REPORTS ARE STILL BAD BUT FUTURES ARE LOWER

Chicago Options Fail to Hold the Full Extent of Rally—Cables Up.

World Office,
Tuesday Evening, May 7.

Liverpool wheat futures closed to-day ⅝d to 1⅛ higher than yesterday, and corn futures ½d higher.

At Chicago May wheat closed ⅝c lower than yesterday, May corn ⅝c lower, and May oats ⅛c lower.

Chicago car lots to-day: Wheat 61, contract 36; corn 480, 76; oats 488, 122.

Winnipeg car lots wheat to-day 16[illegible], year ago 121.

Northwest car lots to-day 592, week ago 575, year ago 181.

Primary receipts to-day: Wheat 651,000, shipments 504,000; week ago 594,000, 715,000; year ago 296,000, 298,000; corn to-day 580,000, 447,000; week ago 408,000, 398,000; year ago 403,000, 428,000.

Bradstreet reports: Wheat, increase this week 465,000, last week increase 610,000, last year decrease 5,592,000. Corn, decrease 1,128,000, decrease 1,640,000, decrease 968,000. Oats increase 1,126,000, decrease 89,000, decrease 2,482,000.

CHICAGO, May 7.—Snow is out with an estimate of .75 as the condition of winter wheat, against .91 last year and .92 two years ago.

Kentucky State crop report for May gives condition of winter wheat as .89, against .90 in April and .97 in May last year.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The weekly weather report issued at noon to-day is as follows: In the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, and in most of the Pacific Coast region, the temperature during the week ending May 6 was normal or above and generally favorable. In the Rock Mountain region the weather was abnormally cold and decidedly unfavorable. Temperatures much below freezing occurred throout the central and northern Rocky Mountain region; in the Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys and in the lake region and Northern New England, a minimum of six degrees, occurring at Devil's Lake, N. D., on the second. Heavy frosts were general in the northern districts, and light to heavy frosts occurred as far south as Northwestern Texas, Oklahoma, Northern Arkansas, Tennessee and the Middle Atlantic States. Ample moisture exists in all districts, except in South Florida and portions of Northern Iowa and South Dakota; excessive and damaging rains having fallen in the Lower Mississippi Valley and Central Gulf districts. Heavy snow occurred in portions of the central valleys and lake regions on the third and fourth.

The Winnipeg Commercial of May 3 says: "There should be no uneasiness as far as the extent of wheat seeding is concerned, for even if there should be a slight curtailment of the expected acreage, the shortage will be made up by the amount of oats, barley, etc., put in, as these can be planted a good later than wheat. Some people still have the erroneous opinion that if anything goes wrong here with the wheat crop, everything goes wrong. Mixed farming and the raising of other grains, besides wheat, is receiving more attention than ever before."

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 30 loads of hay and 1 load of straw, with a few dressed hogs.

Hay—Thirty loads sold at $11 to $16 per ton for timothy and $11 to $12 for mixed.

Straw—One load sold at $13 per ton.

Dressed hogs—Prices steady, at $8.75 to $9 per cwt.

Market Notes.

Joshua Ingham bought from James Thompson, Scarboro, 10 dressed hogs at $9 per cwt.; also 7 dressed hogs from Farmer John Elson at the same price.

J. J. Ryan reports the potato market as firm at $1 to $1.10 per bag for New Brunswick Delawares, by the car lot on track at Toronto.

Grain—		
Wheat, spring, bush	$0 72 to	$.....
Wheat, goose, bush	0 67	0 68
Wheat, fall, bush	0 74	0 77
Wheat, red, bush	0 74	....
Peas, bush	0 75	....
Barley, bush	0 50	....
Oats, bush	0 44	....
Rye, bush	0 65	....
Seeds—		
Red clover, per cwt	$14 50 to	$16 50
Alsike clover, per cwt	10 50	13 00
Timothy, per cwt	5 00	7 00
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$14 00 to	$16 00
Hay, mixed	10 00	11 00
Straw, loose, ton	6 00	7 00
Straw, bundled, ton	13 00	....
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per bag	$0 90 to	$1 00
Apples, per barrel	2 00	3 50
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 15 to	$0 20
Spring chickens, lb	0 40	0 50
Chickens, one year	0 17	0 21
Hens, per lb	0 12	0 16
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb	$0 24 to	$0 29
Eggs, strictly new-laid, per dozen	0 18	0 20
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$5 50 to	$6 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	8 00	9 50
Spring lambs, each	4 50	7 50
Lambs, dressed, cwt	12 50	15 00
Mutton, light, cwt	9 00	11 00
Veals, common, cwt	6 00	7 00
Veals, prime, cwt	8 50	10 50
Dressed hogs, cwt	8 75	9 00

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 00 to	$8 50
Potatoes, car lots, bag	1 00	1 10
Hay, car lots, ton, baled	11 00	13 50
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 24	0 25
Butter, tubs	0 22	0 23
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 26	0 28
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 25	0 27
Butter, bakers', tub	0 19	0 20
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	0 17½	0 18
Cheese, large, lb	0 14	....
Cheese, twins, lb	0 14½	....
Honey, 60-lb. tins	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 09½	
Inspected hides, No. 2 cows, steers	0 08½	
Country hides	0 07½	
Calfskins, No. 1, city	$0 13	....
Calfskins, No. 1 country	0 11	0 12
Sheepskins, each	1 70	1 80
Horsehides, No. 1, each	3 50	3 75
Horsehair, per lb	0 30	0 32
Tallow, per lb	0 05½	0 06½

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—$23 bid, Toronto.

Spring wheat—No. 2 Ontario, no quotations.

Manitoba, No. 1 northern, 94c sellers, North Bay, buyers 93c.

No. 2 goose, 65c buyers.

Buckwheat—56c buyers.

Barley—No. 2, 53c bid; No. 3X, 52c buyers, sellers 56c; No. 3, 49½c bid, sellers 53c.

Rye—No. 2, sellers 62c, buyers 61c.

Oats—No. 2 white, buyers 40c, sellers 41½c; No. 2, 39c bid.

Peas—No. 2, 76c sellers.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, no quotations.

Winter wheat—No. 2 white, sellers 82c; buyers 76c; No. 2 mixed, buyers 73c; No. 2 red, buyers 73c.

Flour Prices.

Flour—Manitoba patent, $3.85, track, Toronto; Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, $2.75, bid for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, $4.50; 2nd patent, $4; strong bakers', $3.90.

Toronto Sugar Markets.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.50 in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4.10 in barrels. These prices are for delivery here; car lots 5c less.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Following were the closing quotations to day on Winnipeg futures: Wheat—May 83⅛c bid, July 85c bid, Oct. 85⅞c bid. Oats—May 38c bid, July 38¼c bid.

Leading Wheat Markets.

	May.	July.	Sept.
New York	92½	92¾	93
Detroit	84½	85¾	87½
Toledo	84¾	86¼	87⅞
St. Louis	80¼	82¼	84¼
Duluth	89¼	89⅞	80⅝
Minneapolis	87¾	88⅝	88

Chicago Markets.

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

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	83¾	83⅝	82⅝	82⅝
July	85½	86	84⅞	85⅛
Sept	87	87¼	86⅝	86½
Dec	88¼	88½	87⅞	88
Corn—				
May	49½	49½	48⅞	48⅞
July	49⅞	49⅞	49⅜	49⅛
Sept	50	50⅛	49⅝	49⅞
Oats—				
May	44⅝	44⅝	44¼	44½
July	43	43⅜	42⅝	43
Sept	36¼	36⅝	36⅛	36⅝
Pork—				
May	16.00	16.00	15.90	15.90
July	16.25	16.25	16.12	16.12
Ribs—				
May	8.75	8.75	8.67	8.67
July	8.90	8.90	8.82	8.82
Sept	8.97	9.00	8.92	8.92
Lard—				
May	8.90	8.90	8.80	8.80
July	9.05	9.05	8.90	8.90
Sept	9.15	9.15	9.07	9.07

Chicago Gossip.

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

The wheat market has been extremely nervous all day, covering a range of about one cent per bushel, about as much above as below yesterday's close. Trade has been fully as much disposed to sell on the bulges as to buy on the breaks, and non-professionals have not been disposed to follow the advance with new purchases. The official report shows Canadian Northwest temperatures about 8 degrees higher than yesterday morning. Private messages were contradictory, agreeing only in the fact that no seeding is in progress. In the northern and western wheat state the temperature is about stationary, while in the southern part of the spring wheat belt it is claimed that much re-seeding will be necessary on account of rotting. Rains in the southwest have about stopped the damage reports from that section. We strongly advise the purchase of wheat on any weak spots.

Ennis & Stoppani wired to J. L. Mitchell that

Wheat—There was a large, active trade in wheat to-day, altho the price range was very moderate, the former being induced by the attractiveness of the market from a speculative standpoint, and the latter due to general profit-taking by large local professionals and outside longs. Statistical news, while moderately bearish, was accorded but little attention. Sentiment gradually becoming more pronounced in favor of a higher range of values, inasmuch as sentiment yields a mighty power in all speculative commodities, it must be considered as a factor in the situation. The news for both the winter and spring wheat territory was decidedly bullish; in fact, some of the reports bordered on the sensational; this despite the fact that the secretary of agriculture had stated in an interview yesterday that the damage to date was hardly more than ordinary. Foreign advices affecting the crops indicated a situation far from satisfactory.

Corn and oats were firm during most of the session, tho becoming irregular near the close. There was no trading of a pronounced character, but the general tone was fairly firm and indicative of a healthy situation.

New York Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Butter, firm, unchanged; receipts, 7303. Cheese, steady, unchanged; receipts, 4378. Eggs, firm, unchanged; receipts, 27,552.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

LIVERPOOL, May 7.—Wheat, spot, steady; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 3½d; No. 1 California, 6s 5½d; futures, steady; May, 6s 7½d; July, 6s 6¼d; Sept., 6s 7¾d. Corn, spot, steady; American mixed, new, 4s 7½d; American mixed, old, 5s ¾d; futures quiet; July, 4s 7¼d; Sept., 4s 7¼d. Lard, prime western in tierces, steady; 44s 9d; American refined in pails, firm, 45s 9d.

Exports to Britain.

LONDON, May 7.—Following are the amounts and values of imports from Canada in April:

	Amount.	Value.
Cattle	5362	£ 92,316
Wheat, cwts.	319,400	112,695
Meal and flour, cwts.	195,300	96,685
Peas, cwts.	8200	3,924
Bacon, cwts.	69,713	183,320
Hams, cwts.	9675	25,558
Cheese, cwts.	11,501	35,685

Exports to Canada in April totalled in value £3,879,267.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Flour—Receipts, 32,802 barrels; exports, 2644 barrels; sales, 6800 barrels; firm and higher, with a quiet trade. Minnesota patents, $4.35 to $4.65; do., bakers', $3.50 to $3.80; winter patents, $3.70 to $4.15; do., straights, $3.50 to $3.70; do., extras, $2.90 to $3.10; do., low grades, $2.80 to $3. Rye flour firm; fair to good, $3.70 to $3.85; choice to fancy, $3.90 to $4.25. Cornmeal—Steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 61,000 bushels; exports, 16,717 bushels; sales, 4,100,000 bushels futures. Spot steady; No. 2 red, 90½c, elevator; No. 2 red, 90½c, 90¾c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 99½c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 93c, f.o.b., afloat. Following a lower opening, due in part to rains in southwest, wheat turned strong and active on heavy covering of shorts, impelled by further sensational damage news from all parts of the belt, and very strong late cables. This was succeeded by a second decline under realizing, and the market closed nervous at ½c to ⅞c net decline. May closed 92½c; July 92 11-16c to 93½c, closed 92¾c; Sept. 93c to 93¾c, closed 93c; Dec. 94⅞c to 95⅜c, closed 94⅞c.

Corn—Receipts, 111,800 bushels; exports, 84,670 bushels; sales, 16,000 bushels spot. Spot steady; No. 2, 50c, elevator, and 56½c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 white, 58½c, and No. 2 yellow, 56½c, f.o.b., afloat. Option market was without transactions, closing ⅛c to ¼c net lower.

Oats—Receipts, 151,500 bushels; exports, 1330 bushels. Spot easy; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 47c; natural white, 30 to 33 lbs., 48c to 49c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 49½c to 54c.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Unchanged—American Cattle Prices Are Steady.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Beeves, receipts, 2213; no trading; feeling weak; exports to-day, 920 cattle, 510 sheep and 3850 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 6600 quarters of beef. Calves, receipts, none, and nothing doing; feeling nominally steady. Sheep and lambs, receipts, 4180; market full steady; spring lambs sold at $5.85 per head. Hogs, receipts, 1068; none for sale; feeling nominally weak to 10c lower.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, May 7.—Cattle, receipts, 100 head; active and steady to strong; prime steers, $5.65 to $6. Veals, receipts, 50 head; active and 25c higher; $5 to $7. Hogs, receipts, 2100 head; active and a shade higher; heavy, $6.60 to $6.80; mixed, yorkers and pigs, $6.80 to $6.85; roughs, $5.90 to $6. Sheep and lambs, receipts, 5200 head; sheep, steady; lambs, slow and 10c lower; lambs, $5.50 to $7.75.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, May 7.—Cattle—Receipts, about 3500; market steady; common to prime steers, $4 to $6.40; cows, $3.55 to $5; heifers, $3 to $5.50; calves, $2.75 to $5.75; stockers and feeders, $3 to $3.52.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; market light, strong, others steady; choice to prime, heavy, $6.42½ to $6.45; medium to good, heavy, $6.40 to $6.42½; butcher weights, $6.42½ to $6.47½; good to prime, mixed, $6.40 to $6.42; packing, $6.20 to $6.40; pigs, $5.50 to $6.40; bulk of sales, $6.42½ to $6.47½.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, about 13,000; market steady; sheep, $4.25 to $6.10; yearlings, $6 to $6.85; lambs, $5.50 to $8.75.

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, May 7.—Liverpool and London cables are firmer at 11½c to 12½c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9c per lb.

HAMILTON PRESBYTERY MEETS

Want to Mortgage Present Building and Build New One.

ST. CATHARINES, May 7.—(Special.)—The Hamilton Presbytery met here to-day. The congregation of Sherman-avenue Church, Hamilton, applied for permission to mortgage the present building and build a new church, the pastor, Rev. Vanwyck, urging that the present structure was inadequate for the needs of the congregation, stating that 120 Armenians had been driven to a nearby Methodist Church, and in one day $700 had been contributed to a Methodist Church by them. The Presbytery commended the congregation for their good work, and promised sanction when a formal request is made.

The call to Rev. Thomas Paton to Merritton from Lucan was next considered, the pastor and the Merritton congregation agreeing to it, and the Presbytery then granted the translation, Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe being appointed moderator.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe and Sir Thomas Taylor, the intro-moderator was instructed to visit Port Colborne and Crowland, and report before the call is made.

Rev. Dr. Ross and Capt. Hardy were appointed to audit books of the augmentation and home mission committees.

Rev. R. Garside, present pastor of the Buckingham Baptist Church, applied for admission to the Presbyterian Church and documents were ordered to be forwarded to the general assembly.

It was ordered that 6000 copies of report of committee on statistics be printed and placed in the hands of the congregations.

NEWFOUNDLAND RIGHT.

Upheld by Supreme Court in Fisheries Question.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 7.—The supreme court of Newfoundland to-day gave a majority decision upholding the colonial government in its contentions respecting the so-called Bay of Islands herring fisheries case, in which the right of Newfoundland fishermen to be employed by American vessel owners within the three-mile limit was involved.

RAISING TURKEYS.

Turkeys have many peculiarities not noticed in chickens which in the rearing of them makes different management necessary. More people fail than succeed in raising turkeys and the trouble nearly always comes from poor methods of feeding the poults. Very much depends on the feed for the first two months. Unless they are at least a week old young turks should be kept away from all other poultry save their mother, since they are prone to follow anything that is moving. The first feed should consist of stale bread soaked in milk, with chopped onions and milk curd, to which should be added a little black pepper three times a week. Hard boiled eggs may be given, but there is a proneness to give too much of this food. A poult is easily killed and a few lice on it will mean death.

An old and successful turkey raiser in giving his experience says: Young turkers require feed oftener than young chicks. The breeding stock should not be related in the least. Raw corn meal is not beneficial to turkeys. When they are old enough to eat corn they may eat almost any other feed that is at hand. A little fresh meat chopped and fed to them will be a benefit and will also be very much relished. Keek roosting coops clean and dry. Should a mother hen refuse to go in a coop it is because it is full of lice or is filthy, her instinct telling her that it is not a proper place for her brood. Keep all drinking fountains clean and sweet. For the first few weeks the poults should not be exposed to rain or dew. Provide plenty of sharp sand or gravel for them. Give them a good dust bath, composed of sifted coal ashes. It will cause lice to hunt other quarters very soon. One very important point will be to look twoce a week for large lice on their heads. Two or three healthy insects of this order will soon cause the death of a poult. Turkeys are fond of grass seed and insects, and will seek such food if they do not hav ethem. Turkeys do not take kindly to close confinement, and the young take great delight in warm weather; it can scarcely get too warm for them and for this reason the earliest broods do notdo the best. Warm weather and long rambles thru the fields are necessary privileges to the turkey. They will be noticed to move slowly scanning every nook and corner for some morsel to pick up, even in the heat of the day. To be profitable they should make rapid growth, and to do this they should have plenty of good food and should be kept warm and dry.

75 CARS AT CITY YARDS CATTLE TRADE STEADY

Sheep, Lambs, Hogs, Firmer—Calves About Steady.

Receipts of live stock at the city market, as reported by the railways, were 75 car loads, composed of 1172 cattle, 643 hogs, 278 sheep and lambs, and 484 calves, with 9 horses.

The quality of fat cattle was fairly good, as they come nowadays.

Trade was good, with prices steady to firm.

Exporters.

No straight loads of shipping cattle were reported, but a few odd lots were reported as having been sold at $5.15 to $5.30. Bulls are worth from $3.75 to $4.90 per cwt.

Butchers.

Prime picked lots of butchers' cattle sold at $5.10 to $5.20, and one lot of 4 extra choice was reported by Corbett & Henderson at $5.40, but they were good enough for export purposes and better than many that are being shipped daily. Loads and lots of good sold at $4.75 to $5; medium, $4.50 to $4.75; cows ranged all the way from $2.75 to $4.60.

Feeders and Stockers.

Harry Murby reports the market steady at last week's prices, with few offering—not enough to supply the demand.

Milch Cows.

There was a strong market for good to choice quality cows, of which there was not enough to supply the demand, as there were several farmers who could not get a supply. Prices ranged all the way from $34 to $60, and one of extra quality was reported as having brought $75.

Veal Calves.

Wesley Dunn, who reported having bought 420 calves, paid prices ranging from $3 to $6 per cwt, or an average of $6.50.

Sheep and Lambs.

Receipts light, prices strong as follows: Export ewes, $6 to $6.50; rams, $5 to $5.50 per cwt.; good yearling lambs, $7.50 to $8.25; common yearlings, $5.50 to $6.50; spring lambs, $4 to $8 each.

Hogs.

Receipts light, prices 10c per cwt. higher. Mr. Harris reported selects at $6.50 and lights and fats at $6.25 per cwt.

Representative Sales.

McDonald & Maybee sold: 3 exporters, 1140 lbs. each, at $5.15 per cwt.; 11 butchers', 1040 lbs. each, at $4.85; 20 butchers', 920 lbs. each, at $4.85; 11 butchers', 920 lbs. each, at $4.50; 6 butchers', 1010 lbs. each, at $3.80; 7 butchers', 1210 lbs. each, at $4.65; 9 butchers', 990 lbs. each, at $4.60; 10 butchers', 1060 lbs. each, at $4.60; 9 butchers', 1090 lbs. each, at $4.35; 5 stockers, 840 lbs. each at $4.45; 12 stockers, 770 lbs. each, at $3.85; 2 export bulls, 1940 lbs. each, at $4.38; 2 export bulls, 1840 lbs. each, at $4.40; 15 sheep, 150 lbs. each, at $6.60; 2 lambs, 113 lbs. each, at $8.10; 46 calves, 115 lbs. each, at $5.25; 4 milch cows at $49 each; 1 milch cow at $46; 1 milch cow at $45.

Corbett & Henderson: 5 choice butchers', 1200 lbs. each, at $5.40 per cwt.; 16 good butchers', 1100 lbs. each, at $5; 7 medium butchers', 1050 lbs. each, at $4.87½; 7 good butchers', 1000 lbs. each, at $4.90; 3 good butchers', 1020 lbs. each, at $5; 16 common butchers', 1070 lbs. each, at $4.72½; 2 common butchers', 1100 lbs. each, at $4.40; 1 common butchers', 1200 lbs., at $4.50; 14 choice butchers', 1280 lbs. each, at $5.10; 4 good butchers', 1040 lbs. each, at $4.90; 2 medium butchers', 1120 lbs. each, at $4.80; 1 bull, 1280 lbs., at $4.15; shipped 3 loads for clients.

Maybee, Wilson & Hall sold: 20 butchers', 1170 lbs. each, at $5.20; 15 butchers', 1200 lbs. each, at $5.15; 12 butchers', 1040 each, at $5.15; 16 butchers', 1150 lbs. each, at $4.90; 12 cows, 1200 lbs. each, at $1.60; 20 butchers', 940 lbs. each, at $4.40; 9 cows, 1200 lbs. each, at $4.25; 2 cows, 1100 lbs. each, at $3.50; 2 cows, 1050 lbs. each, at $3; 12 veal calves, 125 lbs. each, at $5. Shipped one load on order.

George Harris bought for the Harris Abattoir Company 16 car loads of fat cattle, as follows: A few choice export cattle at $5.25 to $5.35; good to choice butchers', $4.75 to $5; fair to good, $4.40 to $4.65; fair cows, $3.50 to $4.25; common cows, $2.50 to $3.25.

T. Halligan bought 3 mixed loads of butchers' and exporters, 1200 lbs. each, at $4.80 to $5.25 per cwt.

Hewis Bros., butchers, of Whitby, Ont., bought one load of good butchers', 1030 lbs. each, at $4.75 per cwt. The Messrs. Hewis are noted around Whitby for buying the best of cattle.

J. H. Dingle bought for the Fowler Packing Company of Hamilton: 1 load of cows, 1100 lbs. each, at $4.35 per cwt.; 1 good load of steers, 1125 lbs. each, at $5.

James Ryan bought 6 cows, milkers and springers, at $34 to $50 each.

James Armstrong & Son bought 12 milkers and springers at $40 to $60, and 1 prime quality cow at $75.

Robert Hunter bought 1 load butchers', 1000 lbs., at $4.40 to $4.75.

Crawford & Hummerett sold 1 load butchers', 1225 lbs. at $5.15; 1 load butchers', 1200 lbs., at $5.10; 1 load butchers', 1180 lbs., at $4.90; 1 load mixed at $3.75 to $4.80.

Fred Rountree bought 6 milch cows at $50 to $60 each.

William McClelland bought 1 load of good to choice butchers', 1100 lbs. each, at $5 per cwt.

Wesley Dunn bought 100 sheep at $6.25 per cwt.; 160 yearlings at $7.85 per cwt.; 75 lambs, at $8.75, all average quotations.

R. J. Collins sold, on commission, 10 steers, 1080 lbs. each, at $5.05; 8 steers, 980 lbs. each, at $4.90; 10 steers, 1030 lbs. each, at $4.95.

E. Puddy bought for Puddy Bros. 45 yearling lambs at $8.25 per cwt.; 35 sheep at $6.50 to $7 per cwt.

Joshua Ingham cornered the spring lamb market by purchasing 63 lambs at $8 to $9 each, which was the bulk of those offered, amongst which were many of the best quality lambs seen on the market this season.

Market Notes.

Alexander Lyle of the firm of Edward Watson & Ritchie, live stock agents, Cattle Market, Glasgow, Scotland, was a visitor at the market. Mr. Lyle reports the Scotch fed cattle as being pretty well sold out, and he thinks the chances are favorable for better prices from now on.

WANTED TO SEE METER.

Man Said He Was Electric Inspector and Stole $35.

Has he called on you?

After a period of five years the old "gas man" method of robbery has again been brought to the notice of the city detective department.

Joseph H. King, Brunswick-avenue, reported to the department that a man had called at his house, into which he was moving on Monday, and, saying that he had come to inspect the electric light meter, gained access. When he had departed so had $35 which had reposed in Mr. King's trousers' pocket, which hung in the attic.

The description given to the police is of a man about 35 years of age, with moustache, in shirt sleeves. He is about 5 feet 10 inches in height, with broad shoulders.

Mr. King, with Detective Tipton, yesterday visited the Electric Company's inspectors, but failed to identify the man.

STRUCTURAL IRON MEN ACCEPT WAGE INCREASE

Motion to Strike Lost by Three Votes—Truck Drivers May Go Out.

The Structural Iron Workers' Union decided last night to accept the proffered increase of 2 1-2c an hour, and an agreement has been effected between the men and four employing firms, binding them to these terms for one year.

Like the meeting of last week, the popular feeling was strong for a general strike for 40 cents an hour, but the constitutional requirement of a two-thirds majority lost the motion by three votes. One hundred and ten members were present.

It was stated at the Labor Temple last night that a settlement will be effected between the Lathers' Union and the contractors by mutual concessions. The final adjustment only awaits a conference for which arrangements are being made.

Truck Drivers May Strike.

An early strike among the truck drivers engaged with the Shedden Forwarding Company, Hendrie & Co. and the Canadian Transport Company is not improbable, notwithstanding the fact that a general increase in wages was granted to the men by these firms last summer. The men are striving to swell their wages to $50 a month, as against the present maximum of $44 reached by a sliding scale ranging at $38, $39, $42 and $44, according to experience.

If it had not been for a bylaw necessitating a two-thirds vote before a strike could be declared, there would be a great number of horses idle this morning.

Another meeting will be held on Saturday night, when a final stand will be taken. Meantime the special committee will endeavor to re-open negotiations with the companies.

It is understood the latter have refused the delegates a conference. The committee made individual visits to the various managers yesterday.

The drivers also want a reduction in hours to ten, or, not exceeding eleven a day, and that all time served above this figure be regarded as overtime, for which 25 cents per hour shall be paid. They claim they have been putting in 12, 14 and 16 hours. The nature of the work requires them to be at the stables at 6 a.m.

A comparison was made with New York, Boston, Chicago, Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y., where $15 is the regular pay, and freight is not received at the depots after 5 p.m.

For the present, hostilities will be confined to the three firms mentioned. The Canadian Northern men are receiving $11 per week, which is somewhat in excess of the maximum paid by the other companies concerned.

Machinists Expect Increase.

Machinists' Local Union, No. 235, has given notice to the employers that the agreement expires June 16, when an increase in wages approaching 15 per cent. will be expected. The present agreement went into effect as a result of arbitration proceedings in 1902. It called for a wage of 20 cents an hour. The majority of the men, however, are now getting 22 cents, but the desired advance will be based upon the ratio stipulated in the present agreement.

Owing to the death at Perth of S. R. Hart's mother, the conference between the allied printing trades' committee and the master printers was adjourned yesterday, and will not resume until Friday. Condolence was telegraphed to Mr. Hart on behalf of the conference.

TO GET SALARY INCREASES.

Customs Officers Haven't Got Intimation Yet, But Advances Reported.

The despatch from Ottawa, announcing that increases would be made in the salaries of those engaged in custom house work, while it is welcome to local officials, does not come in the nature of a surprise. Some such action as that announced has been confidently expected in view of the strong representations made to the government on behalf of customs officers thruout Canada.

No official intimation has been received as yet, but the report says that there will be a general increase of from 10 per cent. to 15 per cent. in the salary schedules, aggregating an annual increase of about $200,000. The increases will, it is said, date from April 1.

The department of customs will in future, it is understood, pay the cost of guaranteed insurance policies required from all the customs officials; hitherto the premiums on these policies have been deducted from the salaries.

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HONOR ENOUGH FOR HIM WON'T TAKE THE CHEQUE

T. W. Crothers Returns $2000 to Government Sent for Services Rendered.

To say that the provincial treasurer and his staff were surprised, very faintly describes their feelings yesterday when a letter came into the office from T. W. Crothers of St. Thomas, chairman of the recent text book commission, returning the cheque for $2000, which had been sent him in payment for his services, and stating that he felt himself amply repaid by the honor of the appointment.

The commission, which consisted of Mr. Crothers and John A. Cooper, with J. Lynch Staunton as counsel, was engaged for several months on the task assigned it. They visited a number of American cities and took a vast amount of evidence in relation to the cost of school books, but all that Mr. Crothers would accept was the amount of his expenses.

His letter to Assistant Secretary C. H. Sproule was as follows:

Dear Sir—Re warrant No. P. 2004.

I have your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing cheque for $2000 re text book commission, and I thank the government for proposing to pay me that sum.

When Mr. Whitney asked me to assist in the investigation remuneration was not mentioned. I acceded to his request in the hope that we might render some service to the province, and not with any view to financial gain.

The honor of the appointment, the pleasure I had in the enquiry, and the assurance that we did accomplish something are more than ample compensation for the time and labor expended. I therefore return you the cheque, and if you will be good enough to send me one for $192, the amount of my actual disbursements, I shall be perfectly content.

Yours truly,
T. W. Crothers.

Hon. Col. Matheson had the cheque sent to Mr. Crothers canceled and remitted to him another for $192, accompanied by a letter in which he testified the government's appreciation of his public-spirited action in refusing remuneration, which no one could have blamed him for accepting.

636 FACTORY ACCIDENTS.

Twenty-Seven Resulted Fatally—Report of Inspectors.

According to the nineteenth annual report of the provincial factory inspectors, which has just been issued, there were 636 accidents in the factories of Ontario in 1906, of which twenty-seven resulted fatally. The majority of the accidents occurred in Toronto and Hamilton.

One of the women inspectors, Miss Annie Brown, states that she found child labor abused in a number of the concerns she visited. In mica factories especially there had apparently been no effort made to ascertain the age of the children employed. Where it was apparent that the little workers were under 14 years of age, they were sent home.

It is noted in the report that factories in general are cleaner than they used to be, but attention is called to the need for better ventilation in most of these places.

Miss Carlyle, in her report, says that one of the most difficult things to enforce is the regulation compelling factory girls to do up their hair in such a way as to best avoid accident from the machinery. They prefer, she states, to be scalped rather than put up their locks in what they consider an unbecoming style.

ITALIAN CUT RIVAL.

Urged by the pangs of jealousy, Toney Patsy stabbed Frank Sylvester at Bay and Wellington-street last night.

Both men are Italians, while the woman is a Canadian. Patsy lives at Chestnut-street and Sylvester at 10 Centre-avenue. Patsy is in the cells, and Sylvester is suffering from a slight injury to his head.

Sylvester recently returned from Italy to find that his sweetheart had taken up with Patsy, but she returned to her first love.