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STOCK MARKETS.

LATEST MARKETS

New York, Nov. 27.—London bought from 20,000 to 25,000 shares during the first hour, and this, coupled with fairly active manipulation by some bull cliques, gave the market for awhile the appearance of strength. It was thought that the tendency towards recovery in some of the preferred stocks of the industrials, and the difficulty in securing them would cause the whole industrial list to rally, but although Locomotive, preferred, showed strength, other stocks, notably Republic Steel, preferred, showed weakness, and seemed to be devoid of support. When London ceased buying the market began to sag off, and it then could be seen that although it was true that there was no pressure to sell stocks by insiders, it was also true that the market was bare of buying power, except where there was covering, or when there was manipulation. Money rates remained unchanged, most of the early loans being made at 6½ per cent. Sales to noon, 225,000 shares.

TORONTO.

	Toronto, Nov. 27. Ask.	Off
Montreal	.... ..	250½
Ontario	.... ..	125
Toronto	223	222¼
Commerce	.... ..	150½
Imperial	212½	212
Dominion	224½	223½
Standard	.... ..	225
Ottawa	215	..
Nova Scotia	270	..
Traders	.... ..	128½
British America	.... ..	93
Western Assurance	.... ..	93
Imperial Life	.... ..	149
National Trust	140	..
Consumers Gas	205	203
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	.... ..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	.... ..	98
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	118¼	117½
Soo, com	55	53
Soo, pref	115	113
Toronto Electric Light	129	128¾
General Electric	140	..
General Electric, pref	106	104½
London Electric	106	..
Commercial Cable	.... ..	149½
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	80	79¾
Niagara Navigation	.... ..	112
Northern Navigation	.... ..	85
St. L. and C. Navigation	110	..
Toronto Street Railway	96½	96¼
Winnipeg St. Railway	.... ..	170
Twin City Railway	91½	90¾
Sao Paulo Tramway	86	84
Dominion Steel, com	9¼	8¾
Dominion Coal, com	75	71½
Nova Scotia Steel, com	.... ..	70
Canada Salt	.... ..	117
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I.	.... ..	65
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv.	.... ..	100¾
Canada Permanent	.... ..	120½
Canada Savings and Loan	.... ..	119
Central Canada Loan	.... ..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	.... ..	70
Hamilton Provident	.... ..	110
Huron and Erie L. and S. Co.	.... ..	120
Landed Banking and Loan	.... ..	119
Manitoba Loan	.... ..	80
Toronto Mortgage	.... ..	85
London Loan	120	..
Ontario Loan and Deb	.... ..	122½
Toronto Savings and Loan	.... ..	128
Dominion Steel Bonds	60	56½
N. S. Steel Bonds	110	107

SALES: Imperial, 10 at 212½, 10 at 212⅜, 30 at 212, 5 at 212, 20 at 212⅜; Dominion Telegraph, 20 at 116; R. and O., 25 at 79¾; Toronto Railway, 125 at 97, 25 at 96⅞; Sao Paulo, 4 at 86½; Twin City, 50 at 91, 50 at 91¼, 5 at 91½, 125 at 91¼, 100 at 91½, 50 at 91—; Dominion, 6 at 225¾. St. Lawrence, 10 at 108; Dominion Steel, 100 at 9⅛, 100 at 9⅛, 100 at 9, Dominion Steel bonds, 2,000 at 57½; Canada Permanent, 32 at 121; London and Canada, 16 at 90.

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New York, Nov. 25.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	38⅞	38⅞	38⅝	38⅝
American Sugar Co.	119	120⅞	119	120½
American Locomotive	13¾	14¼	13¾	13¾
American Foundry	18¼	18¾	18¼	18½
American Refining	44¼	44¼	44	44
Atcheson, com	65½	66⅞	65¼	65⅝
Atcheson Pfd	90	..	..	..
B. & O.	76	76⅛	75⅞	75¾
Brooklyn Tran	39¾	40	39¼	39⅞
C. P. R.	118⅞	118¾	117¼	118
Chesapeake & Ohio	30⅝	30¾	30¼	30¼
Chic. Great Western	15⅞	15⅞	15½	15½
Chicago and Alton	31	..	..	..
Col. Fuel and Iron	25½	25½	25	25
Delaware and Hudson	151	..	..	..
Erie	27	27¼	26¾	26¾
Erie Pfd	66¾	66¾	66¼	66¼
Gen. and Tex. com	17¼	17⅜	17¼	17⅜
Gen. and Tex. pref	36½	37⅜	36½	37
Louisville and Nashville	103⅝	103⅞	102⅞	103
Manhattan	139	139¼	139	129
Metropolitan St. Ry	116½	117	116⅛	116½
Mexican Central	9¾	9¾	9½	9½
N. P.	90	90⅝	89⅞	89⅞
N. Y. Central	117½	117¾	116¾	117¼
Norfolk and W.	56¼	56⅞	55⅝	55⅝
Ont. and West	20⅝	20¾	20¼	20¼
Pennsylvania	114¾	114⅞	112⅞	113½
People's Gas	94	94¼	93¾	94
Reading	40⅝	40⅞	39⅞	40
Republic I. and S.	39⅞	39⅞	36½	39¼
Rock Island	24	24¼	23⅞	24
Southern Railway	19¾	20¼	19½	19¾
Southern Railway, pref.	76¾	77¼	76¾	76¾
Southern Pacific	45½	46⅜	45½	46¼
St. Paul	138¼	138¾	138	138¼
Twin City	91¾	91½	91¼	91¾
Tennessee Coal & Iron	27⅞	..	..	..
Union Pacific	73⅞	73⅞	73⅛	73¾
U. S. Steel, com	11⅛	11⅛	10⅞	10⅞
U. S. Steel, pref	52⅞	52⅞	51¼	51¼
Wabash, com	19¾	19⅞	19¼	19¾
Wabash, pref	35	35½	34¾	34¾
Western Union Tel	85	..	..	..
Wisconsin Central	17	..	..	..

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, Nov. 27. Ask.	Off
Canadian Pacific	117⅞	117¾
Winnipeg Electric	215	..
Montreal Street Railway	201	196
Toronto Street Railway	97½	96⅞
Halifax Street Railway	95	88½
St. John Street Railway	113	103
Twin City Transit Railway	91¼	91
Richelieu and Ontario	80	79
Commercial Cable	155	..
Montreal Telegraph	170	160
Bell Telephone	160	140
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	9	8¾
Dominion Steel, pref	30	25
Montreal Heat Light and Power	75	74½
Nova Scotia Steel, common	73	71¾
Toronto Railway	65¾	65½
Montreal Cotton	120	108½
Dominion Cotton	..	34
Merchants' Cotton	45	55¼
Montreal Street Bonds	104½	103½
Montreal Street Bonds, new	190	189
Dominion Coal, preferred	112½	110½
Bank of Montreal	..	250

Ogilvie Flour	175	159
Ogilvie Bonds	125	119
Bank of Commerce	..	148
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	57¾	57¾
Colored Cotton	98	..
Laurentide	100	..
Toledo Bonds	22¼	21⅝
Dominion Telegraph	....	114

SALES: C. P. R., 25 at 118¼, 50 at 118, 25 at 117⅞; Twin City, 25 at 91, 50 at 91½, 250 at 91⅜, 125 at 91¼, 125 at 91½, 25 at 91⅜, 150 at 91¼, 150 at 91; R. and O., 25 at 80, 75 at 79¾; Coal, common, 10 at 71½; Iron, common, 25 at 8¾; Detroit Railway, 25 at 66¾, 325 at 65¾; Toronto Railway, 20 at 97¼; City 4 per cent, 5,000 at 102.

DELAYED MARKET REPORTS.

Owing to trouble with the wires, due to storms, a number of market reports are canceled today.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, Nov. 27

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—Dec.	80	80¼	79¼	80¾
May	79½	80¼	79½	80¼
Corn—Dec	42	42⅛	41⅞	41⅞
May	42	42⅛	41⅞	42
Oats—Dec	34½	34⅞	34½	34⅝
May	35¼	35⅞	35⅝	35⅞
Pork—Jan	11 07	11 07	10 75	10 75
May	11 20	11 20	11 00	11 00
Lard—Jan	6 30	6 30	6 20	6 22
May	6 40	6 40	6 30	6 32
S. Ribs—Jan	5 77	5 77	5 70	5 70
May	5 95	5 95	5 87	5 87

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Friday, Nov. 27.

Hay was again the principal commodity on the market here this morning; there were 20 loads offered, and sales were very slow, at $5 to $8 per ton, according to the quality; the prospects are that the prices for hay will be lower, as a great number of the farmers have an unusually large number of loads to sell.

A few loads of straw sold at $5 per ton, or $3 per load.

Oats sold at 85c to 87c per cental; about 15 loads were brought in.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Nov. 26.—Live cattle firm, at 10c to 10½c per lb for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 9½c to 10¾c per lb; refrigerator beef, 8⅝c to 8⅞c per lb; sheep steady, 11c to 12c per lb; lambs, 13c, dressed weight.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov. 26.—About 400 head of butchers' cattle, 20 calves and 400 sheep and lambs were offered for sale at the east end abattoir today. There were no really good cattle on the market today, and very few sales were made at over 3c per lb, and only one fat cow sold at 4c per lb. More than three-fourths of the cattle were of indifferent quality, and most of these will not be sold today; the calves were a rather poor lot, and sold at from 2½c to 3c per lb; sheep sold at from 2½c to 3c per lb, but good lambs were scarce and sold at from 4c to 4¼c; the price of fat hogs has a downward tendency; good lots sold at from 5c to 5⅛c per lb.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Nov. 27.—Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red western winter steady, 6s 1½d. Futures firm; December, 6s 5⅞d; March, 6s 4⅝d; May, 6s 2⅞d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed steady, 4s. Futures firm; December, 4s; January, 3s 11½d.

Peas—Canadian steady, 5s 7½d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter dull, 8s 3d

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £5 12s to £6 10s.

Beef—Firm; extra India mess, 67s 6d.

Pork—Firm; prime mess western, 85s.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, weak, 48s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, weak, 43s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, weak, 50s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, weak, 49s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, weak, 49s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, weak, 44s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, weak, 47s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, weak, 29s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, weak, 35s 3d; American refined, in pails, weak, 35s 9d.

Butter—Nominal.

Cheese—American finest white quiet, 52s; American finest colored steady, 54s 6d.

Tallow—Prime city quiet, 22s 6d.

Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 43s 9d.

Rosin—Common firm, 6s 10½d.

Receipts of wheat during the past three days were 207,000 centals, including 129,000 American.

Receipts of American corn during the past three days were 110,800 centals.

Weather—Dull.

CHAPTER'S NEW OFFICERS

St. John's, No. 3, Elects J. H. Wilson as Z.

The election of officers for St. John's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, A., F. and A. M., took place at a meeting of the chapter held on Wednesday evening. The attendance included many members of the chapter, and also a number from St. George's Chapter. The election resulted as follows:

J. P. Z.—Ex.-Comp. D. Fraser.
Z.—Ex.-Comp J. H. Wilson.
H.—Ex.-Comp. J. A. Tancock.
J.—Ex.-Comp. Thos. Rowe.
Treasurer—Rt. Ex.-Comp. A. E. Cooper.
S. E.—Ex.-Comp. O. Ellwood.
S. N.—Ex.-Comp. E. S. Crawford.
Provincial S.—Ex.-Comp. G. R. Tambling.
Janitor—Ex.-Comp. John Robertson.
Auditors—Comps. Vining and Forrester.
Rt. Ex.-Comp A. B. Munson and Ex.-Comp. A. G. Stephens acted as scrutineers.

At the conclusion of the business, the members spent a pleasant social hour together.

THE COURT WAS SHORT

McGregor, Non-Support Case, Settled—Drunks On the Carpet.

Mr. J. W. Jones occupied the magisterial bench in the Carling street court this morning in the absence of Magistrate Love. The non-support charge against George McGregor had been withdrawn and the rest of the court business was light.

John Sullivan, arrested by P. C. Dalgleish for being drunk, had also to answer for malicious damage to city property. He was remanded until tomorrow.

John Murray was charged with being drunk. He was told to go and repair some damage he had committed. Another drunk was also discharged.

O. B. GRAVES' FUNERAL

Remains of Old Resident Interred This Morning.

The funeral of the late O. B. Graves took place this morning from his residence, 256 Oxford street, and was attended by a large number of residents.

As a token of their respect friends sent an abundance of flowers. The casket was borne from the house by six of his friends, Messrs. John Christie, Joseph Walker, James Johnson, Joseph Cook, Francis Love and John Dromgole. The rites of the Catholic Church were observed in the funeral services and interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

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WAS ACTIVE IN REBELLION DAYS

Death of Mr. Wm. McKerlie, a Pioneer of the West.

HAD NEARED THE CENTURY MARK

Was Captain in Regiment in '37 and '38 and Carried Dispatches—An Active Life.

Mr. William McKerlie, whose death occurred on Wednesday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. L. T. Bland, of Kincardine, was one of the pioneers of Western Ontario.

Mr. McKerlie was 96 years of age, and with the exception of a half-dozen years spent in California, he had lived his entire life in the section of Ontario lying west of Toronto—the greater portion of it in the immediate vicinity of London. He was born on the Governor's road, in the township of Nelson, Halton County, on Nov. 22, 1807, and consequently at the time of his death had just passed his 96th birthday. He remained in Halton County until he was 32 years of age—and some of those years were full of excitement. Besides experiencing all the hardships and privations so common to the pioneers of those days, Mr. McKerlie took a hand in suppressing the rebellion of 1837 and 1838, holding a commission in what was known as the First Regiment of Gore. He was an expert horseman, a splendid shot, and possessing a daring spirit he was chosen to carry dispatches—a task that not infrequently compelled him to ride great distances unaccompanied.

A year before the rebellion broke out, Mr. McKerlie was married to Miss Eliza McCormick, of Eramosa, and at the conclusion of the hostilities in 1838, he came west with his wife, settling within sight of the present city of London, but which at that time was nothing more than a mere hamlet. His farm comprised lots 11 and 12, concession 1, of Westminster Township, and this property he owned up to the time of his death. The gold fields of California gave promise of unusual wealth in 1849, and Mr. McKerlie, who was always so fond of adventure, went to that country, going by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He engaged in gold digging for six years, returning in 1855 to Westminster, and again engaging in farming. He remained there until ten years ago, since which time he has made his home with his daughters and sons. Mrs. McKerlie died in 1890.

Mr. McKerlie was interested in municipal politics to such an extent that he served several terms in the Westminster Township Council. He was possessed of a remarkable constitution and never experienced a day's illness until within two weeks of his death. His fatal illness, however, lasted only five days.

The surviving members of the family are William, Westminster; John, of Manitoba, and Charles, of Oak street, East London; Mrs. L. T. Bland, of Walkerton, and Mrs. R. Laidlaw, of Brockville. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from 85 Oak street, Rev. Dr. Johnston officiating.

WILL HAVE FREE RINKS

A Snap for the Lovers of Skating in Cleveland.

The opening of the rinks with the coming of winter makes an interview with a Cleveland man, about what that city is doing, timely. There, it seems, the city renders a public service by providing free rinks. A member of the civil administration of Cleveland was here today and he said that at a recent meeting of the board of public service, after having discussed the subject at a special conference, it was decided to establish rinks on vacant lots this winter.

This plan has been followed for the past two years, and has proved very successful. Rinks are to be located in seven parks in that city, and on as many vacant lots. The first work is the plowing up of the lots and the throwing up of a bank of earth. Then, when the weather is cold enough, large streams of water are thrown on the rinks from fire hydrants. The board there employs park laborers in the construction, and extra help for the caretaking.

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WIRE-HAIRED TERRIER CAUSE OF SUIT AGAINST HOTELMEN

Alleged That Plaintiffs Tried to Feed a Dog at the Table.

When Robbie Burns, the lately deceased and illustrious son of an important third interest in the British Empire, wrote those stirring lines, "A man's a man for a' that," in order to completely cater to and cover up all matters of human interest, he should have gone further and added, "A man's dog is a man's dog for a' that," because any man who owns a dog is equally as touchy as to the manner in which the dog is treated as to the way in which he is treated himself. If you don't believe it, just select some peaceable looking man and kick his dog. If he doesn't offer you battle within three seconds, then he's not a Britisher.

From time immemorial dogs have made trouble for men, but though they make trouble, they are nevertheless luxuries which most men appreciate and indulge in.

However, there is a limit to dogology, as to all other sorts of ologies, but some people do not appear to realize this truth. For example some women will wheel dogs around in baby carriages, while others will dine with them at the table and consider eggs as good as meat, or to speak plainer, dogs as good as people.

And a hairy-faced terrier, not weighing over five or six pounds, has been the cause of a lawsuit in London, or at least if not a lawsuit, a very good approach to one, as two writs have been issued against local hotelmen because of a dog, and, it is alleged, the small matter of his dining at the hotel table.

The writs in question have been issued against Mr. Martin O'Meara, and his son, Michael J. O'Meara, by T. J. Sullivan and G. G. Pritchard, $1,000 damages in each instance being claimed. In the case of Mr. Martin O'Meara the damages are asked for alleged unjust ejectment, and damages are claimed from Michael J. O'Meara for alleged slander and abuse.

According to a statement made to The Advertiser by Mr. Michael J. O'Meara, the facts are these: Sunday afternoon, Mr. Sullivan, who is the local agent for an American correspondence bureau, and Mr. Pritchard, visited the Grigg House to have supper. They had with them a wire-haired terrier, and they took the dog up to the diningroom. This is contrary to the rules of all hotels, and the waitresses so informed Messrs. Sullivan and Pritchard. According to Mr. O'Meara, the men refused to put the dog out, however, and the waitresses told Mr. O'Meara. He went upstairs, he says, and alleges that he was made exceedingly angry by the sight which there met his gaze. For to use Mr. O'Meara's own words, "the dog had his hindfeet on Pritchard's lap, and his front feet on the table," and was being fed on Grigg House Sunday evening bill of fare.

An argument at once sprang up between Mr. Sullivan and Mr. O'Meara, the former, Mr. O'Meara says, inquiring in a provoking manner, what he (O'Meara) was going to do about it. Mr. O'Meara speedily demonstrated what action he preferred taking, by ordering the two men and the dog out of the house—and they went.

Mr. O'Meara further claims that when Mr. Sullivan reached the sidewalk he talked like a man who was spoiling for fight, and the Grigg House man's only regret now is that he did not accommodate him.

Thus Mr. O'Meara avers that the whole trouble was occasioned by the plaintiff's alleged wanton action in attempting to feed a dog at the table.

Mr. O'Meara says he takes no notice of the writs, and in other words says to the plaintiffs: "Lay on, Macduff, and cursed be he who first cries, 'Hold, enough.'"

ALD. CAMPBELL MENTIONED AS CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

Has Not Made Known His Intentions—His Good Record—Another Pavement Muddle.

Municipal prophecies will soon be in order. The name that stands out most prominently in connection with the mayoralty for 1904 is that of Dr. C. T. Campbell. The doctor has earned the highest honor the city can bestow by 25 years of service on the board of education, the city council, the board of health and other municipal bodies. This is a record that cannot be often matched in any municipality. Very few men in his position have shown the same public spirit. That his fellow-citizens appreciate it is shown by the fact that he headed the poll for alderman in January, and no doubt he would head it in a mayoralty contest if he could be induced to run. The doctor has not yet given a hint as to whether he will offer for the mayor's chair or not, but the people of London would be glad to have so worthy and capable a candidate.

ANOTHER PAVEMENT PETITION.

Matters concerning the proposed Clarence street pavement, from Dundas street to the G. T. R., threatens to become acute. Not long since the council decided to proceed with a pavement for the street under the initiative plan, the petitions which had been launched against the proposed work having been found to be insufficiently signed. When the residents of the street heard of this, and that it was to be a bitulithic pavement similar to that put down on York street, they at once set to work to block it. A petition was got under way, presented, it is said, by Mr. Cassels, the Barber agent, and signers were sought, the petition calling for a Trinidad asphalt pavement. The petition was brought to Engineer Graydon, who told the men who had it in charge that it would be useless to present a petition calling for any one class of asphalt, as the council would not entertain it. Thereupon, the wording of the petition was altered, so as to call for "an asphalt pavement," no particular brand being specified. Many property owners on the street are said to be in favor of Trinidad asphalt, however, and it is doubtful whether they will put their names to the petition as now worded.

CITY HALL NOTES.

At the next meeting of the city council, polling sub-divisions and deputy returning officers for the municipal election will be appointed. City Clerk Edwards is now getting ready the printing necessary for the election in January.

Ald. Campbell left this afternoon for Stratford on a trip of a private nature.

Mayor Beck has received from an anonymous source, but presumably from the Warren Paving Company, photographs of two streets in Toronto, showing how Trinidad asphalt pavement are wearing in that city. They show Devonshire Place and St. George street, and both speak anything but well for Barbar pavements.

Inspector McCallum today gave a pass to Strathroy to an unfortunate man who was unable to buy a ticket.

ALIMONY ACTION IS NOW ENTERED

Another Case for the Non-Jury Sittings.

MOSA WOMAN SUES HUSBAND

Latter's Defense—Will Take Wife Back Again, and Names the Condition.

Two more cases have been entered for hearing at the sitting of the high court of justice to commence on Monbefore Justice Ferguson. This brings the number up to five, and at least two of them promise to be interesting.

One of those that will be out of the ordinary run of high court cases was filed with Mr. R. K. Cowan, the master in chancery, yesterday. In this case, Annie Stinson appears against her husband, Andrew John Stinston. Both reside in the township of Mosa. In 1871, the plaintiff married Atchinson Walker, of Mosa, who died in 1894, leaving three children. He left two hundred acres of land, which was heavily encumbered with a mortgage. In March of the same year the plaintiff sold a portion of the farm to the defendant, and after this had been done she had still $3,500 to pay on the mortgage.

Shortly after this, the defendant began paying frequent visits to her, and after becoming very well acquainted he proposed to marry. After some delay in arranging the terms of the marriage they were married in 1898.

One of the terms of the marriage was the agreement of the defendant to convey to her the farm, which he had bought from her. They lived together in the home of the plaintiff's son for some time, and then a quarrel started in which the plaintiff alleges that the defendant accused her of unlawful intimacy with several men who had been working in the vicinity. She was taken ill shortly after this and the defendant, it is said, refused to provide her with medical treatment which, she says, she was in need of. She left him in May of 1900. She claims that she always acted as a dutiful wife towards him.

Mrs. Stinson asks for the title to the farm and also for alimony, which she alleges is due to her because of his refusal to carry out the marriage contract since the time she left him. Meredith, Judd & Elliott are acting in the interests of the plaintiff.

In his statement of defense the husband denies all the allegations. The agreement had been made that she was to be given the farm if she acted dutifully. He says that he was struck with a chair by the plaintiff's son in 1898, and forced to leave the house. He took his wife with him and treated her well, he says. He claims that the plaintiff should be made to pay the costs of the action and that she should also be made to pay $140, which she borrowed from him before their marriage. He announces his willingness to take her back to live with him if she will act as she should. Stuart & Ross, for defense.

The other case is that in which John Quant and John McNee, of the city of London, sue George Branton, a Lobo farmer, for the payment of the major portion of a mortgage on the farm, held by the late William Dyke, of whose will they are the executors. The defendant denies that he is liable and that he paid the mortgage and that the plaintiffs are aware that he did.

M. P. McDonagh, for plaintiff, and McEvoy & Perrin for defense.

WILL SOON BE FINISHED

Armories To Be Turned Over Long Before Contract Time.

The work of putting on the roof of the new armories will be commenced in a few days. Three car loads of the iron girders required in this part of the big structure arrived this week from Montreal, and as soon as a small piece of brick and stone work on one of the walls is finished, work on the roof begins.

The contractors, Messrs. Sullivan & Langdon, of Kingston, will have the work completed long before the specified time. The contract calls for the armories to be turned over to the Government in December, 1904, but there is every prospect that March or April will see London's military organizations in their new home.

Considering the size of the work, the contractors have made remarkably good time on it, the weather having been for the greater part of the season favorable to them, and few delays having been occasioned from other causes. Some time was lost owing to a strike in the estone quarries, and had this not occurred, the construction of the roof would have been under way before now.

Christmas Gifts.

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CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Jersey City, N. J., is visiting Mrs. R. Sanders, Hamilton road.

—Mrs. H. Andrews, of Clinton, is visiting Mrs. Alex. Wanless, 493 Ontario street.

—Two cases are to be heard in the regular weekly high court tomorrow. Justice Meredith will preside.

—Toronto Globe: Mrs. Edmond Meredith and Miss Meredith have gone to Ottawa for the winter and are with Mrs. J. W. Wurtele.

—Messrs. Dayton & McCormick have issued invitations for a sociable in their academy next Wednesday evening.

—Mrs. Robert G. Lind (nee Earns) will receive on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 2 and 3, at her home, 404 King street.

—Miss Nora Pettypiece, of Forest, daughter of Mr. H. J. Pettypiece, M. P. P., who accompanied her father to the city yesterday, is the guest of Miss Isabel Dudley, Grand avenue.

—Dr. Clifford Reason was a passenger on the White Star liner Cedric, which arrived at New York yesterday. He is expected home today, after a three months' tour of Europe.

—Rev. A. J. Stuart, of Knox Church, this city, conducted services at Westminster on Thursday. The congregations were large, and Mr. Stuart's sermons were much enjoyed. The communion services on Sunday will be conducted by Dr. McCrae, the pastor.

—Carl Stonberg, a C. P. R. boy, while delivering a message on Wednesday night, was run over by a wagon at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets. His face was cut and he was injured about the abdomen. He will not be able to return to work for some time.

—Anniversary services will be held in the Grove Methodist Church, on the 3rd concession, London Township, on Sunday next, Nov. 9, Rev. S. Salton will preach at 10:30 a. m., Rev. A. H. Going at 2:30 p. m., and Mr. Ralph Steele at 7 p. m. A special offering will be taken for the trust fund.

—The anniversary services of Crumlin English Church will be held as usual on the last Sunday in this month, Nov. 29. In addition to the usual service at 2:30 there will be an evening service at 7 o'clock, the preacher being Rev. Arthur Carlisle, of Memorial Church, London. Special collections in aid of the church funds will be taken.

—The Meakins Recital Company—Miss Edith Bradford Meakins, contralto, Boston; Mr. Charleworth Meakins, baritone; Mr. Arthur Osler, violinist, and Miss Lena Kenney, pianist—arrived in the city from Hamilton this morning. All these artists will take part at the sacred musical recital in the First Presbyterian Church tonight. A silver collection of 25 cents is expected at the door.

A SCHOOL REUNION.

A reunion of graduates of St. George's school will be held on Dec. 17. Preparations are being made for a happy occasion, and it is said a large number of old pupils will gather from far and near.

SENECA WAS REMANDED.

Peter Seneca, who pladed guilty to a charge of stealing wheat in Delaware, was brought up for sentence before the junior judge this morning. At the crown's request it was decided to remand him until Dec. 11.

POWELL—A BAD'N.

Truant Officer Weir investigated the case of eight-year-old Blake Powell, who was reported missing about a week ago and was found the next day. The boy said he got in a lumber pile and had been covered up, and only got out by calling to another boy. The facts are that the little runaway stayed over night with a neighbor.

SENIOR CITY LEAGUE MEETING.

A meeting of the Senior City Hockey League is called for Wednesday next, Dec. 2, at the St. John's A. C. clubrooms, Oxford street, at 8:15 p.m. sharp. All clubs wishing to enter the league this season should not fail to send representatives to this, the initial meeting. As several new organizations intend entering this season, the league will have to be limited to a certain number of clubs, so all who are anxious to place a team on the ice this winter should be on hand at this meeting.

TALKED OF JACOB.

There was another increase in the attendance at St. George's Church, West London, last night, when Rev. Arthur Murphy gave an address on "Jacob." The missioner traced the life of Jacob from Beersheba to Bethel, emphasizing circumstances in connection with the 30 years spent in Haran and Shechem, and applying these events to similar experiences in the every day life of the Christian. Tonight Mr. Murphy will speak upon "Joseph."

CURRIE—PORTER.

A quiet wedding took place in Chesley on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Porter, when their only daughter, Miss Minerva Augusta, was married to Mr. J. N. Currie, of Glencoe. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Mr. Harvey, of St. Catharines, uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. Mr. Tonge, of Chesley, in the presence of immediate relatives. Rev. Mr. Harvey, of St. Catharines, and Dr. Harvey, of Norwich, uncles of the bride, and Dr. C. W. Currie, of Thamesville, brother of the groom, were present. The bride wore white taffeta silk with trimmings of exquisite fiber lace and chiffon. Her going-away dress was of green rough two-tone effect, trimmed with rich Persian lace and long Russian coat, worn over white silk bodice. Mr. and Mrs. Currie left on the afternoon train for their future home in Glencoe.

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APPEALS TO HER GODS

Dowager Empress of China Worried About Manchuria.

Tokio, Nov. 27. — It is stated in mandarin circles that the Empress Dowager is finding her days and nights harassed by the Manchurian question and the Kuargsi crisis. Woman-like, she has resorted to the gods for help.

In fact, she has lately made a vow before the Budda of Tanshoushan temple that if the affairs of the above named provinces be satisfactorily settled by next November she would expend the entire money contributions promised by the high officers of the crown of Pekin and the provinces, estimated at $8,000,000 in all, for the celebration of her 70th birthday anniversary next year upon building extra temples, beautifying the present ones and in doing other good work that may be pleasing to the gods.

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