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TO-DAY'S MARKETS

MONTREAL STOCKS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.

	Ask	Off.
Canadian Pacific	113¼	113⅛
Duluth, common	11	10
Duluth, preferred	20	18
Commercial Cable, xd	173½	172
Cable Coupon Bonds	..	99
Cable Reg. Bonds	..	98
Montreal Telegraph	175	171
Richelieu and Ontario	110¼	110
Montreal Street Railway	268	267½
Montreal Street Ry., new	..	..
Toronto Street Railway, xd	116	115¼
Montreal Heat and Power Co.	97	95½
Bell Telephone Company	173	168½
Bank of Montreal	260	258
Ontario Bank	..	123½
Molsons Bank	210	209
Bank of Toronto	240	229
Merchants Bank	151	150
Royal Bank	180	..
Quebec Bank	..	..
Union Bank	117	..
Bank of Commerce	..	..
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	..
Northwest Land, preferred	72	66
Montreal Cotton Co	120	112
Canada Colored Cotton	60	52½
Dominion Cotton	48	46
Dominion Coal Com	49¼	49
Halifax Heat and Light Bds	40	29
War Eagle Mining Co	..	..
Payne Mining Company	28	25½
Republic Mining Co	..	..
North Star Mining Co.	29	26
Virtue Mining Co.	25	24½
Montreal and London Min. Co.	..	..
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	80	79
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	26	24
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	81	80½
Dominion Coal, preferred, xd	116½	115½

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 28.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

	Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	2p.m.
Anaconda	31¼	31¼	32	31¼	32
Amal. Copper	70¾	70⅛	72⅛	70⅛	71½
Atcheson	79¾	80	80½	80	80½
Atcheson Pfd	102	102	102½	102	102⅛
B. & O.	104¼	104¾	105⅝	104¼	105⅛
Brooklyn Tran	61½	65⅛	65⅝	65	65¼
Erie	41¾	41¾	41¾	41¼	41¾
K. & T. Pfd	52¾	52¾	53	52¾	52¾
L. & N.	106½	106¼	107	106¼	106⅞
Manhattan	137⅞	138	138	137	137⅞
Metropolitan St.	161½	162	..	..	..
Mo. P.	105¾	106¼	106⅞	106	106⅝
N. Y. Central	167	167¼	167⅞	167	167½
Norfolk and W.	57	57¼	57⅛	57	57⅜
N. Pacific, Pfd	..	..	..	..	..
Ont. and Western	34⅞	35	35	34⅝	34⅝
Pacific Mail	45¾	45¾	45¾	45½	45¾
Pennsylvania	149¾	149⅞	150	149¾	149⅝
People's Gas	102¾	102	103	102	103
R. I.	151½	..	..	..	..
Reading	31⅞	31⅞	32½	31⅞	31⅞
St. Paul	164¾	165¼	165⅜	164½	165⅜
Southern Ry. Pfd	93⅞	93¾	93⅞	93¾	93⅞
Southern Pacific	60⅞	61⅛	61⅛	60¾	61
Texas	39	39⅛	..	..	..
T. C. I.	63½	64	64¼	64	64¾
U. Pacific	103⅞	103⅞	103¾	103⅛	103¾
W. U.	91⅝	91½	91¾	91½	91¾
TRUSTS—					
Leather	31⅞	31½	31¾	31⅛	31¾
Sugar	115⅝	116	118¼	115⅞	117⅛
U.S. Steel Com	42¾	42⅞	43	42¾	43
U. S. Steel Pfd	93¼	93¾	93¾	92⅞	93¾
Rubber	..	..	..	..	..

TORONTO PRODUCE MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Wheat—Fair demand and market is firmer, with sales of red and white at 76c and 77c, middle freights; goose, 66½c to 67c for No. 2 east, middle freights; spring, 75c for No. 1 east; Manitoba, 89c for No. 1 hard, 85c for No. 1 northern, and 81c for No. 2 northern, all rail, via Sarnia, grinding in transit, December shipment, and 1c less via North Bay. Flour—Stronger; cars of 90 per cent patents, $2 90 bid in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice brands, 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba steady, at $4 20 for cars of Hungarian patents, and $3 90 for strong bakers in car lots, sacks included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $20 for cars of shorts and $18 for bran, middle freights. Barley—Steady, at 57c for No. 1, 55c for No. 2, 54c for No. 3 extra, and 51½c to 52c for No. 3, middle freights. Buckwheat—Steady, at 56c, middle freights. Rye—Firmer, 58c, middle quote 60c for Canada mixed and yellow, according to location west. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white sold today at 43½c, middle freights. Peas—Firm, at 84c to 85c, middle freights. Butter—Offerings liberal, low grade and medium dairies being in the majority; prices are steady, and the demand is good; creamery prints, 20c to 22c; solids, 20c to 21c; dairy pound rolls, 17c to 18c; large rolls, 16c to 17c; tubs, 16c; medium and low grades, 10c to 12½c. Eggs—Steady, at 25c for strictly new-laid in case lots, 18c to 20c for held fresh, 17c to 18c for No. 1 limed and 15c to 16c for No. 2 limed. Dressed hogs—cars here, $8 bid.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Flour—Receipts, 26,845 bbls; state and western steady; Minnesota patents, $3 90 to $4 15; winter straights, $3 50 to $3 65; Minnesota bakers, $2 95 to $3 35; winter extras, $2 90 to $3 20; winter low grades, $2 70 to $2 30. Rye flour—Steady; fair to good, $3 20 to $3 40; choice to fancy, $3 45 to $3 70. Wheat—Receipts, 63,650 bu; sales, 950,000 bu; option market had a firm opening on unexpectedly higher cables, but later yielded to outside selling pressure; Dec., 85¾c to 85⅝c; March, 82c; May, 86⅝c to 87½c; July, 86½c to 86⅞c. Rye—Dull; state, 70c to 71c, c.i.f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 75¼c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 1,000 bu; sales, 45,000 bu; option market ruled weak and a shade lower, influenced by cables; May, 70⅝c. Oats—Receipts, 66,000 bu; options dull, but barely steady. Beef—Quiet. Pork—Firm. Lard—Steady; prime western steam, $10 40. Sugar—Raw easy; fair refining, 3¼c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; molasses sugar, 2⅞c; refined steady; crushed, $5 25; powdered, $4 85; granulated, $4 75. Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 7 5-16c. Tallow—Firm; city hogsheads, 6c; country, 6c to 6¼c. Hay—Steady. Potatoes—Steady. Lead—Dull. Hides—Firm; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs, 14½c; Galveston dry, 21 to 25 lbs, 18c; California dry, 21 to 25 lbs, 19½c. Barley—Dull. Straw—Quiet. Beans—Steady. Wool—Dull. Hops—Quiet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Butter—Steady; receipts, 5,515 pkgs; creamery extras, per lb, 25c; do, firsts, 22c to 24c; do, seconds, 19c to 21c; do, thirds, 16c to 17c; creamery, June make, extras, 21c to 22c; do, held firsts, 19c to 20½c; do, seconds, 17c to 18½c; do, thirds, 15c to 16½c; state dairy tubs, fresh fancy, 22c to 23c; do, firsts, 19c to 21c; do, seconds, 17c to 18c; do, thirds, 15c to 16c; state dairy tins, etc., 15c to 22c; western imitation creamery, fancy, 18c to 18½c; do, firsts, 16c to 17c; do, lower grades, 14c to 15½c; western factory, fresh choice, 15c to 15½c; do, fair to prime, 14c to 14¾c; do, June packed, fancy, 15c to 15½c; do, held, fair to choice, 14c to 14¾c; do, lower grades, 13c to 13½c; rolls, fresh choice, 17c to 18c; do, common to prime, 14c to 16c; renovated butter, fancy, 19c; do, common to choice, 13c to 18c; packing stock, 13c to 14½c. Cheese—Quiet; receipts, 3,559 boxes; state full cream, small fall made, fancy, 11c to 11¼c; do, late made, average best, 10¼c to 10½c; do, good to prime, 9¾c to 10c; do, common to fair, 7c to 9¾c; do, large fall made, fancy, 10¼c to 10½c; do, late made, average best, 9½c to 9¾c; do, good to prime, 8¾c to 9¼c; do, common to fair, 7c to 9½c; light skims, small choice, 8½c to 9c; do, large choice, 7½c to 8c; part skims, prime, 7c to 7½c; do, fair to good, 7c to 7½c; full skims, 2c to 2½c. Eggs—Quiet and steady; receipts, 6,714 cases; Jersey, state and Pennsylvania, fancy selected, 31c to 33c; do, average prime, 29c; do, fair to good, 25c to 28c; western, loss off, 30c; do, at mark, 23c to 28c; southern, 23c to 27c; refrigerator, fall packed, 19c to 24c; do, early packed, 19c to 24c; do, early packed, 17c to 21c; limed, 17½c to 18c.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, 84½c; No. 2 northern, 82½c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 91c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 71¼c; No. 3 yellow, 71c; No. 2 corn, 71¼c; No. 3 corn, 69½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 51¾c; No. 3 white, 51c; No. 4 white, 50½c; No. 2 mixed, 49½c, on track.

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—Wheat—No. 1 white, 91¾c; No. 2 red, cash, 89¾c; Dec., 89¾c; Jan., 89¾c; May, 89¾c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 28.—Wheat—Cash, 89¼c; Dec., 89¼c; May, 89c. Corn—Dec., 67⅞c; May, 67⅝c. Oats—Dec., 47½c; May, 46⅞c.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported for The Advertiser by F. H. Butler, stock broker:

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	77¾	78	77⅝	77⅝
May	82⅜	82¾	81¾	81⅞
July	82	82	81⅛	81⅛
Corn—Dec.	63¾	63¾	63⅛	63⅛
May	66¾	66¾	66⅛	66⅛
July	66¾	66¾	65⅝	65⅝
Oats—Dec.	44	45⅛	44⅞	45
May	45¾	45⅝	44⅞	45
July	39⅝	39⅝	38¾	38¾
Pork—Jan.	16 75	..	..	..
May	17 30	17 30	17 20	17 25
Lard—Jan.	10 05	10 05	10 05	10 05
May	10 10	10 12	10 05	10 07
Ribs—Jan	8 50	8 55	8 50	8 55
	8 50	8 85	8 80	8 82

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 75; good demand and higher; 1,125-lb steers, $5 35; common to good cows, $3 50 to $4; veals, tops, $8 to $8 25; common to fair, light, $5 to $6 50. Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; opened higher but closed easy and slow; Yorkers, $6 05 to $6 10; light do, $5 80 to $5 95; mixed packers, $6 25 to $6 40; best heavy, $6 50 to $6 65; pigs, $5 40 to $5 50; roughs, $5 25 to $5 60; stags, $4 to $4 50. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5,500; fair general demand and higher; choice lambs, $5 90 to $6 10; good to choice, $5 60 to $5 75; culls to fair, $4 50 to $5 50; sheep, choice handy wethers, $4 to $4 15; common to extra mixed, $3 to $3 75; culls and common, $1 75 to $3; heavy export ewes and wethers, $3 75 to $4; yearlings, $4 to $4 25.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Cattle are quoted unchanged, at 12½c to 13½c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef firm, at 10½c to 10¾c per lb.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—Oil closed at $1 15.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 27.—Credit balances, $1 15; certificates, no bid.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Oil opened at $1 15.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

LONDON OPERA HOUSE.

On Monday evening next, Prof. Theo. Pull, the king of hypnotists, and his vaudeville company, will open a week's engagement at the London Opera House. Prof. Pull performs some marvelous feats of mind reading and hypnotism, while the assisting vaudeville artists are all clever people. At noon Tuesday Prof. Pull will give his thrilling and wonderful blindfolded drive through the streets.

FISTIC.

FITZ MAY CHANGE HIS MIND.

New York, Dec. 28.—According to the World there is an excellent prospect that Robert Fitzsimmons will once more reconsider his determination to retire from the pugilistic ring, and will make a match with James Jefferies when the champion comes to New York tomorrow (Sunday).

ONE-ARMED PUGILISTS.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 28.—Within a hastily-constructed ring, lighted with kerosene torches, and fringed with trees, George Bossert and Charley Owens, both of Urbana, fought Thursday night for the one-armed championship of the State of Illinois. Despite the handicap of the fighters, the battle was exciting, and Bossert achieved victory over his opponent only after almost superhuman efforts. It took three rounds to decide what is considered one of the most novel bouts ever held in the United States.

WRESTLING.

ENGLISHMAN WON.

Hamilton, Dec. 28.—Jim Parr, the English champion wrestler, made his first appearance in Hamilton at the Star Theater on Thursday night. Parr, who had been announced to meet all comers, met Lew Whistler, a California wrestler, in a specially arranged match, agreeing to throw the westerner twice in 30 minutes. It was a one-sided match, but served well enough to show the Englishman's strength, skill and eligibility as a champion wrestler. Whistler, while young and strong, appeared like a novice in the hands of the Britisher, and went to the mat in 8½ and 6 minutes, respectively, both falls being gained by a half-Nelson.

NOTES OF SPORT.

Indoor baseball is becoming the real thing in Hamilton nowadays, and it rarely happens that a day goes by at this season that does not witness one or more games.

There are big doings in the Hamilton Hockey Club. Last night Secretary Ben Yorick was requested to hand in his resignation, the trouble being that the secretary has developed a fondness for ignoring the mandates of the executive. It is understood that two other members of the club are under the ban, and will be dealt with in the near future. President Carr is taking a firm stand in the matters which have threatened the club's prosperity, and is certainly to be commended for his good work.

McLeod, the Scotch wrestler, has commenced training for his match with Otto Hermannetti, otherwise known as Ronaldo, the strong man, which is to be decided in Hamilton on the night of Friday, Jan. 10. The articles call for a Graeco-Roman match, two falls in three to a finish, for a side bet of $250 and a percentage of the gate receipts, all to go to the winner. The "strangle" hold will be barred, and the referee is to be mutually agreed upon. As Hermannetti outweighs the sturdy Scot by nearly 70 pounds, McLeod appreciates the fact that he is up against a tough proposition, and will take no chances in the matter of condition.

BIG BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 28.—The battleship Missouri was successfully launched at 11:12 a.m. today. Hon. John D. Long made a speech on the occasion, ably defending the policy of the government in increasing the navy.

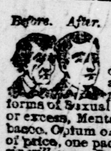
It is understood that Mr. F. Springer, of Elora, warden of Wellington county, will receive the appointment of bursar at the Ontario Agricultural College, the position recently rendered vacant by the death of Mr. A. McCallum.

A syndicate of Canadian capitalists has been formed to operate a line of steamers between Thessalon and Sault Ste. Marie.

SENATOR DEPEW'S WEDDING.

The wedding was quite unostentatious, and more like a family gathering than the marriage of a world-famed public man.

Mrs. Jenkyns—I see Mrs. Hoetong is going to have "King Lear" at her next private theatricals. Mrs. Newrich (furious with envy)—Is she? The affected thing. Do you know, I don't believe he's a real king at all.—Tit-Bits.



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WEATHER BULLETIN

London, Dec. 28.—8 a.m.

STATIONS—	Temperature. 8 a.m.	Min.	WEATHER.
Calgary	42	34	Cloudy
Winnipeg	12	12	Cloudy
Parry Sound	28	18	Cloudy
Toronto	34	34	Fair
Ottawa	26	26	Cloudy
Montreal	26	26	Fair
Quebec	26	24	Cloudy
Father Point	18	10	Cloudy

FORECASTS.

Today—Easterly and southeasterly winds; fair; rain late tonight.

Sunday—Gales, with occasional rain or sleet, turning a little colder by night.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is now fair and mild in Quebec and Ontario, but the general outlook is stormy. No low temperatures are reported this morning from any part of the Dominion.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—Stratford Beacon: Miss Allwilda Suhr, of London, is visiting Miss Della Younge, Well street.

—Miss Isobel Macbeth, of Sydenham street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Complin, Peterboro.

—St. Thomas Times: Miss Annie Down, London, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Down, 110 Erie street west.

—Mr. E. C. Complin, of Peterboro, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Complin, Albert street.

—Miss Minnie Walker, of the staff of Sarnia Hospital, spent Christmas at the home of her father, Thos. Walker, 740 Dundas street.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. G. McGuffin, of Carlton Center, Mich., are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in London and vicinity.

—Stratford Evening Herald: Mrs. Heritage and Miss Heritage have been the guests of Mr. J. Scarth, Nile street. Miss Scarth returned to London with them.

—Mrs. Thos. H. Smallman was the hostess at the coming-out party of her only daughter, Miss Eleanor Smallman, at the Tecumseh House last evening.

—R. W. Angus, B.A.S.C., lecturer in mechanical engineering at Toronto University, with Mrs. Angus, is spending the holiday season with his parents at 514 William street.

—Stratford Herald: Miss Annie McKelvey is visiting her parents on Galt street, having just completed a three years' term as teacher in Lobo. Before leaving, the people of the section presented her with a beautiful gold watch chain and bracelet. Miss McKelvey will attend the Normal School, London, during the coming session.

—The Children's Aid Society desires to gratefully acknowledge the following further Christmas donations: Mr. Joseph Johnson, $1; grade 6 of Talbot street school, $1; St. George's Society, 100 pounds of beef, 26 loaves of bread, 11 bags of flour, and a quantity of tea; Baker's Auxiliary of W. M. S. of the Littlewood Methodist Church, clothing, etc.

—Wallaceburg News: Mr. A. Jackson is spending his holidays at his home in London. Miss Aggie Anderson is home from Normal College, London, and is engaged to teach in the Courtright public school for the coming year. Miss Ada Lundy has returned home from Normal School, London, for her Christmas holidays. Miss Lundy has accepted the position as senior teacher at Wilkesport for the coming term.

—Of Miss Dorothy Taylor's recent appearance at a concert given in the Waldorf-Astoria, the New York Musical Courier says: Miss Dorothy Taylor has a beautiful voice, sings with superior musical taste, and warmth of expression, and did Smith's "The Quest," with real artistic fervor. Her singing was well-nigh perfect, her low A and enunciation admirable in every respect. Miss Taylor has been extremely busy since her return from Canada, and is meeting with immense success.

—The following anthems and solos will be sung in the Askin Street Methodist Church, tomorrow: Anthem, "The Strains of Joy and Praise Upraise" (Sullivan); solo, Miss G. Mills, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel" (Buck); "Grand Te Deum," W. Philp; "The Song of Victory," solo and chorus; "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing;" carol, "Hark, Hear the Angels Sing;" solo and chorus, "The Great White Throne;" "O Zion, that Bringest Good Tidings," (Stainer). W. Philp, organist and choir master.

—The Drayton Advocate has the following account of an entertainment given in the town hall on Christmas night by Miss Jessica Hambly, director of the elocution department in the Conservatory of Music, London. "Miss Hambly proved a happy surprise; in the field of elocution she has few equals and vastly few superiors. She has no stage whims, but presents her selections in a most natural, forceful and pleasing manner, and completely captivates her hearers."

PRESENTED WITH A LOCKET.

Mr. H. P. Sharpe, London agent of the Dominion Express Company, was last night presented with a solid gold locket by the local employes of the company. Mr. W. Aitcheson, the cashier, made the presentation.

LONDON COUNCIL R. A. OFFICERS

At the last meeting of London Council, No. 233, Royal Arcanum, held in Duffield block, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Regent, Alfred Wilkins; vice-regent, Wm. Mayo; orator, R. A. Little; past regent, J. A. Cottam; secretary, Geo. F. Wardle; collector, A. B. Munson; chaplain, Jas Davis; guide, George S. Anundson; warden, Alex. Scott; sentry, F. Stoneman; organist, W. D. Taylor; trustees, W. H. Bartram, R. Dart and John H. Adams; representative to grand council, J. A. Cottam, P.R.; alternate, T. G. Davis.

POLICE COURT.

At this morning's police court John Clarke, charged with fraud, was bailed to appear on Jan. 11. A settlement of the case is probable. Tim Sullivan and his brother, Tom, were charged with being drunk and disorderly. The former was fined $10 or twenty days, and the latter let go on suspended sentence.

A CASE FOR CHARITY.

The Advertiser has received a communication from Mr. George Slade, of 351 South street, calling attention to the pitiable plight of an aged man, who resides alone in a cottage on the flats at the end of Regent street north, and who at one time lived at the corner of Hill and Waterloo streets. When Mr. Slade discovered the old man he was in the act of crawling into bed to keep warm. He was without fuel to kindle a fire, and told his visitor that for two weeks he had been living on dry bread, with only two meals a day of that. Mr. Slade will be happy to give fuller information to any charitable persons making application to him.

WALKER—RIDDELL.

A very pleasant event took place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, at the home of Mrs. Riddell, 394 South street, when her daughter Frances was united in marriage to Mr. Elliot Walker, of Westminster, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Moffatt, of Chalmers Church. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss May, and the groom was supported by his brother, James Walker, while Miss Essie McLeod made a charming little flower girl. The gifts received were numerous and costly. After the wedding the company partook of a dainty repast.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ARVA.

The pupils and parents of school section No. 14, Arva, held a very pleasant concert at the schoolhouse the other day. Both financially and as a pleasing entertainment, the affair was a success. The programme was furnished by the pupils, and everyone present—the house being crowded—was thoroughly satisfied. Miss Grace Shephard, the teacher, had an elegant gold brooch presented her. Miss Shephard has held the position for three years, and the esteem in which she is held by the pupils was clearly demonstrated. Miss Lizzie Stephens read the address and the presentation was made by Miss Emma Smith. A huge Christmas tree was also a part of the event, as was a treat, which all sat down to after the programme.

G. T. R. CHANGES PROBABLE.

The Toronto Globe's Montreal special dispatch says: "The return of Mr. Hays to the management of the G. T. R. is likely to lead to some important changes, or rather rearrangements, in the officials of that and affiliated lines. According to rumors in railway circles, Mr. R. S. Logan, who is now second vice-president and general manager of the Central Vermont Railway, will return to Montreal as assistant to Mr. Hays, the position he held before when Mr. Hays was general manager. Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh, who went to the Southern Pacific with Mr. Hays, will return to the Central Vermont as second vice-president and general manager, and Mr. J. E. Dalrymple, who acted as assistant to Mr. Reeve, the retiring general manager, will accompany Mr. Fitzhugh as secretary."

HIGH CONSTABLE AFTER HORSE THIEF.

Missing Animal Was Stolen From Albert Needham, London Township.

High Constable E. McLoud is on the lookout for a bay horse and a set of harness stolen last night from Albert Needham, lot 19, con. 8, London township. The horse is described as 15 hands high, with white stripe on nostrils and white hind legs. Suspicion rests upon a dark complexioned, lame man, seen in the vicinity during the day.

ARRANGING FOR THE NEW BRIDGES

County Council Committees Convene and Confer.

The question of new bridges is occupying considerable of the attention of the county councilors of Middlesex, Elgin and Oxford counties these days.

Yesterday the board of road directors of Middlesex county met the improvement committee of Elgin county and decided upon the site for the new bridge at Muncey. The site selected is immediately adjoining the Canada Southern Railway bridge, and is a most convenient one. County Councilor Talbot, of Middlesex county, and Engineer Bell, of Elgin county, were in the party.

The local county council committee will meet that of Oxford county on January 2, to consider the erection of two small bridges, one between East and West Nissouri townships, and the other between Dereham and Dorchester townships.

Councilor Graham and Commissioner Talbot, of this county, go on Tuesday next to decide upon the advisability of shortening a bridge on the town line between Ekfrid and Mosa.

As soon as the township councils of Mosa, Dunwich and Aldboro townships pass bylaws opening up roads leading to the proposed site, preparations will be made for building the new bridge at the low-water site south of Strathburn.

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The death is announced of Edward Hart, the only surviving member of the wholesale fruit firm of O. & E. Hart, Montreal.

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THE DISASTER AT ZEEFONTEIN

Six British Officers and Fifty Men Killed.

Eight Officers Wounded and Four Missing—Number of Wounded Men Not Given

London, Dec. 28.—The war office this afternoon issued a list of the British casualties at Zeefontein, Dec. 24, when Col. Firman's camp, consisting of three companies of Yeomanry and two guns, was successfully rushed by a Boer force under the command of Gen. Dewet.

The length of the list demonstrates the entire success of Dewet's attack, and there are indications that the engagement will prove a memorable disaster to the British.

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eight officers were wounded and four are missing. It is presumed that the missing officers were taken along with the captured guns.

The numbers of the non-commissioned officers and men wounded and missing have not yet been received.

Simultaneously with the above, the war office gave out a dispatch from Lord Kitchener chronicling a minor success of the South African Constabulary, who made a raid on Bothaville and captured 36 Boers.

TO BE HANGED

Stanislaus Lacroix To Be Executed on the 21st of March—His Terrible Crime.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—Stanislas Lacroix, found guilty of the murder of his wife and an old man named Thomas, was today sentenced by Judge Curran in Hull to be hanged on March 21.

After sentence was passed Lacroix said he would commit suicide before he would be hanged.

THE CRIME.

The crime for which Lacroix is to bear the heaviest penalty of the law was committed on Aug. 24, 1900, at Montebello. About a year previous Lacroix and his wife had a disagreement and separated. On Aug. 23, 1900, Lacroix, who had been drinking heavily, purchased a revolver, and on the following day he called at a neighbor's house, where his wife was staying, and shot her dead, and also Thomas, who was in the house. He then barricaded himself in his house and for several hours defied arrest.

FIFTEEN MORE

New Cases of Smallpox Reported in Kent County and Other Localities.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Fifteen new smallpox cases in four centers, three of which are new, were reported to Dr. Bryce today.

In Raleigh township, Kent county, eight new cases are reported in two families, presumably traceable to Dover township.

Five more cases are reported from a lumber camp near Massey station, Algoma.

Single cases are reported in Usborne township, Huron county, and at Buckingham camp at Whitney.

KNIGHT---REASON

Pretty Christmas Wedding in the Memorial Church.

Mr. John H. Knight, of Ilderton, Ont., was united in marriage on Christmas afternoon to Miss Martha Jane (Queenie) Reason, youngest daughter of Mrs. C. Reason, of 632 Elias street, London. The ceremony was performed in the Memorial Church by the rector, Rev. C. C. Owen, B.A., and was witnessed only by the relatives and immediate friends of the young couple. As the party entered the church the Wedding March was played by Mr. Vivian Reeve. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. H. T. Reason. Miss Louisa Reason, sister of the bride, and Miss Victoria Johnston, niece of the bride, were bridesmaids, and Mr. Ernest Coleman, of Ilderton, supported the groom. After the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the residence of the bride's mother, where breakfast was served. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Knight left on a trip east.

Among the presents received by the bride were a pair of beautiful easy chairs from the firm and employes of the London Box and Lumber Company, for whom she had been stenographer for some years.

The groom is a member of the firm of Knight & Ironsides, of Ilderton, Ont.

UNDER CHARGE OF GENERAL O'GRADY-HALY.

[Special to Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—The war office has approved of the Second Battalion, Mounted Rifles, being under the charge of Major-General O'Grady-Haly until they embark, which means that he will not leave Canada at the end of December, his time being up on the 31st inst.

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Wishing you and yours a Prosperous and Happy New Year,

We are yours faithfully,

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NO SMALLPOX ON WALPOLE ISLAND!

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 28.—The report, having again gained currency that there is smallpox among the Indians at Walpole Island, Dr. Johnston, M. P., communicated with Dr. Hay, of Wallaceburg, the medical officer in charge of the Indians on the island, this morning, and was informed by him that the report was absolutely untrue. Dr. Hay said he had visited the island no later than yesterday and no smallpox existed there.

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