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Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Feb. 25.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	231	229
Ontario	86	83
Molsons	..	..
Toronto	231	228
Merchants	171	168
Commerce	128	127
Imperial	180	179
Dominion	233	232½
Standard	..	164
Hamilton	160	156
British America	118	116½
Western Assurance	157	156½
Canada Life	..	..
Confederation Life	..	..
Consumers' Gas	202	200
Dominion Telegraph	126	124
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	50	40½
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	55¾	54½
Commercial Cable Company	165¾	164½
Postal Telegraph	97½	97½
Bell Telephone Company	159	157½
Montreal Street Railway	224	222½
Montreal Street Railway (new)	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	70½	69½
Dominion Savings and Invest	79	75
Farmers' Loan and Savings	95	..
Farmers' L. and S., 20 per cent	..	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	158
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	167
London and Canada, L. and A.	90	..
London Loan	..	..
London and Ontario	100	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	119

SALES—1 p.m.—Consumers' Gas, 9, 9 at 201. 11:15 a.m.—Com. Cable, 25 at 165½, 25 at 165¾, 25, 25 at 165½.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Feb. 25.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	55½	55
Duluth, common	4½	3½
Duluth, preferred	9	7
Commercial Cable	165½	164½
Wabash, common	..	..
Wabash, preferred	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	167	166
Richelieu and Ontario	..	..
Montreal Street Railway	223½	223
Montreal Street Railway, new	..	..
Montreal Gas Company	194	193½
Bell Telephone	159	157
Royal Electric	140½	139½
Toronto Railway	70½	70½
Bank of Montreal	231	225½
Ontario Bank	85	83
Banque du Peuple	..	..
Molsons Bank	..	185
Bank of Toronto	231	227½
Merchants Bank	170	168
Merchants Bank of Halifax	171	166
Quebec Bank	..	119
Union Bank	..	102½
Bank of Commerce	130	127½
Northwest Land	..	..
Montreal Cotton Company	130	124
Canada Colored Cotton	..	..
Dominion Cotton, xd	87½	81
Postal Telegraph	98½	97½

SALES—Com. Cable, 75 at 165; Mont. Gas, 9 at 193, 75 at 193½; Toronto Ry, 25 at 70½; Union Bank, 3 at 105; Bank of Commerce, 24 at 128.

New York Stock Market.

Reported by Frank Butler, broker, Masonic Temple.

	Open.	Hign.	Low.	Feb. 25. Close.
Atchison Ry	14½	14½	14	14½
C. R. and Q.	74	74½	73¾	73¾
C. and N. W	104½	..	..	..
Chicago Gas	76½	76½	75½	75½
Gen. Electric	34½	34½	34½	34½
L. and N.	49½	49¾	48¾	49
Manhattan	88½	88½	87½	87½
Missouri Pacific	20½	20½	20½	20½
Pacific Mail	25½	25½	24½	24½
Rock Island	66½	67	66½	66½
Reading	24½	24½	24½	24½
St. Paul	76	76½	75½	75½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	26	26½	25½	26
Wabash	..	..	..	..
Western Union	83	83	82½	82½
Distillery Trust	13½	13½	13½	13½
Leather Trust	57½	57½	57	57
Sugar Trust	114½	115½	114½	114½

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Grain Market.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Wheat—The offerings are fair, the demand is slow, owing to weakness in western markets, and prices are easy; cars of red wheat are reported west at 73c to 74c, and white at 74c to 75c; Manitoba wheat is unchanged at 85c to 86c for No. 1 hard, Midland, and 83c to 84c for No. 2 hard.

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

Millfeed—Quiet, at $8 to $8 50 for shorts west, and $7 to $7 50 for bran.

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

Buckwheat—Quiet, at 24c west.

Rye—Steady, at 34c outside.

Corn—In fair demand and steady, at 19 1-2c to 20c for yellow west.

Oats—Dull, at 18c to 18 1-2c for white east, and 17c for white west.

Peas—Easier, at 38c, middle freights west.

Seeds—Dull and nominally unchanged.

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

Baled Straw—Quoted at $5 to $6 here.

English Markets

Liverpool, Feb. 25—4:15 p.m.

Wheat—Spot quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 2½d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 6d; futures opened dull, with near positions ¼d lower and distant positions 2d lower; closed quiet, with Feb. ¾d lower and other months ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; Feb., 6s 2½d; March, 6s 2½d; May, 6s 4d; July, 6s 3½d.

Corn — Spot quiet; American mixed new, 2s 6½; futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions ½d lower; closed steady, with near and distant positions ½d lower; business about equally distributed; Feb., 2s 6d; March, 2s 6½d; April, 2s 7d; May, 2s 7½d; June, 2s 8½d; July, 2s 9½.

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

Peas—Canadian, 4s 4d.

Kur-a-Kof, for Coughs and Colds, 25 cents, at Anderson & Nelles' drug store.

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American Produce Market.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Opening—Wheat, May, 73¾c; July, 70½ to 70¾c. Corn, May, 24½c to 24¼c; July, 25¾c; Sept., 26¾c. Oats, May, 17c to 17¼c. Pork, May, $8 10; July, $8 20. Lard, May, $4 10 to $4 12½; July, $4 20. Ribs, May, $4 17½; July, $4 25.

Chicago, Feb 25 — Wheat, Sept., 69½c bid; May, 74½; July, 71½. Corn, Sept., 26½c; July, 25¾c; May, 24½. Pork, May, $8. Lard, $4 07.

BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Spring wheat—Dull: No. 1 hard, old, 85c; do. new, 84½c; No. 1 northern, old, 82½c; do, new, 81½c. No. 2 northern, 79½c to 80½c. Winter wheat—Dull; No. 2 red, 80c; No. 1 white, 90c on track.

Corn—Quiet: No. 2 yellow, 26½c; No. 3 yellow, 25¾c; No. 4 yellow, 25½c; No. 2 corn, 25¾c; No. 3 corn, 25½c on track.

Oats—Dull: No. 2 white, 21½c; No. 3 white, 19½c to 20c; No. 4 white, 15c; No. 2 white, in store, 21½c.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 25.—Wheat—No. 1 white cash, 85½c; No. red cash, 85½c; May, 85½c; July, 74½c.

TOLEDO.

Toledo, Feb. 25.—Wheat—Cash, 86c; May, 87½c; July, 73½c.

MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Feb. 25. — Wheat, cash, 72c; May, 74c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 25.

Flour—Receipts, 17,200 bbls; sales 1,700 packages; state and western quiet and about steady; city mills patent, $4 85 to $5 05; do clears, $4 75 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—Steady; sales, 290 bbls; superfine, $2 55 to $2 75; fancy, $2 80 to $2 90.

Wheat—Receipts, 24,050; sales, 1,465,000 bu; opened weaker under lower foreign news, but rallied later on bad crop reports; May, 79 3-16c to 79¾c; July, 77⅞c to 78c; Sept., 73½c.

Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, 38c to 38½c, c.i.f., Buffalo.

Corn—Receipts, 147,225; sales 65,000 bu; quiet, but steadier; March, 29½c; July, 30½c.

Oats—Receipts, 142,800 bu; dull; track white, 21c to 29c.

Beef—Firm.

Pork—Dull.

Lard—Steady.

Butter — Receipts, 4,877 packages; steady; state dairy, 10c to 18c; state creamery, 13c to 18c; western creamery, 12c to 19c; imitation creamery, 11c to 15½c; Elgins, 19c.

Cheese — Receipts, 1,613 packages; quiet; state large, 9c to 12½c; do small, 9c to 12½c; part skims, 5c to 9½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 6,275 packages; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 17½c; western, 13c to 17c; southern, 16c to 16½c.

Sugar—Raw; firm; refined; quiet.

Petroleum—Quiet.

Coffee—Steadier; No. 7, 9½c.

Hops—Steady.

Lead—Strong; bullion, $3 65; exchange $3 27½ to $3 30.

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. 25.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	73½	74½	73½	74½
July	70½	72½	70½	72
Corn—May	24½	24½	24½	24½
July	25½	25½	25½	25½
Oats—May	17½	17½	17½	17½
July	18	18½	18	18½
Pork—May	8 10	8 10	7 97	8 02
July	8 17	8 17	8 10	8 15
Lard—May	4 10	4 12	4 05	4 07
July	4 17	4 20	4 17	4 17
Ribs—May	4 17	4 17	4 12	4 15
July	4 25	4 25	4 20	4 22

Puts, 74; calls, 75¾.

Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Hogs—Receipts, 27,000; left over, 4,000; market active and generally 5 cents higher; light, $3 55 to $3 75; mixed, $3 50 to $3 65; heavy, $3 35 to $3 67 1-2; rough, $3 35 to $3 40.

Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; market steady to firmer; beeves, $3 50 to $5 25; cows and heifers, $1 80 to $4 15; Texas steers, $3 10 to $4 15; stockers and feeders, $3 20 to $4 20.

Sheep—Receipts, 11,000; market is steady.

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THE ABERDEENS.

Central Figures in a Brilliant Gathering at Washington.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The British ambassador and Lady Pauncefote gave a brilliant reception at the embassy last night, which was in the nature of a farewell to the outgoing Administration, and to afford Washington society an opportunity to meet the guests of the host and hostess, the Governor-General of Canada and Lady Aberdeen, their daughter and Captain Wilberforce.

Among the callers were the Vice-President and Mrs. Stevenson, a large contingent of the diplomatic corps, members of the Cabinet and their ladies, Senators and representatives in Congress, and Speaker and Mrs. Reed.

BONAVENTURE ELECTION

To Take Place on the 13th of March.

Special to the Advertiser per C.P.R. Line.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The writ for Bonaventure has been issued. The election takes place on March 13, and nomination a week earlier. The vacancy occurred through the death of Fauvel.

THE WHEEL.

THE CHICAGO RACE.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The following was the score today in the six days' bike race at 10 a.m.: Schimmer 1,132 miles, Miller 1,087, Lawson 1,040, Hanson 935, Brodis 920, Smith, 892, Halbrecht 884, Hannant 880.

All the mummy cats unearthed in Egyptian tombs have red hair.

Topics of Today.

Prof. Robertson, acting for the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, has this year established eleven new creameries in the Northwest. The reform proceeds.

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The London Masonic visitors to Detroit did not come under the alien labor law. They do not work at their trade.

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Yesterday, the bill to amend the Manitoba Public Schools Act was introduced in the Legislature by Attorney-General Cameron. It embodies the provisions of the school settlement arrived at last November between the Manitoba and Dominion Governments.

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Yesterday, at Portage la Prairie, Renwick, a Macdonald deputy returning officer, was committed to stand his trial at the assizes. Five Rutherford voters in excess of the number recorded by the deputy swore to voting for the Liberal candidate. This makes a round dozen of deputies in Macdonald committed for ballot-stuffing. All the Macdonald cases come before Chief Justice Taylor at Portage la Prairie when the assizes open on Tuesday next.

Around the City

—The Gormans are at the Tecumseh.

—A. F. McLaren, M.P., Stratford, is in the city.

—Mrs. R. B. Smith, Goderich, is visiting Mrs. Ellis, her daughter, in this city.

—A. M. Sutherland, of 180 Briscoe street, South London, is seriously ill with blood poisoning.

—Staff-Captain Cowan, Salvation Army, is still dangerously ill. She has been confined to her bed for nearly three weeks.

—Miss E. H. Symons, Maple street, who has been seriously ill for three months past, is now convalescing, and able to leave her room.

—Dr. A. R. Pingel has been appointed local surgeon of the C. P. R., in succession to the late Dr. Mitchell. The appointment is a good one.

—Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist Church, has been out every Sabbath this year. Ingersoll was the last place visited.

—At Osgoode Hall, in London Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Canada vs. Ouelette, E. R. Cameron (London), for plaintiffs, obtained on consent order for payment of $200 and accrued interest out of court.

—The firemen were called out about noon to the residence of Mr. A. H. Claypole, 666 Talbot street. It was a chimney blaze, but it was thought at first that the rafters of the house were on fire. No damage.

—The attraction at the Grand tonight is the new musical farce-comedy, "The Gilhooys Abroad," presented by a strong company of comedians, singers and dancers, and headed by those prime favorites, the Gormans—John, James and John, of minstrel fame.

—Mr. Jos. H. Marshall, ex-M.P., who for the past ten days has been away north, has this week been stormbound on Lake Huron, so it was only on Tuesday evening he received the telegram and letters, sent Sunday, telling him the sad news of his friend's—Dr. Mitchell—serious illness and death.

—The company engaged in the interpretation of "The Defaulter," Lincoln J. Carter's melodramatic success, which will be at the Grand, matinee and night, Saturday, is one of unusual excellence, every member having been selected for his or her peculiar qualifications for each character assigned them.

—Harry Andrews, of London West, who was summoned before Squire Lacey for furious driving and disorderly conduct a week ago Sunday, was yesterday fined $1 and costs. Wm. McCracken, who was in company with Andrews at the time, failed to appear, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Webster Maguire, of Souris, Man., are in the city. They are on their wedding trip, having been married in Weston, Ont., last night. The bride was till then Miss Ethel Banks, adopted daughter of the late Dr. Banks. They will visit here a short time, and then go to their new home in the far west.

—The meetings at the Gospel Hall, corner of Horton and Colborne streets, are increasing in interest. Mr. Hixon Irving has been lecturing upon subjects seldom touched upon, "The Judgment Seat of Christ" being an unusually solemn and impressive address, calculated to produce a practical influence in the lives of those who listened.

—"Lost—Sunday—Lady's gold watch. 'Anna Solomon' engraved on outside. Reward by returning to this office." The above appeared in last evening's Advertiser, and this morning the watch was returned to this office by George Nelson, of Emery street, who read the advertisement in The Advertiser. For quick returns there is no better medium than The Advertiser.

DEATH OF ROBERT MURRAY.

Robert Murray, of Port Huron, a former resident of London, died at Port Huron yesterday, and will be brought to this city for burial. He left the city some years ago. Deceased was unmarried, and leaves a widowed mother at 428 Wellington street, and several sisters in the city.

DR. HOBBS' DISCOVERY.

A Toronto special to The Advertiser says: "Dr. Hobbs, of London asylum, waited on Mr. Harcourt today. He claims to have made important discoveries in the treatment of female insane patients, and asks that he may have an extra grant to carry on his investigation along this line. About a dozen members of the House, including Dr. Willoughby and Dr. John McKay, went in to hear the doctor explain his method.

Squire Lacey Puzzled

Disposes of the Getty Case by Sending It to the Judge.

What Is the Glory of the Lawyer Is the Bane of a Magistrate's Existence.

Byron Getty, of Mount Brydges, charged with theft, was again before Squire Lacey this morning. This is a complicated matter, and one with which the magistrate refused to deal, as it was a question of deciding a point of law which was, "Was the seizure a legal one, and had Getty the right to remove the goods from McEvoy's place?" The lawyers wrangled over point after point, and finally the magistrate said: "You gentlemen may want to continue this, but I don't think I should be called upon to sit here and listen to the kind of argument that has been going on, with the lawyers complimenting one another. I think it should go to a high court, and I will relegate the case to the tender mercies of the judge."

The case is this: In 1894 Byron Getty and his wife, Della S. Getty, mortgaged the goods that had been taken on the search warrant in this case, to David Thomas, as collateral security for a land mortgage of $2,800. Getty was indebted to the Bank of Commerce for about $500 more, and the bank insisted on getting a second mortgage on the land and chattels. Subsequently they put up the land at auction, subject to Thomas' mortgage, and obtained no bids. They then seized the goods and put them up at auction, subject to the chattel mortgage and sold them for $20. Thomas proceeded to enforce his mortgage against the goods and land, and the Bank of Commerce bought the security of Thomas through the Dominion Loan Company. The Loan Company, after taking assignments of both mortgages, had the goods seized, under the chattel mortgage, except such as were being sold at the sheriff's sale.

The loan company then gave notice of sale under the land mortgage, and when the time expired which gave them the right to advertise the land, they also advertised the goods. As soon as the time expired giving them the right of sale, under the existence of exercising power of sale, Mrs. Getty gave an order, and Getty and other persons went, and, it is alleged, forcibly carried away the goods before the day of auction had arrived. A warrant was then issued for Getty's arrest.

Messrs. Tennent and Collier, who appeared for Getty, contended that the seizure was bad because the mortgage had been assigned to J. M. McEvoy for the purpose of collecting money for the Dominion Loan Company.

Messrs. Judd and McEvoy, who appeared against Getty, pointed out that according to the exhibits put in by Mr. Tennent, the warrant was issued by the loan company before even the assignment in trust was made, and that the warrant had been acted upon before any assignment whatever had been contemplated.

A MANLY APOLOGY.

Mr. J. Chapman, of London West to Headmaster Liddicoatt.

London, Feb. 24, 1897.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Since you have given such a prominent heading to late London West school affairs, kindly allow me to publish the following explanations and apology in your widely-read columns:

First. That after a very full investigation into the charges made by me against Principal Liddicoatt, I acknowledge them to have been without foundation in every particular.

Secondly. That I had no intentions of making any complaint to the school board until Chairman Glover induced me to do so, and called on me for that purpose.

Thirdly. That I regret exceedingly the part I have taken in this matter, and herewith offer a full apology for my injustice, and hope that Mr. Liddicoatt will accept the same. Yours truly,

J. CHAPMAN.

IN PITIFUL PLIGHT.

Mrs. Mudge and Her Children — A Letter From Mrs. Mudge's Mother—The Husband's Charge.

Inspector Sanders has received a pathetic letter from Mrs. Wm. Peer, of Belmont, asking for information about her daughter, Mrs. Mudge, and the latter's two children. Mrs. Mudge and her little ones are at present in charitable institutions here. Mrs. Peer says her daughter was turned out of her home by her (Mrs. Mudge's) husband, and that she returned to her parents with her children. "We were unable to keep them, being very poor," continues Mrs. Peer, "so I got my daughter a situation with a lady. I don't know how she comes to be in London. She is not likely to go back to her husband, who would only abuse her."

Inspector Sanders replied, telling Mrs. Peer of her daughter's plight. The inspector has also received a letter from the clerk of Aldborough township, Elgin county, saying that that municipality is not liable for the maintenance of Mrs. Mudge, and her children. He says that Mrs. Mudge deserted her husband, and that the later denied the parentage of the children.

In regard to the alleged desertion, Inspector Sanders says Mudge admitted he gave his wife $1 50 when she left him. The poor woman says he would not support her.

A WESTMINSTER WEDDING.

Miss Lizzie Cousin Married to an Extensive Landowner of Brandon.

Yesterday at 4 p.m. a very pretty wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. Wm. Cousin, Spruce Grove, Westminster, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter Lizzie L., to Mr. M. Graves Abey, an extensive land owner of Brandon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. H. Sawers. The groom was supported by Mr. A. H. McEwan, of Brandon, while the bride was assisted my her sister Mary.

The bride was attired tastily in cream lima, with trimmings of lace and ribbon, both wearing and carrying bridal roses, while the bride's attendant wore a delicate pink costume.

After the wedding ceremony, the guests gathered into the dining-room and partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast, after which the happy couple left for a trip to the East, amid showers of rice and old shoes, and will shortly embark for their new home in the West, where all wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

The presents were both costly and numerous.

Good News!

Safety of the Steamer Diamant, Supposed to Have Gone Down.

The Overdue Assyrian Also Arrives at Halifax.

(Special to The Advertiser per C. P. R. Line.)

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—The disabled German tank steamer Diamant, supposed to have foundered at sea, was towed in this morning by the steamer British Empire. The Diamant had 25 persons on board.

The Diamant was 15 days overdue, owing to the loss of her propeller on Feb. 10, when she was some 500 miles off Halifax. The escape of the German steamer is remarkable. She was picked up by three steamers, one of which, the Galileo, of the Furness Line, lost her in a storm, while another, the Beaver Line steamer Lake Winnipeg, which attempted to tow her in, became disabled herself through the fouling of her propeller with the towline, and had to abandon the Diamant.

The steamer Assyrian, which was overdue from Liverpool, also arrived today.

Special to The Advertiser, per C. P. R. Line.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—The steamer Assyrian reports that on Monday, Feb. 15, she fell in with the steamer Cambria, with a broken shaft, and on Tuesday took the disabled vessel in tow for Halifax. On Wednesday the tow line parted and the Cambria was lost sight of. The Assyrian stood by until Saturday, but failed to find the Cambria again.

On Saturday the Assyrian fell in with the bark Persia, of Christiania, lately abandoned.

A STROKE OF ECONOMY.

Abolition of an Office Saves the City $350 a Year—Too Much Coal.

The Board of Works effected a good stroke of economy when they appointed Mr. Harry Meritt, janitor to look after the heating of the boilers in the City Hall. By so doing, they save the city $350 a year, the salary of the former incumbent of the office, Mr. Brown, who resigned. The work of looking after the boilers dovetails in with Mr. Merritt's other duties, and he gets rent free at no cost to the city. Ald. Parnell says he is performing his new duties admirably, and that the boilers were never in better shape.

It takes 80 tons of coal per year to heat the City Hall, at a cost of about $450. This is regarded by some of the aldermen as altogether too much, and is ascribed to the antiquated apparatus, which has been in use for years. The matter may be brought up in council.

A G. T. R. MOLDING SHOP

May Be Added to the New Buildings—Company Want More Ground.

Mr. Pope, of the Grand Trunk solicitor's office, Belleville, is in the city. He has been looking at the new car shops. The company want more ground adjoining the site of the shops, and are negotiating with Ald. Bennet for the purchase of a couple of acres now occupied by the Bennet Manufacturing Company.

In this connection it is stated that the Grand Trunk desire to add a molding shop to their new buildings here, and more ground will be necessary. It is also advisable to have more area in order to have a sufficiently large entrance to the shops from the tracks.

RACES AT SPRINGBANK.

Street Railway Company Have Some Great Attractions There Tonight.

The Street Railway Company have provided a lively programme of races tonight at Springbank. The ice is in great shape, and some lively contests are expected.

There will be a championship backward race, and two open races, in which the following swift 'uns will be matched: McLaren, of Listowel; Clark, of Petrolea; Elliott, of Mitchell; Devine and Stockton, of St. Thomas; and Griffith, Fruidham, Crabbe and Campbell, of London.

A band will be in attendance and cars will run every ten minutes. Races begin at 8:30.

KAIN GIVEN A CHANCE

To Walk in Wisdom's Pleasant Way in the Future.

Joseph Kain was before Judge Wm. Elliot this morning on the charge of escaping from the custody of a constable on May 1, 1896. Kain pleaded guilty. Mr. Frank Love appeared for the prisoner, and gave a detailed account of the young man's good behavior previously. The judge said he would suspend sentence this time, on account of the representations made by counsel in prisoner's behalf, and conjured him to, in future, walk in wisdom's pleasant ways and shun evil companions. If he ever came up again the suspension of sentence this time would militate seriously against any request for clemency of the court. He was then discharged.

PESSIMISM.

From the Malakand Fognorn.

Nothing to breathe but air;
Nothing to eat but food;
Nothing to wear but clothes,
To keep us from going nude.

Nothing to do but things,
Quick, as a flash, they're gone!
Nowhere to fall but off,
Nowhere to sit but on.

Nothing to quench but a thirst,
Nowhere to sleep but in bed.
Nothing to have but what we've
Nothing to bury but dead.

Nothing to weep but tears,
Ah, me! Alas and alack!
Nowhere to go but out;
Nowhere to come but back.

Nothing to comb but out hair;
Nothing to wed but a wife.
Only to suffer and bear:
What is the value of life?

Champion Washers,
The Best Washing Machine made... $5 EACH.
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Important Action by the Grand Lodge.

The Order Thrown Open to All Comers Except Members of Combines—The Prohibition Plank Thrown Out.

Special to The Advertiser, per G.N.W. Line.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—At this morning's session of the Patrons of Industry Grand Board, a resolution was passed unanimously to throw open the order to all comers, with the exception only of members of combines.

The plank in the platform of the order calling for prohibition was expunged. Every member of the board spoke on the resolution, and, while expressing approval of the principle of prohibition, used the argument that before such a law was placed on the statute books it should be indorsed by all three political parties, and by the majority of the people, as it could not otherwise be made effective.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Half the City of Portsmouth, Ohio, Under Water.

Portsmouth, O., Feb. 25.—Half this city is under water. The river is 58 feet 3 inches. About a thousand families have been compelled to move. Many houses are completely covered, and some have floated away.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 25.—The great flood has done its worst in this section and the waters are now receding. What ruin has been wrought cannot be told until the waters recede. In McKeesport the damage will exceed $500,000. More than 10,000 workmen were thrown into enforced idleness and the loss in the Monongahela Valley is not less than $1,500,000.

A KINCARDINE CENTENARIAN.

Kincardine, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Hugh Montgomery, mother of Mr. Robert Montgomery, of this place, died at her son's residence yesterday morning. The old lady was in her hundredth year, having been born near Belfast, Ireland, in January, 1798.

A FAMINE "SNAP."

Peculiar Incident at the Indian Relief Works.

Another amusing scene I witnessed last week. We ran out by train to a small railway station in the Allahabad district, where relief workers were coming on to the works in startlingly large numbers. The first thing we saw after leaving the railway station was a crowd of about 1,000 country folk sitting down in the dry bed of a tank. The local authorities explained that the people had come there a couple of days before and asked to be put on the relief works in progress near there; but as these particular works were full, they were bidden to move fifteen or sixteen miles further on to another work. This they had refused to do, and they had remained for two days where we found them. On questioning them we found that they were decent folk with some small stores of grain in their bundles, and that their objection to "moving on" was that it would take them to a stony and plateau which was unfamiliar to, and therefore feared by, them. This seemed intelligible, but not quite satisfactory.

We then drove on to see the relief work to which they had been refused admission. It consisted of remarking an old road and deepening an old tank. On the road work was in full swing. The Lieutenant-Governor asked the Public Works officials what was going on in the tanks, as owing to the high bank we could not see the workers within the tank from where we stood. "Oh!" said the ready local official, "your honor had better see the road work; the tank is not worth inspecting, as work has only lately been started there." The Lieutenant-Governor agreed, and went on. My curiosity led me to walk across the fields and see how the tank work was going on. What I saw was about 2,000 people, comfortably grouped into "gangs" in the dry bed of the tank, without a single tool, and, needless to say, doing no work. The Public Works had run short of spades owing to the rush, and had "ganged" and paid this happy band for the last four days without exacting any labor task. The band itself was quite content. It was formed into work gangs every morning, and sat in gang formation throughout the day in the warm bed of the tank, and was duly paid in the evening, and went off to bed.

Then the mystery of my discontented friends in the first tank by the railway station revealed itself to me. They, too, had wanted to join the spadeless people, in the other tank, and to receive wages for doing nothing. Instead of which they had been bidden to go up into the desert, a day's journey, and there earn bread by the sweat of their brow. They thought this unjust, and could not make up their minds to leave the neighborhood of a place where people got wages for sitting still.—Westminster Gazette.

WORD WITH PREACHERS.

Detroit Tribune.

For the benefit of the New York preachers who are discussing the ideal newspaper, it may be said that the ideal newspaper will be here when the ideal preacher arrives.

THE Westminster Shorter Catechism is nearly 250 years old. The assembly met on July 1, 1643, and sent up to Parliament the Directory for Public Worship, Nov. 21 and 27, 1644; the Confession of Faith, on Dec. 4, 1646, and April 29, 1647; the Shorter Catechism, Nov. 25, 1647, and April 14, 1648; the Larger Catechism, Oct. 15, 1647, and April 14, 1648; and held its last meeting, March 25, 1652. Thursday, Nov. 25, 1897, is the anniversary of the completion of the Shorter Catechism, and it is becoming that throughout the whole Presbyterian world the fact should have proper recognition. No one can compute the value that this remarkable compend of Scriptural truth has been to those who have made themselves acquainted with its contents.

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