

# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## HAY PRICES WERE LITTLE LOWER TODAY

Twenty-five Loads Offered—Sold at \$10.50 to \$12 a Ton—Other Quotations.

Hay is still pouring into the market, there being some 25 loads offered today, but the prices were not much lower, only four loads sold at a higher price, the majority of the loads sold at \$10.50 to \$12 a ton. The lowest price was \$10.50 a ton, and the highest \$12 a ton. The demand is not very great at present, and the farmers are looking out for the higher prices.

There was no change in the price of straw, but a couple of loads of straw were in, but the demand for this article is not very great, and the farmers are looking out for the higher prices.

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## EAST LONDON NEWS

### PUBLIC MEETING IN THE CITY HALL

East End Progressives Will Lay Their Plan Before the Citizens in General.

### \$15,000,000 IN BONDS

Secretary Says That Londoners Have This Amount Lying Idle and Much of It Could Be Put to Good Use.

### REPEATS HIS CHARGES AGAINST MINISTER

Mr. Preston Again Says Fitzpatrick Furnished Information Condemning West.

Ottawa, Jan. 19. — That the information which caused the group of capitalists to abandon their intention of investing about one and a quarter million dollars in mortgages and other securities in Western Canada was furnished by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick while he was at the Hague last summer, is explicitly charged by Mr. W. T. Preston (Canadian trade commissioner to the Netherlands), as shown to a return tabled in the Commons today, giving the official correspondence in connection with the matter.

It will be remembered that last fall a trade and commerce department bulletin contained a report from Mr. Preston stating that the proposed investment of Dutch capital in Western Canada had been discouraged by a statement made to one of the Dutch investors by a Canadian trade official. This created considerable resentment in Western Canada, as being an unjust attack on the west as a profitable field for the investment of foreign capital. In the Commons last month Mr. Monaghan, a member of the board of trustees, as being an unjust attack on the west as a profitable field for the investment of foreign capital. In the Commons last month Mr. Monaghan, a member of the board of trustees, as being an unjust attack on the west as a profitable field for the investment of foreign capital.

From the correspondence tabled today it appears that Mr. Preston had been approached last April by a Mr. Forster, representing Dutch financial interests, incorporated under the name of the Netherlands Loan Company, relative to the company's proposed investments in Western Canada. Mr. Forster proposed that interest could be obtained on safe mortgages of real estate in Western Canada, and that the company would be able to obtain a loan of \$15,000,000 from the Dutch government.

Mr. Forster, during his address, stated that a society for the purpose of working against the investment of Dutch capital in Western Canada had been formed. He stated that the society was organized by a group of capitalists, and that the society was organized by a group of capitalists, and that the society was organized by a group of capitalists.

### CANNED EGGS WERE BROUGHT TO LONDON

Acted Like Bombs When They Were Shaken, It Is Said.

A quantity of canned eggs were brought to this city last spring and a number of orders received from local bakers, according to a large local wholesale produce dealer. The eggs, which were sold at a price considerably below Canadian quotations, were said to be of very inferior quality, and were reported to come from Russia. A little shaking would produce a bomb-like effect in some cases. The price was arrived at by estimating the number of bulk eggs to a gallon, and they were sold on this principle. However, the Canadian market was never seriously affected by the importations.

### PERSONAL MENTION

The condition of Mr. J. A. Nelles, who was injured in the explosion at the London, Ont., railway station, is reported to be improving. Mr. Nelles is now in the hospital, and is expected to be discharged in a few days.

### FRENCH FLEET SAILS

Dr. France, Jan. 19. — The French fleet, under command of Rear Admiral Duroy de Lacroix, sailed for a cruise in the Gulf of Mexico.

### WESTERN BASEBALL LEAGUE

At a meeting of the Western Baseball League, held at the Hotel Hamilton, Jan. 19, the league was reorganized. The league will consist of the following teams: Hamilton, London, Windsor, and Detroit.

### AT HOME TO LADIES' AID

A ladies' aid society, organized for the purpose of raising funds for the support of the poor, will hold a meeting at the Hotel Hamilton, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m.

### A SIGNALLING CLASS

A class for the purpose of teaching the art of signalling, will be held at the Hotel Hamilton, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m.

## Here's the Most Astounding Coat Sale Ever Inaugurated

Absolute clearing of Ladies' and Children's Coats. To make this clearing decisive we have taken our entire stock and marked it at a mere fraction of the original cost. The price is in no instance more than one-third to one-half of the early season prices.

## Ladies' Coats

\$6.50 Tweed and Cheviot Coats, reduced to \$3.95  
\$10.50 Tweed and Diagonal Coats, reduced to \$4.95  
\$13.00 Beaver and Tweed Coats, for \$6.95  
\$15 to \$18 Coats, broadcloths and \$9.55

## GIRLS' COATS

A very choice selection of Children's High-Class Cloth Coats on sale for quick clearance.

\$4.00 and \$5.00

Coats in Colors

\$2.45

GET EVERYBODY'S PRICE, THEN COME TO US AND YOU WILL FIND YOU GET HERE BEST VALUE FOR LEAST MONEY.

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