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JULY 27th.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

To Be Held at Saratoga Springs August 19 and 20 to Discuss Future Foreign Policy.

Chicago, July 26.—The Civic Federation of Chicago to-night gave out a call for a national conference, to be held at Saratoga Springs, N.Y., August 19 and 20, to discuss the future foreign policy of the United States. The call is signed by over one thousand representative men from every State in the Union. The call says:

"The undersigned deem it desirable that a national conference be convened at an early date to consider the future foreign policy of the United States. The war with Spain gives promise of the overthrow of Spanish power in Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and the other of the country's colonial possessions. The question of what disposition the United States should make of these possessions when peace is reached is none too soon in engaging the thought of our people.

"This question impresses us as being one of the most serious the American people have had to consider. It is a new question and one upon which heretofore very little thought has been given by the great majority of the people. Whether the foreign policy of the fathers' should be adhered to or departed from is enough to challenge the most serious consideration of our ablest and most thoughtful men. In our opinion this conference should be composed of men from all parts of the country, without regard to party affiliation and irrespective of whether they are for or against a policy of territorial expansion, and men whose ability, position and character entitle their opinions to the respectful consideration of the people."

The circular letters sent out by Chairman Henry Wade Rogers and Secretary Ralph Beasley, asking for signatures, stated that neither the genesis nor conduct of the war would be discussed nor any political cast be given the proceedings, the object being entirely educational. The responses were prompt and enthusiastic. The signers embrace Governors, Mayors, presidents of Boards of Trade, presidents of colleges, lawyers, presidents of banks, labor leaders, leading clergymen and manufacturers. While only individual names were asked for, a great many organizations authorized their presidents to sign officially.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, July 26.—Cattle—Receipts very light; market ruled about steady.

Veals and Calves—Few on sale; general tone of the trade was regarded as steady; top veals quoted at $5.70 to $5.85; others, $4.25 to $5.60.

Hogs—Market opened with fairly good demand for good Yorkers at full strong yesterday's closing prices and about steady for other grades. Good to choice Yorkers, $4.15 to $4.17; prime light do., $4.15; mixed packers, $4.17; mediums, $4.17 to $4.20; heavy hogs, $4.20; roughs, $3.50 to $3.70; stags, $2.75 to $3; pigs, $3.75 to $4.10.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts limited to a few loads of fresh arrivals. Market was dull and slow for lambs. Spring lambs, choice to extra ewes and wethers, $5.75 to $6.15; buckey and fair, $5 to $5.65; culls, fair to good, $4 to $5; common to choice yearlings, $4.25 to $5. Native clipped sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4.70 to $4.85; fair to choice mixed sheep, $4.25 to $4.65; culls and common ewe sheep, $2.25 to $3.75.

Cheese Markets.

Madoc, Ont., July 26.—Thirteen factories boarded 870 boxes white cheese. Sales: Watkins, 375 at 7 9-16c; McCargar, 120 at 7 9-16c, 100 at 7⅝c; McGrath, 150 at 7 9-16c, 100 at 7⅝c; six buyers present.

Campbellford, Ont., July 26.—At Campbellford Cheese Board, held here to-night, 1200 boxes white were boarded. Following are the sales: Cook bought 210 at 7 9-16c; Watkins, 590 at 7½c; McGrath, 285 at 7½c; balance unsold.

Belleville July 26.—At to-day's board, 21 factories offered 1330 white and 50 colored cheese; 7 3-16c bid; no sales.

Ingersoll, Ont., July 26.—Offerings to-day, 3315 boxes, first half July make; 80 boxes sold at 7½c; 7⅝c highest bid; good attendance.

Explosion Will Be Investigated.

As soon as the report of the coroner on the Sycamore Siding boiler explosion reaches the Attorney-General, a Provincial Factory Inspector will be sent to the scene to investigate the condition of the boiler that caused the explosion. This action is being taken partly on account of many letters that have been received by the Attorney-General complaining that the boilers used were second-hand, and it is also said that other boilers in the vicinity are unsafe. A thorough investigation will be made.

Dickens' Mementoes.

Mr. E. S. Williamson, Mr. Gibson's secretary, is in possession of two volumes of Sir John Elliot's biography, printed in the Old English type, which belonged to Charles Dickens, and were a portion of those sold from Gadshill Place in 1870. On the inside of the cover is Dickens' book-plate, and through the volumes are marks and items in pencil. The possessor congratulates himself on obtaining these, as the spirit of Englishmen is to keep all such mementoes at home.

Imports Were Large.

There was a rush of entries at the customs house yesterday morning, and importers are hustling to get their goods through before the end of the month. The duties collected at the port for the first 25 days of July amounted to $419,000, compared with $317,459 for the month of July, 1897. The duties for July, 1898, are expected to show an increase of nearly $200,000.

The Finest Represented.

Police Constables John McArthur and J. J. Egan left last night by the C.P.R. for Montreal to take part in the Montreal police games to-day. McArthur is entered for the 100 yards, quarter and half-mile events and Egan for the three-mile bicycle race.

Business Troubles.

Hart & Bessel, butchers, London, assigned to P. H. Bartlett.

J. M. McAdam, blacksmith, Ottawa, assigned to J. B. George.

DECIDED SLUMP IN WHEAT.

New Ontario Article Falls Three Cents a Bushel.

July Declined 4c and the Later Options 2c on the Chicago Board—Liverpool Market Lower and Continent Little Changed—Gossip and Notes.

Tuesday Evening, July 26.

To-day was marked by a decided slump in American wheat. At Chicago July led the way with a straight decline of 4c per bushel, and the September and December options followed suit with losses of 2⅛c and 1⅞c per bushel respectively. The opening was weak, and the close was near the lowest points of the day. Large receipts and a poor foreign demand were responsible for the weakness.

On the Liverpool board the decline for the day amounted to ⅝d in the July delivery, 1⅛d in the September and ⅞d in the December option. In Paris July wheat declined 20 centimes, but later deliveries rose 10 centimes per 100 kilograms.

There was a slump in new Ontario red wheat to-day, owing to underselling by the American article. Toronto dealers reported offers of new wheat at Toledo and Detroit at prices equal to 65c north and west. This, therefore, is the quotation for such points. Old red wheat is quoted at 70c north and west, and No. 1 hard Manitoba at about 64c afloat at Fort William.

On the Chicago board corn fell off about a cent a bushel, on reports of rain in the corn belt. July malke was unchanged at the Liverpool close, but the September and December options were off ½d to ⅝d respectively.

Semi-official reports from Rome make the Italian wheat crop an average one—about 120,000,000 bushels.

Broomhall cables: Odessa reports weather fine and harvesting progressing rapidly.

Roumania reports weather fine; new wheat and barley arriving freely and expected to be in full swing by Aug. 1.

Liverpool wheat receipts for past six days total 1,040,000 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 119 cars, against 550 cars same day last year.

Car receipts of grain in the Chicago market to-day: Wheat 237, contract 94; corn 691, contract 336; oats 331, contract 48. All new wheat except four cars.

Wheat receipts at St. Louis to-day, 73,935 bushels.

Toledo wheat receipts 415 cars, of which 380 grade contract.

Nebraska threshers report wheat turning out 18 to 40 bushels to the acre.

All western railways have advanced freight rates to the old standard. The advance amounts to 25 per cent. in packing house products.

Total clearances of wheat to-day 338,000 bushels.

Primary receipts of wheat to-day, 735,000 bushels, against 706,000 same day last year; shipments 338,000, against 389,000.

Primary receipts of corn to-day, 436,000 bushels, against 587,000 bushels; shipments 611,000 bushels, against 1,109,000 bushels.

Exports of provisions from principal Atlantic ports for the week ending July 21 were: Pork 2360 bbls., lard 6,464,000 lbs., bacon 27,013 lbs.

Total stocks of grain in Chicago public and private elevators on Saturday last were: Wheat 535,000 bushels, corn 12,272,000 bushels, oats 1,506,000 bushels.

September wheat puts at Chicago 64½c, calls 65⅞c; September wheat puts, good all this week, 64½c, calls 69½c.

September corn puts at Chicago 34½c, calls 35½c. September corn puts, good all this week, 32⅜c, calls 37½c.

James Carruthers & Co. report the purchase to-day of 20 cars of oats at 26c high freights.

Decrease in World's Visible.

According to Bradstreet's the decrease in the world's visible supply of wheat last week was 4,493,000 bushels. The decrease east of the Rockies was 993,000 bushels, and the decrease in Europe and afloat 3,500,000 bushels. The same authority makes the decrease in the world's visible supply of corn 1,919,000 bushels; oats 1,540,000 bushels.

Reserve Wheat Is Scarce.

The present supply of available reserve wheat is said to be the lowest known for many years past, and probably by Aug. 1 not a single bushel of this reserve will be obtainable, in this country at least. On the other hand, the production of wheat this year throughout the world may be the largest on record. Here, at least, it promises to eclipse that of previous years.

"On July 1 of this year," said Frank Greens, managing editor of Bradstreet's, "the amount of available reserve wheat in this country and Canada was within 2500 bushels of being the lowest on record since 1885. The amount held east of the Rocky Mountains was the smallest since 1889, although the stock on the Pacific Coast was heavier than in any of the preceding 14 years.

"The aggregate of American wheat supplies on July 1 was very small, being 57,000,000 bushels less than that held last July, and but one-third the amount available on July 1, 1896. The low water mark in the American reserve is usually reached about Aug. 1, and present indications are that the first of August this year will bring the already depleted holdings down to an unprecedentedly low point. Despite large arrivals of new wheat last July this country's visible supply was reduced 2,000,000 bushels. As to the present month the arrivals will have to be exceptionally large to make up for loss in old stocks.

"Regarding European supplies, the total holdings on July 1, namely, 58,600,000 bushels, were only 8,300,000 bushels in excess of a year ago. At the beginning of the present month they were only 12,000,000 bushels less than at the beginning of the year. The decrease in American holdings, as compared with last year, has been about counterbalanced by the increased holdings in Europe. The total visible reserve wheat in the United States, Canada, Europe and afloat on July 1, was less than 80,000,000 bushels, as against about 100,000,000 bushels held on June 1, and more than 78,000,000 bushels last July.

"The falling off from July 1, 1896, is about 45,000,000 bushels; from July 1, 1895, it is 68,000,000 bushels, and from July 1, 1893, 72,000,000 bushels.

"Up to July 1 of this year, the total reserve held in Europe or bound to European ports was 58,600,000 bushels; in Australia, 3,800,000 bushels; in the principal ports of Argentina, 1,400,000 bushels, and in the United States and Canada, 21,004,000 bushels. As these are the principal wheat producing countries, the world's available reserve wheat, on July 1, 1898, is estimated to have been 84,804,000 bushels, or 22,000,000 bushels less than that held on June 1, in these countries; 49,000,000 bushels less than the supply on Jan. 1, 1898, and only 4,700,000 bushels larger than the visible supply on July 1, 1897, the latter date marking the lowest point ever reached in the world's supply.

"Not only has the visible reserve become quite exhausted, but the invisible supplies—those still in the hands of farmers—have been reduced to an unusually low point."

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Dull. Straight rollers, in barrels, middle freights, are quoted at $3.80 to $3.90.

Wheat—New American wheat is undersolling Canadian, and Toronto dealers are offering to-day only 65c north and west for new Ontario red. Old Ontario red 72c north and west, and No. 1 hard Manitoba 94c afloat at Fort William.

Oats—White quoted at 26c high freight.

Barley—Nothing doing and prices nominal.

Buckwheat—Prices nominal.

Bran—Sells at $8.50 to $9 west and shorts at $14 west.

Corn—Canadian, 34c west and 41c on track here.

Peas—Quoted around 53c, high freights.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track at Toronto, $3.60; in bbls., $3.70.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Chicago	$	$0 70¼	$0 66⅝	$0 65¼
New York ...	....	0 75	....	0 70⅝
Milwaukee ...	0 80	....	....	....
St. Louis	....	0 69⅝	0 65½	0 64½
Toledo	0 69¼	0 69¼	0 67½	0 67½
Detroit	0 69⅝	0 69⅝	0 67⅝	0 67⅝
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 83	0 83	....	0 66½
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 84	....	....	....
Minneapolis ..	....	0 87½	....	0 64⅞
Toronto, No. 1 hard	1 00	....	....	....
Toronto, red ..	0 73½	....	....	....

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of grain were small to-day.

One load of new white wheat sold at 75c per bushel.

Oats steady; 400 bushels sold at 31c to 32c.

One load of peas sold at 55c per bushel.

Hay plentiful; four loads of old sold at $7 to $9 per ton, and 25 loads of new at $5.50 to $7 per ton.

Straw steady, at $5 to $6.50 per ton for two loads.

Dressed hogs sold at $6.75 per cwt.

New potatoes plentiful, at 60c to 70c per bushel.

Butter, eggs and poultry—prices firm, but unchanged.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 75 to	$....
" red, bush	0 80	0 80½
" goose, bush	0 70	....
Barley, bush	0 34	....
Rye, bush	0 40	....
Oats, bush	0 31	0 32
Peas, bush	0 55	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 45	....
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 00 to	$3 40
Alsike clover, bush	3 25	4 00
Timothy, bush	1 25	1 35
Beans, white, bush	0 60	0 75
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, new, per ton	$5 50 to	$7 00
" old, per ton	7 00	9 00
Straw, sheaf, per ton	5 00	6 50
" loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 15 to	$0 17
" large rolls	0 14	0 15
Eggs, new-laid	0 14	0 16
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	$7 50 to	$8 50
" forequarters, cwt	4 50	5 50
Lamb, spring, per lb	0 09	0 10
Mutton, carcase, cwt	5 00	6 00
Veal, carcase, cwt	7 00	8 00
Hogs, dressed, light	6 50	6 75
" " heavy	6 00	6 10
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 40 to	$0 65
Turkeys, per lb.	0 08	0 11
Spring ducks, per pair	0 50	0 75
Fruit and Vegetables—		
New potatoes, bush	$0 60 to	$0 70
Cabbage, each	0 05	....
Onions, Spanish, per lb	0 03½	....
Beets, per dozen	0 12½	0 15
Cauliflower, per dozen	0 50	0 75
Green corn, per doz.	0 15	....

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Potatoes, new, car lots, bu	0 60	0 70
Butter, choice tubs	0 12	0 13
" inferior tubs	0 10½	0 11
Creamery, boxes	0 16½	0 17
Creamery, pound rolls	0 17	0 18
Eggs, choice, candled	0 11	0 12
Honey, per lb	0 06	0 06½

Hides and Wool.

Price list revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, 109 Front-street east, Toronto:

Hides, No. 1 green	$0 09 to	$....
Hides, No. 1 green steers	0 09½	....
Hides, No. 2 green steers	0 08½	....
Hides, No. 2 green	0 08	....
Hides, No. 3 green	0 07	....
Hides, cured	0 09½	0 09¾
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 03½
Tallow, rough	0 01¼	0 02¼
Sheepskins	1 10	1 25
Pelts, each	0 30	0 40
Lambskins each	0 35	0 40
Calfskins, No. 1	0 10	....
Calfskins, No. 2	0 08	....
Wool, fleece	0 16	....
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 10	....
Wool, pulled, super	0 18	0 19

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts of fruit were large to-day, trade fairly brisk and prices firm at following quotations:

Raspberries 5½c to 6½c, lawton berries 6c to 7c, blueberries 75c to 85c, red currants 40c to 50c, black currants 60c to 75c, cherries (eating) 81.25, cherries (cooking) 60c to 75c, peaches 40c to 75c, tomatoes 70c to 90c, beans 25c to 30c, cucumbers 30c to 35c, pears 40c to 50c, and green corn 12½c per doz.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of live stock at the cattle market to-day were large—72 car loads, composed of 1409 cattle, 509 sheep and lambs, 2000 hogs, and 75 calves. The fat stock offered to-day, generally, was of fair quality; but there were not as many buyers from outside markets, and prices for exporters declined from 15c to 20c per cwt. Butchers' cattle, in sympathy with the exporters, sold from 5c to 10c per cwt. lower.

Exporters sold all the way from $4.20 to $4.70, the bulk going from $4.40 to $4.60, with some choice picked lots at 10c to 20c more per cwt.

Loads of mixed butchers' and exporters sold at $4.10 to $4.25.

Choice butchers' stock in picked lots at $4.12½ to $4.25, loads of good $3.87½ to $4.25, medium $3.50 to $3.87½, common $3.25 to $3.40, inferior $3 to $3.25, and very inferior rough cows and bulls $2.75 to $3 per cwt.

There were about 12 milk cows, which sold at $32 to $42 each, the quality being a little more even than usual; a few good cows wanted.

Prices for heavy feeders and stockers were unchanged.

Calves sold from $3 to $6 each, with extras going at $7 to $8 each.

Prices for sheep and lambs were about the same as for Saturday's market: ewes sold from $3 to $3.15, bucks $2.50 to $2.75 per cwt. Spring lambs sold at $3 to $3.75 each, and $4.50 to $5 per cwt. live weight.

The market for hogs was firmer, selections from 150 to 200 lbs. in weight, unfed and unwatered off cars, sold at $5.50 to $6, heavy fats $5, light fats $5.50, c.ru fed hogs, which are not wanted, $5.25 per cwt.

Dealers, to obtain the highest price, will need to have great care in selecting their hogs, if they are under 150 or over 200 and too fat, they will not get the top price. As an example of this W. H. Patterson had a car load of 93 hogs, only nine out of that number were culled, five for being under and four for being over weight, yet Mr. Patterson only got $5.87½ per cwt.

William Levack bought 175 cattle, mixed butchers' and exporters, at $3.65 to $4.60 per cwt.

J. Featherston sold one load of mixed butchers' and exporters at $4.30 per cwt.

J. J. Dowling sold 15 butchers' cattle, 1000 lbs. each, at $3.45.

William Mayne sold one load of exporters, 1220 lbs. each, at $4.30; eight butchers' cattle, mostly cows, 1180 lbs., each, at $3.50.

R. Pugsley bought 17 stockers, 590 lbs. each, at $3.25, less $5 on the lot, and sold four butchers' heifers, 900 lbs. each, at $3.35.

Craig & O'Leary bought four exporters, 1300 lbs. each, at $4.75, and three exporters the same weight at $4.60.

Alex. Levack bought 16 mixed butchers', 1050 lbs. each, at $3.75.

William Crealock sold four exporters, 1300 lbs. each, at $4.60.

T. Halligan bought 10 steers, exporters, 1175 lbs. each, at $4.40, and seven butchers' heifers, 950 lbs. each, at $4 per cwt.

H. Down sold four cows and one heifer, butchers' cattle, 960 lbs. each, at $3.15.

G. H. Waller bought nine cattle, 1100 lbs. each, at $4.65 per cwt.

Last week's totals were 3638 cattle, 2245 sheep and lambs, 3210 hogs, and receipts of weigh scales $136.55.

Shipments per G.T.R.: William Levack, 8 to Bristol and 3 to Liverpool; Craig & O'Leary, 5 cars; and per C.P.R.: A. McIntosh, 6 cars, all of which were export cattle.

R. W. Craig will ship five cars exporters on Wednesday.

Export cattle, per cwt	$4 30 to	$4 70
Bulls, light export	3 00	3 50
Bulls, heavy export, good quality	3 80	4 12½
Loads good butchers and exporters, mixed	4 10	4 25
Stockers and medium to good	3 25	3 50
Feeders, heavy	3 75	3 90
Butchers' cattle, picked lots	4 12½	4 25
" good	3 87½	4 25
" medium	3 50	3 87½
" common	3 25	3 40
" inferior	3 00	3 25
Very inferior, rough cows and bulls, off grass	2 75	3 00
Milch cows, each	32 00	42 00
Calves, each	3 00	6 00
Sheep, per cwt	3 00	3 15
Bucks, per cwt	2 50	2 75
Spring lambs, each	3 00	3 75
Hogs, 150 to 200 lbs. each	5 90	6 00
" light fats	5 40	5 50
" heavy fats	5 00	....
" sows	3 25	....
" stags	2 00	....
" common	3 25	3 50

British Markets.

Liverpool, July 26.—Spring wheat is quoted at 6s 7½d, red winter at 6s 7½d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 9d to 6s 9½d; corn, 3s 3½d; peas, 5s 0½d; pork, 51s 3d; lard, 28s; tallow, 19s 6d; bacon, heavy, l.c., 31s 6d; light, 31s; do., short cut, 30s 6d; cheese, white and colored, 37s 6d.

Liverpool—Open—Spot wheat dull. Futures quiet at 5s 9¾d for Sept, and 5s 6d for Dec. Spot maize, firm at 3s 3½d. Futures steady at 3s 4¾d for Sept. and 3s 5¾d for Oct. Flour 23s 6d.

London—Open—Wheat, off coast, easier and less active; on passage, heavy and depressed. No. 1 Duluth hard spring, Sept. and Oct. 20s 3d. No. 1 northern spring, steam, July 21s 10½d. No. 2 red winter, steam, July 30s. English country markets easy. Maize, off coast, nothing doing; on passage, firm. Bessarabia, steam, Aug. 17s 9d.

Paris—Open—Wheat 23f for Sept. and 20f 45c for Sept. and Dec. Flour 53f 80c for July and 44f 50c for Sept. and Dec. French country markets weak.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat dull, with No. 1 Cal. at 6s 9d, red winter at 6s 7½d and No. 1 northern at 6s 7½d. Futures dull at 6s 7d for July, 5s 9d for Sept. and 5s 5¾d for Dec. Maize firm at 3s 3½d for spot. Futures quiet at 3s 3d for July, 3s 4½d for Sept. and 3s 5d for Oct. Flour 23s 6d.

London—Close—Wheat vessels awaiting orders, 2; off coast, easier, and on passage weak. Maize, off coast, nearly due; on passage, quieter. Little demand for mixed American sail Odessa prompt, 17s 10½d parcel. Spot Dan., 18s 3d. American, 16s 6d.

Paris—Close—Wheat steady at 22f 75c for July, 20f 50c for Sept. and Dec. Flour firm at 53f 95c for July and 44f 60c for Sept. and Dec.

Chicago Markets.

Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—July	73	73	70	70¼
" —Sept	66⅞	66⅞	65¼	65¼
" —Dec	66⅝	66⅞	65½	65⅝
Corn—July	34⅝	34⅝	34½	34½
" —Sept	34⅞	35⅝	34½	34⅝
" —Dec	35⅝	35⅞	35	35¼
Oats—July	25	25½	25	25
" —Sept	20⅝	20⅞	20½	20⅝
Pork—July	9 80	9 85	9 80	9 85
" —Sept	9 95	9 95	9 62	9 62
" —Dec	9 75	....	....	....
Lard—July	5 42	....	....	....
" —Sept	5 60	5 62	5 52	5 52
" —Dec	5 67	5 70	5 60	5 60
Ribs—July	5 45	....	....	....
" —Sept	5 67	5 67	5 52	5 52

Canadian Fruit Commissioner.

Mr. Alexander McDonald Allan of Goderich has been appointed Fruit Commissioner for Canada at the Paris Exhibition in 1900. He is a man of large experience, a fruit shipper and a lecturer on horticulture in the Government Farmers' Institutes. He conducted the exhibition of Canadian fruit in 1886 at the Colonial Exhibition in London.

Evidence for Protest.

In order to prepare evidence for the election protest against Mr. Aylesworth, M.L.A. for Lennox County, the disputed ballots were inspected yesterday at Osgoode Hall.

Bringing in the Thieves.

The three Provincial detectives are out of town. Detective Murray will bring Fred Osler back from Detroit, and the other two are on similar missions.

MORE ACTIVITY IN STOCKS

Canadian Securities Held Steady and Firm.

War Eagle Advancing—Wall-Street List Yesterday Showed Considerable Strength—Advances in the List—Money Markets—Quotations, Gossip and Notes.

Tuesday Evening, July 26.

Canadian stocks were a little more active to-day, and as a rule they continue to show strength. The bank list held firm, 237 being bid for Toronto. On the Toronto board C.P.R. sold at 84½ and 84⅝, and closed at 84¾ bid. Richelieu unchanged. Toronto Railway closed down nearly a point. Cable brought 180½, and War Eagle sold from 263½ to 264.

On the Montreal board War Eagle brought 263 and 264. Royal Electric sold at 160. Montreal Railway, after selling at 275, closed at 273½ bid. C.P.R. closed at 85⅝ bid.

Wall-street to-day took a bullish turn, and in spite of the profit-taking sales a number of stocks scored a respectable advance. Sugar and Tobacco led the Industrials with marked gains, and considerable advances were also scored in such railway stocks as the Grangers, C. & N. W., J.C., D. & H. B.O. and L.N.

American rails closed ¼ lower to ¼ higher. C.P.R. was off ⅝.

Consols closed 1-16 lower in London.

In Paris 3 per cent. rentes were at 103f 12½c.

French exchange on London 25f 21½c.

Amount of bullion withdrawn from Bank of England on account £80,000.

The net gold balance in the United States Treasury this morning was $190,043,673, an increase of $834,846.

At London bar silver closed flat, at 27½d per ounce.

At Paris Spanish fours closed at 38.10.

C.P.R. earnings for the third week of this month were $41,000 less than for the same week of 1897. They were $448,000, against $489,000.

Grand Trunk earnings for the week ended July 21 were $410,991, as against $457,650 the corresponding week of last year, a decrease of $37,648.

St. Paul earnings for third week in July were $20,701 less than for same week last year.

Omaha earnings for June showed a decrease of $21,446, as compared with those of the same month last year.

Outlook for Grangers.

A New York wire says: The immediate action of the Grangers is likely to be determined by the crops, the weather and earnings, which now begin to compare with large earnings of last year. In the Northwest there has been a falling off in business. Among the Southwestern Grangers earnings last year were not very good, and there is an increase so far this month by Rock Island and B.O., against a decrease by St. Paul and Northwest further north. If corn in Kansas has been damaged by hot winds, some of the Southwestern stocks will not be as attractive as they have been, for the Kansas railroad mileage is only exceeded by that of Illinois, Pennsylvania and Texas. With the reduction in Kansas winter wheat to 55,000,000 bushels, and damage to corn, roads in that state would not be particularly attractive at this level of prices. Prospects in Missouri and Illinois are not particularly good, but nowhere else is the outlook poor, except in California, while along the Burlington line prospects continue unprecedently good.

Money Markets.

On the local market, call loans are at 4 to 5 per cent. In New York, call loans to-day were 1½ to 1¾ per cent. The Bank of England discount rate is 2½ per cent., and the open market rate 1⅞ to 1¾ per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

Aemilius Jarvis & Co., 23 King-street west, Toronto, stock and exchange brokers, report local rates to-day as follows:

—Counter—	Sel.	Buy.	Sell.
—Bet. Banks—	Buy.		
N.Y. Funds	⅛ to	¼	1-16 dis. to 1-32 dis.
Stg. 60 days	9 to	9⅛	11-16 to ⅝
do. demand	9⅝ to	9¾	9 to 1-16
—Rates in New York.—	Posted.	Actual.	
Sterling, 60 days	4.84½	4.83¼ to 4.83¾	
Sterling, demand	4.86	4.84⅝ to 4.85	

Toronto Stock Market.

	July 25. Close. Ask.	Bid.	July 26. Close. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	....	245	252	245
Ontario	109½	108¼	109½	108½
Toronto	....	235	242	237
Merchants'	179	173¾	179	174
Commerce	141	139¾	141	140
Imperial	203½	201½	204	201½
Dominion, xd	256	253	256	253
Standard	....	180	....	180
Hamilton	....	180	....	180½
Nova Scotia	....	218	....	218
Ottawa	....	199½	....	199½
Traders	102	101	103½	101½
British America	128	125½	128	125½
West. Assurance	165	164⅞	165	164¾
Imperial Life	....	140	....	140
Consumers' Gas	....	219	....	219½
Montreal Gas	194	191	192	190⅞
Dominion Tele.	....	131	....	131
Ont & Qu'Appelle	50	46½	50	47
C N W L Co., pref.	53	52½	53	52
do. common	....	11⅞	....	....
C R Stock	85¼	84⅞	84¾	84
Toronto Electric	136	135½	136	135½
do. new	127	125½	128	125½
General Electric	120	119	121	118
do. pref.	106½	105¼	106¼	105⅞
Com. Cable Co.	180½	179⅞	180½	180⅛
do. coupon bonds	105½	105	105½	105
do. reg. bonds	105½	105	105½	105
Bell Telephone	175	173	175	173
Rich & Ont Nav.	101	100¼	101½	100¼
Toronto Railway	97⅞	97¾	97⅞	97
London St Ry.	181	178	181	178
Hamilton Electric	75	72	75	73
London Electric	104	103	104	103
War Eagle	263½	236	263	262¼
Brit Can L & I	100	...	100	...
R & L Assn	60	...	60	...
Can L & N I	96	91	93	91
Canada Perm	115	110	113	110
do. do. 20 p.c.	100	....	100	....
Canadian S & L	....	111	....	111
Central Can Loan	127	124¼	127	124¼
Dom S & I Soc	....	75½	....	75¼
Freehold L & S	100	92	100	92
do. do. 20 p.c.	75	....	75	....
Huron & Erie	....	165	....	165
do. do. 20 p.c.	....	155	....	157
Imperial L & I	100	....	100	....
Lon & Can L & A.	70	....	70	....
London Loan	....	105	....	105
London & Ontario	75	....	75	....
Manitoba Loan	50	....	50	30
Ontario L & D	....	12¾	....	12¾
People's Loan	36	....	36	....
Real Estate	60	50	60	50
Toronto S & L	118½	115	118½	115
Union L & S	70	....	75	....
Western Canada	125	120	....	120
do. do. 25 p.c.	....	90	100	90

Sales at 11.30 a.m.: Bank of Commerce, 2, 10 at 140; Dominion Telegraph, 10 at 132; Northwest Land, pref., 50 at 52½; C.P.R., 50, 25, 25, 25, 25 at 84⅝, 50, 15, 25, 25, 50, 100 at 84½; Cable, 25 at 180¾, 25, 25 at 180½; Canada Landed, 14 at 92; Canada Permanent, 20 p.c., 2 at 90; War Eagle, 500, 500 at 262⅝, 500, 500 at 263¾, 500 at 263⅝, 500, 500 at 264.

Sales at 1 p.m.: Ontario Bank, 6 at 109; Bank of Commerce, 4 at 140; Northwest Land, pref., 3 at 53; C.P.R., 25, 25 at 84¾; Toronto Electric, 30, 10 at 135¾, 10 at 135¾; Bell Telephone, 1 at 174; Toronto Ry., 10 at 97½; War Eagle, 500 at 262⅝, 500 at 262⅝; Freehold Loan, 1, 10 at 95.

Montreal Stocks.

Montreal, July 26.—Close—C.P.R., 85½ and 85¼; Duluth Ry., 3¼ and 3; do. pref., 7 and 5; Cable, 181 and 180½; Richelieu, 102 and 99¾; Montreal Ry., xd., 274½ and 273½; do. new, xd., 271 and 269; Halifax Ry., 134 and 132; Toronto Ry., 97¼ and 97; Montreal Gas, 191½ and 191¼; Royal Electric, 161 and 159½; Montreal Tel., 180½ and 179½; Halifax H. & L., 49 and 35; Bell Tel., 175 and 173½; Dom. Coal, com., 22½ and 21; do. pref., 109 and 108; Mont. Cot., 155 and 147½; Dom. Cot., 94 and 92; War Eagle, 263 and 262. Banks—Montreal, 250 and 245; Toronto, 250 and 235; Jacques Cartier, 106 offered; Merchants' 179 and 175; Merchants' (Hal.), 180 offered; Eastern Townships, 150 offered; Union, 110 and 103; Commerce, 140½ and 140; Dominion, xd., 258 and 250; Ville Marie, 100 and 92; Imperial, 192 offered; Hochelaga, 165 asked; Inter. Coal, 60 and 35; do. pref., 100 and 60; Northwest Land, pref., 54 and 51; Land Grant, bonds, 115 and 110; Cable, comp., 104½ offered; do. reg. bonds, 104½ offered; Richelieu, bonds, 105 and 100; Halifax Ry., bonds, 107 and 106; Montreal Gas, bonds, 102 asked; Dom. Coal, bonds, 110 and 107; Inter. Coal bonds, 102½ and 99.

Sales: C.P.R., 600 at 85, 250 at 85⅛, 225 at 85, 50 at 85¼, 75 at 85, 175 at 85⅛; Cable, 50 at 180½; Montreal Ry., xd., 400 at 274¾, 600 at 275, 150 at 274; do., new, xd., 50 at 270½; Halifax Ry., 50 at 133; Toronto Ry., 75 at