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LOCAL MARKET.

London, Wednesday, April 18.

For the sixteen loads of hay that were offered today there was a very brisk demand. Prices were higher than on the previous day, at $9 to $10 per ton. Straw was scarce at $3 per load. Oats were higher at $1 17 per cwt.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

Business was fairly active at the market the past week. The majority of the farmers have started to prepare the land for their spring seeding, consequently the supply of farm produce at the market for the next ten days or so will be small. Prices have been well sustained in nearly every line.

Grain—Oats continue to sell well, in fact there is hardly enough offered to supply the demand. Prices are firm at $1 14 to $1 17 per cwt. Barley sells at $1 per cwt, and wheat at 77c per bushel.

Hay and Straw—The demand for hay is very brisk. The supply no doubt will be light until the farmers are through with their seeding. Prices rule at $9 to $10 per ton. Straw is in good demand at $3 to $3 50 per load, or $5 50 when sold by the ton.

Butter and Eggs—The supply of butter at Saturday's market was very large. Sales were slow at 18c to 20c for pound rolls and 17c to 19c for crocks. So far this week there has been very little offered, and prices are a shade firmer. The dealers are now offering 20c for choice pound rolls. Eggs are easier at 13½c to 14½c per dozen wholesale.

Potatoes are in good demand at 80c to 90c a bag.

Apples—Very few are offered. Sales fairly brisk at $3 to $4 per barrel or $1 to $1 50 a bag.

Poultry—Excepting on Saturday there was not much offered on the other days of the week. The following prices are most frequently paid: Turkeys, dressed, 16c to 17c pound; chickens, 85c to $1 30 per pair, dressed, or 80c to $1 10 alive.

Dressed Hogs — Not many offering at present. Sales are quite brisk at $9 to $9 25 per cwt.

Live Hogs—The price paid here last Monday was $7 15; the market is off 15c per cwt, therefore it is not likely that more than $7 will be paid for next Monday's shipment; small pigs are exceedingly high; pigs 6c to 10c weeks old sell at $6 to $8 per pair.

Butchers Meats—Beef and veal comprise nearly all the stuff offered; sales are fair, at $6 to $7 50 per cwt for beef and $5 to $7 50 for veal.

Maple Syrup—Sales are on the slow side, at $1 15 to $1 25 per gallon.

COTTON.

NEW YORK.

New York, April 17.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 1 10 points higher; middling upland, $11 00; middling gulf, $12 15; sales, 159 bales.

Futures closed firm; closing bids: April, $11 28; May, $11 28; June, $11 28; July, $11 29; August, $11 12; September, $10 79; October, $10 63; November, $10 65; December, $10 67; January, $10 70.

New York, April 18.—Cotton—Futures opened steady; May, $11 23; June, $11 20 bid; July, $11 23; August, $11 08; September, $10 74; October, $10 60; December, $10 61; January, $10 64.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, April 17.—Cattle are quoted at 10c to 11½c per lb; refrigerator beef, 8½c per lb; sheep, dressed, 15c to 16c per lb; lambs, 17c, dressed weight.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 17.—The run at the city cattle market today was 58 cars, with 986 head of cattle, 157 sheep and lambs, 500 hogs and 268 calves.

With a comparatively light run today at the city cattle market prices were generally well maintained, though the market is not so strong than it would stand much pressure. As it was, however, prices were in some cases a little higher, if anything, than last week.

Drovers still complain that they have to pay higher prices in the country than they can get in the city. On the other hand, butchers and shippers both claim that they are paying for cattle more than they are really worth, in view of general conditions elsewhere.

Exporters—A choice load of export cattle, 1,250 lbs, sold at $5 20 to Mr. Dean. Several other loads of round heavy exporters, some bought for the local butcher trade sold at $4 85 to $5.

Butchers—Some choice loads of good butcher cattle, 1,050 lbs, or a little over, were sold at $4 60 to $4 85; a few odd ones at $5; medium heavy butchers at $4 to $4 10; mixed lots and cows at $3 to $3 50; common canners at $1 50.

W. J. Neilly bought for Park, Blackwell & Co. 60 butcher cattle; choice, $4 50 to $4 85; good, $4 to $4 50; good cows, $3 75 to $4 25; common, $3 to $3 50.

M. H. Pringle bought 21 butcher cattle, 1,000 lbs, at $4 60.

George Rowntree bought for the Harris Abattoir Company about 160 head of cattle, a few exporters at $5; good butchers, $4 40 to $4 70; cows, $3 25 to $4 15; common cows $2 to $3.

W. H. Dean bought a load of choice export cattle, 1,250 lbs, at $5 20.

Maybee, Wilson & Hall sold a load of 25 butcher cattle, 1,000 lbs, at $4 65; a load, 18 lbs, at $4 55; steers, 1,200 lbs, at $4 80; 7 steers, 1,100 lbs, at $4 85; mixed cattle, 1,100 lbs, at $4 40; 950 lbs, at $4 25; 1,100 lbs, at $4 70; 900 lbs, at $3 90.

Frank, Hunnisett bought 25 butcher cattle, 1,200 to 1,400 lbs, at $4 62½ to $4 75.

T. Crawford & Co. bought a load of stockers, 500 to 800 lbs, at $3 50 to $3 80; a load of short-keep steers, 1,150 to 1,250 lbs, at $4 75 to $4 85.

Wesley Dunn bought yearlings lambs at $6 50 to $6 75; spring lambs at $5 25; sheep at $5.

OIL MARKETS.

LONDON.

London, April 17.—Petroleum, American refined, 6 3-16d; spirits, 5d.

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Antwerp, April 17.—Petroleum, 19 francs 50 centimes.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 17.—Oil opened and closed at $1 61.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., April 17.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 14c to 20½c; dairies, 14c to 18c.

NEW YORK.

New York, April 17.—Butter—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 7,721 packages.

Cheese—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 5,166 boxes.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, April 17.—Sugar—Raw weak; fair refining, 2 29-32c to 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96° test, 3 13-32c to 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2 21-32c to 2 11-16c; refined quiet. Molasses—Quiet.

LONDON.

London, April 17.—Raw sugar—Nominal; centrifugal, 98 6d; Muscovado, 88 3d.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 17.—Sugar—All grades of refined sugars here were today reduced 10c per 100 lbs. We quote: Extra granulated, $4 18; yellow, $3 78, in barrels; in bags, 5c less; Ontario, $4 03.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 17.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 15½; southwest, $1 09½; May, $1 17½.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 17.—Baled Hay—Muddy roads and the farmers being otherwise busy tend to limit receipts, and the consequent scarcity has advanced prices for prompt delivery. No. 1 timothy is quoted at $8 50 to $9 per ton in car lots on track here; No. 2, $6 50 to $7.

Baled Straw—Dull, at $5 50 to $6 per ton.

HIDES, SKINS AND TALLOW.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 17.—Hides—Prices are firm, with a good business moving; deskins are firmer. Local dealers quote: Steers, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 10c; inspected cows, No. 1, 10½c; No. 2, 9½c; country hides, green, flat, 8½c; calfskins, city, 14c; do, country, 13c; deskins, 80c to 85c; shepskins, $1 45 to $1 65; horsehides, $3 40 to $3 60.

Horsehair—28c.

Tallow—Rendered, 4½c to 4¾c.

Wool—Business continues quiet; only odd lots coming in; unwashed, 16c to 17c.

LEATHER MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 17.—Leather—The market is steady, with light hides scarce and higher; prices are unchanged. Sole leather, medium, per lb, 29c to 31c; No. 2, 28c to 29c; No. 3, 27c to 28c; Spanish sole, No. 1, 28c to 30c; No. 2, 26c to 28c; calfskins, French, $1 15 to $1 50; French kip, 90c to $1; Canadian kip, 60c to 65c; upper, light and medium, 40c to 50c; pebbles, 14c to 16c; harness, union oak tanned, No. 1, 26c to 37c; No. 2, 32c to 33c; light, 23c to 35c; hemlock tanned, 24c to 25c; cod oil, gallon, 45c to 48c; degras, per lb, 3c to 3½c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 18.—Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 white, 80c asked outside; red, 78c bid, C. P. R., north; mixed, 78½c asked, 78c bid, outside; Manitoba, No. 2 northern, 81½c bid, Owen Sound.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35½c bid, 36½c asked, outside; 36c bid on 5c freight rate to Toronto.

Buckwheat—52c asked outside.

Flour—Firm and quoted higher; exporters are buying 90 per cent Ontario patents at $3 10, in buyers' bags, outside; Manitoba, first patents, $4 20 to $4 50; second patents, $3 90 to $4.

Butter—Market holds easy in tone; offerings of creamery and dairy continue to increase.

Cheese—Firm and unchanged, at 14c for large and 14½c for twins.

Eggs—Plenty offering, at 15c to 15½c for new-laid; storage, 15c.

STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 18—12:30 p.m.

	Ask.	Bid.
Ontario Bank	..	141
Imperial Bank, xd	..	244¾
Bank of Ottawa	230	228
Traders' Bank	139	..
C. P. R.	174	173½
Sovereign Bank	..	144
Toronto Electric Light	154	153
Canadian General Electric	118¾	..
Bell Telephone	157	..
Niagara Navigation	127½	125½
Northern Navigation	89½	88
Twin City Railway	119¾	119
Sao Paulo Tramway	143	141
Dominion Steel, com	..	22
Dominion Coal, com	80	77
Nova Scotia Steel, com	65	..
Mackay, com	64¾	63¾
Mackay, pfd	75½	..
City Dairy, com	25	22
City Dairy, pfd	87	85¾
Mexican	64¼	63¾
Electrical Development	58	..
Canada Landed	..	124
Canada Permanent	129	128
Mexican, bonds	81¼	80¾
Elect. Development, bonds	..	92
Hamilton Provident	..	123
Huron & Erie	..	188
Imperial L. & I.	..	70
Landed B. & L.	..	124
Toronto Mortgage	..	108
London Loan	..	112½
Ontario L. & D.	..	120
Toronto Savings & Loan	..	130
Dominion Steel, bonds	87	85

Morning Sales: Imperial Bank, 1 and 20 at 245; Sovereign Bank, 1 at 143; Toronto Electric Light, 25 at 154, 25 at 153½; Mackay, preferred, 4, 25 and 7 at 73; do, common, 25 at 64¾, 225 at 64¼, 100, 100, 100, 100 and 15 at 64, 25, 25, 50 and 15 at 63¾, 125 25 and 25 at 63¼, 25 at 63⅜, 10 at 63½; Landed Banking, 1 at 125; Nova Scotia Steel, 40 at 64, Twin City, 10 and 19 at 119½; Sao Paulo, 25 and 100 at 142; Electric bonds, 500 at 91; Canada Permanent, 50 at 128½.

TORONTO.

	Toronto, April 17. Morning. Ask.	Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Bid.
Ontario Bank	..	141	141¾	141¼
Bank of Commerce	..	175	179	178½
Imperial Bank	245½	245	245½	245
Bank of Ottawa	230	228	230	228
Traders' Bank	139	..	140	..
British America	..	..	..	96
Western Assurance	..	..	..	96
Imperial Life	..	..	..	149
Consumers' Gas	205	203	..	..
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	..	100	..	..
Woods, com	..	..	98	..
Canadian Pacific	175	174	..	173¾
Sovereign Bank	..	142½	..	142
Metropolitan Bank	201	200½	..	..
Mackay, com	64¾	64¼	64½	64¼
Mackay, pfd	73⅞	73¼	73½	70
Toronto Elec. Light	156	..	156	154¾
Can. Gen. Electric	148	..	148	147
Dom. Telegraph	..	120	..	..
Bell Telephone	157	..	157	..
R. & O. Navigation	..	..	..	83
Niagara Navigation	..	125¾	127½	125¾
Northern Nav.	89½	88	89½	88
St. L. & C. Nav.	..	..	..	128
Twin City Railway	119¾	119	119¾	119¼
Sao Paulo Tram	142¾	142¼	142¾	142
Dom. Coal, com	..	..	80	..
N. S. Steel, com	..	..	..	..
St. Catharines	..	70	..	64½
City Dairy, com	..	..	..	70
City Dairy, pfd	..	22¼	..	22½
Sao Paulo, bonds	95	83¼	..	83½
Mexican Stock	..	94½	..	..
Electrical Dev.	57	64	64⅝	64
Canada Permanent	129	128	57	..
Elec. Dev., bonds	..	..	92	..
Mexican Electric	86	..	86	..
Mexican Power	81½	81	81½	80¾
Hamilton Provident	..	123	..	..
Huron & Erie	..	188	..	..
Imperial L. & I.	..	70	..	..
Landed B. & L.	..	124	..	..
London & Canada	..	107½	..	..
Toronto Mortgage	..	108	..	..
London Loan	..	112½	..	..
Ontario L. & D.	..	130	..	..
Toronto S. & L.	..	130	..	..

Afternoon Sales: Imperial Bank, 13 at 245; Sovereign Bank, 1 at 142½; Western Assurance, 20 at 86; Twin City, 25 and 25 at 119¼; Mackay, common, 25, 25, 50, 25 and 10 at 64¾, 15 at 65, 25 at 64¼; C. P. R., 10 at 174, 10 at 174½; Sao Paulo, 25, 25 and 25 at 142½, 25 at 142¼, 25 at 142⅛; Toronto Electric Light, 10 at 155; Mexican Stock, 50 and 25 at 64⅝.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, April 17. Morning. Ask.	Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Bid.
Canadian Pacific	174½	174¼	174¾	174
Duluth, com.	..	..	21½	20½
Duluth, pfd.	..	..	43	42
Minn. & St. P., xd	159	157¾	159	157
Montreal Ry., xd	278	274⅝	274¾	274½
Toronto Railway	123½	123	123	122
Twin City Railway	120	119⅞	120½	119
Detroit Railway, xd.	98¼	97⅞	98½	97½
Halifax Railway	105	101	105	..
Toledo Railway	34	34	35	34
St. John Railway	..	..	..	108
Winnipeg Railway	190	..	190	..
West India Railway	..	..	..	150
Sao Paulo Tram	143	142	143	142
R. & O. Navigation	85	83	85	84
Montreal Power	94½	94	94⅝	94¼
Dom. Steel, com	33½	32⅞	33	32⅞
Dom. Steel, pfd	82	81	82½	81
Dom. Coal, com	80	78¼	80	77½
Dom. Coal, pfd	..	..	122½	120
Illinois	98½	97½	98½	97
Montreal Steel	..	..	100½	..
N. S. Steel	65½	64⅞	66	65¼
N. S. Steel, pfd	..	..	120	118
Montreal Tel., xd	170	165	170	165
Bell Telephone, xd	155	150	155	150
Ogilvie, pfd.	130	126	130	125
Ogilvie, com.	..	250	..	250
Mackay, com.	65¼	64¾	64⅞	64½
Mackay, pfd.	73½	73¼	73¾	73¼
Woods, pfd.	115	112	115	112
Woods, com.	100	94	..	..
Laurentide Paper	100	90	100	..
Laur. Paper, pfd	111	105	111	106
Mexican Stock	65	64	64¼	64
Trinidad Electric	..	..	90	..
Ohio Traction	32	31¾	33	31
Colored Cotton	49	44	..	..
Royal Bank, new	..	220	..	..
Sovereign Bank	144	143	..	..
Montreal Cotton	126	124	127	125
Textile, pfd., xd	106	105½	106	105½
Bank of Montreal	250	257¼	259	257¼
Ontario Bank	143	141	143	141
Bank B. N. A.	142½	..	..	142½
Molsons Bank	236½	226	226½	226
Merchants' Bank	172	170	172	170
Royal Bank	..	220	..	220
Bank Nova Scotia	276	270	276	270
East. Town. Bank	164	162	164	162
Quebec Bank	145	142	145	142
Banque Nationale	..	114½	..	114½
Union Bank	152	151	152	151
Bank of Commerce	179	178	178¾	177¾
Dominion Bank	275	270	275	270
Standard Bank	235	231	235	233
Imperial Bank	246	243	246	243
Hochelaga Bank	152	150	152	150
Bank of Ottawa	230	228	230	228
Havana, com.	42	40	42	40
Havana, pfd.	83	82	83	81
Textile bonds, A	98	98	98	95
Textile bonds, B	100	95	100	95
Textile bonds, C	98	95	98	95
Textile bonds, D	100	95	100	95
Mexican Power	85	84½	..	..
Mexican Electric	80¾	80	..	..
Mont. Power, bonds	105	101	105	101
Col. Cotton, bonds	100	95	100	95
Dom. Coal, bonds	103	101¼	103	101½
Laur. Paper, bonds	112	108	112	108
Winnipeg Elec., bds	109	108	109	108
Dom. Steel, bonds	96¼	96	86¼	86
Montreal Ry., bonds	..	105½	..	105½
Ogilvie, bonds	120	118	120	118
N. S. Steel, bonds	110	108	110	108
Woods, bonds	112¼	108	112¼	108
Sao Paulo, bonds	96	95⅝	96	95⅝

Afternoon Sales: Mackay, preferred, 25 at 73½; Power, 50 at 94½, 15 at 94¼, 15 at 94⅞, 50 at 94¾; Toledo Railway, 10 at 35; Havana, common, 25 at 41; Iron bonds, 5,000 at 88⅞; C. P. R., 225 at 174; Montreal Cotton, 4 at 125¼; Molsons Bank, 5 at 226½; Sovereign Bank, 7 at 144.

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NEW YORK.

	New York, April 17. Open	High	Low	Close
Amal. Copper	114⅛	114¾	112⅞	113⅝
Amer. Locomotive	70⅞	70½	69¼	69½
American Sugar	142⅛	142⅝	140¾	141
American Smelting	161⅛	161¾	160½	161⅛
Anaconda	28⅞	28¾	27¾	27⅞
Atchison	93¾	93⅞	93½	..
Atchison, pfd.	102⅞	..	..	..
Baltimore & Ohio	111⅝	112⅞	111⅝	112⅝
Brooklyn Transit	87¾	88½	87⅞	87½
Canadian Pacific	172⅞	174⅞	172¾	174
Col. Fuel & Iron	65	63⅛	62⅛	62¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	59¼	59⅞	59	59⅞
Chicago & G. W.	21¾	22¼	21½	21¾
C. R. I. & P.	284¼	..	277	277
C. M. & St. Paul	177½	177⅞	176½	177½
Erie	45¼	45⅜	45	45⅜
Erie, 1st pfd.	78½	..	..	..
Erie, 2nd pfd.	70	..	69½	..
Illinois Central	155¼	155½	155	..
Louisville & Nash.	151⅞	..	150¼	150⅞
Lead	84	84¼	83¾	..
Manhatan	155	..	..	..
Metropolitan	117	117⅜	117	117¼
Mexican Central	25⅛	25⅝	25⅛	25¼
Missouri Pacific	96¼	96½	96⅛	96¼
M., K. & T.	34¾	36¼	34½	35½
M., K. & T., pfd.	72¾	73¼	72¾	72⅞
Norfolk & Western	90	91⅞	89¾	91¼
N. Y. Central	145¼	..	144	144½
Ontario & Western	51¾	51⅞	51½	51⅝
Pennsylvania	142½	142¾	142½	142⅞
People's Gas	94¼	94½	94	94½
Pressed Steel Car	57	..	56½	57
Reading	137⅞	138¼	137	137¼
Republic Steel	21¾	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	69½	69⅝	68⅞	69¼
Southern Railway	40½	40⅝	40¼	40½
Southern R., pfd.	110⅞	..	..	..
Twin City Railway	119¼	..	..	..
U. S. Leather	46⅛	..	45½	45¾
U. S. Steel	43⅝	43⅞	43¼	43½
U. S. Steel, pfd.	108⅞	109⅛	108½	108¾
Union Pacific	157⅞	158⅝	157⅛	157⅝
Western Union Tel.	92½	..	..	..
Wisconsin Central	27	..	..	..
Wis. Central, pfd	54½	..	..	..

UNLISTED SECURITIES.

(Ussher, Playfair & Martens.)

	Toronto, April 17. Morning. Ask.	Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Bid.
Havana Elec., com.	42	40	..	..
Rio Janeiro, bonds	81	80¼	..	..
Rio Janeiro, stock	48½	48	48¼	48⅜
Rio Underwriting	90-19	90-22	..	..
Mon. Mining & S.	138	133	..	..
Bullyhoop	..	100	..	..
Can. Gold Fields	7*	6⅞	..	..
Williamson-Marks	84	71	..	..
Colonial I. & Loan	..	7.40	7.40	..

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COUNCIL APPROVES OF SCHEME FOR OPENING OF NEW STREETS

Legislature To Be Asked to Amend Act—The Court of Revision's Report.

The city council last night received the report of Sheriff Cameron on the opening of new streets in ten-acre blocks in the city, and after hearing the sheriff and Mr. Adam McMahen—a deputation from the court of revision—decided to approve the suggestions in the report, and Hon. Adam Beck will be asked to move in the Legislature for an amendment to the municipal act in accordance with the report of the sheriff. In the meantime, No. 2 committee will prepare a report on the number of blocks in the city through which new streets might be advantageously projected.

The sheriff and the court of revision were highly complimented on their enterprise in bringing the scheme to the notice of the council, Ald. Wyatt making the statement that it will, if carried out, mean an additional $10,000 in taxes to the city. The matter will be rushed to the Legislature at once, with a view to securing the necessary amendment this session. In a nutshell, the scheme is to have the law so amended that the property-owners interested may petition the council to open up a new street, the city to have the power to reimburse any who may be injured through the projection, and to assess the cost of such damages amongst the parties benefited.

The following is the report:

Old Time Surveys.

The court of revision has had under consideration the advantage to the city to result from the projection of streets through the large blocks now existing in that section lying north of Dundas street, and the most practicable method of accomplishing this end. Throughout the section referred to and east of Wellington street, more than half the entire area is in solid ten-acre blocks, the subdivision between streets being of 132 feet frontage by 330 feet in depth—each an acre of land. These surveys in large blocks suited conditions of 40 or 50 years ago, when every householder in what was then the outskirts, but which is such no longer, had the time and inclination to raise his own vegetables and keep a cow. These conditions have ceased to be over much of the area referred to. But the surveys as then made still exist, and the result is that a large proportion of the land north of Central avenue and east of Wellington street, already built upon, has only the outer fringe of each block occupied with buildings, while in the center of each is a parcel of greater or less extent unoccupied.

A Striking Exception.

The one striking exception exists on the blocks bounded by Oxford, Wellington, Waterloo and Cheapside. Through these two blocks of ten acres each, Hellmuth avenue is projected, and the resulting advantage to the city is made strikingly manifest by a comparison of the population, assessed value and number of houses in the portion of this area, bounded by St. James, Oxford, Wellington and Waterloo streets, as compared with territory more centrally located that still exists as originally surveyed as a block of ten acres. Take the following areas:

Block bounded by Wellington, St. James, Waterloo and Oxford streets. This block of ten acres contains 63 dwellings, one church, a population of 204 and an assessed value of $112,055.

Block bounded by Waterloo, Pall Mall, Colborne and Central avenue, 45 houses, 1 factory, population 188, assessment $57,940.

The Central avenue and Pall Mall block on Waterloo and Colborne streets is much more central, is equally eligible for residential purposes as that first named through which Hellmuth avenue is projected; both are alike in area and the street frontage independent of improvements are equally, if not more valuable on the Central avenue, than on the St. James street block. Yet as the result following the opening of Hellmuth avenue the revenue to the city in taxes is almost twice as great from the Hellmuth avenue, St. James, Wellington street block as from the Central avenue, Pall Mall, Waterloo street block. There are at least seventeen blocks north of Central avenue and east of Richmond street that are of the same size as that of which Hellmuth avenue is the center and this large number clearly indicates a necessity for dealing with the conditions as they now exist and before further building operations make a solution still more difficult.

Changed Conditions.

It has to be recognized that the changed conditions of city life since these lots were originally surveyed, the increased value of street frontage, the improved sanitation, sewage and water service, make the smaller city lot of today equally eligible for building purposes as was the acre lot of 30 years ago. The subdivision of these ten-acre blocks by a 66-foot street would gain a double frontage to the block and leave the lots each 163½ feet deep, or allowing in each case for a full width lane, 151 feet deep. This is ample under present conditions and the advantage in reducing the street, sidewalk and sewer area in relation to the population is apparent without further demonstration.

The difficulty arises when an attempt is made to carry out these desirable sub-divisions. At present no methods exists other than by instituting expropriation proceedings, and these must be initiated, if at all, by the city, a course which would throw the cost of a manifestly local improvement on the city ratepayers as a whole. To ask the taxpayers as a whole to pay the value of land taken for purely local purposes is so out of the question as not to be thought of. The only course remaining is to have the property affected assessed for "benefits" and "damages" much in the same way as is now provided in relation to drainage in rural municipalities. Taking the municipal drainage act as example the owners of property in the area affected could by petition to the council ask to have a street opened and such petition could be passed upon by the assessment commisioner to apportion the benefit accruing to each owner by reason of the new frontage created at the same time that the damage suffered by the same or any other owner, was apportioned in the same way. The difference of damage and benefit should be a charge against the property advantaged, and paid to the property-owner who lost a frontage on a present existing street, less the value of the compensating advantage in the securing of a new frontage. An appeal to the court of revision and county judge as at present exists in the case of municipal assessments for general purposes, should be permitted.

Failures in the Past.

It is unnecessary to add that without some system such as that suggested, the possibility of subdividing these large blocks becomes almost hopeless. The effort to extend Hyman street from Waterloo street to Colborne street would have given 1,320 feet of new frontage had it been successful. But the scheme—one well conceived in the public as well as in the individual interest—lacked the unanimous sanction of all concerned, and because of the opposition of one property-owner it fell through. Clearly, provision should be made to meet such a contingency in relation to streets, as is already the case in respect of waterways.

Under the circumstances the court of revision urges on the city council the necessity of asking for such legislation along the line indicated at the present session of Parliament as will permit of such projected subdivisions being made before the difficulties now existing, as pointed out in this memorandum, are intensified by erection of new buildings along the line of possible street reservations. It is respectfully suggested that the city council, if this proposal meet their approval, indorse its recommendations, and ask the Hon. Adam Beck to initiate such legislation at the present session as will meet the difficulty.

ORDER REIGNS AT WINDBER

Town Under Martial Law and Miners Returning to Work.

Johnstown, Pa., April 17. — Order again reigns at Windsor after a night of riot and bloodshed in which three lives were sacrificed and a dozen men were seriously injured. With daylight arrived the state constabulary ordered to Windber by Governor Pennypacker, and the town is now practically under martial law. The state police and deputies have the situation well in hand; no further trouble at this time is apprehended.

Soon after 6 o'clock Sheriff Begley and a force of deputies started with the eleven men arrested last night to take them to the county jail at Somerset. The officers formed a cordon around the prisoners, who were handcuffed together. The crowd watched the procession, but made no sign of either hostile or favorable feeling. Organizer Genter, who has had charge of the striking miners, is striving hard to keep the men out and prevent the working of the mines, but his efforts are in vain. The number of men returning to work is constantly increasing, and with the subsidence of the previous excitement, it is believed there will be a general resumption of operations.

FIFTY "SEMI-READY" STORES

Extending From Coast to Coast in the Dominion of Canada.

In the cities of Canada where really good things are quickly accepted and appreciated, the "Semi-ready" stores have been established to the number of fifty.

So popular have they become with the best-dressed men that it is the intention of the Semi-ready Company to open more than one store in the larger cities. This has been thought necessary in view of imitators who coin names with which they hope to make capital out of the Semi-ready reputation.

SHAMELESS SPRINGFIELD

Feared Whites Are About to Attack the Negro Quarter.

Springfield, Mo., April 17. — While everything is calm on the surface, last night's occurrence has intensified the race hatred. Men gathered in groups on the streets today and talked earnestly of the developments. The situation is so uncertain that no one can foretell what the day may bring forth. Many persons expect some kind of an outbreak. If there is any outbreak, it is believed it will not be against the jail, but against the negro quarters.

More arrests were made this morning of men accused of taking part in the lynching Saturday night.

BATTLESHIP EXPLOSION

Three Killed Aboard the H. M. S Prince of Wales.

Malta, April 17.—Three members of the crew of the British battleship Prince of Wales were killed today and four were injured by a boiler explosion while the vessel was undergoing her speed trials. The connecting rod bolts on the high pressure engine and the top cylinder cover were fractured.

Remembered Ben Franklin

Philadelphia, April 17.—The four days' celebration here of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin was formally opened tonight by the reception of delegates from societies and institutions of learning in all parts of the world.

The celebration is in charge of the American Philosophical Society for promoting useful knowledge, founded in 1743.

Besides the reception of delegates and invited guests, formal addresses of felicitation from societies and educational institutions in Europe and America, were read and Andrew Carnegie, lord rector of the University of St. Andrew's, conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on Miss Agnes Irwin, dean of Radcliffe College, who is a great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin.

SUBSIDIES TO THE PROVINCES

Premier Tables Papers on Matter—The Winnipeg Printers' Case.

Ottawa, April 17. — Correspondence between several provincial premiers and the Prime Minister of Canada, urging an early conference to discuss the proposed readjustment of the subsidy granted to each province, and the settlement of provincial claims against the federal authorities, was tabled by Sir Wilfrid Laurier today. The basis of application for the readjustment is the same as was presented jointly by the premiers in 1902. In the present instance British Columbia, while approving the movement, draws attention to its case for special consideration. Manitoba's premier does not want in any way to prejudice Manitoba's claims in respect to its lands. Premier Whitney writes that, having regard to the fact that the present members of the Ontario Government were not in office, and therefore did not participate in the discussions, and had no connection with the proceedings or resolutions of the conference in 1902, they might not concur in or adopt in their entirety all the reasons advanced or all the resolutions adopted at the conference, and that should the federal prime minister accede to the request for a conference they might then desire to state specifically the reasons which commended themselves to their judgment.

Winnipeg Printers' Strike.

A report from Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, on the printers' strike in Winnipeg, was tabled today. Mr. King finds that the English printers came to Canada with the expectation that they were to be employed on new papers started in consequence of western development, but found on arrival that they had been brought in as strike-breakers. Mr. King recommended that representations be made to the imperial author