shorts, $52 per ton; good feed flour, $3.60@3.75 per bag; middlings, not quoted

MONTREAL, March 16.—Prospects for some export business in the flour market were rather more encouraging today, otherwise the situation remained unchanged.

A very strong feeling prevails in the market for all lines of millfeed, but the millers have announced no change in the prices.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat, new standard, $13.25@13.55.

Rolled Oats—Per bag, 90 lbs., $5.50 @5.60.

Bran—$45.25.

Shorts—$52.25.

LIVE STOCK.

Montreal, March 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 128. The few cattle that were on the market this morning were all of medium or common quality. Buyers did not show much interest, and the buying was slow. Little change in prices is expected. Butcher steers, common, $9 50 @11; common, $7@9 50; butcher cows, medium, $8@9; canners, $5 50; cutters, $6@7; butcher bulls, common, $8@9 50.

Calves—Receipts, 414. The market for veal calves was slightly lower again this morning. The highest price recorded was $17 per cwt. Any lots containing young unfinished calves were harder to sell. Quotations: Good veals, $15@17; medium, $10@15; grass, $7@7 50.

Sheep—Receipts, 42. A few lambs were sold up to $18 and the top for sheep was $14. Ewes, $12@14; lambs, good, $17@18; common, $15@17.

Hogs—Receipts, 342. Hogs sold at $21, weighed off cars. The market was firm. Quotations, off-car weights: Selects $21; light, $20@21; sows, $17.

Toronto, March 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,304, including yesterday's held-overs. More than 2,000 cattle are on sale. The trade is dull and prices about 50c lower. A pair of steers weighing 1,100 lbs sold at $14, and a half load at $13 75, with the bulk of sales being made at $11 50@12 50. Cows and bulls are weaker also. Quotations: Butcher steers, choice, $13@13 75; good, $11 50@12 50; medium, $10 25@11 25; common, $8@9 75; butcher heifers, choice, $12 25@13 25; medium, $10 25@11 20; common, $7@9 50; butcher cows, choice, $10 25@11 75; medium $8 @9 75; canners and cutters, $5 50@6 50; butcher bulls, good, $10@11 75; common, $7 75@9 50; feeding steers, good, $11@11 75; fair, $10 50@11; stockers, good, $10@10 50; fair, $8 50@9 75.

Calves—Receipts, 177. Trade quiet. Many common calves are on sale that are unfit for meat purposes. Choice calves are selling up to $22 50. Quotations: Choice, $18@22 50; medium, $15@17 50; common, $10@14.

Milch Cows—Choice, each, $145@175;; springers, choice, $100@140.

Sheep—Receipts, 39. Lambs and sheep trade unchanged. Quotations: Ewes, $10@18; lambs, $18@22.

Hogs—Receipts, 870. Market steady at yesterday's advance. Quotations, fed and watered basis: Selects, $20 25; light, $18 25; heavy, $19 5; sows, $15 25@17 25.

East Buffalo, N.Y., March 17.—Cattle—Receipts light; steady.

Calves—Receipts, 550; 50c lower, at $6@23 50, a few at $24.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,200; good strong; heavy, $15@16; mixed, $16 25@16 50; yorkers, $16 50@16 60; light yorkers, $16 50; pigs, $15@15 75; roughs, $13@13 50; stags, $8@10.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,000; lambs 25c lower; lambs, $13@20; others unchanged.

Chicago, March 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 19,000; higher; top, $16; heavy, $14@15 10; medium, $14 75@16; light, $15 50@16; light lights, $14 60@15 75; heavy packing sows, smooth, $1 75@13 25; packing sows, rough, $12@12 50; pigs, $13@14 75.

Cattle—Receipts, 7,000; firm; beef steers, medium and heavy, choice and prime $13 50@15 40; medium and good, $11 50@13 50; common, $10@11 50; light, good and choice, $12 15@15; common and medium, $9 75@12 15; butcher cattle, heifers, $7@13 25; cows, $7@12 25; canners and cutters $5@7; veal calves, $16 50@17 50; feeder steers, $8 75@11 75; stocker steers, $7 50@11.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; firm; lambs, $16 75@19 25; culls and common, $14@16 50; ewes, medium, good and choice, $10 75@14 25; culls and common, $5 75 @10 50.

GRAIN.

Winnipeg, March 17.—Oats opened ¼c higher for May and unchanged for July at 98⅞c and 94c respectively.

Barley opened ⅝c lower for May and 1¼c lower for July.

Flax ½c lower for May and unchanged for July.

Rye—May opened unchanged.

Chicago, March 17.—Opening: Corn—May, $1 56; July, $1 49.

Oats—May, 86¼c; July, 75¾c.

Chicago, March 17.—Reports of bubonic plague in Argentina brought about higher prices here today for corn, but selling to realize profits led soon to a setback. Moreover, bears contended that owing to the recent big rise of the corn market, the feeding of the cereal to hogs was no longer remunerative. Much notice was taken of the fact that since February 9 there had been an extreme bulge of 32c. Opening prices, which varied from unchanged figures to 1c higher, were followed by declines all around to below yesterday's finish.

Oats were governed by the action of corn. After opening ⅛c to ¼c up, the market scored an additional upturn, but then lost all the advance and more.

COTTON.

Liverpool, March 17.—Cotton—Futures closed steady: March, 26.44d; April, 25.60d; May, 25.34d; June, 24.94d; July, 24.40d; August, 23.94d; September, 23.36d; October, 22.80d November 22.41d December 21.98d; January, 21.72d; February, 21.52d.

PROVISIONS.

Chicago, March 17.—Higher quotations on hogs gave strength to provisions. Trade, however, lacked volume.

Liverpool, March 17.—Beef—Extra India mess, nominal.

Pork—Prime mess western, nominal.

Hams—Short cut, 190s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 184s 6d; Wiltshire cut, 187s; clear bellies 192s; long clear middles, light and heavy, 202s; short clear backs, 191s; shoulders, square, 138s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, 195s 6d; American refined, in pails, 198s.

OILS.

Liverpool, March 17.—Rosin—Common, 59s.

Turpentine Spirits—253s.

Petroleum—Refined, 2s 1½d.

War Kerosene—No. 2, 2s 2½d.

TORONTO.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]
Toronto, March 17.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
A Sugar.	90½	89½	do pfd.	..	128½
Barcel.	6¼	6	Stl Can.	81	80
Brazilian	48⅝	48¼	do pfd.	99	..
B C Fish	60	59	Tooke	..	67
Bell Tel.	111½	110½	do pfd.	88	..
Burt, c.	103	100½	Tor Ry.	48	46
Burt, p.	104	101	Tre'wey	46	44½
C Bread,	29	28	Tucketts	55	52½
C Car	..	56	Tw City	37	35
do pfd.	..	100	WFlour.	135	130
Cement.	69½	68¾	Win Ry.	40	35
do pfd.	96	92	Banks, etc.—		
C S L	73¼	72½	Com'rce.	198	196
do pfd.	82	81½	Domin	206	205¼
CGElec.	106	105	Hamil'n.	..	150
C Loco.	102	100	Merch	190	189
do pfd.	93	..	Imperial.	197	194
C P R	..	137½	Molsons	..	187
C Salt	..	145	Montr'l.	212	208
C Dairy	..	60	Royal	218	217
do pfd.	99	97	Stand'd	..	219
Coniag's.	310	300	Toronto	195	194
Smelters	28⅞	28½	Union	157	156
Con Gas.	141	..	C Land	..	150
Cr Res.	36	34½	C Perm	..	177
Cr Nest	65	56	Col Inv.	..	70
Dome	1400	1350	H Prov	..	146
Canners.	62	61	H & E.	113½	111½
do pfd.	88½	..	do 20%	..	104
DSCorp.	70	69½	L Bank.	145	141
Dom Tel.	..	91½	NTrust.	..	207
Duluth.	25	..	Ontario.	..	160
HSmith.	165	..	do 20%	..	150
In Pet.	..	44½	REstate.	..	97
Larose.	55	53	TGTrus.	..	208½
Mackay.	79½	78½	T Mort.	..	134
do pfd.	70	69½	U Trust.	140	..
M Leaf.	..	175	C Bread.	..	94
do pfd.	100½	..	C S L	79¾	..
Monarch	..	72	Canners.	95	92
do pfd.	89	87	Elec Dev	92½	..
N S Car	7	6½	Penman.	90	89
do pfd.	37	36	P Rico	82½	..
Nipis'g.	1250	1200	Ontario.	..	87
NSSteel	..	68	Quebec	67	..
P Burt	40	38½	Rio Jan.	74	73
do pfd.	84	79	Sterling	..	80
Penman.	119	116	S Paulo.	78	77
P Rico	33	30	Spanish	97½	96
P Paper	..	96	Stl Can.	..	97
Quebec	28	27½	War Loan,		
Riordon.	179	177	1925	94¾	94¼
Rogers	72	65	1927	94¾	94¼
do pfd.	100	97	1937	99⅝	98¼
Russell	86	84	Victory,		
do pfd.	92	88	1922	99	98
Sawyer.	19	16	1923	99	98
do pfd.	69	66	1927	100	99
S Wheat	140	140	1933	100	99
do pfd.	..	90	1937	101	100
Spanish	89½	89			

WALL STREET.

New York, March 17—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Industrial shares were buoyant at the opening of today's stock market as a result of the 50 per cent stock dividend declared yesterday by the Crucible Steel Company. The initial transaction in Crucible consisted of a block of 1,200 shares at 242 to 240 a maximum advance of 9½ points, but the stock soon reacted to 235. In the motor and oil divisions first quotations showed gains of 1 to 4 points. Rails and railway equipments were firm to strong. Baldwin Locomotive leading those groups at an extreme rise of 4 points. American Woolen, International Paper and Industrial Alcohol embraced the strong specialties.

Noon.—Crucible Steel forfeited virtually all of its advance in the first hour, and other leaders, especially oils, motors and equipments, fell back 2 to 3½ points. Consistent strength was shown by Baldwin Locomotive, American Woolen, United States Rubber and American Can, but in general the market reflected the cautious attitude of speculative interests. Dealings diminished to marked extent before noon, and traders were plainly disposed to pay more attention to the uncertain money market. Call loans opened at 8 per cent, a slight concession from recent initial rates, but time funds continued extremely scarce.

NEW YORK.

Jones, Easton, McCallum Company, brokers, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser as follows:

New York, March 17.

Trunk Lines and Grangers—	Open.	High.	Low.	1p.m.
Baltimore & Ohio.	37	37	36⅞	37
Erie, com.	14¼	14½	14¼	14½
Great Northern	83	..	..	..
New York Central	35⅛	35¾	35	35
Rock Island	37⅞	37⅞	37¼	37⅞
St. Paul	40¼	40⅛	39⅞	39⅞
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com.	84	84¼	84	84¼
Canadian Pacific.	123	123½	123	123
Missouri Pacific	29	29¼	29	29¼
Northern Pacific	84¼	84¼	83½	83½
Southern Pacific	100¾	100¾	99¾	99¾
Southern Railway	25	25	24¼	24¼
Union Pacific	121¾	121¾	121⅝	121¾
Frisco Railway	23½	..	..	..
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio	57½	57½	57	57
Pennsylvania	43⅛	43⅛	42⅞	42⅞
Reading Railway	86½	86½	84½	85⅞
Tractions—				
Interboro, com	4⅜	..	..	..
Industrials—				
Allis-Chalmers	42½	42½	42¼	42¼
Am. Beet Sugar	85	88	85	87
American Car	49¾	50¾	48¾	50
American Can	139⅛	139⅛	138	138
American Hide	24	24¼	24	24
Am. Hide, pfd.	110	..	..	..
Am. Locomotive	101	101⅜	100	100
American Sugar	131	132½	130	130
Am. Smelters	69¼	69¾	68⅞	68⅞
American Steel	45½	46	45½	45⅞
American Wool	132	133½	130½	132
Atlantic-Gulf	163	165¼	163	163¾
Baldwin Loco.	124¾	125⅜	123¼	124
Central Leather	86½	87	86½	87
Col. Fuel & Iron	38⅝	38⅝	38	38
Distillers	68	68¾	67½	67½
General Motors	326	327	316	319
Goodrich Rubber	71⅝	71⅝	71⅛	71⅛
G. Northern Ore	39¾	40½	39¾	40
Inter. Paper	88¼	88½	87⅛	87⅝
Inter. Nickel	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝
Ice Securities	46	48¾	46	48¾
Marine, com.	36	36	35¼	35¼
Marine, pfd.	91½	92¼	91½	92
Studebaker	102	102¼	99⅝	100¼
U. S. Rubber	107¾	108¾	106¾	106⅞
Virginia Chemical	74¼	77	74¼	75⅝
Willys-Overland	24⅞	25⅜	24⅞	25
Worthington	80⅞	..	..	..
Coppers—				
Anaconda Copper	60¼	60¾	60	60⅜
Chino Copper	34⅝	34⅝	34½	34½