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Financial and Commercial.

TRADE WITH MEXICO.

Some Good Advice for Canadian Shippers to that Market.

(Montreal Witness.)

Canadian commercial agents, abroad are continually reminding our manufacturers of the fact that a great field of activity awaits them across the seas, and for the matter on the continent nearer home. Politically appointed commercial agents are not necessarily the best qualified to judge what is push and enterprise on the part of business men and what is rashness. But their reports are at all times of value as revealing opinions gleaned at the other end of the line. There is much useful advice in that of A. W. Donly, Canadian commercial agent in Mexico, "As for quality little comment is necessary," says the report, "but there is a great lack of care in making the packages look as attractive as possible. This is especially worthy of note in regard to canned goods, and, in fact, all food products. The same grade of goods, if packed in an attractive manner, will bring considerably more per case than if put up without due care being exercised, besides being in better demand." United States manufacturers have long ago recognized this, and have profited accordingly. Canadian shippers should study the necessities of this comparatively new field, with a view to a share of the $75,000,000 of imports which that country receives. Of this amount the United States supplies over one-half. Not a few shippers look upon Mexico as a barbarous country, and unworthy of serious attention, while others who would like to ship to that country are unwilling to pay commissions to local agents, and expect buyers to remit in advance for goods of which they have not even seen samples. Mr. Donly speaks of such precautions as apathy, and surmises that it may be due to too much prosperity in recent years. Some few concerns, are however, showing a genuine interest, and, once the transportation question is better regulated, their efforts will be rewarded with an increased and more profitable business. It is said that business failures are much less frequent in Mexico than in English speaking countries, and the fact that the mercantile house of Dun & Co. is thoroughly organized in the principal centres of the republic should give Canadian manufacturers encouragement to cultivate this trade. Mexican imports for the first four months of the fiscal year were nearly $25,000,000, out of which the United States sent just a fraction less than $13,000,000. Europe was responsible for $11,657,000, and Canada only supplied six thousand dollars' worth out of such a large total amount. Even then Canada's contribution was $4,000 more of the figures for the same date of the previous year. It will be seen that a great commercial field awaits the progressive Canadian exporter.

UNITED STATES TRADE.

The Balance of Trade For January Causes Some Uneasiness.

The United States trade statement for January has opened the eyes of the people of that country to the topsy-turvy trade conditions existing there, says the Montreal Witness. The balance of trade for January is causing some uneasiness, and not a little speculation as to the cause. The exports of merchandise for last month amounted to about $123,500,000, which is a decrease of nearly $20,000,000 on the figures for January, 1904. Not only have the exports decreased, but the imports of merchandise have increased to an amount considerably over $15,500,000. The 'balance of trade' is thus shown as follows: In January of this year there was an 'excess of exports over imports of $25,086,000, as contrasted with an average for the three previous years of double that amount, the two lowest during the last ten years being January, 1900, and January, 1896, the excess being $41,900,000 and $18,822,000 respectively. The seven months of this fiscal year imports were $30,000,000 larger than they were in the corresponding period last year, and about $100,000,000 larger than two years ago. There has been a tremendous falling off in the export of breadstuffs, owing partly to the reduction of wheat production, the amount exported for the past seven months being $52,000,000, against $104,000,000 a year ago, and $130,000,000 two years ago. The exports of cotton during the seven months of the fiscal year were valued at $257,000,000 against $375,000,000 in the corresponding period of the previous year showing a decrease of about $19,000,000. But probably the largest element in this changed balance is the rapid internal expansion that is going on. It is computed that the United States, that great country which was to feed and clothe the world, is swinging back in its 'balance of trade' to the tune of over a quarter of a billion dollars. We do not note, however, that this is any sign of general adversity. In fact, a sagging balance of trade is seldom concurrent with bad times.

LARGE TRANSACTIONS IN STOCKS.

The sales of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange last week totalled 6,660,400 shares. The following were some of the sales with comparisons:—

Sales.	Stocks.	High.	Low.	Close.
369,700	Amal Copper	77¼	73¼	76¼
161,900	Amer. Smelting	92	87¼	91¼
44,100	Amer. Sugar	145¼	143¼	144¼
65,500	Atch Topeka & Santa Fe	90¼	87¼	89¾
97,500	Bal. & Ohio	106¼	103¾	106¼
32,300	Canada Pacific	140	136¾	139¾
172,200	Chi. Mil & St. Paul	179¼	176	179
100,400	Col Fel & Iron	54	50¼	52¾
865,200	Erie	46¼	43¾	46
58,200	Louis & Nash.	140¼	137¼	140
143,700	Missouri Pac.	109¼	106¾	109¾
109,900	N. Y. Central	155¼	146¼	155¾
269,000	N.Y.Ont.& Wes	55¾	50¾	55¾
229,700	Penn. Railroad	141¼	139¼	131¼
875,000	Reading	96¼	93¾	95¾
138,600	Rep. I & S.	22¼	18	22
321,200	Southern Pac.	69¾	67¾	69½
141,500	Southern R. R.	36	34	36
329,200	Tenn C & I	97¼	80¼	93¼
80,100	Texas & Pac.	38¼	35¾	38
1,059,200	Union Pac	136	126¾	*136¾
464,000	U. S. Steel	34¾	31¾	34¼
176,900	U S Steel pfd.	95¼	94¼	94¼

*Ex dividend.

THE FLOUR SITUATION.

With reference to the flour situation a Minneapolis miller writes as follows: "In my twenty years' milling experience I have never seen a situation comparable to the present one. Every product of the mill, from patent flour down to feed, is a drug on the market and difficult of sale. This seems the more strange when the fact is considered that every grade of flour below patent (as well as feed) is being freely offered at prices actually below those ruling a year ago, when No. 1 northern wheat was selling in this market at about 90c per bushel, instead of $1.15 as at present. This means that the difference in the price of wheat of about 25c per bushel must be borne entirely by the patent flour, thus necessitating a mill to demand as high a price for this grade at the present time as if wheat was worth $1.25 per bushel, with first and second clears selling at their normal discount under patent of about $1 and $2 per barrel, respectively. Instead of $2.50 to $3.50 per barrel discount, as at the present time. With these lower grades almost unsalable even at prices actually less than a year ago, is it any wonder that the demand for patents is light at prices $1.50 per barrel higher than a year ago? Can we reasonably expect anything but a hand-to-mouth trade of the most meagre sort as long as these conditions last? Our mills is running less than half time, and I can see no hope for improvement until the price of the raw material in this country becomes adjusted to that ruling in the rest of the world."

THE COTTON MERGER.

Some Hot Talk by the Protesting Shareholders.

The shareholders protesting against the merger of the Dominion Cotton Company with other cotton companies into one big combine characterize the deal as "scandalous." Twenty-two shareholders of the Dominion Cotton Company met at the Windsor Hall, Montreal, on January 30, representing a large proportion of stock not transferred to the Royal Trust Company, and there they passed resolutions protesting against the policy pursued by those who formed the combine. They protested especially against being forced to accept fifty per cent of the value of our shares in the stock and bonds of an unknown corporation of dubious value and this in the face of a surplus of 29 per cent over and above the entire capital stock of the company at par, and they asked for a proper accounting of the company's assets. Alderman Clearihue and Messrs. George E. Amyot and F. B. Mathys were the committee appointed to bring these resolutions to the notice of the board of directors of the Dominion Cotton Mills Company. The directors, however, refused to accede to the demand for an appraisal of the company's assets. A second protest was thereupon forwarded by the committee in which the directors of the Dominion Cotton Company were accused of 'conspiring against the interests' of the shareholders of that company, that their doings alarmed the shareholders, and induced some to join your scheme; others, as ourselves, deny to you, directors, the right to depreciate the assets of our company, as you have done, and want to know which of your two statements is the correct one—the one produced at our annual meeting, giving to our stock a value of $129, or the one, under your signature, assigning a valuation of $50 as a 'reasonable one' in connection with the scandalous deal referred to. The latest phase of the matter is the determination of the protesting shareholders to petition the government to investigate the deal.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker, for St. John Times.

Feb, 28th.	Yesterday. Close.	Open.	Noon.
Amalg Copper	75¼	76¼	76¼
Anaconda	109	109	109¼
Am Sugar Rfrs	144¼	145	144¼
Am Smelt & Rfg	90¼	90¼	90¾
Am Car Foundry	35	35	35¼
Atchison	90	90	89¼
Atchison pfd	102¼	102¼	102¾
Am Locomotive	42¾	42¾	42¾
Brook Rpd Trst	64¼	64¼	66
Balt & Ohio	106¼	107¼	107¼
Chesa & Ohio	51¼	51	51
Canadian Pacific	141	140¼	140¼
Chicago & Alton	42		
Chi & G. West	23¼	23¼	23¼
Colo F. & Iron	52	51¼	51¼
Con. Gas	206	207	206¾
Colorado Southern	25¼		
Gen. Electric Co	186¼	186	187
Erie	46¼	46	46
Erie 1st pfd	80¼		80¼
Erie 2nd pfd	65¼		
Illinois Central	159¼	159	158¾
Kan & Texas pfd	66	66	66
Louis & Nashville	140	140¾	140¾
Manhattan	171¾	172	171¾
Met Street Ry	122¼	122	122¾
Mexican Central	24¾	24¾	24¼
Missouri Pacific	109	109¼	109
Nor & Western	83¾	83¾	84
N. Y. Central	155¾	156¼	155¾
North West	243	240	241
Ont & Western	54¾	54¾	54¾
Pacific Mail	47		
Peo. C. & Gas. Co	108¾	108¾	108¾
Reading	95¼	95¼	94¼
Pennsylvania	144	144¼	143¾
Rock Island	36	36¾	35¾
St. Paul	170¼	170¾	170¾
Southern Ry	35¾	35¼	35¾
Southern Ry pfd	98¾	98	98¾
Southern Pacific	73	72¾	73
Twin City	107¼	107¼	107¼
Tenn C. & Iron	92¼	91¾	93¾
Texas Pacific	37¾	37¾	37¾
U. S. Leather	13¾	12¾	12¾
Union Pacific	134¼	136¾	134¾
U. S. Rubber	42	41¼	41¾
U. S. Steel	35¼	35¼	35¾
U S. Steel pfd	95¼	95¾	95¾
Wabash	22¾	23	22¾
Wabash pfd	47¼	47	46¾
Western Union	93¼	93¼	93¾

Sales yesterday 2,000,600 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

May Corn	48¼	48¼	47¾
May Wheat	116¼	115¾	115¾
May Pork	12.60	12.65	12.67
July Corn	48¾	48¾	48¾
July Wheat	100¾	100¾	99¾

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom Coal	68	67¾	67¾
Dom Iron & Steel	20¼	20¼	20¾
Dom I. & S., pfd	71	69	70¾
Nova Scotia Steel	67¼	67¼	67
C. P. R.	140¾	140	140¼
Twin City	107¼	107¼	107¾
Montreal Power	83¼	83¼	83¾
Rich & Ont. Nav	68	68	68

COTTON QUOTATIONS.

March	718	721	714
May	729	729	724
July	728	733	725
October	742	737	736

WALL STREET.

New York, Feb. 28—London advances the prices of Americans, but the opening prices here did not follow that leadership throughout. The majority of stocks, however, were higher. Con. Gas. rose 2½, B. & O., 1¼, and Met St. Ry. a large fraction. There were transfers of 8,500 shares of S. P. at 72¼ and 72; compared with 72 last night. Minn. St. Paul and S. S. Marie lost 1. The market opened irregular.

SUGAR ADVANCING.

A telegram which was received this morning by one of the prominent wholesale merchants, says that raw sugar had again advanced 1-16. The sale of Cuba centrifugals, just having been made from March and April shipments at equal to .05¼, cost and freight New York.

A PUZZLING MARKET.

(New York Evening Post.)

Sentiment on the market appears to be very much mixed. Commission houses continue conservatively bullish, the majority of the leading houses are advising their customers to wait for a reaction before buying. Sentiment in professional circles is inclined to be bearish. Most traders appear to be of the opinion that prices are entirely too high, and that the most money will be made on the bear side of the market during the next month or so.

The startling advance of Union Pacific and other active railroad issues during the week, has attained a point where the conservative element in the exchange is seriously asking itself how long this progressive improvement will continue.

WANT TO JOIN MANITOBA.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 28.—(Special).—An agitation has begun here for recession of the districts of Thunder Bay and Rainy River from Ontario and their annexation to Manitoba. This is a result of the refusal to extend the Manitoba boundary westward.

SYDNEY EXPERIMENTS IN MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 28.—(Special)—The city of Sydney has decided to borrow $60,000 to build and equip an electric light plant.

Manifests for the following United States products were received at the custom house this morning, 37 cars cattle, four cars corn, four cars meal one car pork, for shipment to United Kingdom, by winter port steamers.

MAINE SARDINE PACK.

Bangor, Me., Feb. 25.—The twenty-eighth annual report of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries of the State of Maine has been issued and is of particular interest at this time as tending to correct errors and settle disputes as to the size of the pack of domestic sardines during the season of 1904.

The report makes the pack of 1904, 1,645,697 cases, against 1,181,370 cases in 1903, 1,179,168 cases in 1902, 1,396,902 cases in 1901 and 815,060 case in 1900. The commissioner's report gives details of last year's pack, as follows: Quarter-oils, 1,267,823 cases; ¼-oils, 6931 cases; ¼-mustards, 318,603 cases; ½-mustards, 45,517 cases; ½-spiced, 994 cases, ½-spiced, 2432 cases; ½-tomato, 105 cases, ½-mustards, 296 cases, and ½-tomato, 556 cases. The total pack of ½-oils, was 474,844 cases in excess of that of the preceding year, while that of ¼-mustards was 16,014 cases less.

POTATO REVENUE REDUCED.

Bangor, Me., Feb. 25.—In spite of the immense yield of excellent potatoes harvested in Aroostook county, last fall, it now seems certain that the farmers' revenue from the crop will be very much less than from that of 1903.

It was only because of a scarcity of seed potatoes that the acreage planted last spring was not largely increased. The cost of raising a barrel of potatoes in Aroostook county is variously estimated from 50 to 65 cents. Soon after harvesting, the farmers got $1 to $1.10 per barrel, but now they are obtaining 80 to 85 cents in Houlton, 75 to 80 cents in Presque Isle, Caribou and Fort Fairfield, and 65 to 70 cents in Fort Kent and Van Buren.

TO FIGHT STANDARD OIL.

Sioux City, Io., Feb. 25.—It is announced at Lincoln, Neb., which is western headquarters for the Burlington railroad system, and at present the most important centre for construction work on the entire system, that arrangements are being perfected rapidly for construction of an extension from Kansas City southward to the Gulf of Mexico. The explanation is that Hill and Morgan, alarmed at the growth of the power of the Standard Oil group of roads, are determined to entrench themselves for a fight, and consider that a line to the gulf is absolutely necessary to the Northern Securities system. James J. Hill has repeatedly admitted that he might build such a line.

IMPORTS

From London ex stmr Florence:
Brock & Paterson, 29 pkgs dry goods.
DeForest H. W., 57 chess tea.
London House, 7 cases dry goods.
Magee D. Sons., 2 cases hats.
Porter W. A., 15 chests tea.
Order P & Co., 27 pkgs tea.
For Moncton:
Order P. M. & Co., 1 case dry goods.

COTTON MARKET.

New York, Feb. 28—Cotton futures opened steady. March 7.21; May 7.29; July 7.33; Aug. 7.37; Sept. 7.38, Oct. 7.44; Dec. 7.51 bid.

Point Lepreaux, Feb. 28. — 9 af m. — Wind west, strong, cloudy. Therm. 22.

CAPE BRETON IRON CO.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 24.—N. V. Leech, of London, a director of the Cape Breton Iron & Railway Company, has arrived at Glace Bay with P. F. Thomas of London, who will be resident manager. Two miles of survey have been completed, from Broughton, where the company's mine is situated, toward Sydney on the proposed railway.

Three mining machines are now in use in the pit and more will be added in the spring. Work on a third slope will be in operation when the mine is in full running order. Horace Mayhew, the English coal baron, is president of this new company, which proposes to carry on large operations.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Feb. 24.—The following are the weekly bank clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending February 23, showing percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

New York	$1,529,295,249	Inc. 77.5
Chicago	162,254,290	Inc. 8.6
Boston	122,807,920	Inc. 19.8
Philadelphia	87,212,747	Dec 2.6
St. Louis	49,836,056	Inc. 7.4
Pittsburg	39,206,339	Inc. 27.1
San Francisco	25,602,008	Inc. 16.7

Dominion of Canada:—

Montreal	22,461,083	Inc. 33.1
Toronto	16,937,922	Inc. 48.0
Winnipeg	4,901,596	Dec 6.8
Ottawa	2,000,556	Inc. 10.6
Halifax	1,115,069	Dec. 35.0
Vancouver, B. C.	1,299,724	Inc. 9.1
Quebec	1,375,844	Inc. 10.6
Hamilton	1,221,954	Inc. 45.8
St. John, N. B.	815,795	Dec 9.4
London, Ont.,	701,205	Inc. 17.8
Victoria, B. C.	488,978	Dec. 25.8

GRAND TRUNK'S GROSS.

The Grand Trunk's gross earnings for the third week of February and for the year to date are as follows:—

	1905.	1904.	Inc.
Third week of Feb.	$452,239	$398,866	$53,379
Month	1,119,075	1,115,454	403,521
Year to date	22,961,980	22,141,428	320,252

THE C. P. R.'S GROSS.

The Canadian Pacific's gross earnings for the third week of February and for its fiscal years to date is as follows:

	1905.	1904.	Inc.
Third week Feb.	$732,000	$556,000	$176,000
Month of Feb	2,193,000	1,715,000	478,000
Year to date	33,346,000	30,330,087	3,212,935

E. B. EDDY CO.

According to report current in Ottawa, the extensive properties of the E. B. Eddy company will shortly pass into the hands of an American syndicate. Negotiations are said to have been progressing for some time, and are on the eve of consummation. Officers of the company were asked today respecting the report, and they would neither admit nor deny its truthfulness. The company gives employment to several thousand hands, and is the pricipal industry of Hull.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

1905. Sun. Rises. Sets. Tides. High. Low.

February.

27	Mon	7.09	6.05	5.58	12.00
28	Tues	7.07	6.06	7.02	0.57

March.

1	Wed.	7.05	6.08	8.06	8.06
2		7.03	6.10	9.07	9.07
3	Fri	7.02	6.11	10.02	10.02
4	Sat	7.00	6.13	10.51	10.51

Time used is Atlantic Standard for the 60th Meridan which is four hours slower than Greenwich Mean Time.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Feb. 28.

Stmr Calvin Austin, 2853, Pike, from Boston, via Eastport, W. G. Lee pass & mdse.

Coastwise:

Stmr Aurora, 162, Ingersoll, Campobello and cleared.

Cleared,

Coastwise:

Schr Florence, Boyne, Lepreaux, Satled.

Stmr Indrani, Gillies, for Liverpool, and Glasgow.

Brigt. Atlanta, Covert; Bermuda.

DOMINION PORTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 27.—Ard stmrs Parisian from St. John, N. B., Oruro, from do.

Sld stmr Senlac, McKinnon for St. John, N. B.

BARBADOS, Feb. 27.—Ard brig James Daly, from Havana, for Meteghan, N. S. in distress.

BRITISH PORTS.

GLASGOW, Feb. 25—Sld stmr Kastalia, for Halifax and St. John, N. B.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 27—Ard stmr Canopic from Boston for Mediterranean ports

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 27.—Ard stmr Moltke, from New York, on cuise.

FOREIGN PORTS.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Feb. 27 — Ard schr R D Spear, from Providence for St John.

Sld schrs Ruth E Merrill from Newport News for Portland, Martha P Small, from do for do.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Sld schr Peter C. Schultz for Norfolk.

GLOUCESTER, Mass. Feb. 27—Ard schrs Rewa, from New York for St. John N. B., Greta, from do for do.

CARTHAGENA, Feb. 21.—Ard schr Ethel from St Johns, N. F., via Leixoes.

WISCASSET, Me., Feb. 27—Sld schr D Clifford for Newark N. J.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 27—Sld sch R. D. Spear for St. John, N. B.

SAUNDERSTOWN, R. I., Feb. 27—Passed schr R D Spear from Province for St. John, N. B.

BOSTON, Feb. 27,—Sld stmr Catalone, for Louisburg, C. B., barktn John S. Emery from Bahia Blanca, schrs James W. Paul, jr, for Jacksonville, Edward R Cole, for coal port.

CHATHAM, Mass. Feb. 27—Sld schr. Myrtle Leaf for St John, N. B.

REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC.

LONDON, Feb. 26—A heavy gale prevailed off the British coasts Saturday and today, resulting in several casualties. A boat put off from Holyhead in response to signals of distress but was capsized and five of her crew were drowned.

A French keetch was wrecked off the Lizard and two members of her crew were drowned, the others swimming ashore.

The brig James Daly, bound from Havana for Meteghan N. S., put into Barbados yesterday in distress.

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.

Steamers.

Bavarian, 6714, from Liverpool, Feb. 23.
Concordia, 1617, Glasgow, Feb. 18.
Dunmore Head, 1459, Liverpool, Feb 18.
Emanuel, 1094 at Savannah, Feb. 1.
Ionian, 5337, fram Liverpool, March 2.
Kastalia, 2562, from Glasgow, Feb. 25.
Lake Erie, 4814, from Liverpool Feb. 21.
Lake Manitoba, 6274, at Liverpool, Feb. 22.
Lake Michigan, 5340, at London, Feb. 23
Manchester Trader, 2136, Liverpool, Feb. 16.
Melville, 2872, at New York, Feb. 21.
Montrose, 3968, at Antwerp, Feb. 22.
Parisian 3385, from Liverpool, March 1.
Pontac, 2072, Shields via Savannah, Feb 12.
St John City, 1412, at London, Feb 23.
Salacia, 2636, from Glasgow March 11.
Sellasia, 2263, New York via Mobille, Feb 19.
Sicilian, 3964, Moville via Halifax Feb. 17.
Tritonia, 2720, from Glasgow, March 4.
Tunisian 6802, from Liverpool March 9.

RECENT CHARTERS

Schooner Chas. A. Trickey, 267 tons, from Ramapo River, Va., to Boston, ties 16 cents.

Two steamers from Hopewell Cape to west coast of England, deals, 36s 3d.

Italian ship Marina Madre, 1554 tons, Bay of Fundy to west coast England, deals 37s 6d.

Schooner Lizzie Chadwick, 448 tons, Darien to New York lumber private terms

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TO BE LET FROM THE 1st DAY OF MAY next, upper flats of dwelling, 31 Golding street at present occupied by the widow of the late J. Edgar Golding. Also two flats of dwelling, 143 Elliott Row, and two flats of dwelling, 145 Elliott Row. A. C. FAIRWEATHER, Solicitor. 2-11 1m MWS

FLAT WEST END, LOWER CORNER of Tower and Watson, containing seven rooms. For particulars apply to J. B. M. BAXTER. 2-23 6i

TO LET—LOWER FLAT 165A LEINSTER STREET, suitable for small family only; containing seven rooms, besides bath, etc; heated throughout by hot water radiation; modern plumbing and sewerage, all in perfect order; immediate possession if required. Can be inspected on application or telephone 110 J. H. McAVITY. 2-22 tf.

TO LET—UPPER FLAT IN HOUSE 42 Carleton street, containing 9 rooms, and bath. Can be seen Tuesdays from 2 to 5. Enquire of T. A. SHORT, Union street livery stable. 2-21 tf.

LOWER FLAT TO LET; 7 ROOMS IN HOUSE, 80 Summer street; hot water heating. Can be seen on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons by applying to D. BRADLEY Jr., 82 Summer street. 2-18 tf.

TO LET—FROM 1st MAY NEXT, warehouse on Starr's wharf, near railway station. Size 80-30 feet. Rent $140.00 SAMUEL DUNLOP, Jr, 2-18 tf.

TO LET—THAT PLEASANTLY SITUATED, self contained brick house, 77 Orange street, occupied at present and for the past nine years by H. S. Bridges. Can be seen Thursday afternoons, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Apply to B. MOONEY & SONS, 112 Queen street. 2-17 tf

TO LET—A TWO STORY BUILDING for work shop or warehouse, rear 175 Princess street. Apply to H. L. & J. T. McGOWAN, Princess street. 2-11 tf.

TO LET—FLAT NO 25 COBURG ST., 7 rooms, choice location for doctor's office. Apply to J. H. Doody, 86 Prince William street. 2-11 tf.

TO LET—FIRST OF MAY NEXT, dwelling 118 Pitt street, occupied by Mr. Joshua Clawson. 11 rooms and bathroom, thorough repair; modern conveniences; eligible in every way. Monday and Thursday afternoons. Apply E. T. C. Knowles, 62 Princess street. 2-6 tf

TO LET—UPPER FLAT; CAN BE seen Monday and Saturdays. Apply at 275 Princess street, or house for sale. 2-4.

TO LET—FLAT IN PLEASANTLY situated house, corner Stanley and Winter streets, containing eight rooms and bathroom; hot and cold water. Apply R. R. Patchell, Stanley street. 2—4, tf.

TO LET—Brick house, occupied by subscriber, 195 Waterloo street; house is in perfect repair; fitted with modern conveniences. Can be seen Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. A. R. Campbell, 64 Germain St. 2-1 tf.

TO LET—From 1st May next, the four story and basement brick building, on the northwestern corner of Canterbury and Church streets, now in part occupied by the Times Printing Company; alleyway and rear entrance from Church street. The whole or portions of building will be let as required. Floor space in each storey about 2,050 feet; elevator; well lighted in every part; steam heated; electric wiring. Apply E. T. C. Knowles 62 Princess St. 2-1 tf.

BOARDING.

BOARDING — LANSDOWNE HOUSE; several good single and double rooms, now vacant. 2-22 tf

CRIMINAL NEGLECT

Caused the Death of Ten and Injury of Over Fifty.

New York, Feb 28:—A searching investigation was begun today by the county and borough authorities and the police of Brooklyn to ascertain the cause of the collapse of the floor of the Fleet Street African Methodist Episcopal Church of Zion last night when ten persons were killed and upwards of fifty were injured. Statements disagree on the point as to whether the supports of the floor of the church were so rotten as to convict someone of criminal neglect in permitting an assemblage of five hundred persons within the building. The authorities are making an effort to find out just what the condition of the floor was and to place the blame where it belongs.

Coroner Flaherty of Brooklyn began his investigation this morning, and soon after declared that the accident was due to gross negligence on the part of some one, and asserted that it is his intention to fix the blame for it on those guilty.

It was ascertained to-day that the cause of the accident was the breaking of a heavy beam supporting the floor and running lengthwise of the church near the south wall. Under the weight of the great number of people gathered above, it snapped squarely in two, midway between the front and rear of the church. With scant warning, affording no opportunity to escape, the people were dumped in the chasm in the floor amid the remnants of broken pews and splintered timbers.

Blodgett—"Reckon you didn't see your wife when you kissed the maid?"

Codger—"On the contrary; in fact, I think that's what drove me to it."

DEATHS.

KERR—Alice, wife of John Kerr, on the 24th inst., in the city after a lingering illness, aged 45 years, leaves a husband 4 sons and 3 daughters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral at 2.30 tomorrow, (Wednesday) afternoon, from her late residence, 74 Camden street. Service at the house at 11 a. m. and at St. Paul's Valley church at 3 p. m.

SMITH—In this city, on the 27th inst., of pneumonia, Elizabeth, wife of James Smith, and daughter of the late Jacob Weed, leaving two sisters and a husband to mourn their loss.

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