ARGENTINE CROP LARGELY FAILURE

Reports Encourage Heavy Buying in Chicago Wheat Pit—Corn Firm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Assertions that the Argentina crop is a failure in the south and poor quality in the north put the wheat market today at the mercy of the bulls. Closing figures were steady at ⅛c to ⅝c net advance. Corn finished ⅛c to ⅜c up, and oats with a gain of ⅛c to 1c. In provisions the outcome varied from the same as last night to 17½c decline.

Latest Argentina reports concerning wheat estimated a reduction of 30,000,000 bushels from last year's total. Part of the injury was attributed to frost in the south, where the acreage is large, and the plant is at the state of bloom. Advices were current also that Russian offerings had become scanty and that the Russian crop had been officially overestimated. Prospect of a further falling off in receipts northwest of here as soon as bad weather sets in added to sentiment against the bears.

Increased feeding of wheat to live stock west of the Missouri River and the fact that in some sections fields are too wet to afford pasturage, tended to prevent any important reaction in prices. Active demand at the seaboard helped also to maintain the market.

Corn Receipts Light.

Corn ruled firm because of receipts being light, stock small and a hard storm predicted for the west. Shorts were made still more uneasy by news that wagon roads in Illinois were so muddy as to interfere noticeably with delivery to country elevators.

Oats made a decided spurt on account of the meagerness of primary arrivals. There were also bullish reports from Winnipeg, Texas and Argentina.

Provisions sagged, hog receipts here being 12,000 more than expected, with the market burdened by 10,000 carried over from yesterday. One of the chief holders of packing house products was said to be unloading.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 600 bushels of grain, 32 loads of hay, and one load of straw.

Wheat—Two hundred bushels sold at 88c to 90c.

Barley—Two hundred bushels sold at 60c to 62c.

Oats—Two hundred bushels sold at 38c to 40c.

Hay—Thirty-two loads sold at $17 to $18 for No. 1; $15 to $16 for No. 2, and $13 to $14 for cattle hay.

Straw—One load of sheaf sold at $17 per ton.

Grain—		
Wheat, fall, bushel	$0 88	to $0 90
Barley, bushel	0 62	....
Peas, bushel	0 80	....
Oats, bushel	0 38	0 40
Rye, bushel	0 65	....
Buckwheat, bushel	0 51	0 52
Seeds—		
Alsike, No. 1 bushel	$8 50	to $9 00
Alsike, No. 2, bushel	7 00	8 00
Alsike, No. 3, bushel	5 00	5 50
Red clover, bush	6 00	7 00
Timothy, No. 1, bush	2 75	3 25
Timothy, No. 2, bush	2 00	2 50
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, new, ton	$17 00	to $18 00
Hay, mixed	15 00	16 00
Straw, bundled, ton	17 00	.....
Straw, loose, ton	8 50	.....
Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per bag	$1 00	to $1 10
Apples, per barrel	2 50	4 50
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, farmers' dairy	0 30	to 0 35
Eggs, new, dozen	0 55	0 65
Poultry, Retail—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb	$0 22	to $0 25
Geese, lb	0 13	0 15
Ducks, spring, lb	0 16	0 17
Spring chickens, dressed, lb	0 15	0 18
Spring chickens, alive, lb	0 12	0 14
Fowl, per lb	0 12	0 13
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$9 00	to $10 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	13 00	14 00
Beef, choice sides, cwt	11 00	11 50
Beef, medium, cwt	9 00	10 50
Beef, common, cwt	8 50	9 00
Mutton, cwt	9 00	11 00
Veals, cwt	12 00	14 50
Dressed hogs, cwt	12 50	13 25
Spring lambs, cwt	13 00	15 00

FARM PRODUCE, WHOLESALE.

Hay, No. 1, car lots	$13 00	to $13 50
Straw, car lots, ton	8 50	9 00
Potatoes, car lots	0 80	0 90
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 28	0 31
Butter, separator, dairy	0 27	....
Butter, creamery, solids	0 27	0 28
Butter, store lots	0 20	0 25
Cheese, old, lb	0 15	0 14½
Cheese, new, lb	0 14	0 14½
Eggs, new-laid	0 40	....
Eggs, cold storage	0 29	....
Eggs, selects, cold storage	0 32	0 33
Honey, extracted, lb	0 10	0 11

HIDES AND SKINS.

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

—Hides—

Inspected hides are nominal.

Lambskins and pelts	$0 60	to $0 90
City hides, flat	0 14	....
Calfskins, lb	0 16	....
Horsehair, per lb	0 35	0 38
Horsehides, No. 1	3 50	4 00
Tallow, No. 1, per lb	0 05½	0 07

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows:

Ontario oats—New, white, 33½c to 34½c, outside; 35½c to 36½c, track, Toronto.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.50, in cotton 10c more; second patents, $5, in cotton 10c more; strong bakers', $4.80, in jute.

Manitoba oats—No. 3 C.W., 41c; No. 3 C.W., 39½c, lake ports.

Ontario wheat—New, No. 2, 80c to 82c, outside; 85c, track, Toronto.

Beans—Imported, hand-picked, $2.35 per bushel; Canadians, hand-picked, $2.35 prime, $2.

Manitoba wheat—New crop, for October shipments from Fort William, No. 1 northern, 93c to 94c; No. 2 northern, 91¼c to 92¼c.

Rye—No. 2, 81c to 82c per bushel, outside, nominal.

Peas—No. 2, 83c to 85c, nominal, per bushel, outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 52c to 53c, outside, nominal.

Barley—For malting, 56c to 58c (47-lb. test); for feed, 43c to 46c, outside, nominal.

Corn — American No. 2 yellow, 80c, c.i.f, Midland; 85c, track, Toronto.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23, in bags, track, Toronto; shorts, $24 to $25; Ontario bran, $21, in bags; shorts, $23; middlings, $25.

Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, 90 per cent. patents, new, $3.60 to $3.70, bulk, seaboard.

TORONTO SUGAR MARKET.

Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, per cwt., as follows:

Extra granulated, St. Lawrence	$4 50
do. do. Redpath's	4 50
do. do. Acadia	4 45
Beaver granulated	4 35
No. 1 yellow	4 10

In barrels, 5c per cwt. more; car lots, 5c less.

NORTHWEST CARS.

	Yester.	Week ago.	Year ago.
Minneapolis	322	*...	636
Duluth	254	*...	193
Chicago	27	*...	29
Winnipeg	542	*...	697

*Holiday.

PRIMARY MOVEMENTS.

	Yester.	Wk. ago.	Yr. ago.
Wheat—			
Receipts	1,147,000	Holiday	1,524,000
Shipments	703,000	"	1,027,000
Corn—			
Receipts	691,000	"	593,000
Shipments	499,000	"	421,000
Oats—			
Receipts	479,000	"	520,000
Shipments	574,000	"	695,000

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Wheat—					
Dec.	83⅛	84	83⅛	84s	82¾
May	88⅝	89	88⅛	89b	88¼
July	90¼	90⅝	90⅛	90⅝b	89¾
Oats—					
Dec.	33¼	35	33¼	35s	33¾
May	37¾	38¾	37¾	38¼s	37¼
Flax—					
Dec.	....	....	....	112⅞b	117¼
May	....	....	....	126⅝s	124¾

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Erickson Perkins & Co. (J. G. Beaty, 14 West King street), report the following changes today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	87⅛	87¾	87⅛	87¾
May	90⅞	91⅜	90⅞	91⅜
July	88⅝	88⅞	88⅝	88⅞
Corn—				
Dec.	71¼	72	71¼	71⅞
May	70⅝	71⅜	70⅝	71⅜
July	69⅞	70⅝	69⅞	70½
Oats—				
Dec.	39⅝	39⅝	38½	39⅛
May	42	42⅞	42	42¾
July	41½	42⅜	41½	42⅜
Pork—				
Jan.	21.10	21.10	20.95	20.97
May	21.12	21.12	20.92	20.97
Ribs—				
Jan.	11.00	11.00	10.95	10.95
May	11.22	11.25	11.17	11.20
Lard—				
Jan.	10.80	10.82	10.77	10.80
May	11.10	11.10	11.07	11.07

WINNPIEG GRAIN MARKET.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 4.—Prices on the local grain exchange were higher today, the opening showing an advance of ⅜c to ½c, which was increased to from ¾c to 1¼c at the close. Oats and flax were in good demand with prices ¼c to 1½c higher. Barley was in fair demand.

Cash: Wheat, No. 1 northern, 84c; No. 2 do., 81⅞c; No. 3 do., 79c; No. 4, 74½c; No. 1 rejd. seeds, 78c; No. 2 do., 76c; No. 1 smutty, 78c; No. 2 do., 76⅞c; No. 1 red winter, 84c; No. 2 do., 81¼c; No. 3 do., 79½c.

Oats, No. 2 C.W., 35c; No. 3 C.W., 32⅜c; extra No. 1 feed, 33c; No. 1 feed, 31c; No. 2 feed, 29c.

Barley, No. 3, 43½c to 43¾c; No. 4, 40¼c; rejected, 37c; feed, 36½c.

Flax, No. 1 N.W.C., $1.18¾; No. 2 C.W., $1.16¾.

DULUTH GRAIN MARKET.

DULUTH, Dec. 4.—Close: Wheat, No. 1 hard, 87¾c; No. 1 northern, 86¾c; No. 2 do., 84¾c to 84⅞c; Montana No. 2 hard, 85⅞c; Dec., 84⅝c; May, 88⅝c.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 4. — Close: Wheat, Dec., 84c; May, 87⅞c to 87¾c; No. 1 hard, 87⅜c; No. 1 northern, 85⅞c to 86⅞c; No. 2 do., 83⅞c to 84⅞c; No. 3 wheat, 81⅜c to 82⅞c.

No. 3 yellow corn, 64c to 66½c.

No. 3 white oats, 38c to 38¼c.

Flour and bran unchanged.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 6000; market, steady; beeves, $6.70 to $9.65; Texas steers, $6.20 to $7.80; stockers and feeders, $4.90 to $7.70; cows and heifers, $3.40 to $8.25; calves, $5 to $11.

Hogs—Receipts, 40,000; market, steady; light, $7.30 to $7.50; mixed, ...30 to $7.70; heavy, $7.35 to $7.70; rough, $7.35 to $7.45; pigs, $5.75 to $6.90; bulk of sales, $7.35 to $7.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 23,000; market, unsettled; native, $4.15 to $5.50; yearlings, $5.60 to $7; lambs, native, $6.40 to $7.90.

SAMPLES OF SEED FREE TO FARMERS

No Postage Required on Letters in Which Request is Made.

POTATOES AND GRAIN

Will Be Distributed to All Who Send Proper Application in Time.

By instructions of the minister of agriculture a distribution of superior sorts of grain and potatoes will be made during the coming winter and spring to Canadian farmers. The samples for general distribution will consist of spring wheat (5 lbs.), white oats (4 lbs.), barley (5 lbs.), and field pease (5 lbs.) These will be sent out from Ottawa. A distribution of potatoes (in 3-lb. samples) will be carried on from several of the experimental farms, the Central Farm at Ottawa supplying only the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. All samples will be sent free, by mail.

Applicants must give particulars in regard to the soil on their farms, and some account of their experience with such kinds of grain (or potatoes) as they have grown, so that a promising sort for their conditions may be selected.

Sign Applications.

Each application must be separate and must be signed by the applicant. Only one sample of grain and one of potatoes can be sent to each farm. Applications on any kind of printed form cannot be accepted. If two or more samples are asked for in the same letter only one will be sent.

As the supply of seed is limited, farmers are advised to apply early; but the applications will not necessarily be filled in the exact order in which they are received. Preference will always be given to the most thoughtful and explicit requests. Applications received after the end of January will probably be too late.

Need No Postage.

All applications for grain (and applications from the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec for potatoes) should be addressed to the Dominion Cerealist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Such applications require no postage. If otherwise addressed delay and disappointment may occur.

Applications, for potatoes, from farmers in any other province should be addressed (postage prepaid) to the superintendent of the nearest branch experimental farm in that province.

Special Train to St. John, N.B., for Christmas Sailing.

For the convenience of the many passengers sailing via the Canadian Pacific steamship "Lake Manitoba" for Liverpool Dec. 10, a special train will run thru to St. John, N.B., leaving Toronto 9.45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, making direct connection. 456

GOOD CLEARANCE AT CATTLE YARDS

The Decks Are Cleared for the Great Fat Stock Show.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Yards were 113 car loads, 1393 cattle, 2579 hogs, 1309 sheep and lambs and 220 calves.

There was again an active trade in all classes of live stock at prices equal to those paid on Wednesday, as will be seen by the many sales given below.

Butchers'.

Choice butchers' steers sold at $7.50 to $8; good steers sold at $7 to $7.50; medium, $6.25 to $6.75; common, $5.50 to $6, choice cows, $6 to $6.50; good cows, $5.50 to $5.75; medium cows, $4.50 to $5.25; common cows, $3 to $4.25; export bulls, $6.50 to $7.25; butchers' bulls, $5.50 to $6; common bulls, $4.25 to $5.25.

Stockers and Feeders.

The demand for stockers and feeders still continues to be strong and prices were firm as follows: Steers, 1000 to 1150 lbs., sold at $6.40 to $6.80; steers, 900 to 1000 lbs., at $6 to $6.25; stockers, 500 to 800 lbs., at $5.25 to $6; rough eastern stockers, $4.50 to $5.25.

Milkers and Springers.

A fairly large supply of milkers and springers was on sale. The demand for them was as strong as for some time past. Prices ranged from $60 to $132 each, the bulk going at $70 to $95 each.

Veal Calves

There were 220 calves on sale for which there was a strong demand at firm prices. Choice veals sold at $9 to $10.50; good, $8 to $9; medium, $7 to $8; common, $5 to $6; rough grass calves, $4.40 to $5.

Sheep and Lambs

Receipts of sheep and lambs were moderate. Prices remained steady. Sheep, ewes, sold at $5 to $6; heavy ewes, $4 to $5; culls and rams, $3.50 to $4.50; lambs, $8.25 to $8.75.

Hogs.

Receipts of hogs were moderately large, 2579 being reported. Selects sold at $8.45, fed and watered, and $8.10, f.o.b. cars.

Representative Sales

McDonald and Halligan sold on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 23 cars of live stock, as follows: Best butchers' cattle, 1000 to 1200 lbs., $7.50 to $8; fair to good, $6.50 to $7.25; best butchers' cows, 1100 lbs., and up, $6 to $6.50; fair to good, $5 to $5.50, medium, $4.50 to $4.75; canners and cutters, $3.75 to $4.25; best heavy bulls, $6.50 to $7; fair to good butchers' bulls, $5.75 to $6.25; best bologna bulls, $5 to $5.25; light bologna bulls, $4.50 to $4.75; feeders, good quality, 900 lbs. and up, $6.30 to $6.60; stockers, good quality, 700 to 800 lbs., $6 to $6.25; eastern stockers, 700 to 750 lbs., $5.40 to $5.80; light eastern cattle, mixed, $4.85 to $5.25; milkers and springers, best cows, $80 to $100; fair to good, $60 to $75.

D. A. McDonald sold for McDonald and Halligan: Three hundred lambs, $8.50 to $8.75; 104 sheep, light ewes, $5.50 to $5.85; heavy to medium weights, $4.50 to $5.25; rams and culls, $3 to $5; 229 calves, best veal, $9 to $10; fair to good, $7 to $8.50; good heavy calves, $5.75 to $7; common to medium, $4.50 to $5.25; 500 hogs, $8.45 to $8.50, fed and watered.

H. P. Kennedy sold 10 car loads of live stock. Medium to choice butchers, $6.40 to $8.10; cows, $5.50 to $6.50; bulls, $5.50 to $7.10; feeders, $6 to $6.50; stockers, $4.50 to $6; milkers, $67 to $78; light eastern butchers' heifers, 700 to 800 lbs., $6.50 to $6.60. Mr. Kennedy bought 200 stockers and feeders on order: Choice feeders, $6.40 to $6.75; medium, $5.50 to $6; choice stockers, $6 to $6.25; common, $5 to $5.50.

Charles Zeagman and Sons sold 60 car loads of cattle during the week: Five loads of steers and heifers, 900 to 1200 lbs., $6 to $7.60; 4 loads of light steers, 600 to 850 lbs., $5.50 to $6.50; 15 loads of canners and cutters, 750 to 950 lbs., $3.75 to $4.15; 15 loads butchers' cows, 1000 to 1350 lbs., $4.50 to $6.75; 10 loads yearling heifers and steers, 400 to 550 lbs., $4.75 to $5.50; 5 loads 1 year and 2 year old steers, 600 to 900 lbs., $6 to $6.80; 6 loads of bulls, 500 to 2000 lbs., $4.40 to $7; 200 lambs, $8.50 to $8.85; 50 sheep, $5.40 to $5.65; 300 calves, good, $8.50 to $10.50; rough calves, $4 to $5.25.

Rice and Whaley sold 15 car loads of live stock: Choice export steers, $7.75 to $8; medium export steers, $7 to $7.35; choice butchers' steers and heifers, $6.80 to $7.40; fair butchers' steers and heifers, $6 to $6.50; common butchers, $5 to $6; choice cows, $6 to $6.55; common cows, $4.50 to $4.75; canners, $3.50 to $4; good stockers, $5.50 to $6.60; common stockers, $5 to $5.50; choice calves, $9 to $10.50; common calves, $4.50 to $7; choice butchers' bulls, $6.50 to $7, medium butchers' bulls, $5 to $6.50; export bulls, $7; lambs, $8.40 to $8.75; sheep, $5 to $6; culls, $3 to $4; hogs, $8.40, fed and watered.

Dunn and Levack sold:

Butchers—Sold 310 lbs., at $6.35; 10, 760 lbs., at $6.35; 12, 1080 lbs., at $7.75; 5, 620 lbs., at $6.40; 4, 540 lbs., at $6.50; 10, 900 lbs., at $6.45; 8, 810 lbs., at $6.40; 4, 830 lbs., at $6.50; 6, 500 lbs., at $6.25; 24, 900 lbs., at $7.25; 4, 820 lbs., at $6.50.

Stockers—6, 650 lbs., at $6; 4, 710 lbs., at $5.25; 7, 670 lbs., at $5.50; 9, 650 lbs., at $5; 2, 640 lbs., at $5.10; 4, 610 lbs., at $5.25.

Bulls—1, 1720 lbs., at $7; 2, 1320 lbs., at $6; 1, 1520 lbs., at $6.50; 2, 1410 lbs., at $6.25.

Cows—3, 840 lbs., at $3.90; 8, 910 lbs., at $4; 4, 1100 lbs., at $4.25; 4, 1190 lbs., at $4.75; 5, 1000 lbs., at $4.70; 6, 890 lbs., at $3.75; 4, 940 lbs., at $3.90; 2, 1000 lbs., at $4.70; 5, 1100 lbs., at $4.75; 10, 810 lbs., at $3.75.

Milkers—5, at $71 each; 2, at $70 each; 1, at $66; 3, at $77 each.

Lambs—300, at $8.50 to $8.60.

Sheep—100, at $5 to $5.75.

Calves—25, at $4.50 to $10.

Hogs—400, at $8.10, f.o.b., and $8.45, fed and watered.

J. B. Shields and Son sold 25 car loads of live stock this week: Butchers, $5.50 to $7.75; cows, $3.50 to $6.75; bulls, $4.50 to $7.25; feeders, $6.50 to $6.75; stockers, $5.50 to $6.25; milkers and springers, $60 to $85; calves, $5.50 to $10.50; sheep, $5.50 to $6; lambs, $8.50 to $8.75; hogs, $8.45 to $8.60, fed and watered.

A. B. Quinn sold 32 carloads of live stock during the week: Butchers' steers and heifers at $6 to $6.50; cows, $3.50 to $6.50; bulls, $5.50 to $7; stockers and feeders at $5.75 to $6.25; milkers and springers at $80 to $95; sheep at $5 to $5.75; lambs at $8.50 to $9.15; calves, $7 to $10; hogs, $8.45 to $8.50 fed and watered; $8.15 f.o.b. cars, and $8.70 to $8.75 weighed off cars.

Mr. Quinn bought and shipped 6 cars of cattle on order.

Representative Purchases.

The Swift Canadian Company bought on Wednesday and Thursday 975 cattle: Good to choice butchers, $7.50 to $8; medium to good, $6.75 to $7.25; common to medium, $5.25 to $6.25; good to choice cows, $6 to $7; medium to good cows, $5 to $6; common to fair cows, $4.50 to $5; canners and cutters, $3.50 to $4.25; bologna bulls, $4.50 to $5.25; good bologna bulls, $6.25 to $5.75; choice heavy bulls, $6 to $7; 600 lambs, $8.40 to $8.65; 200 sheep, $5 to $5.75; 50 calves, $5 to $7.

Alex. Levack bought for Gunns, Limited, 225 cattle in the two days: Butchers' steers, $6.90 to $8; cows, $5.50 to $7; canners and cutters, $3.75 to $4.50; bulls, $5.50 to $7.25; 400 lambs at $8.50 to $8.70; 120 sheep, $5.25 to $5.75; 50 calves at $7.10.

W. J. Neely bought for the Matthews Laing Co. 120 cattle: Butchers' steers and heifers at $7 to $7.75; cows, $5 to $6.25; canners, $3.50 to $4; 200 lambs at $8.40 to $8.75.

Geo. Campbell bought for Morris & Co. of Chicago on Wednesday and Thursday 140 cattle at $3.50 to $4.45 for canners and cutters.

J. H. Dingle bought for Fowler's Canadian, Hamilton, one load butchers, 950 lbs., at $7 to $7.40; two loads of cows at $3.50 to $4.

E. Puddy bought 25 cattle, 1000 lbs., at $7.50; 200 lambs at $8.50; 50 sheep at $5.60; 400 hogs at $8.25 f.o.b., and $8.75 weighed off cars.

Fred Armstrong bought 100 cows this week at $58 to $125, and sold four carloads to Napoleon Dezziell of Montreal.

Fred Rowntree bought 100 milkers and springers during the week at $55 to $100 each. And shipped one carload to Toledo, Ohio, U.S.; also 2 carloads to Winnipeg.

Fred Vivian bought 26 milkers and springers at $50 to $132. The $132 cow he bought from W. J. Hodgson, Horning's Mills.

James Ryan bought 31 milkers and springers this week at $50 to $65.

Wm. Ettridge bought 41 milkers and springers at $55 to $100 each. Sold one load fat cows at $5.90 and 10 canners at $4.25. Mr. Ettridge will have a car load of milkers and springers for sale at the Mansion House, East Toronto, on Friday and Saturday.

A. E. Quickfall of Berlin, Ont., bought 25 springers at $55 to $65 each.

Market Notes.

Mr. L. Furhman, mayor of Buffalo, accompanied by his son, was on the market.

Geo. Murray's big steers shown at the Exhibition last fall are at the Fat Stock Show, and will be sold at auction on Monday.

Mr. A. McKay of Woodville, Ont., is an exhibitor of sheep and was on the market with a carload.

Be sure and visit the fat stock show. If you cannot get there on Saturday or Monday the yards will be open on Sunday, and the prize winners will be worth seeing.

DROVE THE HORSES ON STAGE COACH

Felix Warren Rivaled Hank Monk as Whip and Line Artist.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 1.—Driving horses is rapidly becoming, or has already become, another of the lost arts. Plenty of horses work in harness yet, but it took the old stage driving days to develop the art of handling the reins.

The stage had to make about ten miles an hour in the mountains or across the sagebrush on roads that merely happened instead of being constructed. To do that required horses that had spirit and speed. The kind that heavy harness would hardly hold naturally made the best time and all the pioneer stage driver needed was to get them into harness.

With six such, crazy with fear and wilder than deer by nature, he would draw a streak of dust as straight across the plain as a ship sails at sea and take his coach down mountain trails just wide enough for his wheel tracks without spilling a passenger.

Spokane had one of the great whip and line artists of those days in Felix Warren, brother of Joe Warren, celebrated town marshal of frontier days. Plenty of old timers will contend that Felix in reality owned the place at the head in the list so generally credited to Hank Monk. Hank Vaughan would back this claim with money any time and once relieved a friend of Monk's of $100 on a driving bet.

One day in Walla Walla Vaughan was bragging about Warren being the greatest driver in the west. A man from Nevada disputed the statement, maintaining that nobody ever could or ever would be able to hold the reins with Hank Monk. Vaughan wanted to know if Monk could put ten unbroken horses in harness, hitch them to a stage, drive half a mile at a full gallop down the street, turn them in half a block and stop within thirty feet of a given point with the horses strung out in shape to start again. The Nevada man was willing to bet that nobody could do that.

Warren never bet on his own prowess, but he was willing to oblige Vaughan and the test was made the next day, the stopping point to be within thirty feet of the Spine house door. Warren made the trip without any trouble and stopped squarely in front of the door.

Monk was a wonder in getting speed out of stage teams, but his record has no display of dominating horsemanship such as Warren exhibited. Any man familiar with plains horses would have bet that it couldn't be done unless he had seen Warren do it.

In 1881 Warren was associated with A. A. Newberry of Spokane in the stage business. Their system served Spokane, Lewiston, Colfax, Sprague, Ritzville, Almota and Pomeroy, and it was the old slam bang style of stagecoaching that fast mail and passengers thru as fast as horse flesh could do it. Warren was a master of driving horses when he went into the business and didn't depreciate any for lack of practice.

Some English tourists were out here one time and in talking about stage driving they told of what they considered great work in tandem driving, which means two horses hitched one behind the other. It is a fancy arrangement that has no value in practical use and something Warren had never found worth while in his business, but he decided to show those visitors something about it they didn't know. Instead of two he hitched six plunging cayuses tandem fashion with two lines on each horse and put them thru their paces. The Englishmen had nothing more to say.

In a narrow street in Colfax one day Warren turned an eight horse team three times. Lee Stanus, considered the greatest six horse driver of that time, saw the performance and after that Lee would put up cash and go as far as you liked that Warren could make horses take wings and fly if he wanted to, or do anything else.

CHAMPION STEER COMES TO GUELPH

Winner at Chicago Will Be Shown at Ontario Winter Fair.

SHOW OPEN NEXT WEEK

Strong Lecture Program Has Been Prepared by Those in Charge.

By the special request of Hon. J. S. Duff, "Glencarnock Victor II," the magnificent fat steer which carried off the grand championship at the international live stock show at Chicago a few days ago and brought the tribute of the breeders of the continent to Canadian cattlemen, will be on exhibition at the Ontario winter fair which opens in Guelph next week. This arrangement is counted by the department to be one of the most interesting features of several years of exhibits.

A wire from the minister to Prof. G. E. Day of the O.A.C., who is now attending the American fair, secured the permission of the owner, J. D. McGregor of Brandon, Man., to have the famous animal shipped to Guelph at the end of the week and delayed there until the Ontario exposition is at an end. It is proposed to show the animal to educate farmers and students in the fine points which may be developed on Canadian farms. The winning of the grand championship is regarded by cattlemen as the most coveted of honors.

The department announces that prospects for an interesting time are evident. In addition to an entry list in excess of last year there will be a strong lecture program in order that the educational opportunities of the occasion will not be neglected.

Among those taking part are Professors Klinck of Macdonald College; G. E. Day of the O.A.C.; Peter White on "Stallion Enrolment," and T. R. Arkell on "Sheep." The first two will lecture on "Corn" and "Dairy Shorthorns" respectively.

Hon. W. J. Hanna will deliver an address on "Prison Farms and Others" at the evening session on Wednesday.

Special arrangements will be made for Toronto visitors desirous of attending the show.

ARTICULATED CARS THE LATEST FREAK

Boston Crosstown Line Has Newest Thing in Rapid Transit.

There has recently been put into service on a crosstown line in Boston what is known as "articulated" cars, and these, The Engineering Magazine remarks, are the newest thing in rapid transit. It was thought possible to design a car which would hold as many persons as the standard car and still run on narrow streets and around sharp curves without objectionable overhang.

The designers sought to find some use for the 1400 odd small cars which the street car company possessed, and considerations of convenience and safety to entering passengers also had weight.

One vestibule and platform were removed from two of the old twenty-foot closed cars, which were then connected by an intermediate section to form a single unit sixty feet ten inches over the bumpers. The intermediate section floor is fourteen inches above the roadway, giving a "stepless" exterior design.

A flexible waterproof curtain encloses the passageway between the centre and end compartments. The roof extensions of the end sections, which project over the entrances from the centre section, have a horizontal hinge and rest on the centre section roof.

The conductor's station, of course, is on the centre section. Near the fare box are push buttons governing bells in the front and rear vestibules to signal the motorman in whichever end happens to be forward. In the centre section are four 500-watt electric car heaters. All passengers, of course, have to enter by the centre section, but the passengers in the forward section leave thru the four vestibule doors, which are opened by the motorman. A folding step drops with the opening of the vestibule doors.

The car has semi-automatic air brakes, with an emergency valve at the conductor's station. The centre doors are operated by compressed air cylinders near the roof instead of at the floor, as is common. The company reports that the average boarding and leaving time on these cars is about two seconds.

You and Your Friends are Invited TO THE

Toronto Fat Stock Show

UNION STOCK YARDS, TORONTO

Judging Saturday, December 6th, 1913.

Auction Sale of Prize Winners, Monday, December 8, 1913.

Unsurpassed Exhibit of Cattle, Sheep and Swine.

Admission Free. Reduced Passenger Fares

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Beef Veal Mutton Pork

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SYNOPSIS OF DOMINION LAND REGULATIONS.

ANY PERSON who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties: Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price, $3.00 per acre.

Duties: Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent), and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties: Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—26656 ed

NOTICE

TO BUILDERS AND USERS OF WATER

This is to notify builders and others throughout the city that the taking of water from fire hydrants constitutes a violation of City Bylaw. Serious damage is likely to result from interference with hydrants at any time of the year, and this is particularly the case at this season of the year and during the winter, when frost is likely to occur.

Notice is hereby given that anyone found using hydrants without permission therefor from the Department of Works will be prosecuted.

R. C. HARRIS,
Commissioner of Works.

City Hall, Toronto, Nov. 28, 1913. ed

Township of York Taxes 1913

Notice is hereby given that the time for allowance of discount on 1913 taxes in the Township of York has been extended from December 5th up to and including December 10th, 1913, only.

W. J. DOUGLAS,
Treasurer Township of York.

December 5th, 1913.

Application to Parliament

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, at the next session thereof, for an act amending the Acts 62 Victoria, Chapter 118, and 1 Edward VII., Chapter 110, relating to the Toronto Western Hospital in the following particulars:

1. By amending Section 5 of the first mentioned Act so as to make life members of the Board of Governors those who have before the 15th day of November, 1913, given to the Corporation a sum of $1000 or upwards.

2. By striking out of Section 6 of the said first mentioned Act the words: "not only become thereby a life member of the Board of Governors, but shall also."

3. By repealing Section 7 of the first mentioned Act as introduced by the secondly mentioned Act, and substituting therefor a section requiring the Corporation at its annual meetings to elect not fewer than twelve persons to be Governors, in addition to those then already occupying the position of life members of the Board of Governors, and providing that the members of the Board of Governors shall be a quorum, and that the Board of Governors shall elect from among their members a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, and providing a manner for filling vacancies in the Board of Governors.

4. By amending Section 12 of the first mentioned Act as amended by the secondly mentioned Act, by striking out the words: "subject to the provisions hereinafter contained as to the powers, authority and duties of the medical staff," and by adding a subsection giving power to the Board to pass bylaws regulating the calling of meetings, procedure at meetings and the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation.

5. By striking out of Sub-section 1 of Section 14 of the first mentioned Act, as introduced by the secondly mentioned Act, all the words after the word "Governors" in the fifth line, and by striking out of Sub-section 2 of the said Section, the words "conjunction with" in the sixth line, and substituting therefor the words "addition to."

6. By inserting in Section 16 of the first mentioned Act, as introduced by the secondly mentioned Act, between the words "shall" and "respectively" in the third line thereof, the words "subject to the provisions of Section 17."

7. By amending Section 17 of the first mentioned Act, as introduced by the secondly mentioned Act, by striking out the words "after consultation with the medical staff."

8. By repealing Sections 18, 19 and 20 of the first mentioned Act and all amendments thereof.

9. By making in Section 21 of the first mentioned Act, as amended by the secondly mentioned Act, such amendments as are necessary to make that Section harmonize with other provisions of the Act as they are proposed to be amended.

10. By substituting for the words "medical staff" in Section 22 of the first mentioned Act, as amended by the secondly mentioned Act, the words "Board of Governors."

11. By amending Section 25 of the first mentioned Act, as introduced by the secondly mentioned Act, by striking out all the words after the word "advisable" in the fourth line and substituting therefor the words "and the Board of Governors may also appoint or allocate any individual practitioner or member of the staff, whether physician, surgeon, specialist or general practitioner, to any one or other of the said Sections, and may revoke from time to time at pleasure any such appointment or allocation."

Dated at Toronto, this 3rd day of December, 1913.

BEATTY, BLACKSTOCK, EASKEN, COWAN & CHADWICK,
Solicitors for the Toronto Western Hospital. 555555

Estate Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS—IN THE Matter of Charles Pirko, Trading as The Modern Skirt & Cloak Company of the City of Toronto, Insolvent.

Notice is hereby given that the above-named insolvent has made an Assignment of his Estate to me for the benefit of his creditors under and pursuant to the provisions of the Assignments and Preferences Act, 10 Edward VII., Chapter 64, and Amendments thereto.

A meeting of the Creditors of the said Insolvent will be held at my office, McKinnon Building, Toronto, on Thursday, the 4th day of December, 1913, at 3 o'clock