OIL AND MINERAL FIELDS ARE BUSY

Papers Contain Items Showing Considerable Activity Thruout Ontario.

CAPITALISTS ON GROUND

New York Financiers Close Deal for Purchase of Rights.

That there is considerable activity in oil and mineral fields in Ontario is shown by items which appeared during the week in two country papers, the Acton Free Press and The Uxbridge Times.

For some time there has been considerable speculation in the vicinity of Acton, Rockwood and Guelph over a discovery of oil. The Acton Free Press contains the following:

"Active operations for the securing of oil and gas in this country have now materialized. Two carloads of machinery arrived at Campbellville on Saturday, and drilling operations have commenced. The Free Press went to Campbellville on Monday to glean particulars of the enterprise. H. H. Stubble, an experienced driller in the American oilfields, is on the ground superintending the installation of the drilling apparatus, and will have charge of the operations. The Trenton Oil & Gas Co. of Toronto are the prospectors in this section. The first well is located on the Guelph road about two miles from Campbellville. Oil leases have been secured for a good many miles in all directions. It is expected that operations on a well at Crewson's Corners will be commenced very shortly by the same company. Agents were in Acton and vicinity last week securing leases on local farms, and it is very likely that wells will be drilled here in the near future if those at present being prospected are found to be successful."

The Uxbridge Times contains the following:

"New York capitalists on Friday closed a deal with Jas. McCully for the purchase of the mineral rights on 300 acres of his land, lots 10 and 11, concession 3, Brock Township. Mr. McCully's land comprises 150 acres on each side of the road, and is largely swamp land. Prospectors have been looking over this field for two or three years. The land appears to be rich in oil, peat marl and potash, and it is the intention of the capitalists to put a plant on the ground for developing this fall. They also are endeavoring to purchase the farm of Mrs. Ayres, who lives in Peterboro, and upon which Mr. McCully has a three-year option. A test well 30 feet deep showed a good flow of oil, which burned for several hours. Mr. McCully gets $10,000 cash for the mineral rights on his land, and retains a one-tenth interest in the mineral developments."

OPERATIONS ARE BRISK ON KIRKLAND-PORPHYRY

Development Work is Expected to Proceed at a Rapid Rate.

Dealing with his recent visit to the Kirkland Porphyry Mine, Hamilton B. Wills says in his weekly letter:

The presence of high-grade ore on the surface in numbers of places struck me forcibly, but what impressed me most forcibly was the fact that wherever a shaft or test pit had been put down not only do the veins run regular but values in gold become higher. This to any property attaining to the self-supporting stage is of the most utmost importance, and let me say right here that I believe before another year is over Kirkland Porphyry Gold Mines will have reached this coveted goal and be well on its way toward the era which will mean the distribution of lucrative dividends.

The large compressor plant is about completely installed, power has been tied on, and by the end of this week everything will be in readiness to start the drills underground and speed up development work at a rapid rate. Only a matter of a few weeks will be required to reach a depth of 300 feet in the No. 1 shaft, and the blocking out of a substantial tonnage of rich ore as well as sinking on the No. 4 vein will cause a demand for Kirkland Porphyry stock.

NORTH BAY ORE FIGURES.

North Bay, Oct. 21.—Ore figures for week ending October 19: Nipissing, 76,080; Timiskaming, 64,085; Dominion Reduction, 87,400; Mining Corporation of Canada, 372,140 pounds.

UNION PACIFIC STARTS WOMAN AGENTS' SCHOOL

Anticipates War-time Necessity by Training Women in Advance.

Omaha, Oct. 22.—The Union Pacific System is starting an experimental class of women in Omaha to train them and give them advance experience in the duties of ticket agents, anticipating the possible necessity of employing women on the system for this work, in case of future heavy drafts among the men for service at the front.

The first class of women will be small, and will be selected in Omaha, in order that they may live at home during the training, and they will be paid a small salary while attending this school, at least enough to pay for their carfare and lunches.

After they have advanced sufficiently, it is the purpose to give each one an opportunity to spend part of each day in the Union Pacific ticket offices at Omaha, both in the city ticket office and in the depot ticket office, where the working conditions are quite dissimilar.

Officials say that they have no doubt that by the time these women are thoroly trained there will be a demand for their services.

There is every expectation that this experiment will prove successful, and also, it is probable that similar schools will be started in other cities on the Union Pacific System.

However, no further schools or opportunities for attending this one will be offered until it has been proven to be successful from every point of view.

HOME MARKET NEEDS WALL ST. METHODS

Any Advances in Domestic Stocks Must Come With the Assistance of Insiders.

The Toronto stock market on Saturday was tame and the buoyancy at New York failed to stimulate any domestic speculation. There was absolutely no feature to the trading, and it is recognized that no movement of consequence can take place unless supporting interests try out the method adopted on Wall street. Any advances in local stocks would encounter small selling, but it is questioned whether a rise at the present time would bring about any larger volume of outside buying. The average broker is not prepared to extend encouragement to speculative clients owing to the impossibility of securing loans, and unless some relief in this direction can be secured public operations will have to be confined to investment purchases.

BUYING EXHAUSTED PRICES TONE DOWN

Flurry in Mining Stocks Was Not Sustained in the Dealings Saturday.

The strength which developed on the mining exchange on Friday was mainly due to sympathetic action with the big Wall street market. The New York curb started to buy some mining stocks and influenced some local buying. During Saturday morning's session the movement was not sustained, and this lead to the impression that the spasm had temporarily exhausted itself. There is an admittedly large short interest in the market, which has not yet been disturbed, and will remain dormant until the market shows some sustained advance. The flurry in West Dome caused some short covering, but with this buying out of the way the price reacted from 19½ to 17½. Some demand for Adanac on good news from the mine gave this issue more strength, which would likely have carried farther if the market had been any way broad. Present dealings are mostly in the lower-priced stocks, and the higher-priced issues are holding firm with few offerings. The outlook for the mining market depends on an extension of the outside following, and this in turn will depend somewhat on the actions of the other exchanges.

GERMAN BANK STATEMENT.

Berlin, via London, Oct. 20.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany, issued October 15, shows the following changes:

Total coin and bullion, increased, 181,000 marks.

Treasury notes, decreased, 17,271,000 marks.

Advances, increased, 3,485,000 marks.

Investments, decreased, 20,060,000 marks.

Notes in circulation, decreased, 70,985,000 marks.

Deposits, decreased, 76,943,000 marks.

Other liabilities, increased, 63,986,000 marks.

Gold holdings, not received yet.

PARIS BOURSE.

Paris, Oct. 20.—Trading was quiet on the bourse today. Three per cent. rentes 63 francs 50 centimes for cash. Exchange on London, 27 francs 18 centimes.

LONDON OIL MARKET.

London, Oct. 20.—Calcutta linseed, October and November, £29 15s.
Linseed oil, 57s 10½d.
Sperm oil, £54.
Petroleum, American refined, 1s 7½d.
Spirits, 1s 5½d.
Turpentine spirits, 77s 1½d.
Rosin, American strained, 34s.
Type "G," 24s 6d.

GENERAL ADVANCE FEATURES STOCKS

Professional Interests Manipulate Exchange at New York.

New York, Oct. 21.—Professional interests and pools dominated today's brief but active dealings in stocks, again concentrating largely upon war issues.

Shippings responded to overnight advices with gains of 1½ to 5½ points, Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies being the strongest feature. Steels and kindred equipments increased recent advances by 2 to 4 points and metals overcame their depression, Utah Copper, for example, rising almost 4 points. The more extreme gains also included Baldwin Locomotive, which averaged 5 points to 61¾ on reports of an approaching "stock" dividend, Texas Company 4¾, Cuban American Sugar 5, American Tobacco 4, and Republic Iron 3¼ points.

United States Steel, the Bethlehems, Lackawanna and Crucible Steels kept pace with the gains in allied shares and leading rails averaged 1 to 2 points up on comparatively small trading. Closing prices were from fractions to 1½ points below the top. Sales amounted to 449,000 shares.

The bank statement again reflected local conditions incident to the flotation of the second Liberty loan.

Bonds were slightly lower, with many transactions in Liberty 3½'s at 99.70 to 99.72. Total sales, par value, were $2,520,000.

United States bonds, old issues, were unchanged on call for the week.

PRICE OF SILVER.

London, Oct. 20.—Bar silver, 42⅝d.
New York, Oct. 20.—Bar silver, 83⅜c.

NEW IRON ORE COMPANY STARTED IN MONTREAL

Interests There Opening Two Mines at Sutton and Perth.

The prevailing high prices of hematite iron ore of good quality has stimulated this class of mining in Quebec and Ontario. One of the companies recently incorporated is the Canadian Union Iron Mines Corporation Limited, with a capital of a million dollars, who intend opening their deposits near Sutton, Quebec, where hematite iron ore has been uncovered analyzing 68 per cent. metallic iron.

This company has already started work on another mine near Perth, Ontario, from which it is said there are several thousand tons of iron ore taken several years ago.

Record of Saturday's Markets

TORONTO STOCKS.

	Ask.	Bid.
Am. Cyanamid com.	25	...
Ames-Holden com.	14½	...
do. preferred	48	...
Barcelona	9	8⅝
Brazilian	37	36½
Bell Telephone	132	130
F. N. Burt com.	70	...
do. preferred	...	86½
Canada Bread com.	15	14
C. Car & F. Co.	19½	18
do. preferred	51	49
Canada Cement com.	58½	57¾
do. preferred	91½	90½
Can. St. Lines com.	40⅝	40½
do. preferred	76½	75⅝
Can. Gen. Electric	103	102½
Can. Loco. com.	57	52
C. P. R.	152	150
City Dairy com.	...	30
do. preferred	...	60
Confederation Life	3.75	...
Cons. Smelters	25	24⅞
Consumers' Gas	150	148
Crow's Nest	55	...
Detroit United	106¾	106¼
Dome	8.25	8.00
Dom. Steel Corp.	56¾	56¼
Duluth-Superior	45	42
La Rose	43	39
Mackay common	76	75¼
do. preferred	62	60
Maple Leaf com.	100	96
do. preferred	93½	92¾
Monarch com.	35	30
do. preferred	78	...
N. Steel Car com.	7	5
do. preferred	...	19
Nipissing Mines	8.30	7.95
N. S. Steel com.	82	80½
Pac. Burt com.	40	35
do. preferred	80	79
Petroleum	13.75	13.50
Prov. Paper pref.	81	...
Riordon common	121	119
Rogers common	...	40
Russell M. C. com.	55	50
do. preferred	75	71
Sawyer-Massey	11	8
Shredded Wheat com.	117	...
Spanish River com.	14	18
Stand. Chem. pref.	57	...
Steel of Can com.	52½	52¼
do. preferred	85½	84½
Toronto Paper	75	...
Toronto Railway	62½	61½
Tucketts com.	...	17
Twin City com.	79	78½
Winnipeg Railway	48	43
—Banks.—		
Commerce	...	185
Dominion	205	...
Hamilton	188	...
Imperial	189	185
Molsons	182	178
Nova Scotia	250	...
—Loan, Trust, Etc.—		
Canada Landed	152	...
Can. Permanent	169	...
Colonial Invest.	74	...
Hamilton Prov.	...	137
Huron & Erie	210	207
do. 20 p.c. paid	...	196
Landed Banking	...	143
London & Canadian	126	124½
Toronto General Trusts	206	204
Toronto Mortgage	135	...
—Bonds.—		
Canada Bread	90	88
Mexican L. & P.	40	30
Penmans	...	86½
Rio Janeiro	83	80
Steel Co. of Canada	92	90
War Loan, 1925	96¼	96
War Loan, 1931	95¼	95⅛
War Loan, 1937	94⅜	94⅛

TORONTO SALES.

	Op.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
Barcelona	9	...	...	...	50
Brazilian	37	...	...	...	100
Cement	58⅝	58⅝	58¼	58¼	20
Dom. Steel	56	56½	56	56½	50
Duluth	42	...	...	...	22
F.N. Bt. pf.	86½	...	...	...	5
Gen. Elec.	102½	102⅝	102½	102⅝	27
Mackay	75½	75½	75¼	75½	40
Petrol.	13½	13½	13⅛	13½	200
Smelters	25¼	25¼	25	25	260
Steamships	40	...	...	...	40
do. pref.	75½	...	...	...	3
Steel of Can.	52	...	...	...	25
Twin City	79	...	...	...	10
War L. 1927	94⅛	...	...	...	$20,000
do. 1931	95⅛	...	...	...	$2,000
do. 1925	96½	...	...	...	$100
—Unlisted—					
McIntyre	133	139½	139	139½	$2,600
McKinley	60	...	...	...	1,000
Wettlaufer	5⅛	...	...	...	4,000

UNLISTED STOCKS.

	Ask.	Bid.
Brompton	42	41
Black Lake com.	3	1
do. preferred	4	...
do. income bonds	27	...
C. P. R. Notes	103	...
Carriage Fact. com.	...	15
do. preferred	...	50
MacDonald Co., A.	15	14
North Am. P. & P.	3⅛	2⅝
Steel & Rad. com.	15	...
do. preferred	60	...
do. bonds	63	...

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Supplied by Heron & Co., 4 Colborne street:

	Op.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
Brazil	37	37	36½	37	192
Can. Car	18	18	17	18	60
Can. S.S.	39⅞	40½	39⅞	40⅛	300
Con. Smelt.	25¼	...	...	...	310
Det. United	106	...	...	...	30
Dom. Bridge	129	...	...	...	5
Dom. St. Cp.	56	56½	56	56½	530
Penman	65	66	65	66	214
Quebec Ry.	15	...	...	...	100
St. of Can.	52	...	...	...	90

NEW YORK COTTON.

J. P. Bickell & Co. report New York Cotton Exchange fluctuations as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Jan.	27.22	27.22	26.79	26.93	27.14
Mar.	26.90	26.90	26.55	26.69	26.90
May	26.78	26.73	26.48	26.58	26.84
July	26.55	26.60	26.50	26.50	26.72
Oct.	28.25b	28.20	20.00	20.15b	28.14
Dec.	27.60	27.60	27.20	27.29	27.54

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montreal, Oct. 21.—There was a distinctly stronger tone to Canadian stocks on Saturday, a fair demand for special issues being encouraged by the strong tone at New York, combined with gossip as to pending developments of a favorable description with respect to dividend distributions here. The volume of business was fair for a Saturday session, amounting to about 2500 shares of stock and $52,300 bonds.

Improvement in the New York market was directly reflected in the steel stocks, Dominion rallying ⅞ to 56⅝ under purchases of about 500 shares, and Steel of Canada ½ to 52¾ under purchases of about 100 shares. Both closed strong, selling at their best prices in the final transactions, with closing bid on Steel of Canada 52¾ against 51½ on Friday.

Special features of strength were Steamship common, ¾ higher at 40½; Penmans, 26 higher at 67½, and Riordon 1½ higher at 121½.

Other firmer features of the market included Brompton, which closed ⅝ up at 42 bid, and Brazilian Traction, which was in demand at 37 and closed that price bid against 36¼ on Friday.

MONTREAL HAS FIRMER TONE.

Received over Heron & Co. private wire:

Montreal, Oct. 20.—The market today showed a much firmer tone. There was a fair amount of trading in Dominion Iron Corporation, which regained its loss of yesterday, closing at 56½; the balance of the list was unchanged. In the bond list the 1937 war loan was sold down to 94, with little demand for any amount.

COBALT ORE RETURNS.

Cobalt ore shipments for the week ending Oct. 19 were as follows:

Nipissing M. Co	75,080
Timiskaming M. Co.	64,085
Dominion Reduction Co.	87,400
Mining Corp. of Can.	372,140
Total	598,705

STANDARD STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Asked.	Bid.
Gold—		
Apex	7⅞	7½
Boston Creek	40	...
Davidson	40	36
Dome Extension	13¼	12¾
Dome Lake	16	15
Dome Mines	8.25	8.15
Eldorado	3	2
Gold Reef	2⅛	1⅝
Hollinger Con.	5.00	4.90
Homestake	45	...
Inspiration	5	...
Keora	17	14
Kirkland Lake	50	44
L. Shore	45	41
McIntyre	140	138
Moneta	9	6½
Newray Mines	46	44
Porcupine Bonanza	9	...
Pearl Lake	¼	...
Porcupine Crown	40	36
Porcupine Gold	1	...
Porcupine Imperial	2¼	2
Porcupine Tisdale	2	1½
Porcupine Vipond	25	22
Preston	4	3½
Schumacher Gold M.	50	46
Teck-Hughes	44	41
Thompson-Krist	9	7¼
West Dome Con.	18	17¾
Silver—		
Adanac	15	14½
Bailey	5½	5
Beaver	36	35
Buffalo, New	...	70
Chambers - Ferland	13	12
Coniagas	3.75	3.50
Crown Reserve	26	25
Foster	...	1½
Gifford	4½	4½
Great Northern	8¾	8¼
Hargraves	...	4½
Hudson Bay	40.00	35.00
Kerr Lake	5.00	4.75
Lorrain	4½	...
La Rose	44	42
McKinley-Darragh	60½	59½
Nipissing	8.25	8.00
Ophir	11	10¾
Peterson Lake	12	11½
Right-of-Way	5¼	4⅞
Silver Leaf	2	1
Seneca-Superior	2½	1½
Timiskaming	29¼	28¾
Trethewey	14½	13½
Wettlaufer	7	5¾
York, Ont.	2	...
Mg. Corp.	4.20	3.80
Provincial	37½	37
Miscellaneous—		
Vacuum Gas	10	8
Silver—83⅜c.		

STANDARD SALES.

	Op.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
Gold—					
Apex	7¼	7⅜	7¼	7⅜	12,000
Bost. Cr.	30	...	...	...	4,810
Davidson	36	38½	36	38½	2,000
Dome Ext.	13	...	12¾	...	2,000
Dome Lake	15	15½	15	15½	1,500
Dome M.	8.20	...	...	...	100
Eldorado	2½	...	...	...	2,000
Holl. Con.	5.00	...	4.90	...	110
McIntyre	139	...	...	...	2,800
Newray M.	48	...	46	...	2,500
P. Vipond	23	...	...	...	500
W. Dome Cn.	18½	19¼	17½	...	20,500
Silver—					
Adanac	16	...	15	...	3,500
Bailey	5½	...	...	...	1,000
Beaver	35	...	...	...	100
Ch.-Fer.	12¼	12½	12¼	12½	3,000
Coniagas	3.75	...	...	...	10
Cr. Res.	25	...	...	...	1,500
Gifford	4½	4¾	4¼	4⅜	3,000
Hargraves	9½	10	8½	...	13,300
Lorrain	4½	...	4¼	...	2,800
McKin.-Dar.	60½	61	60	...	3,500
Mg. Corp.	4.00	...	...	...	100
Ophir	10¼	10½	10½	10½	2,000
Prov.	36¾	37¼	36¾	37	3,500
Pete. Lake	11¾	...	11½	11¾	3,800
Seneca-Sup.	2½	...	...	...	500
Timisk.	29	...	28½	28¾	5,250
Trethewey	14½	...	...	...	100
Wettlaufer	5¾	5¾	5¼	5½	4,000
Silver—83⅜c.					

Total sales—101,700.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

J. P. Bickell & Co., Standard Bank Building, Toronto, report fluctuations in New York Stocks, as follows:

	Op.	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
Trunk Lines and Grangers—					
B. & Ohio	58	58	57⅞	58	900
Erie	19⅝	19¾	19½	19½	300
do. 1st. pf.	28	...	...	...	400
Gt. Nor. pf.	100¾	...	...	...	100
New Haven	28½	...	...	...	2,100
N. Y. C.	73¾	74	73¾	74	2,900
St. Paul	48¼	49½	48¼	49½	
Pacific and Southerns—					
Atchison	94½	...	...	...	500
Can. Pac.	150½	151	150½	150⅝	1,000
Miss. Pac.	27¾	28⅛	27¾	28	3,200
Nor. Pac.	96½	97	96½	97	300
South. Pac.	89	90	89	90	1,500
South. Ry.	27⅞	28¼	27¾	28⅛	4,600
Union Pac.	123¼	124½	123¼	124	2,500
Coalers—					
Ches. & O.	52¼	52⅝	52	52	700
Col. F. & I.	39	40	39	40	800
Leh. Valley	59⅝	59¾	59⅝	59¾	200
Penna.	50⅞	50⅞	50¾	50⅞	1,300
Reading	75⅝	77⅛	75½	77	5,300
Bonds—					
Anglo-French	91¾	91⅞	91⅝	91¾	.....
Industrials, Tractions, Etc.—					
Alcohol	118	118	117¾	117¾	300
Allis. Chal.	22½	23	22½	22⅞	600
Am. Can.	40¾	42⅞	40¾	42⅛	6,200
Am. Wool	43	43½	43	43½	200
Anaconda	63¼	65⅝	63⅛	64¾	16,100
Am. C. O.	30	...	...	...	300
Am. B. S.	74⅛	75¾	74⅛	75¾	200
Am. S. Tr.	105⅛	107½	105⅞	107½	400
Baldwin	58	61¾	58	61½	20,800
Beth. Steel	88	...	...	...	200
do. B.	85¾	87¼	85¼	86	44,000
B. R. T.	57	...	...	...	100
Car Fdry.	67	68¾	67	68¾	1,400
Chino	43	44⅝	43	44½	2,400
Cent. Leather	76¾	78¼	76¾	77⅞	6,800
Corn Prod.	29⅝	30¾	29⅝	30	3,900
Crucible	67¾	69½	67¾	69	12,000
Distillers	39⅞	40⅝	39⅝	39¾	6,000
Dome	8⅛	...	...	...	100
Gt. N. O.	28¾	29⅝	28¾	29⅝	1,400
Ins. Cop.	45⅛	48	45⅛	46½	5,400
Kennecott	33½	35	33⅛	34⅝	5,600
Int. Paper	25	25¾	25	25½	1,300
Int. Nickel	31½	32	31½	31½	2,400
Lack. Steel	81⅝	83⅛	81⅝	82¾	3,500
Loco.	58½	60½	58½	59¼	3,000
Mex. Pet.	85½	87¼	85	87	4,100
Miami	31¼	31⅜	31	31⅜	800
Marine	26⅞	27¾	26⅞	27¼	10,200
do. pref.	89¼	90½	88⅞	89½	24,600
Nev. Cons.	18⅛	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜	900
Pr. Steel	58	...	...	...	200
Ry. Springs	42¼	...	...	...	300
Rep. Steel	79	81¾	79	80⅞	10,300
Ray Cons.	22¼	23¼	22¼	23¼	2,700
Rubber	59¼	59⅝	59	59⅝	1,300
Sloss	39⅞	41	39⅞	41	300
Smelting	86¾	89½	86¾	88⅝	5,100
Steel Fds.	63½	...	...	...	100
Studebaker	38¼	42½	38¼	42½	4,000
Texas Oil	145¾	149½	145¾	149	1,400
U. S. Steel	105¼	107	105¼	106¾	107,300
do. pref.	113⅝	115⅝	113⅝	115⅝	400
Unit. Alloy	41½	...	...	...	300
Utah Cop.	80¼	84¼	80¼	83	21,200
Westing.	42½	43½	42¼	43½	2,000
Willys-Over.	23½	24	23¾	24	2,900

Total sales—406,500.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool, Oct. 20.—Beef, extra India mess, 295s.
Pork, prime mess, western, 225s.
Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 137s.
Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 152s.
Clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 160s.
Long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 160s.
Long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 158s.
Short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 157s.
Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 128s.
Lard, prime western, in tierces, 122s; American refined, in pails, 125s 3d.
Butter, finest U. S., in boxes, 124s.
Tallow, Australian in London, 72s.
Turpentine spirits, 77s 3d.
Rosin, common, 31s 6d.
Petroleum, refined, 1s 8⅝d.
Linseed oil, 62s.
Cottonseed oil, hull refined, spot, 68s 6d.
War kerosene, No. 2, 1s 2¾d.

SENSATIONAL DROP MARKS PROVISIONS

Promise of Generous Yield of Corn Depresses This Commodity.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—With husking at hand in the main section of the corn belt, and with the outlook promising generous returns, corn prices Saturday slid downward, and there was a decided smash in the cost of provisions. Corn closed nervous, ⅞c to 1½c net lower, at $1.14⅜ to $1.14½ for December, and $1.09 to $1.09⅛ to $1.09¼ for May. Oats lost ⅝c to ¾c to ¾c. The setback in provisions ranged from 50c to $2.30.

Weakness of oats resulted from sympathy with corn.

Sensational price breaks which accompanied urgent selling of provisions came for the most part after opinions from experts had been circulated that the potential hog supply had been generally far too low, and that the receipts would be on a broad scale when the feeding of the 1917 corn crop had taken effect in earnest.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

Winnipeg, Oct. 21.—All markets were quiet Saturday. As a result of the upward tendency of the last few days a reaction took place this morning, with the result that prices were off a shade.

The wheat export company were buyers of all grades of wheat on which prices have been fixed. The offerings were fair. Mills were inquiring for lower grades. In regard to oats in the higher grades cash and future were on a parity. No. 2 C. W. and October closing at the same price, namely, 67½c.

Deliveries of oats thru the clearing houses were 16,000 bushels. Winnipeg future closing of oats were ¼c to ½c lower. Barley was down 1c for October and 3c for November. Prices for spot barley were unchanged. Flax was lower for all months, the decline ranging from 2½c to ½c lower.

Oats: October, 67⅝c to 67½c; November, 66⅝c to 66½c; December, 64¼c to 64c; May, 67c to 66⅞c.

Barley: October close, $1.18; November close, $1.16.

Flax: October, $2.96 to $2.93½; November, $2.87¾ to $2.87½; December, $2.81 to $2.79½; May, $2.84 to $2.83¾.

Cash prices: Wheat: No. 1 northern, $2.21; No. 2 northern, $2.18; No. 3 northern, $2.15; No. 4, $2.07; No. 5, $1.94; No. 6, $1.[illegible]; feed, $1.29.

Oats: No. 2 C. W., 67½c; No. 3 C. W., 64½c; extra No. 1 feed, 64½c.

Flax: No. 1 N. W. C., $2.96½; No. 2 C. W., $2.90½; No. 3 C. W., $2.79½.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Montreal, Oct. 20.—There was no further change in prices for grain in the local market today, but the feeling was firm with a steady trade passing in car lots, while the demand for supplies for shipment from the west was quieter. A good trade was done in flour and the market is active, with no change in prices to note. Millfeed is firm with a good demand. Butter was quiet and steady, receipts for the week 7215 packages, against 9211 last year. Cheese unchanged, receipts 46,572 boxes, compared with 66,276 a year ago. Eggs active and firm. Receipts 5328, against 20,870 last year. Stocks: Wheat, 2,961,960; corn, 28,785; oats, 223,810; barley, 322,875; rye, 1005; flax, 16,214; flour, 58,555 sacks.

Oats—Canadian western, No. 2, 77¾c; do., No. 3, 76¼c; extra No. 1 feed, 76¼c; No. 2 local white, 72c; No. 3 local white, 71c.

Barley—Manitoba feed, $1.26; malting, $1.31.

Flour—Man. spring wheat patents, firsts, $11.60; seconds, $11.10; strong bakers, $10.90; winter patents, choice, $11.25; straight rollers, $10.70 to $11; straight rollers, bags, $5.20 to $5.35.

Rolled oats—Barrel, $8.30 to $8.40; bags, 90 lbs., $4 to $4.10.

Bran, $55; shorts, $40 to $42; middlings, $45 to $50; moullie, $55 to $60.

Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $12 to $12.50.

Cheese—Finest westerns, 21¾c; finest easterns, 21¾c.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 46c to 46½c; seconds, 45½c.

Eggs—Fresh, 52c to 53c; selected, 47c to 48c; No. 1 stock, 43c to 44c; No. 2 stock, 40c to 41c.

Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $2.10 to $2.20.

Dressed hogs—Abattoir killed, $25.50 to $26.

Pork—Heavy Canada, short mess, bbls., 35 to 45 pieces, $53 to $55; Canada short cut back, bbls., 45 to 55 pieces, $48 to $50.

Lard—Pure wood pails, 20 lbs., net, 27c to 27½c.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

J. P. Bickell & Co. report the following prices on the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Op.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Corn—					
May	110¼	110¼	109	109⅛	110½
Dec.	115⅝	115⅝	114⅛	114½	115⅝
Oats—					
May	60⅝	60⅝	59¾	59⅞	60⅜
Dec.	58½	58½	58⅛	58¼	58⅝
Pork—					
Jan.	40.15	40.15	38.00	38.00	40.30
Lard—					
Jan.	21.50	21.50	20.90	21.00	21.65
Ribs—					
Jan.	21.45	21.45	20.50	20.50	21.65

NORTHWEST CARS.

	This Week.	Last Week.	Last Year.
Winnipeg	946	1753	694
Minneapolis	423	835	385
Duluth	124	121	100

PRIMARIES.

	Yesterday.	Last Week.	Last Year.
Wheat—			
Receipts	1,054,000	1,791,000	1,350,000
Shipments	433,000	1,791,000	1,106,000
Corn—			
Receipts	282,000	502,000	402,000
Shipments	161,000	321,000	425,000
Oats—			
Receipts	1,182,000	1,978,000	1,100,000
Shipments	712,000	1,744,000	1,106,000

CHEESE MARKETS.

Iroquois, Oct. 20.—At the regular meeting of the Iroquois Cheese Board 720 boxes were boarded. The usual buyers were present. Johnston bid 21¾ cents and secured 456 boxes. The balance sold on curb at same price. The corresponding date last year 460 boxes boarded and sold at 21½ cents.

Yankleek Hill, Oct. 20.—At the regular meeting of the cheese board 1296 boxes were boarded; all sold at 21⅝ cents, four buyers being present. Fraser opened bidding at 21¼, Ault raised to 21⅝ cents; called cents, Wiltzie raised to 21⅝ cents; called three times, then all buyers bid same. Wiltzie getting 512, Ault 364, Fraser 295 and Welsh 125 boxes.

Ste. Hyacinthe, Que., Oct. 20.—At the regular meeting of the dairy board today 200 packages of butter were offered and sold at 45 cents; 300 boxes of cheese boarded; all sold at 21⅝ cents.

London, Ont., Oct. 20.—No cheese boarded today; adjourned for two weeks; will meet again November 2.

Belleville, Oct. 20.—At today's cheese board 1152 white and 75 colored offered; 1156 white sold at 21 5-16 cents; 75 colored sold at 21 5-16 cents.

Cornwall, Oct. 20.—At the regular meeting of the Cornwall Cheese Board 1858 white and 262 boxes of colored were offered; all sold at 21¼ cents; on the corresponding date last year 1896 boxes were sold at 22 cents.

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