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It's more fashionable in a way than the Races, is the Horse Show. Exclusive hats in silks are a great item. Silk Hats for the young man and the man not so young; those are our specialties. We sell the great Fifth Avenue, N.Y., silk by Dunlap and the silk hat of royalty by Henry Heath of London, Eng.

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WHEAT PRICES SLUMP

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Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 20	0 22
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 19	0 21
Butter, bakers', tub	0 13	0 14
Eggs, new-laid, doz	0 15	....
Turkeys, per lb	0 12½	0 17
Chickens, per lb	0 12½	0 14
Fowl, per lb	0 09	0 10
Honey, per lb	0 07	0 08

Hides and Wool.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter, 85 East Front-street, Wholesale Dealer in Wool, Hides, Calf and Sheep Skins, Tallow, etc.:

Hides, No. 1 steers, ins	$0 07½	$....
Hides, No. 2 steers, ins	0 06½	....
Hides, No. 1 inspected	0 07	....
Hides, No. 2 inspected	0 06	....
Calfskins, No. 1 selected	0 09	....
Calfskins, No. 2 selected	0 07	....
Deacons (dairies), each	0 65	....
Lambskins	0 15	0 20
Sheepskins	1 00	1 15
Wool, fleece, new clip	0 15	0 16
Wool, unwashed	0 09	0 10
Tallow, rendered	0 04½	0 05

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Manitoba, first patents, $5; Manitoba, second patents, $4.70, and $4.60 for strong bakers', bags included, on track, at Toronto; 90 per cent. patents, in buyers' bags, east or middle freights, $3.60; Manitoba bran, sacked, $20 per ton; shorts, sacked, $24 per ton at Toronto.

Wheat—Red and white are worth 92c to 93c, middle freights; goose, $2c to 83c, middle; spring, 88c; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, $1.09, grinding in transit; No. 1 northern, $1.08.

Barley—No. 2 at 45c; No. 3X at 42c.

Oats—Oats are quoted at 30½c, high freight, and 31c east for No. 1.

Corn—Canadian arriving in poor condition at 45c; American, 57c for No. 3 yellow, on track, at Toronto.

Peas—Peas, 65c to 67c bid, high freight, for milling.

Rye—Quoted at about 58c middle and 58c east.

Buckwheat—Buckwheat, 51c, eastern freights.

Bran—City mills sell bran at $18 and shorts at $20, car lots, f.o.b., at Toronto.

Oatmeal—At $4.50 in bags and $4.75 in barrels, car lots, on track, Toronto; local lots 25c higher.

Toronto Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.23, and No. 1 yellow, $3.63. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots 5c less.

Chicago Markets.

J. G. Beaty (McIntyre & Marshall), King Edward Hotel, reports the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	87	88	85¾	86
July	83¼	84⅝	82⅛	82¼
Sept	79⅞	80⅝	79	79⅛
Corn—				
May	47¾	47¾	46⅛	46¼
July	48⅛	48⅝	47¼	47⅜
Sept	47¾	48	47	47
Oats—				
May	36⅛	37	36¼	36¼
July	36⅛	36½	35⅝	35¾
Sept	30⅝	30⅞	30	30⅛
Pork—				
May	11.92	12.12	11.92	11.92
July	12.17	12.37	12.17	12.22
Ribs—				
May	6.32	6.40	6.32	6.40
July	6.52	6.75	6.52	6.55
Lard—				
May	6.67	6.70	6.62	6.62
July	6.72	6.87	6.72	6.72

Chicago Gossip.

McIntyre & Marshall wired J. G. Beaty, King Edward Hotel, at the close of the market to-day:

Wheat—All kinds of news to-day and all kinds of fluctuations. Strong early on reports of large purchases of cash wheat at St. Louis by millers. Some talk of excessive rains in southwest, some points in Kansas had four inches. This will stop talk of dry weather. About noon all markets declined sharply. Minneapolis, St. Louis and all others on the same tack. Bulls were demoralized and closing prices about the lowest point for the day. The buying power is too limited to cause a sustained advance. Looks like further decline with occasional rallies.

Corn—The May deal was a sick one. The month sold at 1¼c under July. We must have better demand to keep prices from declining further. The last week of April is keeping up its reputation for being a period of weak markets.

Oats—Oats were the firmest of all grains and practically held their own altho the opening advance was lost. Closing figures are about the same as on Saturday. Receipts here only 52 cars. There seems to be a good cash demand, but this in itself cannot put prices up much just now. The market has good sized short interest and this is likely to be a sustaining feature or at least to help hold prices. Bear sentiment and good sized local stocks are the feature, which may cause lower prices.

Provisions—All products close about the same as last Saturday. Hogs closed 10c lower. Shipments good. Receipts of hogs about the same as last year. Hog products seem to be on a consuming basis.

Speculative activity is lacking. This accounts for the dullness. We rather expect moderate decline during the next few days.

Ennis & Stoppani to J. L. Mitchell, McKinnon Building:

Wheat—Liverpool came ⅝d lower, which was considered hardly a response to our decline of Saturday. Heavy rains in Kansas and the southwest caused floods in the bottom lands of Missouri and Kansas, seriously injuring thousands of acres of wheat, and further rains were predicted for this afternoon and to-night. These reports were accompanied by buying orders early from southwest. The improvement in prices was only temporary, and upon heavy selling by a prominent trader the selling became general and nearly 2c decline was recorded. There was general liquidation by the crowd on the decline. The principal menace to the market is the long wheat bought at high prices, which comes out on the bulges and is too much for the present narrow market. The Mississippi River is expected to show a high level to-night, with prospects of further overflow of wheat lands. The deferred futures will look like good property under 80 cents until the spring and winter crop are both established in a more promising position than they occupy at present. Liverpool closed, ¼d lower. Primary receipts 277,429, against 469,000 bushels. Clearances were only nominal. World's shipments 10,544,000; on passage, increased 2,406,000.

Corn—The market ruled weak and selling was generally influenced by weakness in wheat and rumors of Armour selling. It was a nervous market and the decline was stopped by profit taking by the shorts. The stocks of corn here are large. We do not advocate buying corn at this time, but from a statistical point of view, the speculative possibilities seem to be on the long side.

Oats—With the depression in other grains, oats were under greater selling pressure by the provision crowd. Offerings, however, were well taken and suggest that the bottom is not far away.

That Cutting Acid that arises from the stomach and almost strangles, is caused by fermentation of the food in the stomach. It is a foretaste of indigestion and dyspepsia. Take one of Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets immediately after eating, and it will prevent this distress and aid digestion. Sixty in a box, 35 cents.—16

New York Dairy Market.

New York, April 25.—Butter, firm; receipts, 4698; creamery extras, per lb., 23c to 23½c; do., firsts, 20c to 22½c; do. 2nds, 18c to 18c; do., thirds, 14c to 15c; do., held, extras, 18c to 19c; do., firsts, 15c to 17c; do., seconds, 14c to 14½c; do., thirds, 13c to 13½c; state dairy tubs, fresh, firsts 18c to 20c; do., seconds, 15c to 17c; western imitation, creamery, firsts, 15c to 17c; do., seconds, 14c to 15c; renovated extras, 17c; do., firsts, 15c to 16c; do. seconds, 13c to 14c; do., thirds, 10c to 12c; western factory, current make, firsts, 14c; do., seconds, 13c to 13½c; do., thirds, 12c to 12½c; do., held, 12c to 14c; packing stock, current make, No. 1, 13½c; do., No. 2, 12c to 12c; do., No. 3, 10c to 11c; do., held, 11c to 13½c.

Cheese—Quiet; receipts, 1346; state, full cream fall made, small, fancy, 11c to 11½c; do., choice, 10½c to 10¾c; do., good to prime, 9½c to 10c; do., common to fair, 8c to 9c; do., large fancy, 11c to 11½c; do., choice, 10½c to 10¾c; do., good to prime, 9½c to 10c; do., common to fair, 8c to 9c; do., light skims, choice, 7c to 7½c; do., prime, 6½c to 6½c; do., part skims, prime, 5½c to 6c; do., good, 5c to 5½c; do., common to fair, 2½c to 4½c; do., full skims, 1½c to 2c.

Eggs—Irregular; receipts, 26,890; state, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy selected white, 20c to 20½c; do., average finest, 19½c; do., firsts, 18½c; western storage, selections, 18¾c to 19c; do., firsts, 18½c to 18½c; do., seconds, 17¾c to 18c; Kentucky, 17½c to 18½c; Tennessee and other southern, 17½c to 18c; do., inferior, 16c to 17c; dirties, 16½c to 17c; checks, 16c; duck eggs, 18c to 25c; goose eggs, 35c.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

Liverpool, April 25.—Wheat, spot dull; No. 1 California, 7s; futures, barely steady; May, 6s 3¾d; July, 6s 4½d. Corn—Spot, quiet; American mixed new, 4s 2½d; American mixed old, 4s 6½d; futures, quiet; May, 4s 3¾d; July, 4s 3¼d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, steady, 36s; do., clear bellies, dull, 37s. Lard, prime western, in tierces, steady, 33s 9d. Hops, in London (Pacific coast), quiet, £3 15s to £6 15s. The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 18,700 quarters from Atlantic ports, and 110,000 from other ports. The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 19,200 quarters.

New York Grain and Produce.

New York, April 25.—Flour—Receipts, 19,202 barrels; exports, 1153 barrels; sales, 6400 packages; market was dull and partially lower; Minnesota patent, $5.00 to $5.25; Minnesota bakers', $4.00 to $4.25; winter patents, $5.10 to $5.50; winter straights, $4.85 to $5.00; winter extras, $3.35 to $4.00; winter low grades, $3.15 to $3.80. Rye flour—Dull; sales, 225 barrels; fair to good, $4.15 to $4.35; choice to fancy, $4.35 to $4.70. Cornmeal—Steady; yellow western, $1.08 to $1.10; city, $1.10 to $1.12; kiln dried, $3.10 to $3.15. Rye—Steady; No. 2 western, 77c to arrive, prompt. Barley—Quiet; feeding, 49c c.i.f., New York; malting, 55c to 65c c.i.f. Buffalo. Wheat—Receipts, 53,000 bushels; sales, 3,500,000 bushels futures; spot barely steady; No. 2 red, $1.03 elevator; and $1.04 to $1.07 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 97½c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal f.o.b. afloat; options had rather a weak opening on big world's shipments and lower cables, but at once turned strong on bull developments west, and was all under bull influence all the forenoon. Excessive rains in Kansas, reported big cash sales in St. Louis, and less favorable news from Illinois and Missouri were the chief buying motives. Later, prices collapsed under a bear raid and a disappointing visible supply decrease, closing ⅝c to ⅞c net lower; May, 87½c to 90¼c, closed 88¼c; July, 87 3-16c to 88 15-16c, closed 87½c; Sept., 82⅝c to 84c, closed 82¾c; December closed 82⅝c. Corn—Receipts, 19,350 bushels; sales, 20,000 bushels futures; 20,000 bushels spot; spot easy; No. 2 nominal elevator, and 54½c f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 57c; No. 2 white, 56½c; option market was strong and more active on a scare of shorts impelled by fears of smaller receipts, but eventually broke, with wheat, and closed weak at ¾c to ⅞c net decline; May closed 53¼c; July, 52¼c to 53¼c, closed 52⅝c. Oats—Receipts, 157,500 bushels; spot steady; No. 2, 43⅜c; standard white, 45c to 46c; No. 2 white, 46c to 46½c; No. 3 white, 44c to 45c; options nominal. Rosin—Steady; strained, common to good, $2.80. Molasses—Firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 31c to 37c. Pig iron—Steady; northern, $14.25 to $15.75; southern, $12.50 to $14.50. Copper—Steady, $13.25 to $13.66½. Lead—Steady, $4.60 to $4.65. Tin—Quiet; Straits, $28.87½ to $29.12½. Plates—Market, quiet. Spelter—Quiet; domestic, $3.20 to $3.25. Coffee—Spot Rio, quiet; No. 7 invoice, 7c; mild, steady; Cordova, 10c to 13c. Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3⅜c to 3 3-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3c to 3 1-16c; molasses sugar, 2⅝c to 2 15-16c; refined, quiet; No. 6, 4.30c; No. 7, 4.25c; No. 8, 4.20c; No. 9, 4.15c; No. 10, 4.10c; No. 11, 4.05c; No. 12, 4.00c; No. 13, 3.85c; No. 14, 3.90c; confectioners' "A", 4.55c; mould "A", 5.05c; cut loaf, 4.90c; crushed, 5.40c; powdered, 4.80c; granulated, 4.70c; cubes, 4.95c.

JUNCTION CATTLE MARKET.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards were 14 cars, consisting of 271 cattle, 1 sheep, 10 calves and 17 horses.

The quality of fat cattle was good. Trade was fair, everything being sold before the close of the day. More butchers' cattle would have found a ready market.

William Levack bought 200 fat cattle, principally butchers', at the following quotations: Exporters, $4.30 to $4.75, the bulk going at $4.60 to $4.70.

Butchers—Picked lots at $4.25 to $4.40; loads of good, at $4.10 to $4.25; common at $3.50 to $3.75; rough to inferior, at $3 to $3.40.

Export Bulls—Prices ranged at $3.65 to $4.00.

McDonald & Maybee sold: 8 exporters, 1435 lbs., at $4.90, which was the highest price quoted; 5 exporters, 1320 lbs., at $4.70; 23 short-keep feeders, 1275 lbs., at $4.60; 6 short-keep feeders, 1240 lbs., at $4.40; 7 butchers', 1165 lbs. each, at $4.20; 2 export bulls, 1815 lbs. each, at $4.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Slow—Cattle Plentiful and Lower in Price at Montreal.

New York, April 25.—Beeves—Receipts, 3759; steers, slow, to 10c lower; bulls, firm; cows, firm to 15c higher; all sold; native steers, $4.65 to $5.40; bulls, $3.25 to $4.40; cows, $1.75 to $4.10.

Calves—Receipts, 7052; demand fair, closing dull; prices, 25c to 35c lower; veals, $3.50 to $5.75; choice, $5.85 to $6, general sales, $4.75 to $5.50; little calves, $3; city dressed veals, lower, at $6 to $9, country dressed, weak, $6 to $8.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 11,865; sheep, steady; lambs, steady to a shade lower; woolled sheep, $4 to $5; good clipped sheep, $5; culls, $3 to $3.50; wooled lambs, $7 to $7.40; clipped lambs, $5.75 to $6.40; spring lambs, $3 to $4.50 each.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,460; market, 15c to 20c lower; prime state hogs, $5.50 to $5.60.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, April 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 4800 head; active, steady; prime steers, $5 to $5.35; shipping, $4.50 to $4.90; butchers', $4.35 to $4.85; heifers, $3.25 to $4.75; cows, $3 to $4.25; bulls, $3.15 to $4.25; stockers and feeders, $3.50 to $4.50; stock heifers, $2.25 to $3; good fresh cows and springers, steady; common, slow; good to choice, $45 to $55; medium to good, $32 to $42; common, $20 to $30.

Veals—Receipts, 1600 head; steady, $4.50 to $5.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 18,100 head; fairly active, 10c to 15c lower; heavy and mixed, $5.20 to $5.25; yorkers, $5.15 to $5.20; pigs, $5; roughs, $4.40 to $4.50; stags, $3 to $3.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 18,000 head; active; lambs, $5 to $6.35; yearlings and wethers, $5.60 to $5.75; ewes, $5 to $5.25; sheep, mixed, $3.25 to $5.50.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, April 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 26,000; 10c to 15c higher, good to prime steers $5.15 to $5.55; poor to medium, $3.20 to $5.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00 to $4.40, cows, $1.40 to $3.75; heifers, $2.25 to $4.85; canners, $1.75 to $2.50; bulls, $2.00 to $4.10; calves, $2.50 to $5.50; Texas fed steers, $4.00 to $4.75.

Hogs—Receipts to-day, 49,000; 10c to 15c lower, closed steady; mixed and butchers', $4.90 to $5.10; good to choice heavy, $5.00 to $5.10; rough heavy, $4.85 to $4.95; light, $4.70 to $5.05; bulk of sales, $4.95 to $5.05.

Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; steady; good to choice wethers, $4.75 to $5.50; fair to choice mixed, $3.75 to $4.50; native lambs, (clipped), $4.50 to $5.75.

Montreal Live Stock.

Montreal, April 25.—About 1000 head of butchers' cattle, 25 milch cows, 100 calves, 4 sheep and 15 lambs were offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. The butchers were out strong and good cattle being very plentiful and lower in price than on last week's market, trade was active all round; prime beeves sold at 4½c to 5c per lb.; only a few choice ones bought. Good mediums sold at 4c to 4¼c; ordinary mediums, about 3c to 3¾c, and the common stock 3c to 3½c per lb. Three very large calves were sold at $20 each, or 4½c per lb.; other calves sold at from $2 to $6 each; milch cows sold at $25 to $50 each, but none were very good milkers. The sheep were shorn and not very fat and sold at $4 to $5 each. Lambs sold at $3 to $4.50; fat hogs are higher, good lots sold at 5¼c to 5½c per lb.

British Cattle Markets.

London, April 25.—Canadian cattle are slow at 11c to 12¼c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8¾c per lb.; sheep, 12½c to 13c per lb.

Horse Market.

The number of sales during the past week has been equal to previous weeks, altho prices have been slightly lower, owing to many people waiting for the Horse Show before purchasing.

Prospects are that business will be better and steadier after the Horse Show is over. Several surveyors outfitting for the west purchased horses and other supplies. Sales were well attended.

The following is Walter Harland Smith's weekly report of prevailing prices:

Single roadsters, 15 to 16 hds.	$125 to	$200
Single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands	150	250
Matched pairs carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands	350	500
Delivery horses, 1100 to 1200 lbs.	140	175
General purpose and express horses, 1200 to 1350 lbs	145	200
Draught horses, 1350 to 1750 lbs.	160	225
Serviceable second-hand workers	55	100
Serviceable second-hand drivers	50	110

An Official School Paper.

An official school organ, in which the news of the educational institutions will be duly set down for the benefit of parents, scholars and others interested, is contemplated, and a committee of principals and representatives from all the schools will meet to-day to consider ways and means. The proposed journal is to contain intelligence that will interest the pupils of the individual schools.

Tailoring Values for Horse Show Visitors

New shipment of Scotch Tweeds—Olives, Browns, and new Grey effects—slight overcheck. Made up in single or double-breasted suits—

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Men's raincoats is one section we're doing well in—not every man knows yet the extent of the stock we carry and the values we give—Horse Show week and threatened showers make a double-headed excuse for getting better acquainted.

For style and quality we'll back our raincoats against the best custom made garments anywhere.

Cravenettes and Tweed effects—$10.00 to $30.00.

Fairweather's

84-86 Yonge Street.

SUN SPOILED HIS EASTER.

London, April 25.—There is a parishioner of St. Andrew's, Sarlsfield, whose Easter was spoiled by the sun.

He made his plaint at the vestry meeting and asked that blinds might be placed at all the southern windows of the church.

On Easter Sunday, he said, the hot sun poured down for twenty minutes on his bald head and so upset him that he was unable to leave his house until the following Tuesday:

"What most people were enjoying," he added, "was killing me."

The vicar declined to sanction the blinds unless there should be a general request from the congregation.

Death of Prominent Cattle Dealer.

A cablegram was received yesterday morning from Liverpool, announcing the death of Thomas Peers, one of the best known of Canadian cattle dealers. Mr. Peers was born in the vicinity of Weston, and for many years was actively engaged in the live stock trade on the Toronto market. Mr. Peers, in connection with Joseph Wilson, shipped the first consignment of cattle from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, in the year 1886. Mr. Peers was married to a daughter of James Thompson of Strachan-avenue. Of late years he has been engaged in the wholesale commission live stock trade in England, and was highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

May Stay Half White.

Philadelphia, April 25.—Dr. Thomas R. Eldridge of 1639 North Broad-street, for several months has been making a series of experiments the aim of which has been the transforming of negroes into whites. There was a fire at the surgeon's establishment yesterday morning, and the apparatus with which the experiments were being carried on was destroyed.

As a consequence there are half a dozen negroes who are guessing hard. Dr. Eldridge was doing the bleaching by throwing an X-ray light thru radium, thus destroying the coloring pigment of the skin. Several negroes who had undergone treatment are now partly white.

A Good Complexion Rich, Soft Skin

Bring Joy to Every Woman's Heart and Draw Admiration From Every Man. How to Improve Your Appearance.

The true source of beauty is health, so at the first signs of failing health every one should take proper steps to regain and maintain health.

When beauty begins to fade you can be almost certain that some derangement of functional activity is secretly undermining strength and vigor. This must be stopped, and can be stopped by Ferrozone, which vivifies all bodily functions so quickly that an improvement in health and looks immediately follows.

Ferrozone increases the appetite and improves digestion. This stimulates nutrition and quickens the formation of rich pure blood. Better blood means stronger nerves. Increased nerve force reduces the wear and tear on the body. Strength develops, spirits rise, an all-round improvements follows.

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Ferrozone is the best, quickest and most permanent road to health. You should get it right away. But beware of a substitute and be sure you get Ferrozone when you ask for it. Price 50c. per box, or six boxes for $2.50, at all druggists, or by mail from the Ferrozone Company, Kingston, Ont.

CANADIAN CLUB'S ANNUAL GEORGE HOWELL TO CHAIR

Senator Ford of New York, on Panama Events, Was Speaker of the Evening.

Last night, in McConkey's, was held the annual meeting of the Canadian Club. President Parker occupied the chair, and in due course called upon the Hon. Senator Ford of New York City to speak on "The Relations of the United States With the Republic of Panama."

In his opening remarks, the senator expressed his own sympathy, shared, he believed, by New York also, in the great calamity which had befallen Toronto. He desired in the first place to set at rest any fears as to United States designs on Canada. He had personally a great regard for Canada, and had made a special study of Canadian industries and resources. In discussing the Panama question, he felt he was somewhat presumptuous, as he had given the subject no very detailed study, but would discuss it from the standpoint of the ordinary citizen.

Senator Ford then sketched briefly the history of the question, pointing out that the cutting of the narrow isthmus between the two western continents had long been a favorite idea with statesmen, geographers and explorers. The United States had the deepest interest in the scheme, and in 1846 had entered into a treaty with New Granada for its construction, guaranteeing the neutrality and rights of property and sovereignty of that state. The attempt made to construct a canal by means of a private company in 1876 had brought that treaty to naught, and on its failure to accomplish its object congress felt it had a peculiar interest in the question.

U.S. Was Justified.

In 1892 a bill was introduced authorizing a canal by the Nicaraguan route, but at this stage the State of Colombia came forward with largely modified demands. A commission reported in favor of the Panama route, and the shareholders were willing to sell, but could not do so without the consent of Colombia. Colombia had acted from the most abject mercenary motives and had played a double part thruout. It had finally attempted to burke the claims of the Canal Company, and altho at first the senator had been inclined to regret President Roosevelt's action, he had since, in looking into the circumstances, changed his mind on the subject. It was absolutely untrue that the revolution in Panama had been engineered by the United States, and there was not a scintilla of evidence to support the charge. Their action was in the best interests of civilization. The States had given the most absolute guarantees as to the neutrality of the canal and the equal treatment of all nations in its use, and relied on a formal judgment that what had been done, even if it was an exceptional case, had been on behalf of humanity.

Senator Ford was cordially thanked for his address.

Club Making Money.

Formal business was then proceeded with. The secretary's report showed a total membership of 1090. All the old minute books and many of the club documents were destroyed in the fire, along with the year's reports and statements.

The financial statement, including a balance from last year of $229.69, showed total receipts of $2135.99, with disbursements of $1381.80, and after deducting $193.50, estimated remaining charges for the year, there is about $560 to be carried forward.

I. H. Dunstan, convenor of the nominating committee, submitted their report, recommending the following as officers for the season 1904-5: President, George A. Howell; first vice-president, Mark H. Irish; second vice-president, C. W. I. Woodland; secretary, A. E. Heustis; literary correspondent, J. R. Bone; treasurer, C. Herbert Wood; committee, Rev. H. J. Cody, Harold Van der Linde, A. L. Crossin, S. B. Gundy, Joseph A. Thompson, Harold Clarke, W. R. P. Parker (ex-officio). The committee also recommended that for the coming year the secretary be paid a salary of $300.

Cordial votes of thanks were given to the retiring office-bearers, after which a number of the new officials were called on and responded. A telegram of congratulation was read from the Ottawa Club. Dr. Drummond, who was to have given readings, telegraphed that his on account of the serious illness of his mother he was unable to fulfil his engagement, and the sympathy of the club was extended to him.

MONTREAL GOLDEN WEDDING.

Montreal, April 25.—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Macnamee took place at St. Patrick's Church to-day amid great eclat. The government was represented by the minister of justice, while Archbishop Bruchesi officiated. The ceremony, which was the first of the kind ever held in St. Patrick's, was very imposing.

CIGARET FIRES MOTORCARS.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The government postoffice motor-car depot was burned down last evening, and seventeen cars were destroyed.

The fire was caused by a lighted cigaret having been carelessly thrown down by an employe, setting a large quantity of petroleum on fire.

After Fifty Years.

New York, April 25.—Miss Fanny J. Crosby, the blind hymn writer, has just found, in the Presbyterian Church at Metuchen, the organ she played fifty years ago while an inmate of the New York Institute for the Blind.

Miss Crosby was led to the organ loft. Tears rolled down her cheeks, and, altho eighty-four, she played with vigor and accuracy.

She told of playing that organ for President Polk, Henry Clay, Marshal Bertrand, the friend of Napoleon; Martin Tupper, the poet; General Winfield Scott, and other illustrious men. Accompanied by its chords, she had listened to Jenny Lind, and had heard Mme. Lagrange sing Rossiul's Stabat Mater.

About Monroe Doctrine.

Berlin, April 25.—Prof. Muensterberg has written a two-volume book, "The Americans," which a Berlin publisher will bring out next week. The newspapers print extracts from it to-day. In a chapter on the Monroe doctrine, the author says he thinks the time is near when the absurdity of the doctrine will be seen and the rejection of it will proceed as rapidly as the adoption of imperialism by the masses of the people proceeded "for a nation cannot permanently run counter to its highest interests for the sake of caprice."

Guardian's Swan-Song.

London, April 25.—John Pollard, who is eighty-four years old, and one of the oldest Poor Law guardians in the country, bade a pathetic farewell to the Burnley Board yesterday.

After replying to the vote of thanks which had been tendered to him, Mr. Pollard, in quavering accents, struck up "Auld Lang Syne." One by one his colleagues joined in, until at last the whole board were singing the refrain, with the vice-chairman beating time.

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VESTED RIGHTS SUPREME SIR WILFRID ADMITS IT

Can't Stop Business of Credit Companies Incorporated by Dominion Charter.

Ottawa, April 25.—(Staff Special.)—The length to which respect for "vested rights" has gone in the Dominion parliament was finely illustrated to-day when Dr. Demers of St. John and Iberville exposed the operations of certain credit companies doing business in Montreal and elsewhere. These companies hold charters from the Dominion parliament. They are not carrying out the terms of their charter. Their operation is, to use the words of the premier, an "organized fraud." Dr. Demers called it a system of robbery and demanded that measures be taken to put the credit companies and kindred institutions out of business.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, while virtually admitting all that Dr. Demars charges against the credit companies, while admitting that they were "organized frauds," violating the charters which they hold from the Dominion parliament, made the astonishing confession that he could not see how the charter could be annulled. This is surely vested rights gone mad. The Dominion parliament standin in the position of helplessness in the case of an "organized fraud," operating under one of its own charters.

How Business is Done.

Dr. Demers told the house how these companies do business. They have in Montreal and elsewhere in the Province of Quebec, he said, a number of institutions, working under federal charter, with whom people deposit the sum of a dollar a week for a number of weeks, determined by lottery at the outset, the maximum number of weeks being 104. If the subscriber stays with the game to the finish, he gets his payments returned, with from 25 to 50 per cent. profits added. A subscriber, however, who fails to make good during any week in the meantime, loses the whole of his deposits, and as from 25 to 30 per cent. of the subscribers drop out, it is easily seen where the "profits" come from.

Financial papers have been condemning these credits so-called as a system of robbery. Dr. Demers mentioned that one concern, the Credit Hebdomadaire, with an authorized capital of $10,000, has weekly receipts of $60,000.

Sir Wilfrid Replies.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, replying to Dr. Demers, agreed that the operation of these concerns was "organized fraud," but as they were operating under charter, albeit not carrying out the terms of their charter, the difficulty was how the charter could be annulled. He would be glad for suggestions on the point.

Dr. Demers said that without having studied the subject, he was of opinion that the charters could be canceled, as they had evidently been obtained under false pretensions.

The prime minister promised to refer the matter to the minister of justice. The resolution was withdrawn.

Children Were Liberal Givers.

A crowded church greeted the children of Trinity Methodist Church last night at the celebration of the 18th anniversary of the Sunday school. The program was under the direction of Ambrose Kent, superintendent, and W. B. Short and George M. Lee, assistant superintendents. The music was in charge of George Kirby, vice-president of the Mendelssohn club. A special collection taken up among the children on Sunday and last night realized $264, or $82 more than on any previous occasion. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Hincks, was highly pleased with the success of the services.

Driver Hurt in Collision.

A rig belonging to the Toronto Delivery Co. was struck by a street car yesterday, and William Goodwin, 199 West Adelaide-street, the driver of the wagon, had his leg hurt. He was taken to the Emergency.

G.T.R. Earnings.

Montreal, April 25.—Grand Trunk Railway system earnings, 15th to 21st April, 1904, $641,576; 1903, $638,815; increase $2761.

The sale of dollar taffeta silks for 50 cents a yard, which John Catto & Son commence to-day, promises to be quite an event in the stylishly dressed circles for a few weeks. Silks are "here to stay" for this summer's gowns and no mistake, and the chance this offer affords should not be overlooked. Special values are also offered in French printed foulard silks at 50c, 60c, 75c.

An elephant en route to the World's Fair threw himself out of a boxcar in an effort to secure liberty. The traffic was blocked for some hours. The elephant was tied with chains, and could not get himself free. Jackscrews were placed under the bulky body, and finally the elephant was got back into the car.

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PURSUIT OF A BRIDE.

Romance of a Millionaire's Daughter Who Eloped.

Vienna, April 25.—Much interest was taken in the law courts to-day in the case of a young nobleman, Herr Julius von Takacs, who was sued for debt in romantic circumstances.

Last summer Herr von Takacs fell in love with the daughter of Mr. Hart, an American millionaire from Ohio. Neither of the young people could speak the other's language, and while they were engaged in learning to express their feelings the father discovered the state of affairs and secretly took his daughter to Moscow.

Herr von Takacs, who was very poor, went to Vienna, raised £1000 on bills for twelve times the amount, and also proceeded to Moscow. On the day he arrived he met Mr. Hart in the street, and next morning the father and daughter had left the town.

Finally, hearing that the family were in Paris, the ardent lover followed, and arranged an elopement. The plot, however, was discovered, and there was a scene between the girl and her parents, resulting in the latter allowing the marriage.

Mr. Hart, nevertheless, refused to give his daughter any dowry, but merely a present of £2000 for the honeymoon. This sum was insufficient to cover Herr von Takacs' debts, and as these fell due, fresh bills were accepted. No help was forthcoming from the father, who finally sent Herr von Takacs to Vienna to arrange with his creditors.

On his return the family had again disappeared, and after tracing them to Zurich and Paris, the young man found that they had left for the United States. Nothing daunted, Herr von Takacs is still following his sweetheart in the hope of an ultimate reconciliation.

THE MUNICIPAL SITUATION.

The World met a man yesterday who is well posted in regard to municipal politics and especially as bearing on the civic investigation into the municipal election frauds. He gave it as his opinion that all the indications pointed to an understanding that if Mr. Richardson could be re-elected as controller it would put an end to any more revelations, for that all the parties interested would join hands in burying the commission as quickly as possible and as thoroly as possible; whereas if the citizens took sufficient interest in the by-election this week to defeat Mr. Richardson, rev