

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

MAPLE SYRUP
MAY BE SCARCESome People Say Price
Will Be \$1.50 Gallon.LOCAL MARKET
WAS A QUIET ONEBig Demand for Dressed Pork is
Looked for on Thursday.

Whether the farmers remained at home today celebrating St. Patrick's Day, or whether it was just an ordinary slow market day, is not known, but at any rate there was less business done on the local square today than in many weeks.

Eight loads of hay had been offered at 11 o'clock, and six of them were still on the stand at that time. The prices were slow, too, \$10 being the highest figure, while more inferior offerings brought as low as \$9 per ton.

Four loads of oats were brought in, and were purchased at \$1.38 to \$1.49 per hundredweight. No wheat was offered, but it is still quoted at \$1.05 per bushel. One buyer purchased a load of seed peas at \$1 per bushel.

There will be a good demand for dressed hogs tomorrow, as the offerings yesterday were light.

Discussing the sap flow, a number of farmers stated that the prospects were for a poor season, owing to the peculiar weather. There has not been sufficient frost during the winter, and in many places throughout the country the ground is quite soft.

"The sap always runs best on a mild, cloudy day," said one man. "When I was in the business some years ago we used to start tapping in February, and we had a much longer season. Now they never go near the trees until the warm weather comes, and in a couple of weeks the sap is in the top of the trees and they have to quit."

Higher this spring, and maple syrup will probably go to \$1.50 per gallon. Sugar will be dearer than a year ago, too.

The Fruit Crop.

A local fruit merchant states that he has received a number of letters from the Niagara and Leamington districts, concerning the fruit crop. All speak in hopeful terms, and state that from present appearances plums and peaches will be very plentiful. However, it is a little too early to speak definitely, but within a month or so the dealers will be looking for more reliable reports.

Last year's apple crop was particularly poor in this vicinity, and in other parts of Western Ontario, but it is said that the great bulk of the crop is in farmers to their feet, and that they are being given the orchards more attention recently.

Should the farmers give the orchards the necessary care this summer, that class of fruit may again come within the reach of the general public. The text writer is said to be responsible for the failure of the last crop, to a great extent.

Following were today's prices on the local market.

Grain.

Wheat, per bu. 1.02 to 1.05
Corn, per bu. 1.02 to 1.05
Barley, per bu. 1.02 to 1.05
Oats, per bu. 1.02 to 1.05
Rye, per bu. 1.02 to 1.05

Hides and Wool.

Wool, washed, lb. 15 to 17
Wool, unwashed, lb. 8 to 10
Hides, No. 1, lb. 7 to 8
Hides, No. 2, lb. 6 to 7
Tallow, rendered, lb. 5 to 6
Tallow, rough, lb. 4 to 5
Sheepskins, each 1.00 to 1.25
Calveskins, No. 1, lb. 10 to 11
Calveskins, No. 2, lb. 9 to 10

Poultry Dressed.

Turkeys, per lb. 19 to 22
Geese, each 1.25 to 1.40
Ducks, per lb. 9 to 11
Chickens, per pair 1.25 to 1.50
Chickens, each 1.00 to 1.25
Chickens, per lb. 10 to 11
Old fowl, per lb. 8 to 9

Poultry Alive.

Turkeys, per lb. 17 to 19
Geese, per lb. 9 to 10
Ducks, per lb. 8 to 9
Chickens, per lb. 12 to 13
Old fowl, per lb. 8 to 9

Live Stock.

Select hogs, per cwt. 6.75 to 6.85
Fat hogs, per cwt. 4.25 to 4.50
Select cattle, per cwt. 4.50 to 4.75
Milch cows, each 30.00 to 35.00

Vegetables.

Potatoes, per bag 30 to 40
Turnips, per bag 30 to 40
Beets, per bag 30 to 40
Cabbage, per dozen 25 to 30
Lettuce, per dozen 25 to 30
Carrots, per dozen 25 to 30
Sage, per dozen 25 to 30
Savory, per dozen 25 to 30
Rhubarb, per dozen 25 to 30
Green onions, per dozen 25 to 30
Radishes, per dozen 25 to 30

Dairy Produce.

Butter, creamery, lb. 24 to 26
Butter, crock, lb. 24 to 26
Eggs, crate, per dozen 24 to 26
Honey, strained, lb. 10 to 12
Honey, in comb 12 to 15

Meats.

Beef, forequarters, cwt. 8.50 to 9.00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt. 7.50 to 8.00
Mutton, per cwt. 7.00 to 7.50
Veal, per cwt. 6.00 to 6.50
Lamb, per cwt. 6.00 to 6.50
Pork, hindquarters, cwt. 10.00 to 11.00
Pork, forequarters, cwt. 9.00 to 10.00

Fruit.

Apples, per barrel 2.25 to 2.75
Apples, per bushel 1.00 to 1.25
Hay, per ton 10.00 to 12.00
Straw, per ton 3.50 to 4.00
Straw, per load 3.50 to 4.00

Milfeed.

Shorts, wholesale, ton 23.00 to 24.00
Shorts, retail, ton 23.00 to 24.00
Bran, wholesale, ton 23.00 to 24.00
Bran, retail, ton 23.00 to 24.00

Alfalfa.

Alfalfa, per bu. 10.00 to 10.50
Clover, alfalfa, bu. 10.00 to 10.50
Lucern, per bu. 10.00 to 10.50

TODAY'S STOCKS.

COBALT STOCKS.

Neon quotations on Cobalt mining stocks, telegraphed The Advertiser by

Edward Cronyn & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, March 17.—Neon quotations on the standard mining exchange, based on 100 shares, as follows:

Chambers-Ferland, 82; Kerr Lake, 8.00; 16 Green-Mountain, 15; Rochester, 19.50; 8.25; Silver Lake, 13; Cobalt Lake, 17; Little Nipissing, 25; Silver Queen, 30; Coniag, 3.50; Nipissing, 10.75; Coniag, 1.33; 3d; Foster, 25; Orlino, 48; Trefethway, 1.33; Silver Lake, 27.

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Local Items

—Rev. J. G. Inkster has consented

to deliver a lecture in aid of the unemployed of London on March 28.

—Cribwork for the Port Stanley

monument, formerly of Port Stanley, will be towed to Port Stanley when navigation opens.

—Mr. Sam E. Kiser will arrive from Chicago at 11:28 tomorrow for the

Canadian Club house, and his lecture-recital in the evening at the Auditorium.

—A dispatch from Seattle, Wash.,

announces the death of Mr. Wm. Redmond, formerly of Port Stanley, and a brother of Sister Irene, of the Sacred Heart convent, of this city. Interment will be made at Seattle.

—The choir and orchestra of St. Andrew's Church were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Somerville at their

home, 522 Princess avenue, on Monday night, March 13, at 8 o'clock. The choir and orchestra were

dinner and watered streets, last night. All the members had a splendid time, and are deeply indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Somerville for a very pleasant evening.

Shamrock Dance.

Messrs. Dancy & McCormick's

"Shamrock Hop" at the Palace Auditorium, on Monday evening, March 13, was the most successful affair. The guests

numbered over 200, and all enjoyed a delightful programme. Their next hop will be held Monday evening, March 22.

Broke His Arm.

While walking on Queen's avenue

last Thursday, Mr. J. P. Armstrong, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. Edna Armstrong, of 1000 Queen's avenue, fell and broke his left arm at the elbow. Mr. Armstrong is doing as well as can be expected, although he is suffering from a pain.

Prospecting Over the C. P. R.

Brantford Examiner: Mr. S. C. McNaught, of Brantford, Mr. E. Smith, of Norwich, Mr. Lawson, London, and others from Toronto and elsewhere, a party of twenty or more, left Brantford today (Tuesday) in a private car over the C. P. R. on a tour of prospecting, with a view to investing.

The party, which was composed of the C. P. R. and the Ontario and

Quebec Railway, will be away some months.

Sisters Were Unlucky.

Miss Flossie Lyons, while skating

last night on the rink at Dutton, fell and had her left arm broken at the wrist. A singular thing about it is, that just about five weeks ago Miss Lyons was skating on the rink, and fell almost in the same place her sister did, and she, too, had her arm broken at the wrist.

I. O. F. Booming

The organizer, Mervyn, of the I. O. F. has a class of ten, five at Port Stanley last night. Mr. Ryckman had charge of the class and he expects that another large number will be ready to start Tuesday night.

Young Son Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denite, of 481 St. James street, will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in the death of their son, Earl, who occurred yesterday. Deceased was five years and five months old, and was a

child with all the general features of a fine boy, and was a general favorite with all who knew him. The funeral, which will be of a private nature, will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the funeral home of the late Mrs. J. B. Bell, of 1000 Queen's avenue.

The Late Mrs. Bell.

Mrs. Jane Bell, widow of the late Thomas Bell, died very suddenly at her home, 1000 Queen's avenue, on Monday morning, March 13, at 8 o'clock. She was 83 years old, and was a native of Promontory, Cumberland County, England. She was married to Mr. Bell in 1870, and had lived in Brantford since 1870. Four sons and four daughters survive: William, Elkhart, Ind.; John, engineer, Port Huron, Mich.; R. W., assistant superintendent of motive power, Illinois Central, Chicago; Mrs. W. G. Dunlop, Brantford; George, Brantford; Moore, Mrs. Albert Lloyd, Stratford; Miss Jane, at home. The funeral was held this afternoon in Stratford at 2 o'clock, and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Purdon and Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell, of this city, attended the funeral. It was erroneously stated yesterday that Mrs. Bell died in Toronto.

East London Items

TWO FAST GAMES

OF CARPETBALL

Were Played in All Saints' Club Room on Hamilton Road.

Two fast games of carpetball were played in the All Saints club rooms on Hamilton road last evening when the Royal Welsh Fusiliers defeated the score of 72 to 42, and the benefactors lost to the single men, 53 to 50.

The line-up in the first game was: Captain George Burrows, captain; G. B. Drake, 50; New York, captain; Clarence Parsons, Charles Parkinson, Joseph Cassidith and Ed Burgess—42.

The following was the line-up in the second game:

Married men—George Burrows, captain; Ed Burgess, Fred Tempier and G. B. Drake—50.

Single men—George Tempier, captain; Frank Lawrence, Ed Burgess and I. Walton—53.

MOTHERS' CLUB.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chesley Avenue Mothers' Club will be

FOURTEEN ENTRIES
FOR WALKING MATCH

Second of the Series Will Be Held on March 25.

Fourteen entries have already been received for the second of the series of six-hour walking contests to be held in the Jubilee Rink, on March 25, when the endurance championship of Western Ontario will be decided.

Those who have entered for the race thus far are: Bert Greene, of Goderich; Fred Williams, Brantford; William Turner, of Drenay avenue; J. W. Burke, Garfield avenue; J. L. Motte, Lecher street; Milton Mullin, Woodstock; Le Roy Potts, Maitland street; Jos. Cox, Elizabeth street; J. H. Winslow, Horton street; Ernest Hiney, Colborne street; Robert Walde, Ingersoll; Neil Vance, Ingersoll; Herbert Down, Hamilton road, and Robert W. Richardson, of Talbot street.

The contest will commence at 2:30 o'clock and will continue for six hours. Five minutes rest will be given each hour until six o'clock, and no refreshments will be allowed.

All Saints' carpetball team, composed of Eugene Rysler (captain), Edna Hart, Ed Burgess, George Tempier, Robert Lanks, Charles Parkinson and I. Walton Monday played and defeated the team of Chelsea Lodge, S. O. E., in the clubrooms on Hamilton road. The Tigers play the Midgates in the regular schedule of All Saints' League tonight.

LONDON ENTRIES

HAMILTON BOWLING

Full List to Date of All the Prospective Competitors.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 17.—President Simpson, of the C. B. A., and Walter Thompson, of the tournament committee of the coming C. B. A. tournament at Hamilton, attended a conference here yesterday afternoon at the King Edward Hotel of the local executive members of the C. B. A. and the different allies.

The purpose of the meeting was to arrange the schedule for the tournament and to Hamilton would be on equal footing, and incidentally to get together and work harmoniously to have the coming C. B. A. tournament the best ever held.

After some discussion it was decided to limit the novice class to bowlers who have not a limited amount of experience, and the producing country.

The internal revenue tax on cigarettes is materially increased, while the tax on beer and whisky is undisturbed.

A cut of 50 per cent is made in the steel schedule.

Flies and tallow, cotton seed oil and works of art more than 20 years are placed on the free list.

The pottery schedule remains about the same, but the duties on window and plate glass, for smaller sizes are increased, while the rate on larger sizes are reduced. The tariff on woolen and second-class cloth is not disturbed, but on woven, third-class, such as carpet wool, is reduced one-half cent.

The recommendations for placing wood pulp on the free list and securing the duties on print paper with certain restrictions made by the tariff committee, are incorporated in the bill.

The duty on refined sugar is reduced. A reduced rate of one-half cent a pound is also made in the duty on starch, with the exception of potato starch. Zinc in ore is assessed one cent per ton, and the duty on cotton is reduced from 10 to 8 cents per ton.

Reciprocity provisions are contained in the paragraph relating to duties on bituminous coal and coke and agricultural implements, by which these articles are given entry free of duty when imported from countries which permit the free import of these articles from America.

The entries.

A large number of entries have been received, the following being a partial list of the entries received from Detroit, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Port Arthur, Winnipeg and Chicago, although from the latter city are found the Lipman team, who established a world's record of 2,962 at the recent Pittsburgh tournament. The entries:

Five-Men Teams.

Steel Plant, No. 2, Hamilton—F. Potts, captain.

Steel Plant, No. 3, Hamilton—J. Somerville, captain.

Originals, Hamilton—E. H. Sturt, captain.

Nationals, No. 1, London—Joe West, captain.

Nationals, No. 2, London—Karrys, captain.

Nationals, No. 3, London—Sheer, captain.

Ninety-first Canadian Highlanders, Hamilton—J. A. Hall, captain.

International Harvesters Company, Hamilton—R. Bolton, captain.

Dominion Bowling Club, Toronto—J. J. Coulter, captain.

Victor Bowling Club, Windsor—E. E. Cadman, captain.

Ideal Bowling Club, London—R. M. Graham, captain.

Opportunity Social Club, Buffalo—G. J. Weitz, captain.

Riviera Club, Toronto—J. L. Logan, captain.

College Bowling and Athletic Club, Toronto—S. Wilcock, captain.

Brantford Bowling Club, Brantford—E. H. Bolton, captain.

Joe Ford Bowling Club, Niagara Falls—Jos. Ford, captain.

Colonial Bowling Club, Hamilton—F. Potter, captain.

Hamilton Gun Club, Hamilton—R. R. Simpson, captain.

Hamilton Gun Club, Hamilton—W. George Thompson, captain.

H. B. and A. C. Hamilton—W. P. Thompson, captain.

H. Mitchell, captain.

Hamilton Bowling Club, Hamilton—H. T. Green, captain.

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