

COST OF LIVING JUMPS IN LONDON

Some Phenomenal Increases Were Shown by Reference to The Advertiser's Files.

PORK IS ALMOST DOUBLE

Beef Is Also Away Up — All Lines of Establishments Show Big Advances — So Does House Rent.

In view of the success that the boycott on meats is meeting with in Cleveland, it is interesting to notice the general advance that has taken place in prices during the last ten years in London.

The Advertiser files of ten years ago show that beef on the local market was selling at from 5 to 6 cents a pound, whereas the prices now are 8 and 9 cents.

Mutton in quarters sold at from 5 to 7 cents a pound ten years ago, and is now selling at from 8 to 11 cents by the hundredweight.

Lamb in quarters in 1900 was selling at from 8 to 9 cents a pound, with only a fair demand, while now it is quoted at from 12 to 13 cents.

Hog Prices.

Live hogs that were formerly from \$5.40 to \$5.60, per cwt., are now selling at \$8.25.

Dressed hogs in 1900 were selling slowly at \$7.25 a hundred, and now are quoted at from \$11.50 to \$12.

Young pigs, which are now selling at from \$5.50 to \$9, were then quoted at from \$3.50 to \$4.

Chickens, which now retail at from 12 to 15 cents a pound, was quoted at 12 cents.

Eggs were selling at from 22 cents to 25 cents a dozen, as against 35 to 40 cents now. Butter in rolls is quoted at from 20 to 21 cents, and now at 26 and 28 cents.

Creamery butter was 24 and 25 cents and is now 28 and 30 cents a pound.

Turkey Quotations.

Turkeys were 8 and 9 cents a pound as against 15 cents now. Geese sold at from 5 to 6 cents a pound, and are now 12 to 14 cents. Chickens ran from 40 to 60 cents a pair, and at the present time are selling at 12 and 14 cents a pound.

Hens in 1900 were quoted at from 40 to 50 cents a pair.

Apples sold at from 50 to 75 cents a bag, and now run from 40 to 20 cents.

Apples per barrel were \$1.50 to \$2, as against \$1.50 to \$2.50 now.

Potatoes were 20 to 25 cents a bag, and have just doubled being 60 to 70 cents now.

Turnips were 25 cents a bag, and are now from 25 to 30 cents per bushel. There is no change in the prices of celery and cabbage at 30 to 40 cents, onions, which were 60 and 75 cents a bag, now are \$1.10 to \$1.25 per bushel.

Other Increases.

Other things have kept pace with catables. The prices of house rent are greatly increased, and many lines of clothing have increased from 20 to 25 per cent. Leather and rubber goods show a great advance.

Wages have shown some advance, but have not kept pace. It is alleged with the increase in the cost of things. It has been figured out by experts that a man who ten years ago was getting \$100 a month, and who is still drawing wages at that rate, is in reality \$60 a month worse off than he was in 1900.

Pearl fishing is still carried on with considerable success on the River Tith, at Callander, Perthshire.

ATROCIOUS MURDER IN NEW YORK CITY

An Italian Barber, His Wife and Mother Put to Death in Their Flat.

New York, Jan. 20.—A triple murder was revealed in an obscure flat in the heart of New York's East Side at dusk today.

Two women and a man are the victims, and the manner of their deaths was horrible. They had been gagged with silk handkerchiefs, and their heads crushed with hammers or an axe. The bodies were left, fully dressed, lying on the floor. A whimpering bullterrier was the only life in the flat. Robbery was the motive, or else it is another case of the Black Hand.

Salvatore Scalpone, a well-to-do young Italian barber, his wife and a middle-aged woman, here and to have been Mrs. Scalpone's mother, are the victims. Scalpone's failure to appear at his shop today started an investigation, which resulted in the discovery of the crime. Police were summoned by the janitor of a tenement, entered the locked flat by way of a fire escape.

In the kitchen, the first room off the fire escape, lay Scalpone's body. It was tied to the door. The face was battered beyond recognition. Near his dead mother's body stood the whimpering bullterrier, cowering and blood-spattered. The animal had paced from other, staining the floors crimson with its footprints and waiting for human aid.

In the next room were the bodies of the women, gagged, as was the man, the handkerchiefs similarly knotted and the heads battered. But no weapon with which such wounds could have been inflicted, was found in the flat.

Disorder reigned in the abode of the dead. Drawers were dumped, cupboards ransacked, mattresses ripped open, and every conceivable hiding place for money or valuables pried open. In a little hallway the last traces of the murderer or murderers were found. There, concealed under a potato sack, was a basin half filled with bloody water, a blood-stained vest and a pair of overalls, also blood-spattered.

The water apparently had been used by the slayer to wash his hands before locking the apartment and making his escape by the fire escape. Whoever took the three lives worked quietly, for the occupant of the flat, separated from that of Scalpone by the shortest partition, says she heard nothing unusual late last night. It was then the crime was committed, for Scalpone worked in his shop until 10 o'clock.

The police are convinced that more than one person took part in the murders, for with the bullterrier on guard and three persons to cope with, one man, they say, would have been powerless. Also examination showed that Scalpone's body had been dragged from the dining-room to the kitchen, where it was tied. There is no direct clue to the murderers.

**HON. MR. DEVLIN ILL
MUST GO ABROAD**

Quebec, Jan. 20.—Hon. Mr. Devlin, minister of colonization, mines and fisheries, is very sick, and is going to London, England, for medical treatment on the advice of his surgeon, Mr. Donovan, his private secretary, goes with him.

FARM LAND VALUES OF THE DOMINION

Prices of Occupied Land and Agricultural Stock Shows a General Increase.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The census and statistics office today gives out a statement on farm land values and the values of farm animals and wool, and of the average wage paid farm and domestic help. The statistics are based on the reports of correspondents in every constituency in the Dominion.

The average value of occupied farm land in the Dominion is placed at \$38.90 as against \$35.70 last year. All the provinces except Prince Edward Island and British Columbia show slightly increased values over last year. This upward tendency is due to the increased market value of all kinds of farm products. The lowest value, \$29.46, is shown for Alberta, and the highest, \$73.44, for British Columbia. Values are high in the last named province owing to the comparatively large extent of farm land there in orchards and small farms.

The average value of occupied farms in Manitoba shows an increase of \$1.64; in Saskatchewan, \$1.14, and in Alberta an increase of \$2.26 per acre over last year. In four of the provinces the value is over \$20 per acre, being \$22.97 in Prince Edward Island, \$29.20 in Nova Scotia, \$42.37 in Quebec, \$22.22 in Ontario, and \$25.75 in British Columbia. In New Brunswick the average is \$23.77, in Manitoba \$28.94, in Saskatchewan \$21.54, and in Alberta \$29.46.

Farm Animals.

Although the values of farm animals are very close to those of last year yet they show a steady increase for all classes in all the provinces. The average value of horses at the end of the year is \$129.29 for those under one year old as against \$146 last year, \$106 as against \$100 for those of from one to under three years, and \$150 as against \$143 for those three years and over. Horses of the last class have the highest value in the western provinces, being \$187 in Manitoba, \$180 in Saskatchewan, \$165 in British Columbia, and \$150 in Alberta. In Ontario and Quebec they are about \$144. In the Maritime Provinces they are \$126 to \$127.

Milch Cows.

Milch cows have an average value in the Dominion of \$25 as against \$34 last year. In the Maritime Provinces they have a value of \$21. In the Northwest provinces \$29, in Quebec \$23, in Ontario \$10, and in British Columbia \$31. These averages are generally close for all the provinces, the lowest value being in New Brunswick, and the highest in Ontario and British Columbia.

Other horned cattle have an average value for the Dominion of \$19 as against \$9 last year for ones under one year, \$23 as against \$21 for ones of from one to under three years, and \$33 as against \$32 last year for ones of three years and over. Animals of the last class are about \$38 in Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, from \$28 to \$30 in Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, and \$40 in Saskatchewan.

The average value of swine is given as \$7.99 per head as against \$5.86 a year ago. The values are very close for all the provinces, being \$7.33 in Ontario and Prince Edward Island, \$7.26 in Nova Scotia, \$7.58 in New Brunswick, \$7.10 in Manitoba, \$7.29 in Alberta, and \$7.50 in British Columbia; but in Quebec the average is \$9.62 per cwt.

The average value of sheep for the Dominion is \$5.89, as against \$5.23 last year. They are above the average in the Northwest provinces, British Columbia, and below the average in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. From the general trend of remarks by correspondents it would seem that this industry, owing to the ravages of dogs in the eastern provinces and wolves in the western provinces, is on the decrease.

Value of Farm Stock.

The total value of farm animals, computed on the foregoing averages, and the number of animals on farms in June was \$558,790,000 as against \$550,000,000 in 1908. The value of horses is put down at \$278,759,000; milch cows at \$102,591,000; other horned cattle at \$125,326,000; swine at \$24,988,000, and sheep at \$15,735,000, and the average value as \$139.72 for horses, \$36.38 for milch cows, \$23.81 for other horned cattle, \$11.85 for swine, and \$5.89 for sheep. The June price for wool for the Dominion was 17 cents per pound for unwashed, and 24 cents for washed wool.

The average wages during the summer season for competent farm and domestic help for the Dominion is \$22.69 per month for males and \$11.08 for females, exclusive of board, and per year \$276.28 and \$136.98 for males and females of the same class. These figures are for the native-born; the wages for immigrants are lower. The average value of board per month is \$10 for males and \$8 for females.

The highest wages are reported for the western provinces, where they reach \$30 per month, and \$300 per year for males, and \$171 per month and \$171 per year for females. A large number of correspondents comment on the scarcity of reliable farm and domestic help, and report that the native-born female help make yearly contracts. It would appear from the reports of correspondents that the more general practice is to employ male help during the busy season by the day, and the wages range from \$1 per day in the Maritime Provinces, to \$2.50 and \$3 per day, with board, in the western provinces. In Ontario the average monthly wage for men is \$23.52 and \$10.22 for women.

DENIED BY MR. GRAHAM

Says That Pottinger Is Not to Succeed Butler on I. C. R. Board.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Hon. George P. Graham this morning denied the statement published in some newspapers that Mr. David Pottinger would succeed Mr. M. J. Butler, as chairman of the board of management of the Intercolonial Railway, and that Mr. J. Herbert, of Montreal, be appointed to the board. No action, he said, had been taken to fill the vacancies caused by Mr. Butler's retirement, nor would the question of the reorganization of the department be discussed until Mr. Butler's return to Ottawa from the east.

CHARGES GRAFTING.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20.—That he assisted the late Sigmund Rothschild, tobacco millionaire, to graft \$4,000 from the Canadian Klondike Company, and that the money eventually came out of the Guggenheim Exploration Company, of whom Senator Guggenheim, of Colorado, is the head, was the testimony of James M. Elmer, a mining engineer, in a suit against the Canadian Klondike Company in Judge

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Don't think because sharp twinges strike you when you lift, or twist about, or reach, that your work is too hard for you. Bad backs are common in every occupation. Those aches and twinges are only Nature's warnings that the kidneys need help.

It is easy to tell if the kidneys are sick, and are not thoroughly doing their work of filtering the blood. Backache is an early warning. Headache, dizzy spells, puffy swellings under the eyes or in the ankles and legs, nervousness, irritability, rheumatic pain and tired feelings also tell of kidney ills.

Examine the urine. If it is extremely pale and light, the kidneys are not getting out all of the uric poison. If it is dark colored and thick, passages too frequent, or too scanty, if there is any sediment deposited when it stands, if passages burn or pain, that



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NINE MONTHS' IMMIGRATION.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—According to official figures the immigration into Canada during the nine months of 1909, totalled 158,929, an increase of 31 per cent. The total for December was 8,673, compared with 4,960 for December, 1908.

MANIAC'S VICTIM DIES.

New York, Jan. 20.—Six-year-old Arthur Shibley gave up his brave fight for life today. His mother's sacrifice had proved vain, the blood infused from her veins giving only temporary help to the desperately wounded lad. Thus another murder stands charged against the maniac who appeared against a party of boy coasters on Washington Heights last week, and shot and killed 6-year-old Robert Lomas, and wounded the Shibley lad.

Search for the murderer went on with fresh eagerness today, and another suspect was taken in custody at Astoria, Long Island.

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