

A TRAVELLER'S EXPERIENCE.

THE LIFE OF A COMMERCIAL MAN NOT ALL SUNSHINE.

Constant Travel and Roughing it on Trains Weakens the Most Robust—The Experience of a Halifax Merchant While on the Road.
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Mr. Percy J. A. Lear, junior partner of the firm of Blackadar & Lear, general brokers, 60 Bedford Row, Halifax, N.S., comes from a family of commercial travellers. His father, James Lear, was on the road in Lower Canada with dry goods for twenty-three years, and few men were more widely known and esteemed, and the genial Percy himself has just retired from the ranks of the drummer, after a varied experience as knight of the grip, which extended over seventeen years and embraced almost every town and village in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He is an extremely popular young man, a leading member of the Oddfellows' fraternity, an officer in the 63rd regiment of Militia, and a rising merchant.

"How comes it that you are so fat and ruddy after such a term of hustling railroad life and varied diet, Mr. Lear?" questioned the reporter.

"Well," was the answer, "it is a long story, but one well worth telling. I weigh 190 pounds to-day, and am in better health than I ever before enjoyed in my life. Two years ago I got down to 155 pounds. Constant travelling, roughing it on trains and in country hotels broke me all up and left me with a nasty case of kidney complaint and indigestion.

My head was all wrong, my stomach bad; I was suffering continual pains and dizziness, and my urine was extremely thick and gravelly. I began to get scared. I consulted several physicians in Montreal, Winnipeg and other cities, but their treatment did not give me a particle of relief. One day I bought a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I made up my mind to give them a good trial. They seemed to help me, and I bought a second, third and fourth box, and they cured me. My stomach was all right, the dizziness left my head; no more lassitude, and all traces of my kidney disease disappeared. I was a new man, and gained flesh immediately, and have never been troubled since. I consider my case astonishing, because kidney complaint, especially gall stones, is hereditary in our family. It helped to hurry my father to an early grave, and on my mother's side, Dr. Whittle, of Sydney, Australia, had been a chronic sufferer from gall stones from boyhood. I was so impressed with the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that I took the trouble to send Dr. Whittle two boxes all the way to Australia. Since my discovery of the benefits of these wonderful little pink coated exterminators of disease, I have recommended the remedy far and wide, and I could enumerate dozens of cases where they have been efficacious."

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A sailor on being charged with unhandsome conduct to his benefactor observed that he had heard of longitude and latitude but was wholly unacquainted with gratitude.

TRADE AND COMMERCE

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City Strong Bakers.....3.40 @ 3.50
Manitoba Bakers.....3.25 @ 3.40
Ontario bags—extra.....1.30 @ 1.40
Straight Rollers.....1.50 @ 1.55

Oatmeal.—Rolled and granulated \$4.00 to \$4.70; Standard \$4.45 to \$4.50. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$2.20 to \$2.25, and standard at \$2.15 to \$2.20. Fancy brands of both granulated and rolled are selling at higher prices. Pot barley is quoted at \$3.75 in bbls and \$1.75 in bags, and split peas \$3.50 to \$3.50.

Bran, etc.—The market is steady for bran at \$15 to \$15.50 in car lots on track. Shorts are firm at \$16.50 to \$17.50, and moullie at \$20 to \$21.50.

Wheat.—In Manitoba wheat, No. 1 hard is held at 62½¢ Fort William, which means 63¢ laid down here, as we hear that freight has been offered at 5¢ to Montreal, and 69¢ to 70¢ are quoted for cargo lots here. Buyers, however, do not want it at over 61¢ Fort William, or about 67¢ laid down here. In car lots, however, to milling points, lake and rail Montreal freight 72¢ to 73¢ are the quoted rates for No. 1 hard. West of Toronto new wheat is being offered at 65¢ for red winter, and old about 2¢ more.

Corn.—Market quiet at 56¢ to 57¢ duty paid, and 48¢ to 49¢ in bond.

Peas.—The market is quiet but steady at 73¢ to 73½¢ in store or 73½¢ to 74¢ afloat, business being reported at within this range.

Oats.—A few cars have been sold for local purpose at 37¢ to 37½¢ for No. 3, and 41¢ to 41½¢ for No. 2 per 34 lbs.

Barley.—The market is quiet but steady at 45¢ to 47¢ for feed, and 50¢ to 53¢ for malting.

Rye.—At 52¢ to 53¢. Sales at 52½¢.

Buckwheat.—At 47¢ to 48¢.

Malt.—Quiet at 72½¢ to 75¢.

Seeds.—We quote Canadian timothy \$2.25 to \$2.50, and Western timothy \$1.90 to \$2.10. Alsike \$7.00 to \$7.50 for good to fancy. Red clover quiet at \$6 to \$7 as to quality.

PROVISIONS.

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Canada short cut pork per bbl....\$18.50 @ 20.50
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Extra mess beef, per bbl....12.25 @ 12.50
Late beef, per bbl....16.25 @ 16.50
Lams, per lb.....8½ @ 10c
Lard, pure in pails, per lb.....9½ @ 10c
Lard, com. in pails, per lb.....7½ @ 7½c
Lard, per lb.....10 @ 11c
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DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—We quote prices as follows:—
Creamery, fresh.....18½c to 19c per lb.
Eastern Townships dairy.....18c to 17c
Western.....14½c to 16c

Cheese.—We quote:
Finest Western, colored.....9½c to 9½c
" " white.....9½c to 9½c
" Quebec, colored.....9½c to 9½c
" " white.....9c to 9c
Under grades.....8c to 8c
Cable.....45s 6d

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs.—Round lots at 10c, but since then the market has slightly improved, although it is difficult to get over 10c for round quantities. Single cases of guaranteed stock have sold at 11c, and we still quote 10c to 11c.

Baled Hay.—Further business has been done in baled hay at \$7.25 for No. 2 alongside vessel, although some claim to have bought at \$7. No. 2 and inferior qualities have sold at \$5.50 to \$6.00.

Wool.—We quote 12c to 13c for choice qualities and 9c to 10c for medium; old at 3c to 7c.

FRUITS, ETC.

Oranges.—The demand for Red oranges still continues good, stocks being very light. Prices are as follows:—180s, \$4; 200s, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 300s, \$4.50 to \$5.

Lemons.—Sales reported as only being fair at \$3.00 to \$4.50 per box.

Bananas.—Sales are very good at 50¢ to \$1.50 per bunch, according to size and quality.

Cherries.—A few small lots of California cherries have arrived, and are selling at \$2.50 per box. A few Canadian cherries are coming in, and are selling at \$1 to \$1.50 per basket.

Gooseberries.—Sales being reported at 60¢ to 80¢ per basket.

Tomatoes.—Tomatoes are selling well at \$2 to \$2.50 per carrier. Canadian tomatoes are commencing to come in, and are selling at \$2.50 per basket.

Watermelons.—Fair sales are reported at 2½ to 25¢ each.

Raspberries.—Receipts are heavy, but easy sales are made at 9c to 10c per box.

Currants.—Fair sales have taken place at 25¢ per gallon for red and 30¢ to 35¢ per gallon for black.

FISH OILS.

Oils.—The volume of business in steam refined seal oil is limited, and jobbing lots are quoted steady at 35¢ to 38¢, with business at within this range. Newfoundland cod oil is quiet but steady at 34¢ to 35¢ in jobbing lots, and Gaspe at 32¢ to 33¢. Round lots would of course be shaded. Cod liver oil is quiet at 65¢ to 75¢.

A JOKE ROYAL.—Suddleigh complacently: At all events, I can truthfully assert I was "born in the purple." Chorus of astonishment: Who? You? Suddleigh still more complacently: Yes. You see my gov'nor kept a pub at the time, and I was born in "The King's Arms."—*Fun.*

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