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RALLY DOES NOT HOLD GRAINS DOWN AGAIN

Chicago Futures Make Another Sharp Turn—Cables Make No Response.

World Office.
Wednesday Evening, March 13.

Liverpool wheat futures closed to-day unchanged to ¼d higher than yesterday and corn futures unchanged to ¼d higher.

At Chicago May wheat closed 1c lower than yesterday; May corn ½c lower and May oats 1c lower.

Winnipeg car lots wheat to-day 150, week ago 82.

Primary receipts to-day: Wheat 560,000 bushels; shipments, 241,000; week ago, 567,000, 224,000; year ago 450,000, 150,000. Corn to-day, [illegible],584,000; week ago 831,000, 826,000; year ago 520,000, 293,000.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 500 bushels of grain, 15 loads of hay, 1 load of straw, with a few lots of dressed hogs and potatoes.

Wheat—Two hundred bushels fall at 74c to 75c.

Barley—One hundred bushels sold at 55c.

Oats—Two hundred bushels sold at 43c to 44c.

Hay—Fifteen loads sold at $13 to $14.50 per ton for timothy, and $10 to $11 for mixed.

Straw—One load sold at $12 per ton.

Potatoes—Prices steady at 90c to $1 per bag by the load from farmers' wagons.

Dressed Hogs—The bulk of the hogs sold $9 to $9.25, and one or two choice lots of light weights brought $9.50 per cwt.

Poultry—M. P. Mallon, wholesale dealer, reports prices steady, with receipts a little larger than last week.

Eggs—New-laid eggs sold at 25c per dozen from farmers' wagons. Case lots, wholesale, are worth 20c to 21c per dozen. Market weak at quotations.

Butter—Prices steady.

Spring lambs are worth $8 to $10 each.

Market Notes.

Brown Bros., St. Lawrence Market, received two spring lambs of the Dorset breed, from J. Bartlett of Smithfield, that dressed 38 lbs. each, which cost $16 for the pair.

Mallon & Woods, butchers, St. Lawrence Market, bought 2 spring lambs, "Shropshires," which dressed 35 lbs. each, at $10 each, bred by John Miller, Streetsville.

George H. Waller bought 1 choice Shropshire lamb, which dressed 35 lbs., from H. M. Holtby, Manchester, at $8.

J. J. Ryan, wholesale dealer in potatoes, reports prices steady, at $1 per bag for car lots of New Brunswick Delawares. Mr. Ryan received three cars to-day and will have 2 cars more in the morning.

Cape Colony Fruit.

White & Co. received to-day a consignment of 200 boxes of plums and pears from Cape Colony, South Africa, which they are selling at $2.25 per box. This enterprising firm are receiving consignments of car lots of southern fruits of all kinds daily. The shipment of fruit from Cape Colony came via London and New York, was 45 days en route, and arrived in good condition.

Grain—		
Wheat, spring, bush	$0 71	$....
Wheat, goose, bush	0 68	0 69
Wheat, fall, bush	0 74	0 75
Wheat, red, bush	0 74	....
Peas, bush	0 78	....
Barley, bush	0 55	....
Oats, bush	0 43	0 44
Buckwheat, bush	0 56	....
Rye, bush	0 65	....
Seeds—		
Seeds men are quoting the following prices to the trade for re-cleaned seeds:		
Red clover, per cwt	$14 50	$16 50
Alsike clover, per cwt	10 50	13 00
Timothy, per cwt	5 00	7 00
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$13.00	$14 50
Hay, mixed	10 00	11 00
Straw, bundled, ton	12 00	....
Straw, loose, ton	6 00	7 00
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per bag	$0 90	$1 00
Apples, per barrel	2 00	3 75
Cabbage, per doz.	0 30	0 40
Onions, per bag	1 80	2 00
Celery, per dozen	0 30	0 60
Parsnips, per bag	0 60	....
Beets, per bag	0 60	....
Carrots, per bag	0 40	0 45
Poultry—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb	$0 16	to $0 22
Geese, per lb	0 11	....
Spring chickens, lb	0 13	0 16
Hens, per lb	0 11	0 12
Spring ducks, lb	0 14	....
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb	$0 26	to $0 30
Eggs, strictly new-laid, per dozen	0 25	....
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$5 00	to $6 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 00	8 00
Spring lambs, each	8 00	12 00
Lambs, dressed, cwt	12 00	14 00
Mutton, light, cwt	9 00	10 00
Veals, prime, cwt	9 00	11 50
Veals, common, cwt	6 00	7 00
Dressed hogs, cwt	9 00	9 50

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

The prices quoted below are for first-class quality; lower grades are bought at correspondingly lower quotations:

Hogs, car lots, cwt	$8 25	to $8 50
Potatoes, car lots, bag	1 00	....
Hay, car lots, ton, baled	11 00	12 50
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 24	0 25
Butter, tubs	0 21	0 22
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 28	0 30
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 26	0 27
Butter, bakers', tub	0 19	0 20
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	0 20	0 21
Turkeys, per lb	0 15	0 17
Geese, per lb	0 11	0 12
Ducks, per lb	0 11	0 12
Chickens, per lb	0 12	0 14
Old fowl, per lb	0 08	0 09
Cheese, large, lb	0 14	....
Cheese, twins, lb	....	0 14½
Honey, 60-lb. tins	0 11	0 12
Honey, 10-lb. tins	0 12	....
Honey, dozen sections	2 60	2 75
Evaporated apples, lb	0 08	0 09

Hides and Tallow.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, Wholesale Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Tallow, etc.:

Inspected hides, No. 1 cows, steers	$0 10½	
Inspected hides, No. 2 cows, steers	0 09½	
Country hides, cured	$0 09	to $0 09½
Country hides, greens	0 08	0 08½
Calfskins, No. 1 city	0 13	....
Calfskins, No. 1 country	0 11	0 12
Sheepskins, each	1 55	1 65
Horseskins, No. 1, each	3 50	3 75
Tallow, per lb	0 30	0 32
	0 05½	0 06

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The following were the last quotations at the board of trade call board. All quotations, except where specified, are for outside points.

Bran—No quotations.

Winter wheat—No. 2 white, sellers 73½c, No. 2 mixed, buyers 71½c, sellers 72½c; No. 2 red, sellers, 73½c.

Spring wheat—No. 2, Ont., no quotations.

Manitoba, No. 1 hard, 90c bid, North Bay; new, 87c buyers.

No. 2 goose, 66c buyers.

Buckwheat—56c buyers.

Barley—No. 2 53c bid; No. 3X, 50c buyers; No. 3, 49c bid.

Rye—No. 2, 64½c sellers.

Oats—No. 2 white, 39¼c sellers, buyers 38¾c; No. 2 mixed, no quotations.

Peas—No. 2, 81c sellers, buyers 80c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 45c bid.

Flour Prices.

Flour—Manitoba patent, $3.85 track, Toronto; Ontario, 90 per cent, patents, $2.67 bid for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, $4.50; strong bakers', $4.

Toronto Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.40 in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4 in barrels. These prices are for delivery here; car lots 5c less.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Winnipeg wheat futures closed to-day: March 75c bid, May 77c, July 77¼c. Oats futures—March 35½c bid, May 36¼c, July 35½c bid.

Leading Wheat Markets.

	May.	July.	Sept.
New York	85½	85⅞	85¼
Detroit	81	81	82
Toledo	80⅛	80¼	80¼
St. Louis	76⅝	77	....
Minneapolis	78⅞	80	78½
Duluth	80⅝	80⅞	79½

Chicago Market.

Marshall, Spader & Co. (J. G. Beaty), King Edward Hotel, reported the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	78½	78½	77½	77½
July	79½	79½	78½	78½
Sept	79½	79½	78⅞	78⅞
Corn—				
May	47⅛	47⅛	46⅝	46⅝
July	46⅝	46⅝	46⅛	46⅛
Sept	46⅞	46⅞	46½	46½
Oats—				
May	41½	41⅝	40½	40⅝
July	37½	37½	36¾	36⅞
Sept	33	33	32⅝	32⅞
Pork—				
May	16.10	16.12	15.95	16.00
July	16.25	16.30	16.12	16.12
Ribs—				
May	8.95	8.97	8.90	8.90
July	9.00	9.10	8.97	8.97
Sept	9.07	9.07	9.00	9.00
Lard—				
May	9.27	9.27	9.15	9.15
July	9.30	9.30	9.15	9.22
Sept	9.40	9.40	9.27	9.30

Chicago Gossip.

Marshall, Spader & Co. wired J. G. Beaty at the close of the market:

Wheat—Market ruled relatively lower throut finally closing heavy at about one cent. under yesterday's prices. The weakness was due to heavy profit taking on the part of local longs in the absence of supporting orders. Green bug damage reports were again quite numerous, but rather conflicting. The general trade as a result are somewhat mixed and appear inclined to await more definite confirmation of the damage claims.

Commission houses were on both sides of the market. In view of the possibilities which undoubtedly favor the bulls it looks as if wheat should prove a purchase on any further recession.

Melady & Co. had the following at the close of the market:

Failure of Liverpool to respond to our advance yesterday and a fall of rain and snow in the southwest did much to allay the excitement which resulted from reports of green bugs in Kansas yesterday. As long as there is danger threatening winter wheat it is hardly safe to sell wheat on breaks such as occurred at the close.

Cables were firm and local receipts light, but the liquidation which has been going on for some time was again in evidence and to-day continued below 47c for May, where it has heretofore ceased. On bulges think corn a sale.

Oats—Cash oats were steady, but it looked like inside liquidation in May. Would not care to buy May oats at present; July on break, looks much safer.

New York Dairy Market.

New York, March 13.—Butter, easy; receipts 6442; street price, extra creamery, 30½c to 31c; official prices creamery, common to extra, 21c to 30c; held, common to extra, 20c to 30c.

Cheese—Strong, unchanged; receipts, 879.

Eggs—Easy; receipts, 29,129; western firsts, 17½c to 17¾c; official price 17¾c.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

Liverpool, March 13.—Wheat, spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 3d; No. 1 California, 6s 6d; futures, steady; March, nominal; May, 6s 5¾d; July, 6s 2¾d. Corn, spot, steady; American mixed new, 4s 5¼d; American mixed, old, 4s 8d; futures, steady; March, 4s 4¾d; May, 4s 6d. Bacon, clear bellies, quiet, 52s 6d. Lard, prime western in tierces, easy, 47s; American refined, in pails, easy, 47s 6d.

New York Grain and Produce.

New York, March 13.—Flour—Receipts, 30,773 barrels; exports, 9639 barrels; sales, 7400 barrels; steady, but quiet. Rye flour steady. Buckwheat flour dull. Cornmeal—Steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 43,000 bushels; exports, 57,680 bushels; sales, 4,000,000 bushels futures. Spot steady; No. 2 red, 84½c, elevator; No. 2 red, 84½c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 92¾c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 87¼c, f.o.b., afloat. Natural reactions, after yesterday's strong bull market, occurred in wheat to-day, being accelerated by demoralization in the stock market, and denials of "green bug" damage in Kansas. Prices were irregular at times, with occasional rallies on covering, but closed at bottom and ½c below last night. May 85 7-16c to 85 15-16c, closed 85½c; July 85⅝c to 86c, closed 85⅝c; Sept. 85¼c to 85½c, closed 85¼c.

Corn—Receipts, 154,800 bushels; exports, 182,068 bushels; sales, 8000 bushels spot. Spot steady; No. 2 corn, 57¼c, elevator, and 53¾c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 white, 54½c, and No. 2 yellow, 54c, f.o.b., afloat. Option market was without transactions, closing net unchanged. May closed 54⅞c; July closed 54⅜c.

Oats—Receipts, 82,500 bushels. Spot market easier; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 47½c; natural white, 30 to 33 lbs., 49½c to 51½c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 50½c to 53½c.

Rosin—Steady. Turpentine—Steady, 76½c to 77c. Molasses—Steady. Pig-iron—Steady. Copper—Firm. Lead—Quiet. Tin—Quiet; Straits, $42 to $42.25; spelter quiet. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3 1-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 17-32c; molasses sugar, 2 23-32c; refined steady.

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Write for Prices.
WM. RENNIE CO., Limited, Toronto

London Wool Auction.

London, March 13.—A good selection, amounting to 14,162 bales, was offered at the pool auction sales to-day. Competition was spirited throut. Scoureds and fine merinos were in active demand for the continent, and coarse crossbreds were taken freely by some buyers. Americans bought fair lines of good greasy combings at full rates. The withdrawals were light. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 1700 bales; scoured, 1s 1d to 1s 11½d; greasy, 7d to 1s 2d. Queensland, 1800 bales; scoured, 1s 3d to 2s 2d; greasy, 8d to 1s 0½d. Victoria, 600 bales; scoured, 1s 5d to 1s 9d; greasy, 9d to 1s 3½d. South Australia, 200 bales; scoured, 1s 2d to 1s 9d; greasy, 8d to 8½d. West Australia, 1400 bales; scoured, 1s 2d to 1s 4d; greasy, 7¾d to 1s 6½d. Tasmania, 50 bales; greasy, 10d to 1s 1d. New Zealand, 8200 bales; scoured, 1s 3d to 2s 0½d; greasy, 6½d to 1s 4½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 200 bales; scoured, 1s 7d to 1s 7½d; greasy, 5½d to 1s 0½d.

British Woollens.

Liverpool, March 13.—Cotton—Spot, good business done; prices seven points lower. American middlings, fair, 6.92; good middling, 6.46; middling, 6.68; low middling, 5.76; good ordinary, 5.18; ordinary, 4.80. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1000 were for speculation and export, and included 9300 American. Receipts, 45,100 bales, all American. Futures opened steady and closed steady. American middling, g.o.c., March, 5.68; March and April, 5.68; April and May, 5.68; May and June, 5.68; June and July, 5.67½; July and Aug., 5.67; Aug. and Sept., 5.65; Sept. and Oct., 5.64; Oct. and Nov., 5.60½; Nov. and Dec., 5.60; Dec. and Jan., 5.60; Jan. and Feb., 5.61½.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Unchanged — U.S. Markets Are About Steady.

New York, March 13.—Beeves—Receipts, 1165. Steers, firm to 10c higher; bulls and cows, steady; fat cows in good demand; steers, $5.40 to $5.80; stockers, $3.40; oxen and stags, $3.90 to $5; bulls, $3.25 to $4.50; cows, $1.75 to $4.10. Exports, 900 cattle, 915 sheep and 6000 quarters of beef; tomorrow, 150 cattle.

Calves—Receipts, 1767. Veals, steady to 50c higher. Veals, $5 to $9.75; choice, $9; culls, $4 to $4.50; buttermilks, $4.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3125; sheep, firm; lambs, 10c to 15c higher; prime sheep, $5.50; medium to prime lambs, $7.50 to $8.25; yearlings, $7.

Hogs—Receipts, 4265. Market lower; state and Pennsylvania hogs, $7.50 to $7.65.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, March 13.—Cattle, quiet and steady; prices unchanged.

Veals—Receipts, 100 head; active and steady, $4.25 to $9.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 2100 head; fairly active; pigs, 10c lower; others, steady to 5c higher; heavy, mixed and yorkers, $7.35 to $7.40; pigs, $7.40; roughs, $6.50 to $6.65; stags, $4.75 to $5.50.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 6000 head; sheep active and steady; lambs, slow and 10c lower; lambs, $5 to $8.10.

Montreal Live Stock.

Montreal, March 13.—The prospects of a heavy Easter trade played but a small part in the business done at the East End Abattoir this morning, and throut the day the demand for the best class of stock was not an ytoo inviting, but it was generally recognized that the inclement weather and the evident determination of sellers to hold back for the actual Easter rush were factors in the medium sales transacted.

Cattle—Arrivals, 325, with quality fair to good. Quotations were from 2¼c to 5c per lb., according to quality. A few milch cows were offered at prices of $25 to $50 each.

Sheep and Lambs—Arrivals, 20 head in all; quality good; prices were quoted at 4½c to 5c for sheep and 6½c to 7c per lb. for lambs.

Calves—Arrivals were 1100, with quality ranging from poor to good. Quotations had a downward tendency, and from $1 to $5 was demanded, but only fair sales. A few large and fat calves brought an advance over the latter figure.

Receipts of hogs were 1000, for which the demand was fair, and prices were unchanged, with sales of selected stock at $7.15 to $7.25 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, March 13.—Cattle—Receipts, about 19,000; market steady, but slow; plain to best steers, $4.25 to $6.85; heifers, $2.65 to $5.25; cows, $3.25 to $5; bulls, $3.25 to $4; calves, $2.50 to $7.25; stockers and feeders, $2.50 to $5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, about 28,000; market 10c lower; choice, heavy, shipping, $6.85 to $6.95; light butchers', $6.87½ to $6.95; light mixed, $6.85 to $6.90; packing, $6.50 to $6.85; pigs, $4.50 to $6.80; bulk of sales, $6.80 to $6.87½.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, about 16,000; market steady; sheep, $5.25 to $6.25; lambs, $6.50 to $7.95.

British Cattle Markets.

Liverpool, March 13.—Liverpool and London cables are easier at 11c to 12¼c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9¼c to 9½c per lb.

BELLEVILLE GETS GAS MANAGER.

Belleville, March 13.—The city council has appointed Thomas Gardner of St. Catharines manager of the local gas works at a salary of $1100 a year.

Royal Teetotalers

From Tit-Bits.

Queen Victoria of Spain does not know the taste of alcohol. Her special "tipple" is made from oranges—the fresh fruit squeezed into a glass, which is filled with aerated waters. Oranges are her favorite fruit.

For years Princess Henry of Battenberg was a teetotaler, but of late she suffered so much from rheumatism that she has been ordered a little whiskey, which she regards as a penance. Both Princess Christian's daughters, too, are teetotalers.

All the children of the Prince and Princess of Wales are being brought up strict teetotalers and they know nothing of alcohol. Princess Patricia of Connaught and her married sister also abjure wine. Another royal teetotaler is the Duchess of Argyll and the two daughters of the princess royal. Their highnesses Alexandra and Maud have never in their lives touched wine.

Indignities to a Statue.

From The Pall Mall Gazette.

The statue of William III. which, it is stated, the kaiser contemplates presenting to London, is not likely to have so checkered a career as the equestrian effigy of the Prince of Orange, which has literally withstood the storm of centuries on College-green, Dublin.

The Dublin statue has had many an escape from destruction. On one occasion a fervent patriot was found astride the steed calmly cutting off the head with a saw. Later still, in the last century, the statue was blown up with gunpowder. On that occasion the late Mr. Ralph Bernal Osborne (so the story goes) sent an urgent message to Sir Philip Crampton, a leading Dublin surgeon, to attend "a titled gentleman" who had been thrown from his horse in College-green and badly hurt.

During the strike of police in Dublin the effigy was crowned with a battered tin can, which remained on the head for some days.

The recent strike on the adjoining property of two veins of cobalt and silver but a short distance (about 60 feet) from and running directly towards Silver Bird has, in our opinion, really doubled the value of this property.

SILVER BIRD
WILL POSITIVELY
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25 CENTS
ON
MARCH 25TH.

Advice from Superintendent Gauthier states that the shaft is now 94 feet deep, that drifting will commence at the 100-foot level, and that he expects to soon be bagging ore for shipment. Supt. Gauthier has had many years of experience in mining, is thoroughly familiar with the formation and conditions, and his opinion and advice can be relied upon.

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SILVER BIRD is absolutely inside property, consisting of twenty acres (patented), being the west half of the northeast quarter of the north half of Lot 3, Concession 6, Coleman.

SILVER BIRD is a mine in full operation, with two 25 h.p. boilers, steam hoist, steam drills and all machinery and buildings necessary to complete an operating mine.

SILVER BIRD is working two shifts and is in full operation both day and night, sinking upon three veins and in the same formations identically as in the O'Brien, Timmins and Right of Way mines and lying immediately between these mines and the Green-Meehan, Red Rock, Cobalt Contact and Nipissing Extension. The veins are broadening out and are increasing in values with depth, now 94 feet in shaft.

SILVER BIRD has no indebtedness; there are no incumbrances against the property or stock of the company. The capitalization of The Silver Bird Cobalt Mines, Limited, is but $1,500,000.00, par value of the shares $1.00 each, fully paid and non-assessable, and no personal liability, with 500,000 shares in the treasury. The first allotment is now offered to the public for subscription at 15 cents per share.

Considering the inside location of the property, development done, results obtained, low capitalization and the large amount of shares in the treasury, this is unquestionably one of the best bargains (if not the greatest bargain) that have been offered in Cobalt mining shares.

To guard against over-issue and to guarantee to investors the genuineness of the certificates when issued—also the prompt and safe delivery of same—arrangements have been made with The Trusts & Guarantee Company, Limited, 14 King street west, Toronto, to act as Transfer Agents and Registrars.

Orders may be telephoned or telegraphed direct to Law & Co., Traders Bank Building, at the expense of Law & Co. Applications and remittances, however, should follow direct by mail to The Trusts & Guarantee Company, Limited, 14 King street west, Toronto.

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I hereby apply for.....
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payable to The Silver Bird Cobalt Mines, Limited, in full payment therefor. Issue and forward certificates to
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Street.....
City.....
Province or State.....

FRANCHISE FOR "BELL" IF RATES ARE REDUCED

Negotiations Are Being Reopened —No Independent Company is in Sight.

11 a.m.—Board of control.
3 p.m.—Property committee.
4 p.m.—Parks and exhibition committee.

Is the Bell Telephone Company to be given an exclusive franchise within the city's limits?

Mayor Coatsworth has practically announced himself as in favor of granting the monopoly desired by the company, provided terms satisfactory from his viewpoint can be obtained.

At the meeting of the board of control yesterday afternoon, his worship laid on the table a letter he had received from President Sise of the Bell Company, in reply to a communication from the mayor, drawing attention to the concessions made by the company to Ottawa in return for the granting of a five-years' contract, excluding all independent phone lines from the city. The company was to pay the municipality $7500 a year, allow the city the free use of the top cross-arms of the telephone poles for a fire alarm system; to give business phones for $45 (desk equipment $47), and residential phones for $25; also to provide the city with twenty-three free phones.

In reply, President Sise renewed the offer of several years' standing, to pay the city $20,000 yearly for a five years' exclusive contract, and said that a form of contract would be at once sent in if the city agreed to accept.

Lower Rates Wanted.

The mayor stated that he had written to the president on receipt of the above, asking if any concessions in phone rates, or along any other line, would be granted, and had been advised that this matter would be laid before the board of directors. The mayor was instructed to again write Mr. Sise.

"There does not seem to be any independent company in sight wanting to enter the city, and I think we should consider good terms if offered," said the mayor last night. "If a reduction in the phone rates would be offered, it would be a very strong inducement."

Library Estimates.

The public library estimates, asking for $46,158, were submitted, being the maximum amount that could be granted under the 1-4 mill ratio. The yearly procedure of demanding the last cent of the appropriation was criticized by the board, which will consider the items later.

A communication from the management of the Jamestown Exposition, to be held at Norfolk, Va., from April 26 to Nov. 30, stated that one day was to be set apart as "Toronto Day," and asking assistance. The matter was turned over to the board of trade and C.M.A.

New tenders will be called for for brass work in connection with the waterworks department, a firm at Niagara Falls, Ont., being sole tenderers.

Owing to the fact that the works committee meets to-morrow afternoon, the special council meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at night.

The mayor left for Ottawa last night to attend the meeting of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. Ald. McMurrich will be acting mayor to-day.

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GRANT TO SUCCEED PANET.

Kingston, March 13. — Intimation comes from Ottawa that Major W. A. Grant, late of the Royal School of Artillery here, is to be appointed assistant adjutant-general at the militia department, in succession to Major Panet, promoted.

EARL GREY GOING TO NEW YORK

Governor - General Will Address Peace Congress at Banquet.

New York, March 13.—Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the public dinner, April 17, which is to close the national peace congress.

Other speakers will be President Roosevelt, President Gompers, Baron D'Estournelles de Constant of France, W. T. Stead, the English editor, and Sir Robert Cranston, lord provost of Edinburgh.

BRYCE AND THE CANADIANS.

Philadelphia Bulletin: Appearances indicate that the real capacity of Ambassador Bryce as a factor in preserving friendly relations between the United States and all parts of the British empire may be shortly tested. It is announced that, departing from the usual practice of British diplomatic representatives at Washington, he proposes to go to Canada next month in order to confer with the statesmen of the Dominion and ascertain exactly the nature of any grievances which they believe they have with respect to this country.

This looks like a practical measure, and if Mr. Bryce can assist to bring about a mutually satisfactory settlement of all grounds of controversy, he will perform a service of value both to his nation and our own. Secretary Root evidently is anxious to do all that he can to promote an era of good feeling, for he likewise has stepped aside from the path of precedent by going to Canada to tell its people that Americans respect their rights, admire their progress and want their friendship.

It will be an excellent thing all around if the knowledge of this fact shall become general on the other side of the border. A certain peevishness of expression, not unmixed with a tendency to dwell with unnecessary emphasis on the naval might of Great Britain as compared with that of the United States, has been observable on the part of many newspapers and some public men in Canada. This irritability has not produced any serious results. But if a more rational view could be substituted for it, the chances of settling pending disputes might be improved.

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WANT HONEST COMMENT.

Bowmanville Statesman (Liberal): There are 199 independent newspapers in Ontario, showing that political "organs" are rapidly disappearing. Among some politicians, unfortunately the view prevails that a newspaper that is not an organ has no reasonable excuse for existence. For this deplorable superstition the newspapers themselves are partly responsible; they have been in the habit of giving too much and exacting too little, and politicians are very human in this respect, that the more they get the more they look for, and what they accept the first time as a favor the second or third time they demand as a right. There are very few organs left among the newspapers of Canada, and the number is constantly growing less. The influence of the organ has already almost wholly departed. The newspapers, or most of them, have made the discovery for themselves that what the people want is honest news and honest comment. The politicians, too, are making the discovery that the value of the organ is not what it was.