Military Day AT LONDON, ONT. MARCH 19

NEXT FRIDAY.

Public Reception and Inspection of the 18th Battalion

Overseas Expeditionary Force,

CARLING HEIGHTS, FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

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COME AND SEE THE BOYS

H. A. STEVENSON, M.D., Mayor. 93c

CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO.

Tenders for Cement Sidewalks and Cement Curbs and Gutters.

Sealed proposals, addressed to the "Chairman and Members Board of Control," will be received at the office of the city clerk up to 9 a.m. on Monday, the 29th day of March, 1915, for the construction of

(a) Cement sidewalks.
(b) Cement curbs and gutters.

Specifications and form of tender, and all particulars, can be obtained at the office of the city engineer.

Tenders to be accompanied by marked checks for amounts as stated in the various specifications.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. A. STEVENSON, Mayor.
H. A. BRAZIER, City Engineer.
Mch.17,20,23

Application to Parliament

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made by the Corporation of the City of London to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario at its present session, for an act:

1. To authorize the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to pass a bylaw, without obtaining the assent of the electors thereto, for the issue of $60,000 debentures for the London Railway Commission, to enable the said commission to defray the cost of extending the tracks of the London and Port Stanley Railway in the City of London, on Bathurst street, of station buildings, additional supplies, highway protection, signalling and dispatching system, additional freight cars and running terminals.

2. The existing debenture debt of the said city is as follows:

General debentures	$2,928,448.35
Waterworks debentures	965,859.38
Electric department debentures	604,026.44
Schools and Public Library debentures	650,747.17
The London Railway Commission debentures	700,000.00
City's share of local improvement debentures	173,289.20
Total	$6,022,320.52

3. The reason for requiring the issue of the debentures is to enable the said commission to complete the said railway for traffic in the manner above provided.

4. To provide that the said sum of $60,000 shall not be reckoned as part of the indebtedness of the city, as fixed by the City of London Act, 1906, but shall be excluded in computing the same.

Dated at London, Ontario, this 9th day of March, A. D., 1915.

S. BAKER, City Clerk.
88tf

APPLICATION TO PARLIAMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made by the Corporation of the City of London to the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, at its present session, for an act:

1. To authorize the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to pass a bylaw without obtaining the assent of the electors thereto, for the issue of $750,000 debentures to pay the balance due for the erection of the Wharncliffe bridge.

2. The existing debenture debt of the said city is as follows:

General debentures	$2,928,448.35
Waterworks debentures	965,859.38
Electric department debentures	604,026.44
Schools and public library debentures	650,747.17
The London Railway Commission debentures	700,000.00
City's share of local improvement debentures	173,289.20
Total	$6,022,320.52

3. The reason for requiring the issue of the said debentures is that the amount provided for the erection of the said bridge is not sufficient to pay for the same.

Dated at London, Ontario, this 1st day of March, A. D., 1915.

S. BAKER, City Clerk.
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TENDERS FOR COAL.

Tenders will be received by the Secretary, Board of Education, City Hall, for the supply of coal required by the City Public Schools and Collegiate Institute, up to noon on Monday, 22nd inst. The coal is to be delivered at the different schools on the order of the Secretary. Seventy-five per cent of the coal may be delivered immediately on the acceptance of the tender. Prices for all grades of Pocahontas, hard coal, and select lump (Youghiogheny), are to be given. A certified check for $50 is to accompany each tender. A. E. SILVERWOOD, Chairman No. 2 Committee, Board of Education. R. M. McELHERAN, Secretary. 94c

DAMAGES FOR BELL COMPANY.

Kingston, Ont., March 17.—In the supreme court, before Justice Britton, the Bell Telephone Company was awarded damages to the extent of $734.83 against Fallon Bros., of Cornwall, for pulling up their cable last August while working a dredge near Cataraqui Bridge.

BREAD LAW FOLLY CLEARLY SHOWN UP

St. Thomas Howls Indicate Its Weakness in Protecting Public.

BETTER CONDITIONS HERE

Bakers Break the Law, But Their Customers Benefit With Heavier Loaves.

While residents of St. Thomas are paying five cents for loaves of bread weighing twelve ounces and under, citizens of London, Aylmer, Windsor and other Ontario cities and towns, are paying five cents for loaves weighing fourteen to sixteen ounces. All through Middlesex County this illegal bread, baked in London, is being sold.

The above item shows the folly of the present bread law. In St. Thomas the bakers are obeying the law, and the people are getting a twelve-ounce loaf for five cents. In London the bakers are not observing the law, and the people are getting a loaf of fifteen to sixteen ounces for five cents, probably the largest amount of bread for the money sold in the province.

If the bread law were enforced in the city at the present time the bakers would be forced to sell either a twelve-ounce loaf or a twenty-four-ounce loaf. They could not possibly sell the twenty-four-ounce loaf for five cents, and it would be necessary to make a twelve-ounce loaf. The price would not be below five cents.

Not Always Breaking Even.

The bakers of this city have continued the 15 and 16-ounce loaves, and kept the price at 5 cents, despite the fact that they have not always been able to break even.

The Advertiser recently saw the audited annual statement of one of the large bakeries. The owner, because of large production, was making a fair profit, but his margin was small. Only the opportune purchase of flour enabled him to sell the amount of bread for the price of 5 cents.

London is said to have the cheapest bread and milk in Ontario.

Find Law Unfair.

The bakers find the present law a most unfair one, all saying that they are willing to label the bread, and to give as many ounces as are shown on the label. But a twelve or twenty-four-ounce loaf does not fit the popular price nor the requirements of the average family.

GERMAN IDEAS OF BRITISH CONDITION

Papers Tell People Blockade Is Choking Albion To Death.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 17.—Public opinion in Germany, says the Daily Chronicle this morning, has absolutely declined to believe that the blockade of British harbors is ineffective.

"Although some weeks have gone since February 18," says the Chronicle, "and although the results of the new marine frightfulness have been so insignificant, the conviction has not weakened that 'inviolable Albion' is shorn of her bulwarks and that Germany's 'ring of steel' (submarines) is gradually but surely robbing us of naval supremacy.

Life Not Worth Living.

"An article on this subject appears in the Taglische Rundschau descriptive of the dire conditions existing in this country. Our troubles, it seems, began in November with the appearance in our midst of German 'combs. Since then life in England has not been worth living.

"When German ships appeared on Albion's coasts, our national feelings became still more depressed, and we knew that it was no longer German bluff, but German seriousness. And then in rapid succession, says the Rundschau, came German warships and submarines, airships and aeroplanes in 'beautiful rings,' and the populace were shaken out of their lethargy, the old boasting ceased, and terror fell upon us.

Worse and Worse.

"But more terrible followed. At Heligoland, our fleet suffered serious injuries, and then came the most awful blow of all—the rush of German submarines to our shores. With giant steps they encircled the British shores. Ships bearing food and drink to England were sent to the bottom of the sea, and the 'iron girdle' was forged around the 'inviolate island.' It will crush her until her breath is choked out of her, says the Rundschau.

"In dithyrambics a writer describes the ineffectiveness in action of the British fleet, 'condemned to idleness by the superiority of German geist (spirit) and heroism.'"

Refuses Liberty Under His Parole

Belgian Defender of Liege Wants Chance to Fight Again.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, March 17.—General Leman, Belgian defender of Liege, now a prisoner in Germany, has refused to accept his liberty under a parole which the Germans have offered him, according to a letter received by one of his friends, a major in a Belgian corps.

General Leman replied to the offer, wrote his friend, that his first act on obtaining freedom would be to offer his services to Belgium and his king. He added that the wound in his foot, which had troubled him so long, had at last healed.

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CARBOLIC FOILS MORBID "LOVER"

Kenneth Howell Takes Too Streng a Dose and Escapes With His Life.

DID NOT SWALLOW ACID

Result Is That Despondent Youth, Disappointed in Love, Discharged From Hospital.

In a fit of despondency because, it is alleged, the parents of a girl friend had forbidden him to visit their daughter, Kenneth ("Honey Boy") Howell, aged 20, a chauffeur, residing at 138 Queen's avenue, took carbolic acid on Clarence street, near Dundas, shortly before 9 o'clock last night.

Howell was rushed to Victoria Hospital in the police motor ambulance. At the institution it was discovered that the young man was only burned about the mouth. The dose was evidently too strong, and he swallowed none of the acid. Today the young man was discharged from the hospital by the authorities.

Police officials announced today that the young man might be taken into custody on a charge of attempted suicide.

Young Howell was found by a member of the 18th Battalion, who was walking north on the east side of Clarence street. The young fellow seemed dazed, but was able to tell the man in khaki that he had taken carbolic acid.

Quarrelled With Girl.

In a statement given to the hospital authorities last night Howell stated that after taking the dose it had burned his tongue so badly that he had expectorated into the street. He had swallowed none of the acid, he declared.

"My girl and I quarrelled, so I thought I would end it all," he said, in answer to a query why he had taken the poison.

WOMEN SACRIFICE AS MUCH AS MEN

Possibly More When They Allow Their Dear Ones To Go To Front To Fight.

Someone has said that in every man's career there is a story of human interest, and with nearly three thousand soldiers quartered in London one would think that statement could get a fair test.

But there are humble homes in the city today, in which the weaker sex are playing a part of more than passing interest. Here is one which could probably be duplicated many times.

Tommy Atkins (of course, that is not his real name) was for several years a member of the Seventh Regiment of this city. When the war broke out he felt a personal call for duty. But his wife and little daughter persuaded him that there were plenty of single men who would offer their services, and advised him to wait. When the day came for his comrades to leave the city, who had joined the first contingent, he marched with them to the station, but only as an escort.

I'm Going, He Said.

"If Canada sends a second contingent, I'm going," he announced as he reached home.

The call came, and "Tommy" was one of the first to reach the recruiting office at the armories.

"Have you got your wife's consent?" asked the recruiting officer.

As he had overlooked that all important point he was told to report again.

But the little woman at home hesitated, and arguments pro and con were indulged in until a late hour that night. Finally the wife compromised by saying that if he could pass the doctor she would consent.

The next night he reached home with the news that he was medically fit.

"Give me till morning to sign this," pleaded the little wife, as the full significance of the consent dawned on her.

As he entered his wife's room the next morning the paper was handed to him in silence, but the swollen eyes told of the struggle that had been fought in the presence of Him who tries all hearts.

Solemn Oath.

Anyone who has heard the solemn oath of allegiance taken by the British soldier cannot fail to be impressed, but the sacrifice of the noble women who give their loved ones for the cause of war is a higher and finer proof of courage.

As the 18th Battalion marched through the city streets the other day the little woman who is playing her silent part in this great war, watched them go by. She did not cheer, although the sight thrilled her, and who can express in cold type the emotions that swayed her being as her little daughter proudly exclaimed, "Mamma, there goes daddy."

Canada's sons are making history, from the soul-testing field of battle, dispatches tell us, that the spirit of the troops is wonderful. When the history of the war is written will it not be said that the memory of the sacrifices of the loved ones at home nerved the soldier's arm, and taught the haughty Prussian that "the bravest are the tenderest, the loving are the daring?"

VESSELS CHARTER FOR GREAT LAKES TRADE

High Prices for May Delivery Create Demand for Ships.

[Canadian Press.]

Duluth, Minn., March 17.—Chartering in the grain trade on the Great Lakes becomes more active with the approach of the season on navigation, and considerable grain is being offered for early shipment. High prices for grain in the May delivery are responsible for the demand for vessel room. There is also the consideration of taxes, to avoid which shippers are anxious to get their grain loaded for shipment by May 1. Shippers have obtained vessel capacity for two million up to today. Most of the business was done at 1½ cents on wheat to Buffalo.

A number of steamers in Duluth are being held at 1¾ cents.

G. T. R. TRAFFIC EARNINGS.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, March 17.—Traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ended March 14 were $857,147, compared with $1,016,088 for the same week last year, a decrease of $158,941.

ABSOLUTE FARCE, SAYS MR. BOWMAN

No Facilities Given Committee To Investigate Expenditures of Province.

QUESTIONS DISALLOWED

Chairman Lennox Follows the Blocking Policy of G. Howard Ferguson.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 17.—The first sitting of the public accounts committee this morning spent some time investigating the item of $544,000 in the financial statement entered as received from the T. and N. O. Railway for interest, which was really charged out of consolidated revenue fund as part of the federal subsidy received last year.

Details Asked.

Mr. Bowman pressed for details, had the books produced to show how the entry was made and asked, inasmuch as the money had not been received, what the actual receipts would have been without the amount being taken into consideration.

Chairman Lennox made it clear that he would follow the policy of his predecessor, G. Howard Ferguson. He refused to allow the question to be answered, claiming that the facts could be ascertained by consulting the figures themselves.

Committee Refuses.

In this he was sustained by the committee, which steadily refused to allow any question to be put that would make it clear what the receipts would have been irrespective of this item.

Mr. Bowman declared that the proceedings before the committee were an absolute farce, and no facilities whatever were provided for making a proper investigation into the expenditures of the province to ascertain what the real facts were.

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CANUCK'S ARTILLERY

month after month, the rigorous drill necessary to shine in sepctacular parade, he possesses in abundant degree all the traditional fighting qualities of the British soldier, and to whatever branches of the service he belongs, I do not think you will find him at all backward in this campaign.

Will Move Only Forward.

"I do not see much of the infantry boys. They are busy holding the trenches, but I do know they have been there nearly a fortnight, and have not given an inch yet, and are not likely to. I do not know what is likely to happen. If I did, I would not be allowed to mention it, but if I may be permitted to hazard an opinion, I would say when the boys do move it will be forward.

"So far as I am concerned, I have been in no danger up to the present. Shells are whizzing about all over the shop, but one never has been near enough to disturb our slumbers, though, of course, it is no use crowing too soon.

Life Is Exhilarating.

"Except for restrictions upon our letters, I could write an interesting account of life out here, which I have no doubt you would be glad to read. As it is, I must not mention names of places we passed through, or describe them even in the vaguest possible way. I can, however, tell you I find life very exhilarating. No doubt, should I come through all right, the experience of to day may in future years be of much service to me. At anyrate, nothing in the world could induce me to return so long as I am able to keep going. What we are going through now is probably but a feeble imitation of that which will come. I had a bath yesterday for the first time since I was in London, over two months ago, and can assure you it is the biggest luxury I have had for many a long day. It is an odd picture to see about sixty of us standing naked round shallow tubs, being timed by a clerk, while we remove the accumulation of many weeks of dirt. Ten minutes was the time allowed. As soon as we were out, another bunch of grimy soldiers took our places. The relief wrought by that ten minutes of soap and water was inestimable. We hope we shall not have to wait two months for the next."

LONDONER SHOT IN TRENCH BATTLE

Mrs. Geo. Fullerton Hears From Soldier Husband in Hospital.

MAY BE RELEASED SOON

Message Comes in Form of Printed Military Postcard.

"I am in the hospital wounded."

"I expect to be released soon."

This is the brief message conveyed to Mrs. George Fullerton, residing at 61 Wellington road, on a military postcard from her husband, with the forces of the Allies fighting the German hordes in the trenches in France. Mrs. Fullerton has no idea how seriously her husband is wounded or how long he has been ill in the field hospital. The address on the card has been deleted by the censors.

The message is in printed form on the regulation postcard issued to the men of the Canadian expeditionary force, along with the other British soldiers at the front. On the card statements such as "I am well," "I am ill," "I am seriously ill," appear in rotation. Through the statements which a writer does not wish to use, a pencil is drawn.

Mr. Fullerton left this city with the men of the Seventh Field Company, Canadian Engineers enlisted in the first contingent in September. Since the Canadians embarked from England for the trenches in France, Mrs. Fullerton has heard nothing of her husband, until the arrival of the military card yesterday.

She is anxiously awaiting further word of his condition from the military department at Ottawa.

Nothing further had been learned by Mrs. Fullerton late this afternoon.

KEEP PREFERENCE; WE ARE WITH YOU

Liberals Would Have Sacrificed Much To Save the Country's Honor.

CONSERVATIVES REFUSE

Government Carries Budget Item Destroying Advantage Given Britain.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 16.—"Could there be a worse time for it to be announced to the world that Canada, the greatest of the daughter nations, was raising a barrier against the mother country at a time when the motherland was struggling with the greatest war in history?" asked Hon. George P. Graham, at the close of the budget debate in Parliament this morning.

Generous Offer.

"I have an offer to make the Finance Minister which should prevent this undesirable announcement going to the world," said Mr. Graham. "Here and now, ere it is too late, I offer on behalf of the Opposition, that if you will drop that portion of the budget which cuts five points away from the British preference we will agree to withdraw our amendment which the Government has so strenuously objected to. This will be a considerable sacrifice on our part, but we are willing to make it in order that the announcement may not go to the world that Canada has at this time been guilty of an unfriendly act towards the motherland."

Obedient Majority.

To this offer there was no response from the Government. By silence it insisted that the British preference must be hamstrung, and the vote was called.

The Government majority was obedient. A hundred and four French and British Canadians behind Sir Robert Borden voted against Sir Wilfrid's amendment, which deprecated the increase of protection and the curtailment of the preference.

Fifty-nine Opposition votes were recorded, so the Speaker declared that the Government had its way by a majority of 45.

To Escape Criticism.

The Administration desires to escape criticism of its failings. In the boot committee, solders testified that when their boots wore out after twelve days' wear men had to tie shingles upon their feet to keep them from being cut by the ground. In the House the British preference was practically destroyed with shipping conditions as they are today. Therefore the session is to be closed with speed. Notice is given that to shorten the session the House, beginning with next week, will sit in the mornings and on Saturdays.

JAP PREMIER'S VIEWS

Says Germany Trying to Incite China—Constantinople to Content Russia.

[Canadian Press.]

Tokio, March 17.—The Osaka Jiji has published an interview with Premier Count Okuma, during which this Japanese statesman said he expected good results from the negotiations going on at the present time with China. The Premier said that Germany was instigating China against Japan, but that the result would be futile.

He said that if Russia secured Constantinople it was his opinion that she would be content to abandon her ideas of obtaining an outlet in the Orient.

FIRE DOES $500,000 DAMAGE IN ILLINOIS

[Canadian Press.]

Champaign, Ill., March 17. — Fire, threatening the destruction of a large section of Champaign's business district, within an hour after its discovery today had destroyed the Morrison building, in which it started, with a loss estimated at $300,000. A high wind carried flames to neighboring structures and several others soon caught fire. Loss to the Lewis department store, which occupied part of the Morrison building, is $200,000. Firemen and apparatus from nearby towns aided the local department.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

THE LOCAL MARKET

Hay took a further decline in price on the market today, selling at a slow demand, for $13.00 to $15.50 per ton. Straw is also slow, but remains at $7.50 to $8.50 per ton. Only a few loads of hay were offered for sale in the morning.

Oats remain at quoted prices, with a slightly higher trend. The top price today was $1.84 per cwt. Wheat was one cent higher, selling at $1.26 per bushel. The supply is small.

Live hogs were shipped for $7.60 per cwt.

Grain, Per Cwt.			
Wheat, per cwt	$2 33	to	$2 33
Oats, per cwt	1 80	to	1 84
Grain, Per Bushel.			
Wheat, per bu	1 26	to	1 26
Oats, per bu	60	to	62
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, load, bag	50	to	55
Potatoes, per bag	55	to	60
Beets, per bu	40	to	40
Cabbages, each	5	to	5
Radishes, per doz	40	to	40
Turnips, per bu	25	to	30
Carrots, per bu	40	to	40
Celery, each	5	to	10
Parsnips, per bu	50	to	50
Onions, per peck	25	to	30
Rhubarb, per doz	1 00	to	1 00
Fruit.			
Apples, per bag	75	to	1 10
Apples, per bbl	1 50	to	2 25
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	13 00	to	15 50
Straw, per load	5 50	to	6 00
Straw, per ton	7 50	to	8 50
Dairy Products, Wholesale.			
Butter, dairy, lb	32	to	33
Butter, crocks, lb	30	to	31
Butter, rolls, lb	32	to	33
Butter, store lots, lb	28	to	29
Eggs, basket, doz	18	to	19
Eggs, crate lots, doz	18	to	19
Dairy Products, Retail.			
Butter, rolls, lb	35	to	35
Butter, fancy, lb	35	to	35
Butter, crocks, lb	33	to	35
Eggs, per dozen	22	to	22
Eggs, per basket, doz	21	to	21
Honey, strained, 10 lbs	1 40	to	1 50
Poultry, Alive, Wholesale.			
Old fowl, lb	8	to	9
Young chickens, lb	9	to	10
Ducks, per lb	10	to	10
Geese, per lb	9	to	9
Turkeys, per lb	15	to	15
Poultry, Dressed, Wholesale.			
Old fowl, lb	9	to	10
Young chickens, lb	10	to	11
Ducks, per lb	11	to	12
Geese, per lb	10	to	11
Turkeys, per lb	15	to	16
Poultry, Dressed, Retail.			
Spring chickens, pair	1 50	to	1 50
Ducks, per pair	1 25	to	2 00
Chickens, per lb	16	to	17
Turkeys, per lb	20	to	22
Geese, per lb	14	to	15
Live Stock.			
Hogs, per cwt	7 60	to	7 60
Fat sows, cwt	5 50	to	5 50
Small pigs, pair	5 00	to	10 00
Export cattle, cwt	8 00	to	8 50
Milch cows, each	75 00	to	90 00
Butchers' Meats.			
Dressed hogs, cwt	10 00	to	10 25
Veal, per cwt	13 00	to	14 00
Beef, per cwt	9 00	to	11 50
Mutton, per cwt	8 00	to	10 00
Yearling lamb, lb	14	to	15

GRAIN.

Winnipeg, March 16.—Wheat made a strong opening this morning on the firm Liverpool cables, but gradually subsided later, and at 11:30 was around Monday's closing figures. Opening prices of wheat were ¾c to 1¼c higher. October opened late at ½c under yesterday. Oats opened unchanged, but weakened later. Flax opened 1c to 2¾c higher, but showed unsettled later, and fluctuations were narrow.

The volume of business was light, the buying for the most part being in the hands of the speculative element.

There was no new business reported in export sales, bids being out of line. The conditions in the Winnipeg cash market were unchanged. There was an excellent demand for cash wheat and oats, but offerings were not on the market.

Inspections numbered 491 cars, of which 325 cars were wheat and 155 cars oats.

Wheat futures closed ¼c to 1¼c lower; cash ¼c to ¾c lower; oats, ⅜c lower, and flax, 1¼c to 1¾c higher.

Cash Grain: Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1.53¾; No. 2 northern, $1.52¼; No. 3 northern, $1.49¾; No. 4, $1.44; No. 5, $1.40; No. 6, $1.36; feed, $1.31¾.

Oats—No. 2 Canadian western, 64c; No. 3 Canadian western, 61¾c; extra No. 1 feed, 61¾c; No. 1 feed, 60¾c; No. 2 feed, 59¾c.

Barley—No. 3, 77c; No. 4, 72c; feed, 70c.

Flax—No. 1 N. W. C., $1.85; No. 2 C. W., $1.82.

Chicago, March 17.—Rather general commission house selling today carried the wheat market down grade. The chief impetus came from lower quotations at Liverpool, where reports were current that the fleet attacking the defences of the Dardanelles was again making progress. There were also predictions of larger shipments to Europe from Argentina. After opening 1⅞c lower to ½c advance, prices here sagged all around.

Liverpool, March 17.—Wheat—Spot, No. Manitoba, 12s 5d; No. 2 hard winter, 13s 4d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 7s 8½d; do, old, 8s 2d. Futures quiet; March 7s 4d.

FLOUR.

Liverpool, March 17.—Flour—Winter patents, 4s 3d.

HOPS.

Liverpool, March 17.—Hops (in London)—Pacific coast, £3 10s to £4 15s.

PROVISIONS.

Liverpool, March 17.—Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 60s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, 64s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, nominal; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 61s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, 64s 6d; do, heavy, 25 to 40 lbs, 64s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 56s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, 52s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, new, 52s 6d; do, old, 55s 9d. American refined, in pails, 54s 9d; do, 56-lb boxes, 53s 6d.

DAIRY.

Liverpool, March 17.—Cheese—Canadian finest white and colored, new, 95s.

OILS AND METALS.

Liverpool, March 17.—Tallow—Australian (in London), 42s.

Turpentine Spirits—40s.

Petroleum—Refined, 9½d.

Linseed Oil—35s.

Cottonseed Oil (Hull refined)—Spot, 30s 9d.

LIVE STOCK.

[Special Cable to She Advertiser.]

Glasgow, March 17.—Watson & Batchelor report Scotch steers at 17¼c to 18½c; Irish, 16¾c to 18c; bulls, 14¾c to 16¼c.

Montreal, March 17.—Trade was good at the east end market today, without material change in the prices, but there were no choice cattle on the market, these being held over for the Easter trade. Receipts—Cattle, 500 head; cows and springers, 70; calves, 900; sheep and lambs, 100; hogs, 640.

Prime beeves, about 7¼c; medium, 5¾c; common, 4½c to 5½c; cows, $40 to $80 each; springers, $30 to $70 each; calves, 5c to 8½c.

Sheep, 6c; lambs, 8½c to 9c.

Hogs, 8½c.

Chicago, March 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; market slow; steers, $5 85 to $8 55; cows and heifers, $3 30 to $7 70; calves, $6 50 to $9 75.

Hogs—Receipts 36,000; market slow; light, $6 60 to $6 85; mixed, $6 60 to $6 85; heavy, $6 30 to $6 85; roughs, $6 30 to $6 45; pigs, $5 50 to $6 70; bulk of sales at $6 75 to $6 80.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market unsettled; sheep, $7 to $8 10; yearlings, $7 80 to $9 20; lambs, native, $7 50 to $9 85.

Toronto, March 17.—Cattle—Butchers, choice, cwt, $7 25 to $7 50; do, medium, $6 50 to $6 85; do, common, $5 25 to $6; butcher cows, choice, $5 75 to $6; do, medium, $5 25 to $5 75; do, canners, $3 75 to $4 25; do, bulls, $6 25 to $6 60; feeding steers, $6 to $6 65; stockers, choice, $6 to $6 60; do, light, $5 50 to $5 75; milkers, choice, each, $65 to $95; springers, each, $50 to $85; calves, $7 50 to $11.

Sheep—Ewes, cwt, $7 to $8; bucks and culls, $5 65 to $6; lambs, $10 to $11 35.

Hogs—Fed and watered, cwt, $8 15; f. o. b., $7 80.

Toronto, March 17.—Receipts of cattle were too heavy at the Union stockyards today, and prices were again lower, making a decline for the week of 35c per cwt; lambs and sheep were 25c higher; calves steady; hogs continued to show strength. Receipts, 998 cattle, 153 calves, 1,035 hogs and 76 sheep.

East Buffalo, N.Y., March 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 550; steady. Veals—Receipts, 75; active, $5 to $11 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,500; active; heavy, $7 40; mixed and yorkers, $7 40 to $7 50; pigs, $7 30; roughs, $6 25 to $6 50; stags, $4 50 to $5 50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,400; active; lambs, $6 50 to $11; yearlings, $6 to $9 75; wethers, $8 25 to $8 75; ewes, $4 to $8; sheep, mixed, $8 to $8 25.

COTTON

Washington, March 16.—Cotton exports during February were almost twice those of February, 1914, but the quantity sent abroad during the seven months, ending February 28, was far less than the same period a year ago, the deficiency due largely to the war, being 1,759,725 bales. The census bureau monthly report disclosed these figures today.

Liverpool, March 16.—Cotton—Futures closed irregular and unsettled; May-June, 5.17½d; June-July, 5.22d; July-August, 5.20d; October-November, 5.45½d; 5.45½d; January-February, 5.54d.

Cotton—Spot, in fair demand; prices firm; American middling, fair, 6.11d; good middling, 5.55d; middling, 5.21d; low middling, 4.81d; good ordinary, 4.21d.

The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 200 were for speculation and export, and included 7,200 American. Receipts were 16,000 bales, all American.

New York, March 16. — Cotton — Futures closed steady. Closing bids: March, 8.84c; July, 9.18c; October, 9.50c; December, 9.68c.

Cotton—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 8.90c. Sales, 1,400 bales.

WALL STREET.

New York, March 17.—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Indecision was the keynote of today's early stock market, the principal issues showing little change from yesterday's reactionary tendency. Reading, whose directors meet today for dividend action, recorded an initial decline of ¾ from yesterday's close, but soon recovered. United States Steel and some of the motor stocks were lower, while Bethlehem Steel rose to 58½, achieving a new high record. Trading was small, with a narrow range. London forwarded the usual number of declines in the international list.

Noon.—The list improved toward midday, after further irregularity in Canadian Pacific and some of the specialties. Reading rose a full point above its low quotation, and the leaders displayed a little more animation, but trading as a whole was in decreasing volume. Arrival of another consignment of gold from Canada and indications of additional imports from other sources were among the incidents of the early session. Naval news from abroad seemed to excite little interest. Bonds were irregular.

1:30 p.m.—Declaration of the regular Lehigh Valley dividend imparted further firmness to prices in the early afternoon. Trading was largely confined to the specialties, however, particularly Beet Sugar and Mexican Petroleum.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

J. M. Young, 18 Dominion Savings building, reports fluctuations in New York stocks as follows:

New York, March 17.

Trunk Lines and Grangers—	Open.	High.	Low.	2p.m.
Baltimore & Ohio	66¾	67	66¾	67
Erie, com	22⅝	23	22⅝	23
Erie, 1st pfd	36⅞	37	36⅞	37
Great Northern	115½	..	..	..
New Haven	51⅝	..	..	..
Northwestern	124¼	..	..	..
New York Central	83	..	..	..
Rock Island	20	20	19½	20
St. Paul	36¼	..	..	..
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com	96	159¼	158½	159¼
Canadian Pacific	159	..	..	..
Kansas & Texas	10⅝	..	..	..
Louis. & Nash	112¾	..	..	..
Missouri Pacific	10¾	10¾	10⅝	10⅝
Northern Pacific	102⅞	103	102⅞	103
Southern Pacific	83⅝	83⅞	83¼	83⅜
Southern Railway	15	..	..	..
Southern Ry., pfd	48⅞	..	..	..
Union Pacific	119⅞	120½	119⅞	120⅛
Coalers—				
Lehigh Valley	135	135¼	135	135⅛
Ontario & West	24⅞	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	105	105¼	105	105¼
Reading Railway	143	144⅛	142⅞	143¾
Traction Shares—				
Brooklyn Transit	86½	..	..	..
Interboro, com	12¾	12¾	12½	12⅜
Interboro, pfd	59½	60	59½	60
Third Avenue	51	..	..	..
Industrials—				
Am. Beet Sugar	40⅝	41¼	40⅝	41⅛
American Can	27⅛	27¼	27⅛	27¼
Amer. Smelters	64¼	64⅝	64¼	64⅝
American Wool	17	..	..	..
Central Leather	33⅜	33⅞	33⅜	33⅜
Corn Products	11¼	..	..	..
Col. Fuel & Iron	23	..	..	..
Consumers' Gas	115¼	..	..	..
Distillers	7½	7½	7¼	7¼