FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

DEMAND FOR HAY CONTINUES VERY STRONG

Twenty Loads Today Sold Rapidly at $11 to $12 a Ton.

The demand for hay on the local market continues keen, and this morning at 10 o'clock there was only one load left, despite the fact that there were over twenty loads brought in. It sold quickly from $11 to $12 a ton.

Four loads of straw were in, and there was little demand. Straw is selling at $6 and $7 a ton, according to quality.

One load of oats sold at $1.20 a cwt.

Poultry dealers report fairly good shipments of spring chickens coming in. Live weight these tender morsels sell at 40c a pound, and dressed from 42c to 50c a pound. Otherwise things are quiet in the poultry line.

There was no change in meat prices. Quite a number of dressed pigs came in this morning and sold from $11.50 to $12 a cwt. Dressed beef is still quoted from $9 to $11 a cwt.

Fresh laid eggs are 20c to 22c by the single dozen, but the crate and basket the price is 19c to 20c.

Other quotations are:

Grain by Hundredweight.

Oats, per cwt	$1 15	to	$1 25
Buckwheat, per cwt	1 25	to	1 25
Barley, per cwt	1 15	to	1 18
Peas, per cwt	1 30	to	1 50
Rye, per cwt	1 05	to	1 10
Wheat, per cwt	1 03	to	1 04

Grain per Bushel.

Oats, new, per bu	42	to	41
Barley, per bu	62 2-3	to	61 2-3
Wheat, per bu	1 08	to	1 09
Peas, per bu	1 00	to	1 10
Beans, per bu	1 90	to	2 00

Hay and Straw.

Hay, per ton	11 00	to	12 00
Straw, per ton	6 00	to	7 00

Dairy Produce

Butter, creamery, lb	28	to	30
Butter, rolls, per lb	25	to	26
Butter, store lots, lb	22	to	24
Eggs, crate, dozen	19	to	20
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	20	to	21
Eggs, retail	20	to	22
Eggs, basket	20	to	20
Honey, strained, lb	10	to	12
Honey, in comb	12	to	15
Maple syrup, per gallon	1 15	to	1 25

Poultry, Dressed.

Turkeys, per lb	15	to	18
Ducks, spring, per lb	14	to	15
Old ducks, per lb	10	to	11
Young chickens, per lb	14	to	16
Geese, per lb	12	to	14
Spring chickens, lb	42	to	45

Poultry, Alive.

Young fowl, per lb	12	to	13
Old fowl, per lb	11	to	12
Turkeys, per lb	12½	to	14
Ducks, per lb	10	to	12
Spring chickens, lb	40	to	40

Butchers' Meats.

Beef, by the carcase	9 00	to	11 00
Mutton, per cwt	8 00	to	10 00
Veal, per cwt	6 00	to	9 00
Yearling lambs, per lb	13	to	14
Dressed hogs, per cwt	11 50	to	12 00
Spring lambs, each	7 00	to	8 00
Veal, per cwt	6 50	to	9 50
Pork forequarters	13	to	13
Pork, hindquarters	13	to	14

Live Stock.

Small pigs, per pair	10 00	to	12 00
Select hogs, per cwt	8 75	to	9 00
Fats sows, per cwt	6 00	to	6 50
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 50
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	6 00
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Spring lambs, each	4 00	to	6 00

Hides and Wools.

Lambskins, each	75	to	1 10
Wool, washed, per lb	20	to	22
Wool, unwashed, per lb	12	to	13
Hides, No. 1, per lb	9	to	9
Hides, No. 2, per lb	8	to	8
Hides, No. 3, per lb	7	to	7
Calfskins, per lb	11½	to	13
Sheepskins, each	70	to	1 25
Tallow, rough, lb	3½	to	3½
Tallow, rendered, lb	5	to	5½

Seeds.

Clover, red, per bu	8 00	to	9 00
Alsike, per bu	7 50	to	7 50
Timothy, per bu	2 00	to	2 00
Peas, per bu	1 00	to	1 10

Vegetables.

Potatoes, bag, retail	50	to	60
Potatoes, bag, wholesale	50	to	55
Turnips, per bu	25	to	30
Celery, per dozen	20	to	40
Lettuce, per dozen	25	to	40
Sage, per dozen	20	to	20
Savory, per dozen	20	to	20
Cabbage, dozen (by size)	50	to	50
Red cabbage, dozen	40	to	40
Onions, per bu	1 10	to	1 25
Beets, per bu	50	to	50
Parsnips, per bu	50	to	65
Green onions, per dozen	20	to	25
Radishes, per dozen	30	to	50
Carrots, per bu	40	to	45
Radishes, dozen bunches	30	to	40
Spinach, per bu	40	to	50

Fruits.

Apples, per bbl	1 75	to	2 50
Apples, per bu	50	to	50
Apples, per bag	60	to	1 00

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, April 22

Wheat May	108¾	108¾	107½	108¾
July	104	104	103½	103½
Sept	99	100	99⅛	100⅛
Corn May	57½	58⅛	57½	58¼
July	61½	61½	60⅞	61½
Sept	62½	62⅞	62⅛	62⅞
Oats May	42	42⅛	41⅝	42
July	39⅛	40	39⅝	39⅞
Sept	38	38¼	38	38¼
Pork May	22 05	22 05	22 00	22 12
July	22 15	22 37	22 15	22 25
Sept	22 22	22 30	22 22	22 27
Lard May	12 50	12 50	12 47	12 50
July	12 42	12 42	12 37	12 40
Sept	12 37	12 40	12 37	12 37
Ribs May	12 37	12 40	12 35	12 42
July	12 25	12 35	12 17	12 25
Sept	12 25	12 25	12 22	12 22

TORONTO, April 22.—The market for Ontario breadstuffs is not much changed today, although a little firmness has resulted from the recovery shown by the foreign markets. Ontario wheat—No. 2 mixed winter, $1 06 to $1 07 outside. Manitoba wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern, $1 09; No. 2 northern, $1 07, on track at lake ports; on the arrival of boats, No. 1 northern, $1 05½; No. 2 northern, $1 03¾, at lake ports. Corn—American No. 2 yellow, kiln-dried, 66c to 66½c; No. 3 yellow, kiln-dried, 65½c to 66c; No. 3 yellow, 64½; Canadian corn, 60c to 61c, Toronto freights. Oats—Canada western, No. 2, 39½c, on track at Georgian Bay ports; on the arrival of boats, No. 2 western, 38c; No. 3 western, 37c, at lake ports; Ontario No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c outside; No. 3 white, 35c to 35½c outside, 38½c on track at Toronto. Barley—No. 2, 53c to 54c; No. 3 extra, 51c to 52c; No. 3, 46c to 47c outside; Manitoba No. 4, 52½, on track at lake ports. Peas—No. 2, 75c to 76c. Rye—No. 2, 64c to 68c. Buckwheat—No. 2, 51c. Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto: First patents, $5 70; second patents, $5 20; strong bakers, $5; 90 per cent patents, Glasgow freights, 28s. Ontario flour—Winter wheat patents, for export, $4 05 to $4 10, in buyers' bags outside. Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $20 per ton; shorts, $22 on track at Toronto; Ontario bran, $22; shorts, $23, on track at Toronto.

LIVERPOOL, April 22.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stock; futures firm; May, 7s 4d; July, 7s 6⅝d; October, 7s 5⅝d. Corn—Spot quiet; new American mixed, northern, 5s 3d; old American mixed, 5s 8½d; futures dull; July, 5s 3⅝d. Hams—Short cut easy, 69s. Bacon—Cumberland cut easy, 66s; short ribs dull, 69s 6d. Lard—Steady; prime western, 63s 3d; American refined, 64s 6d. Linseed oil—Strong, 42s 9d.

DAIRY.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 26c to 31c; dairies, 22c to 29c. Cheese—Steady: daisies, 14¾c to 15c; twins, 13¾c to 14c; Young Americans, 14c to 14½c; longhorns, 14¼c to 14½c.

KINGSTON, April 21.—The Frontenac cheese board resumed its meetings today. The registrations were: White, 365 boxes; colored, 8; the factories sold 20 boxes at 11¾c; the balance was refused at 11c.

BROCKVILLE, April 21.—The first meeting of the cheese board was held this afternoon; 776 white and 100 colored were offered; best price offered was 11 9-16c; none sold.

POTATOES.

TORONTO, April 21.—Potatoes — The local market for Delaware potatoes is fairly firm at 45c per bag in car lots, and at 55c to 60c per bag out of store. Very little trade is being done in Ontario potatoes.

LIVE STOCK.

TORONTO, April 21.—Cattle—Prices were strong at the Western Cattle Market today. Yesterday's levels were maintained and in not a few instances exceeded. Trade was active, the demand being good. Cattle show no inclination yet to drop; in fact, from the continued firm tone to the high prices it seems as though they had not reached the top. The choicest of the export cattle sold at from $7 25 to $7 50. A sale of a lot of fine ones was reported at $7 60. The highest point of the present rise was attained in the sale of a load of extra fine exporters, weighing from 1200 to 1100 lbs, at from $7 to $8 per cwt. This was an exceptional instance. The best of the butcher animals ran from $6 50 to $7. Calves were a shade easier, selling at $3 to $7 per cwt. Sheep were firm at the last market day's levels. Lambs were slightly lower, yearling animals that had been grain-fed bringing from $8 to $9; spring lambs ran from $4 to $8 each. There was no appreciable change in the price of hogs; they were selling at $9 to $9 25. The receipts of stock for yesterday and today were 1520 cattle, 108 sheep and lambs, 1890 hogs and 580 calves.

EAST BUFFALO, N.Y., April 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 80 head; steady; prime steers, $8 to $8 50. Veals—Receipts, 2500 head; active on good, slow on common, 25 lower, $6 to $9 25. Hogs—Receipts, 3200 head; active and 10c to 20c higher; heavy and mixed, $9 65 to $9 75; Yorkers, $9 65 to $9 80; pigs, $9 65 to $9 75; roughs, $8 60 to $8 80; stags, $7 to $8; dairies, $9 50 to $9 75. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 11,400 head; sheep active, wethers 15c lower, lambs slow and 20c lower; lambs, $7 25 to $9; yearlings, $7 75 to $8 25; wethers, $7 50 to $7 75.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 1500, market strong to shade higher; beeves, $5 75 to $8 50; Texas steers, $4 75 to $6 25; western steers, $5 to $6 80; stockers and feeders, $3 80 to $6 70; cows and heifers, $2 80 to $7 40; calves, $6 75 to $8 50. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 8000; market 10c to 15c higher; light, $9 to $9 35; mixed, $9 05 to $9 40; heavy, $9 05 to $9 50; rough, $9 05 to $9 15; good to choice, heavy, $9 15 to $9 50; pigs, $8 75 to $9 20; bulk of sales, $9 25 to $9 35. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 4000; market strong to shade higher; native, $4 50 to $8 35; western, $5 to $8 35; yearlings, $7 30 to $8 75; lambs, native, $7 75 to $9 50; western, $8 50 to $10 50.

COBALT STOCK.

Special to The Advertiser from Edward Cronyn & Co., Toronto.

TORONTO, April 22.—Noon quotations on the Standard Mining Exchange were: Beaver, 24; Chambers-Ferland, 33c; Crown Reserve, 3.15; Cobalt Lake, 26¾; Foster, 17; Green-Meehan, 4½; Kerr Lake 5.65; La Rose, 3.30; Little Nipissing, 24½; Nipissing, 10.00; Otisse, 6; Rochester, 17; Nova Scotia, 38; Silver Leaf, 10; Temiskaming, 67; Trethewey, 1.37.

MONTREAL, April 22.

	Ask.	Bid.
Asbestos com	26	25
Asbestos pfd	91⅝	91¼
Black Lake com	25⅝	25⅛
Black Lake pfd	66	64
Bell Telephone Co.	146	144
B. C. Packers A	75	70
B. C. Packers B	75	70
Can. Converters	44½	44
Canadian Pacific	182½	182
Cement pfd	89¼	89
Crown Reserve	318	316
Detroit Electric Ry.	62	61
Dom. Coal com	67½	67¼
Dom. Coal pfd	116	110
Dom. I. & Steel com	67⅝	67½
Dom. I. & Steel pfd	106½	105½
Dominion Park	60	..
Duluth-Superior	72½	71¼
Illinois Traction pfd	91	90
Intercolonial Coa com	55	..
Lake of Woods com	139½	138½
Lake of Woods pfd	127	..
Laurentide Paper com	..	135
Minn. & St. Paul	139	138¾
Mt. L., H. & Power	137½	137
Montreal Street Railway	247	246
Montreal Telegraph Co.	150	141
N. S. Steel & Coal	83⅝	83¼
N. S. Steel and Coal pfd	..	121
Ogilvie Milling com	138½	136⅞
Ottawa Power	100	..
Penman com	63	62¾
Porto Rico	44	42
Quebec com	42½	42
R. & O. Navigation Co.	87½	87
Rio Janiero	94	93¼
Shawinigan	..	99
Textile com	74½	74
Toronto Electric Railway	123	122¾
Tri-City Electric pfd	94½	94
Twin City Electric Ry.	114	..
West India Electric Ry.	..	60
Winnipeg Electric Railway	..	173½
Windsor Hotel	120	..
Cement com	22½	22¼
Canada Car pfd	101	..
Bank B. N. A.	150	..
Bank Commerce	211	208
Eastern Townships	170	160½
Merchants' Bank	177¼	177
Molsons Bank	210	207½
Bank Nova Scotia	285	283
Royal Bank	234½	..
Traders' Bank	..	144
Union Bank	..	111½
Canada Colored Cotton	65	64
Dominion Textile Cotton pfd	102	102⅝
Montreal Cotton	140	135
Black Lake bonds	..	84
Canada Col. Cotton bonds	100⅝	100½
Dominion Coal bonds	99	97
Dominion Cotton bonds	104	103
Dom. I. & Steel bonds	94	93¾
Halifax Tramway Bonds	..	100
Laurentide Paper bonds	110	108
Mexican E. L. bonds	84	83
Mexican L. & P. bonds	86¼	..
Ogilvie Milling bonds	..	112½
Ogilvie B. bonds	..	112½
Porto Rico bonds	85	..
Price Bros.' bonds	105	100
Rubber bonds	100	..
Textile, Ser. B	100	99½
Textile, Ser. D	..	95
West India bonds	90	..
Winnipeg Electric bonds	105	..
Quebec bonds	85	84¾
Windsor Hotel	95¼	..

Morning Sales: Merchants' Bank, 10 at 177; Hochelaga Bank, 5 at 143; Quebec, bonds, 5000 at 85, 9000 and 1000 at 85; Iron, bonds, 2000 at 94; Coal, bonds, 1000 at 98; Cement, bonds, 1000 at 99; R. and O., 8 at 87½, 100 at 87, 50 at 87; Montreal Railway, 250 at 246¾, 200 at 247⅞, 310 at 247½, 200 at 247¼; Eastern Townships Bank, 5 at 160½; Halifax Railway, 6 at 122½; Soo, common, 25 at 139½, 125 at 139; Quebec, 115 at 42, 25 at 41⅞; Iron, common, 25 at 68, 25 at 67¾, 35 at 67½, 150 at 67⅝, 75 at 67½, 25 at 67⅝; Textile, common, 275 at 74, 25 at 74; Colored Cotton, 200 at 64¾ cash; Shawinigan, 100 at 99; Cement, common, 80 at 23½, 100 and 25 at 23¼; Iron, preferred, 25 at 108, 10 at 105½; Cement, preferred, 175 at 89½, 10 at 89¾, 10 at 90, 30 at 89½, 30 at 89¼, 50 at 89; Packers, B, 50 at 70; do, A, 3 at 69; Reserve, 500 at 3.10, 615 at 3.15.

TORONTO, April 22.

	Ask.	Bid.
Asbestos pfd	96	..
Black Lake com	25	24⅝
B. C. Packers B	75	69¼
Bell Telephone Co.	146	145
Canada Gen. Electric	116	..
City Dairy com	32	31½
City Dairy pfd	98	97¾
Consumers' Gas	202½	201½
Crow's Nest Coal	86	..
Detroit United	..	60¼
Dominion Coal com	68	67¼
Dominion Steel com	68	67¼
Dominion Telegraph	110	..
Electric Development pfd	68	..
Laurentide Paped pfd	136	135½
Mackay com	90	89¾
Mackay pfd	76¾	75
Mexican L. & Powed com	80	..
Mexico Tramway	..	126
Northern Navigation	..	110½
N. S. Steel com	..	83
Ogilvie Milling com	..	137
Penman com	63½	63
Penman pfd	86	..
Porto Rico Railway	43½	42½
Rio Janiero Tramway	93⅞	93
R. & O. Navigation	..	86¾
Rogers com	165	163
Sao Paulo Tramway	146	145
Shredded Wheat com	..	46¾
St. L. & C. Navigation	117	115
Toronto Electric Light	118	..
Toronto Railway	..	123
Tri-City pfd	..	94
Twin City Electric	113½	113
Winnipeg Railway	..	180
Am. L., H. & Power	..	41½
La Rose	350	..
Nipissing Mines	999	..
North Star	8	..
Bank Commerce	208	..
Dominion Bank	..	210
Imperial Bank	..	232
Merchants' Bank	..	177
Bank Montreal	251	..
Bank Nova Scotia	..	285
Bank Ottawa	..	210
Royal Bank	235	..
Standard Bank	..	231
Traders' Bank	..	217
Union Bank	..	114½
Agricultural Loan	..	131
Canada Landed	..	160
Canada Permanent	..	169
Central Canada	..	185
Colonial Investment	67	..
Dominion Savings	..	72
Hamilton Provident	..	130
Huron & Erie	..	201
Huron & Erie, 20 per cent.	..	185
Imperial Loan	70	..
Landed Banking	..	150
London & Canadian	112	..
National Trust	..	190
Ontario Loan	..	148
Ontario Loan, 20 per cent.	..	139
Real Estate	106	..
Toronto General Trusts	..	170
Toronto Mortgage	..	137
Dominion Steel bonds	95	..
Electric Dev. bonds	85½	83
Laurentide Paper bonds	105	103
Mexican Electric bonds	..	83
Mexican L. & P. bonds	87	86
Rio Janiero bonds	97	96¾
Sao Paulo bonds	..	101
Porto Rico bonds	..	87
Quebec bonds	84	..

Morning Sales: Porto Rico, 5 at 42¾; Permans, 5 at 63; Mexican L. and P., 10 at 78; do, bonds, 2000 at 86½; Trethewey, 100 and 100 at 135½; Dominion Coal, 10 and 3 at 68, 25 at 67¼; London and Canada, 20 at 110; Cement, 25 at 23½; Canada Salt, 1 at 3; F. N. Burt, 8 at 80; do, preferred, 10 and 10 at 102; Twin City, 10 and 3 at 113½, 40, 3, 2, 3, 1 and 10 at 113¼; Black Lake, 10, 25 and 5 at 25; do, bonds, 1000 at 85¾, 1000 at 85⅞; Nipissing, 15 and 10 at 9.90; Dominion Steel, 25 at 67⅞, 25 and 75 at 67¼; La Rose, 10 at 3.80; Toronto Railway, 10 and 2 at 123½, 1 at 123; Ontario, bonds, 3000 at 102¼; Bank of Commerce, 1 and 2 at 208; Rio, 9, 1, 1, 34 and 10 at 93¾; do, bonds, 6000 at 96⅞; Quebec L. and P., 17 at 42½, 25 at 42¾, 25 and 25 at 42; R. and O., 50 at 86¾, 50 at 86⅞; City Dairy, 25 at 31⅝. Ex-dividend: Mexican L. and P., preferred, 3½ per cent; Standard Bank, 3 per cent. Listed: Province of Ontario Loan, $3,500,000, 4 per cent, due 1929, free of all provincial taxes, charges, succession duty and impositions whatsoever.

NEW YORK, April 22—Noon.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Anal. Copper	74⅝	74⅝	73⅝	74⅛
Anaconda Copper	44⅞	45	44⅝	44⅞
American Sugar	123	..	..	..
Amer. Beet Sugar	38½	..	..	..
Amer. Locomotive	50¼	..	..	..
American Foundry	63	63	62⅝	62⅝
American Refining	82½	82½	81⅛	82
Amer. Cotton Oil	66¾	66¾	66⅛	66⅛
Atchison, com.	112⅝	112¾	112⅛	112⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	110⅝	110⅝	110⅛	110⅛
Brooklyn Transit	79⅞	80	79¼	80
Canadian Pacific	182	182	181⅝	181⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	86⅞	86⅞	85⅞	85⅞
Chicago & G. W.	28	..	..	..
Consolidated Gas	142	142	140	140¼
Col. Fuel & Iron	39½	39½	38⅞	39⅞
Chicago & N. W.	152	152	151¾	151¾
Distillers	30¼	..	..	..
Erie, com.	29¼	29¼	28⅞	29
Erie, pfd.	47¼	47¼	46¾	46¾
G. Northern, pfd.	137½	137½	136½	136⅞
Inter-Metropolitan	22¼	11½	11¼	11⅝
Inter-Met., pfd.	58⅝	58⅝	58¼	58½
Kansas & Texas	42¼	42½	41⅝	42¼
Louisville & Nash.	149¾	150	149¾	150
Missouri Pacific	60½	..	..	..
New York Central	122¼	122¼	121½	121¾
Missouri Pacific	60½	..	..	..
Norfolk & Western	193	..	..	..
National Lead	81½	81½	81	81
Ontario & Western	44⅝	44⅝	44	44
Pennsylvania	135⅝	135⅝	135⅛	135½
People's Gas	109⅞	..	..	..
Pressed Steel Car	41⅝	..	..	..
Reading	164⅝	164¾	162⅞	163½
Republic Steel	36	..	..	..
Rock Island	27¼	27¼	26¾	26¾
Rock Island, pfd.	90½	91½	90	90
Southern Railway	27	27	26⅞	26⅞
Southern Ry. pfd.	69¼	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	125¾	125¾	124⅞	125⅛
St. Paul	141⅞	141⅞	140⅝	141½
Union Pacific	184⅞	185⅛	183⅝	184½
Central Leather	43⅝	43⅝	42½	42½
U. S. Rubber	42½	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	83⅝	83⅞	82½	83¼
U. S. Steel, pfd.	120½	120¾	120½	120¾
Wabash, com.	46¼	46¼	45⅞	45⅞
Western Union Tel.	71¼	71¼	70½	70½

MR. BUZZELL HAS LEASED THE GROUNDS

City League Will Now Have to Look to Him if They Play Ball.

When it was announced that the City Baseball League might disband owing to the fact that Mr. W. J. Reid had leased Tecumseh Park to Mr. F. C. Buzzell for a game with the Detroit Tigers for charitable purposes, Mr. Buzzell immediately closed a deal to lease the grounds for the summer.

It is the intention to bring the Toronto baseball team to the city for a game, and in all probability a Marathon race or two will be put on. The baseball games in which the Tigers and the Torontos figure will be in aid of the Tuberculosis Hospital and the Aged Women's Home, every dollar over and above legitimate expenses being devoted to these charities.

Mr. Buzzell Explains.

"I had no desire to injure the boys at all," said Mr. Buzzell to The Advertiser. "This game was to be played for the tuberculosis hospital funds, and no other purpose. Mr. Reid would not allow me to make his position clear until this time, and it was his intention, and still is, to devote his share of the proceeds to the sanatorium. He will not allow himself to be dictated to regarding his charitable work, but this announcement should be made in justice to him. I leased the grounds as I did not wish Mr. Reid to suffer financial loss on account of the option.

"If the boys had fallen in line with the suggestion, and worked for a bumper game with the Tigers, it would have been one of the greatest booms baseball in London has ever received."

A Number of Games.

Outside of the baseball games, which are for charitable purposes only, a number of games will be played this summer. It is the intention to give a baseball tournament, in which teams in Western Ontario will be asked to compete, and for which prizes will be given. There will be Scottish games also, and other sorts of entertainment.

COTTON MARKET SHOCKED

London, April 22.—A severe shock has been experienced in the Liverpool cotton market according to today's Shipping Gazette, in the discovery of forged bills of lading for cotton purporting to have been shipped from the United States.

The quantity involved is said to be between 15,000 and 20,000 bales.

FRANKING PRIVILEGE ABUSED BY MEMBERS

Matter Discussed in Dominion House of Commons—Oats Under Frank.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., April 22. — The abuse of the franking privilege is a subject with which the Commons deals for one day each session. This is the day. The ministers have the right of sending unstamped official mail at any time. The members and senators generally have that right during the session. The privilege is sometimes curiously stretched to matter which cannot be classed as official. However, there is no objection taken until it is discovered that someone is sending out matter designed to influence the electors. Then the Commons talks about it.

This morning, Mr. Taylor, of New Westminster, complained that he had discovered that a weekly Liberal political letter to newspapers was being sent out under frank. He spoke for half on hour on the enormity of this.

The Minister of Justice replied briefly, saying that the stretching of the privilege of franking was not confined to either side of the House. He knew this, because when he was acting postmaster-general a Conservative member came to him and asked him to go to the House postoffice and put his frank on a parcel which the postmaster refused to forward under the frank of a private member. Mr. Aylesworth said that he had sought to oblige the member, but was compelled to decline when he found that the parcel was a large bag of oats.

EAST LONDON

BOY LINGERED AROUND POOLROOM

Alex. Andrews, of East London, Fined For Allowing This To Be Done.

Alex. Andrews, who conducts a poolroom in the East End, was found guilty by Magistrate Love this morning of allowing a minor to linger in his place of business, and was fined a dollar.

Mr. Andrews is of somewhat diminutive stature, and the lad in question is well grown and considerably bigger, and there was a general laugh when the court asked Mr. Andrews why he didn't put the boy out.

Mr. Andrews said he wasn't looking for trouble. He said he had asked the lad to leave, and the latter corroborated this, but said he did not go because he thought Mr. Andrews was only fooling. The court told Mr. Andrews he should have got a policeman to put the lad out if he would not go otherwise.

HORSE ON SIDEWALK

Made Things Lively in East London for a While.

A heavy horse attached to a coal wagon developed the notion to go for a walk on Dundas street, near Elizabeth, yesterday afternoon, and wound up the trip in a rather exciting manner of the north sidewalk in front of a row of stores.

The animal had been left for a few minutes by the driver, and was noticed by a boy, who pulled the line nearest to him in an effort to stop the horse. It turned, struck a pole, and started off at a brisk gait on the walk. The runaway was stopped by a number of men who were on the scene.

FAIR INSPECTION.

The buildings committee of the fair board is making the annual inspection at the grounds this afternoon with a view to having a number of improvements made before the next exhibition.

It is understood that the committee desires to have a new roof placed on the main building, and a number of smaller jobs will have to be attended to.

ANKLE SPRAINED.

Mr. Ed Evans, of Weston street, a Grand Trunk switchman, sprained his ankle badly in jumping from a yard engine in the yards this morning. He will be laid up for some days.

EAST END NOTES.

St. Mary's Baseball Club, which will represent St. Mary's Church Cadets in the East End League this season, has organized and elected officers for the year. They are: Honorary president, Mr. Thomas Flynn; president, Rev. Father P. J. McKeon; manager, Mr. Jos. Leach; captain, Mr. Fred Waud, and secretary-treasurer, Mr. Cliff Patton.

MR. TILLEY'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. S. Leonard Tilley, whose death occurred in Toronto recently, was held this afternoon from his mother's residence, 554 King street, to Woodland Cemetery, and was largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Canon Dyson Hague, of the Memorial Church.

MISS KIRK FAREWELLED

Pleasant Gathering in the Aberdeen School.

A very pleasant gathering was that held in Aberdeen school on Monday afternoon, when the teachers assembled to give a farewell to Miss Florence Kirk, who recently resigned from the teaching staff.

A dainty pink and white tea was served, after which Miss Kirk was presented with an exquisite cut-glass bowl, accompanied by a bouquet of carnations, and the best wishes of the staff. Miss Kirk responded in a few well-chosen words, thanking them for their beautiful gifts, and good wishes. After the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne," the assembly broke up, all wishing their former associate a prosperous and happy future.

TEST CASE WILL NOT BE FOUGHT

Auctioneer Decides to Accept the Police Reading of the Law.

The test case which it was proposed to make in regard to auctioneers and second-hand dealers' licenses, will not materialize, as John Lightfoo , against whom proceedings were taken last week, has decided to settle. Mr. Lightfoot contended that his license as an auctioneer gave him the right to buy and sell second-hand articles. The police contended that it didn't, and demanded that Mr. Lightfoot take out a second-hand dealers' license. Mr. Lightfoot decided to fight, but has since changed his mind.

William Thayer, charged with being a carter without a license, admitted that he was, but pleaded ignorance of the law. He was ordered to take out a license and pay 85 cents costs in addition.

Bert Perkins and George Jones were each fined $1 for riding bicycles on the sidewalk.

MAYOR TELLS WHY HE BLOCKED APPOINTMENT

Had Reason to Believe That Job Was Being Made for Mr. Boles.

During his speech at the board of trade banquet last night Mayor Beattie hinted that the dominant party in the council were desirous of naming Mr. T. G. Boles, secretary of the citizens' municipal league, as publicity agent for the city at a salary of $500 a year.

This fact was known to his worship he hinted, and was given as the reason for his vote negativing the motion to appoint a publicity agent.

"We should have something to offer before engaging such a man," said Mayor Beattie. "At the present time we have not, and until we are in a position to offer inducements we had better remain as we are.

"I do not think an office should be created for any man, and I had good reasons to suspect that such was the case in this instance. We want the best man we can get when we name a publicity agent, and we want to pay him a good salary."

Mr. Boles an Applicant.

Mr. Boles, it was stated on the authority of an alderman today, was an applicant for the position. A number of the aldermen were pledged to support him.

Ald. Richter opposed him from the beginning, and voted against the position. One or two favored Mr. A. M. Hunt, secretary of the Western Fair board, but Mr. Boles had the call on the majority of the members of the council.

It is likely that the appointment would have been made had it not been for an amusing incident.

Ald. Saunders Did It.

When the vote in the council was put to name a man, it stood 7 to 4, for the appointment.

The yeas and nays were called for and the vote was the same.

At this juncture, Ald. Saunders blurted out:

"The old gang is sticking together again."

Somebody challenged the vote, and on the next division the count stood 6 to 5, and the vote of his worship negatived the motion, preventing the appointment of an agent.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—Dr. John T. Claris, of Buffalo, is in the city attending the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Eliza Jane Harrison.

Dr. Wilson Improving.

Dr. John D. Wilson is slightly better today, and his condition is on the whole quite satisfactory.

No Old Country Excursions.

A rumor has been in circulation that a special excursion to England would take place this summer or fall, the rate to be $25 return. The steamship companies advise there is no truth in this report. Only regular current rates will be in effect.

A Change of Date.

The London Women's Canadian Club will hold their meeting for the election of officers over the Public Library at 3 o'clock, Saturday, April 30, instead of the 23rd. The delay is necessary in order to frame a substantial constitution.

An European Trip.

Mr. John M. Moore, engineer of the waterworks department, and Mrs. Moore will leave for a trip to Europe about June 1. Mr. Moore some time ago resigned his position but a successor has not yet been named. His departure for the old land will make the appointment of an engineer absolutely necessary.

A Sudden Death.

Miss Florence Zebbs, of North Buxton, died very unexpectedly last night while on a visit to friends in this city. Miss Zebbs was 23 years old. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2:30 to the Michigan Central depot, and interment will be made at North Buxton tomorrow.

No Brake.

A number of citizens have commented upon the fact that there is no brake on the city ambulance, and it is said that when it was going to a hurry call yesterday there was a close call from a runaway. It is usual to have a brake of some kind on all vehicles of this nature, as in case of any accidents or emergency they can be stopped very quickly by the driver applying them.

Mr. Buttrey Writes.

Mr. Harry E. Buttrey recently elected second vice-president of the Irish Benevolent Society, has written a letter of thanks