

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 140,457 bushels. The market was quiet, but prices ruled steady under moderate offerings. Quotations: No. 1 hard red winter wheat, \$1.18; No. 2 hard red winter wheat, \$1.17; No. 3 hard red winter wheat, \$1.16; No. 4 hard red winter wheat, \$1.15; No. 1 soft red winter wheat, \$1.14; No. 2 soft red winter wheat, \$1.13; No. 3 soft red winter wheat, \$1.12; No. 4 soft red winter wheat, \$1.11; No. 1 yellow, \$1.10; No. 2 yellow, \$1.09; No. 3 yellow, \$1.08; No. 4 yellow, \$1.07.

PROVISIONS

The market ruled steady, with a fair demand. The quotations are: Bacon, No. 1, \$12.00; No. 2, \$11.50; No. 3, \$11.00; No. 4, \$10.50; No. 5, \$10.00; No. 6, \$9.50; No. 7, \$9.00; No. 8, \$8.50; No. 9, \$8.00; No. 10, \$7.50; No. 11, \$7.00; No. 12, \$6.50; No. 13, \$6.00; No. 14, \$5.50; No. 15, \$5.00; No. 16, \$4.50; No. 17, \$4.00; No. 18, \$3.50; No. 19, \$3.00; No. 20, \$2.50; No. 21, \$2.00; No. 22, \$1.50; No. 23, \$1.00; No. 24, \$0.50; No. 25, \$0.00.

REFINED SUGARS

The market ruled steady, with a fair demand. The quotations are: No. 1, \$11.00; No. 2, \$10.50; No. 3, \$10.00; No. 4, \$9.50; No. 5, \$9.00; No. 6, \$8.50; No. 7, \$8.00; No. 8, \$7.50; No. 9, \$7.00; No. 10, \$6.50; No. 11, \$6.00; No. 12, \$5.50; No. 13, \$5.00; No. 14, \$4.50; No. 15, \$4.00; No. 16, \$3.50; No. 17, \$3.00; No. 18, \$2.50; No. 19, \$2.00; No. 20, \$1.50; No. 21, \$1.00; No. 22, \$0.50; No. 23, \$0.00.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

The market ruled steady, with a fair demand. The quotations are: Butter, No. 1, \$1.00; No. 2, \$0.95; No. 3, \$0.90; No. 4, \$0.85; No. 5, \$0.80; No. 6, \$0.75; No. 7, \$0.70; No. 8, \$0.65; No. 9, \$0.60; No. 10, \$0.55; No. 11, \$0.50; No. 12, \$0.45; No. 13, \$0.40; No. 14, \$0.35; No. 15, \$0.30; No. 16, \$0.25; No. 17, \$0.20; No. 18, \$0.15; No. 19, \$0.10; No. 20, \$0.05; No. 21, \$0.00.

POULTRY

The market ruled steady, with a fair demand. The quotations are: Chickens, No. 1, \$1.00; No. 2, \$0.95; No. 3, \$0.90; No. 4, \$0.85; No. 5, \$0.80; No. 6, \$0.75; No. 7, \$0.70; No. 8, \$0.65; No. 9, \$0.60; No. 10, \$0.55; No. 11, \$0.50; No. 12, \$0.45; No. 13, \$0.40; No. 14, \$0.35; No. 15, \$0.30; No. 16, \$0.25; No. 17, \$0.20; No. 18, \$0.15; No. 19, \$0.10; No. 20, \$0.05; No. 21, \$0.00.

FRESH FRUITS

The general market was quiet and without important changes. Quotations: Apples, No. 1, \$1.00; No. 2, \$0.95; No. 3, \$0.90; No. 4, \$0.85; No. 5, \$0.80; No. 6, \$0.75; No. 7, \$0.70; No. 8, \$0.65; No. 9, \$0.60; No. 10, \$0.55; No. 11, \$0.50; No. 12, \$0.45; No. 13, \$0.40; No. 14, \$0.35; No. 15, \$0.30; No. 16, \$0.25; No. 17, \$0.20; No. 18, \$0.15; No. 19, \$0.10; No. 20, \$0.05; No. 21, \$0.00.

VEGETABLES

Choice stock was steadily held, but demand was only moderate. Quotations: White potatoes, No. 1, \$1.00; No. 2, \$0.95; No. 3, \$0.90; No. 4, \$0.85; No. 5, \$0.80; No. 6, \$0.75; No. 7, \$0.70; No. 8, \$0.65; No. 9, \$0.60; No. 10, \$0.55; No. 11, \$0.50; No. 12, \$0.45; No. 13, \$0.40; No. 14, \$0.35; No. 15, \$0.30; No. 16, \$0.25; No. 17, \$0.20; No. 18, \$0.15; No. 19, \$0.10; No. 20, \$0.05; No. 21, \$0.00.

FIREMEN BEGGING WHAT SOME SPURN

Are Asking System That New-Yorkers Regard Now as Antiquated

CHURCHES HEAR APPEAL

The firemen of Philadelphia, in their campaign for more modern working conditions and for an increase of salary that will give them something more than fourteen cents an hour for a twenty-one-hour day, are regarding with interest the fight waging on behalf of the New York firemen. They view as worthy of consideration by the Councilmen and by citizens of Philadelphia generally the peculiar condition revealed by the New York movement and its bearing upon the campaign in this city.

TWO-PLATOON SYSTEM

Twenty-one cities in the United States, including Pittsburgh, have adopted the two-platoon system, while more than fifty municipal fire departments are operated under systems which allow the members more opportunity for home life than are enjoyed by the firemen of Philadelphia.

New York pays its firemen a higher annual salary than Philadelphia considers proper for the captain of an engine or hook and ladder company. The lieutenant, second in command of a company in New York, receives a larger salary than that of a battalion chief in Philadelphia.

compels silence. The city of Newark, N. J., in population less than West Philadelphia, has thirty-six fire companies to guard a territory and number of persons to which the Philadelphia Bureau of Fire can only assign ten companies of all descriptions. Comparison of other centers of population in Philadelphia with cities of equivalent size and number of inhabitants shows equal disproportion. Yet the Philadelphia firemen ungrudgingly work harder and cover a wider area than their brethren in other cities, letting the fire bureaus of those municipalities exceed them in everything but courage and loyalty to duty in the face of Councilmanic apathy and neglect.

New York is asking for a two-platoon system, which means a nine-month trial-out of the plan, including in the last twenty-one

companies between the North and East rivers, Canal to Fourteenth streets, would cost \$112,000. This would cover the employment of an additional deputy chief at \$4000, three battalion chiefs at \$3300 each, three captains at a total of \$6600, one engineer at \$1750 and 111 firemen at \$1000 each. The Board of Estimates is said to be ready to provide the money needed for the rest, which, if successful, will be introduced throughout the metropolitan department.

WHAT IS ASKED

Philadelphia's firemen have not the hardihood to ask for a single penny for a test or "experiment." They ask only a salary increase that will place them on a plane above that of the day laborer, and a readjustment of working conditions that will not entail a universal employment at their stations of

120 hours before a day off is granted and an opportunity to enjoy a night's rest out of uniform is afforded.

The fourth day off plan is endorsed by Chief Murphy and the heads of the Bureau, while Director Wilson is said to be in favor of its adoption at once. The Councilmanic objection arises from the fact that to put it into operation would entail the employment, at \$900 a year, of some 350 additional men. Certain members of Council, under pressure of the growing public advocacy of a fairer method in the operation of the Fire Bureau, have expressed themselves as ready to vote for the installation of the fourth day off system. They hesitate to support the higher pay proposition at present, although they admit that an average of fifteen cents an hour for twenty-one hours constant duty is unjust.

They do not attempt to reconcile their attitude to the firemen with the course adopted a few years ago, when they granted the police, a department four times the size of the Fire Bureau, a three platoon system, entailing eight hours' duty daily. They admit that the burden and dangers of a fireman's life are several times greater than those imposed on a policeman, but hesitate to grant to the firemen a compensation which would approximate one-half the salary and hours prevailing in the Bureau of Police.

The awakening of public interest, stimulated by the influence of such popular movements as that of "Firemen's Sunday," which was observed in more than 400 churches yesterday, and the remarks of the Mayor encouraging it yesterday, is expected

to effect a change of heart on the part of Witherspoon Councilmen, and there is a feeling expressed that at the meeting of Council next Thursday steps will be taken to crystallize the campaign into legislative form that will lift the situation of the Philadelphia firemen out of the antiquated rut in which it has slumbered for forty-five years to a plan commensurate in size and requirements, both of humanity and of an American city of the first class.

Members of Council, as well as firemen in uniform, attended services in various churches yesterday, and the subsequent comment of the congregations proved an unpleasant hearing for the municipal lawmakers as they were encouraging to the firefighters and their friends.



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