FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

BRISK DEMAND FOR BUTTER AND EGGS

Supply Was Very Small This Morning—Few Farmers Coming in to London.

EGGS ARE MUCH LOWER

Although Scarce Today—It Is Said the Butter Supply Is Large and a Drop May Be Looked For.

It was a shivery line of people that stood on the market this morning, swathed to the eyes, waiting for purchasers. There were not many of them, but they came fairly well supplied, and as very few purchasers, except the regular merchant buyers, ventured out, there was enough to go round.

There was a very brisk demand for butter and eggs this morning, and the sale of such as was offered went merrily, as the supply was of necessity small, as many who usually have quite a supply were absent this morning.

Eggs Are Lower.

There will be rejoicing in the housekeeper's heart over the fact that eggs are down. The drop is becoming fairly perceptible now. One large buyer on the market claims to have bought wholesale quantities of strictly fresh eggs at 26c and 27c a dozen. The most cheerful fact about it, however, is that the supply is increasing. One man who sells his eggs by the crate lot, states that the supply certainly is on the increase, and a very substantial increase at that.

The hens, according to him, are a trifle reluctant to lay in this weather; "but just wait until there is a little warm weather," he remarked, "then there will be a supply." Even now, according to this man, he is getting half a dozen crates of eggs where he formerly only had two. Lent is serving to hold the price up a little, as also the high prices of meat, but the supply will soon be sufficient to meet this extra demand easily, and people will soon be able to eat eggs without feeling as if they were putting themselves in the bankruptcy courts.

Butter Market.

Butter is fairly plentiful, though the supply on this morning's market was somewhat slim, and the prices show a tendency to be somewhat easier. Quite a supply of very good quality is being disposed of at 24c and 25c. With the coming of spring there will, of course, be a considerable increase in the supply.

The vegetables offered today were mostly of the root variety, turnips, potatoes and carrots being quite in evidence. Cabbages were fairly plentiful, and there was quite a good demand, as people have a longing for anything that has a look of green about it. Some celery was offered and sold well at 20c to 40c a dozen.

Meat Prices.

In the meat market there was little change of prices. Dressed hogs, in fact, were the only things that showed any sign of change, these were somewhat stronger, the lowest price being $11 50, while a goodly number sold as high as $11 60 and $11 65.

Hay was very plentiful and sold well, the majority going for $15 50 to $16.

Oats sold mostly at from $1 26 to $1 27, only small lots of unusual quality going beyond that figure to the higher price of $1 30.

Other prices are as follows:

Grain.

Wheat, per bu	$1 08	to	$1 10
Oats, per bu	1 25	to	1 27
Corn, per cwt	1 22	to	1 40
Buckwheat, per cwt	1 25	to	1 30
Barley, per cwt	1 10	to	1 15
Peas, per cwt	1 15	to	1 15
Beans, per bu	1 65	to	2 00
Rye, per cwt	1 05	to	1 10

Hay and Straw

Hay, per ton	14 00	to	16 00
Straw, per ton	7 00	to	8 00

Dairy Produce

Butter, creamery, lb	26	to	28
Butter, rolls, per lb	25	to	26
Butter, crocks, lb	24	to	25
Eggs, crate, dozen	27	to	30
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	30	to	32
Honey, strained, lb	10	to	12
Honey, in comb	12	to	15

Poultry, Dressed.

Turkeys, per lb	18	to	20
Ducks, spring, per lb	14	to	15
Old ducks, per lb	10	to	11
Old fowl, per lb	12	to	12
Chickens, per lb	14	to	16
Geese, per lb	12	to	14

Poultry, Alive.

Old fowl, per lb	8	to	9
Turkeys, per lb	15	to	15
Ducks, per lb	10	to	12
Young fowl, per lb	10	to	11

Butchers' Meats.

Beef, by the carcase	6 00	to	8 50
Mutton, per cwt	7 00	to	10 00
Veal, per cwt	9 00	to	10 00
Spring lamb, per lb	13	to	14
Dressed hogs, per cwt	11 50	to	11 65

Live Stock.

Small pigs, per pair	6 50	to	10 00
Select hogs, per cwt	8 40	to	8 40
Fat sows, per cwt	5 00	to	6 00
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	5 50
Milch cows, each	30 00	to	40 00

Hides and Wool.

Lambskins, each	75	to	1 10
Wool, washed, per lb	20	to	22
Wool, unwashed, per lb	10	to	10
Hides, No. 1, per lb	9	to	9
Hides, No. 2, per lb	8	to	8
Hides, No. 3, per lb	7	to	7

Vegetables.

Potatoes, per bag	50	to	65
Turnips, per bu	25	to	35
Celery, per dozen	20	to	40
Lettuce, per dozen	40	to	40
Sage, per dozen	20	to	20
Savory, per dozen	20	to	20
Cabbage, dozen (to size)	20	to	40
Red cabbage, dozen	40	to	40
Onions, per bu	1 10	to	1 25
Beets, per bu	40	to	45
Parsnips, per bu	50	to	50
Beans, per bu	1 20	to	1 50
Mangels, per bu, by the load	20	to	20
Carrots, per bu, by the load	20	to	40

Fruits.

Apples, per bbl	1 50	to	2 00
Apples, per bu	20	to	50
Apples, per bag	50	to	1 00

LIVE STOCK

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—Cattle—There was a light run of 40 cars in today, with 800 head of cattle, 85 sheep and lambs, 300 hogs and 50 calves. The market was firm and unchanged. Prevailing prices today were: Extra choice picked butchers, $5 85 to $6; choice butcher loads, $5 50 to $5 75; common to medium butchers, $4 75 to $5 25; cows, $3 75 to $4 80; bulls, $4 to $5; export cattle, $6 to $6 25. Lambs—Market steady at $4 50 to $5 25; bucks and culls, $3 50 to $4. Hogs—Market firm and 15c higher than last week, at $8 40 f. o. b., and $8 65 to $8 75 fed and watered.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; market steady; beeves, $4 75 to $8; Texas steers, $4 40 to $5 60; western steers, $4 50 to $6 25; stockers and feeders, $3 50 to $5 75; cows and heifers, $2 50 to $6 15; calves, $7 25 to $9 90. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 22,000; market steady; light, $9 20 to $9 55; mixed, $9 20 to $9 60; heavy, $9 25 to $9 70; roughs, $9 25 to $9 40; good to choice heavy, $9 40 to $9 70; pigs, $8 40 to $9 40; bulk of sales at $9 45 to $9 60. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 10,000; market strong; natives, $4 75 to $7 75; westerns, $5 to $7 85; yearlings, $7 70 to $8 60; lambs, natives, $7 50 to $9 35; westerns, $7 60 to $9 35.

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PRODUCE.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stock; futures steady; March, 8s ¾d; May, 7s 10¾d; July, 7s 9½d. Corn—Spot quiet; new American mixed, northern, 5s 5¼d; old American mixed, 5s 8½d; futures dull; March, 5s 5¾d. Peas—Canadian steady, 7s 7d. Flour—Winter patents quiet, 33s.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 23.—Following were the quotations on the grain exchange today:

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
February	..	..	..	$1 02½
May	1 05⅞	1 05⅞	1 05⅜	1 05⅜
July	..	..	..	1 06½

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—Wheat closed: May, $1 12⅞; July, $1 12⅜; cash, No. 1 hard, $1 13⅞ to $1 15⅛; No. 1 northern, $1 12⅛ to $1 14⅞; No. 2 northern, $1 11⅛ to $1 12⅞; No. 3 northern, $1 05⅛ to $1 11⅛. Bran, in 100-lb sacks, $22 50 to $23. Flour—First patents, $5 20 to $5 50; first clears, $4 45 to $4 55; second clears, $3 20 to $3 50.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE Chicago, Feb. 24

Wheat May	113⅞	114	113⅞	113⅞
July	104⅞	105½	104⅞	105⅛
Corn May	65⅞	66	65⅝	66
July	66⅛	67⅛	66⅛	67⅛
Oats May	46⅞	47⅛	46⅞	47⅛
July	43⅛	44	43⅛	44
Pork May	23 92	23 92	23 75	23 80
July	23 82	23 87	23 67	23 72
Lard, May	12 87	12 87	12 85	12 85
July	12 80	12 87	12 77	12 82
Ribs, May	12 55	12 60	12 52	12 52
July	12 52	12 55	12 45	12 47

STOCKS

By private wire to H. C. Becher, London, from Harris, Winthrop & Co.

New York, Feb. 24.—Wall street, noon—Americans in London are quiet, ⅛ to ⅜ above parity. Bank of England rate is unchanged. The car strike rioting in Philadelphia is still serious. Iron Age reports better orders for railroad equipment. Anaconda is transferred from unlisted to listed, and makes a favorable statement. Announcement of Norfolk and Western financing plans is expected at directors' meeting today. London market is dull and in a waiting position. Lackawanna earned 52.97 per cent last year. Pittsburg reports orders for finished goods improved and firmer tone in pig iron markets. Delaware and Hudson engineers, firemen and telegraphers demand a general wage increase approximating twenty per cent.

TORONTO Feb 24	Asked.	Bid
Asbestos pref	98	95
Black Lake, pref	69	..
Packer A	77	..
Packers B	..	74
Bell Telephone	148	146½
Canadian General Electric	..	119
Canadian Salt	..	112
City Dairy. Com	50	50
City Dairy, pref	..	97
Consumers Gas	..	206
Crow's Nest	..	84
Detroit United	..	63
Dominion Coal, com	82	81½
Dominion Steel, com	..	10½
Dominion Telegraph	..	108
Electric Dev., pref	..	57
Illinois pref	..	91½
Laurentide Paper, com	..	130
Mackay, com	90	89⅞
McKay, pfd	76¼	75
Mexican L. & P.	..	84½
Mexican Tramway	..	153½
M. St. P. & S. S. M.	..	112¼
Niagara Navigation	135	..
Northern Navigation	108	..
N. S. Steel, com	87¼	86½
Rio de Janeiro	94½	94
R. & O. Navigation	85	..
Rogers, com	180	178
Rogers, pref	100	1.8
Sao Paulo	150	148½
Shredded Wheat	50	48
Shredded Wheat, pref	100¼	..
St. L. & C. Navigation	110	..
Toronto Electric	120	122½
Toronto Railway	134½	134
Tri City, pref	91	91
Twin City	114¼	113¼
Winnipeg	180	178
La Rose	474	452
Nipissing	..	1010
North Star	12	..
Trethewey	..	110
Bank Commerce	..	203¾
Dominion Bank	241	241
Bank Hamilton	..	250½
Imperial Bank	230	224
Merchants Bank	..	174
Bank of Montreal	..	252
Bank of Nova Scotia	257¼	..
Royal Bank	242	..
Standard Bank	..	231½
Traders	..	114
Union Bank	..	128¾
Agricultural Loan	..	120
Canada Landed	..	160
Canada Permanent	..	166
Central Canada	170	..
Colonial Investment	..	68
Dominion Savings	..	7.½
Hamilton Provident	130	128½
Huron & Erie	200	199
Huron & Erie 20 per cent	..	182
Landed Banking	..	139
London & Canada	142	..
National Trust	158	154
Ontario Loan	130	143
Ontario Loan 20 per cent	..	127½
Real Estate	..	1.3
Toronto General Trusts	133	165
Toronto Mortgage	..	137
Black Lake bonds	85	84½
Dominion Iron and Steel bonds	..	166¾
Electric Development	..	83½
Mexican L. & P.	87½	86¾
Rio de Janeiro	95½	95
Sao Paulo	..	100½
Porto Rico Railway	..	83½

Morning Sales: Dominion Coal, 25 at 82¾, 25 at 82½, 25 at 81¾, 50, 50 and 25 at 81½, 25 and 25 at 81¼, 5 at 81¼, 50 and 50 at 81⅞; Mexican L. and P., 25, 25 and 15 at 74, 10 at 73¾; Black Lake, 60 and 5 at 23, 5 at 23¼; do, bonds, 5000 at 84¼; Asbestos, 25 at 31; F. N. Burt, 5 at 79; do, preferred, 9 at 90½, 85 and 50 at 94½; do, bonds, 2000 at 95; N. S. Steel, 25 at 85½, 25 at 85¾, 50 at 86, 25 at 86½, 25 at 87¼, 25, 25 and 25 at 87½, 25 and 25 at 86¾, 25, 2 5and 50 at 86½; Twin City, 10 at 114, 25 at 113¾; Duluth-Superior, 10 at 68¾, 50 and 25 at 68½; Mackay, prefered, 5 at 75¼, 1 at 77; Canada Permanent, 210 and 49 at 167; Dominion Steel, 10 and 15 at 10, 50 and 20 at 6¾; Bank of Commerce, 5 at 209½; Standard Bank, 4 at 231; Trethewey, 100 at 1.11; Molsons Bank, 4 and 4 at 207½.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.

	Ask.	Bid.
Can. Converters	45	..
Canadian Pacific	181½	181¼
New Pacific	176	174½
Detroit Electric Ry	65¼	64⅞
Dom. Coal com	82	81½
Dom. I. & Steel com	69⅝	69½
Dom. I. & Steel pfd	135	134
Illinois Traction pfd	92	91¾
Lake of Woods com	150½	150¼
Laurentide Paper com	132	129½
Mackay pfd	76	75
Mexican L. & Power	75¼	75
Minn. & St. Paul	142½	142
Mt. L., H. & Power	133½	133⅛
Montreal Street Railway	224	223½
Montreal Steel Works	106	105¾
Monteral Steel Works pfd	120	109
Montreal Telegraph	152½	148
Nor. Ohio T. & L.	34	33½
N. S. Steel & Coal	87	86⅞
Ogilvie Milling com	142⅛	..
Ogilvie Milling pfd	126	..
R. & O. Nav. Co	85¼	84¾
Rio Janiero	95	94⅞
Toledo	14	..
Toronto Electric Ry	124¾	123
Twin City Electric	114	113½
Winnipeg Electric	178½	..
Bank B. N. A.	150	..
Eastern Township Bank	164	160
Merchants' Bank	178	176
Molsons Bank	209½	207
Montreal Bank	..	254
Ottawa Bank	..	210
Quebec Bank	130	127
Royal Bank	231¼	231
Union Bank	..	142
Traders' Bank	..	144
Canada Colored Cotton	60⅜	60
Montreal Cotton	..	132½
Can. Colored Cotton bonds	100½	100
Dominion Coal bonds	99	98½
Dominion Cotton bonds	104	103
Dom. Iron & Steel bonds	96	95¾
Halifax Tram. bonds	..	100
Keewatin Mill bonds	..	104
Mexican Elec. Light bonds	83½	82½
Mt. L., H. & Power bonds	101	..
Montreal Street Ry. bonds	100½	99
Ogilvie Milling bonds	..	112
Textile, Ser. A	..	95½
Textile, Ser. B	..	98
Textile, Ser. C	97	96¾
Textile, Ser. D	..	96
Winnipeg Electric bonds	..	104
Penman com	62	62½
Reserve	380	375
Rubber com	99	98½
Textile com	73	72½
Shawinigan	103¾	103
Asbestos com	30	29⅞
Asbestos pfd	94	90
Black Lake com	23	..
Black Lake pfd	65	..
Superior	..	68
Loan & Mortgage	175	155
Rubber bonds	100	99
Ogilvie bonds	113	112
Black Lake bonds	..	87
Porto Rico bonds	..	82

Morning Sales: Scotia, 50 at 85, 225 at 85¼, 275 at 85½, 60 at 85¾, 100 at 86, 225 at 86¼, 75 at 86½, 50 at 86¾, 25 at 86⅞, 300 and 5 at 87, 125 at 87¼, 125 at 87½, 100 and 50 at 87¾, 225 at 88, 75 at 87½, 50 at 87¼, 50, 155, 25 and 10 at 87, 75 at 86¾, 125 at 86⅞, 25 and 10 at 86¾, 100 and 75 at 86½, 100 at 86¼, 75 at 86¾, 75 at 86⅞, 125 at 87; Iron, common, 175 at 69½, 270, 110, 25 and 25 at 69¼, 5 and 25 at 69, 25, 75 and 25 at 69½, 75 at 69¼, 50 at 69⅜, 25 at 69⅝, 10 at 69¼; Asbestos, common, 10 at 31, 100 at 30½, 50, 200 and 25 at 30, 125 at 30¼; Woods, common, 5 at 150; Rubber, common, 25 at 99; Switch, 200 at 106⅜, 50 at 106; Iron, preferred, 25 at 134½, 175 at 134; Penmans, common, 10 at 63; Coal, preferred, 10 at 115½; Asbestos, preferred, 175 at 98, 100 at 93, 50 at 95; Ogilvie, 2 at 123¼; Coal, common, 100 at 82½, 1 and 175 at 82, 25 and 25 at 82⅞, 25 at 83½; C. P. R., 25 at 181, 200 at 181⅛, 25 at 181½; do., new, 25 at 173½; Power, 20 at 133¼; Detroit, 25 and 10 at 63½, 25 at 64½, 25 at 65; Illinois, 50 and 50 at 91¼, 2 at 92, 50 at 92¾; Soo, common, 4 at 142½, 160 at 142¾; Reserve, 200 at 3.75; Soo, preferred, 2 at 152; Ohio, 25 at 33½; Mexican, 85 at 75; R. and O., 10 at 85; Quebec Bank, 56 at 126½; Molsons Bank, 8 at 208; Colored Cotton, 7 and 5 at 66.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24—Noon.

Reported for C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	76	77	75⅞	77
Anaconda Copper	49⅞	..	..	..
Amer. Locomotive	50	50⅛	50	50⅛
American Foundry	52¾	52¾	52⅜	52⅜
American Refining	83⅛	83⅞	82⅞	83⅞
Atchison, com	115¼	116⅛	115	116¼
Baltimore & Ohio	111⅝	112¼	111⅝	112¼
Brooklyn Transit	71	75	74	75
Canadian Pacific	180⅞	182¼	180⅞	182
Chesapeake & Ohio	83¾	83¾	83½	83¾
Chicago & G. W.	31½	31¾	31½	31¾
Consolidated Gas	145¼	145⅝	145¼	145½
Col. Fuel & Iron	39	39⅛	39	39
Erie, com	29⅞	30	29¾	29¾
Erie, pfd	46½	46⅝	46½	46⅝
G. Northern, pfd	136½	136¾	136¼	136¾
Inter-Metropolitan	21½	22¼	21½	22⅛
Inter-Met., pfd	56	56½	56	56⅛
Kansas & T. Kas	42¼	..	..	..
Louisville & Nash	152⅛	154⅞	152⅛	154¾
Mexican Central	27	..	..	..
Missouri Pacific	70½	..	..	..
New York Central	121¼	122⅛	121¼	122⅛
Northern Pacific	136	136¾	136	136¾
Norfolk & Western	101	101⅜	100½	100½
National Lead	81½	..	..	..
Ontario & Western	45	..	..	..
Pacific Mail	32	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	133¼	133¾	133¼	133¾
People's Gas	110¼	110½	110¼	110½
Pressed Steel Car	31½	..	..	..
Reading	159⅞	170	168⅜	170
Republic Steel	28¾	29	28¾	29
Rock Island	49	50	49	49⅞
Rock Island, pfd	86	87	86	87
Southern Railway	28½	28⅞	28½	28
Southern Ry., pfd	65¼	66½	65¼	66¼
Southern Pacific	125¾	126¼	125⅝	126¼
St. Paul	145¼	146	145¼	146
Texas Pacific	20¼	..	..	..
Union Pacific	186¼	187¼	185⅞	187¼
Central Leather	40⅛	40⅞	40⅛	40⅞
U. S. Rubber	44⅞	45¼	44¼	44¾
U. S. Steel	80¼	80¾	79⅞	80¾
U. S. Steel, pfd	119¾	119¾	119⅝	119⅝
Wabash, pfd	46⅝	46⅞	46⅝	46⅞
Western Union Tel	74½	75¼	74½	75¼

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WILL HOLD BIG FIELD DAY

Good Friday Is Set for Occasion —Big List of Candidates.

The annual field day of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Knights Templar, will be held in the city on Good Friday.

Notices have been sent out for the meeting, and it is expected that a large number of visiting knights will be present on that occasion.

The list of candidates for degrees is somewhat large, and there will be a busy time in the lodgeroom. It is expected that a ball will be held on Friday evening.

Preparations for the meeting of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada in August are going ahead rapidly. It is expected that fully 40 uniform ranks will be in attendance from all over Canada and the United States. Drills will be given in Tecumseh Park, it is expected, and there will be other interesting features.

The entertainment committee are arranging a fine programme, and the visitors will certainly be given the time of their lives.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT WOODMEN OF WORLD

Big Session Will Be Held in London on March 16.

The Grand Encampment of the Woodmen of the World will be held in the Masonic Temple, this city, beginning on Wednesday, March 16. The date was set recently at a meeting of the board of management, and already a large number of the delegates have been named.

It is expected that about 200 delegates will be on hand for the meeting, which will be one of the most important yet held.

The financial statement, which has been in the course of preparation for some time, is now completed, and will be submitted to the representatives of the encampment.

A number of changes in the personnel of the board of management are mooted, but there is much secrecy as to the men likely to be named for the positions.

There will be a contest for the head counsel commander, at present held by Mr. C. C. Hodgins, ex-M.P.P. for Woodstock. Mr. D. Cinnamon, of Lindsay, will probably be one of the candidates for the place.

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SMALL BOYS ARE HELPING THE DOGS

Every Man's Hand Appears To Be Set Against the Dog-Catcher.

SOME VERY FUNNY SIGHTS

Ben Blackstock Is Still Out With His Ark, Herding Specimens of the Citizens' Pets.

This morning a small army of boys could be seen skirmishing in front of the official dog-catcher, Mr. Blackstock, diligently warning all dogs of the coming of the enemy, with the result that Blackstock's progress through the city partook somewhat of the nature of a triumphal procession. It was somewhat lacking in the fruits of

It is not as though the dogs really needed much warning. Blackstock has been blackballed from all dog society. The catcher's methods are simplicity itself, and so winsome one would well imagine that even the hardest-hearted dog would finfid it hard to resist. Such a look of studied innocence as pervades the face of Mr. Blackstock would disarm the suspicion of even a policeman, and, then, too, Mr. Blackstock holds the net behind his back so as not to heedlessly harrow the dog's feelings.

Dog Is On the Job.

But always as he advances, the dog retires, as though it were an innocent pastime of Mr. Blackstock's that he wath loath to spoil, and always the canines are careful to kep just without the radius of the net. It is only when less honorable means are adopted, and the doughty catcher makes sudden assaults from behind fences or barns that the dogs fall victims to their own unwariness.

And yet therei s plenty of material for Blackstock to work on. Dogs are plentiful, and muzzles considerably less so. It is interesting to watch the little foxterriers rushing busily about with that characteristic "I'm running this town," and "I'm in a dickens of a hurry" expression on their faces.

A Busy Crowd.

They haven't time to talk to Mr. Blackstock, and when he heaves in sight, they rush madly around, nosing the end of the dog net, rushing in to interview another dog on whom Mr. Blackstock may have set his heart, and having a hundred narrow escapes, but always busy, in and out, everywhere. The foxterrier have a general impression that the whole business was started for their amusement, and they are trying to figure it out, why their pleasure should be curtailed by a muzzle.

Then there's the dog who wears his muzzle dangling around his neck. He's very happy. He goes nosing around Mr. Blackstock's trial, with an air of sublime self-satisfaction.

A Legal Point.

"I've got it with me," he yelps, "not going to use itu nless I have to, but I've got it with me." And as the Government has not definitely stated just how the muzzle shall be worn, it surely is a matter of preference for the dog to decide. One man is reported to have tied the muzzle to his dog's tail, on this principle, claiming that gave the dog a greater interest in life when so worn.

There are some kindly owners who carry the muzzles with them when they go down town, while the dog rushes around with primeval joy, rightly imagining that they would have plenty of time to add the muzzle to the dog's apparel while Mr. Blackstock was engaged in unswathing himself from the folds of the dog net.

All Against Him.

The dog-catcher is an Ishmael; every man's hand is against him. Some days ago he was marching down the street hauling like a draught horse at one end of a rope, at the other end of which was a dog with all brakes firmly set. Just at this juncture the owner appeared on the scene. The owner's remarks were picturesque, descriptive, and had about them a faint aroma of brimstone, when speech gave out the owner neatly cut the rope, and Mr. Blackstock was left lamenting. Lamenting so sorely that he called up Magistrate Love somewhere around 12 o'clock to breathe his story into a not too sympathetic ear. That is the attitude which the public in general assume toward the dog-catcher. Sympathy is always with the dog. Yet despite tl is fact, more than one reluctant canine has been captured to make a Blackstock holiday.

EAST LONDON

GIFTS FOR LATE STOREKEEPER OF G. T. R.

Mr. James Maxwell and Wife Honored at Stratford.

A deputation of fellow-employees of the G. T. R. waited upon Mr. James Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell on Monday evening, and presented each with handsome mementoes, prior to their approaching removal to the west.

Mr. Maxwell was made the recipient of a handsome suitcase and a gold-headed umbrella, while Mrs. Maxwell was presented with a beautiful, gold-headed parasol.

Mr. Maxwell was until quite recently keeper of stores at the G. T. R. shops at Stratford, severing his connection with the company to go to the west.

Mr. Maxwell was formerly employed at the G. T. R. stores department, London.

UNEXPECTED DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN

Demise of George H. Hart, of 572 York Street.

George Henry Hart, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hart, died at the family residence, 572 York street, somewhat unexpectedly, yesterday. Mr. Hart was 18 years old and had not been well for some time, but his death came very suddenly. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Harvey Jeffries, of Westminster Township, appeared before Squire Squire Chittick yesterday afternoon charged by Adam W. Palmer, of London Township, who conducts a grocery business on the Hamilton road, with stealing a box of fish from his store. Jeffries was arrested by Constable Shaver, and was subsequently bailed till this afternoon when he will appear for trial.

EAST END FIRE ENGINE.

A number of the most prominent businessmen in East London will appear before No. 3 committee next week when the petition to have a fire engine placed in No. 2 hall will be again taken up. The petition was presented a week ago but was referred to the council and back again to the committee.

It is understood that the matter will be allowed to stand until the water commissioners confer with the underwriters.

EAST END SOCIAL.

The members of Chorazin Lodge, No. 199, I. O. O. F., held a very successful social in the East End Hall last night, over a hundred being present.

A progressive euchre party was held, Miss Powell winning the ladies' prize, and Mr. John Scott the gentlemen's.

Refreshments were served by the ladies.

STANFIELD—REDDALL.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Rev. A. J. Bowen, pastor of the Egerton Street Baptist Church, Anderson avenue, when Miss Nellie Augusta Reddall was married to Mr. John Herbert Stanfield, of 450 Charlotte street. The happy couple were unattended, and will reside in this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Jos. Reddall, of 463 English street.

TELEPHONE ACT FOR THE PROVINCE

Railway Board to Control Bell and Rural Companies.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE PERIL

Bill to Tax Dogs in Country—To Give Return for Destruction of Sheep.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The private members of the Legislature enjoyed an innings yesterday, the House putting in several hours' work on various bills The discussions mainly concerned different phases of municipal affairs affected by the legislation proposed. The most important matter considered was Mr. Charters' telephone bill, which has been approved of by the Government, and will become law in due course. It places all rural lines under the control of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

Replying to questions by Mr. Machin (Kenora), Hon. Mr. Foy stated that the claims of W. W. Baby for reimbursement of law costs paid by him in the suit of the Attorney-General vs. Cameron, had been examined in January, 1903, by a former attorney-general, and again in May, 1907, by the present Attorney-General. Both ministers were of opinion that there were no grounds for Mr. Baby's claim.

Hon. Mr. Hanna introduced the Ontario drainage act, which, he explained, was a consolidation of the existing statutes.

A bill amending the ditches and watercourses act by allowing municipalities to spend $1,500 on such works, instead of $1,000 as at present was approved. It was introduced by Mr. Ferguson (South Simcoe). Hon. Mr. MacKay gave the bill his hearty indorsation, and favored raising the limit to $2,000.

A Spirited Discussion.

A spirited discussion was waged over Mr. Hearst's bill to amend the public health act. It gives municipalities the power to prohibit within their bounds the sale of meat from slaughter-houses outside the municipal limits which have not been inspected by the health officer of the municipality in which the meat is proposed to be sold.

The leader of the Opposition and several of his supporters heartily approved of the bill. Mr. MacKay cited a case in which Owen Sound had put a slaughter-house in the county out of business, although it had not a legal right to do so. The city had to protect itself from foul meat.

Sir James Whitney said the matter could be dealt with in a common-sense way. A remedy could be found, al-

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LATE LOCAL NEWS

Winnipeg Bowlers Here.

A carload of Winnipeg alley bowlers passed through the city on the G. T. R. today on the way to Hamilton and Toronto. They were seen by Joe West, of the National, and arrangements were made for a match in this city on Saturday. Twenty-seven crack trundlers are in the party.

Medical Corps' Euchre.

The Army Medical Corps held the first of their weekly euchre contests last evening at the Armories. The attendance was good and the games exciting, Sergt. H. Tozer and Pte. M. McPhee each winning nine of the ten games played. Sergt. Tozer won in a play-off. The prize was a handsome pipe, donated by Lieut. Davis. Next week a prize will be given by Lieut. Bucke.

A Pleasant Ride.

Last evening a very jolly sleigh ride and dance was given by "The Club," a local organization of ten young ladies. About forty occupied buses and drove to the Hyde Park Assembly Hall, where the fine floor was enjoyed to the fullest extent. During the progress of the evening refreshments were served. The able management of Miss Mabel Hamilton and Miss Helen Maguire is responsible for the success of the affair.

A Men's Social.

Tomorrow evening there will be a men's social at the Dundas Centre Methodist Church, for the purpose of getting the men of the congregation better acquainted. Refreshments will be served, and a very enjoyable programme has been arranged, and the evening promises to be one of very unusual interest. On Monday evening the members of the No. 8 Club of the Dundas Centre Sunday school, will take charge of the session of the league, and an exceptionally novel programme is promised.

A 'Bus-Ride Party.

The staff of the business office of The Advertiser and a number of friends spent a most enjoyable evening, when they held a 'bus party to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blizzard, on the 4th concession of London Township. The drive out was thoroughly enjoyed, and after the young people arrived at Mr. Blizzard's home, a very pleasant social evening was spent, which concluded with a luncheon.

Pianos to Rent.

Pianos to rent from $2 per month upwards, six months rent allowed in case of purchase. Williams' Piano Company, Limited, 261 Dundas street. tf

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