THE MEAT AND LIVE STOCK SITUATION DURING NOVEMBER

Statement Issued by Institute of American Meat Packers.

The meat situation at the present time holds several features of keen interest to the general public.

The average wholesale price of carcass beef during the last week ending in November was slightly under the level prevailing in the corresponding week of 1914.

In one month—from Oct. 31 to Nov. 30—the wholesale price of light pork loins, whence come the most popular chops, has declined approximately 40 per cent, or about ten cents a pound.

Other fresh pork cuts also declined, but not so heavily as light pork loins.

Pork and Swine.

The heavy decline in light pork loins narrowed the "spread" between light and heavy loins. While loins weighing from eight to ten pounds were declining 40 per cent, loins weighing from 14 to 16 pounds were declining only about 33 per cent. Each weight, however, was bringing less than half of the selling prices realized at the corresponding time three years ago. Light hogs came to market in relatively greater quantities during November, and thereby increased the supply of light loins. At present values, the consuming demand will no doubt turn sharply to fresh pork.

During the month just closed, fresh skinned pork shoulders dropped almost 35 per cent in price, and regular butts fell about 30 per cent. Lard and dry salt meats also showed substantial declines. In fact, these two items are not on a parity with the cost of hogs; the live animals are at relatively higher levels than the products.

Smoked meats declined in price during November. Regular hams held pretty firm, but skinned hams, fancy bacon and standard bacon declined somewhat.

Export trade in pork products, taken as a whole, was smaller in volume than during the previous month. Trade with the United Kingdom, however, was fairly well maintained. The English demand, which was concentrated in good part on "spot" stocks already in England or afloat and bound here, was marked by purchases of lard and bacon and purchases of ham for the holiday season.

Trade with Continental Europe was quiet. In the case of Germany, depreciation of the mark continued to be an adverse factor. Although there were some German orders for future shipment, the current trade with that country was confined practically to spot stocks.

Export business with other countries on the continent was dull.

Beef and Cattle.

Notwithstanding comparatively light receipts of cattle in November, the cattle market declined until Thanksgiving week. The great decline was on medium grades; in fact, choice yearlings and strictly prime light cattle, being scarce, have fully maintained their value.

The slump in medium grades of cattle was caused by a slow, dragy market for the dressed beef during the first half of November. This, in turn, is partly attributed to the fact that dealers having accumulated stocks in anticipation of the railroad strike which did not occur, bought sparingly during the first part of the month. In addition, the low wholesale prices asked for staple cuts of fresh pork had some influence on the beef market, as did the increased consumption of poultry at Thanksgiving time. In the latter part of November receipts of cattle at the principal markets decreased. This decrease was caused partly by a diminution in the supply of range cattle. With light receipts near the end of the month, the price of cattle advanced somewhat.

Lamb and Sheep.

Receipts of lambs during November showed a decrease, caused by a "letting up" in the run of range lambs. The market is now largely on a native lamb basis, since the range season is over and the fed Western lambs are not quite ready to come to market, except in a limited way. This situation has caused a gap in the receipts of lambs and brought about considerably higher prices, both for the live animals and the dressed product. The wool market has shown some strength recently, and this, too, has helped the lamb market.

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Sentenced To 75 Years For Robbing United States' Mails

Had Been Convicted on Two Charges, Pleads Guilty to Third.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13—Withdrawing the plea of not guilty by reason of insanity, Roy Gardner, twice convicted of mail robberies today pleaded guilty in the United States district court here to another charge of having attempted to rob a mail car and received his third sentence of 25 years in a federal penitentiary. Gardner now has been sentenced to serve a total of 75 years in federal prisons.

Gardner was captured during his attempt to rob the car here by Herman F. Inderfled, a clerk in charge of the car. At first the department of justice ordered that Gardner be taken to Leavenworth, Kan., to serve the sentences already imposed upon him without further trial.

When it was found, however, that this would prevent the payment of a reward of $5,000 to Mr. Inderfled, it was obtained that Gardner be tried here.

Gardner escaped from federal prison at McNeil Island, Wash., on Sept 5, during a prison baseball game there. He was there to serve two sentences of 25 years each on charges of robbing the United States mails.

THREE THOUSAND HAVE ENROLLED TO GUARD PEACE

Prominent Citizens of Calcutta to Assist Police in Maintenance of Order.

London, Dec. 12—Three thousand citizens, many of whom are Indians, have enrolled in the Calcutta civil guard to assist the police in the maintenance of order, and to prevent the intimidation of shopkeepers and others December 24, when the Prince of Wales is due to arrive there, says a despatch to the London Times from Calcutta.

In connection with the arrest of C. R. Das, president-elect of the Indian National Congress, which is to meet soon at Ahmedabad, the correspondent says the Government acted only after great forebearance and on the conviction that, since its authority had deliberately been challenged, the only course was to remove the leader who had been inciting his followers to lawlessness. It is said that there was no doubt that the agitators were attempting to provoke the Government into reprisals, and trying to foment trouble for December 24, and that the authorities now are alive to the serious possibilities of the situation, and the public generally welcomes the stiffening of the attitude of the Government. The despatch declares that Das welcomed arrest, which was effected without disturbances. The women in the Das household blew Conch shells and uttered cries of joy when Das was taken into custody.

Bell Telephone Co. Asks Permission To Increase Rates

Desire to be in Position to Retain Its Credit and Pay Dividends.

Ottawa, Dec. 13—(Canadian Press)—After an all-day sitting here, the Board of Railway Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday morning the hearing of the Bell Telephone Company's application for permission to increase their rates. During the whole day, G. F. Sise, vice-president and general manager of the Bell Telephone Company, was on the witness stand. Mr. Sise asserted that the essence of the application was in order to place his company in a position to raise money to retain its credit and to enable it to make a reasonable return to its shareholders. A decline in the long distance telephone business was, in large part, responsible, he said, for reducing the company's revenue.

Questioning Mr. Sise, G. R. Geary, K. C., for the city of Toronto, asked when the Northern Electric Company had passed their dividends. Mr. Sise stated that dividends had been paid for the first quarter of the present year, but not later. He was a shareholder, he said, but not a director of the company. Two letters were read by Mr. Sise, addressed to the president of the Bell Telephone Company and signed by Clement Say, secretary of the Northern Electric Company. The first dealt with the capital stock of the company, which totalled, it was stated, $6,000,000, divided into 60,000 shares of $100. The Bell Telephone Company held fifty per cent.; the Western Electric Company 43.56 per cent. 18 shareholders, who were not directors, 4.99 per cent; 11 directors, 1.46 per cent.

The second letter from the Northern Electric Company outlined alleged unsatisfactory conditions, which had led them to pass their dividend.

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Maritime Winter Fair Draws Large Crowd To Amherst

Finest Exhibit of Stock and Poultry Ever Shown in Amherst.

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 13—The Maritime Winter Fair opened this morning at 8 o'clock, with the finest exhibit of fat stock and poultry ever shown in Amherst, all entries exceeding former years. The attendance at the show, for the opening day, made a splendid mark, exceeding previous years.

Over 1,700 birds of the different varieties are contesting, 125 head of beef cattle, 225 sheep, 120 swine, 125 young cattle in the breeding class, and 70 cows of the very finest varieties are entered in the dairy test.

The hundreds of entries in the seed and potato contest make an interesting show in itself, while the dressed poultry, which is a large show, is an education as to making poultry ready for both home and foreign markets.

The Dominion Government egg candling and poultry exhibit, with its beautiful electric lighted display, together with the decorated tables and candy counters and fancy work tables of the Hospital Society give much cheer to the visitors. On Tuesday an extra train will run from New Glasgow and a very large attendance is expected.

Liberals Protest The Election of Temiskaming

Set Up Claim That No Poll Was Established at Moose Factory.

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 12.—On the ground that no poll was established at Moose Factory, which is in this riding, the Liberals have formally protested the Temiskaming election. Col. Hagar, the chief electoral officer, has been notified to this effect, the action being taken to comply with the regulations governing protests. It is said there are approximately 200 voters at Moose Factory, which is on the shores of James' Bay, and 185 miles from Cochrane. Further steps in connection with the protest are being considered.

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Four Power Treaty Only An Out And Out Military Alliance

So Declares Senator Borah, Irreconcilable Leader of League of Nations' Fight.

Washington, Dec. 12—The four power Pacific treaty will be nothing but a "straight out military alliance," unless real disarmament results from the Washington conference, Senator Borah, of Idaho, Republican, irreconcilable leader of the League of Nations fight, declared today in discussing the new treaty in the Senate. Mr. Borah, breaking his silence with respect to the treaty, declared that his attitude toward the pact would be largely determined by what the arms conference does with respect to "real" disarmament and Chinese questions. He declared the work of the conference would be "discouraging" if it adjourned without prohibiting the submarine, poisonous gas and other "barbarous weapons."

Trouble Breaking In The Cabinet of Premier Drury

Reorganization of Cabinet Reported, as Well as Repeal Bilingual School Act.

Toronto, Dec. 13—While Premier Drury has not returned today from his week-end visit to his home at Crown Hill, the opinion expressed at the Parliament buildings was that rumors of impending reorganization of the cabinet and of the repeal of the famous regulation 17 respecting bilingual schools was unfounded. Hon. W. E. Raney, Hon. Manning Doherty and Hon. H. Mills declared reports that the two Labor ministers would be dropped and some kind of alliance made with the Liberals in the Legislature was entirely new to them.

Dearth of Proper School Books By Canadian Authors

Ontario Minister of Education Gives Preference to Canadian Works—Suitable Ones Scarce.

Toronto, Dec. 13—The policy of Hon. R. H. Grant, Ontario Minister of Education, is to give preference to books written and prepared by Canadians, according to a communication sent by Dr. R. H. U. Colquhoun, deputy minister of education, to a protest from the Board of Education that text books authorized were written and produced by Americans and had an American tone. The draft a very large proportion of the books in use have been prepared by Canadian authors and published by firms in the province, but it is not always possible to get suitable books by Canadian authors.

Arrest Official of Federal Dept. of Finance

Charged With Stealing the Sum of $35,000 from the Department.

Ottawa, Dec. 13—Arthur John Arts, for the past fifteen years an official of the Federal Department of Finance, was arrested shortly before midnight tonight on a charge of stealing the sum of $35,000 from the department. Arts who had been under surveillance for some time, was arrested by the R. C. M. P. officers, following an independent audit made at the department which, it is stated, showed some $35,000 in war loan coupons to have been improperly cancelled and cashed a second time.

FRENCH BIG NAVY PLANE PUZZLER TO WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 13.—American naval experts as well as those of other countries were puzzled today at news from Paris that the French Government is increasing the size of its navy. They are at a loss to understand the reason for such a course when other nations are considering practical means of reducing their fighting forces at sea.

The word that reaches Washington is that the French have increased their naval personnel from 51,000 men to 67,000 men and that their latest budget provides for an expenditure of $38,000,000 francs for naval purposes, which is vastly more than they have been spending for ordinary naval purposes in the last ten years.

It was noted that the French Government has been maintaining the largest army in the world, around 650,000 men in the field, while going in for a larger navy.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

A meeting of the Fortnightly Club was held last evening at the residence of R. C. Weyman, Orange street. The Rev. H. A. Cody delivered a learned and pleasing address on the Canadian Poets.

Found That Much.

"You remember that handsome watch I lost five or six years ago?" asked Greyson.

"Yes, I recall the occurrence," replied his friend.

"You remember how I looked high and low for it and could not find it anywhere?"

"I remember your diligent and extensive search."

"Well, yesterday I put in an old waistcoat that I hadn't worn for years and what do you think I found in the pocket?"

"Your watch; let me congratulate you."

"No; I found the hole I must have lost it through."—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Enjoyable Evening For St. Paul's Choir

Games, Music and Presentation at Home of Mrs. Percy Woodley.

A pleasant social gathering of the members of the St. Pauls Church Choir and Glee Club was held at the home of Mrs. Percy Woodley, Wright street, last evening. Games and music were enjoyed, including two solos by Percy J. Bourne. During the evening A. C. Skeleton, on behalf of the choir, presented Chipmond Ritchie with a handsome water colored painting, P. Bourne, the organist, with a piano lamp, and the rector, the Rev. Mr. Crowfoot, with a copy of Ralph Connor's latest work, "To Him That Hath."

Dainty refreshments were served before the company broke up. The convenors were Mrs. J. D. Hunter and Mrs. Percy Woodley.

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Is Your Appetite All Right?

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200 Suits ..... at $33.50

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I. C. C. HOPES FO[illegible] AND FARES

Improvement in Volume o[illegible] of Operation Are Nece[illegible] roads Under U. S. Gov[illegible]

Washington, Dec. 12.—Hope is [illegible] pressed by the Interstate Comm[illegible] Commission in its annual report to [illegible] to Congress that "a substantially [illegible] er" level of railroad rates and f[illegible] will be possible with an improvem[illegible] in the volume of traffic following [illegible] present business depression and "[illegible] a further adjustment of operating [illegible] in harmony with prevailing [illegible] cycles."

Freight rates, following war [illegible] increases and some later read[illegible] ments have not yet reached an [illegible] librium, the commission says, bec[illegible] the chief factors controlling [illegible] "the value of service and the cos[illegible] transportation," still are "in a [illegible] of flux."

The commission's report is for [illegible] year ended last Oct. 31. It disc[illegible] that a total of $430,000,000 has [illegible] ordered paid to the railroads under [illegible] government guarantee against [illegible] during the first six months after [illegible] return to private ownership and [illegible] there still is due an estimated $[illegible] 000,000 on this account.

Out of 677 carriers entitled to g[illegible] antee payments, the commission [illegible] 847 have filed claims, totalling $[illegible] 000,000, but payments of only $536,[illegible] 000 have been held justified by [illegible] commission's audit. No statement [illegible] made with respect to the differ[illegible] between the roads' own summary [illegible] their losses during the six months [illegible] the government's findings. The [illegible] which have not yet filed claims, [illegible] losses, the report adds, are short [illegible] and the total will be "relatively sm[illegible]

In its capacity as supervisor of [illegible] road capital issues, the commis[illegible] issued during the year certificates [illegible] lowing roads to issue stocks [illegible] bonds to a total of $1,715,000,000, [illegible] report says. The commission po[illegible] out, however, that this total repres[illegible] ed for the greatest part refun[illegible] operations, not involving new and [illegible] creased investment.

Farewell Tendered A. D. Whymbs, S.S.

Transferred from Soldi[illegible] Settlement Board Here [illegible] Position in Ottawa.

The approaching transferal of A. [illegible] Whymbs, accountant with the [illegible] branch of the Soldiers' Settlement Board, to his former home, Ott[illegible] was made the occasion of a fare[illegible] dinner, tendered him by a part[illegible] his friends at the home of Mr. [illegible] Mrs. H. E. Johnston, 79 Prin[illegible] street, Saturday evening.

After full justice had been done [illegible] the very tasty dinner provided by [illegible] gracious hostess, Ralph G. Meiner[illegible] on behalf of the company, in a [illegible] address, in which he referred to [illegible] high esteem and affection in w[illegible] the guest of the evening was held [illegible] his comrades, presented Mr. Why[illegible] with a handsome leather cig[illegible] case on which was engraved in let[illegible] of gold: "With best regards of [illegible] bunch. Drury Cove and St. J[illegible] 1921." Mr. Whymbs, in reply, exp[illegible] ed his thanks for the token of [illegible] will, and at the same time voiced [illegible] appreciation of the friendly and [illegible] pitable spirit in which he had [illegible] received since his coming to the [illegible] Because of the many warm friends[illegible] he had made, he said, it was wi[illegible] feeling of deep regret that he w[illegible] leave St. John.

Among those present were: Me[illegible] R. G. Meinerney, C. Scott, C. [illegible] Knowlton, E. Reid, L. Scott, W. [illegible] Davidson, J. H. Drummie and A. [illegible] Richard.

C. N. R. Car Inspector Crushed Between C[illegible]

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 12—Jo[illegible] Boudreau, C. N. R. car insp[illegible] was severely crushed about the sh[illegible] ers while at his work in the Mo[illegible] shops this afternoon. He was cr[illegible] between two cars. No bones [illegible] broken, but he will be laid up [illegible] time.

NIGHT COUGHS

Terribly wearing on the system [illegible] the cough that comes at night [illegible] prevents sleep.

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