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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, March 21—Noon.—The stock market has done very well today. After opening strength there was an attempt to force prices off a little, but it met with small success. As soon as the pressure relaxed a little, the market displayed a decidedly buoyant tone, and prices are moving up sharply at the noon hour. Indications point to an increase in the short interest, and there is a lack of stocks for sale. These conditions must inevitably produce a further advance, and we are not likely to have any serious setback until the transactions increase largely and we have a big day. On any reasonable break would advise coservative buying of the good railroad stocks, taking Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and the stocks that have lagged a little. Sales to noon were 326,000 shares.

TORONTO

	Toronto, March. 21. Ask.	Off.
Montreal	..	247
Ontario	..	125
Toronto	..	225½
Commerce	..	150
Imperial	..	214
Dominion	224	222½
Standard	..	224
Hamilton	207	205¾
Ottawa	215	..
Traders	..	135¼
Soo, com	..	65
Soo, pref	123	121
British North America	100	..
Western Assurance	..	75
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers Gas	209	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref.	98	..
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	114¾	114⅝
Toronto Electric Light	..	129
General Electric	146	141
London Electric	100	..
Dominion Telegraph	..	115
Bell Telephone	138	135
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	..	82
Niagara Navigation	..	112
St. L. and C. Navigation	105	..
Toronto Street Railway	..	93
Twin City Railway, new	93	92½
Winnipeg St. Rai way	..	160
Sao Paulo Tramway	91	89¾
Dominion Steel, com	9	8¾
Dominion Coal, com	61	60½
Nova Scotia Steel, common,	81½	80½
Canada Salt	147	..
Crow's Nest Coal	850	..
British Canadian L. and I.	80	..
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv.	180	102
Canada Permanent	..	121
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest.	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron and Erie L. and S. Co.	..	178
London Banking and Loan	..	119
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	88
Ontario Loan and Deb.	..	121
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Lone Star Bonds	..	56

SALES: Bank of Hamilton, 4 at 207; Soo, preferred, 10 at 122; Toronto Railway, 5 at 99¼; Dominion Bank, 2 at 223¼; R. and O., 50 at 82; Sao Paulo, 25 at 90; C. P. R., 25 at 114⅝, 25, 325 and 435 at 114¾, 25 at 114⅞, 200, 50 and 275 at 114⅝, 200 and 10 at 114½; Twin City, 3 and 5 at 93; Coal, 12 at 60, 55 and 25 at 60½, 50 and 70 at 61, 25 at 61¼; Nova Scotia Steel, 5 at 80½, 25 at 81; Cable, bonds, 1,000 at 90; British-Canadian, 54 at 89.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, March 21. Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	114⅞	114¾
Winnipeg Electric	260	130
Montreal Street Railway	209½	209
Toronto Railway	99¾	99¼
West India	100	40
Halifax Street Railway	90	88¾
St. John Railway	120	100
Twin City Transit Railway	93	92¾
Richelieu and Ontario	85	82¾
Commercial Cable	180½	..
Montreal Telegraph	162	156
Bell Telephone	140	134
Dominion Iron and Steel, com.	8¾	8¼
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref.	30	25¼
Montreal Heat, Light	73	72¾
Nova Scotia Steel, common	81	80¾
Detroit Railway	64½	63¾
Montreal Cotton	111	107
Dominion Cotton	35	34¾
Canada Colored Cotton	..	44
Dominion Coal, common	61	60¾
Montreal Street Bonds	105	..
Montreal Street Bonds, new	210	206½
Int. Coal	100	75
Bank of Ottawa	211	..
Bank of Montreal	250	..
Molsons Bank	205	198
Merchants'	158	152
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Flour	120	..
Ogilvie Bonds	112	..
Nova Scotia	..	260
Union Bank	135	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	..	56⅞
Colored Cotton	98	..
Toledo Railway	21½	20

SALES: C. P. R., 480 at 115, 100 at 114¾, 10 at 114½, 50 at 114¾; Montreal Railway, 50 at 208, 50 at 208½, 50 at 208¼, 2 at 208, 25 at 208⅞, 25 at 209, 3 at 208½, 200 at 209⅞, 75 at 204, 50 at 204¼, 275 at 205, 25 at 205¼, 50 at 206, 25 at 207, 25 at 208, 25 at 209, 25 at 210, 25 at 208½, 75 at 209, 50 at 208½, 150 at 209; Iron bonds, 2,000 at 57; Bank of Montreal, 6 at 248; Bank of Commerce, 1 at 150¼; Montreal Railway bonds, 200 at 103¾; Montreal Railway, new, 25 at 199½, 65 at 200, 40 at 206½; Twin City Railway, 275 at 93, 25 at 92½; Coal, common, 25 at 61, 250 at 61½, 50 at 60¾, 25 at 60½; Toronto Railway, 40 at 99¾; Iron, common, 75 at 8¾; Bell Telephone, xd., 3 at 134½, 17 at 135; Power, 50 at 72½, 50 at 72¼, 125 at 72½; Scotia, 6 at 80½, 100 at 81, 10 at 80; R. and O., 25 at 82⅞, 5 at 82¾, 25 at 82⅝, 25 at 82⅝, 25 at 82¾.

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NEW YORK

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	New York, Mar. 21 Open	High	Low	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	48⅞	49¼	48½	48⅝
American Sugar Co.	127¼	127¾	127	127
American Locomotive	22¾	..	..	..
American Foundry	20⅛	20¼	20⅛	20⅛
American Refining	49¼	49¼	48¾	49
Atcheson, com	69	69¼	68⅝	68⅝
Atcheson, pref	90¼	90¼	90	90
B. & O.	79	79¼	78⅝	78⅞
Brooklyn Tran	44¼	44¾	43⅝	43⅞
C. P. R.	114⅝	114⅞	114¼	114¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	31¾	31⅞	31¾	31¾
Chic. Great Western	15¼	15⅜	15¼	15⅜
Chicago & Alton	38½	38½	38	38
Col. Fuel and Iron	29⅝	29¾	29	29
Consolidated Gas	194½	195	194½	195
Delaware and Hudson	151½	151¾	151	151½
Erie	25¼	25⅞	25¼	25⅛
Erie Pfd	64¼	64¼	63¾	64
Edison Gen. Electric	167	170	168½	169¾
Illinois Central	129¼	129¼	129	129
Kan. and Tex. com	18¼	18¼	17⅞	18⅛
Kan. and Tex. pref	39¼	39¼	39	39
Louisville and Nashville	105¼	105⅞	105¼	105¼
Manhattan	143¾	144	143¾	143½
Metropolitan St. Ry	112¼	113¼	111¾	112¼
Mexican Central	11⅞	11¾	11⅝	11⅞
M. P.	92	92⅝	91½	91¾
N. Y Central	116⅞	117	116¾	117
Norfolk and W	58½	58⅝	58¼	58⅝
Ont. and West	21⅝	21¾	21½	21½
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	25¾	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	117⅝	117¾	117	117
People's Gas	98	98¼	97¾	98
Reading	44⅝	44⅝	43⅞	44⅛
Republic I. and S.	44	..	..	..
Rock Island	22	22¼	21¾	21¾
Southern Railway	21¼	21¾	21¼	21¼
Southern Ry. Pfd	85½	85¾	83¾	84¼
Southern Pacific	46¾	46⅞	46¼	46⅞
St. Paul	146	146¾	144¾	144⅞
Texas	24¼	24⅝	24	24
Twin City	92¼	..	..	..
Tennessee Coal & Iron	39⅞	39⅞	39	39¼
Union Pacific	77¼	77¼	76⅞	76⅞
U. S. Leather	7½	..	..	..
U. S. Leather, pref	78½	78¾	78	78
U. S. Rubber	13⅞	13⅞	13¼	13¼
U. S. Steel, com	11¾	11⅞	11¼	11¼
U. S. Steel, pref	59	59⅛	57¾	58⅝

Wabash, com	19¼	..	..	..
Wabash, pref	37	37	36½	36½
Wisconsin Central	19¼	19¾	19	19⅝
Wisconsin Central, pref.	42¾	43¼	42½	43

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LOCAL MARKETS.

London, Monday, March 21.

About a dozen loads of hay were offered today; sales were brisk, at $8 to $9 per ton.

A number of loads of oats went at 96c to 98c per cental.

Straw was in fair supply at $2 75 to $3 by the load.

A carload of live hogs were purchased by Mr. D. McIntyre, paying $4 80 and $4 85 per cwt; the same buyers shipped a car of butchers' cattle to Windsor, for which he received $3 25 per cwt.

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HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 21.—Baled Hay—The receipts are fair and about equal to the demand; the market is steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $9 50 per ton

Baled Straw—Steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $5 to $5 75 per ton.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 19.—Oil opened and closed at $1 71.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., March 19.—Credit balances, $1 71; certificates, no bid; shipments, 59,392 barrels.

LONDON.

London, March 19.—Petroleum, American refined, 7⅞d; spirits, 9¼d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, March 19.—Petroleum, 20 francs 50 centimes.

BREMEN.

Bremen, March 19.—Petroleum, 5 marks 35 pfennings.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, March 19.—Live cattle steady, at 11c to 11¾c per lb for steers, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 8¼c to 8¾c per lb; sheep, 13c to 13½c per lb.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 28,000; market slow; good to prime steers, $5 25 to $5 75; poor to medium, $3 50 to $5; stockers and feeders, $2 50 to $4 20; cows, $1 60 to $4; heifers, $2 50 to $4 50; canners, $1 60 to $2 50; bulls, $2 to $4; calves, $2 to $6 25; Texas-fed steers, $4 to $5.

Hogs—Receipts, 45,000; market mostly 10c lower; mixed and butchers, $5 15 to $5 40; good to choice heavy, $5 25 to $5 45; rough heavy, $5 15 to $5 25; light, $4 80 to $5 20; bulk of sales at $5 15 to $5 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; market strong; good to choice wethers, $4 25 to $5 10; fair to choice mixed, $3 50 to $4 50; western sheep, $3 25 to $5 25; native lambs, $4 50 to $5 50.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 19.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 13½; southwest, $1 08; May, $1 10½.

DAIRY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 19.—Butter—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 4,669 pkgs. Cheese—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 3,973 boxes. Eggs—Weak; receipts, 15,750 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy selected white, 19½c; do, average finest, 17½c; do, firsts, 16¾c; western and Kentucky, firsts, 16¾c; dirties, 15½c; do, checks, 14c to 14½c; duck eggs, 30c to 35c.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., March 19.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 14c to 23½c; dairies, 12½c to 21c. Cheese—Steady, 10c to 10½c.

BEAN MARKETS.

DETROIT.

Detroit, March 18.—Beans—Cash, $1 84; April and May, $1 87.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, March 21.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 1 California, 7s 1½d. Futures steady; March, nominal; May, 6s 6⅝d; July, 6s 6½d.

Corn—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 4s 2¾d; American mixed, old, 4s 7d. Futures quiet; March, nominal; May, 4s 3⅞d.

Peas—Canadian quiet, 5s 7¼d.

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

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £6 15s to £7 15s.

Beef—Firm; extra India mess, 67s 6d.

Pork—Steady; prime mess western, 67s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet, 46s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, quiet, 36s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, quiet, 38s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, quiet, 37s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, quiet, 37s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, 41s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, dull, 32s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, dull, 35s 6d; American refined, in pails, dull, 35s 6d.

Butter—Steady; finest United States nominal; good United States, 74s.

Cheese—American finest white steady, 49s 6d; American finest colored steady, 51s 6d.

Tallow—Prime city dull, 24s 9d.

Turpentine Spirits—Easy, 42s 6d.

Rosin—Common steady, 7s 6d.

Petroleum—Refined steady, 7¼d.

Linseed Oil—Quiet, 17s 6d

The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 12,600 quarters from Atlantic ports, and 96,000 from other ports. The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 66,600 quarters.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 21.—Flour—Receipts, 24,073 bbls; sales, 2,600 pkgs; flour quiet; Minnesota patents, $5 15 to $5 60; Minnesota bakers, $4 20 to $4 70; winter patents, $5 20 to $5 60; winter straights, $5 to $5 15; winter extras, $3 60 to $4; winter low grades, $3 15 to $3 80. Buckwheat flour—Nominal. Rye flour—Dull; fair to good, $4 20 to $4 55; choice to fancy, $4 60 to $4 80. Wheat—Receipts, 51,675 bu; sales, 2,300,000 bu; wheat this morning opened barely steady on poor cables, favorable weather west, heavy world's shipments and expectations of but slight decrease in the world's visible; still further declines followed on bear pressure and liquidation; May, 96c to 96⅞c; July, 91⅝c to 92⅝c; September, 82⅞c to 83c. Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, 82c, to arrive. Corn—Receipts, 66,550 bu; corn was very dull and easier with wheat. Oats—Receipts, 175,500 nominal. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3 13-32c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 17-32c; molasses sugar, 2 25-32c; refined firm; powdered, $4 75; granulated, $4 65. Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 6½c. Lead—Firm, $4 60 to $4 65. Wool—Steady; domestic fleece, 2c to 32c. Hops—Easy; state, common to choice, 1903 crop, 27c to 36c; 1902 crop, 23c to 27c; olds, 9c to 14c; Pacific coast, 1903 crop, 24c to 31c; 1902 crop, 23c to 27c; olds, 9c to 14c.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 21.—Butter—Irregular; receipts, 2,615 pkgs; creamery extras, per lb, 24c to 24½c; do, firsts, 23c; do, seconds, 17c to 19c; do, thirds, 15c to 16c; do, held, extras, 19c to 20c; do, firsts, 16c to 18c; do, seconds, 15c to 15½c; do, thirds, 14c to 14½c; state dairy tubs, fresh, firsts, 19c to 21c; do, seconds, 15c to 17c; do, old, 13c to 15c; western imitation creamery, extras, 18c; do, firsts, 16c to 17c; do, seconds, 14½c to 15c; renovated, extras, 17c; do, firsts, 15c to 16c; do, seconds, 14c to 14½c; do, thirds, 12c to 13c; western factory, current make, firsts, 15c; do, seconds, 14c to 14½c; do, thirds, 12½c to 13½c; do, held, 13c to 14½c; packing stock, current make, No. 1, 14½c; do, No. 2, 13½c to 14c; do, No. 3, 12c to 12c; do, held, 12c to 14½c; rolls, fresh, 13c to 15c. Cheese—Steady; receipts, 2,057 boxes; state full cream, fall-made, small fancy, 12c; do, choice, 11c to 11½c; do, late-made, small, good to prime, 10¾c; do, common to fair, 9¾c to 10¼c; do, fall-made, large fancy, 12c; do, choice, 11c to 11½c; do, late-made, large, good to prime, 10¾c; do, common to fair, 9¼c to 10¼c; do, light skims, choice, 8c; do, prime, 6½c to 6¾c; do, part skims, prime, 6c to 6¼c; do, good, 5½c to 5¾c; do, common to fair, 3c to 5c; do, full skims, 1½c to 2c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 21.—Wheat—The demand is not very large, and the market is easier, in sympathy with the decline in the outside prices; No. 2 red and white are quoted at 93c bid and 94c to 95c asked, west and east; goose is steady, at 84c for No. 2, east; spring is steady, at 89c for No. 2 east; Manitoba wheat is easier this week, at $1 05 for No. 1 hard, $1 04 for No. 1 northern, $1 for No. 2 northern, and 96c for No. 3 northern, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—The offerings continue small, there is a fair inquiry for export, and the market is steady, at $3 65 bid for ordinary 90 per cent winter wheat patents for export, in buyers' bags, west or east; choice brands are quoted at 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba flour is steady, at $5 30 for cars of Hungarian patents, $5 for second patents, and $4 90 for strong bakers, bags included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $17 50 for cars of shorts and $16 for bran in bulk, west or east; Manitoba millfeed is steady, at $21 for cars of shorts and $20 for bran in sacks, Toronto freights. Barley—Steady, at 45c for No. 2, 44c for No. 3 extra, and 43c for No. 3, west or east. Buckwheat—Firm, at 52c bid for No. 2, west or east. Rye—Firm, at 58c bid and 60c asked for No. 2, west or east. Corn—In fair demand; the offerings of cars of Canadian are light, owing to a western distilling demand; Canada mixed is quoted at 38c for cars west; American is steady, at 53c for No. 2 yellow, 52c for No. 3 yellow, and 51c for No. 3 mixed, in car lots on the track at Toronto. Oats—Easier than they were last week; the cereal buyers in the east having reduced their prices ½c to 1c. No. 1 white are quoted at 33c and No. 2 white at 32½c east; No. 2 white are quoted at 32c west. Rolled oats—Steady, at $4 50 for cars of bags and $4 75 for barrels on the track at Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots here, and 40c more for broken lots outside. Peas—Steady, at 69c for No. 2, west or east, and 68c to 70c for choice milling or seed, west or east. Butter—Receipts of dairy roll butter continue liberal, and this has depressed the price of choice dairy tubs, prices for which are 1c lower; there is a fair demand for choice lots of table butter; creamery prints, 20c to 22c; solids, 19c to 20c; dairy pound rolls, choice, 15c to 17c; large rolls, 15c to 16c; tubs, good to choice, 16c to 17c; medium, 13c to 14c; poor, 10c to 12c. Eggs—The receipts are heavier, and it looks as if the supply for Easter will be large, now that the transportation difficulties are disappearing; the market is weak and unsettled, at 22c for new-laid. Dressed hogs—Steady; rail lots here are quoted at $6 50 to $6 50; farmers' lots, delivered here, are quoted at $6 25 for heavy and $6 75 for light. Live hogs—The offerings have been heavier, owing to the better railway facilities of past week, and the market is steady at last week's decline; selects are quoted at $5 and heavy and light fats at $4 75 per cwt.

ARISTOCRATS IN TRADE

George Cornwallis-West Goes Into Business.

London, March 21.— George Cornwallis West apparently has become tired of running aimlessly about the west end enjoying himself, and has betaken himself to the city, where he has joined a big business house as junior partner.

It was Mrs. West's wish that he should do so, and as he is still her slave he obeyed without a murmur. Mrs. West can never be idle long herself, and she likes other people to hustle as well. At present her one aim in life is to form a club which shall put all the other women's clubs in the shade. It is to be called the Ladies' Athenaeum and is to draw all the women who have "some serious view in life."

Mrs. West is negotiating for a house in Grosvenor Square for the club, and she has already obtained a large number of members. Her son, Winston Churchill, is helping his mother in the scheme.

Mrs. West's sister, Mrs. Jack Leslie, who has been socially somewhat in the background of late, is now basking in the sunshine of royal favor. The Duke and Duchess of York have succumbed to her fascinations, and ever since Mrs. Leslie went to Egypt as a sort of extra lady in waiting to the duchess, the Connaughts cannot see too much of her.

GOES TO MAURITIUS

Sir Cavendish Boyle, Governor of Newfoundland, Promoted.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 21.—Sir Cavendish Boyle, governor of Newfoundland, has been promoted to the governorship of Mauritius. This is one of the most important of the British colonial governorships, and carries a salary of $25,000 a year, against $10,000 paid to the governor of Newfoundland. The promotion is due to Sir Cavendish Boyle's tactful handling of French shore matters during his incumbency of the present post. He will leave here early in May.

AN EAST YORK SUICIDE.

Toronto, March 21.—J. Taylor, an East York farmer, living on Dawes road, committed suicide this morning. He owned a large farm and was apparently well-to-do. Domestic troubles are given as the cause. A daughter died a few years ago.

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BUILDING PROSPECTS UNUSUALLY BACKWARD FOR SPRING SEASON

Severe Winter and Prospective Strikes in the Building Trades the Reasons.

Though today is in reality the first day of spring, local real estate men report that as yet realty dealings are very slow, and that the only thing which will infuse life into the market will be the disappearance of cold weather, and the opening up of springtime. As with all other classes of business, real estate felt the effects of the severe winter in a marked degree. One dealer told a reporter today that from the latter part of November until the middle of February, practically no sales were made, the extraordinarily cold weather completely tying up the real estate men.

Since the middle of last month, business has picked up a little, but very little, at that, and this year's sales are away below what they were a year ago. This year there have been no demand for building lots, and the weather is blamed for this state of affairs.

Local architects also report that but few plans are being prepared for buildings of any kind, and again the weather is given in most instances as the cause. But not all of the architects, nor all of the real estate men, are agreed that the weather is totally to blame in the matter.

The weather may be the basic trouble, but there are other contributing causes which tend to keep backward the building prospects of this city.

OTHER CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES.

Though nothing has been officially given out by any of the trades unions as yet, it is understood that this spring—probably the first of May—most of the building trades unions will ask for an increase of wages, claiming that they are justified in their demands by the increased cost of living and the fact that the intensely cold winter kept them idle, and that they must make hay while the sun shines — that is, make all the money they can while they have a chance to work.

The plumbers, it is said, will demand 50 cents an hour this spring, which is certainly a substantial increase; the carpenters, who now get 25 cents an hour, will ask for 35 cents; and the bricklayers, who now get 45 cents, will ask for 50 cents, and all of these will be eight-hour days. Other trades are also credited with the intention of asking more money this spring, and the consequence is that no person appears over-anxious to build just now.

Local architects and builders say, however, that wages are as high now as they can go here, and that any further demands for increases will merely shut off building in London, and that the men who make the demands will be anxious to work for lower wages than the scale now paid when summer comes around.

In St. Louis it is said that hundreds of carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, painters and plasterers are idle, and that when the World's Fair buildings are completed, there will be a small army added to those already out of work. It is further alleged that bricklayers in St. Louis today are glad to get work at any wages, $1 50 a day being considered a fair scale.

DEMAND FOR HOUSES.

That houses to rent are badly needed in London, all real estate agents agree, but the price of building materials, as well as wages, have been raised so high that no one wants to build.

"I could rent any reasonable number of houses from $10 to $18 a month," one agent told a reporter. "Houses of all classes are scarce, but the modern cottage, which rents from $10 to $18, is most in demand."

Though realty conditions are very quiet just now, the opinion appears to be that the summer will be a good one. The spring may be backward, through the cold, and the alleged demands of the building trades unions, but by June or July there will be a reaction, there will be plenty of labor in London, and 'tis not unlikely that there may be a slump in the prices of building materials.

The other night the Real Estate Association held a meeting, and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to increase the rentals of all houses controlled by the members of the association. It was not given out when the increases will go into effect, but it is probable the first of May will be the date. The reason for this action, as given by the real estate men, is that there is no money in renting houses at present rates, and that in order to make both ends meet, rents must be raised.

CITY ENGINEER PUTS GANG OF MEN AT WORK CLEANING STREETS

Trouble Breaks Out Afresh—Company's Force Too Small, Hence Engineer's Move.

Though it appeared to all concerned on Saturday that the fight between the city and the street railway company was at an end, it seems that merely a truce had been called, for promptly at 7 o'clock this morning the battle was resumed. On Saturday the company, in accordance with the demands of the city engineer had a gang of men at work rembying the snow from the Richmond and Dundas street pavement. It was only a small gang of men, however, and as the day wore on and no new laborers made their appearance with picks and shovels, the city engineer lost patience and determined to have the ice removed by the city laborers at the company's expense.

Consequently, Mr. Graydon hired 35 men and 10 teams, and they have been at work all day, in company with the 10 men and 2 teams of the street railway company, removing the ice from the streets.

On Saturday last Manager Carr notified the city engineer that he would have men remove the snow and ice in accordance with the provisions of bylaw 916—and he did have a gang of about ten men at work all day. The engineer, however, notified Mr. Carr that is would take this gang of men until June to remove the ice and snow, and ordered him to procure more men at once. The latter, it is said, claimed he could get no more men, and just to be sociable, Mr. Graydon sent up four city laborers who were just pinning for a job. Whether these men were hired, Mr. Graydon does not know, but at all events he says that they were not put to work Saturday. And as the snow is fully two feet deep in many places along the street, the engineer took drastic measures, and put a large gang of men at work, at the same time notifying the company that the city expected the street railway, in accordance with a provision of their charter, to pay the bill.

Manager Carr today refuses to speak of the disagreement with the engineer. It is held that Mr. Carr's letter of Saturday admits the city's reading of the bylaw to be correct, and that it is hardly likely the matter will go into the courts. Of course, the company may argue that if left alone they could have removed the snow at less expense than the city, by using cars at night instead of teams, but as the whole bill will not likely amount to much more than $500, there is scarcely any room for a legal battle.

Today Mr. Graydon made a demand upon the company to furnish cars to carry the snow from Stanley street, as provided for in their charter. The city will pay all expenses in connection with this job, the company merely being called upon to supply the cars.

It is understood that the property-owners interested have agreed to accept the city's offer in regard to the opening up of Dufferin avenue east. The city agreed to pay $500 toward the opening up of the street, if the property owners to be benefited would deed over the necessary land to the city and also put down a sewer and pavement on the thoroughfare. At first the property owners did not feel like entertaining the offer, but it is said they have now come to terms and will accept the proposal.

Tonight's meeting of the city council threatens to be a long one. The committee reports, although they contain nothing of very great importance, embody the letting of many tenders, and the letting of contracts are always productive of much argument. There is also a large grist of other business to deal with.

STRONG LIGHT ON BRIDGE

The New Humphrey Lamp May Supplant Electricity.

The City Gas Company's Experiment Proved a Success.

A new light was placed on the Westminster bridge the other night, which may have far-reaching effects. The light was a most successful experiment and the City Gas Company claim that when the contract for the city's lighting is to be renewed they will be able to enter in the field, and give such prices that they will save the city in the neighborhood of $10,000 a year.

The Gas Company have a lamp similar to the wonderful Humphrey lamp that is in use in so many places in this city now, but differing from the indoor Humphrey by having a device which protects the flame from wind and rain. The light that was placed on the bridge as an experiment was inspected by the city engineer and the members of Committee No. 3, and they were most favorably impressed with its possibilities. It throws a light equal to that of the eletric arc and steadier. This could be kept burning by the City Gas Company for a cent and a quarter to a cent and a half an hour as compared with over two cents an hour charged by the Electric Light Company.

The company will likely be invited to place these Humphrey outdoor lights on the several bridges in the city, as there are many dark places there that need lighting now. It will at least lead to some competition that will bring the price of the electric lights down if they are retained. On the other hand, if they are not retained, but the gas company get the contract, then the gas mains will be extended through the city, so that the citizens generally will benefit by it, and get a better service than they do now, while in addition there will be the advantage of a supply of fuel gas that would be a boon to many of the citizens.

IOWA IS NOT PRO-RUSS.

Des Moines, Ia., March 21.—Representative Head's resolution expressing sympathy for the Russians in the war with Japan was voted down almost unanimously by the Iowa House on Saturday.

WILL BE AN OUTSIDE MAN

And Most Likely He Will Come From Hamilton.

Only Two Names Meet With Favor—Both Good Men.

Though the matter has been kept very quiet, it is known that the city council will tonight select a man for fire chief of London—and he will be a Hamilton man. The mayor and aldermen appear to have become thoroughly convinced that an outside man must be secured in order to increase the efficiency of the brigade, and this means that a big increase in the salary now paid to the acting chief will be necessary. Two men have been singled out as especially fitted for the position. One is Deputy Chief Noble, of Toronto, and the other is Archie Cameron, a foreman in the Hamilton fire brigade. It is understood, however, that the salaries asked by both men are too high for London, and in consequence the position will go to either Ten Eyck or James, of Hamilton, both of whom are known to be good men. Today the mayor would not talk of the matter, and Ald. Matthews said he knew nothing of any proposal to appoint a chief tonight. It is said, however, that Mayor Beck is very anxious to secure Canceni, and it may be that he will turn the tables in his favor. Acaucus was held this afternoon with the chairman of No. 3, but the result was not gave out.

OLD BOYS' "AT HOME"

At the King Edward Hotel, Toronto—Londoners Accept Invitation.

The London Old Boys' Association of Toronto have issued invitations for an at home to be given at the King Edward Hotel, Friday evening, April 8. A number of London citizens have been favored and will probably go to Toronto for this occasion.

Mr. Harry McBride is the president, and Mr. J. E. Thompson, secretary, and the committee consists of the following old boys: Joseph W. Davis, Atwell Fleming, E. W. J. Owens, Dr. F. Winnett, A. S. Wigmore, Joseph W. Hickson, Joseph Rogers, J. Mullins, W. H. Morgan, E. Mack, T. S. Minton, T. Bland, T. Johnston, H. McElheran, Harry Jewell, W. Plaxton, E. W. Dawson, James Miller, George W. Ward, S. Hobbs, S. B. Coon, Fred J. Miller, A. Trebilcock, D. B. Cockburn, L. W. Austin, N. Garratt, J. Govinlock and T. A. Duff.

EVERY LINE WIDE OPEN

Such Is the Condition of Affairs On Grand Trunk Today.

First Time in Several Weeks Railway Has Been in Such Position.

For the first time in several weeks, every branch of the Grand Trunk in the west is wide open today.

Such was the information given out by Assistant Superintendent Higgins at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The gang of men at work on the Bruce got through to Wingham on Saturday night or Sunday, and the regular morning train was started out of London for the north at 7:40 o'clock today, and got through without any trouble, although at places it was necessary to run on slow time.

The other branches to the north, such as the Owen Sound line and the line to Wiarton, are also in operation again.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Jennie Reycraft, of Glencoe, is the guest of London relatives.

—Miss Winnie Reycraft of this city, has returned home after a most enjoyable visit in Glencoe.

—Mr. Cyril Dwight-Edwards went this morning to Petrolea, where he will take part in a big concert tonight.

—Mr. Charles Matthews, of the Toronto Globe, and formerly of the London Advertiser, has been elected president of the Ottawa Press Gallery.

—The annual meeting of the Irish Benevolent Society will be held on Wednesday night next, when officers for the year will be elected.

MINISTERS MEET.

A meeting of the Ministerial Alliance was held in the Y. M. C. A. this morning. There was a large attendance of the city clergy.

"M. D." ON HIS DIGNITY.

The following incident occurred in London a few days ago, not many miles from Dundas and Maitland streets. An old lady was delivering some bags of apples she had brought in from the country. Finding one bag rather too heavy for her, she asked a young man who happened to pass, to assist her in removing the bag from the wagon to the ground. He replied: "My good woman, you should not ask me to do that. Don't you know that I am a doctor?" and passed on.

DIED AT ADVANCED AGE.

The death of Mr. John Crisman occurred yesterday at his daughter's residence, 360 Ridout street. He was born in Germany 82 years ago, but had lived in Canada for a long time. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. Moore, of 360 Ridout street; Mrs. Chas. Mayers, Batavia, N. Y., and Mrs. W. McLaren, Rochester. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

DEATH OF MISS JANE REDDING.

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