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To-day's Lists.

Single Judge at 11 a.m.: Re Solicitor, Re Stevens and Smith, Weisbach I. etc. Co. v. Mair, Re Solicitor, Re Newborn, Nelson v. Love, Re Solicitor.

Non-jury sittings at 10 a.m.: Whitlam v. Scott, Scottish Ont I. Co. v. City of Toronto, Defoe v. City of Toronto, Crichton v. City of Toronto.

Court of Appeal at 11 a.m.: Handley v. Sons of England B. S., Cluskey v. Beale, Sparks v. Wolff, City of Kingston v. Kingston, etc. Ry. Co., Crawford v. Broddy, Rice v. Town of Whitby, Vanderwater v. Central Ontario Railway Company, Logan v. McKillop.

TORONTO RAILWAY CHARTER

Is Attacked by E. A. Macdonald in a Letter to the City Council the Mayor's Reply.

Council was about rising on Monday, when City Clerk Blevins was handed the following letter:

To the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto:

Gentlemen,—In my capacity as a ratepayer, I am about to enter suit forthwith against the Toronto Railway Company, William McKenzie, James Ross, Henry A. Everett and William Laidlaw. I claim that the franchise to own and operate surface street railways in Toronto, now held and exercised by the defendant company, was obtained by fraud, bribery and other corrupt means, and I will ask the court to declare void the contract.

I claim that the defendants, McKenzie, Everett, Ross and Laidlaw, are jointly and severally responsible to the city for the procuring of the franchise by bribery, fraudulent, corrupt and other illegal means, and that the four last-named defendants are liable to the corporation of the City of Toronto in damages, which are stated to be $8,000,000, which is estimated to be the difference between the intrinsic value of the present system and its value as computed by its present and probable revenue earning power.

You are now asked to join me as co-plaintiffs in an action in which I cannot possibly benefit by success except in common with all other ratepayers.

The success of the suit depends upon the evidence of a number of persons who took part in illegally procuring the franchise from the City Council, and its ratification by Act of the Legislature, and also the improper and unlawful strangulation of the late investigation before the County Judge.

Several important witnesses are willing to testify and fully disclose all they know, provided they are promised immunity from prosecution and subsequent punishment for the parts they respectively took in relation to the matter.

I now ask you to pass a resolution invoking the sovereign power to proclaim the fullest and completest amnesty and immunity to all persons who may give evidence on behalf of the plaintiff other than the said McKenzie, Everett, Ross and Laidlaw.

I ask this in the very material interests of the people, and also in justice to your own Chief Magistrate, the present Mayor, whose honor and integrity will be called in question during the proceedings.

E. A. Macdonald.

The Mayor's Reply.

After conferring with Corporation Counsel Fullerton, Mayor Shaw yesterday issued the following reply:

Re Toronto Railway Company's Franchise:

I have read Mr. Macdonald's letter in this matter, and am unable from my present information to take any part or to advise any part being taken by the corporation in any proceedings to set aside the franchise. Since the franchise was granted, the railway company has been a business undertaking, expending large sums of money in the city, and a large number of the citizens of Toronto have innocently invested their money in the company's stock. These people must receive due consideration, and the city ought not rashly to take part in any proceedings that may result in doing them great financial injury. I shall not, without due deliberation, be a party to such proceedings.

On the other hand, if Messrs. McKenzie, Everett, Ross, Laidlaw and others have colluded together and been parties to obtaining the franchise from the city by fraud, I am advised that such collusion constitutes the crime of conspiracy, and that these parties are liable to be punished for their crime. If Mr. Macdonald has evidence which will warrant the Crown officers in advising a prosecution, I shall recommend the Council of the City of Toronto to pass any reasonable resolution that will assist or forward such prosecution, and if the result of such prosecution develops the state of affairs indicated by Mr. Macdonald, I shall aid, so far as I can, in obtaining the rights of the city. Innocent stockholders no doubt will be protected if necessary by legislation, because I am advised that the franchise, being confirmed and in fact granted by the Legislature, can only be set aside by legislation.

May Garnishee Officials' Salaries.

Editor World: To settle a dispute, will you please inform me whether the salary of a Provincial Government official can be garnished for debt?

An act for the garnishment of the salaries of civil servants was passed at the last session of the Legislature, to come into effect on May 1, next.

The act does not apply to debts contracted prior to the time it became law, and debts of $25 and under are exempted unless they be for board or lodging.—[Ed.

S. Ackerman, commercial traveler, Belleville, writes: "Some years ago I used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil for Inflammatory Rheumatism, and three bottles affected a complete cure. I was the whole of one summer unable to move without crutches, and every movement caused excruciating pains. I am now out on the road and exposed to all kinds of weather, but have never been troubled with rheumatism since. I, however, keep a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Oil on hand, and I always recommend it to others as it did so much for me."

A Convict Pardoned.

Through the efforts of a petition, presented to the Minister of Justice by Messrs. DuVernet, Jones & Woods, a pardon has been granted to a prisoner at the Central Prison, named David McGee, and he was released from custody by Warden Gilmour on the receipt of a despatch from Ottawa.

McGee was serving a four year term for larceny and receiving at Woodstock. He had already served three years and was released on the ground of ill-health.

Judge Morson yesterday dismissed the suit for $5 of Henry Jifkins against Philip Pritzker on a horse deal.

WHEAT HAS A FIRMER TONE

Owing Partly to Advance of Cold Wave Over Wheat Regions.

May Gains 1½c and Other Futures Also Rise—Visible Supply of Wheat, Corn and Oats—Provision Markets—Chicago Gossip.

Tuesday Evening, March 22.

Advices to-day were that the cold wave was settling down over the entire winter wheat belt, and prices consequently firmed up considerably. In Chicago May wheat opened at a fractional advance over yesterday's closing, and rose two clear points to $1.07, closing at $1.06, a gain of 1½c for the session. The July, September and December options each rose ½c to-day. California news was bullish. Liverpool closed ½d to ¼d lower.

According to Bradstreet's the world's visible supply of wheat has decreased 2,597,000 bushels since a week ago. This total is made up as follows: East of Rockies, decrease of 1,597,000 bushels; Europe and afloat for Europe, decrease of 1,000,000 bushels. For the corresponding week of last year the world's visible decreased 4,963,000 bushels.

Leiter has contracted for 1,500,000 bushels of wheat to go out of Chicago, 1,000,000 bushels by the Lehigh. This makes engagements of 5,500,000 bushels so far. Mr. Leiter says that practically all his wheat is now under shipping contract, and that it will all be moved out by April 15. Leiter has 1,600,000 bushels of wheat afloat, and this will sail about April 1.

Nebraska's winter wheat crop is reported in splendid condition.

Contract stocks at Chicago are: Wheat, 6,093,000 bushels; corn, 12,083,000 bushels; oats, 986,000 bushels.

Chicago shipments of products to-day were: Meats, 3,980,000 lbs.; lard, 1,800,000 lbs.

To-day's clearances from the seaboard were: Wheat and flour, 629,000 bushels; corn, 760,499 bushels.

The primary receipts at the chief centres to-day were: Wheat, 431,000 bushels; corn, 531,000 bushels.

The visible supply of corn has decreased 1,800,000 bushels, and that of oats 336,000 bushels during the week.

Port Arthur and Fort William stocks of wheat total 664,134 bushels, as compared with 666,030 bushels a week ago and 2,901,500 bushels a year ago.

As against 310 cars of wheat a year ago, 230 cars were received at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day.

According to The Corn Trade News Europe will call for 50,000,000 bushels of American wheat between this and July 31 next.

At Argentine ports wheat stocks total 3,720,000 bushels, as against 3,000,000 a year ago.

India shipped last week to the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe 326,000 bushels of wheat.

Hogs received at Chicago to-day 21,000; cattle 2500, sheep 17,000.

Leiter has applied for membership in the Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago wheat puts ¾@⅞c, calls 86⅝c.

May corn puts 29⅜c, calls 29⅜c.

U.S. Trade Combines.

It is stated that with Mr. J. B. Greenhut of Peoria, Ill., as leader the distillers outside the present trust will form a second combine.

The American Thread Company has formed a thread trust, with a capital of $18,000,000. It has control of most factories outside of the Coats combine.

A tin plate trust is in course of formation.

A New Jersey court has made an anti-trust ruling. An agreement based on one party's promise to stay out of business is declared invalid.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	.....	$1 06
New York	1 03½	1 00½
Milwaukee, No. 1 North	1 00½	1 00
St. Louis	0 98¼	0 99⅞
Toledo	0 98	0 98
Detroit	0 96½	0 96½
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 99¼	0 99¼
Duluth, No. 1 hard	1 00¼	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard	1 08	....
Toronto, red	0 84	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Dull. Straight rollers, in barrels, middle freights, are quoted at $3.90.

Wheat—No. 2 red, north and west, quoted at 83c to 84c, spring at 83c on Midland, and goose at 82c to 83c on Midland, No. 1 Manitoba hard is firm and scarce at $1.09 North Bay.

Barley—Quoted at 32c west and 33c east. Malting barley 35c to 36c.

Oats—Dull. Choice heavy white quoted at 25½c west and 26c east.

Bran—Firm. Bran sells at $11.50 to $12 west.

Corn—No. 2 yellow American on track at Toronto 37c asked: Canadian, Chatham, 31c

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track at Toronto, $3.50.

Peas—Are dull, 56c north and west and 57c east.

Rye—Dull at 48c west and 49c east.

Buckwheat—Quoted at 37c to 38c, outside.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts of grain to-day were very light, not more than 700 bushels all told.

Wheat easier, 250 bushels selling as follows: White 78c to 78½c, red 88c to 88c, goose 84c per bushel.

Barley easier, 150 bushels selling at 38c to 38½c.

Oats steady at 34c to 35c for 300 bushels.

Peas easier, one load selling at 58c per bushel.

Hay and Straw—Very little on the market; prices unchanged.

Dressed hogs—Deliveries fair; prices firmer, at $6.10 to $6.20 for light and $5.75 to $6 for heavy.

Eggs plentiful. Prices easier at from 10c to 12½c per doz.

Spring lambs are beginning to come forward on the market, and sell at $5 to $7 each.

Mr. G. H. Waller had a very fine display of excellent beef and three very fine spring lambs of the Dorset breed, raised by J. Skean, Islington, Ont.

John Moxon also had 2 good spring lambs of the South Down breed.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 78 to	$0 78½
" red, bush	0 86	0 88
" goose, bush	0 84	....
Barley, bush	0 38	0 38½
Rye, bush	0 54	....
Oats, bush	0 34	0 35
Peas, bush	0 58	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 33	0 35
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 50 to	$3 80
Alsike clover, bush	3 25	4 00
Timothy, bush	1 25	1 35
Beans, white, bush	0 60	0 75
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$8 00 to	$9 50
" baled, cars	7 50	8 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	6 00	7 00
" loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
" baled, cars	4 60	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 22 to	$0 23
" creamery	0 22	0 25
" large rolls	0 14	0 16
Eggs, new laid, case lots	0 10	0 12
" limed, per doz	0 14	0 15
Cheese, per lb	0 09	0 10½
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	$6 00 to	$7 00
" forequarters, cwt	4 00	5 00
Lamb, yearling, cwt	7 00	8 00
Lambs, each	5 00	7 00
Mutton, carcase, cwt	5 00	6 00
Veal, carcase, cwt	7 50	8 50
Hogs, dressed, light	6 10	6 20
" " heavy	5 75	6 00
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 60 to	$0 90
Ducks, per pair	1 00	1 25
Geese, per lb	0 06	0 08
Turkeys, per lb	0 10	0 14
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$2 50 to	$3 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 70	0 75
Cabbage, per doz	0 15	0 20
" " red, each	0 05	0 08
Turnips, per bag	0 20	0 25
Carrots, red, per bag	0 25	0 30
Parsnips, per bag	0 30	0 35
Celery, per doz	0 50	....

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

There was a moderate run of live stock at the Cattle Market to-day—38 loads, composed of 538 cattle, 102 sheep and lambs, 36 calves and 1640 hogs.

The total receipts of live stock for last week were as follows: 1675 cattle, 473 sheep and lambs and 3515 hogs; weigh receipts $78.33.

The run of cattle to-day not being large and several buyers from outside places being on the market, trade was fairly brisk, with little change in prices.

Export cattle sold at $4 to $4.25; export bulls at $3 to $3.50; choice picked lots of butchers' cattle at $3.90 to $4.12½; loads of good at $3.60 to $3.75; medium at $3.40 to $3.60; common at $3.12½ to $3.37½; and inferior at $2.75 to $3 per cwt.

The market for Buffalo stockers and feeders was active, prices ranging from $3.40 to $3.60 per cwt.

Prices for milk cows were easier, and 15 sold at $25 to $40 each.

About 36 calves sold at $2 to $5 each, a few extra good ones reaching as high as $7 each.

Sheep and lambs sold fairly well, ewes $3.50 to $3.62½, bucks $2.75 to $3.25, and yearling lambs $5.40 to $5.60 per cwt.

Mr. Kinnear would pay as high as $3.62½ for a few good ewes to complete a car load which is being shipped to the West Indies.

R. Pugsley sold 2 steers, 1300 lbs. each, at $4.25; also 4 heifers, 1100 lbs. each, at $3.70 per cwt.

S. H. Smith sold one load of exporters, 1250 lbs. each, at $4.20.

William Levack bought 138 cattle at prices ranging from $3.25 to $3.75 per cwt.

T. Halligan bought 1 car load butchers' cattle, 1012 lbs. each, at $3.45, less $5 on the lot.

Joseph Wilson bought 14 butchers' cows, 1300 lbs. each, at $3.30.

M. Vincent bought 2 car loads cows for Montreal at $3.25.

S. Helsey sold 27 mixed fat cattle, 1084 lbs. each, at $3.45 per cwt.

H. Maybee sold 12 feeders, 1000 lbs. each, at $3.65 per cwt., less $2 on the lot.

J. L. Rountree shipped 5 car loads of stockers to Ohio last Saturday.

There were about 1600 hogs on the market to-day; prices remained unchanged, with a downward tendency.

William Levack shipped 1 car load of export cattle to Bristol, via Portland.

Export cattle, per cwt	$4 00 to	$4 25
Bulls, heavy export, good quality	3 00	3 50
Bulls, feeders, per cwt	2 75	3 00
Stockers and medium to good	3 40	3 65
Feeders, heavy	3 70	3 85
Butchers' cattle, picked lots	3 90	4 12½
" good	3 60	3 75
" medium	3 40	3 60
" common	3 12½	3 37½
Springers, each	25 00	40 00
Milch cows, each	25 00	40 00
Calves, each	2 00	8 00
Sheep, per cwt	3 50	3 62½
Bucks, per cwt	2 75	3 25
Spring lambs, each	3 00	6 00
Hogs, 150 to 200 lbs. each	4 90	....
" light fats	4 62½	....
" heavy fats	4 50	....
" sows	3 25	....
" stags	2 00	....

Chicago Markets.

Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—May	1 05	1 07	1 05	1 06
" —July	85½	86	85¼	85¾
" —Sept.	78¼	79	78¼	78½
" —Dec.	78⅝	79⅛	78⅝	78¾
Corn—May	28½	....	....	28¼
" —May	29⅛	29⅜	29⅛	29⅜
" —July	30½	30⅝	30⅜	30½
Oats—Mar.	25½	....	....	25½
" —May	25⅞	26¼	25⅞	26¼
" —July	23½	23⅝	23⅜	23½
Pork—Mar.	9 82	....	....	9 82
" —May	9 87	9 87	9 82	9 87
" —July	9 92	9 95	9 90	9 95
Lard—Mar.	5 05	....	....	5 05
" —May	5 07	5 12	5 07	5 10
" —July	5 15	5 20	5 15	5 17
Ribs—Mar.	5 05	....	....	5 05
" —May	5 05	5 07	5 05	5 05
" —July	5 10	5 12	5 10	5 12

British Markets.

Liverpool, March 22.—Spring wheat quoted at 5s; No. 1 Cal. at 7s 9½d to 7s 10½d; red winter, 7s 9½d; peas, 5s 4d; corn, new, 3s 4½d; pork, 51s 3d for fine western; lard, 27s; bacon, heavy, l.c., 29s; light, 28s 6d; do., short cut, 29s; tallow, 26s; cheese, 58s.

Liverpool—Spot wheat dull; futures quiet, 7s 5d for May, 7s 0¾d for July and 6s 6¾d for September. Maize quiet at 3s 4½d. Futures quiet, 3s 4d for March, 3s 3d for April, 3s 2⅝d for May, 3s 2½d for July, 3s 3¼d for September.

London—Wheat off coast, very little enquiry; on passage; quiet to steady. English country markets quiet. Maize off coast nothing doing; American on passage easy.

Paris—Wheat 27f 65c for May and August; flour 59f 90c for May and August.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, N. Y., March 22.—Cattle—Receipts, all consigned through. Reports from the west were steady and the market outlook is fair for the immediate future.

Hogs—Receipts, 7 cars. Market fairly active and firm for good grades of all kinds, and pigs sold at a shade better prices. Good to choice yorkers, $4.12 to $4.15; prime selected light yorkers, $4.05 to $4.10; mixed packers' grades, $4.15 to $4.17; medium weights, $4.17 to $4.20; heavy hogs, $4.10; roughs, $3.60 to $3.75; stags, $2.90 to $3.25; pigs, $3.25 to $3.90.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, two cars. For the limited number on sale, prices ruled about choice, and values are, therefore, nominally unchanged. Native lambs, choice to extra, $5.90 to $6.00; fair to good, $5.60 to $5.80; culls to common, $5.00 to $5.50; yearlings, common to choice, $4.75 to $5.10; native sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4.80 to $4.90; good to choice mixed sheep, $4.60 to $4.75; common to fair, $4.25 to $4.50; culls to common sheep, $3.25 to $4.15.

Chicago Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co., 12 King-street east, received the following despatch to-day from Chicago:

There has been rather a slow and uninteresting trade in wheat during the greater portion of to-day's session. The market, however, has held firm, receiving most of its support from the bull clique. Local traders and scalpers were active on the bear side, but were inclined to make purchases. Later on, influenced by the low temperatures in the Northwest and prospects that the entire winter wheat belt will be under a cold blanket by night, in addition to the advices from the Pacific Coast, they became quite bullish. May wheat was strong, being old up early in the session to $1.07. The steady buying by the bull clique during the past two days leads traders to believe they are extending their campaign to this delivery. It's evident, however, that they are scalping the market on a large scale, as they were quite prominent sellers on the bulge the fore part of Saturday's session. Liverpool closed from ¼d to ¼d lower. Local receipts were again heavy, 327 cars. Total primary arrivals were 431,000 bushels, against 716,000 last year. Clearances were large, 629,000 bushels.

Provisions were extremely dull with prices close to yesterday's final figures.

Cotton Markets.

New York, March 22.—Cotton, futures closed steady; sales, 82,200 bales. March, 5.86; April, 5.86; May, 5.90; June, 5.92; July, 5.94; August, 5.97; September, 5.96; October, 5.95; November, 5.95; December, 5.97; January, 6.00.

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Concerning Ontario's Health.

Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, was in his office again yesterday. He proceeds, where he went to investigate a complaint that the water supplied was taken from the canal, instead of from the St. Lawrence River, and was not fit to bathe in, let alone drink, he obtained an arrangement with the water works company to lay a new pipe. At Arnprior he inspected the water supply for a proposed system of water works and the plans for a sewerage system. Dr. Bryce visited Ottawa also to further the arrangements for the holding there of the American Public Health Association Convention.

A Lilliputian Dead.

Richmond, Maine, March 22.—General Joseph Tellman, 36 years old, one of the famous lilliputians, was found dead in bed at his home here this morning. The diminutive general went into the show business when he was 13 years old and had been connected with several museums.

Blizzard in the Northwest.

Omaha, Neb., March 22.—A terrific blizzard prevails throughout Nebraska. The mercury has fallen 40 degrees. The wind is 75 miles per hour. Zero weather is announced for to-night. The storm is particularly hard on cattle and winter wheat. The severe weather is general throughout the West.

PRODUCE DEALERS.

H. J. ASH,
Commission Merchant,
23½ CHURCH STREET.
Butter, eggs and produce wanted. Quotations to-day: Choice dairy butter, 15c to 17c; new laid eggs, 11c to 12c.

Pork Butchers and Butchers
Can be supplied with Fresh Farmers' Fed Pork in loins, bellies, racks, shoulders, etc., at the
BARRIE MEAT PACKING CO.,
8 Francis Street.

Butter and Eggs Wanted.
The following are to-day's quotations: Choice dairy butter 16c to 17c; new laid eggs, 18c.
VANCE & CO.,
Wholesale Fruit and Commission Merchants,
36 23 Church-street, Toronto.

Waterous Engine Works Company, Ltd.
Office—
83 Front Street West.
Tel. 117. Toronto.
Hugh Cameron, Agent.

ANOTHER WEAK STOCK DAY.

Wall-Street Securities Show a General Decline.

Americans Weak in London — The Lists at Toronto and Montreal Are Both Dull and Heavy — Toronto Railway Loses Nearly Two Cents.

Tuesday Evening, March 22.

This was another weak day for stocks in Wall-street. Though the news of the day was on the whole good, including increased railway earnings and renewed gold imports, the market opened in a stagnant condition, and on rather heavy liquidation experienced a general decline from ½ to 3 per cent. The prevailing opinions that the report of the Board of Inquiry will be to the effect that the Maine was blown up by an outside explosion. Even such bad news as that, however, has been largely discounted already. Americans were weaker in London. Both Canadian exchanges were weak and inactive. Toronto Street Railway declined 1⅞ during the session. Montreal Railway, C.P.R. and Commercial Cable all lost strength. War Eagle sold up to $1.28 and Deer Park up to 12¼c on the local exchange.

A Washington despatch says: Senator Faulkner, who has heretofore maintained that there would be no war, now says that he considers it almost certain. The general impression is that the President means to throw the whole Cuban matter into Congress, with the object of forcing a speedy settlement, so as to prevent tedious delay and damage to general business.

Consols are 1-16 lower.

In Paris 3 per cent. rentes are quoted at 103f 40c.

Spanish 4's quoted at 54⅞ in London.

Bar silver in London is 25 13-16d per oz.

Wagner cars, it is reported, will replace Pullmans on the Union Pacific.

Western wholesalers are moving to throw off the yoke of the Sugar Trust.

It is announced that in case the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company declines to accept the terms offered by the Rapid Transit Commissioners the Commissioners will go to work again on the underground scheme. The Metropolitan Street Railway Co. is willing to take up the matter.

The cash reserve of the Bank of England is £23,717,500, as against £20,581,375 a year ago; and £40,806,326 two years ago. The note circulation is £26,430,000, as against £25,808,000 a year ago and £25,018,000 two years ago.

Messrs. A. E. Ames & Co.'s cable to-day quotes G.T.R. 4 per cent. guaranteed stock at 74¼; G.T.R. 1st preferred shares at 66⅝; G.T.R. 2nd preferred shares at 46¼; Wabash "B" Incomes 24.

Iron Ore Production.

The United States has overhauled both England and Germany in the production of iron ore, as is shown by the following:

	Tons. 1896.	Tons. 1897.
United States	8,623,137	9,652,680
United Kingdom	8,563,209	8,789,455
Germany	6,360,982	6,880,057
Totals	23,547,328	25,331,202

Money Markets.

On the local market call loans are quoted at 4½ per cent. In New York call loans are 1½ per cent. The Bank of England discount remains at 3 per cent., and the open market rate is 2⅞ per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

Aemilius Jarvis & Co., 23 King-street west, Toronto, stock and exchange brokers, report local rates to-day as follows:

	—Counter— Buy.	Sell.	—Bet. Banks— Buy.	Sell.
N.Y. Funds	⅛ to ¼	1-64 to 1-32	pre.	
Stg. 60 days	8⅝	8¾	8¼	8 5-16
do. demand	9¼	9⅜	8⅞	....

—Rates in New York—	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, 60 days	4.82	4.81¼ to 4.81½
Sterling, demand	4.85	4.83¾ to 4.84

Toronto Stock Market.

	11 p.m. Ask.	Bid.	3.30 p.m. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	244	243	244	243½
Ontario	106	100	106	108¾
Toronto	234	227	234	227
Merchants'	182	178	181½	177
Commerce	140	138	140	138
Imperial	194	192	193	192½
Dominion	260	253	260	255
Standard	...	174	176	174½
Hamilton	...	174	...	173½
Nova Scotia	...	200	...	200
Ottawa	...	196	...	193
Brit. America	129	127½	128¾	127¾
West. Assurance	167	166	167	166
Imperial Life	...	138	...	138
Consumers' Gas	...	214½	...	215
Montreal Gas	194	192½	193½	192
Dom. Telegraph	...	132	...	132
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	50¼	49	50¼	49
C N W L Co, pf	51¼	50¾	52	50¾
Can. Pac. Stock	81½	81⅜	81⅝	81½
Tor Elec L Co, xd	134	132¼	134	132½
Do., new	118	...	120	116
General Electric	110	107	107	106
Do., pref.	107	103	...	103
Com. Cable	173⅞	173½	173	172⅞
Do., coup. bonds	106	105¼	106	105¼
Do., reg. bonds	105½	104½	105	104⅝
Bell Telephone	176	173½	176	173½
Rich & Ont N Co	105	98	101	98½
Toronto Railway	98⅝	98⅜	98½	97½
London Railway	183	182	183	182
Hamilton E. L.	74	72	72¼	72⅛
G. T. R. Guar.	76	73	75	74
Do., 1st pref.	...	...	67	65½
Brit Can L & I	100	...	...	...
B & Loan	60	...	...	...
Can. Landed	100	97	...	...
Can. Permanent	...	110	...	...
Do., 20 per cent.	...	84	...	...
Can S & Loan	...	109	...	...
Central Can. Loan	125¾	124	...	...
Dom. Sav. & L.	...	76	...	...
Freehold L. & S.	101	...	...	...
Do., 20 per cent.	75	...	...	...
Hamilton Prov.	108	...	...	...
Huron & Erie L & S	...	167	...	...
do. do., 20 p.c.	...	155	...	...
Imperial L & I	100	...	...	...
Landed B. & L.	...	109	...	...
Lon & Can L & A.	78	...	...	...
London Loan	...	105	...	...
Manitoba Loan	50	...	...	...
Ontario L. & D.	...	121½	...	...
People's Loan	37	32½	...	...
Real Es., L. & D.	60	50	...	...
Toronto S. & Loan	121	118½	...	...
Union Loan & Sav.	85	...	...	...
West. Can. L. & S.	...	118	...	...
do. do., 25 p.c.	...	97	...	...

Sales at 11.30 a.m.: C.P.R., 25, 100, 25 at 81¼; Hamilton Electric, 5, 10, 10, 5 at 71½.

Sales at 1.30 p.m.: C.P.R., 75 at 81⅜, 10 at 81¾, 25, 25 at 81½; Toronto Electric, 4 at 133; Cable, 50 at 173½; Canada Landed Loan, 1 at 99; Freehold Loan, 10 at 100. Unlisted—War Eagle, 200, 500 at 126, 25 at 128.

Sales at 3.30 p.m.: Imperial Bank, 10 at 192, 10 at 192¼, 10, 30 at 192⅞; C. P. R., 100, 25 at 81½; Cable, 25, 25 at 173; Hamilton Electric, 5 at 172¼. Unlisted—War Eagle, 500, 400 at 126; Deer Park, 5000 at 12⅛, 5000, 5000, 5000, 5000 at 12¼.

Montreal Stock Market.

Montreal, March 22.—C.P.R., 81⅛ and 81; Duluth, 3½ and 2; do., pref., 6¼ and 4½; Cable, xd., 172¼ and 171½; do., coup., 107 and 102½; Telegraph, 180 and 179; Halifax H. & L., 37 and 34; do., bonds, 88 and 82½; Richelieu & Ontario, 100 and 98; Montreal Railway, 261 and 258½; do., new, 257 and 256; Halifax Railway, 134 and 131; do., bonds, 108 and 105; Montreal Gas, 193 and 192; Bell Telephone, 177½ and 173½; Royal Electric, 149 and 145; Toronto Railway, 98¼ and 97; Cornwall Railway, 50 and 25; St. John Railway, 145 and 130; Bank of Montreal, 245 and 237; Ontario Bank, 110 and 98; Molsons, 210 and 202¾; Toronto, 257 and 227; Jacques Cartier, 100 and 98½; Merchants', 182 and 179; Merchants' (Halifax), 185 offered; Nova Scotia, 230 and 210; Eastern Townships, 160 and 150; Quebec, 124 offered; Commerce, 140½ and 138¼; Union, 115 and 105; Ville Marie, 100 and 92; Hochelaga, 153 and 149½; Windsor, 100 asked; Northwest Land, 52½ and 50; Can. Pacific bonds, 108 and 104; Dominion Coal, 107 and 103; do., common, 19 and 17; do., bonds, 106 and 103½; Can. Cotton Co., 75 and 45; do., bonds, 100 and 97; Montreal Cotton, 150 and 145; Dominion Cotton, 95 and 92; Auer, 60 asked.

Morning sales: C. P. R., 250 at 81, 8 at 82, 50 at 81, 5 at 82, 275 at 81⅛, 25 at 81¼, 150 at 81⅛, 100 at 81; Cable, 25 at 173; Telegraph, 10 at 179¾; Street Railway, 25 at 259½, 25 at 259; do., new, 250 at 275. Halifax Railway, 10 at 133; Gas, 75 at 193¾, 50 at 193. Toronto Railway, 13 at 100, 25 at 98¾; St. John Railway, 10 at 140; Hochelaga Bank, 11, 24 at 150.

Afternoon sales: C.P.R., 25 at 81¼, 75 at 81⅜, 200 at 81¼, 25 at 81⅛, 75 at 81; Cable, 25 at 173, 25 at 172½, 25 at 172¾; Montreal Railway, 25 at 259½, 25 at 259⅝, do., new, 2 at 256; Halifax Railway, 10 at 133; Montreal Gas, 125 at 192, 75 at 193¼, 50 at 193; Toronto Railway, 150 at 97¾, 10 at 98, 50 at 97½, 5 at 97; Dominion Cotton, 25 at 92; Hochelaga, 11 at 150.

New York Stocks.

The range to-day was:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Am Sugar Trust	117¼	117⅞	115¼	115⅞
Am. Tobacco	95	95⅞	93¾	94
Am. Spirits	7	7	7	7
Atchison	11	11	10⅞	10⅞
Atchison, pref.	24¾	24¾	24¼	24¼
Balt. & Ohio	16¼	16⅛	16	16
Bay State Gas	2⅝	2¾	2⅝	2⅝
Brooklyn R. T.	37¾	37¾	36⅝	35½
Ches. & Ohio	18¾	18¾	18¼	18¼
Chicago G. W.	9⅞	10¼	9¾	10
Chicago B. & Q.	80⅝	80⅞	88⅝	88⅝
Can. Southern	46¼	46¼	46	46
C C C & I	27½	27½	26¾	26¾
Erie	12½	12½	12½	12½
Gen. Electric	32¼	32½	31⅝	31¾
Jersey Central	91	91	90	90
Kan., Tex., pref.	31½	31⅝	31	31
Lake Shore	185	185	184½	184½
Louis. & Nash	48⅝	48⅝	47	47
Leather, pref.	56¼	56¼	56⅛	56⅛
Manhattan	99	96⅝	96½	96¾
Met. Trac.	140	140	137	137⅞
Miss. Pacific	24⅞	24⅞	24⅛	24⅛
N. Y. Central	108¾	109¼	108⅛	108½
National Lead	29½	29¼	27½	27½
North. Pacific	21⅝	21½	20⅞	20⅞
North. Pacific, pr.	60	60⅝	59	59¼
Northwestern	116¾	117	115¼	115½
N. Y. Gas	177	177	175¼	175¼
Ont. & Western	14¼	14¼	14	14
Omaha	67	67	66½	66½
Pacific Mail	29½	29½	29⅛	29⅛
People's Gas	90⅝	90⅝	88¾