FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

DRESSED PORK SELLS AT $8 TO $9 A CWT.

A Marked Inactivity in the Meat Market These Days.

Activity in hay again marked the local market this morning. Both hay and oats were none too plentiful and high prices prevailed. Hay sold at from $16 to $17 per ton, the ruling price being $16.50.

Oats were very strongly in demand, owing to the scarcity, which has been felt on the market for some time now. Old oats being a thing of the past, new grain is now worth from $1 30 to $1 35 per cwt.

Butter and eggs continue to touch high-water marks. Butter brings no less than 30c per lb. for the choicest dairy produce, and eggs vary from 28c to 32c per doz.

Dressed poultry is active, and will be until after Thanksgiving.

Vegetables are commanding steady prices.

On the fruit market, grapes bring 25c to 35c per basket.

Quinces and apples are fairly plentiful. Pears are also offered in considerable quantities.

Dressed meats are characterized by a marked inactivity in prices.

Dressed pork varies from $8 to $9, the very choicest bringing $9.

Grain, Per Cwt.			
New wheat, per cwt..	$1 27	to	$1 30
Barley, per cwt.....	1 10	to	1 11
New oats, per cwt...	1 25	to	1 31
Grain, Per Bushel.			
Old wheat, per bu...	85	to	86
New wheat, per bu...	85	to	85
Hungarian seed, per bu	80	to	80
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton.....	16 00	to	17 00
Straw, per ton.....	8 00	to	8 00
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, store lots, lb..	22	to	25
Butter, creamery, lb..	26	to	27
Butter, dairy, wholesale	24	to	26
Butter, fancy, retail, lb	27	to	27
Eggs, fresh-laid, doz..	29	to	30
Eggs, cold, wholesale..	24	to	26
Honey, section, doz...	2 00	to	2 00
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb, retail....	19	to	19
Turkeys, lb, wholesale.	18	to	18
Turkeys, old tom, lb..	16	to	16
Chickens, per pair....	1 00	to	1 50
Chickens, lb, wholesale	12	to	13
Old fowl, per lb.....	9	to	10
Spring chickens, lb...	12	to	13
Ducks, per pair.....	1 75	to	1 75
Ducks, lb, wholesale..	12	to	12
Ducks, lb, retail.....	13	to	14
Geese, lb, wholesale..	13	to	14
Geese, lb, retail.....	14	to	15
Poultry, etc., Alive.			
Turkeys, per lb.....	11	to	12
Ducks, per lb.....	9	to	10
Spring chickens, lb...	10	to	11
Old fowl, per lb.....	8	to	10
Butchers' Meats.			
Lamb, per lb.....	10	to	10
Beef, young, cwt.....	8 50	to	9 25
Dressed hogs, choice..	8 00	to	9 00
Heavy hogs, cwt.....	8 00	to	8 00
Veal, per cwt.....	10 00	to	11 00
Beef cows, cwt.....	8 00	to	8 50
Mutton, per cwt.....	8 00	to	9 00
Live Stock.			
Select hogs, cwt.....	5 75	to	5 75
Fat sows, cwt.....	4 00	to	4 50
Stags, per cwt.....	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt....	5 00	to	6 50
Milch cows, each.....	40 00	to	60 00
Small pigs, pair.....	4 00	to	7 00
Hides and Wool.			
Lambskins, each.....	20	to	25
Hides, No. 1, lb.....	9	to	9
Hides, No. 2, lb.....	8	to	8
Hides, No. 3, lb.....	7	to	7
Wool, unwashed, lb....	12	to	12
Wool, washed, lb.....	20	to	20
Calfskins, per lb.....	14	to	14
Tallow, rough, lb.....	3½	to	3½
Tallow, rendered, lb...	5	to	5½
Sheepskins, each.....	1 00	to	1 25
Vegetables.			
Beets, per bunch.....	5	to	10
Cucumbers, per doz....	20	to	20
Squash, per doz.....	80	to	1 00
Green corn, per doz...	12	to	12
Tomatoes, per basket..	25	to	25
Green tomatoes	20	to	20
Preserving tomatoes...	25	to	35
Artichokes, per peck..	25	to	25
Parsnips, per doz.....	35	to	40
Potatoes, per bag.....	90	to	1 00
Turnips, per doz.....	20	to	25
Radishes, doz. bunches	30	to	30
Celery, doz. bunches..	40	to	40
Cauliflower, per doz...	75	to	1 50
Carrots, per bu.....	35	to	35
Pickling cucumbers, 100	35	to	40
Flowers.			
Carnations, per doz...	25	to	40
Asters, per doz.....	10	to	15
Fruits.			
Apples, per bushel.....	50	to	70
Apples, per basket.....	25	to	30
Crab apples, basket...	35	to	35
Crab apples, per bu...	1 50	to	1 50
Peaches, per basket...	60	to	75
Quinces, per basket...	50	to	50
Grapes, per basket....	25	to	30

PRODUCE

TORONTO, Oct. 18.—Everything offering is very strong this morning with a general rise of a half. Latest quotations: Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, red or mixed, 86½c to 87½c in car lots outside. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, new, $1 07; No. 2 northern, $1 05; No. 3 northern, $1 03, on track at bay ports. Canada western oats—No. 2, 47½c; No. 3, 46½c, on track at bay ports. Ontario oats —No. 2 white, 42½c to 43½c, on cars at country points, and 45½c to 46½c on the track at Toronto. Rolled oats—Per bag of 90 lbs, $2 50; per barrel, $5 25, wholesale, Windsor to Montreal. Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 72½c, c. i. f., Midland. Peas—No. 2, 87½c to 88½c, car lots outside. Rye—No. 2, 82½c to 83½c. Barley —Malting, 88c to 90½c outside; feed, 74½c to 80½c. Buckwheat—Nominal, at 52½c to 54½c outside. Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $23, in bags; shorts, $25; Ontario bran, $23, in bags; shorts, $25. Manitoba flour—First patents, $5 40; second patents, $4 90; strong bakers, $4 70. Ontario flour—Winter flour, 90 per cent patents, $3 55, Montreal freights.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 17.— Close: Wheat—Spot nominal; futures weak; October, 7s 5¾d; December, 7s 6d; March, 7s 5¾d. Corn—Spot firm; American mixed, 6s 3½d; futures steady; January, 5s 9d; February, 5s 9½d. Flour—Winter patents, 28s 3d.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 17.—No new export business could be located, but the demand to fill space was sufficient to carry October to $4 during the course of the morning, though the actual close was ¼c higher only. Distant months were ¼c to ½c higher. There was a noticeable widening in spreads, more especially grades lower than contract. Weather generally was fine and warm. Cash grain: Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1 00½; No. 2 northern, 97½c; No. 3 northern, 95c; No. 4, 91c; No. 5, 85½c; No. 6, 77c; feed, 70½c; No. 1 rejected, seeds, 95c; No. 2 rejected, seeds, 93c; No. 1 tough, 93½c; No. 2 tough, 93c. Oats—No. 2 C. W., 42½c; No. 3 C.W., 41c; extra No. 1 feed, 41c; No. 1 feed, 40½c; No. 2 feed, 38c. Barley—No. 3, 70c; rejected, 58c; feed, 50c. Flax—No. 1 northwestern, $2 25.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 17.—Wheat — December $1 09¾, May $1 13¾ to $1 13¾. No. 1 hard $1 11¾; No. 1 northern $1 10 to $1 10¾, to arrive $1 10. No. 2 northern $1 07¾ to $1 08¾, to arrive $1 06¾ to $1 07¾. No. 3 wheat $1 03¾ to $1 04¾; No. 3 yellow corn, 73c; No. 3 white oats, 45¾c to 46½c; No. 2 rye, 88c. Bran, $21 50 to $22. Flour—First patents $5 40 to $5 70, second patents $5 to $5 30; first clears $3 80 to $4 25, second clears $3 80 to $3 20.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 17.—Spring wheat easier; No. 1 northern, carloads, store, $1 14¾; winter scarce. Corn easier; No. 3 yellow, 79c; No. 4 yellow, 78¾c, all on track, through billed. Oats lower; No. 2 white, 50¾c; No. 3 white, 50¼c; No. 4 white, 49¼c. Barley — Malting, $1 13 to $1 20.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. — Flour was firmer, with business fairly active; winter straights, $4 10 to $4 25; winter patents, $4 35 to $4 75; spring clears, $4 35 to $4 60; receipts, 48,170; shipments, 16,538. Rye flour firm. Cornmeal firm. Rye firm. Feed steady. Hay steady. Hops firm. Hides firm. Leather firm.

DULUTH, Oct. 17. — Wheat — No. 1 hard, $1 10¾; No. 1 northern, $1 09¾; No. 2 northern, $1 04¾ to $1 06¾; No. 3 wheat, $1 01¾ to $1 02¾; December, $1 09¾ bid; May, $1 13¾ bid.

Nortz & Co., of Havre, cabled that friends in Brazil estimate new Santos crop at 6,000,000 to 9,000,000 bags, and Kruxheim, of Havre, cabled that October flowering had been a total failure.

Commenting upon the refined sugar situation, Willett & Gray say: "On the whole, the high-price season appears to be passing by, to give place within a few weeks to more liberal supplies of both raws and refined and at some reduction in prices, always excepting what the European speculators may be able to accomplish in the way of drawing sugars from Cuba to the United Kingdom at the beginning of the crop season. There are sufficient prevailing conditions to warrant expectation of considerably higher than former normal prices for many months, and practically for a year to come, so that any important decline exceeding 1c per pound from present abnormal prices of sugars of the world is not to be anticipated until crops of the world again rise to amounts sufficient for consumption of the world without restriction."

GRAIN AT WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 18.—Grain marketings in the Canadian Pacific yesterday were as follows: Wheat, 759,000 bushels; other grains, 199,000 bushels.

(Special to H. C. Becher.)

WINNIPEG, Oct. 18.—Wheat closed: October, $1 01; December, 96⅝c.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 18.—Wheat closed: December $1 10¾.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 18.—Close—Wheat—Spot, nominal; futures, firm; October, 7s 6¼d; December, 7s 6⅝d; March, 7s 6¼d. Corn—Spot, steady; American, mixed, 6s 3d; futures, firm; January 5s 9¼d; February, 5s 9d. Flour—Winter patents, 28s 3d. Hops—(In London) Pacific coast, £9 10s to £10. Beef—Extra India mess, 90s. Pork—Prime mess, western, 100s. Hams —Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 56s 6d. Bacon —Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 56s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 58s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 56s 6d; London clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 60s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 58s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 51s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 55s 6d. Lard—Prime western in tierces, 45s. U. S. in pails, 46s. Butter—Good U. S., 112s. Cheese—Canadian finest white 69s; do., colored, 69s 6d. Turpentine—Spirits 76s 3d. Rosin —Common, 15s 3d. Petroleum—Refined, 6⅛d. Linseed Oil—42s. Cottonseed oil—Hull, refined, spot, 27s 10½d. Tallow—Prime city, 35s 6d; Australian, in London, 35s.

(Special to H. C. Becher & Co.)

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Chicago, Oct. 18 Close.
Dec	100	101⅛	100	101⅛
May	104⅝	106⅛	104⅝	105⅞
Corn—				
Dec	61⅞	63½	61⅞	63½
May	65⅝	66	65⅝	65⅝
Oats—				
Dec	47⅝	47½	47⅝	47⅝
May	49⅝	50⅛	49⅝	50⅛
Pork—				
Jan	15 37	15 62	15 25	15 57
Lard—				
Jan	8 85	8 97	8 85	8 97

OILS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Calcutta linseed, October and November, 6½ 6d; linseed oil, 40s; sperm oil, £43 10s; petroleum, American refined, 5¾d, spirits, 6¾d; turpentine, spirits, 36s 6d. Rosin—American strained, 15s 6d; fine, 18s 1¾d.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 17.—Turpentine, firm, 47½c; sales, 380; receipts, 1012; shipments, 433; stocks, 37,300. Rosin—Firm; sales, 2000; receipts 3050; shipments 1840; stocks, 81,471.

BEANS.

TORONTO, Oct. 17. — Beans — Trade quiet, with prices steady. Small lots of hand-picked quoted at $2 25 to $2 30 per bu. Honey—Extracted, in tins, is quoted at 10c to 11c per lb. Comb, $2 50 to $2 75. Baled Hay—The market is firmer, with receipts limited. No. 1 is quoted at $15 to $16, on track, and inferior at $12 to $13. Baled Straw—The market is quiet, with prices quoted at $6 50 to $7, on track, Toronto. Potatoes—Receipts are fair, with prices steady. Car lots, in bags, quoted at 95c to $1. Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry: Chickens, 12c to 13c per lb; hens, 11c to 12c; ducks, 12c to 13c; turkeys, 17c. Live poultry about 2c lower than the above.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The range of cotton prices today was as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close Oct. 16.
October	9.25	9.25	8.85	8.96	9.05
December	9.28	9.39	9.10	9.17	9.25
January	9.19	9.21	8.95	9.04	9.11
March	9.30	9.33	9.08	9.17	9.25
May	9.42	9.43	9.27	9.30	9.35

SUGAR.

TORONTO, Oct. 17.—Trade here today was fair, with prices firm. Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, as follows: Granulated, Redpath's, $5 95; granulated, St. Lawrence, $5 85; Imperial, granulated, $5 80; Beaver, granulated, $5 80; No. 2 yellow, St. Lawrence, $5 60; No. 1 yellow, Acadia, $5 35; No. 1, unbranded, $5 35.

The visible supply of sugar is figured at 920,000 bags, comparing with 940,000 a year ago.

LIVE STOCK.

TORONTO, Oct. 18.—Trading is comparatively light this morning. Common and good cattle are a shade stronger. Choice butchers' continue active. Receipts show 75 cars, comprising 1200 cattle, 1700 sheep, 900 hogs and 185 calves. Latest quotations: Export cattle, choice, $6 to $6 25; do., medium, $5 65 to $5 85; do., bulls, $4 50 to $5 25; butchers' cattle, choice, $5 60 to $5 75; do., medium, $5 25 to $5 50; do. common, $4 25 to $5 25; do., canners, $1 to $2; butchers' cows, choice, $4 25 to $4 75; do., medium, $3 50 to $4 25; do., bulls, $2 to $4 50; feeding steers, $4 50 to $5; do., bulls, $3 25 to $4; stockers, choice, $4 to $4 75; do., light, $3 25 to $3 75; milkers, choice, each, $55 to $75; do., common and medium, $25 to $35; springers, $45 to $65. Sheep—Ewes, $3 to $4; bucks and culls, $2 50 to $3; lambs, $5 to $5 25. Hogs—Fed and watered, $6 15; do., f. o. b., $5 90. Calves—$4.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 17.—Cotton—Futures closed steady: October, 5.03d; October and November, 5.00½d; November and December, 4.95d; December and January, 4.93d; January and February, 4.92d; February and March, 4.90½d; March and April, 5.02d; April and May, 5.04d; May and June, 5.06d; June and July, 5.07½d; July and August, 5.09d; August and September, 5.07½d; September and October, 5.04½d; October and November, 5.03½d.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	2pm.
Amal. Copper	52⅛	52⅝	51¾	52¼
Alaconda Copper...	34⅛	34½	34⅛	34⅛
American Sugar....	118	..	..	..
Amer. Beet Sugar..	59	59	58¼	58⅝
Amer. Locomotive..	34½	35	34½	35
Amer. Foundry ...	49⅝	50½	49¾	50
Amer. Smelters ...	65⅛	66⅛	65⅛	65⅝
Amer. Cotton Oil..	50⅝	50⅝	47	47
Atchison, com. ...	107⅛	107⅝	107	107½
Baltimore & Ohio..	97⅛	97¼	97	97
Brooklyn Transit...	75	..	..	..
Canadian Pacific...	229⅝	230⅝	229⅝	230
Central Leather....	21⅝	..	..	..
Chesapeake & Ohio	73⅝	..	..	..
Consolidated Gas...	138⅝	..	..	..
Col. Fuel & Iron...	28	..	..	..
Corn Products	11½	..	..	..
Erie, com.	30⅝	30⅞	30⅜	30⅝
Erie, 1st pfd.....	50	50	49¾	49¾
General Electric....	151	151½	151	151½
G. Northern, pfd...	124	125	124	125
G. Northern Ore...	50	50	48¼	48¼
Inter. Harvester....	104	104¾	104	104⅝
Inter-Met., pfd. ...	44½	..	..	..
Kansas & Texas....	31⅝	31⅝	31⅜	31½
Lehigh Valley	162⅛	164⅞	162⅞	163⅝
Louisville & Nash.	147½	..	..	..
Minin & St. Paul..	133	133½	132½	133⅛
Missouri Pacific ...	39	..	..	..
New York Central.	105½	106	105½	105⅝
Northern Pacific ...	116½	117⅝	116½	116⅝
Norfolk & Western.	106⅞	107⅛	106⅝	106⅞
Pacific Mail	29⅝	30	29⅝	29⅝
Pennsylvania	122⅝	122⅞	122¼	122¼
People's Gas	107	..	..	..
Reading	138½	139⅝	138⅝	139
Republic Steel	22⅝	..	..	..
Rock Island	25¼	25¼	25	25
Rock Island, pfd..	48½	48½	47	47
Southern Railway..	29⅝	29⅞	29⅝	29½
Southern Ry., pfd.	70½	70⅝	70¼	70¼
Southern Pacific ..	109¾	110⅛	109½	109½
St. Paul	108⅞	109	108½	108½
Tennessee Copper..	35⅝	..	..	..
Union Pacific	162⅞	163¾	162½	162⅝
Utah Copper	42½	43⅛	42½	43⅛
U. S. Rubber.....	43	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	59¾	59¾	58⅝	58⅝
U. S. Steel, pfd...	109¼	..	..	..
Virginia Chemical..	48⅛	..	..	..
Wabash, pfd.	26⅛	..	..	..
Western Union ...	79	79⅛	79	79
Wisconsin Central..	53	..	..	..
Western Maryland.	56⅛	56⅝	56⅛	56⅝
Westinghouse	64⅞	..	..	..
Amer. Telegraph...	135⅝	135⅞	135⅝	135⅝

TORONTO MARKET.

[From Dyment, Cassels & Co., Members Toronto Stock Exchange.]

TORONTO, Oct. 18.

	Bid.	Ask.
F. N. Burt, com.	..	117½
Canada General Electric	..	107
Consumers' Gas	..	193
D. I. and Steel pfd.	101¼	..
Dominion Steel Corp.	59	60
Mackay, com.	87½	88
Mackay pfd.	72½	72⅝
Rio Janeiro Tramway	114	..
Sao Paulo Tramway	129½	130
Toronto Railway	135	137
Twin City com.	106½	107
Confiscas	640	..
Crown Reserve	..	290
La Rose	395	..
Nipissing Mines	..	775
Bank of Commerce	207	208
Dominion Bank	197¼	..
Bank of Hamilton	197¼	..
Merchants' Bank	196	199
Standard Bank	225	..
Bank of Toronto	203	204
Traders' Bank	142	..
Agricultural Loan	145	..
Canada Landed	..	163
Hamilton Provident	197½	..
Huron and Erie	187½	..
London and Canadian	116	..
Ontario Loan	145	..
Mexican L. and P. bonds.....	90	..
Rio Janeiro bonds	..	100

Morning Sales: Black Lake, 45 at 4: Bell Telephone, 1 at 142, 6 at 142¼; do, rights, 10 at 7¼, 10 at 7; Canada Permanent, 200 at 166; Russell Motor, 25 at 94; do, preferred, 25 at 102; Twin City, 70 at 106¾; Sao Paulo, 25 at 129; F. N. Burt, preferred, 4 at 118; Steel, 100 at 31½; Rio, 150 at 113⅞, 95 at 114; Maple Leaf, 22 at 60½; do, preferred, 83 at 97¾; R. and O., 20 at 121; C. P. R., 10 at 230¾; General Electric, 60 at 107; Electrical Development, bonds, $500 at 87½, $5,000 at 87¾, $5,000 at 87¾, $2,000 at 87¾, $2,000 at 87¾, $1,000 at 87¾; Dominion Bank, 2 at 225; Duluth-Superior, 30 at 82½, 10 at 82; Cement, preferred, 75 at 89, 5 at 89½; Bank of Commerce, 25 at 207; Canners, 20 at 67⅞.

Montreal Stock Sales—Morning Session.

Soo, common, 25 at 134, 25 at 133½, 25 at 133; Toronto Railway, 25 at 136½, 25 at 136; Porto Rico, 15 at 69; Winnipeg, 50 at 241; Power, 300 at 171½, 50 at 171¾, 85 at 172, Telephone, rights, 78 at 7¼; Montreal Railway, 75 at 222, 25 at 221½, 25 at 223½, 5 at 223, 10 at 223½; Rio, 50 at 114¼, 125 at 114, 50 at 114¼; Ottawa L. and P., 45 at 145; Shawinigan, rights, 461 at 70; Shawinigan, 100 at 115, 150 at 114¾, 15 at 114½, 66 at 114; Twin City, 50 at 107; Halifax, 1 at 150; Illinois, preferred, 5 at 89¾, 1 at 90; R. and O., 100 at 120; Detroit, 150 at 72¾; C. P. R., 25 at 229¾, 200 at 230, 100 at 230¼, 65 at 230⅝; Telephone, 10 at 142½; Cement, 25 at 26¾, 805 at 27, 550 at 27¼, 75 at 27¼; do, preferred, 15 at 89¼, 5 at 89½, 20 at 89¾, 100 at 89⅞, 125 at 89, 75 at 89½, 5 at 89¾, 15 at 89¼; Steel Corporation, 25 at 58½, 25 at 58¾, 105 at 58½, 20 at 58¾, 25 at 58¾; Sherwin-Williams, preferred, 5 at 89; Steel of Canada; 15 0at 31½, 160 at 31¾, 125 at 31⅝, 100 at 31¾; do, preferred, 10 at 90; Dominion Canners, 20 at 67½; Textile, preferred, 8 at 98, 15 at 99; Ogilvie, 2 at 125; Crown Reserve, 25 at 284, 1,100 at 285, 500 at 283; Woods, common, 10 at 144.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Stocks closed as follows: Consols, for money, 77 15-16; do, for account, 78; Amalgamated Copper, 52⅞; Anaconda, 7⅛, ex-dividend; Atchison, 110⅛; do, preferred, 106; Baltimore and Ohio, 99½; Canadian Pacific, 228⅝; Chesapeake and Ohio, 75⅝; Chicago Great Western, 19; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 111¾; De Beers, 18⅛; Denver and Rio Grande, 25; do, preferred, 49⅝; Erie, 21⅝; do, first preferred, 51⅝; do, second preferred, 42; Grand Trunk, 9⅝; Illinois Central, 142½; Louisville and Nashville, 131½; Missouri, Kansas and Texas, 32½; New York Central, 105½; Norfolk and Western, 109½; do, preferred, 91; Ontario and Western, 40; Pennsylvania, 62¾; Rand Mines, 7; Reading, 7¼; Southern Railway, 30⅝; do, preferred, 72⅝; Southern Pacific, 112⅝; Union Pacific, 167⅝; do, preferred, 95; United States Steel, 61¼; do, preferred, 112⅝; Wabash, 13¼; do, preferred, 27. Bar silver steady, 24⅛d per ounce. Money, 1½ to 1¾ per cent. Discount rates—Short bills, 3⅜ to 3½ per cent; three months' bills, 3 13-16 to 3⅞ per cent.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—Prices were firmer on the Bourse today. Closing—Three per cent rentes, 94 francs 12½ centimes for the account. Exchange on London, 25 francs 16½ centimes for checks.

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—Trading was quiet and prices closed lower on the Bourse today. The renewal of the transatlantic shipping pool caused an advance in shipping rates. Exchange on London, 20 marks 50½ pfennigs for checks. Money, 4 per cent. Private discount rates, 4⅝ per cent.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Money was plentiful and cheap today. Discount rates were firmer, owing to the purchase of $1,500,000 of Monday's gold arrivals for Paris. The stock market closed steadier after hesitation and weakness early in the day. Sellers repurchased in the afternoon and strengthened the markets with copper shares leading in firmness. Mexican Rails and Chinese securities were weak exceptions. American securities opened quiet and a fraction lower, but prices advanced during the first hour on light coverings. A reaction followed, but New York bidding caused a recovery and a firm closing, with prices near the best. United States Steel shares closed heavy.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18—Wall street, noon.—The tone of the stock market was irregular and uncertain throughout the morning. Some of the industrials showed firmness, but the railroad list as a whole was unsettled, except for the coilers. Pressure against United States Steel was again noticeable, and there was further liquidation of speculative holdings of American Tobacco Company's securities. The recovery in prices which set in toward the close of the first hour was carried further before there was sufficient realizing to cause a setback. Traders operating on the long side of the market were encouraged by the resistance to pressure shown by the coal stocks. Reading sold ⅝ above yesterday's closing, and Lehigh Valley 1⅛. Central Railroad of New Jersey was also up 10 points. Canadian stocks were especially strong. Canadian Pacific moved up 1 and the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie stocks 2 points. Weakness of the American Tobacco bonds checked speculative operations in other bond issues, but prices were fairly well sustained.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—(Noon)—After the uncertainty that prevailed in the first few minutes, the market developed a strong tone, prices sharing in almost a uniform advance during the rest of the first hour. It was general comment that the recessions after the opening were due almost wholly to bear pressure, and when it was found that no long stock was brought out, those that were the heaviest sellers started short covering, carrying prices up a point or more in all the active issues. Cotton Oil was the exception, showing a loss of 1¼. The selling was based to a great extent on the rumor that the annual report would be very unfavorable. Lehigh was strong and ruled flat in the loan crowd.

LOCAL ITEMS

An Acknowledgment.

The Victoria Home for Incurables acknowledges a donation of fruit and vegetables from St. Matthew's Church.

Tour of Inspection.

It is expected that Col. J. C. Jones, K.G., D.G.M.S., will visit London on his annual tour of inspection of the Army Medical Corps on or about Nov. 1. He will be accompanied by Col. Buck, A.M.O.

Death of Infant.

William J., the year-and-a-half-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis, No. 82 Cartwright street, died this morning from an attack of convulsions. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The Bible.

"Why I Believe the Bible" was the subject of an interesting paper which Miss Lily Sashe read at the Egerton Street Baptist Young People's Union meeting on Monday night. The meeting was largely attended.

Clark—Henderson.

A quiet wedding was performed at the Methodist parsonage of the Wellington Street Methodist Church today, when Mr. Arthur A. Clark and Miss Frances Henderson of this city were united in marriage by Rev. Humphrey A. Graham. Following a short honeymoon trip they will be at home to their friends at 464 Talbot street.

A Complaint.

Residents of Rathgar street, East London, are loud in their complaints regarding the condition of that thoroughfare following each and every rainfall of any considerable quantity. No provision is made for draining the water off the street, which consequently is flooded from one sidewalk to the other, its entire length. In winter months Rathgar street makes an admirable skating rink for the small boys of the neighborhood, but in the fall and spring its peculiar advantages are not so easily discerned.

Petty Thieving.

Numerous complaints of petty thieving are again being made by East London people. Chicken snatching appears to be the favorite amusement of the midnight marauders. Two nights ago a lady on Rathgar street had the lock picked on her chicken house and a number of fine birds taken which she had been saving for Thanksgiving. Rectory street people Tuesday night were awakened at a late hour by the firing of shots in the neighborhood of the Grand Trunk tracks, in explanation of which nothing could be ascertained this morning.

Water Samples.

Dr. Hutchinson, M. H. O., and Superintendent Glaubitz, of the waterworks department, spent the morning at Springbank gathering samples of water from every stream flowing into the various ponds there, to be sent to Toronto for analysis. It is expected that over twenty jars of water will be sent to Dr. Amyot. "We are going to show that the water at Springbank is absolutely pure," said Chairman Pocock. "Some people have been endeavoring to make a scare here, but the report from these tests will show the water to be pure from every standpoint. There is no need to be alarmed."

Missionary Convention.

Interest continues to grow in the Men's Missionary Convention to be held here Nov. 6 to 8. At a meeting of the executive held on Monday evening, leading laymen of the city volunteered to visit neighboring towns and cities with a view to securing as large as possible delegations from all over Western Ontario. Reports received by the executive secretary, Mr. A. J. Robinson, from churches throughout this part of the province include large lists of probable delegates. The city pastors are co-operating in every way possible to secure the success of the convention, and all denominations and churches in the city are assuming a share of the responsibility.

ANNUAL INITIATION OF THE FRESHMEN

Great Doings Are Going On at Western Medical College.

The annual initiation of the students at the Western Medical School is on this afternoon, and as usual the boys are mixing things in proper style.

The arrangements were fully completed this morning, and when the freshies appeared on the scene the college chums proceeded with the work of rubbing their scalps with lard, shoe-polish and sawdust. In this manner they were later paraded about the city in a hayrack draped with the school colors, purple and black.

Thirty-three sophs and sixteen freshmen engaged in the struggles.

FANCY DRILL CARNIVAL

Two Hundred Skaters in Costume at Simcoe Street Rink.

The Fifteenth Field Ambulance Army Medical Corps of the Seventh Regiment held a fancy dress carnival in the Simcoe Roller Rink last evening, and the affair proved to be one of the most successful ever held in this city. Nearly six hundred people were on the floor, and all the skates the rink could supply, and an additional one hundred pairs from St. Thomas were put into use. Nearly two hundred of the skaters were in fancy costume, and the judges had a difficult job awarding the prizes. The Seventh Regiment Band rendered special music and added to the evening's enjoyment. The judges for the evening were the following: Major D. R. Hogg, M.D.; Capt. T. C. Cowan, M.D.; Capt. Evan Davis, M.D.; Capt. E. Pardee Backe, M.D.; Capt. W. H. Irvine. The committee in charge of the evening was composed of Sergt.-Major Marshall, the staff sergeants, and the sergeants of the corps.

WILL COL. HUGHES CLOSE CANTEENS?

Speaker at Provincial W.C.T.U. Meeting Brings Up Pertinent Question.

SUPPOSED TO FAVOR IT

Minister of Militia Commanded Men at Kingston Not to Bring Liquor Into Camps.

[Canadian Press.]

Winchester, Ont., Oct. 18.—About 500 delegates were present at the Provincial W. C. T. U. convention today, when vital questions were discussed. A most interesting delegate is Miss Agnes Sproule, of Fort William, who is a missionary among the lumber camps in Algoma district. Her territory extends over one thousand miles of country from the borders of Quebec to Manitoba. During the year she has travelled 7,048 miles, and often she has walked great distances.

Mrs. A. Gordon, of Ottawa, gave an addres on "Soldiers," which led to an animated discussion.

"It will be remembered," she said, "that a memorandum was issued by Col. Sam Hughes, commanding the officers and en attending the military camps at Kingston, not to take liquor into the camp. This comes with great interest when we think that Col. Hughes is the newly-appointed minister of militia.

Disgrace to Uniform.

"A drunken soldier constitutes not only a blot on manhood," she continued, "but a disgrace to the uniform he wears. A uniform in a barroom is in its wrong place, while a soldier with a flask is a blot to the service."

The "Y" report was given by the secretary, Miss Garrett, of Toronto. She reported that there were 547 members, an increase of 187 over last year. Money paid during the year by the young people was $1,373.

King's Name on Liquors.

A letter was also sent to King George, asking that he forbid the use of his name upon brands of liquor for advertising purposes. This letter has been acknowledged by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who said the letter had been laid before his majesty.

An enthusiastic expression of welcome and greeting was sent from the convention to the newly-appointed Governor-General, the Duke of Connaught.

Mrs. Nichol, of Hamilton, stated that North Bay reports all licenses cancelled, and that in her city a license reduction campaign is meeting with great success.

Mrs. Pugsley's Report.

Winchester, Ont., Oct. 18. — Mrs. Pugsley, of Toronto, said in her report on law enforcement, that this year the W. C. T. U. had asked by means of a deputation that the Government make changes in the license act and prohibit the sale of liquor on holidays. Early closing of the bar was another thing asked, as it would prevent the sale of liquor to men of the industrial class, who did not cease work before 6 o'clock. By a manifesto it was asked that the criminal code be amended for the protection of women. Mrs. Pugsley stated that they had not secured the desired results. They had interviewed the Provincial Treasurer's department on the matter of regulating moving picture shows, with the result that children under 15 years of age are not allowed to enter these places unattended by an adult. She stated that the educational side of the work had been carried on through a programme, including the traffic of white slaves, race-track gambling, and such things.

BIG BUILDING FOR BAPTISTS

Eight-Story Structure in Toronto for Publication Board Is Planned.

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