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DISAPPEARS RAPIDLY RAILROADS IF SNOW MANY WASHOUTS ON

Country Roads Also in Bad Condition and Piled High With Snow.

Unless the snow disappears gradually there will be wholesale washouts in this part of the country in the spring, and London officials of both Grand Trunk and C. P. R. are hoping that "the beautiful" will soon commence to disappear. Not in years has there been so much snow lining the railroads as there is now, drifts 15 and 20 feet in depth being piled up in some districts. Every spring trains are delayed more or less by washouts, but more trouble than usual is expected this year if the sun does not soon get busy with its spring work.

The country roads are also lined with snow, and conditions on them will be difficult to overcome this spring, according to farmers attending the local market. The drains will not be capable of getting the water away and floods are expected in the low-lying districts, which may do far more damage than ordinarily. In some sections of the country, the farms are already digging the snow from ditches to make way for the water when the thaw comes.

"Is France Bankrupt?" "No."

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M. H. O. REPORTS THAT THE FLU SITUATION KEEPS ON IMPROVING

Further improvement in the influenza situation was reported by Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, today. Thursday he expressed the opinion that the epidemic had passed its worst and was on the decline. Conditions today bear out this belief. Absence of official reports makes it impossible to declare definitely that such is the case, but from unofficial sources the reports are all optimistic.

Commissioner To Scotland Will Visit London in March

J. Vernon McKenzie, Canadian trade trade commissioner to Scotland, will visit this city the week of March 8, for the purpose of meeting manufacturers and exporters of London who deal with Scotland. Mr. McKenzie has not taken up his headquarters at Glasgow as yet, but is in a position to give valuable information regarding conditions in that country and the market there for Canadian manufactures. He will also make inquiries for any local manufacturer or exporter who anticipates opening up trade with firms in Scotland. Those desiring to see Mr. McKenzie are urged to get in touch with Gordon Philip, secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce.

HOW TO APPLY PLANTFOOD.

Fertilizers should be applied to vines and cane fruits about a foot from the vines and canes. The best time to apply the fertilizer is early in the spring when growth and cultivation start. At this time the added plantfood is most helpful to the crop. The fertilizer should be thoroughly worked into the soil.

WOULD ESTABLISH BUREAU TO RELIEVE HOUSING SHORTAGE

E. R. Dennis Would Keep Record of All Available Accommodation.

SITUATION ACUTE HERE

May Use Huts On Carling's Heights As Temporary Quarters.

To relieve London's housing shortage by registering all available accommodation at a central bureau is the latest plan advanced by Chairman E. R. Dennis of the housing commission. He will likely take definite steps to put it in effect at the next meeting.

Negotiations have been opened with the military authorities of the district to see if the huts on Carling Heights can be used as temporary residences for people coming to the city.

The housing situation is acute, and although the commission has building plans under way these will not be completed until late in the year. What is needed is a plan to meet the present conditions. Several factories who wished to bring expert workers here from other cities have been unable to do so because it has been impossible to secure accommodation in the city. It is claimed that if sufficient houses were available the city's population would now be increasing rapidly.

Many Houses Too Large.

Mr. Dennis thinks there are many houses in the city which are too large for the occupants. These people would be willing to rent a part of their houses if they could be guaranteed as to desirability of the temporary tenants. If the newcomers were accommodated throughout the spring and summer, permanent accommodation in the form of new houses could be provided for them by the autumn.

The chairman of the commission will endeavor to have available accommodation registered. It would then be possible to inform persons intending to come to the city whether they would be able to find a home.

"I think the housing commission has a larger responsibility than merely building a few houses," said Mr. Dennis. "I think we ought to get busy and supply accommodation right now while we are waiting for the houses to be completed."

Tenders Called For.

Tenders for building 42 houses on Pine Lawn have been called for. These will be opened at the next meeting of the commission. If one of them is accepted building operations will commence as soon as the weather permits.

The situation at present is regarded as promising, in spite of the scarcity of materials caused by the demand in the American markets. The housing commission is one of the first parties to get in the field, and is confident of securing a fair share of what material is available.

May Build Eighty Houses.

It is probable that the commission may build as many as 80 houses, as it has sufficient funds for this purpose. It has at its disposal $160,000 debentures. About half a dozen houses have been completed, and more than a score are being constructed. This has absorbed about $80,000 of the funds, 10 per cent of the cost having been paid by the owners.

Mr. Dennis still holds to the opinion that the demand for other building materials will compel recourse to concrete structures. He points out that material for this can be obtained in Canada at comparatively reasonable prices.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MOTHER AND SON DIE.

Within two days influenza claimed as victims two members of the family of P. C. Roy Monteith. On Tuesday night his five-year-old son, William James, died, after only a short illness, and the child's mother succumbed at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The bereaved husband and father and one son survive. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM WHALEN.

The funeral took place on Friday of William Whalen, second son of James and Annie Whalen of Lucan. Interment was made at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Biddulph.

The late Mr. Whalen is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Edward Egan, Mrs. N. Smith of London, and Mrs. John Egan of Biddulph, and four brothers, Daniel, James, Joseph and Jerry of Lucan.

DIED AT CALGARY.

The death occurred in Calgary on February 11 of John Speiran, aged 78 years. Mr. Speiran resided in Calgary for the past fourteen years. Prior to moving west he lived in Toronto. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. T. Ashley of Anning, Alta., and Mrs. R. J. Chater of Calgary, and three sons, C. E. Speiran of this city, J. F. Speiran of Walkerton, and George Speiran of Toronto.

MRS. BEEDLE BURIED.

The funeral of Mrs. G. Beedle, who died on Tuesday at her home, 665 York street, was held on Thursday afternoon from her residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. R. W. McIntosh conducted the services. The pall-bearers were W. Short, Wilbur Short, F. Johnson and Herman Johnson.

MRS. MARY WARD DEAD.

Mrs. Mary Ward died yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, William Moon, 1 Chester street, in her 90th year. She had been in failing health for some time. She is survived by her son-in-law, and seven grandchildren. The funeral will be held from her late residence on Saturday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery. Rev. John Agnew will conduct the services.

INCREASED YIELDS.

Better cultural methods must be practiced. Disking oats or other small grain in corn-stalk ground is not a good method of seeding, but where this is necessary it should be more carefully done so as to secure a fine, even seed bed. Deep disking is not so desirable as a thorough pulverization of the surface. Fall plowing in the northern part of the State will pay well wherever this can be done. Fall-plowed land can be worked earlier in the spring than stalk land. A few days delay in seeding may seriously reduce the yield. Observations on interrupted seedings on the Station grounds have substantiated this statement many times. Drilling the seed is always better than broadcasting, because it insures more even covering and a more even distribution of the seed.

Finally, it is important to use good seed and good varieties. Thorough cleaning and grading of the seed will insure a better stand and add several bushels to the yield. A good fanning mill or other seed grader should be a part of every small grain grower's equipment. The results of experiments conducted for several years at the Ohio, Kansas, Minnesota and Canadian Experiment Stations with oats have shown an average increase of large, heavy seed as compared with small and light seed. Good seed must be free of plant diseases. Most of these are readily preventable by proper seed treatment.

CONCRETE FLOORS RETURN COST.

By increasing the value of manure produced, concrete floors for feeding stables will return their cost in about one year. This is shown by tests at the Ohio Experimental Station. The extra crop returns from manure kept on concrete floors is due to the soluble plantfood saved.

The cost of concreting floors generally amounts to about $5 an animal in the ordinary feeding stable, and the saving in manure is equal to this amount of every 1,000 pounds in live weight of steers or cattle fed for the year, as compared with animals kept on earth floors.

Concrete floors also make it easier to provide sanitary places for animals.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

THE LOCAL MARKET

The local market was back to normal conditions this morning, as practically all the country roads have been shovelled clear of drifts. Twelve loads of hay and four loads of oats reached the square yesterday, chiefly in the afternoon.

Oats reached the highest price in the history of the city this morning, when they were quoted at $3.35 a bushel. The demand is great, and is by no means being filled.

Hay went up to $31 a ton yesterday, but with the twelve loads brought in yesterday, the large number that were being offered this morning, threatened to ease the price.

The hog market in Toronto strengthened considerably yesterday owing to the small offering during the week. The price here, controlled as it is by Toronto, will probably go back to $18 a cwt., according to the local market officials.

Potatoes are easier in nearly every part of the country. On the local market they are quoted at $4 a bag, retail.

Grain, per Cwt.—			
New oats, per cwt.	$3 30	to	$3 35
Barley, per cwt.	2 85	to	2 80
Grain, per Bushel—			
New oats, per bu.	1 12 1-5	to	1 14
Wheat, per bu.	2 00	to	2 00
Barley, per bu.	1 34⅝	to	1 34⅝
Vegetables—			
Cabbages, per doz.	2 00	to	3 00
Cabbages, per head	15	to	25
Potatoes, per bag, wholesale	3 75	to	4 00
Potatoes, per bag, retail	4 00	to	4 00
Potatoes, per bu.	2 90	to	3 00
Potatoes, per peck	75	to	80
Lettuce, per doz.	40	to	50
Parsley, per doz.	40	to	50
Sage, savory, doz.	40	to	50
Green onions, doz.	30	to	40
Dry onions, bu.	3 50	to	4 00
Onions, per peck	1 00	to	1 00
Beets, per bu.	50	to	60
Carrots, per bu.	90	to	1 00
Parsnips, per bu.	1 25	to	1 50
Radishes, per doz.	40	to	50
Hubbard squash	15	to	25
Pumpkins, each	15	to	25
Green and red peppers, per doz.	8	to	10
Celery, per doz.	60	to	1 00
Turnips, per bu.	50	to	60
Fruits—			
Apples, ungraded, bbl	5 50	to	7 00
Apples, domestic, bbl	6 50	to	6 50
Apples, No. 1, bbl.	6 50	to	7 50
Apples, per peck	50	to	60
Apples, per bu.	2 25	to	2 50
Hay and Straw—			
Hay, per ton	29 00	to	31 00
Straw, per ton	14 00	to	15 00
Dairy Products Retail—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	73	to	75
Butter, dairy, lb.	65	to	70
Eggs, strictly fresh	70	to	75
Honey, extracted, 5-lb pails	1 50	to	1 50
Dairy Products, Wholesale—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	69	to	70
Butter, dairy lb rolls	65	to	65
Butter, crocks, lb.	63	to	65
Eggs, fresh, doz.	67	to	68
Eggs, storage, crate lots, doz.	57	to	60
Poultry, Dressed, Retail—			
Ducks, each	1 25	to	1 90
Chickens, each	1 25	to	1 70
Chickens, per lb.	30	to	35
Turkeys, retail, lb.	52	to	55
Turkeys, wholesale	50	to	52
Geese, per lb.	20	to	22
Live Fowl—			
Ducks, per lb.	22	to	24
Old fowl, per lb.	22	to	24
Spring chickens, lb.	25	to	26
Turkeys, per lb.	36	to	40
Geese, per lb.	22	to	25
Live Stock—			
Fat sows, cwt.	13 00	to	14 00
Small pigs, pair	8 00	to	12 00
Hogs, alive, cwt.	17 00	to	18 00
Meats, Wholesale—			
Dressed pork quarter, per lb.	26	to	28
Dressed hogs, whole	24 00	to	24 00
Veal, per cwt.	25 00	to	27 00
Beef, per cwt.	14 00	to	17 00
Heifer beef, cwt.	18 00	to	20 00
Mutton, per cwt.	16 00	to	18 00
Lamb, per cwt.	22 00	to	25 00
Rabbits, dressed, pair	50	to	60
Hides and Wool—			
Cow hides, No. 1	23	to	24
Cow hides, No. 2	22	to	23
Cow hides, No. 3	21	to	22
Calf skins, No. 1	60	to	65
Calf skins, No. 2	58	to	60
Horse hides, each	8 00	to	9 00
Kip, per lb.	30	to	40
Sheep skins, each	2 50	to	3 00
Wool, unwashed—			
Fine, per lb.	53	to	55
Coarse, per lb.	40	to	42

HAY.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—There is no new feature to note in the baled hay situation.

Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, $26.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—Hay—Baled, on track, Toronto, carlots: No. 1, $27@28 per ton; No. 2 mixed, $25 per ton.

Straw—On track, in carlots, Toronto, $16@17 per ton.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Hay—Strong; No. 1, $2.40@2.45; No. 2, $2.25@2.30; No. 3, $2.10@2.20; shipping, $1.95@2.05.

FLOUR.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—The local flour market showed no new developments, a steady trade being done in spring wheat and blended grades.

The market for millfeed continues firm without change in prices, and a firm feeling prevails in the rolled oats market.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat, war grade, $13.25@13.55.

Rolled Oats—Per bag, 90 lbs., $5.25.

Bran—$45.25.

Shorts—$52.25.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—Flour—Unchanged; shipments, 58,013 barrels.

Bran—$43.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—Manitoba Flour—Government standard, in jute bags; Toronto, $13.25.

Ontario Flour—Government standard, in jute bags, prompt shipment; Montreal, $10.80@11; Toronto, $11.

Millfeed—In carlots, delivered Montreal freights, bags included; bran, $45 per ton; shorts, $52 per ton; good feed flour, $3.60@3.75 per bag; middlings, not quoted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Flour—Barely steady; spring patents, $12.75@13.50.

COTTON.

Liverpool, Feb. 20.—Cotton—Futures closed steady, February, 28.24d; March, 27.94d; April, 27.22d; May, 26.52d; June, 25.87d; July, 25.19d; August, 24.59d; September, 23.96d; October, 23.18d; November, 22.70d; December, 22.28d; January, 22.02d.

GRAIN.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Oats opened ¼c higher for May at 95⅞c, and ⅛c higher for July at 91c.

Barley opened ¾c better for May at $1 54¾.

Flax opened 1½c higher for May at $5.06.

Rye opened 2⅜c higher for may at $1 80.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Opening: Corn—May, $1 34½; July, $1 31⅛.

Oats—May, 80⅞c; July, 73c.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—National Breweries was the most vigorous actor at the start of the local stock market, running up 5½ points to 200½. Forgings opened unchanged at 248, but on the next trade, 1,000 shares, rose 2 points to 250. Atlantic Sugar was 91½ @91¾. Bridge 103, and Brazilian 43. Trading in Breweries $25 shares will start on Monday.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Fresh advances in the price of corn took place today as a result of a brisk upturn in foreign exchange, and various orders likely to bring about a radical change in distribution of railroad cars. On the advance, however, sales to realize profits broadened out, and the market reacted, announcement of a sharp cut in the price of flour tending further to candicap the bulls. Opening corn quotations, which varied from the same as yesterday's finish to ⅝c higher, with May at $1 34⅝@1 34½, and July at $1 30⅞@1 31⅛, were followed by moderate general gains and then by a decided setback.

Oats paralleled the actio nof corn. After opening ⅛c to ½c advance, including May at 80½@80⅞c, the market hardened all around, but later relaxed.

PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Provisions were firmer with exchange and cereals. Buying, though, lacked volume.

Liverpool, Feb. 20.—Hams—Short cut, 196s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 184s 6d; Wiltshire cut, 187s; clear bellies, 191s; long clear middles, light and heavy, 202s; short claer backs, 191s; shoulders, square, 138s; New York shoulders, 134s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, 195s 6d; American refined, in pails, 198s 6d.

OILS.

Liverpool, Feb. 20.—Turpentine Spirits—207s.

War Kerosene—No. 1, 2s ¾d; No. 2, 2s 1¾d.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; market firm; bulk of sales at $13 85@14 50; top, $14 75; heavy weights, $13 75@14 15; medium weights, $14@14 50; light weights, $14 35@14 75; light lights, $14 25@14 65; heavy packing sows, smooth, $12 50@13 25; do, rough, $11 75@12 50; pigs, $13 25@14 25.

Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; market weak; beef steers, medium and heavy weight, choice and prime, $14@16 25; do, medium and good, $11 50@14; do, common, $9@11 50; light weights, good and choice, $12@15 25; do common and medium, $8 50@12; butcher cattle, heifers, $6 50@12 75; do, cows, $6 50@11 50; do, canners and cutters, $5@6 50; veal calves, $15 75@17 25; feeder steers, $7 50@11 50; stocker steers, $6 25@10 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 6,000; market was strong; lambs, $18@21 50; culls and common, $14 50@17 75; ewes, medium, good and choice, $11 25@14 85; culls and common, $6@10 75.

VICTORY BONDS.

[Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.]

Toronto, Feb. 20—Noon.

1922	100
1923	100
1933	102¾
1937	104¼

WALL STREET.

New York, Feb. 20—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Prominent railway shares were lower by fractions to 1½ points at the opening of today's stock market, probably as a result of the opposition manifested in labor circles to certain features of the railroad bill.

In the main, however, the list was higher. Canadian Pacific, Mexican Petroleum, General Motors, United States Rubber and the Copper shares recording substantial gains. Prospects of a continuance of easy rates for call money over the week-end and the further rise in British exchange, contributed to the firmer trend of the early dealings.

Noon.—Prices shaded soon after the opening, but the market rallied vigorously when buying of minor rails was resumed. Rock island, St. Paul, Wisconsin Central, St. Louis Southwestern, St. Louis and San Francisco preferred and New Haven were in special demand, gaining 1 to 2 points. Oils, motors, equipments, shippings and metals also figured prominently in the rise. Mexican Petroleum, Pan-American Petroleum, Texas Company, General Motors, American Car, American and Baldwin Locomotives, New York Air Brake, American International, Atlantic-Gulf and Utah Copper advanced 2 to 8 points before noon. Further strength of exchange and the 6 per cent quotation for demand loans precipitated extensive short covering. Bonds, including foreign issues, were strong.

EXCHANGE RATE DROPS WHEN BRITISH POUND IS QUOTED AT 3:47 1-4

Demand Bills On London Sell At Higher Rate.

New York, Feb. 20.—Exchange on London and the principal continental European centres was at highest levels today since the low record of February 4, when demand bills on London sold down to $3 19. Today's early rates for the same bills on London were $3 47¼. Francs opened at a nover-night advance of 30 centimes to 13.27 to the dollar, and lires 26 centimes to 17.62. Remittances to Belgium and the Scandinavian centres also strengthened.

Dealers in exchange ascribed the further recovery of foreign remittances to a partial readjustment of conditions and a moderate demand for bills, especially on London and Paris.

TWO VESSELS JOIN FLEET IN SUMMER

Salvaged Steamer Landbo Is Sold in Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 20.—The first of the four 600-foot bulk freight steamers building at the Lorain yard of the American Shipbuilding Company on the company's account will be launched late next month. Two of the big freighters will be placed in commission about the middle of the summer, but it will be late in the season when the other two come out, so they will not cut much figure in the lake trade in 1920.

The steamer A. E. R. Schneider, formerly the Charles R. Van Hise, which is being lengthened 96 feet at the Ashtabula yard of the Great Lakes Engineering Works, will be ready by May 1, and unless weather conditions are favorable the latter part of March and April she will come out on time, as the ice is very heavy, and it looks like a late start. The shipyards are cleaning up on repair work and all the freighters will be ready at the opening.

Cleveland people today purchased the wrecked steamer Landbo from the Great Lakes Towing Company. The steamer, upbound, with about 3,000 tons of coal, foundered in Lake Huron last season. The underwriters sold the boat and cargo to the Great Lakes Towing Company. The Landbo was floated and taken to St. Ignace, where she was unloaded. The price paid for the steamer is not given out, and the new owners have not decided in what trade they will place her. The wrecked boat will be taken to a shipyard for repairs as soon as she can be moved. The Landbo was formerly the Nyanza. She was built in 1890.

FIVE FREIGHT CARS ARE BURNED IN COLLISION

Halifax, Feb. 20.—Five freight cars were burned with their contents and three others were badly damaged in a rear-end collision between two eastbound freight trains directly in front of the station at Maccan this morning. Before the fire had burned itself out, the damage caused was estimated at about $40,000, including the loss of cars and most of their contents. No one was seriously hurt, but a number of the trainmen and station staff suffered minor injuries and burns. One of the crew of the first train had a narrow escape when his car was thrown about 75 feet with tremendous force. He climbed out of the car unharmed.

REPORTS OF CLASHES IN SILESIA INCORRECT

London, Feb. 20.—Reports appearing in the German press regarding clashes between troops and civilians in Upper Silesia are incorrect and "probably the result of German propaganda," according to official reports to the British Government. There have been one or two minor incidents, but reports of serious trouble are unfounded, it is asserted.

VESSEL ESCAPES ROCKS.

Halifax, Feb. 20.—By Canadian Press.—The Dutch steamer Noorddijk last night reported that she was in imminent danger of being driven on the Cape Breton coast, in the vicinity of Gabarus and asked for assistance. This morning her captain advised the naval station here that she had succeeded in reaching open water and was in no need of help.

PROUDFOOT TO MOVE ADDRESS.

Ottawa, Feb. 20. — The address in reply to the speech from the throne at the coming session will be moved in the Senate by Senator Proudfoot and seconded by Senator Chapais. In the House, as previously announced, the mover will be Hume Cronyn of London, and the seconded Alexander McGregor of Pictou.

FRENCH LOAN A SUCCESS.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The importance of the success of the impending French loan was emphasized in an address made to brokers in the Paris bourse by Frederick Francois-Marsal, minister of finance, yesterday afternoon. He said:

"The success of the loan, by proving our confidence in ourselves, will inspire confidence abroad. Every Frenchman, rich or moderately well off, should lend all the money at his disposal and all his savings, and should deprive and even stint himself, to swell subscriptions to the loan."

MOSCOW ELECTION RESULTS.

London, Feb. 20.—Results in the Moscow soviet election thus far reported show that 117 Communists, 8 soviet sympathizers, and two non-partisan candidates have been successful, according to a Moscow dispatch received here.

ESTABLISHING BRANCH HOUSES

New York, Feb. 20.—Branch houses of Spanish manufacturers of goatskin clothing will be established in the United States, it was announced today by representatives of the Spanish firm who arrived yesterday. Spanish girl models will display the apparel.

London, Feb. 20.—(By Canadian Press).—The Waterloo cup, the blue ribbon of British coursing competition, was today won by N. Dunn's Fighting Force from M. L. Hearn's Honeyman.

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