

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

LOCAL MARKET QUIET
WITH PRICES FIRM

Hay Selling Slowly at \$14 to \$18
—Eggs Easier, Butter Firm
—Potatoes Slow.

The local market showed no signs of activity until almost noon today, when a few loads of hay were brought in. Because of the large offerings in this line last week, prices today were slow. Prices obtained for the commodity were \$14 to \$18. No straw was offered on the morning market and the prices are consequently firm, as on Saturday.

Wheat is firm at \$5 to \$6 cents per bushel. Oats are selling at \$1 to \$1.06. The offering of potatoes on Saturday was slightly brisker, and as a result prices eased somewhat. The wholesale price obtained this morning was 90 cents to \$1. The retail price is \$1.05.

Apples are a slow offering at 50 to 80 cents. Pears are going slowly at 75 cents per bushel. Since the increased offering of eggs on Saturday, prices are a few cents easier. The wholesale price per basket is 42 to 45 cents, the price per dozen retail is 48 cents. Butter is firm, but prices are steady and as listed.

The buyers of live hogs were non-committal as to the prices they will pay today. Last week's price was \$8, but Toronto and Buffalo markets are easier and the local square may follow their lead.

For Other Markets
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POTATOES.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—Eggs.—New-laid, 47c to 50c; average, select, 48c to 49c; country select, 38c to 40c; storage, 31c to 35c.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—Cheese.—New large, 14c; twins, 15c; old large, 15c to 15.5c; twins, 15.5c to 15.7c; Butter, Creamery, fresh made, 20c to 21c; do, solid, fresh made, 28c to 29c; do, prints, storage, 27c to 28c; do, solid, storage, 26c to 27c; farmers' separator prints, 24c to 25c; Butter, prints, 22c to 24c; bakers, 20c to 21c.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—Honey.—Buckwheat, 7 1/2c a pound in tins and 7c in barrels; strained clover honey, 11c to 11.5c a pound in 60-pound tins; 12c in 10-pound tins; 12 1/2c in 5-pound tins; clover honey, No. 1, \$3 per dozen; extra, \$3.25 per dozen; No. 2, \$2.40 per dozen.

BEANS.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—Beans.—Primer bushel, \$2.10 to \$2.20; hand-picked, \$2.20 to \$2.30.

DAIRY.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—Potatoes.—Canadian, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bag, out of store; 95c in car lots.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.
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CHICAGO, Dec. 8, 1913.

Wheat—Open High Low 2p.m.
Dec. 8 92 93 94 95
May 94 95 96 97
Cotton—Open High Low 2p.m.
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LATE LOCAL NEWS

St. Peter's Bazaar.—A bazaar will be held in St. Peter's Parish hall this evening, the proceeds to go to the St. Joseph's Hospital fund. Fancy work and other dainty articles will be on sale, and a large crowd is expected.

Going to Winnipeg.—Mr. Robert Habbeshaw, tenor soloist of the First Methodist Church choir, has recently had a tempting offer from a leading church in Winnipeg and has decided to accept it.

L. and P. S. Commission Meets.—The members of the new London and Port Stanley Railway Commission went over the line today in special excursion train. The travelling session of the board was the first meeting of the organization.

Additional Subscriptions to the Lakes' Disaster Fund.—The following additional subscriptions have been handed The Advertiser in the last few days, and a check has been forwarded Major Graham for the amount: Clara McNaughton, \$5; a friend, \$1; Y. P. Society, \$2; Presbyterian Church, \$1.40; total \$24.40.

Fraternal Visit.—Two good members of London Lodge, Perfect 10, A. S. R. left for Toronto on G. T. R. express No. 6 this morning to pay a fraternal visit with Queen City brethren. They travelled in a special coach.

Going Home for Christmas.—Archie Greenleaf, after an absence of eight years, will sail for Bideford, Devonshire, England, on Thursday, to spend his Christmas with his family. He is a young man who has made his mark in business and musical circles of the city.

Would Abolish the Bar.—Rev. Dr. Abraham, of the Wesleyan church, has been asked to speak at the temperance question and the evils that are associated with intemperance, in the latter day of the church, Main street, Sunday evening. He has accepted the invitation, and will speak at that time in that way that it is possible to overcome the evil.

Bagged Mr. Saunders.—The teachers and officers of King Street Presbyterian Sunday school presented the superintendent, Joseph Saunders, with a travelling bag Sunday afternoon, Mr. Saunders is severing his connection with the Somerville Box Company, and will remove to Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Friday.

Cathedral Choir.—Saturday night at the Auditorium the Cathedral Choir for the second time within a week pleased a large and critical audience with a concert not often equalled in this city. The program was changed considerably from that of the organization's first appearance, many difficult pieces being rendered with rare distinction.

Chinaman Discharged.—Wong Waw was charged in police court this morning with breaking into Charlie Lee's laundry on Adelaide street a week ago Saturday night and stealing paper, silver and pennies amounting to about \$14. Detective Down discovered him exchanging some coppers, and found 151 in his possession, about which the man thoughtfully disappeared. Wong Waw was discharged on lack of evidence.

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BORN, MARRIED, DIED.

MARRIAGES.
RUMBALL—HICKSON.—Laura May Hickson was united in marriage to Mr. Frederick Rumball, on Nov. 18, 1913, by Rev. S. Anderson.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL FAIR, AT ST. Peter's Parish Hall, Richmond street, Dinner from 12 to 2; supper from 6 to 8; music, 25 cents.

FATHER ACQUITTED
ON CHARGE MADE
BY YOUNG CHILD

Lack of Conclusive Results in Discharge of John Dawson.

PRECOCIOUS CHILDREN
Authorities Amazed at Knowledge Possessed on Forbidden Subjects.

John T. Dawson was discharged in court this morning on a charge of indecently assaulting his 10-year-old daughter. The little girl gave, on oath, and between sobs and tears, evidence to the effect that the assault was committed. Her story the father flatly contradicted. Mrs. Dawson declined to give evidence against her husband. She was almost prostrated with grief, but it was through her repetition of the story told her by the little girl that the case came to be investigated by an officer.

Crown Attorney McKillop produced authority that would have forced Mrs. Dawson into the witness box on penalty of imprisonment in jail if she had refused to give evidence, but both the crown attorney and Police Magistrate Judd decided to respect her discretion, and she was excused from giving evidence. "Be as easy with us as you can," she pleaded.

Dr. James D. Wilson, who examined the child, gave evidence that was not conclusively, but strongly, pointed to the guilt of some person on the charge made by the child against her father.

In view of the lack of more complete evidence, Magistrate Judd said that he must discharge the defendant.

What perplexed the court and the prosecuting authorities was why and how a child of ten years should connect such a story, and moreover, direct it against her father. She had not been attending Sunday school this year, she told the magistrate, but said she thought she had learned it from a book.

Magistrate Judd said, he regarded it as greatly regrettable that a child of her age should be so precocious. He said that he had seen a child of ten years old, who had been thinking that perhaps someone else had been guilty of an offence against her before she was charged, and that she was afraid it would be found out, blamed it on him.

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INCREASE OF I.O.F.Increased Levy Is Condemned
by Insurance Departments
of Three States.

140,000 MEMBERS IN U.S.

Question of International Independence Is Said To Be Involved.

[Canadian Press.]
Madison, Wis., Dec. 8.—Whether an act of the Canadian Parliament will enable the Independent Order of Foresters of Toronto to do what otherwise is admitted to be a violation of contract with the majority of its 140,000 members in the United States, is a question of international independence, based in the report made today on the society by the insurance departments of Illinois, Nebraska and Wisconsin. An examination of the affairs of the Canadian organization has been in progress for several months.

Affects Every Holder.
The question raised is to affect every person holding a policy of any kind issued by an insurance company or an organization of a foreign country. According to Herman L. Ekern, insurance commissioner of Wisconsin, it is at once recognized that insurance contracts issued in the state under license to a company or society can be repudiated in any part under the laws of a foreign country, it follows that such contracts can be entirely repudiated, and such repudiation would have to be enforced by the courts in the United States.

Says Levy Is Void.
"This society, which has assets of about \$30,000,000, is recently readjusted, by levying a special assessment, to make up a total deficiency in reserve of \$25,000,000, attempts to make this assessment a lien, averaging about \$260, to be deducted from the policies of the members," explained Mr. Ekern. A memorandum signed by Mr. Ekern, superintendent of insurance, of Illinois, W. B. Howard, auditor of Nebraska, and Mr. Ekern, is attached to the report. It states that the attempted levy of this lien is void and advises the members of the society to take the option of paying their assessments at their old rate, and to insist upon payments in full.

Uniformly Condemned.
The memorandum declares that the plan of the readjustment is one that has been uniformly condemned by the courts.

While the examination was in progress the society gave notice of its withdrawal from Illinois, where it had a total of 10,000 members.

Ultimately the question must be decided by the courts, the memorandum states.

AVIATOR STRAPPED TO
PLANE UNDER WATERChristofferson's Presence of Mind
Saved Life in San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Silar Christofferson, the aviator, narrowly escaped death by drowning late yesterday, when his hydro-aeroplane plunged almost straight downward from a height of 2,000 feet into San Francisco Bay. Christofferson was strapped in the seat of the machine, and as the plane struck the water it overturned, leaving the aviator head downward beneath the surface. He unbuckled the straps that held him, and after being submerged for more than a minute came to the surface again. He was taken out of the water by lifesavers.

REFUSED WOMEN'S REQUEST.
[Canadian Press.]
Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today told a delegation from the National American Women's Suffrage Association that he favored a standing woman's suffrage committee in the House of Representatives, but denied their request that he send a special message to Congress urging the reform.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.
[Canadian Press.]
Lethbridge, Dec. 8.—Fire occurred in the orderly room of the Royal North-West Mounted Police barracks early today, completely gutting the interior.

PROSPECTIVE STRIKE HAS
NO EFFECT HERE YETPostoffice Employees Are Very
Busy Handling Christmas
Mails.

To The Advertiser today Assistant Postmaster Duncan stated that the local postoffice knew nothing of the probable strike of 100,000 postal employees in Great Britain other than what had appeared in the newspapers, and he was unable to say what effect it would have upon the delivery of Christmas mails.

A Christmas mail will close at the local postoffice on Thursday of this week, with another closing on Saturday night, and a supplementary closing on Sunday night at 11 o'clock. The Sunday night closing will be positively London's last chance to mail packages with the hope of having them delivered in the old land before Christmas, and there is even some uncertainty. To make sure of delivery all parcels in the post office on Thursday closing.

Wreaths
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Dainty red baskets, artistically filled and tied with ribbon or chiffon to match the ruscus.

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EFFORT TO END STRIKE
RESULTS IN FAILURE

Dublin Men Have Now Been Unemployed For Fifteen Weeks.

Dublin, Dec. 7.—The attempt to reach a settlement of the Dublin strike, which has been in progress for fifteen weeks, has failed. A conference, composed of employers and employees, assisted by labor leaders from Britain, sat for 20 hours thrashing out every point, but broke down today on the workers' demand for complete reinstatement of the strikers. This the executive of the employers would not concede.

The result of the conference is a great surprise and disappointment, as the prolonged discussion gave hope that the disastrous strike, which had caused the eviction of hundreds from their homes, was nearing an end.

The employers had offered to reinstate 80 per cent. of the strikers.

Denounces Larkin.
London, Dec. 7.—Joseph Havelock Wilson, president of the International Seamen's Union, has published a pamphlet denouncing James Larkin, leader of the Dublin Transport workers, and "Larkinism" as responsible for the failure to settle the Dublin strike.

CANADIAN LOAN NOT
POPULAR IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 8.—Although official information regarding the Canadian Government \$4,000,000 sterling issue will not be available until later, the London Daily Mail understands that a substantial proportion, probably more than one-half, has been left on the underwriters' hands. The lists were closed on Friday, and on Saturday the loan was quoted at one-half. The consol market on that understanding developed a weaker tone, the stock relapsing to 72, at which it closed.

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