Trading Wholly Professional Price Fluctuations Narrow

Chicago Wheat Market Experiences Dull Season, Closing Slightly Lower—Winnipeg Easier—Liverpool Cables Lower.

World Office,
Saturday Evening, Feb. 5.

Liverpool wheat futures closed to-day unchanged to ¼d lower than yesterday; corn futures ⅝d lower.

May wheat at Chicago closed ¼c lower than yesterday, May corn ⅝c lower, and May oats unchanged.

May wheat at Winnipeg closed ½c lower, May oats ¼c lower.

Chicago car lots to-day: Wheat, 8; contract, 6. Corn, 394, 0. Oats, 152, 43. Rye, 2. Barley, 41.

Winnipeg receipts of wheat to-day, 128 cars, against 50 a week ago and 116 a year ago. Oats to-day, 84; last week, 36. Barley, 8, 2.

Duluth receipts of wheat to-day, 45 cars, against 50 a week ago and 40 a year ago.

Minneapolis receipts of wheat to-day, 246 cars, against 393 a week ago and 300 a year ago.

Primaries.

	To-day	Wk. Ago
Wheat receipts	432,000	546,000
Wheat shipments	288,000	191,000
Corn receipts	880,000	439,000
Corn shipments	540,000	435,000
Oats receipts	4,272,000	599,000
Oats shipments	265,000	386,000

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were not as large as usual on a Saturday. There were 200 bushels of grain, 8 loads of hay, several loads of mixed produce, with a moderate supply on the basket market.

Wheat—One hundred bushels fall sold at $1.10.

Oats—Two hundred bushels sold at 44c to 45c.

Hay—Eight loads sold at unchanged prices.

Dressed Hogs—Prices ranged from $11 to $11.50.

Apples—Receipts large, prices easy at $1.25 to $3 per barrel. The bulk of the apples sold at $2 to $2.50.

Butter—Receipts fairly large; prices about steady. Extra choice dairy to special customers 30c, but the bulk of the butter sold at 26c to 28c and some at 25c per lb.

Eggs—A few special customers paid 40c, but eggs by the basket sold at 35c and some at the close of the market sold for less.

Poultry—Receipts light, with prices firm. Turkeys, 13c to 20c per lb.; geese, 15c per lb.; ducks, none on sale; chickens, 16c to 18c; fowl, 12c to 15c per lb.

Grain—		
Wheat, fall, bush	$1 10 to	$....
Wheat, red, bush	1 00	....
Wheat, goose, bush	1 04	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 58	....
Rye, bushel	0 76	....
Barley, bushel	0 60	0 61
Peas, bushel	0 90	....
Oats, bushel	0 44	0 45
Seeds—		
Alsike, No. 1, bush	$6 00 to	$6 25
Alsike, No. 2, bush	5 25	5 75
Red clover, No. 1, bush	7 50	8 25
Red clover (containing buckthorn), bush	5 50	6 00
Timothy, per bush	1 40	1 60
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, No. 1 timothy	$18 00 to	$20 00
Hay, clover, ton	10 00	16 00
Straw, loose, ton	8 00	9 00
Straw, bundled, ton	14 00	....
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Onions, per bag	$1 10 to	$1 15
Potatoes, per bag	0 50	0 60
Apples, winter, bbl	1 25	3 00
Carrots, per bag	0 40	0 50
Parsnips, bag	0 65	0 75
Beets, per bag	0 55	0 65
Cabbage, per barrel	1 25	1 50
Poultry—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb	$0 18 to	$0 20
Geese, per lb	0 12	0 15
Ducks, per lb	0 17	0 18
Chickens, per lb	0 15	0 17
Fowl, per lb	0 12	0 13
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$6 50 to	$7 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	8 50	10 50
Beef, choice sides, cwt	8 50	9 50
Beef, medium, cwt	6 50	7 50
Beef, common, cwt	5 00	6 00
Spring lambs, per lb	0 12	0 20
Mutton, light, cwt	9 00	11 00
Veals, common, cwt	7 00	8 00
Veals, prime, cwt	10 00	12 50
Dressed hogs, cwt	12 50	13 75
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, farmers' dairy	$0 26 to	$0 30
Eggs, strictly new-laid, per dozen	0 35	0 40

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, car lots, per ton	$13 50 to	$14 50
Hay, No. 2, car lots	12 50	13 00
Straw, car lots, per ton	7 50	8 00
Potatoes, car lots, bag	0 45	0 50
Turnips, per ton	6 50	....
Evaporated apples, lb	0 07	....
Cheese, per lb	0 13	0 13½
Eggs, new laid	0 30	....
Eggs, case lots, dozen	0 22	....
Butter, separator, dairy, lb.	0 25	0 26
Butter, store lots	0 20	0 21
Butter, creamery, solids	0 26	0 27
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 28	0 29
Honey, extracted	0 10½	....
Honey, combs, per dozen	2 25	3 00

Hides and Skins.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front-street, Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Raw Furs, Tallow, etc.:

No. 1 inspected steers and cows	$0 12 to	$....
No. 2 inspected steers and cows	0 11	....
No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls	0 10	....
Country hides	0 09	0 09½
Calfskins	0 11	0 13
Horsehides, No. 1	2 75	....
Horsehair, per lb	0 32	....
Tallow, per lb	0 06½	0 06½
Sheepskins	0 90	1 00

Wool and raw fur prices on request.

FRUIT MARKET.

Quotations for foreign fruits are as follows:

Grape fruit, Florida	$3 50 to	$5 75
Grapes, Malaga, keg	5 00	6 00
Lemons, Messina	2 25	2 50
Lettuce, Boston head, hamp.	2 50	....
Oranges, Cal., navels	2 50	3 00
Oranges, Valencia, 714's	4 50	....
do. 420's	4 50	....
Oranges, Mexican	2 00	....
Pineapples, 24's	4 00	....
Pineapples, 30's	3 50	....
Apples, Canadian, bbl	1 25	3 00

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Liverpool cables were lower on Saturday, and the Chicago pit experienced another day of flat trading, the market closing at a small loss from previous session. The only outstanding feature of the situation is the continued maintenance of cash premiums over the futures, and this is accepted as the only factor of any bullish import at the moment.

Winnipeg was generally dull and closed slightly below previous day's close.

No change was made in local quotations for either wheat or oats, prices maintaining at $1.11½ and $1.10 for Manitobas.

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows:

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, $1.12; No. 2 northern, $1.10, track, lake ports; 3c over these prices with winter storage.

Wheat—No. 2 mixed, $1.07 to $1.08; No. 2 white, $1.08 to $1.09 outside.

Oats—Canadian western oats, No. 2, 43c to 43½c, lake ports; No. 3, 42c to 42½c; ½c over these prices with winter storage.

Ontario, No. 2, 38½c, at points of shipment.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 52c to 53c outside.

Barley—No. 2, 57c; No. 3X, 55c to 56c; No. 3, 50c outside.

Mill feed—Manitoba bran, $23 per ton; shorts, $24, track, Toronto; Ontario bran, $22.50 in bags. Shorts, $2 more.

Rye—66c to 67c outside.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.70; second patents, $5.20; strong bakers', $5; 90 per cent. patents, new, 29s 1½d bid, c.i.f., Glasgow.

Corn—New kiln-dried corn, 72½c; new, No. 3 yellow, 70½c; No. 4 yellow, 70c, Toronto freight.

Peas—No. 2, 85c outside.

Ontario flour—Wheat flour for export, $4.50, seaboard.

Toronto Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.55 per cwt., in barrels; No. 1 golden, $4.55 per cwt., in barrels. Beaver, $4.05 per cwt., in bags. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots 5c less. In 100-lb. bags prices are 5c less.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Wheat—February $1.02½, May $1.06, July $1.06.

Oats—February 36½c, May 38½c, July 39½c.

Chicago Markets.

J. P. Bickell & Co., Lawlor Building, report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Close Feb. 4.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—					
May	100½	100⅜	100½	100	100⅛
July	100⅞	100	100¼	100	100
Sept.	96	96	96⅛	95⅞	96
Corn—					
May	66	66	66⅛	65⅝	65⅝
July	66¼	66¼	66⅝	65¾	65⅝
Sept.	66⅛	66¼	66¼	65⅞	65⅞
Oats—					
May	46½	46½	46¾	46⅛	46⅜
July	43⅞	43¾	43¾	43	43¾
Sept.	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝	40⅛	40⅝
Pork—					
May	21.75	21.85	22.10	21.85	22.02
July	21.67	22.00	22.02	21.92	21.92
Lard—					
May	11.95	12.05	12.10	12.05	12.07
July	11.92	12.05	12.07	11.97	12.05
Ribs—					
May	11.57	11.72	11.77	11.62	11.75
July	11.57	11.72	11.77	11.72	11.75

CHICAGO GOSSIP.

J. P. Bickell & Co say at the close: Dulness in speculative circles and inclination of leading interests to await decline, resulted in sagging tendency of futures. Most significant feature of the week was the full maintenence of cash wheat premiums, notwithstanding liberal movement; this to our mind is a demonstration of the soundness of cash values. We realize that the trade in general hold the belief of lower values, and that they are largely committed to the short side, and in view of lack of public interest, values will be susceptible to short selling, which will create declines, but on these breaks our opinion is, that they will prove good opportunities for profitable investment.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5.—Closing—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stock; futures steady; March, 5s 1 1-2d; May, 7s 11 1-2d; July, 7s 10d.

Corn—Spot steady; new American mixed, 5s 6 3-4d; old American mixed, 5s 5 1-2d; futures dull; March, 5s 6 1-2d.

Peas—Canadian steady, 7s 7 1-2d.

Flour—Winter patents steady, 33s 6d.

Hops in London (Pacific coast)—Firm, £6 to £6 15s.

Beef—Extra India mess firm, 96s 3d.

Pork—Prime mess western quiet, 102s 9d. Hams, short cut dull, 64s. Bacon, quiet; Cumberland cut, 63s; short rib, 66s; long clear middles, light, 65s 6d; do., heavy 64s 6d; short clear backs, 63s 6d; clear bellies, 64s. Shoulders, square dull, 53s 6d.

Lard—Steady; prime western, 62s; American refined, 63s 6d.

Cheese—Firm; Canadian finest white, 61s; do. colored, firm, 60s.

Tallow—Prime city steady, 33s 3d; Australian in London easy, 34s 10 1-2d.

Turpentine—Spirits steady, 42s 6d.

Rosin—Common, 10s 6d.

Petroleum—Refined, 7 1-2d, steady.

Linseed oil—Dull, 35s.

New York Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Butter—Steady, unchanged; receipts 3773. Cheese—Firm, unchanged; receipts 1659. Eggs—Easier; receipts 4839; state, Pennsylvania, and nearby gathered, brown, fair to prime, 29c to 31c; western first, 29c to 29 1-2c; seconds, 28 1-2c.

CATTLE MARKETS

Cables Firm—Hogs Steady to Higher at United States Points.

EAST BUFFALO, Feb. 5.—Cattle—Firm, prices unchanged.

Veals—Receipts, 150 head; active and steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 4000 head; fairly active; heavy to 5c higher; light, 5c to 10c lower; heavy, $8.90 to $8.95; mixed, $8.85 to $8.90; Yorkers, $8.75 to $8.90; pigs, $8.75 to $8.80; roughs, $8.10 to $8.30; dairies, $8.75 to $8.90.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3000 head; active and 15c to 50c higher; lambs, $6.25 to $9.25; yearlings, $7.75 to $8.25; wethers, $6.75 to $7; ewes, $6 to $6.50; sheep, mixed, $3.50 to $6.75.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated at 1000; market steady; beeves, $4.20 to $7.50; Texas steers, $3.80 to $4.85; western steers, $4 to $5.85; stockers and feeders, $3 to $5.35; cows and heifers, $2.10 to $5.60; calves, $7 to $9.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated at 16,000; market strong to 5c higher; light, $8.10 to $8.45; mixed, $8.15 to $8.60; heavy, $8.20 to $8.60; rough, $8.20 to $8.35; good to choice heavy, $8.35 to $8.60; pigs, $7.15 to $8.05; bulk of sales, $8.40 to $8.55.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated at 1000; market steady; native, $4.15 to $6.40; western, $4.25 to $6.50; yearlings, $7.10 to $8.15; lambs, native, $6.50 to $8.60; western, $6.50 to $8.65.

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Liverpool cables quote live cattle (American) lower, at 13 1-2c to 14 3-4c, dressed weight; London steady, 14 1-2c to 14 3-4c; refrigerator beef higher, at 11c per lb.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5.—John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, note to-day United States steers from [illegible] 1-2c to 14 1-4c; Canadians, 13 1-2c to 14c, heifers 13 1-2c to 14c, cows 12c to 13c, bulls 11c to 12c. Trade slow; weather mild.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Beeves—Receipts 1762; nothing doing; feeling steady; dressed beef slow; exports 538 cattle and 6288 quarters of beef.

Calves—Receipts 334; no trade in live calves; steady feeling; dressed calves in fair demand and full steady at last quotations.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 2866; sheep nominally firm; lambs higher, at $9.15.

Hogs—Receipts 1820; nominally weak.

Union Stock Yards.

There are 56 car loads of live stock at the Union Yards for sale at Monday's market.

BACON AND CHEESE.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—To-day's boat from Denmark landed 255 bales of bacon. The market is quiet but firm owing to light supplies, hams are 66s to 73s; cheese is firm and in good demand with white at 60c to 65s, fine to finest colored 59s to 61s.

How to Travel.

If your destination is Western Ontario, Detroit, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, etc., the train for you is the Canadian Pacific four p.m. fast train from Toronto for Chicago, consisting of new first-class coaches, dube cafe-car and palace sleepers. This train makes direct connection at Detroit for Cincinnati, St. Louis and points south, necessitating no change of depots or transfer trouble at that point. Phone or call at C.P.R. City Ticket Office, for berths and tickets thru to destination, wherever it may be. ed

Artillery Deserters Arrested.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Two deserters from the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery are under arrest here and will be taken back by escort to Kingston. They were arrested in Niagara Falls, N.Y., yesterday and handed over to the local police. They gave their names as Herbert Lightall, Chicago; Albert Suddard, Kingston, and were gunners in B Battery at Kingston. Suddard is in uniform, but Lightall, who says he is an American, has sold his regimental clothes.

OFFERING OF $1,750,000
6% FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND BONDS
WITH 50% BONUS IN STOCK OF THE

Sterling Coal Company, Limited

(To be incorporated under the Laws of the Dominion of Canada.)

CAPITALIZATION—	Authorized.	Now Being Issued.
BONDS—30-year 6% First Mortgage Sinking Fund	$2,500,000	$1,750,000
STOCK	3,500,000	2,500,000

Leaving in Treasury:—Bonds, $750,000; Stock, $1,000,000.

HAVING SOLD A CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE ABOVE BONDS, WE NOW OFFER THE BALANCE FOR SALE AT PAR AND ACCRUED INTEREST, CARRYING A BONUS OF 50% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BONDS IN STOCK.

Payments are as follows:—
20% with subscription.
20% on March 1st, 1910.
20% on June 1st, 1910.
20% on September 1st, 1910.
20% on December 1st, 1910.

With the privilege of paying at any time, together with accrued interest. The first interest payment will be on July 1st next.

BUSINESS.

Having regard to the coal consumed in the central Provinces of Canada being so largely obtained from the neighboring States, and to Canadian capital having to some extent been interested in those fields for years, the Sterling Coal Company has been formed, on a strong financial basis, with Canadians in its direction. The Company is acquiring certain mines of bituminous coal now operating in Ohio under capacity, and will further equip them and develop others, viz., two additional properties, one in Ohio, and the other in West Virginia. All of these properties are located upon lines of railroad, with favorable freight rates to convenient markets, viz., the Erie Railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

The properties have been fully investigated and reported upon by Mr. W. F. Tye, recently Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and who had charge of all construction on that railway from 1899 to 1906, and, in addition, all other engineering from 1904 to 1906. They have also been reported upon fully (except the Acadia) by Mr. Charles Fergie, formerly Vice-President and General Manager of the Intercolonial Coal Mining Company in Nova Scotia, and afterwards for several years Chief Engineer and Superintendent of Mines for the Dominion Coal Company, and since 1907 Consulting Engineer in Montreal. Mr. Fergie will act as Consulting Engineer of the Sterling Coal Company. These properties, other than the Acadia, were also visited by members of three of the firms now offering the securities. The Acadia (which is likely to prove a valuable property) is partially proven, and the Sterling Coal Company has about five months longer for testing by diamond drill before finally deciding as to its purchase.

Full prospectuses have been published in the newspapers, and copies, with subscription forms, may be had on application at our offices.

CHARACTER OF SECURITY.

The bonds are 30-year 6% first mortgage bonds, with a sinking fund of 2% per annum on the amount of bonds issued, commencing January 1st, 1912. Bonds are redeemable at 105 at the company's option on any interest date. Bonds may be registered at the head office of the Company in Toronto.

PROFITS.

Mr. Charles Fergie, one of the most experienced and highest authorities on coal operation on the continent, estimates that on completion of the company's programme the net profits will be over three times the amount of the bond interest.

Mr. W. F. Tye, the President, states that the net profits relating to the four mines now operating in the Hileman Group, which represents only one-third of the total purchase price, will within a few months, with additions to the equipment not costing more than $70,000, provide for 6% interest on $1,300,000 of the $1,750,000 of the bonds now being issued.

Mr. Tye estimates, after long and careful consideration of the present position and prospects of the company, that the net revenue should reach such a basis as to warrant declaration of dividends at the rate of 6% per annum upon the stock of the company during the year 1912.

DIRECTORS.

President—W. F. TYE, late Chief Engineer Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal; Vice-President—A. E. AMES, of A. E. Ames & Co., Limited, Toronto; N. CURRY, President Canada Car & Foundry Company, Montreal; RODOLPHE FORGET, M.P., President Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, Montreal; J. W. M'CONNELL, Director Pacific Pass Coal Co., Montreal; F. H. DEACON, of F. H. Deacon & Co., Toronto; ANDREW SQUIRE, Counsellor-at-law, Cleveland, Ohio; H. D. HILEMAN, General Manager, Cleveland, Ohio.

SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS.

Subscription books are now open at our offices, and will close not later than 4 o'clock on Tuesday, February 8th. The right is reserved to allot only such subscriptions and for such amounts as may be approved, and to close the subscription books without notice.

SUBSCRIPTIONS MAY BE FORWARDED BY MAIL OR BY TELEGRAM AT OUR EXPENSE.

Subscriptions may be made on regular forms, or, where these are not available, letters simply stating that bonds for the amount named are subscribed for under the terms of the prospectus will be sufficient.

WE RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF THESE BONDS, HAVING THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BY EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS CONDITIONS LIKELY TO AFFECT THE FUTURE OF THE COMPANY. We consider the bond interest well secured and prospects excellent for dividends on the Common Stock after completion of the programme outlined.

A. E. AMES & CO., Limited, Toronto.
F. H. DEACON & CO., Toronto.
RODOLPHE FORGET, Montreal.
JOHNSTON, McCONNELL & ALLISON, Montreal.

C.N.R. MONTREAL PLANS FINE SITE FOR TERMINAL

Will Cost About $5,000,000—Option Not Yet Secured on the D.A.R., as Announced.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The statement is officially made here to-day that the Mackenzie and Mann system have not secured an option on the Dominion Atlantic Railway, extending from Windsor to Yarmouth, as announced by the president of the Halifax Board of Trade some days ago.

It is stated, however, by W. D. Barclay, the manager of the Canadian Northern, Quebec, that he has prepared plans for the Montreal terminals of the road, and they have been submitted for the sanction of the president and vice-president of the railway. Of course, he would give no idea as to location before the right of way, and the sanction of his principals, had been secured, but Mr. Barclay said that the proposed location is the finest site for a depot now existing in the City of Montreal, and that the cost would be about $5,000,000. The plan is to have the terminals completed two years hence, or simultaneously with the Ottawa and Toronto line.

DEARER COAL IS PROMISED

Miners' Increased Wages to Come Out of the Public.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 5.—"A substantial increase of wages of the mine workers of this country is the only basis on which industrial peace can be established in the mining industry on and after April 4 next."

This was the final declaration of President Thomas L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers before he left here to-night.

"Mine owners recognize that mine workers are entitled to an advance in wages, and that also they will have to provide additional safety appliances," he said. "The American people and the coal consuming interests, willingly or otherwise, will be compelled to pay a higher price for fuel."

C.P.R. WESTERN PLANS

Will Steadily Proceed With Double Tracking of Main Line.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—William Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R., announced to-day that the double tracking of the road would be continued in the spring from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, which is half way to Brandon, the latter town being 132 miles from Winnipeg, and that the second section would be completed the year following.

Year by year, the C.P.R. will build its double track on the most congested portions of the system. At present most of their western branch lines strike the main line between Winnipeg and Brandon, and consequently this is the part that will be first provided with a second pair of rails.

Mr. Whyte also says that there are now thirty millions bushels of wheat in the hands of the western farmers, the value of which will be about $25,000,000, consequently not only will the road have a good deal of traffic eastward, but a great deal of merchandise will have to be taken back.

Winter Days in Mexico.

A winter visit to the south presents a fascinating succession of delightful days, each one revealing fresh beauties and unfolding new wonders. The glorious scenery of old Mexico and picturesque Cuba with the novelty of sight and sound everywhere encountered, alike appeal to the tourist in search of "pastures new" and the business man in search of rest—the rest that is only to be found in complete change of surroundings. The C.P.R. 4.00 p.m. fast train for Chicago of new first-class coaches, club-cafe-car and palace sleepers, makes direct connection at Detroit for all southern points with no change of depots or transfer troubles of any kind. Your ticket through to destination and complete berth reservations for the entire trip will gladly be arranged on application at C.P.R. City Ticket Office, southeast corner of King and Yonge-streets. ed

Driver Injured.

While driving down Yonge-street about noon on Saturday Robert Charlton fell from his wagon and sustained a severe injury to his right leg by coming in contact with the wheel. Fifteen stitches were required to dress the wound at the Sick Children's Hospital.

BIG FIRE IN LONDON'S WHOLESALE DISTRICT

Several Premises and Stocks Damaged to Extent of $60,000.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Fire which broke out at 5.30 this evening in the warehouse of Forsythe, Fraser & Weir, wholesale caps and furs, York-street, completely gutted the entire premises, and did considerable damage to the premises of H. T. Reason & Co., wholesale paper, and McMahon, Granger & Co., wholesale drygoods.

For over four hours the fire threatened the entire wholesale section, bounded by York, Clarence, King and Richmond-streets. The loss will total $60,000 at least. The amount of insurance is unknown.

Great volumes of smoke poured from the smouldering bales of cloth used in the manufacturing department of the Forsythe Company, and the absence of flames baffled the firemen. They were fighting the fire without any real plan. After an hour, however, the room broke out in flame, which quickly leaped across to the roof of the Reason premises, immediately to the west, and to the McMahon, Granger premises to the east. The roofs of these places were damaged and the paper stock of the Reason Company will be greatly damaged by smoke.

Perils of Fifth Avenue.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Fashionable Fifth-avenue is so infested by pickpockets and "street workers" that it is unsafe, according to Magistrate Cornell, for a man with any considerable sum of money in his pockets to walk at night from Delmonico's to the Waldorf.

B. C. Fruit Growers' Association Passing Away.

VICTORIA, B.C., Feb. 6.—As the association's affairs have been very backward, it has practically been decided at a meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association to allow the organization to be taken under the wing of the provincial department of agriculture.

HORSE OUTLOOK BRIGHT AND PRICES ARE FIRM

Many Orders For High-Grade Animals Being Received at Union Exchange.

On account of the cattle sale at the Union Stock Yards Horse Exchange during the past week, the trade in horses was somewhat hindered, as Manager Smith could only have one auction sale, which was held on Monday. Trade, however, was good on that day, and Mr. Smith disposed of several lots by private sale, during the week, amounting all told to over 100 horses.

During this coming week Mr. Smith will conduct three auction sales, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At Monday's sale some first-class trotting horses, with good records, will be offered. The prospects for the immediate future in the horse trade are very bright at these stables, many enquiries having been received, as well several orders for shipments of car lots to the Northwest. Prices for the past week were firm at about the same quotations as last week; Draughters, $180 to $225; general purpose, $160 to $190; expressers, $160 to $210; drivers, $100 to $200; serviceably sound, $30 to $85 each.

U.S. BREACH OF FAITH

Published Fisheries Regulations Earlier Than Understanding With Canada.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Considerable feeling is displayed here over what in the absence of explanation is regarded as a breach of faith on the part of the United States Government. It had been agreed that the regulations regarding the fisheries in the international boundary waters would be released for publication simultaneously at Ottawa and Washington.

It was arranged that they should be published yesterday.

The Canadian Government kept faith, but the regulations were published in American newspapers on Wednesday. It is alleged that an official of the United States Government released them for publication in American newspapers, contrary to agreement.

The original arrangement was that these fishing regulations should be published on Jan. 1 last, but at the request of the United States Government the publication was delayed.

Late on Tuesday afternoon of this week a communication arrived from Washington saying that the United States Government was now ready to release the regulations, and asking the Canadian Government what day would be suitable.

The Canadian Government replied on Wednesday that Friday would be a convenient date.

A reply was received from Washington confirming this. To the consternation of the Canadian Government, however, the regulations were published in American newspapers on Wednesday. This only became known here on the Thursday afternoon that the regulations had been tabled in the house of commons and thereby made public. Breach of faith is charged.

MONTREAL SHOOTING TRAGEDY

Drunken Man Lets Loose and Probably Fatally Wounds One Person.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—James McGovern, residing at 474 William-street, is dying at the General Hospital, having been shot in the head last evening by Joseph Martel, who was rooming at the McGoverns' with his mother. Because McGovern asked the man to pay his room rent, he started in to shoot every one in his path. The victims were the father and two daughters, Mary and Bridget. Mary is pretty badly wounded, but will recover, while Bridget was sent home to-day from the hospital, not being seriously injured. James McGovern, however, received a ball in his head and will likely die. Martel, who is thirty years of age, is in jail. He had been drinking at the time of the shooting, and habitually carried a .32 calibre revolver.

DEVELOP TRADE WITH CHINA

Advice of the Consul-General to Ottawa Canadian Club.

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Development of the oriental market for flour, railway material, lumber and other products supplied now chiefly by the United States, was urged upon Canada Saturday by the new Chinese consul general to Ottawa, Dr. Kung.

At the meeting of the Canadian Club participated by a number of members of the cabinet and representatives of many foreign nations, the Chinese and Japanese consul generals urged the Dominion to develop the eastern markets, as the United States had done. "We use large quantities of flour," said the Chinese representative, "which is imported from the United States. Railway equipment and timber come largely from the United States and Japan. It seems to me Canada could have some share of this trade."

Gypsy Queen Emerita Defies Cold and Age.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 6.—Aura Mary, gypsy queen Emerita, who says she is 115 years old, danced barefoot in the snow with the other members of her tribe during the celebration of Ave Maria day at their camp near here.

Aura Mary never wears heavyweight clothing, and it is her daily custom to go barefoot thru the snow or over the ice. She is spry, smokes and says she expects to live ten years longer.

Twenty years ago she abdicated her gypsy throne in favor of "her little girl," who is now seventy years old.

Yonge Street Mission.

With the temperature at 10 below zero, it was a cheerless and much to be pitied throng that gathered at the free breakfast yesterday morning. At 8 a.m. sharp the doors of the mission were opened to 305 hungry, shivering men. Coffee and sandwiches were served until every man was satisfied. Dr. Wilson of Elm-street Methodist Church spoke to the men, taking the story of Bartimeus.

Bishop Fallon Leaves Oblate Fathers.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—It is rumored here that Bishop Michael Fallon, of London, Ont., recently of Buffalo, has resigned leadership of the Oblate Fathers in favor of a Lowell priest.