

Over Eighty Thousand Pounds of Leaf Tobacco

Great Opening of the Raleigh Tobacco Market Yesterday—Well Pleased Farmers from 6 Counties

The Raleigh tobacco market was formally opened yesterday. The quantity of the weed sold and the prices obtained are matters for congratulation to the movers in the reopening of this market, the warehousemen in charge, and the larger numbers of farmers from Wake and adjoining counties who had brought their tobacco here for the opening sales.

In the early morning wagons began pouring in and by 9 o'clock there were more than 250 farmers with loads of tobacco for sale. It was apparent at once that the floor space of the two warehouses would not hold the enormous quantity of tobacco and double sales were talked of. However, this was later abandoned and the piles were pulled closer together and a large quantity was left over until today.

It was a great day and a big success in every way. The farmers were pleased with the high prices paid, the warehousemen were hard worked but happy, and the business people of Raleigh were jubilant over the reopening of the market, believing it to be now on a solid basis and with the men behind it success assured.

Early in the day the city folk turned out and business men of every branch were meeting the farmers and renewing old acquaintances. All were smiling, the country people glad of an opportunity to visit Raleigh in such a substantial way, and the city people just as proud to welcome and give them the glad news. Many ladies were among the interested onlookers and their presence was greatly appreciated.

Everywhere and at every turn could be seen the three prime movers in the reopening of this market, the men whose persistent public spirit and indefatigable energy and well-directed efforts are responsible for the dawn of such an auspicious day—speaking from a business standpoint—Messrs. Claude B. Barbee, Joseph E. Rogers and Frank Stronach. It was a day they had looked forward to, had worked and planned for, never doubting success, and they saw the full fruition of their labors. If there was an extra shade of pleasure on their faces yesterday it was excusable. They have pulled for Raleigh, and while doing so have been an equal blessing to the people of the surrounding country. Their work does not end with yesterday's sales. The market is established—firmly planted on business principles, with business men behind it, the interests of the farmer will be looked after. City and country are brought closer together in the bonds of a reunion that means increased prosperity for both.

The results of the day's sales briefly summed up are as follows: At the Farmers Warehouse 117 farmers had unloaded tobacco estimated at about 35,000 pounds. The highest price obtained at the Farmers was for a pile of tobacco sold by Messrs. Tilley & Blalock of Willow Springs for 32 cents per pound. The next highest was paid to Latham & Knight who received 21 cents per pound. These gentlemen are from near Milburn. The average was about 9 cents per pound.

At the Capital City Warehouse 115 farmers had unloaded tobacco estimated between 40,000 and 50,000 pounds, distributed in 363 piles. The highest price paid at this warehouse was 28 cents to Mr. R. J. Smith, next 17 1/2 cents to Mr. M. E. Young. Average price at the Capital City about 9 cents.

At both warehouses there was heavy work and some consequent delay in getting bills all made out and checks issued. All sellers were, however, well pleased and say they are coming back again. The total number of pounds sold at both warehouses is about 80,000. It is regarded as a big opening. The buyers were alert and eager and as pile after pile of the yellow weed was rapidly passed and the price marked on the tag the sellers who were closely following smiled their satisfaction.

The sale was a big success, a monumental success, and it marks a new era in the business history of the city. The selling began about 11 o'clock in the Farmers' Warehouse of which Messrs. Cheatham & Mitchell are proprietors. It was a thrilling scene. What will the prices be? This question was asked and discussed by groups of farmers who were here to try the new market for the first time. Auctioneer Rice said that Mr. Frank Stronach would make the opening announcement.

Mr. Stronach mounted a big pile of tobacco and said: "Ladies and gentlemen and farmers of North Carolina: I announce the opening of the Raleigh tobacco market today and declare to you that it will be run on the principle of fair dealing and all assure you as high prices as can be had in North Carolina. If you have any complaint at any time all we ask is that you come to us with it and it will be rectified."

Then the ball began to roll. The first pile was offered and sold, the loud and clear voice of the auctioneer causing the skylights to quiver, while the silent nods of the buyers were sandwiching each other and Frank Stronach's voice was heard above everything else "whooping it up."

When the sales were finished at the Farmers' Warehouse an intermission was taken for one hour to get lunch and as Mr. Stronach said to let the auctioneer get a long breath.

At two o'clock the sales began at the Capital City Warehouse of which Messrs. Cannady & Knott are proprietors. Here the same stirring and enthusiastic performance was gone through again. The tobacco sold yesterday was from six counties—Wake, Chatham, Durham, Granville, Franklin and Johnston.

Those selling at the Farmers' Warehouse were: F. Farrar, J. F. Lassiter, W. H. M. Yates, T. B. Segrove, R. C. Sears, Jno. H. Sears, A. P. Upchurch & Co., A. D. Upchurch, Taylor & Stone, A. J. Martin, R. D. Murray, J. S. P. Gross, A. J. Martin & Co., F. M. Luther, Robt. Johnson, O. T.

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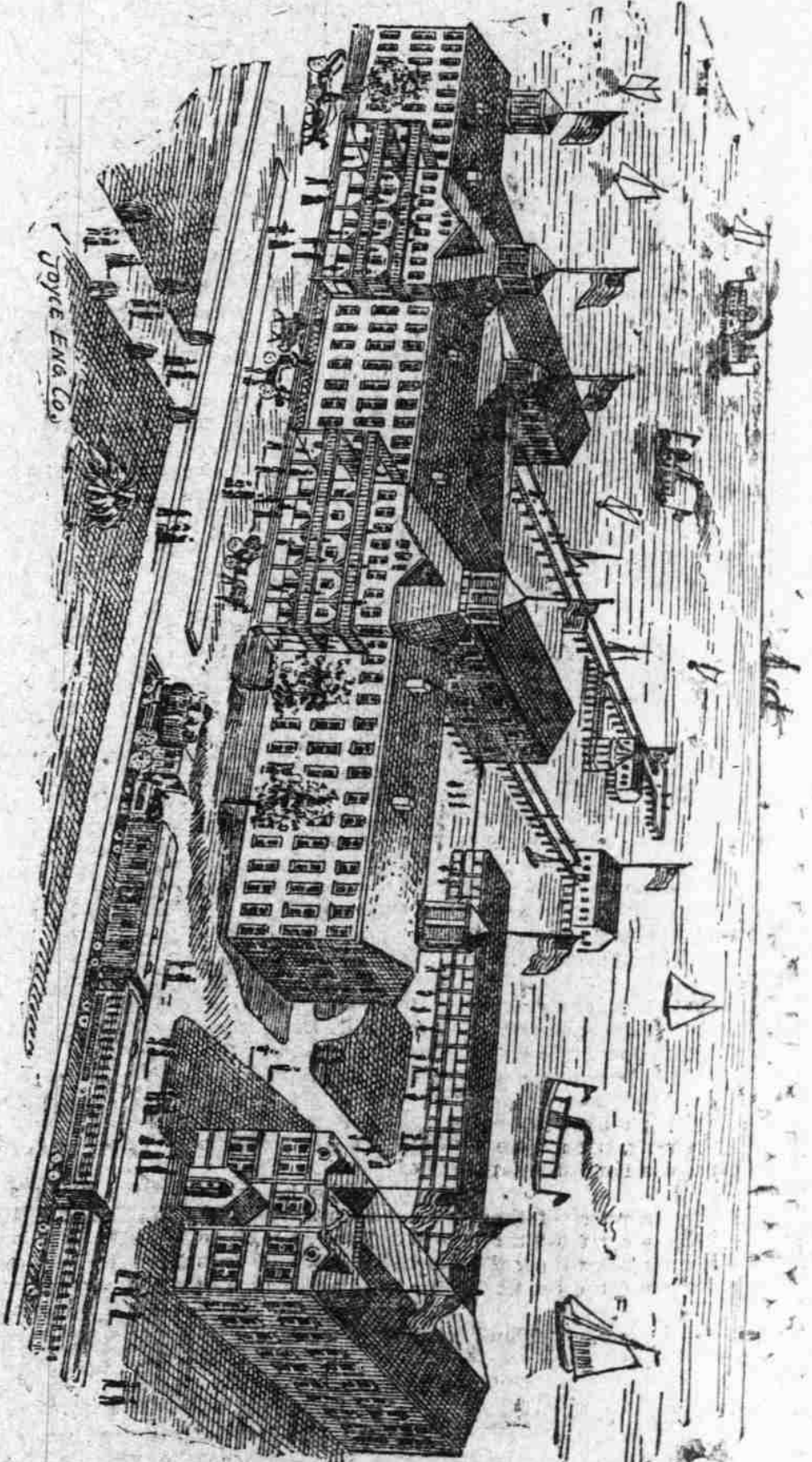
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