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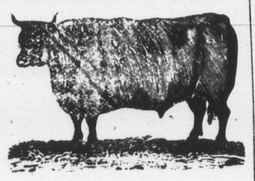

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Shot Down in Cold Blood by James Fry.

All Over a Dispute About Pulp Wood, When the Assassin Deliberately Went to Where His Victim Was Working and Fired Three Times—All Shots Took Effect.

Emsdale, Ont., Feb. 20.—Word was received to-day of the murder of J. P. Shaw, a prominent citizen of this place, about 16 miles east of here. Deceased had trouble with a man by the name of Fry over tan-bark and was shot dead by him at Ravensworth, a flag station on the O. A. & P. S. Railway, where the tan-bark was being loaded.

Fry has so far resisted all attempts at arrest and maintains that he will not be taken alive.

Coroner Dr. Barber is proceeding to the scene of the tragedy. The wildest excitement prevails in this village.

Details of the tragedy.

Emsdale, Feb. 21.—News is continually arriving in town about the shooting tragedy east of here, and as piece by piece the tale is made complete, people are induced to classify the shooting of J. P. Shaw as being among the most cold blooded and dastardly murders ever committed. That the crime was premeditated is seen from the fact that on the evening previous to the tragedy, when a dispute arose between deceased and James Fry, the latter significantly remarked that he would settle it without resorting to law. On the following morning, Feb. 20, he proceeded to the woods where Mr. Shaw was at work, and found him alone cutting roads to the pulp wood piles. No one was present to see the first shot fired, but apparently deceased was facing his murderer and received the first shot from a 32-calibre revolver in the breast. He turned to escape, when he was again shot in the side. Still keeping his feet, he made a dash to get behind a tree, and catching hold of it was carried on by the force of the effort he had put forth and in swinging completely around it, was shot by his ruthless assassin in the face, causing instant death.

Four of Mr. Shaw's men, hearing shooting, arrived on the scene in time to see him fall. The murderer, having completed his work, coolly walked away and no one knowing the desperate character of the man, cared to interfere with him. He remarked to some whom he met that he had settled with Shaw and the pulp wood. Throwing the empty shells out of his revolver as he went along, he reloaded it and betook himself to his house, where he has so far defied tall attempts at arrest.

Serious trouble is anticipated at his capture, as he is well known to be a desperate character, having served in the Texas Rangers and gone through the American Civil War, and he is a crack shot, and places no value on a human life. He has spent about 17 years hunting and trapping in the woods east of here, and knows about every acre of the forest wilderness between here and Ottawa River. Should he once escape into the woods and his trail become covered by snow he could easily elude pursuit. Occasionally, he used to come into Emsdale armed with revolvers and knives, and the restless glitter of his eye betokens him to be a man of more than usual energy.

James Fry answers to the following description. About 64 years of age, six feet in height, slightly stooped, iron-grey whiskers, dark eyes, one slightly crossed, no front teeth and usually wears a Cardigan jacket.

The victim of the murder was left lying where he had fallen until the arrival of the Coroner, Dr. Barber, of this place, when his body was brought to town. Deceased is well-known in this vicinity, and he and his wife were much respected. He came to Emsdale about seven years ago, and for some time was a successful merchant. Getting into business difficulties, he disposed of his store and has since been dealing in timber produce. Formerly he had been a school teacher and was hardly in the prime of life, being about 36 years old, and carried life insurance to the amount of $3000, one thousand in the I.O.F. and two thousand in the K.O.T.M. He leaves a wife and three small children to mourn his loss.

The sad news was last night sent to his brother, H. P. Shaw, manager of the Transatlantic Transportation Company, Vancouver, B.C., and Duncan Shaw, of Sunnidale Township, in the vicinity of Stayner, Ont.

The Coroner's inquest was commenced late last night, but was adjourned until Monday evening at 7 o'clock, sufficient evidence being taken to warrant the removal of the body.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Proceedings in the House During the Week Just Passed

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The session to-day, while brief, was important, inasmuch as it witnessed the introduction and first reading of a bill to regulate the immigration into Ontario of indigent, neglected and dependent children. Other bills read a first time were: By Mr. Hardy, to regulate the Married Woman's Property Act; by Mr. Hardy, respecting wages and estates of deceased persons; by Mr. Hardy, respecting Town Councils. In reply to Mr. Matheson, Mr. Harcourt said the public accounts would be in private members' boxes to-day, the estimates the day after, and he would deliver the budget speech on Thursday. The House adjourned at 3.30.

$6000 Voted for Indian Relief.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The only bill read to-day was Mr. Ross' setting apart certain wild lands of the Crown for the use of the University of Toronto. Mr. Hardy moved the committees to strike standing committees and to act with the Speaker in the control and management of the library. Mr. Hardy moved, seconded by Mr. Ross, "That this House deeply deplores the terrible ravages by famine and the plague among our fellow-subjects in India, and will cheerfully approve a grant from provincial funds of the sum of $6000, to be forwarded to the proper authorities, to be applied in the purchase of food and otherwise for the relief of the distress now so unhappily prevailing. After speeches by Mr. Hardy for the Government, and Mr. Whitney for the Opposition, the resolution was carried unanimously. In reply to Mr. Little, Mr. Ross said it was the intention of the Government to furnish assistance to the Public Schools which have organized continuation classes and that the extent of such assistance would be found in the estimates. The House adjourned at 3.40.

The Estimates for 1897.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—In reply to Mr. Matheson to-day, Mr. Hardy said the Government was in correspondence with the Dominion Government respecting the franking privilege on Provincial Government and departmental papers and reports, hitherto granted, and that he would be able to give a complete answer later on. In reply to Mr. Whitney, Mr. Davis said that Mr. Nixon was still in the service of the Government as Inspector of Prisons. He was by commission temporarily appointed by the Dominion Government to make a special examination of the affairs of the Kingston penitentiary, but it is understood that an abatement of his salary, except for the three weeks of his annual vacation, will be made. In reply to Mr. Whitney, Mr. Hardy said Mr. Preston resigned his position as librarian on June 16, and was reappointed on the 30th June. The Government understood that he resigned for the purpose of contesting West Toronto. Mr. Whitney's question respecting Mr. James Conmee's resignation in order to contest Nipissing was at Mr. Hardy's request allowed to stand for a week. Mr. Hardy then laid the estimates, of which the following table is a summary, on the table of the House:

Services.	Estimate.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Government	$251,585	$ 1,095	$ .....
Legislation	127,100	....	2,300
Administration of Justice	442,344	1,521	.....
Education	717,927	13,791	.....
Public Institutions Maintenance	797,398	6,836	.....
Immigration	10,325	1,800	.....
Agriculture	195,022	....	8,893
Hospitals and Charities	185,948	.....	8,893
Maintenance and repairs of Government and Departmental buildings	77,285	....	1,949
Public Works	138,177	....	98,476
Colonization r'ds.	41,886	....	10,473
Charges on Crown Lands	180,975	53,336	....
Refund account	36,504	9,078	....
Statute Consolidation	40,000	10,000	....
Miscellaneous expenditure	127,250	....	4,573
Unforseen and unprovided	50,000	....	....
Total	$3,516,068	$97,397	$146,838

The estimated expenditure may further be divided under the following heads:

Current expenditure for 1897	$3,250,341
On capital account	229,222
Other purposes	36,504
Amount of estimates	$3,516,068

The House adjourned at 3.40.

Mr. Harcourt's Budget Speech.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The preliminary business of the Legislature was speedily disposed of this afternoon, and the galleries were crowded when Hon. Mr. Harcourt rose to move the House into Committee of Supply. In rising to present his annual financial statement, Hon. Mr. Harcourt was received with applause from the Government benches. He said he had nothing to announce out of the usual or ordinary concerning the finances of 1896, neither as regards our receipts or expenditures. Our receipts for the year, whether taken in the aggregate or having regard to the main heads of revenue, taken one by one, are alike satisfactory. He had estimated, for instance, last February that we would receive during the year upon which we were then entering $3,122,000. As a fact, we did actually receive, excluding the annuities, $3,312,940. This proves that we are always careful to state as our estimate of revenue an amount well within what we can reasonably hope to receive. He said he need not speak at great length of our expenditures. They will later on in the season be examined closely and with care by the Public Accounts Committee. We succeeded in keeping well within the sums voted by the House. The over expenditure for stationery of $14,267 was largely caused by the public demand for departmental reports, requiring 12,000 copies to be printed. After additional copies to be printed. After giving details of the various departmental expenditures, he passed a eulogy upon Sir Oliver Mowat for his administration of the affairs of this province in the course of which he gave a brief history of the progress made by the province during his regime. In closing, he challenged the Opposition to show wherever one dollar of the public money had been improperly expended, and resumed his seat amid loud applause from the Government supporters. Lieut.-Col. Matheson, who replied to the Provincial Treasurer, was encouraged with a hearty round of applause when he rose. He first paid Mr. Harcourt a compliment for the manner in which he had set forth from the Ministerial point of view, the finances of the province, and also congratulated the treasurer upon his description of the resources of the province. He had, however, he said, to condole with the treasurer, upon the disheartening state of affairs which the latter found himself called upon to defend. He closed by saying he thought the time was not far distant when the people of Ontario would rise in their might, and say in all respects the present Ontario Government had been found wanting. Mr. Strange replied for the Government, Mr. Ryerson moved the adjournment of the debate, and the House adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

The Orillia Asylum Flour Tenders.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—The House sat only 15 minutes to-day. The following bills were read a first time: Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Respecting the incorporation and regulation of joint stock companies by letters patent. Mr. Garrow—To amend the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892. Mr. Dryden—To further improve the Act respecting the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Dryden—To improve the Trades Disputes Act, 1894. Mr. Davis in answer to Mr. Miscampbell, said that the flour purchased for the Orillia asylum for the years 1896 and 1897 was by sealed tender. The samples of flour called for and submitted by tenderers were tested by an expert, both as to color and strength. In 1896 the following persons tendered at the prices stated per barrel: William Ryan, Toronto, $3.60; M. McLaughlin, Toronto, $3.82 1-2; Samuel Lukes, Bradford, $3.60; A. Moyes and Company, Listowel, $4.20; P. McIntosh & Son, Toronto, $3.60; D. C. Thompson, Orillia, 3.23; George Vick, Orillia, $3.07; W. H. Macdougall, Alliston, $4.32. The tender of D. C. Thompson was accepted, the expert test showing it was the lowest tender, strength and color considered. In 1897 the following persons tendered at the prices stated, per barrel in bags: George Vick & Sons, Orillia, $4.55; D. C. Thompson, Orillia, $4.33; Hunt Bros., London, 4.62; W. H. McDougall, Alliston, $4.70. D. C. Thompson's tender was accepted, being the lowest, strength and color considered, as well as the lowest upon the face of the tender. Mr. Hardy moved the second reading of a bill respecting wages and estates of deceased persons. The bill provides that wages due to persons having been in the employ of deceased persons at the time of death or within one month prior thereto, and not exceeding three months, shall have priority over all ordinary or general claims upon the estate. The bill was read a second time. The House adjourned at 3.36 p.m.

The Treaty Is Safe.

New York, Feb. 21.—The Herald to-day prints the following special despatch from Washington under last night's date: Senator Sherman intimates that the influence of the McKinley administration will be exerted in favor of the general arbitration treaty, and he is positive the treaty will be ratified by the Senate.

"I have not the slightest doubt that the treaty will receive the votes of the necessary two-thirds of the Senate when a vote is reached," the Senator said to-night. "We have two-thirds now, and the friends of the treaty will be stronger after March 4. The vote taken in executive session, about which I am not permitted to speak in detail, shows that the treaty is safe. Some of the strongest friends of the compact voted for postponement."

Canadians are Generous.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The Famine Fund at The Star office turned $35,000 this evening, averaging $1700 a day for 20 days.

Carried Both By-laws.

Owen Sound, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—To-day the bylaw granting a bonus of $40,000 to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, was voted on and carried by the large majority of 617. A bylaw for the appropriation of $6000 for the extension of the waterworks system, so as to take in residents on the hills, was also carried.

Conservative Won St. Boniface

Winnipeg, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The election in St. Boniface on Saturday was a comparatively easy victory for Mr. Lauzon, the candidate of the Church, who, in a total vote of about five hundred, secured a majority of one hundred and eighty.

Ben's New Baby.

Indianapolis, Feb. 21.—A daughter was born to General and Mrs. Benjamin Harrison to-day. The young miss arrived at 5 o'clock this morning and weighs eight and one-half pounds.

FIRED ON THE GREEKS

Gunboats of the Great Powers Attack Canea.

Notwithstanding Orders From the Admirals, the Insurgents Began an Attack on the Cancan Forts, and the Fleet of the Powers Took Action—British Gunboat Said to Have Fired First.

Canea, Feb. 21.—The admirals commanding the foreign fleets here yesterday visited Col. Vassos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation at his camp at Aghia. What transpired there has not been made public, but upon the return of the admirals they invited the commanders of the Greek warship Navarchos Miaoulis to visit them. The invitation was accepted, and when the commander met the admirals he was informed that an attack would be made upon the Greek troops and the Greek warship if Col. Vassos advanced into the interior.

This morning the insurgents in the vicinity of Canea began firing on the town, despite the warnings that had been given. The firing continued for some time.

At 4.30 o'clock the flagship displayed signals for the Dryad, Harrier and Revenge, and one vessel each of the Italian, German and Russian squadrons to open fire on the Cretan position. The order was quickly complied with. The British vessels fired 40 shells, and the other vessels about 30. The aim of the gunners was very good, and it was soon seen that the position of the insurgents was becoming untenable. In about ten minutes the Greek flag was hauled down and as soon as it disappeared the order "Cease firing" was given, and the guns of the fleet immediately became silent. Thereupon the flag was again hoisted on its staff. The rocks in the vicinity were crowded with Cretans. The Mussulmans, encouraged and emboldened by the assistance that had been given to them by the fleets of Christian Europe, now began a lively fusilade on the Cretans, who were engaged in removing their wounded. The Christians were evidently disspirited by the action of the fleets and made no attempt to return the fire. The action of the foreign war ships has caused the deepest indignation here, and the supporters of the Sultan are bitterly denounced on all sides. It is declared that the powers, in upholding the Moslem rule by force of arms, have made a melancholy and degrading spectacle that Greece will never forget.

London, Feb. 21.—The Times has a despatch from Canea saying that the admirals of the several fleets there have decided to land guns to defend the town in the event of the Greek troops or the insurgents advancing.

THE JURY DISAGREED

And Young Hammond Has Gone Back to Jail.

Bracebridge, Ont., Feb. 19.—10.50 p.m.—(Special.)—The great Hammond-Tough murder trial is ended for the present, and the mystery surrounding the death of Katie Tough-Hammond is unsolved. The jury have just returned to the court, after being out nearly five hours, and announce that they cannot agree on a verdict. The jury, it is understood, stood five for conviction and seven for acquittal.

Mr. Justice McMahon returned to the court room at 9.45, and a few minutes after took his seat on the bench. The sheriff came up from the jury room and whispered something to His Lordship. Then followed a wait of a few minutes, which seemed hours. The room was as still as death.

The prisoner's counsel here entered and put on his gown and took his seat at the table. Another wait amid deathly silence followed, broken only by the whispers of the reporters.

Then a noise on the stairs was heard, and the jury entered, the foreman handing His Lordship a piece of paper on which was written several questions re the admission of Constable William Sloan's evidence.

His Lordship briefly explained the matter, saying that he had ruled that this evidence should go before them, as the prisoner had made the statement voluntarily.

All this time the prisoner had sat in his favorite position, shading his eyes with his right hand. His poor old father sat at his side, but not a word passed between them. Both seemed in deep meditation.

The jury retired again and remained out for forty-five minutes, and then returned. The time was exactly 10.45, having been out nearly five hours. The usual formalities were complied with. Then the Clerk asked if they had agreed on a verdict, and the foreman stood up and replied that they had not.

The jury was then dismissed, and the prisoner returned to the jail to await another trial in June next.

Bracebridge, Ont., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The court room has been crowded all day, and many were unable to gain admittance. A peculiar feature of the trial has been the number of women in attendance, and to-day one-half of the audience is made up of ladies.

The addresses of the learned counsel and that of His Lordship were listened to with the closest attention, evincing the great interest which has been taken in the trial.

The prisoner, on being brought in after tea, looked deathly pale, and while waiting for His Lordship to return spent part of the time in reading a newspaper.

As the defence called no witnesses, some discussion took place as to which of the counsel had a right to speak first. His Lordship ruled that the Crown counsel should speak first, and then have the right of replying. Mr. Johnston, counsel for the prisoner, preferred under this ruling to address the jury first. This was agreed to, and he rose to commence what proved to be one of the greatest addresses ever delivered in Ontario.

His Lordship commenced his address at exactly 4.30. He said every prisoner at the bar stood in the eyes of the law as innocent until clearly proven guilty before twelve of his peers. He urged the jury to keep their minds free from anything they had heard or read, and unbiased. Give your verdict on the evidence submitted and according to your own conscience and you will have done all your country requires or demands.

A brief outline of the circumstances connected with this case was here given.

His Lordship concluded by telling the jury that the prisoner is entitled to the benefit of the doubt, if doubt there is, in the evidence. He spoke one hour and forty minutes.

The jury then retired to consider their verdict.

Higher Telephone Rates.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—An important request has been preferred to the Government by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, a request in which nearly every city and town in the Dominion is interested. Under date of Jan. 30, a petition was forwarded to the Governor-General-in-Council by the Bell Telephone Company, asking for permission to increase their rates.

France Also Has a Revolt.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The arrival of the Gallee from Tahita shows that another country is involved in an insurrection. The islanders of the Marshall group have thrown open defiance at France, and all the forces at the command of the Governor of the islands have proved of no avail against the natives.

Assistant Clerk Rouleau of the House of Commons is to be superannuated, and Mr. Brodeur, M.P., is mentioned for the position.

The Tariff Commissioners have half a dozen applications for hearings and will likely decide to give additional hearings in Ottawa.

It is rumored in Winnipeg that the Dominion Government will hand over to the Dominion Government all the remaining Crown lands in the Province.

The Cabinet was considering the new franchise bill on Saturday. It simply adopts the various provincial franchises for the elections to the House of Commons.

The reorganization of the Reform Association for Eastern Ontario has been completed with Sir Richard Cartwright as president, and Mr. H. A. Bate as secretary.

Mr. W. R. Aylesworth of Deseronto has been appointed a commissioner to report upon the state and management of business of the Mohawk Board of the Bay of Quinte.

The Manitoba Legislature has been opened. The speech from the throne contained, among other things, references to the Queen's diamond jubilee and the school settlement question. A bill to amend the school law in accordance with the settlement will be immediately laid before the members.

WHEAT IS AGAIN FIRMER.

An Advance of Three Cents For the Week.

Saturday Evening, Feb. 20.

Lard is 2d higher in Liverpool.

Liverpool wheat futures closed at an advance of ¾d.

The United States exchanges will be closed on Monday—Washington's birthday.

Cash wheat in Chicago ½c higher, at 75½c.

May wheat on curb 76⅝c.

Puts on May wheat 75⅝c, calls 77⅛c.

Puts on May corn 24 c to 24⅝c, calls 24½c.

At Toledo clover seed closed at $4.70 for March.

The visible supply of wheat on Monday is expected to decrease 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 bushels.

English farmers' deliveries of wheat the past week were 46,000 quarters, and the average price 28s 11d.

Estimated receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 20,000; official Friday 21,824, left over 1000. Estimated for Monday 40,000. Market weak to 5c lower. Heavy shippers $3.25 to $3.55.

Cattle receipts at Chicago to-day 300. Market quiet and unchanged.

The Argentine shipments of wheat this week were 152,000 bushels.

Shippers here report a better demand for oats, and prices are firmer.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour 4,531 barrels and 15,212 sacks, wheat 16,325 bushels.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Halifax and St. John this week aggregate 2,120,000 bushels, compared with 2,051,000 bushels last week, 3,146,000 bushels in the corresponding week of 1896, 1,808,000 bushels in 1895, 1,730,000 bushels in 1894 and 2,596,000 bushels in 1893.

An enormous volume of business has been done in the soft coal trade lately, at prices unprecedentedly low. Competition is especially keen in Philadelphia, and reports indicate that consumers, who are chiefly manufacturers, will be blessed with abundant fuel at cheap values.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	75½c	76⅝c
New York	84c	82⅝c
Milwaukee	74⅝c	76⅝c
St. Louis	86½c	85⅛c
Toledo	83½c	83⅝c
Detroit	87½c	88⅛c
Duluth, No. 1 hard	77c	..
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	75c	76⅛c
Toronto, white	80c	..
Toronto, No. 1 hard	90c	..

LOCAL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.

Flour—The demand for flour is slack, and prices are unchanged. Straight rollers are quoted at $3.75.

Bran—Trade quiet, with bran quoted outside west at $7, and shorts at $8.50 to $9.

Wheat—The local wheat market is quiet, with fair offerings and the tone generally firm. Holders are encouraged by higher prices in Liverpool and Chicago. Red winter is nominal at 74c, and white at 75c, outside. No. 1 Manitoba hard sold at 90c to 91c, Toronto freight, and at 87c, Midland. No. 2 hard is quoted at 84c to 85c, Midland.

Buckwheat—Trade is dull, with car lots quoted at 25c to 26c outside.

Barley—The market is steady. No. 1 is quoted at 31c and No. 2 sold at 27c. No. 3 extra 25c, and No. 3 at 21c to 22c.

Oats—Market is firmer, with sales of white at 18½c west, and mixed is quoted at 17½c.

Peas—The market is steady, with sales at 39c north and west, and at 40c on Midland.

Corn—The market is unchanged, with new quoted at 19½c to 20c west.

Rye—The market is dull, with fair offerings. There were sales to-day at 34c, east.

Oatmeal—The market is quiet and prices unchanged. Car lots $2.80 to $2.90.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts of grain on the street to-day were larger than usual. Wheat steady, 300 bushels selling at 73c for white, 75c for red and 63c to 64c for goose. Barley unchanged, 400 bushels selling at 29c to 30c. Peas steady, with sales of 200 bushels at 40½c. Oats unchanged at 22c to 22½c for 500 bushels. Hay sold at $13 to $14 a ton for 20 loads and straw at $6 to $8 a ton for 4 loads. Dressed hogs unchanged, the best price being $5.60 for small lots of lightweights.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat, white, bushel	$0 70	to $0 80
" red winter, bushel	0 77	0 78
" goose, bushel	0 63	0 64
Oats, bushel	0 21	0 22
Peas, bushel	0 40	0 42
Barley, bushel	0 26	0 30

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, per ton	$11 00	to $14 00
" baled, per ton	8 00	10 00
Straw, per ton	7 00	8 00
" baled, per ton	5 50	6 00

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, choice, tub	$0 13	to $0 14
" bakers'	0 08	0 10
" solids	0 15	0 16
" creamery rolls	0 17	0 19
" " rolls	0 19	0 20
Cheese	0 10	0 11
Eggs, new laid	0 14	0 15
" limed	0 10	0 12

FRESH MEATS.

Beef, forequarters, per lb	$0 02½	to $0 04½
" hindquarters	0 05½	0 06½
Mutton, per lb	0 04	0 05
Lamb, per lb	0 06	0 08½
Veal, per lb	0 05	0 06

PROVISIONS AND POULTRY.

Hogs, dressed, selected	$5 00	to $5 60
" heavy	4 30	4 50
Backs, per lb	0 09	0 09½
Breakfast bacon	0 10	0 11
Mess pork	11 50	11 75
" short cut	11 75	12 00
" shoulder mess	9 50	10 00
Hams, smoked	0 10½	0 11
Lard, per lb	0 07	0 07½
Bacon, per lb	0 05½	0 05¾
Chickens, per pair	0 30	0 50
Ducks, per pair	0 55	0 75
Turkeys, per lb	0 09	0 11
Geese, per lb	0 07	0 08½

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The market is quiet. Apples, barrels, $1 to $1.50. Dried apples, 2c to 3c, and evaporated 4c to 4½c per lb.

Potatoes are dull at 20c to 23c per bag in car lots. Small lots 35c. Onions $1 to $1.25 per bag. Sweet potatoes, $2.50 to $2.75 per barrel.

Cranberries, barrel, $4 to $5 for Canadian and $2.50 per box for Cape Cod. Hops, 8c to 10c.

Turnips, bag, 20