FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

HAY IN SHARP DEMAND ON THE LOCAL MARKET

Only a Small Quantity Was Offered Today—The Market Quotations.

A strong demand for hay was the principal feature of the market this morning. The quantity offered was not great, and the prices paid were $14 and $14 50 per ton.

Straw also is very scarce, and readily brings $6 per ton.

Oats are still very much in demand, but very little is offered on the market. The price still holds from $1 per cwt. up to $1 06.

Butter having at last come down to earth, is still low. Wholesalers and commission dealers are buying store lots at 19 cents per pound. Wholesale prices for good dairy butter are as low as 22 and 23 cents per pound, but as high as 24, 25 and 26 cents per pound is still asked for retail quantities.

Beef sells at $8 50, $9 and $9 50 per cwt. Dressed pork varies from $8 50 to $9 per cwt., and veal is still slow at $8 50 to $8 50 per cwt.

Seed potatoes are selling at 75 cents per bag. Potatoes for food consumption are worth 70 and 80 cents per bag.

Other quotations:

Grain, Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt.	$1 00	to	$1 05
Oats, per cwt.	1 00	to	1 06
Wheat, per cwt.	1 24	to	1 26
Grain, Per Bushel.			
Rye, per bu.	80	to	80
Hungarian seed, per bu.	80	to	80
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	14 00	to	14 50
Hay, per load	9 00	to	9 50
Straw, per load	6 00	to	6 00
Pressed straw, per ton	9 00	to	9 50
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, store lots, lb.	19	to	20
Butter, creamery, lb.	22	to	26
Butter, fancy, retail, lb.	24	to	26
Butter, dairy, wholesale	18	to	19
Eggs, retail, wholesale	15	to	18
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	17	to	18
Honey, strained, lb.	11	to	12
Honey, sections, dozen	1 50	to	2 00
Maple syrup, gallon	1 00	to	1 50
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb. retail	21	to	23
Turkeys, lb. wholesale	18	to	20
Chickens, per pair	1 25	to	1 50
Chickens, lb. wholesale	14	to	15
Chickens, lb. retail	18	to	20
Fowl, per lb. wholesale	10	to	12
Fowl, per lb.	12	to	15
Ducks, per lb.	1 25	to	1 75
Ducks, lb. wholesale	16	to	17
Ducks, lb. retail	18	to	20
Geese, lb. wholesale	13	to	14
Geese, lb. retail	14	to	15
Poultry, Etc., Alive.			
Ducks, per lb.	14	to	14
Chickens, per lb.	13	to	13
Old fowl, per lb.	12	to	13
Butchers' Meats.			
Rabbits, per pair	75	to	90
Mutton, per cwt.	11	to	12
Yearling lambs, lb.	8 50	to	9 00
Dressed hogs, cwt.	8 50	to	9 50
Beef, per cwt.	8 00	to	9 50
Veal, per cwt.	8 50	to	9 50
Pork, sausages, lb.	11	to	12
Pork, smokers, lb.	12	to	12½
Live Stock.			
Select hogs, cwt.	6 15	to	6 15
Fat sows, cwt.	5 00	to	5 00
Stags, per cwt.	3 00	to	3 00
Export cattle, cwt.	6 00	to	6 50
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Small pigs, pair	8 00	to	12 00
Hides and Wools.			
Calfskins, each	20	to	[illegible]
Wool, unwashed, lb.	11	to	12
Hides, No. 1, lb.	7½	to	7½
Hides, No. 2, lb.	6½	to	6½
Hides, No. 3, lb.	5½	to	5½
Calfskins, lb.	10	to	12
Tallow, rough, lb.	2½	to	3
Tallow, rendered, lb.	5	to	5½
Sheepskins, each	40	to	65
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, per bag	80	to	85
Seed potatoes, per bag	75	to	75
Turnips, per bu.	40	to	45
Lettuce, per dozen	40	to	40
Rhubarb, per dozen	90	to	1 00
Radishes, per dozen	40	to	40
Green onions, dozen	40	to	40
Chicory, dozen bunches	50	to	50
Carrots, per bu.	40	to	40
Cabbage, per dozen	50	to	40
Beets, per bu.	40	to	40
Onions, per bu.	1 00	to	1 25
Parsnips, per bu.	45	to	45
Fruits.			
Apples, per bbl.	3 00	to	4 50
Apples, per bu.	1 50	to	1 50
Seeds, Wholesale.			
Red clover, seed, bu.	7 00	to	7 50
Alsike, per bu.	8 00	to	9 00
Canadian timothy, bu.	5 50	to	6 00
American timothy, bu.	6 50	to	7 00
Alfalfa, per bu.	14 00	to	14 00
Flowers.			
Carnations, per dozen	50	to	60
Roses, per dozen	50	to	50
Easter lilies, per bloom	20	to	20
Daffodils, per dozen	50	to	50

PRODUCE.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

CHICAGO, April 20.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low.	Close.
May	88⅝	90⅛	88	90⅛
July	86⅞	87⅞	86⅞	87⅞
Corn—				
May	50	50½	50	50½
July	50⅞	51⅛	50⅞	51½
Oats—				
May	32	32	31⅞	32
July	31⅞	32	31⅞	32
Pork—				
May	15 47	15 57	15 47	15 47
Lard—				
May	7 77	7 82	7 77	7 82

[Special to H. C. Becher.]

WINNIPEG, April 20. The Winnipeg wheat market closed today as follows: May, 93½c; July, 95½c.

TORONTO, April 20.—Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, 82c to 82½c outside, according to location. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, 97½c; No. 2 northern, 93c. Oats—Canada western, No. 2, 37½c. No. 3, 36½c, at lake ports, for immediate shipment. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 67½c, on track at Toronto. Peas—No. 2, 80c outside. Barley—Feed, 50c to 51c. Buckwheat—52c, at shipping points. Manitoba flour—First patents, $5 10; second patents, $4 60; strong bakers, $4 40. Millfeed—Shorts, $23 per ton, on track at Toronto.

TORONTO, April 19.—Eggs, new laid, 17c to 18c.

MONTREAL, April 19.—Eggs, fresh, 17c to 18c.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Eggs firm, receipts, 30,904 cases; gathered, fresh, 19½c; storage packed, 17½c to 17¾c; fresh gathered, dirties, 13½c to 14¾c; state, Pennsylvania and nearby henneries, 17c to 18½c; do., gathered, 17c to 17½c; western duck eggs, 23c to 26c.

DETROIT, April 19—Vegetables—Beets, 50c bus; carrots, 50c bus; cauliflower, $2 50 to $3 00 doz; cucumbers, hothouse, $1 25 to $1 50 doz; Florida celery, $2 25 to $2 75 case; eggplant, $1 25 to $2 doz; green onions, 15c to 20c doz; green peppers, 50c basket; head lettuce, $2 50 to $2 75 case; mint, 25c doz; parsley, 20c to 25c doz; radishes, hothouse, 25c to 30c doz; turnips, 60c bus; watercress, 25c to 30c doz.

LIVE STOCK.

DETROIT, April 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 559; market 15c to 25c lower than last week and dull. We quote: Best steers and heifers, $5 75 to $5 85; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $5 25 to $5 60; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000 pounds, $5 to $5 25; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700 pounds, $4 50 to $4 75; choice fat cows, $4 75; good fat cows, $4 to $4 50; common cows, $3 25 to $3 50 per cwt; canners, $2 50 to $3 25 per cwt; choice heavy bulls, $4 75; fair to good bologna bulls, $4 50; stock bulls, $3 50 to $4 25; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 pounds, $4 75 to $5; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 pounds, $4 to $4 50; choice stockers, 500 to 700 pounds, $4 25 to $4 75; fair stockers, 500 to 700 pounds, $3 50 to $4; stock heifers, $3 25 to $4; milkers, large, young, medium age, $40 to $65; common milkers, $25 to $35. Veal calves—Receipts, 633; market dull and 75c to $1 lower than last Thursday; best, $6 to $6 50; others, $3 50 to $5 50. Milch cows and springers steady. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1,422; market dull at last week's prices; best wool lambs, $6 25; fair to good wool lambs, $5 55 to $5 75; light to common clipped lambs, $3 50 to $4; best clipped lambs, $4 75 to $5 25; fair to good sheep, $4 to $4 50; culls and common, $2 50 to $3; clipped sheep, $3 75 to $4 25. Hogs—Receipts, 1,832; market was very dull; few sold. Those sold brought last Thursday's prices. Range of prices—Light to good butchers, $6 45; pigs, $6 50; light Yorkers, $6 40 to $6 45; heavy, $6 to $6 30.

TORONTO, April 19.—Receipts at the city cattle market were 50 cars, with 605 head of cattle, 43 sheep and lambs, 1000 hogs and 196 calves. The offerings today were again light, and as the trade is once more beginning to look for supplies, business was brisker, with prices tending higher. Everything was weighed up and the market over at an earlier hour than usual. Prices were firm and unchanged. Extra choice selected cattle, for butcher or export, firm at $8 to $8 10; medium choice butcher loads, $7 50 to $8 00; common to medium mixed butchers, $4 50 to $5 25; choice butcher cows and bulls at $4 50 to $5 25; sheep and lambs firm; ewes, $4 50 to $5; bucks, $3 50 to $4 50; lambs, yearlings, $6 50 to $7; spring lambs, $8 to $8 50 each; calves, $3 50 to $7. Quotations: Export cattle, choice, cwt, $5 85 to $6 10; do, medium, $5 65 to $5 75; do, light, $5 to $5 10; do, bulls, $4 50 to $5; do, cows, $4 50 to $5 30; butchers, choice, $5 75 to $5 80; do, medium, $5 25 to $5 50; do, cows, $4 50 to $5 15; do, common, $4 to $4 25; do, canners, $2 50 to $3; short-keeps, $5 to $5 75; feeders, steers, $4 75 to $5 25; do, bulls, $3 50 to $4 25; stockers, choice, $4 75 to $5 10; do, light, $4 25 to $4 50; milch cows, choice, each, $40 to $70; springers, $25 to $60; common and medium, $30 to $50; sheep, ewes, cwt, $4 50 to $5; do, bucks, $4 to $4 50; lambs, yerasnilg, a ETAOIN SHRDLUN lambs, yearlings, $6 to $7; spring lambs, each, $4 to $7; hogs, f. o. b., cwt, $6 15 to $6 50 do, fed and watered, $6 45; calves, $4 to $7 50.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 5500; slow; beeves, $5 15 to $6 60; Texas steers, $4 60 to $5 60; western steers, $4 80 to $5 75; stockers and feeders, $4 to $5 75; cows and heifers, $2 65 to $5 75; calves, $4 75 to $6 50. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 24,000; market slow, generally lower; light, $6 05 to $6 40; mixed, $6 to $6 35; heavy, $5 75 to $6 20; roughs, $5 75 to $5 95; good to choice heavy, $5 95 to $6 20; pigs, $6 05 to $6 25; bulk of sales at $6 10 to $6 25. Sheep—Estimated receipts at 15,000; market weak; natives, $3 to $4 70; westerns, $3 15 to $4 70; yearlings $4 20 to $5 25; lambs, natives, $4 50 to $6 15; westerns, $4 75 to $6 15.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Cotton—Futures closed barely steady. Closing bids: April, 11.62; May, 11.70; June, 11.73; July, 11.75; August, 11.36; September, 12.33; October, 12.84; November, 12.75; December, 12.75; January, 12.71; March, 12.79. Spot closed quiet, five points lower; middling uplands, 14.85; middling gulf, 15.10; sales, none.

FLAX SEED

CHICAGO, April 19. Flaxseed No. 1 southwestern, $2 51½; No. 1 northwestern, $2 62½. Timothyseed $12. Clover, $15.

OIL.

PITTSBURG, April 19. Oil opened and closed at $1 50.

OIL CITY, Pa., April 19. Credit balances, $1 30.

LIVERPOOL, April 19.—Turpentine spirits, steady, 66s 6d. Rosin, common, firm, 18s 6d. Petroleum, refined, steady, 6½d.

POTATOES.

MONTREAL, April 19. Potatoes firm at $1 15 per bag, in car lots.

FINANCIAL.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

NEW YORK, April 20.—(Noon)—The irregularity early was followed by a display of firmness, and where there was any fair amount of activity, prices made some gains. The trading element on the floor was the principal factor in causing the reaction and the later recovery. There was a little increase in commission business in the general list, resulting from the more active price movements that have prevailed since the beginning of the week.

NEW YORK, April 20.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	61¼	61⅝	60⅞	61¼
Amer. Agricultural	56	56⅝	56	56
Amer. Beet Sugar	42½	43⅜	42½	43
Amer. Can, pfd.	82⅝	83¼	82⅝	83¼
American Foundry	51¾	..	..	..
American Smelters	73¼	75⅝	73	72¾
Atchison, com.	103⅝	108⅛	103⅝	103⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	104½	104½	103¾	103⅞
Brooklyn Transit	77½	77⅝	77½	77⅝
Canadian Pacific	255¼	255⅜	253¼	253⅝
Central Leather	27	27¼	27	27⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	79½	79⅝	79⅛	79⅛
Chicago G. W.	20⅞	..	..	..
Consolidated Gas	142	142¼	142	142¼
Chicago & N. W.	143⅝	..	..	..
Distillers	34½	34⅞	34½	34⅞
Erie, com.	29¼	29⅜	29	29⅛
Erie, 1st pfd.	47¼	..	..	..
General Electric	150	..	..	..
G. Northern Ore	60	60½	60	60½
Inter-Met., pfd.	51½	..	..	..
Kansas & Texas	32⅛	..	..	..
Lehigh Valley	170⅞	171¼	170¾	170¾
Mexican Central	34⅞	34⅞	34⅜	34⅜
Minn. & St. Paul	137	137¼	136⅜	136⅜
Missouri Pacific	49⅛	49⅛	48⅜	48⅝
New York Central	105½	105⅝	105½	105⅝
Northern Pacific	121⅝	122¼	121⅝	121⅞
Norfolk & Western	106¼	106⅜	106¼	106⅜
Pennsylvania	124	124	123⅝	123⅝
People's Gas	104½	..	..	..
Reading	152¼	152½	151⅝	152
Rock Island	28⅜	..	..	..
Southern Ry., pfd.	63	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	114¾	114⅞	114	114
St. Paul	118⅝	119	118⅝	118⅝
Union Pacific	175¼	175⅝	174⅞	174⅞
Utah Copper	42	42¼	42	42½
U. S. Rubber	46½	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	75¼	75⅝	74½	74⅝
U. S. Steel, pfd.	119¼	..	..	..
Virginia Chemical	62⅝	66¼	65⅝	65⅝
Wabash, pfd.	30¼	..	..	..
Western Union Tel.	68	68¼	68	68¼
Woolens	24	24¼	24	24¼

TORONTO STOCK UP TO 1 P.M.

[From Dymont, Cassels & Co., Members Toronto Stock Exchange.]

Toronto, April 20.	Bid.	Off.
F. N. Burt, com.	115	116
General Electric	197½	198
Canadian Pacific	225	..
Detroit United	59⅞	59¼
MacKay, com.	92	92
N. S. Steel, com.	97¼	98
R. and O. Navigation	..	122½
Rio Janeiro Tram	107¼	107½
Rogers, com.	179	180
Sao Paulo Tram	163¾	164
Toronto Electric Light	133¼	133½
Toronto Railway	128	129
Twin City, com.	108⅝	109
Winnipeg Railway	197	199
Crown Reserve	320	325
La Rose	445	455
Nipissing Mines	1060	1065
Bank of Commerce	220⅞	221
Imperial Bank	231	..
Merchants Bank	191	..
Molsons Bank	207	..
Royal Bank	228¾	..
Traders Bank	144½	146
Agricultural Loan	139	..
Canada Landed	160½	..
Canada Permanent	170	..
Dom. Savings	72	..
Great West. Permanent	120	122½
Hamilton Provident	133	..
Huron and Erie	199	..
London and Canadian	..	115
Ontario Loan	165	..
Mexican L. and P. bonds	90½	92
Rio Janeiro bonds	100¼	..

Morning Sales: Sao Paulo, 350 at 163¾, 20 at 163½, 165 at 163¾; Consumers' Gas, 50 at 196⅝, 55 at 196½, 25 at 196⅝, 15 at 196¾, 5 at 196⅞, 108 at 197, 60 at 197½, 110 at 197¾; Cereal, preferred, 20 at 84¾; Union Bank, 10 at 150; Royal Bank, 25 at 228½; Bank of Toronto, 2 at 214; Traders' Bank, 1 at 144¼; Dominion Bank, 10 at 210; Bank of Nova Scotia, 4 at 272; Bank of Commerce, 20 at 221; Duluth-Superior, 9 at 82¾, 40 at 82½; Dominion Telegraph, 6 at 130, 10 at 131; Porto Rico, 25 at 61¾; F. N. Burt, 25 at 116; do, preferred, 10 at 120¾, 5 at 120½; Dominion Steel, bonds, 5000 at 95¾; R. and O. Navigation, 25 at 122¾, 25 at 122⅞, 10 at 122½; Soo, 25 at 137⅞; do, rights, 10 at 7.

Today's Sales—Montreal.

Morning Sales: R. and O., 525 at 122¾, 125 at 122¼, 100 at 123, 100 at 122¾, 25 at 122⅝, 100 at 122⅞, 50 at 123, 50 at 122⅝, 85 at 123½, 150 at 122⅞, 200 at 122¾, 25 at 122, 4 at 122¾, 10 at 121, 25 at 121¾; Power, 1 at 150, 225 at 146¾; Soo, rights, 199 at 7; Rio, 100 at 107; Twin City, 40 at 109; Quebec Railway, 15 at 63¼, 100 at 63¾, 5 at 63½; Sao Paulo, 50 at 163; Mexican, 65 at 35¼; Detroit, 25 at 59½, 15 at 59¼; Toronto L. and P., 25 at 133¼, 50 at 133, 25 at 134¼, 100 at 135; Telephone, 11 at 144½; Steel Corporation, 150 at 39, 275 at 39¼, 100 at 39½, 325 at 39⅝, 20 at 39⅞, 75 at 39¾, 50 at 39⅞; Canada Cotton, preferred, 7 at 125; Cement, 35 at 85, 225 at 86¼, 100 at 86½; Scotia, 20 at 98, 280 at 97½; Iron, preferred, 10 at 90, 5 at 90½; Cement, 624 at 22¾, 20 at 22½; Ogilvie, 1 at 122; Royal Bank, 25 at 228¾, 40 at 229; Bank of Montreal, 10 at 252; Bank of Commerce, 10 at 221; Dominion Bonds, 2000 at 97; Dominion Cotton, bonds, 500 at 102; Cement bonds, 3000 at 99¾, 500 at 100; Rio, bonds, 800 at 89½; Iron, bonds, 2000 at 94½.

FOREIGN MARKET NOTES.

BERLIN, April 20.—Prices were strong on the bourse today.

BERLIN, April 20.—Exchange on London 20 marks 15½ pfennings for checks. Money 2¾ per cent. Private discount rate, 2 per cent.

PARIS, April 20.—Prices were steady on the bourse today.

LIVE STOCK.

TORONTO, April 20.—Live stock—Trade active and prices about 10c higher on butcher cattle. Receipts yesterday and today included, 116 cars, with 1500 head of cattle, 510 sheep and lambs, 2500 hogs and 316 calves. Trade was good and active, with a rather keen demand for butcher cattle, which showed itself in a stiffening of prices. Choice butcher cows were very firm and 15c higher. Bulls just about steady. There is a better demand for choice milch cows, at from $65 to $75 each. Sheep and lambs dull and draggy. Extra choice heifers, selected, $5 90 to $6 25; medium choice butcher steers and heifers, $5 65 to $5 75; common to good mixed butchers, $4 50 to $5; choice butcher cows, $4 75 to $5 25; good cows, $4 25 to $4 50; sheep, ewes, $4 50 to $5; bucks, $3 50 to $4; yearlings lambs dull, at $6 to $6 60; spring lambs dull, at $8 to $6 each; calves steady, at $3 to $7 75; hogs unchanged, at $6 15 to $6 20 f. o. b., and $6 50 fed and watered.

PROFESSOR JAMES ON GERMAN EDUCATION

Very Hard to Compare It With the System in Ontario.

Prof. Needler, of Toronto University, is reported to have created a sensation at the Ontario Educational Association convention in Toronto Wednesday when he stated that the Ontario school system is arranged entirely along wrong lines.

Among his charges he declared that our system when compared with that of Germany, is shown to be greatly the inferior and very badly laid out.

President N. C. James, of the Western University, who is familiar with the German system and is himself a graduate of Halle, one of the leading universities of Germany, in an interview with The Advertiser stated, that judging from the newspaper reports already published, Prof. Needler has confined his criticisms very largely to generalities, making it difficult to say just how far they are justified.

"The German educational system is so entirely different from that of Ontario that it would be very hard to compare them. Besides the three types of secondary schools mentioned by Prof. Needler, there are also what are known as "Citizen School," where pupils who desire to develop a knowledge of a trade or business may attend. In Ontario we have practically one type of education for all classes. In Germany they begin to differentiate at a very early stage in the course of the pupil. It would be hard to say whether the German system would be adapted to the different circumstances prevailing in Ontario," said Dr. James.

"Prof. Needler emphasized the need of 'publicity and investigation,' and that is probably the main purport of his address."

Principal Radcliffe, of the Normal School; Inspector Edwards, and Principal McCutcheon, of the Collegiate Institute, are attending the convention in Toronto, and will not return before tonight.

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EAST LONDON NEWS

COLORED MAN MADE NUISANCE OF HIMSELF

Charles Coursey Was Fined $2 and Costs in the Police Court.

Charles Coursey, a colored youth residing in East London, was fined $2 and $1 85 costs by Deputy Magistrate Graydon this morning for being disorderly by deliberately jostling on the sidewalks a number of young white girls on Dundas street last night, and for fighting with P. C. John Creen while the officer was taking him to the station. According to P. C. Creen he noticed Coursey step up to two young girls, and speak to them, and deliberately bump into them. A little further down the street, Coursey repeated this, and tried to do it again a little later, but the girls separated and walked around him.

P. C. Creen went after him, and advised him to stop, and later asked for his name. Coursey refused to give it, and said it was none of the constable's business. P. C. Creen started to take him to the station, and Coursey commenced to fight. P. C. Westman arrived, and together, Coursey was jailed. Coursey denied that he had spoken to more than two girls. He admitted that he had been drinking.

"I will fine you $2 and costs," said the court.

Another Case.

Thomas Huntley, of Elias street, and F. Catalano were charged with being disorderly by fighting. According to Huntley, he went into Catalano's fruit store and asked for some bananas, and when those given him did not suit him, he handed them back. This, he said, caused Catalano to become angry and throw the bananas at him. There was a mixup, in which Huntley was thrown out of the store. Catalano admitted throwing a rotten orange at the man.

"You were both to blame," said the court. "But after this, Mr. Catalano would do better to call the police. However, I will let you both go."

A SUCCESSFUL BANQUET.

St. Matthew's Anglican Church, East London, held an entirely successful men's banquet last evening. About 80 men sat down to the well-laid tables, and enjoyed the banquet as well as the symposium of speech and music, which followed. Addresses were delivered by the rector, Rev E. Appleyard, Rev. Professor Jeakins, Rev. Canon Tucker, and Mr. Andrews, of South London. The newly-elected officers of the vestry and congregation were present. This afternoon the ladies of the church are also holding a banquet. Tonight there will be a concert in the church in aid of the baseball team.

BLOOD-POISONING CASE.

An employee of the Sherlock-Manning Organ Company, named Sharrat, while working recently, struck his thumb, with a hammer, but paid no attention to the injury at the time. Last evening, however, the injured member commencing to cause him intense pain, and seriously swelling, Dr. Holmes was called. It was found that blood-poisoning had set in. Mr. Sharrat will be confined to his home for some time, but no serious effects are anticipated.

TRAMPS IN FAIR BUILDINGS

Two Found There by the Police.

According to the police, there was a narrow escape from a big blaze at the Western Fair buildings Wednesday night. Shortly after midnight a trio, composed of John Brown, Jerry Prown and Robert Blackwell, were discovered in the horse sheds by the police.

"The men were all going to have a good smoke and sleep there for the night," said the chief. "It is fellows like these who go to sleep in farmers' barns and set them on fire."

"I wish you would all get out of town," said the magistrate. "You are no good any place. I am going to send you down for 21 days, and if you ever come up again I will send you all to the Central for as long a term as I can."

SHELDON ELECTS FOR A JURY TRIAL

Pleads Not Guilty to Charges of Huge Embezzlement at Montreal.

Montreal, April 20.—Sheldon appeared before Judge Leet this morning, and pleaded not guilty to two charges of obtaining money under false pretences and one charge of theft. He was afterwards taken before Judge Langelier in the court of special sessions to elect for trial, and declared for a jury trial, which means that he will have to remain in jail until the June session of the court of king's bench unless bail is granted in the meantime.

There was no application for bail this morning, but Mr. Pelletier, Sheldon's counsel, stated that an application would be entered later. The accused does not appear to have suffered in health from his trouble, other than his hair appears to have become a little more grey, and appeared indifferent to the many curious eyes upon him during his appearance in the court room.

It is the general opinion here that a heavy bail will be demanded, if an absolute refusal is nto made by the crown attorney. In the former case, doubtless some of the "Speculator's" former companions are expected to step into the berach.

AYLMER.

Aylmer, April 19.—H. B. Yonell, E. W. R. Hill, James Curtis, W. H. Barnum, Fred Boettinger, Ed Karn, W. C. Talbot, John Trim, C. Showers and J. H. Harding spent Tuesday in St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Love were London visitors yesterday.

The Peninsular Oil and Gas Company, who have several gas wells at Vienna, and who expect to commence in a few days the work of piping gas to the town, have rented a portion of the Charlton block, which they will use for offices and workshop during the installation of the plant.

BOY PLEADED GUILTY TO THEFTS

Only 13 Years of Age But He Is Well Acquainted With Crime.

REMANDED FOR A WEEK

Story of How the Little Flimflammer "Worked" Grocers and Others of London.

The youth who was arrested by Detective Nickel on Tuesday evening in connection with the theft of a 40-pound crock of butter from a stall in the market house, and nine boxes of cigars from the Lucan stage, pleaded guilty this morning when he appeared in the juvenile court before Deputy Magistrate Graydon. He was remanded for a week for sentence.

The detectives say the lad, who is only 13 years of age, is the cleverest boy they have ever had anything to do with.

"He is a lad of unusual ability," said one of the detectives to The Advertiser this afternoon. "He is very smart at figures and a fine writer. It is too bad his ability cannot be directed into proper channels. He is the making of either a very smart man or a criminal, whose cleverness will make him very hard to deal with."

The story is told that some time ago the boy got into the habit of going to leading grocery stores and giving a bonafide address and ordering large quantities of goods to be sent up.

He would later tell the grocer that his people were in a hurry for certain things and that he would take them back with him. The things were given to him without question, and there was great surprise later when the grocer on delivering the order at the address given discovered that nothing had been sent for.

DEMONSTRATION TONIGHT IN FIRST AID WORK

Will Be Held at the Police Station and Will Be Very Interesting.

One of the most important demonstrations and examinations in first aid work that has yet taken place in this city will take place at the police station tonight, when a large number of police officers and a class from McClary's will be examined by Dr. Becher. The men have been instructed by Dr. Becher and Mr. W. Clarke, superintendent of the first aid work here. Mr. Clarke is one of the best-posted men in the work of St. John's Ambulance Society in Canada, and has a number of certificates for examinations he has passed both in Canada and in England, and a very handsome medal with two bars for first aid work. At present he is instructing a number of classes in the Boy Scouts, the Y. M. C. A. and in the city schools.

The Candidates.

Those who will be examined tonight are:

Messrs. Gordon Nott, V. McGreath, W. T. Middaugh, John McIntosh, J. P. Creen, J. Middaugh, W. T. Wilson, V. Y. Oakley, L. Middaugh, W. Gream, C. Pickel, C. P. Burns, G. Snow, R. Fulcher, F. Shephard, Wm. Greaves, C. B. Little, W. H. Hayden, F. Crossley, S. Hewett, E. H. Swindall, A. S. H. Cree.

The following will take the second examination: W. Henry and C. Jackson.

The third examination will be taken by Messrs. Morton, sen. and jun., C. E. Baldwin, R. Wigham and J. A. Bailey.

Mr. W. Loveday, honorary secretary of the association, will take the fourth examination and W. B. Clark the seventh.

WELL INTO JULY

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there is a way by which we could make them come to time, and it is this: According to the bylaw the company must pave their portion with the same material that the rest of the street is paved with. For some years we have allowed the company to use brick, as it was cheaper. We have granted them the same privilege on Dundas and Richmond streets. Now, if they hold us back, and do not get along with their work, I, for one, would be in favor of compelling them to use asphalt, and make them pay the extra money for it."

City Is Ready.

"We are ready to start our part of the work at once," declared Deputy Engineer Wright. "The company will be through with Dundas street east of Richmond street this week. They have been delayed somewhat by wet weather, but are doing much better now. When that strip is completed they will do Richmond street south. That piece should be done in three weeks' time. By the 1st of June a large portion of Dundas west should be completed. We will hurry our portion right through, and it will be as far advanced as the company in a short time. Very fair progress is being made now, although it could be hurried a great deal. Manager King has assured me that they are in earnest about the work and that they will hustle it through. I am willing to give him a short time to make good. We could go ahead and lay our own portion. I would rather not do that as it will spoil the job to a certain extent. However, if the company hold us up we will have to take the proper steps to make them hurry along."

Street Railway Side.

"We have a large force of men at work, just as large as can be handled with efficiency," said a street railwayman. "Whenever they get an opportunity to work they make good time. It must be remembered that we have been delayed much this spring. We expected to be much further advanced than we are now. The weather was against us. With any kind of a chance we will keep well ahead with our work. We will be through early this summer."

DORCHESTER STATION.

Dorchester Station, April 19. — The brethren of the environs of Dorchester turned out on Tuesday as a supplementary force, because of the indisposition of Mr. James Hunt, and plowed 25 acres of arable land and sowed ten acres.

Misses Gladys Talbot and Jessie Brown have been the guests of Mr. J. Talbot during the past few days.

Miss Annie Mitchell has been spending her holidays at home.

Miss Maggie Mitchell has been holidaying in the city.

Miss Maggie McGregor, of West Lorne, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. W. Vollick, jun.

CANADIAN PRESBYTERIES FAVOR CHURCH UNION

Fifty-Four Voted in Approval and Fourteen Against it.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 20.—Following is a summary of the vote of the 68 Canadian presbyteries on the question of church union. Fifty-four have voted in approval, and 14 votes against.

The individual vote as given by the Presbyterian today is 926 members for, and 443 against.

AUTO MEN GRACED POLICE COURT TODAY

Cars Must Have Numbers and the Lamps Must Be Burning.

Mr. Melville Hueston, the local auto dealer, appeared in court this morning, charged with driving a car without the front and rear numbers on it. He explained that he had mislaid the rear number and was waiting to get another from the department.

"You were not using the same number on two cars?" said Chief Williams.

"No," said Mr. Hueston.

"Well, I will not fine you," said the court. "But you must not drive the car again until you get the number."

Mr. W. Hunter was charged with not having the lights on his car lit. He stated that as it was ustj at daylight when he was driving he had not lighted them.

"Well, it will be cheaper for you to burn a little oil than to pay a fine," said the court. "Don't do it again."

George Montieth, of Delaware, who told the court yesterday that he was not drunk, was found guilty on the evidence produced today, and was fined $10 or 10 days. He took the days.

LOCAL ITEMS

Tracy—Colerick.

At the residence of the bride's parents, 57 St. George street, yesterday, Miss Marion Colerick, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Colerick, was united in marriage to Mr. Harry Howard Tracy, of Flint, Mich. Rev. G. F. B. Doherty, of St. Paul's Cathedral, officiated. After a western trip Mr. and Mrs. Tracy will take up their residence at Flint.

Next Week.

The St. John's amateur minstrel show are using the latest big city song successes, with original orchestra scores, thus assuring their many friends a real musical treat. Mr. Chas. S. Martin and Mr. Fred Dowling will again be with the St. John's boys. The show will be given four nights in the spacious clubhouse, starting Tuesday, April 25.

FARM LABOR IN DEMAND

Salvation Army Officer Reports Many Inquiries.

Major McGillivray, of the Salvation Army immigration department, reports that he has on file several hundred applications for farm laborers from the farmers of Western Ontario.

"I will not be able to fill more than two hundred at the most," he said, "and already twice that number have been sent in. We simply cannot get the men over because of the enormous demands on the steamship companies made by the regular tide of emigration."

Last week a party of thirty domestics from Scotland were brought to London from Halifax by Major McGillivray. Every one of them was placed in a position on the day of her arrival. Another party is expected in several days' time, for every