

## TRADE IN LONDON FOUND STEADY

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## BRADSTREET'S REPORT

The Commercial Situation in Various Centres of the Dominion.

London reports to Bradstreet's say that trade is steady in character. Spring business is opening out, and it promises to be of excellent volume. Labor is generally well employed, and factories are busy. Cigar makers report excellent business. Country trade is generally good.

### MONTREAL REPORT.

Montreal reports to Bradstreet's say spring business seems to be opening out very satisfactorily indeed, considering the lateness of the season. Spring goods are moving well at retail, and there is every indication the volume of business will be well up to expectations. All lines of drygoods houses are busy. The bulk of the shipments have gone out, but there is still a brisk business being done. All reports speak very favorably indeed of the amount of business done at the millinery openings. In staple drygoods, household furnishings, etc., an excellent trade is reported. Grocers report business moderately active. The hardware trade is good for this time of the year. Business in metals is fair. Good orders are reported for iron. Local factories are busy in all lines. Shipments of footwear are going forward, and factories are busy. Country trade is generally good. Receipts of produce are larger since roads have been opened up in all directions. Prices for some lines are easier. Collections are generally fair.

### Active at Toronto.

Toronto reports to Bradstreet's say all lines of trade continue actively engaged. Wholesalers are still shipping some spring lines, although the bulk of the deliveries have gone forward. Prospects for a heavy season's business continue most satisfactory. There has been little change in the situation as far as drygoods are concerned. Retail business is quite brisk. The millinery openings were largely attended. A great variety of lines were shown and an excellent business resulted. A steady trade is noted for staple groceries. Values are generally unchanged. Building material is commencing to move well, and country trade is offering fairly freely at about steady prices. Grain is quiet. Dairy produce continues firm. Collections are about as last reported.

Winnipeg reports say late shipments of spring goods are being rushed forward, and general business is reported to show a large improvement upon that of this time a month ago. Retail trade is fair in most parts of the country, and it promises to be heavy when once spring weather sets in. Those wholesalers who have given attention to fall trade state prospects seem altogether good. Hardware men are busy. General spring lines are being shipped out briskly, and a steady flow of orders is reported. It is evident a great amount of building will go on through the season in all parts of the country, and the demand for materials will be heavy.

Vancouver and Victoria reports say there is considerable activity in both city and provincial trade, and the volume of general business seems to be steadily increasing. Spring shipments of drygoods and other lines are coming forward, and retail trade is already well under way. The opening up of industries in the interior is having considerable effect upon local conditions. There is a good demand for supplies, and labor is also in excellent request. It is evident the year will see much building throughout the province, and the demand for supplies has already set in.

Hamilton reports say general business there is steady. Spring lines at retail are moving more freely, although warmer weather has not yet created a general demand. All local industries are busy, and in most lines there have been plenty of orders to keep them so for several months. Trade in the surrounding district is fair. Deliveries of produce continue good. Collections are generally satisfactory.

Ottawa reports say business has improved somewhat during the week. Country roads are now well opened, and retail trade is moving more briskly. Manufacturers seem well pleased with the amount of business moving. Trade in the district is fair to good. It is the opinion of the wholesale trade that retailers are not heavily stocked for spring, and the sorting trade will be good.

Quebec reports to Bradstreet's say fine weather has had a beneficial effect on trade. The latter is reported of a steady volume, especially amongst the drygoods. Activity is noticeable in hardware circles which is usual at the season. Wholesale grocers and provision dealers report a good demand, and, with the exception of eggs, prices are unchanged. In the city retailers report nothing unusual.

## THE BUTCHERS WILL ENTER A PROTEST

Will Object to Tearing Down of the Covent Garden Building.

There will be a debate in the council on Monday night on Ald. Murphy's motion to tear down all the buildings on the market square.

From a canvass of the aldermen, it is certain that the fish market will be closed, the board of health has declared that it must go, and No. 3 committee have agreed to that. There will be enough of the other members of the council to pass it.

## SOME GOOD WORK OF COUNTY CONSTABLES

Story of How "Jack" Roberts Was Caught at Glencoe.

A little Sherlock Holmes' work on the part of High Constable J. A. Hughes and his men, brought about the arrest last week of Jack Roberts, a young man who left Port Huron suddenly a month or so ago, when a warrant was issued, charging him with housebreaking and theft in that city. He was located working on the farm of Joseph Hain, of Glencoe Township, and while he attempted to elude the officers he was taken into custody without serious difficulty.

A week or so ago, the chief of police of Port Huron, through Sarnia officers, sent out pictures, with a description of the man wanted. He was described as 23 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, and weighing 150 pounds. The high constable learned that a man answering this description was at Mr. Hain's place, and the Port Huron men were accordingly notified. Without looking out pictures, the constable and his men passed two young fellows on a load of straw, but did not notice until a short time afterward that one of them resembled Roberts. The fugitive, however, was on the lookout, and could not be found when the Blain farm was reached. The family also denied knowledge of his presence. It is claimed, however, that after turning over a quantity of straw, found Roberts under the pile.

He waived extradition, and returned to the American border without further difficulty. The details of the offences charged against him could not be definitely learned, but he is accused of housebreaking and theft.

## LOCAL BAKERS WANT THE LOAF ABOLISHED

Twelve-Ounce Outfit Has Not Been a Success, They Say.

Local bakers are strongly in favor of a proposal to abolish the twelve-ounce loaf entirely. They do not, however, want a twenty-ounce loaf particularly, but would rather favor one of sixteen ounces.

"The twelve-ounce loaf, which we have been compelled to make under the provisions of the Nickle bread bill," said one baker to The Advertiser, "is a satisfactory proposition we ever had anything to do with, both from the standpoint of the baker and the public. We sell only comparatively few of them, and there has been endless trouble over them. We would far rather make the sixteen-ounce loaf, and if that is made a standard it will, I am sure, give every satisfaction."

## OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

New York, March 17.—Arrived: Laconia, from Flume; Lapland, Antwerp; Espagne, Havre.

Philadelphia—Arrived: Mongolian, Glasgow.

Moscow—Called: Caledonia, New York. Southampton—Arrived: Oceanic, New York.

Boston—Arrived: Boston, from Yarmouth, N. S.

## RUSSIAN DISASTER.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—Forty-five miners were killed as the result of an explosion in the Italanka coal mine today.

## THE MINERS' OFFICIALS ISSUE A STATEMENT

Claim They Were Not Given an Opportunity to Prove Their Case.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, March 17.—Parliamentary to leaving the city tonight, the miners' officials issued a long statement Saturday afternoon reviewing in detail the action of the Portville, Pa., convention on Nov. 3, 1911, authorizing them to present the demands to the operators. They also reviewed the negotiations with the operators and expressed their disappointment at the outcome.

"The committees representing the anthracite mine workers were not only willing and ready, but intensely anxious to support by arguments and facts each separate section contained in the general proposal," the statement read, "but were prevented from doing so because the oral and written answer of the mine owners denied them the opportunity. Is the award of the anthracite strike commission, made ten years ago, always to remain fixed and permanent?"

"We are leaving New York," the statement says in conclusion, "disappointed in that we did not get an opportunity to present our reasons and facts in support of our proposals. We repeat that we are and have been ready to do so. The anthracite mine workers ought to be heard."

## A MUSIC COMPETITION

Feature of the Normal School Literary Society Meeting.

At the last meeting of the London Normal School Literary Society the programme consisted of instrumentals by Misses Bennett and Davidson; readings by Misses Baker and Girardot; the school journal by Miss N. Bottomley and piano and vocal solos by Mr. Mitchell.

The feature of the afternoon was a music competition, which was keenly contested by representatives from each form. Miss Bennett represented the Metcalfe, Miss Abbott Form II, Miss Hyndman Form III, and Mr. Black Form IV. Mr. Mitchell, the judge, gave his decision in favor of Miss Bennett, although Mr. Black was a close second. The prize, a handsome brooch set with pearls, donated by Mr. Percy, music instructor at the school, was presented to Miss Bennett by Mr. Radcliffe, who expressed his hearty appreciation of the work being done by Mr. Percy. A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Chapman, the president, and the other officers who have been untiring in their efforts to make the society a success. The meeting closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

## TORONTO COUPLE'S ESCAPE

J. W. Bengough and Wife in California Hotel Fire.

Los Angeles, March 17.—Mr. J. W. Bengough, of Toronto, and his wife, had a narrow escape when the Mountain View Hotel, where they were guests, was destroyed by fire. That they escaped with their lives was due to the heroics of Mrs. Benjamin Fow, for who conducted the hotel. She gave the alarm, and the guests fought their way through the dense smoke in the corridors to the open air.

## MARCHING ON PEKIN

General Sheng Refuses to Listen to Appeals of President.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 16.—Gen. Sheng-Yun, with his army of ten thousand troops from the Province of Kan-Su, who was reported a few days ago to be marching on Peking after defeating a republican army, continues his advance on the capital in spite of the appeals of President Yuan-Shi-Kai, according to a news dispatch received here from Tien Tsin.

A telegram from Mukden says that Gen. Chang Tsao Lin is expected to march on Peking at any moment with an army from Manchuria, to co-operate with Gen. Chang-Yun.

The gravest apprehensions are felt in Peking.

## WAR COMES HIGH

Campaign in Italy Has Cost Forty Millions to Date.

Rome, March 17.—The bill introduced in the chamber authorizing the extraordinary expenditure made on behalf of the expedition to Tripoli deals with a total sum of a little over \$40,000,000. Of this nearly \$20,000,000 goes to defray the cost of the expeditionary corps from the end of last September to the end of the month of February, five months in all, and includes the transport of troops and stores of every kind from food and clothing to aeroplanes, and the actual maintenance of the troops in Tripoli. The value of material of all kinds which was removed to Tripoli, has had to be replaced in Italy is estimated at \$3,000,000. The increased naval expenditure involved by the expedition is estimated at \$6,000,000. Another sum of \$4,000,000 will be necessary to complete the restoration of material removed to the seat of war. And, finally, \$3,000,000 is already engaged for the purchase of animals, mules, camels and other accessories necessary for the formation of the new colonial corps. The total sum of \$40,000,000 will be provided for by the treasury balance, 1911, of \$11,400,000; by the balance expected on the budget of 1911-12; and the remainder will be distributed in six equal portions over the budget from 1912 to 1918.

## A PEACE PARADE.

Laredo, Texas, March 15.—Two thousand supporters of the "peace commission" movement in Mexico participated in a parade through the

## WEEKLY HIGH COURT

Several Cases Before Justice R. M. Meredith Saturday.

Mr. Justice R. M. Meredith, of the court of appeal, presided at the session of the weekly high court Saturday, disposing of half a dozen unimportant motions.

An application was made by Mr. C. H. Ivey in the case of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, of New York State, vs. the Brockville and Westport Railway Company, for payment of the certain money paid in to the credit of bonds, the holders of which, now residents of New York State, were previously unknown. The money was payable to the bondholders under a sale made by the railway company. The court directed that further affidavits be produced showing how the applicants came into possession of the bonds, and in the meantime the application stands for a week.

In the matter of the estate of Mary McLean, deceased, an application was made to confirm the report of the master, declaring who are the parties entitled to the estate. The court directed that consent be filed by each of the beneficiaries, or that notice of this application be given within a week. The motion will stand until next week.

Mr. Meredith presided at the session of the court of appeal, presided at the session of the weekly high court Saturday, disposing of half a dozen unimportant motions.

In Scott vs. Thompson, an order was made for the payment out of court of money for the support of an infant. The accountant at Osgoode Hall considered that the report under which the money was paid in did not sufficiently show who are the parties entitled to the money, and further affidavits be produced from the court. The court considered that such further order is unnecessary, and directed that application again be made to Osgoode Hall.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A City Hall Site.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Having read the different letters in the city papers re a site for the new city hall, permit me to suggest a site which in my opinion can be secured at a more reasonable figure than any yet proposed, being that property on Richmond street, west side, between the Grand Opera House and Maple street.

This location has a good view from the G. T. R. station and the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, being on the angle of the street, thereby facing southeast. It is within one block of the postoffice, custom house, Travellers' Club, and the leading banks, right next to the Grand Opera House, and facing St. Paul's Cathedral, Dufferin avenue, and St. Peter's Cathedral, with their spacious lawns and boulevards. It is therefore in the midst of our leading public buildings, an ideal location in every respect. It is also about midway between the G. T. R. and C. P. R. depots on Richmond street, which will also be the leading thoroughfare for visitors to the city. It has a frontage on Richmond street of 200 feet, and with the same frontage on Maple street, has an assessed value of \$32,000, or with 250 feet on Maple street an assessed value of \$35,000.

I consider it to be the most economical site yet proposed, and with a city hall such as should be erected for a city with the prominence of London, directly facing our finest and widest avenue, with a view from Victoria Park, it should be worthy of serious consideration by the city hall committee.

A city hall such as any city council contemplating building should be located among the leading public and government buildings with a reasonable amount of lawn and flower beds surrounding it. Instead of 25 loads of hay and straw almost every day of the year, as well as live hogs and chickens and farm produce of every description during every market day, which is a case of the kind quoted on the proposed King street site.

I will thank you to give this suggestion prominence in your columns.

RATEPAYER.

London, March 15.

## BLOW FROM FIST

KILLED MONTREALER

Victim Was About to Elope With Another Man's Wife.

Montreal, March 17.—The body of Edmund Pilote was brought to the morgue yesterday afternoon, with his arm from Manchuria, to co-operate with Gen. Chang-Yun.

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## WERMUTH RESIGNS

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[Canadian Press.]

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Herr Wermuth, who abolished the old borrowing policy, under which loans to cover deficits were a customary feature of German finance, insisted on the principle that no new expenditures should be incurred without full arrangements being made for covering them. The abolition of the "more gifts," which are an exemption from taxation of a specified amount of the production of distilleries is expected to yield less than \$15,000,000, about one-third of the estimated ultimate cost of the military reforms, throwing the remainder on the already overburdened budget, and probably stopping, according to Herr Wermuth, the redemption of the national debt.

## STATUE OF CARTIER.

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It will be found that the liver is sluggish and the bowels constipated. The fermenting food gives rise to gas, which crowds the lungs and heart, gives rise to belching wind and to smothering sensations. The stomach gets sour, the food repeats and leaves a taste in the mouth; you feel out of sorts and are unfit for work or pleasure.

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The same price everywhere!

What does it mean?

Exactly what you would understand. Every merchant sells the same pattern of Semi-ready Suit or Overcoat at the same price you would pay for the same pattern and garment anywhere else in Canada.

The makers guarantee the worth value. They put on it in plain figures the cash value of the garment, and it is sold at that price—no more, no less.

From Halifax to Victoria, from ocean to ocean—that standard price rules. There is no "shenanigan" about a Semi-ready Suit—you can bank on it!



## TOM. L. HAYGARTH

182 DUNDAS STREET

streets of Nuevo Laredo, across the Rio Grande from this city, today. The railway shops and business houses were closed. Along the line of march the name of Madero was greeted with almost continuous "vivas."

## ESCAPES THE GALLIES

Verdict of Manslaughter at Second Trial of Trepannier.

Three Rivers, Que., March 15.—The retrial of H. Trepannier, charged with the murder of Maurice Plouffe, ended this morning, the jury bringing in a verdict of manslaughter.

In March, 1911, Trepannier confessed to murdering Plouffe by striking him with an iron bar. At the first trial this confession was used and Trepannier was sentenced to death.

An appeal to a new trial was ordered because Trepannier had not been given the customary warning before his confession was taken down.

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## FALL RIVER WORKERS REJECT OWNERS' OFFER

Textile Operators' Five Per Cent Increase Offered by Manufacturers.

[Canadian Press.]

Fall River, Mass., March 15.—The Fall River textile council, representing 30,000 operatives, has virtually rejected the 5 per cent wage increase offered by the manufacturers, and has demanded a flat increase of 15 per cent. The action of the textile council was taken at a meeting last night, and was kept secret until this morning.

## USE GREAT PICTURES FOR DICKENS FUND

Eighty Famous Paintings From England for American Exhibit.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, March 16.—Eighty of England's most famous paintings will reach New York next week on the Campania, to take their place in the coming exhibition of old masters to be given here in aid of the Dickens centenary fund, beginning April 2.

Never before has such a valuable collection of paintings crossed the Atlantic. The pictures are insured, it is said, on a valuation of over \$2,000,000. The collection was gathered through a committee of prominent Englishmen, chairmanned by Lord Chief Justice Alverstone.

The Duke of Teck, the Duke of Marlborough and Lord Denbigh are among those who are sending canvases. Perhaps the most notable canvas is the Romney portrait of Lady Hamilton.

A special feature of the exhibition will be the period rooms, representing the Georgian, William and Mary, and Chippendale periods, and an oak room from the Turin exhibition. These also are aboard the Campania.

## MRS. FORBES DEAD.

London, March 17.—The death took place yesterday at Newlyn, Cornwall, of Mrs. Elizabeth Adela Forbes, wife of Mr. Stanhope Forbes, R. A.

Mrs. Forbes was the daughter of Mr. William Armstrong, of the civil service, Ottawa, and was married to the distinguished Irish artist in 1859. The deceased was a well-known painter herself and exhibited at the Royal Academy, Paris Salon, Royal Society of Painters, Etchers, etc. She was an active member of the Royal Society of Painters in Water-colors.

## CONDEMNNS VITOZZI.

Viterbo, Italy, March 16.—Signor Santoro, the crown prosecutor, after having spoken fourteen days, finally finished his summing up against the Camorrist yesterday. Altogether he consumed fifty hours in his address and delivered 291,627 words. He apologized for his lengthy speech, but he said he thought it excusable, as he was compelled to summarize a trial which had lasted a year and four days. In concluding, Signor Santoro asked for the condemnation of Ciro Vitozzi, the priest, who is called the "guardian angel of the Camorra."

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## NORTH EKFRID.

North Ekfrid, March 16.—Mrs. McKeo, sen., is recovering from her recent illness.

Mr. O. Ramey leaves on Monday for Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilcox have sold their farm and are moving south. Mr. William Parker had his shoulder partially injured while trimming trees recently.

## WEST LORNE.

West Lorne, March 16.—An "At Home," held in the Masonic lodge-rooms last evening, was a great success, and was attended by a large crowd.

Mrs. George Waite, of Dutton, is a guest of Mrs. R. Ward.

Mr. Y. Paris had his ankle badly sprained by falling on an icy walk.

## A New Stomach

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Restore Lifeless Organs to Normal Condition.

A Trial Package Free.

Many a sufferer from Dyspepsia, indigestion, flatulence, and other digestive organs, carries around an absolutely useless stomach—a dead load, and a constant help to be given them to supply elements which will do the work of digestion for them.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the natural restorative of healthy action to the stomach and small intestines, because they supply the elements that the weak stomach lacks—pepsin, golden seal and other digestives.

If you are afflicted with any of the symptoms above described, be assured that your digestive organs are losing power—they need help, and there is no restorative help to be given them than to supply elements which will do the work of digestion for them.

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