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Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Feb. 26.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	56	55
Duluth, common	6½	3½
Duluth, preferred	12	7
Commercial Cable	165¼	164¾
Wabash, common	..	..
Wabash, preferred	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	170	165½
Richelieu and Ontario	100	
Montreal Street Railway	225	224
Montreal Street Railway, new	190½	189½
Montreal Gas Company	191	190½
Bell Telephone	159	157½
Royal Electric, xd	143	138½
Toronto Railway	71	70½
Bank of Montreal	231	225
Ontario Bank	85	83
Banque du Peuple	..	..
Molsons Bank	..	185
Bank of Toronto	231	227½
Merchants Bank	170	169
Merchants Bank of Halifax	171	166
Quebec Bank	..	119½
Union Bank	..	102½
Bank of Commerce	130	127½
Northwest Land	..	..
Montreal Cotton Company	128½	124
Canada Colored Cotton	..	..
Dominion Cotton, xd	87½	81
Postal Telegraph	98½	97½

SALES—Mont. Gas, 300 at 191; 50 at 192½; Bank of Mont., 2 at 227.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	231	225
Ontario	87	83
Molsons	..	..
Toronto	231	229
Merchants	171	168½
Commerce	128	127
Imperial	180	179
Dominion	234	232
Standard	170	165
Hamilton	159	156
British America	118½	116½
Western Assurance	167	163½
Canada Life	..	..
Confederation Life	..	..
Consumers' Gas	..	200
Dominion Telegraph	126	124
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	50	40
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	55½	54½
Commercial Cable Company	164½	164
Postal Telegraph	97½	97½
Bell Telephone Company	158½	157½
Montreal Street Railway	225	224
Montreal Street Railway (new)	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	70½	70
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	75
Farmers' Loan and Savings	95	..
Farmers' L. and S., 20 per cent	70	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	159
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	148
London and Canada, L. and A.	90	..
London Loan	..	..
London and Ontario	100	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	119

SALES—1 p.m.—Commerce, 5, 2, 28 at 127½; Com. Cable, 25, 25, 25, 50 at 164¾; Postal 25, 25 at 97½. 11:15 a.m.—British America, 30, 30 at 117; Western Assurance, 75 at 166½; Com. Cable, 25, 25 at 165, 100 at 165¼, 25 at 165½, 3 at 164¾.

New York Stock Market.

Reported by Frank Butler, broker, Masonic Temple.

	Open.	Hign.	Low.	Feb. 26. Close.
C. B. and Q.	73½	75	73½	75
C. and N. W.	104	105	104	105
Chicago Gas	75½	76½	75½	76½
Gen. Electric	34½	14½	13	14
L. and N.	49½	50	49½	50
Manhattan	88	89½	88	88½
Missouri Pacific	20½	21½	20½	21½
Pacific Mail	25	25½	25	25½
Rock Island	66½	67½	66½	67½
Reading	21½	21½	21½	21½
St. Paul	75½	76½	75½	76½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	26½	27½	26½	27½
Western Union	82½	83½	82½	83½
Distillery Trust	13½	14½	13½	14
Leather Trust	57½	59½	57½	59½
Sugar Trust	114½	116½	114½	116½
Tobacco Trust	74½	75½	74½	75½

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Feb. 26.—Noon.—Money on call nominally 1 1-2 to 1 3-4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3 to 4 per cent; sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.87 to 4.87 1-4 for demand, and at 4.85 to 4.85 1-4 for sixty days; posted rates, 4.85 1-2 to 4.86, and 4.87 1-2 to 4.88; commercial bills, 4.84 1-2.

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Grain Market.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Wheat—There is rather better inquiry, and the market is steadier; cars of red wheat sold north and west freights today at 74c, and 75c is quoted for red; Manitoba wheat is quiet; No. 1 hard is quoted at 75c, f. o. b. cars Fort William, at 91c to 92c, all rail west; 85c to 86c Midland, and No. 2 hard at 83c to 84c, Midland.

Flour—Dull; cars of straight roller are quoted at $3 70 to $3 75 west.

Millfeed—In fair demand and steady; shorts are quoted at $8 to $8 50 west, and bran at $7 50.

Barley—Quiet, at 30c to 31c for No. 1 outside; 32c to 33c for No. 1 extra; 27c to 28c for No. 2; 24c for No. 3 extra, and 22c for feed.

Rye—Steady, at 33c to 34c outside.

Corn—Steady, with sales of cars of yellow west at 19 1-2c to 20c.

Peas—Dull, at 38c north and west;

Oats—Offering freely at 18c for white west, with 17c bid.

Seeds—Dull and prices are nominal; unchanged.

Baled Hay—Quiet, at $8 50 to $10 50 for cars on track here.

Straw—$5 to $6.

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Latest Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 26.

GRAINS AND FLOUR.

Oats—In store No. 2 white, 22c to 22½.
Peas—47c to 47c.
Feed barley—29c to 29c.
Corn—30c to 30c.
Buckwheat—32c to 32c.
Flour—Manitoba strong bakers $4 25 to $4 75; spring wheat patents, $4 90 to $5 05; winter do., $4 45 to $4 70; straight roller, $4 20 to $4 30.
Feed—Bran, $9 to $10; shorts, $11 to $12.

PROVISIONS.

Canadian short cut, clear, $19 to $19 50.
Ham—9c to 11c.
Bacon—8½c to 9½c.
Lard—Pure, 5½c to 6c; compound, 4c to 4½c.

PRODUCE.

Cheese—No change in market here.
Butter—Dull, easy; local creamery, 18c to 19c as to quality; dairy, 11c to 13c.
Eggs—Weak; new laid, 16c to 17c; Montreal limed, 10c to 11c; western do, 8c to 10c.

English Markets.

Liverpool, Feb. 26—4:15 p.m.

Wheat—Spot quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 2½d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 5½d; futures opened steady, with near positions ¼d lower and distant positions ½d lower; further weakened and closed steady, with near positions 1d lower, and distant positions ½d to ¾d lower; business about equally distributed; Feb., 6s 1½d; March, 6s 1½d; May, 6s 3½d; July, 6s 3d.

Corn — Spot dull; American mixed new, 2s 6½; futures opened quiet, with near positions ¼d lower, and distant positions unchanged; closed steady, with near and distant positions unchanged to ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; Feb., 2s 6d; March, 2s 6d; April, 2s 6½d; May, 2s 7½d; June, 2s 8½d; July, 2s 9½.

Flour—Steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d.

Peas—Canadian, 4s 4d.

American Produce Markets.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 26.

Flour—Receipts, 15,000 bbls; sales, 1,500 packages; state and western dull and lower to sell; city mills patent, $4 85 to $5 05; do clears, $4 80 to $4 85; Minn. patents, $4 30 to $4 45; winter patents, $4 60 to $4 85; winter straights, $4 35 to $4 40.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Wheat—Receipts, 43,475; sales, 1,620,000 bu; opened weak under bearish cables, but rallied later on bad crop news; May, 79 13-16c to 80 7-16c; July, 78¾c to 78¾c; Sept., 75 9-16c to 75¾c.

Rye—Quiet.

Corn—Receipts, 129,675; sales 140,000 bu; quiet and affected by lower cables and cold weather; May, 29½c to 29¾c; July, 31c to 31¼c.

Oats—Receipts, 91,800 bu; sales, 10,000; dull and neglected; May, 21½c to 21¾c; track white, 21c to 30c.

Beef—Steady.

Pork—Quiet.

Lard—Dull.

Butter—Receipts, 4,819 packages; steady; state dairy, 10c to 18c; state creamery, 13c to 18c; western creamery, 12c to 19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 7c to 13c.

Cheese—Receipts, 569 packages; quiet; state large, 9c to 12½c; do small, 9c to 12½c; part skims, 5c to 9½c; full skims, 3c to 3½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 6,223 packages; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 17½c; western, 17c; southern, 16c to 16½c.

Sugar—Raw; firm; refined; steady.

Petroleum—Dull.

Coffee—Quiet and steady.

Hops—Steady; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 5c to 7c; 1896 crop, 8c to 13c; Pacific Coast, 1895 crop, 5c to 7c; 1896 crop, 9c to 13c.

Lead—Strong; bullion, $3 65; exchange $3 90 to $3 95.

Potatoes—Quiet.

Tallow—Firm.

BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Spring wheat—Dull; No. 1 hard, old, 85½c; do new, 84½c; No. 1 northern, 81½c to 82½; No. 2 northern, 80½c. Winter wheat—Quiet; No. 2 red, 88½c on track and in store; No. 1 white, 88c on track.

Corn—Stronger; No. 2 yellow, 26½c; No. 3 yellow, 26½c; No. 4 yellow, 25½c; No. 2 corn, 26½c; No. 3 corn, 25½c on track.

Oats—Firmer; No. 2 white, 21½c; No. 3 white, 20c to 20½c; No. 4 white, 18c to 18½c; No. 2 white, in store, 21½c.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 26.—Wheat—No. 1 white cash, 86c; No. 2 red cash, 86c; May, 86½c; July, 74½c.

TOLEDO.

Toledo, Feb. 26.—Wheat—Cash, 87c; May, 88c; July, 74½c.

Corn—May, 24½c; July, 25½c.

Oats—May, 17½c.

MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Feb. 26.—Wheat, cash, 72½c; May, 74½c.

Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,278.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	74½	74¾	73¾	74½
July	71½	72½	71	71½
Corn—May	24½	24½	23¾	23¾
July	25¾	25¾	24½	25
Oats—May	17½	17½	16½	16½
July	18½	18½	17½	17½
Pork—May	7 97	8 10	7 95	8 07
July	8 07	8 22	8 07	8 22
Lard—May	4 5	4 10	4 05	4 10
July	4 15	4 20	4 15	4 17
Ribs—May	4 10	4 20	4 07	4 17
July	4 17	4 27	4 17	4 27

Puts, 73½; calls, 74½.

Live Stock Markets

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Hogs—Receipts, 31,000; left over, 4,000; fairly active; 5c lower; light, $3 50 to $3 70; mixed, $3 45 to $3 65; heavy, $3 30 to $3 62 1-2; rough, $3 30 to $3 35.

Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; market slow but steady; nothing good here; quality inferior; beeves, $3 50 to $4 90; cows and heifers, $1 80 to $4 15; Texas steers, $3 15 to $4 10; stockers and feeders, $3 20 to $4 20.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; market barely steady.

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Steamship Arrivals.

Feb. 25.	At	From
Germanic	Queenstown	New York
Assyrian	Halifax	Glasgow
Nordland	New York	Antwerp
Feb. 26.	At	From
Traave	New York	Bremen

A telephone wire .08 of an inch in diameter and 7,900 feet long has been stretched across the Wallenstadt Lake in the canton of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Around the City

—Col. Leys is in Berlin today.

—Capt. Gowan, of the Salvation Army Refuge Home, is seriously ill.

—Dr. George C. Davis has been confined to his room since Tuesday last with a severe cold.

—Mr. James Calvert, M. P. for West Middlesex, was in the city last night, and left for Toronto this morning.

—The Collegiate Glee Club has been reorganized under Mr. Fred L. Evans. They will take part in Mr. Nicholas Wilson's anniversary.

—Messrs. Irwin & Sons, of Hamilton, contractors for the slating at the car shops, completed their work last night. The other contractors are still busy, but will soon finish.

—The meeting at the Salvation Army last night, illustrating the parade of "The Ten Virgins," was a very unique affair. The ten virgins were robed in white gowns, and marched through the streets with the procession before the performance.

—The Toronto World says that Charlie Maddock will put a team in the Canadian Baseball League. It adds: "Mr. Maddock has the correct backing, he says, and thus he will certainly be received with open arms by Hamilton, London and Guelph."

—The Grand Trunk have made their proposal to Ald. Bennet for the purchase of a portion of the Bennet Company's land, adjoining the car shops but the matter had to be considered by members of the firm in Great Britain before any deal is made.

—Capt. H. A. Kingsmill has received from Major Wilkes, of the Thirty-eighth Battalion (Dufferin Rifles), a letter expressing the sincere sympathy of the officers and men of that corps with the Seventh Fusiliers on the death of their late esteemed comrade, Surgeon-Major W. J. Mitchell.

—Surgeon-Major Keefer's lecture at the Auditorium tonight will be a rare treat. The theme will be personal reminiscences of Tel-el-Kebir. The surgeon-major is an entertaining speaker, and there should be a large audience present. The proceeds are in aid of university extension.

—Lovers of comedy will be pleased to know that arrangements have been made for the reappearance next Monday afternoon and evening at the Grand Opera House, of the company presenting "My Friend from India." There are none who have seen this piece who will not be glad of an opportunity to see its vagaries repeated, for it is one of the plays that is full of innocent fun without any suggestion of impropriety, and there is no doubt that the return visit of the company will be heartily welcomed.

—The members of the Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association of Ontario, who have been in session for the past two days at the Walker House, finished their business yesterday. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, John I. Hobson, Mossborough; first vice-president, Wm. Turnbull, Paris; second vice-president, Capt. Robson, London; secretary-treasurer, Hugh Black, Rockwood; executive committee, L. Stauffer, Waterloo; P. S. Armstrong, St. Marys; J. McEwing, Drayton; R. S. Strong, Galt; E. J. Pearson, Kintore; auditors, L. Leach, London; J. N. McKendrick, Galt.

—"The Defaulter" will be the attraction at the Grand, matinee and night, tomorrow. It possesses striking melodramatic features, and many dramatic and sensational situations, which rouse the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. The play, which is founded on George Manville Fenn's fine story, "This Man's Wife," has its scenes laid in England and Australia, and draws upon convict life in the penal colony for some of its most interesting and thrilling incidents. The scenery is said to be very handsome and realistic, and includes some great sets. The scenic effect for the last scene is a fine reproduction of a gorge in the mountains, across which the hero and heroine plunge on horseback.

THE GRAND MASTER'S VISIT.

Grand Master Gibson, of the Masonic fraternity, having chosen Monday, March 8, as the date on which to be the guest of the Past Masters' Association of London, Wor. Master W.C. Fitzgerald, of Union Lodge, 380, which holds its regular meeting on that evening, has considerately arranged to have no initiations, but to close down after routine. In order that no past master or master may be absent from the reception to the grand master, Union Lodge had to ask the Wor. Master and officers of Corinthian Lodge to postpone their intended fraternal visit on the date named, and the East End brethren have cordially agreed. The Past Masters' Association will thoroughly appreciate the kindness of the brethren of these two lodges.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIABILITY.

The officers and teachers of the Dundas Street Center Methodist Sunday school gave a social evening last night, at which four hundred persons were present, including many of the senior pupils. The programme, which was entertaining and profitable, was as follows: Hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves"; invocation, Rev. E. B. Langeley; chairman's address, Supt. D. A. McDermid; "The Relationship of the Scholar to the School," Bert Dickson; quartet, Messrs. Zeigler, Goodge, Noble and Langeley; "The Relationship of Teacher to Scholar," Mrs. A. E. Bennett; instrumental, Miss Noble.

Refreshments were served by the ladies. A diverting feature was the microscopic exhibition by Prof. Bowman, Inspector Dearness and others, who had many fine specimens under the lenses.

DIVORCE MADE EASY.

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 26.—The Senate, by a vote of 14 to 13, has killed the bill increasing the residence requisite to a divorce from 90 days to one year.

City Hall News.

The Charities' Society Discuss Work for the Unemployed.

Want Stone Piles Again—The Gypsies on Deck—Other Notes.

A meeting of the Charities' Organization Society was held in the City Hall yesterday, Mr. J. S. Pearce in the chair. The problem of the unemployed was discussed and Mr. Pearce, Rev. J. G. Stuart, H. E. Gates, Fred. Matthews, and Inspector Sanders were appointed a committee to devise some scheme and lay it before the mayor and council. It was suggested that those who were willing to work be given employment breaking stones, the same as last winter. The committee realize that the cost of breaking stone by hand is about $3 a cord and by machinery 75 cents; but they think the difference in the cost might be charged to the relief fund by the city.

THE GYPSIES AGAIN.

The gypsies were on deck again today, and called on Inspector Sanders. Their horses have been stabled at the county's expense, but funds have run out, and Inspector Sanders stopped paying for it today. The gypsies asked a two-weeks' extension of stabling accommodation, as their horses could not survive in the open air this weather. They said they could not pay for the stable, as they had only a few dollars left.

"Well, if you turn the horses out I will send you to jail for cruelty to animals," said the inspector.

"Jail! That's nice. Plenty to eat," said the gypsy John, pointing to his mouth.

The inspector said he would send the men and women to jail, but the children would have to go to another place.

"Ah, better kill me," said John, in a melodramatic tone, drawing his finger over his throat. "Must have children."

The inspector decided to grant them a week's further stabling for the sake of the poor horses. He advised the gypsies to go south as soon as they could.

NOTES.

Treasurer Pope has received $100 from the Y. M. C. A. and $75 from the King Street Presbyterian Church for the famine sufferers.

The school teachers were paid today.

The Board of Works meets tonight and will open tenders for the new sewage section in South London. Mr. Grant, of Toronto, who secured the first contract, is trying it again.

AN IMPOSTER TRAPPED

By Secretary Sanders—Necessity of Organized Charity

A good deal of imposture on charitable people is prevented by the Charities Organization, and less would be practiced if the inspector of the society was consulted before giving aid to strangers.

An imposter was neatly trapped the other day by Inspector Sanders. He asked the inspector for a written certificate of character, in order that he might collect alms. He had a paper on which were the names of several people who had given him money. Mr. Sanders' certificate, he said, would greatly aid him. The inspector took the paper, and, on turning it over, saw the address 491 English street, written on the back.

"Have you been at that place?" he asked.

"Yes," said the man, readily; "they promised me work there."

Asked to describe it, the man said a coal and wood dealer lived there.

"You are lying," said the inspector; "I live there myself."

The man was confounded and "made his sneak." Somebody had evidently referred him to the address of the inspector, and he had made a note of it on his paper.

In another case Mr. Sanders found that some charitable gentlemen were paying to a landlord the rent of a sick man in need, while equally charitable ladies were paying the rent to the sick man himself.

NEW CHURCH EDIFICE.

South London Baptists Decide to Erect a $9,000 Building.

South London Baptists have decided to erect a handsome new brick church on the site of the present frame structure. The new building will have a stone basement, and be about forty feet wide by sixty feet long. It is estimated that the cost will be in the neighborhood of $8,000 or $9,000.

The pastor, Rev. W. M. Walker, started to work in South London just about seven years ago, and since that time has retained the strong hold he early obtained upon the affections of his people. His ministry has been marked by success, and for some time past the talk of the erection of an edifice more modern, and in harmony with the tastes of the congregation has been more than idle rumor.

A meeting will be held next week to award the contracts. Quite a number of tenders have been submitted. Messrs. Burke & Harwood, of Toronto, are the architects.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

TECUMSEH HOUSE.

W. A. Murray, Glasgow, Scotland.
J. Podleski, Chicago.
C. S. Slater, Montreal, the "Slater Shoe" man.
Edmund Yeigh, of the Toronto Globe.
Thomas Bilton, merchant tailor, Toronto.
E. W. McTear, Toronto.

GRIGG HOUSE.

J. E. Carr, Le Roy, N. Y.
C. A. Treble, Buffalo.
Jas. Stevenson and wife, Toronto.
John Galt, Montreal.
D. A. McDonald, Minneapolis, The Defaulter Company.
John Lucas, Toronto, contractor for sewer work. (He is one of the tenderers for the section of the new sewer soon to be let.
H. C. Arnold, Toronto.
Wm. Milne, of Milne & Heffernan, Trout Creek.
W. L. Cannon, of the Eagle Cigar Company.

CITY HOTEL.

R. C. Eldridge, proprietor of a large hardware factory at Niagara Falls.
E. B. Morey, Ingersoll.
J. S. Graham, Hamilton.
S. A. Moffatt, Varna.
F. S. Hicks, Toronto.
Miss Carlisle, of Toronto, inspector of factories in which women are employed. She completed her tour of inspection here this afternoon.

Woman's Art Club.

Settling Preliminaries for the Coming Exhibition.

A Rare Treat in Preparation for the London Public—Some of the Contributors.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Art Club, which is increasing constantly in interest and numbers, was held on Thursday afternoon, in the old rooms on Richmond street. A large number of ladies were present, and discussed the rare treat which is being prepared for the public of London by the indefatigable workers for the cause of art, who are banded together in the Woman's Art Club.

One of the finest loan exhibitions ever held in the city of London will be opened in the new club rooms, over the public library, on March 18. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Reid, of Toronto, will send pictures, also Mr. Wylie Grier, and choice masterpieces from the private collections of Mr. E. B. Osler, Jardine, S. H. Janes, J. H. Plummer, Mr. B. E. Walker, Mr. Carroll, of this city, and others. At the same time an exhibition will be given of the work done by members of the London club during the winter, in which outsiders will contribute, a large box of sketches from Montreal having been received for that purpose this morning.

It should be remembered that the object of the Woman's Art Club, in thus securing for London the benefit of a carefully selected art loan, is not primarily the pecuniary advantages which may accrue to themselves; but for the sake of the educating and refining influence, which the contemplation—even for a few minutes—of what is best in art, must unconsciously exert over the mind. It is well also to remember that not one in a million is born with taste, but that not ten in a million need despair of creating within themselves a genuine appreciation and pleasure in the work of higher minds, if they will but remember the words of a well-known artist who said: "I have never from the first allowed an opportunity to go and see a good picture escape me, and I have always striven to take advantage of such opportunity, not only once, but many times."

Deadly Crash!

Two Trains and a Trolley Car in Collision.

Three Persons Mangled to Death and Several Injured.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—A north-bound train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road and the Columbia Heights race train, south-bound, on the same road, simultaneously struck a Calumet electric car at One Hundred and Third street crossing yesterday afternoon.

The motorman and two passengers were instantly killed, two other passengers probably fatally injured, and the car smashed into kindling wood. The three persons killed were so badly mangled as to be unrecognizable.

The injured are Mrs. Mansfield, wife of the editor of the Roseland (Ill.) Enterprise, thrown twenty feet, probably fatally injured; Robert Hines, a motorman on the road, probably fatally injured.

The railway people claim that the gates were down, and that the motorman lost control of his car, which crashed through the gates. The northbound train and the race train meet at the crossing at the same time every day. They were due at the same time the electric car crashed through the gates. The car was squarely in the middle of the tracks when both trains struck it, completely demolishing it.

The Dons Displeased

With the Action of the U. S. Consul at Havana.

Proposal to Prepare Spain's Defenses by Sea and Land.

Madrid, Feb. 26.—Extreme reserve is maintained in official circles, and much importance is attached to the secret conferences between the Premier, Senor Canovas Del Castillo, and the Ministers, on the state of the war in Cuba. The procedure of the United States Consul-General, General Fitzhugh Lee, is regarded as being "intolerably high-handed."

The Imparcial says: "The Americans are availing themselves of the European troubles over Crete, and mean to precipitate McKinley into a quarrel with Spain." Continuing, the Imparcial advises the Government to prepare Spain's defenses by sea and by land, maintaining that Spain has less to lose than the United States in case of war.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

A Kippen Farmer Killed While Felling a Tree.

Special to the Advertiser via G. N. W. Line.

Kippen, Ont., Feb. 26.—John McMurtrie, treasurer of St. Andrew's Church, Kippen, and a farmer, was killed while assisting his son Alexander in felling a tree.

The tree split when about to fall, and caught Mr. McMurtrie, completely crushing him to death.

THE HUNT BALL.

Decorations for Tonight's Swell Affair Very Elaborate.

The decorations for the Hunt Ball tonight are very elaborate. The walls and ceilings are almost covered with British flags of all sizes and shapes. Foreign flags are conspicuous by their absence. There are two or three Stars and Stripes and some nondescript ensigns, but they all pale before the red glory of the Union Jack. Some of the largest and finest flags in the city have been especially secured. The gallery fronts, the railings, and every bare spot is covered with masses of bunting. The council chamber has been draped off by Union Jacks, and will serve as the supper room. A corps of men has been working all day on the decorations, and arrangements.

Music will be furnished by the Italian Harpers, stationed in the south gallery.

Novel Suit.

What It Cost to Try to Get a Dominion Office,

But the Effort Failed, and Two Conservative Bosses Went to Law.

Brantford Expositor, Feb. 24.

On Monday next at the Division Court a somewhat novel, and to the actively working members of the Conservative party, rather interesting suit, will be tried. To put it briefly and simply, John H. Spence, late secretary of the Brantford Conservative Association, sues Robert J. McFadden, late president of the Brantford Conservative Association, for the sum of $63 60.

In his statement of claim, Mr. John H. Spence, through his lawyers, Messrs. Baird & Henderson, says that he was secretary of the association, and that Mr. McFadden was president of the same. Mr. Spence had his eye upon an office in the inland revenue department, and had, in fact, been promised the same. Mr. McFadden, he says, undertook to get the appointment. It was explained that the negotiations could not be carried on without money. Mr. Spence thereupon gave Mr. McFadden two sums of $25 each, and sundry other smaller sums at different times, amounting in all, it is said, to about the amount claimed.

The goods were not delivered to Mr. John H. Spence. Time went past with reckless haste, but there was no sign then, and there has been no sign since of the promised appointment. Messrs. Spence and McFadden wrote each other, but the outcome was unsatisfactory. Hence the present action.

Mr. McFadden has lodged his answer through his lawyers, Messrs. Brewster, Muirhead & Heyd. In the first place, Mr. McFadden disputes the entire claim in full. In the second place, he has a counter claim from which it would appear that defendant had gone to Ottawa twice, and once to Toronto in connection with the matter. Mr. McFadden's counter claim is as follows:

Expenses of first trip to Ottawa.	$ 5 00
Fare on train, return	16 25
Pullman berth, return	4 00
Wages for lost time	7 50
Hotel	5 25
Telegrams	1 00
Hackman	50
Second trip, incidents	5 00
Fare, return	16 25
Pullman berth, return	4 00
Wages for lost time	7 50
Telegrams	75
Hotel	6 25
Trip to Toronto	5 50
Fare, return	3 25
Wages for lost time	2 50
Telegrams	75
Hotel	2 00
Hack	50
For services rendered in connection with above trip	50 00
Total	$143 55

TURKISH ACTIVITY.

Hasty Assembling of Troops on the Frontier.

Salonica, Feb. 26.—The massing of Turkish troops and munitions of war on the frontier is proceeding with feverish haste. All the soldiers on furlough have been recalled and eleven batteries of artillery, a regiment of cavalry and two battalions of infantry have gone to Elassona. Two additional battalions of infantry have reached Katerina. The reliefs from Smyrna, Drusa, Trebizond, and elsewhere in Anatolia are on their way here, and for the frontier, where a total of six divisions will be formed with headquarters at Elassona.

SEVENTEEN SAVED.

Captain and Crew of a Sinking Ship Brought to Port.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Atlantic transport steamer Mohawk (Capt. Gales), which arrived early this morning from London, had a tempestuous passage of fifteen days, and was three days overdue. During the worst of the weather, the Norwegian bark Persia was sighted flying signals of distress, and the Mohawk took off Capt. Gjertzn and his crew of sixteen. The Persia was bound from Cardiff to St. John, New Brunswick, in ballast, and was in a sinking condition when the Mohawk sighted her. She was formerly the famous British Blackball Packet of the same name, and was built at Quebec in 1853.

WORK AND WAGES.

Ten Thousand New York Cloak Makers May Strike.

New York, Feb. 26.—Ten thousand cloak makers in this city threaten to go on strike for higher wages. "The spring season has now commenced," said Secretary Klein, of the United Brotherhood of Cloak Makers, "and we will have to strike for the wages we had last year, or work for starvation wages." Committees have been appointed to organize the cloak makers in all shops.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The tanners' strike is to be settled by the State board of arbitration. The men will return to work on Monday, probably, pending the finding of the board.

MRS. BEECHER.

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher was still alive this morning.

LORD ABERDEEN.

New York, Feb. 26.—Lord Aberdeen, who is passing through this city, will leave for Ottawa this afternoon by the 6:30 train.

ATHLETICS.

BLOWS.

Frank Erne, Buffalo, stated Thursday morning that he will fight no more. He has been offered several good positions, and there is no money in fighting.

Secretary Wheelock now roughly estimates the seating capacity of the pavilion at Carson at from 17,000 to 18,000.

Andy Powers, of Australia, matched against Van Heest, in a 25-round contest at Visitors' Athletic Club, Hot Springs, Ark., was knocked out in the second round Thursday by a vicious righthander in the neck.

THE WHEEL.

THE SIX DAYS' RACE.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The following was the score of the six day bicycle race at 10 a.m.: Schinner 1,417 miles, Miller 1,355, Lawson, 1,336; Ashinger 1,330, Hansen 1,196, Stewart 1,194, Hannant 1,143. Bradis dropped out at 5 a.m., and will not appear on the track again. Smith left the track at 2:30 this morning, and it is not likely he will reenter the race. The remaining contestants are all in good condition.

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Telegraphic Brevities.

Toronto millers are talking of erecting a mill at Fort William, with a capacity of 1,000 barrels.

C. N. Paquin, postmaster, of St. Cuthbert, Berthier county, Que., is reported to be $2,000 behind in his payments.

North Grey Conservatives have nominated George M. Boyd, of Owen Sound, as their candidate for the Legislature.

The Hocking Valley Railroad has gone into the hands of a receiver, on the application of the Central Trust Company, of New York.

For robbing Solomon Fogler's jewelry store on Queen street west, Toronto, Frank Edwards was on Thursday sent to jail for eighteen months.

The old established firm of Young & Bro., Hamilton, manufacturers and dealers in plumbers' supplies, have assigned. The firm was established in 1855.

At Montreal on Thursday, Thomas Clark, aged 29 years, was sentenced to five years in penitentiary for stealing overcoats in St. James' Methodist Church.

The blacksmith shop, carpenter shop and engine room in connection with the St. Viateur Brotherhood's deaf and dumb asylum, Montreal, were burned yesterday. Loss, $25,000.

Alice Ray, the Belleville girl who poisoned herself on Wednesday, and who was thought to be out of danger, died on Wednesday night. She was 21 years of age, and had no relatives in Canada.

Mr. John Fahey, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, Hamilton, who is lying critically ill from blood poison, which resulted from being struck with a cuspidor, is still alive, but cannot recover.

While attending to some of the machinery yesterday, Mr. Alex. Mitchell, proprietor of the Red Wing Mills, Clarkesburg, Ont., had his right hand caught in the rolls and completely torn off.

David Wright, the oldest member of the Cayuga, N. Y., county bar, died last night, aged 91 years. He was the father of Mrs. D. M. Osborne, of Auburn, and Mrs. William Loyd Garrison, of Boston.

Scott Jackson, who, with Alonzo Walling, will hang on March 20, for murdering Pearl Bryan, is writing a confession, which it is reported will be forthcoming in two weeks. He will sell it to the highest bidder.

The Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry passed resolutions in favor of a reduction of freight rates by Government intervention, and against Government aid to a private railway through the Crow's Nest Pass.

John Nicholas, at one time inspector of state prisons, died in Watertown, N. Y., on Wednesday, aged 76. He was born in Scotland, and in his youth shipped to this country as a stowaway. He lost track of his brother at Montreal, and was separated from him for 30 years.

Mr. Luke Bradley, sen., a loom fixer in the employ of the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Company, Hamilton, died very suddenly Thursday morning. He was in about his usual health, and had just washed his face and hands preparatory to going out, when he fell over and expired.

On Wednesday, at Salem, Mr. Johnston, blacksmith, hearing his horse running on the street, went to see what was the matter. On entering the stable he was horrified to find the body of his apprentice, Robert Simpson, lying in the stall. He had been crushed against the door, his neck being broken.

A. F. Stranger, 50 years old, inherited $40,000 recently from his father, who is said to have been rector of a fashionable church in England. Stranger has been on a big spree ever since, and is now in Harper Hospital. He drew $1,000 at the beginning of