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Late Afternoon Markets.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	238	234
Ontario	100½	99½
Toronto	253	249
Merchants	181	175
Commerce	135½	135
Imperial	190	189
Dominion	250	249½
Standard	176	172
Hamilton	174	169
British America	129½	129
Western Assurance	170	169½
Consumers' Gas	..	211
Montreal Gas	188	187½
Dominion Telegraph	133	130½
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	54	52½
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	81½	81½
Commercial Cable Company	178½	178½
Com. Coupon Bonds	105	104½
Commercial Registered Bonds	105	104½
Postal Telegraph Company	..	..
Bell Telephone Company	..	173½
Richelieu & Ontario	109	107½
Montreal Street Railway	237	235½
Toronto Street Railway	86½	86
Dominion Savings and Invest	78	74
Farmers' Loan and Savings	..	..
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent.	..	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	163
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	151
London and Canada, L. & A.	80	..
London Loan	..	102
London and Ontario	90	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	120

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	81½	81½
Duluth, common	4	3
Duluth, preferred	6½	6
Commercial Cable, xd	178½	178
Commercial Cable Coupon Bonds	106	101
Commercial Registered Bonds	105	104
Montreal Telegraph	185	179½
Richelieu and Ontario	110	108
Montreal Street Railway	260½	226½
Montreal Street Railway, new	235½	234½
Toronto Railway, xd	87	86½
Montreal Gas Company	188½	188½
Bell Telephone	177½	174
Royal Electric, xd	142	141½
Bank of Montreal	240	235½
Ontario Bank	101	99
Molsons Bank	210	203
Bank of Toronto	235	228
Merchants Bank	180	176½
Merchants Bank of Halifax	..	180
Quebec Bank	..	120
Union Bank	..	101
Bank of Commerce	135	134½
Northwest Land, pref	55	50
Montreal Cotton Company, xd	140	137½
Canada Colored Cotton	75	58
Dominion Cotton	96	94½

SALES—Canadian Pacific, 25 at 81½; 100 at 81¾, 50 at 81½; Mont. Tel., 19 a. 179½; Mont. St. Ry., 300 at 236½, 100 at 236½; Toronto Ry. 10 at 87, 100 at 86¾, 175 at 86½c.

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Wheat is easier at 83c, middle freights, for red winter, and 82c, north and west; Manitoba wheat rather easier at $1 02 to $1 03 for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, and 97½c to 98c, Sarnia and Midland. Flour continues dull and rather easy at $3 80 to $3 85 for cars of straight roller west. Millfeed quiet at $10 to $11 for shorts and $7 50 to $8 for bran west. Barley and buckwheat and rye unchanged. Corn steady at 26c to 27c for new Canada yellow west; American old yellow, 34½c—worth rather more than this price. Oats firm and in good demand at 24c to 24½c for white west. Peas firmer at 45c to 45½c west. Baled hay dull at $8 to $8 75 for cars on the track here. Baled straw quiet at $5 here. Poultry dull; large stocks were carried over from Christmas; turkeys almost unsaleable at 8c; geese, 6c to 6½c. Fresh-laid eggs were scarce and wanted, and were firm at 17c to 18c; held fresh and cold storage dull at 14c; limed in better demand at 13c to 13½c. Butter—Large rolls easier at 14c.

Montreal Produce Market.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Grain in store: Grade No. 2 oats, 27c; peas, 50c; rye, 51c; buckwheat, 36c; barley, 33c; red winter wheat, 89c; white do, 88c. Flour—Strong bakers', $4 50 to $5; spring wheat, patents, $5 40; winter do, $4 75 to $5; straight roller, $4 40. Feed bran, Ontario, $10 50; shorts, $11 50, bulk; Manitoba bran, $11; shorts, $12 50, bagged. Provisions: Canada pork, per bbl, $15 to $16; ham, 11c to 13c; bacon, 10c to 12c; lard, pure, 7c to 7½c; compound, 5c to 5¼c. Produce: Turkeys easier; receipts liberal, 9c to 9½c; chickens, 6c to 7c; ducks, 8c to 8½c; geese, 5c to 7c. Eggs, fair demand; new-laid, 22c; choice candled, 18c to 19c; Montreal limed, 14c to 15c; western, 10c to 12c. Beans, nothing doing. Honey, white clover, 12½c; dark clover, comb, 10c to 10½c; dark, 7c to 8c.

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American Markets

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Flour—Firm; spring wheat, No. 1 hard, $1 01¾; No. 1 northern, 99¾c; winter wheat, No. 2 red, 96c; No. 1 white, 96c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 33c; No. 3 yellow, 32½c; No. 4 yellow, 31½c; No. 3 corn, 31½. Oats—No. 2 white, 28½c; No. 3 white, 27½c; No. 4 white, 26½c.

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—Wheat, No. 1 white, cash, 93c; No. 2 red, cash and Dec., 93c; May, 94½c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 28.—Wheat—Cash, 95¼c; May, 94¾c. Corn—Cash and Dec., 28½c; May, 30⅜c. Oats—Cash, 25c; May, 24½c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 28.—Wheat—Cash, 87½c; May, 93c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Flour—Receipts, 21,073; sales, 2,700; dull and easy. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Receipts, 149,850; sales, 400,000; opened steady on cables, but eased off under liquidation; Jan., 99¼c to 98⅝c; Feb., 99⅜c to 99⅞c; May, 94⅝c to 95 5-16c; July, 88¼c to 88⅝c; Dec., $1 01¼ to $1 01⅞. Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, 50¼c, c.i.f., Buffalo. Corn—Receipts, 42,900; sales, 20,000; options opened steady, with wheat, but also declined on unloading; May, 35c to 35 1-16c. Oats—Receipts, 127,200; options neglected; track, white, 29½c to 33½. Butter—Receipts, 8,111; steady and unchanged. Cheese—Receipts, 3,331 packages; quiet and unchanged. Sugar—Raw and refined, strong and unchanged. Hops quiet, but firm and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28. — Opening—Wheat—Dec., 97½c to 98c; May, 94⅛c to 94¼c. Corn, Dec., 27¼c; Jan., 27⅝c; May, 30⅛c; July, 31¼c. Oats, May, 23⅞c. Pork, Jan., $8 75; May, $8 92½. Lard, Jan., $4 55; May, $4 72½. Ribs, May, $4 55; Oct., $4 52½.

Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,272.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec	98	100½	97½	99½
May	94½	94½	93½	94½
July	84½	84½	83½	84½
Corn—Dec.	27½	27¾	27	27½
May	30½	30½	29¾	30½
July	31½	31½	30¾	31½
Oats—Dec	22½	22½	22½	22½
May	23½	24	23½	24
Pork—Dec.	7 70	..	..	..
Jan	8 75	8 77	8 70	8 70
May	8 92	8 95	8 87	8 87
Lard—Dec.	4 45	..	..	..
Jan	4 55	4 57	4 52	4 52
May	4 72	4 72	4 67	4 67
Ribs—Dec.	4 35	..	..	..
Jan	4 40	4 40	4 35	4 35
May	4 55	4 55	4 50	4 50

Puts, 93½; calls, 94½

English Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 28, 12:30 p.m.

Wheat—Spot steady; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 5s 4d to, 5s 4½d; No. 1 red northern spring, 7s 10 to 7s 10½d; No. 2 red western winter, no stock.

Corn—Spot steady; demand moderate; American mixed, 3s 2½d; Dec., 3s 2½d; Jan, and Feb., 3s 2½d.

Peas—Canadian, 4s 9d.

Beef—Extra India mess, 66s 3d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d.

Bacon—Long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 28s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs. 29s 6d; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs, 29s.

Lard—Prime western, steady 24s.

Butter—Finest United States 92s; good, 60s.

Cheese—American finest white and colored, 42s 6d.

Tallow—Fine, American, city, 18s 6d.

Turpentine—Spirits, 24s.

Rosin, common—4s 1½d.

Petroleum—Refined, 5½d.

Linseed oil—15 6d

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Trouble in Japan's Cabinet—Redmond, the Parnellite, Bound for New York.

RECEIVED BY THE QUEEN.

Osborne, Isle of Wight, Dec. 28.—Queen Victoria received the Venezuelan minister in audience today.

A BIG FLEET.

London, Dec. 28.—The Globe this afternoon says a private telegram reached London yesterday evening announcing that over 30 British warships have arrived at Port Hamilton.

DISTINGUISHED VOYAGERS.

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—The White Star Line steamer Teutonic, which sails for New York tomorrow, will take among her passengers Mr. Rupert Guinness, the well-known oarsman, and Mr. John Redmond, the Parnellite leader.

BRITISH FLEET AT PORT HAMILTON.

London, Dec. 28.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the British fleet has anchored at Port Hamilton. The dispatch further says that a report is current at Che-Foo to the effect that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton.

CABINET CRISIS IN JAPAN.

Yokohama, Dec. 28.—Owing to its failure to reconstruct under the premiership of the Marquis Saigo, the balance of the cabinet has resigned. The newspapers demand the formation of a very strong ministry, capable of coping with the situation in the east.

WHAT IS CHINA'S OFFENSE?

In an interview with the New York World, Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, explains the eastern situation.

"What has China done," he asked, by way of preface, "that she should be divided up and parceled out among the powers? What is her offense against the nations or against civilization? Germany is incensed, we are told, because two of her subjects have been murdered. If this be true, my government will make all the reparation in its power. It has never refused to do that, and, never having refused, there is no reason for German ships of war to seize Chinese territory. They talk of dismembering China. Why do they not partition Turkey? Everybody knows she was long the scourge of Europe, and time and again has made bloody conquests, some of which she still holds. On the other hand, the Chinese have kept well within their own territory, and have never disturbed the peace of Europe.

"As for Russia, I have no notion that she intends to take any of our territory without our cordial consent. Russia may get concessions, but I do not think that means that we shall be divided up and handed round like cake."

MISS RAMSAY-GIBSON-MAITLAND, the only daughter and heiress of the late Sir James Ramsay-Gibson-Maitland, succeeds to estates in Midlothian worth about £20,000 a year, to an estate in Stirlingshire worth about £6,000 a year, and to an estate in Linlithgowshire worth a few hundreds a year. One of Miss Maitland's estates in Midlothian, moreover, is potentially of enormous value, as it is just outside Edinburgh, and being rapidly built upon. Miss Maitland is in her early twenties.

A Detroit court has decided that a baseball which is knocked into property adjacent to the grounds cannot be confiscated.

Wanted—A Mayor With Some Backbone

We cannot allow Dr. Wilson to promote his mayoralty campaign by misrepresentation of The Advertiser.

Dr. Wilson is a wiggler.

With him, it seems to be any port in a storm—any expedient to gain votes.

First, he is selected by the Conservative convention as its candidate; then, to obtain Liberal votes, he protests he is against the introduction of party politics!

But the other day he denounced the General Hospital as "a hot-bed of germs," and expressed his decided opposition to using it in providing hospital accommodation. In the jubilee committee, indeed, he advocated the erection, as the one thing needful, of another entirely new hospital in the northern part of the city. That, of course, means the desertion of the present city hospital and site, and an expenditure of $140,000 or $150,000.

Now Dr. Wilson finds that idea unpopular in some quarters, and he says his views are no longer decided. He is willing to say anything or do anything—only he wishes to be mayor!

In London West, he was for the immediate introduction of a water meter system for the city, which would cost $100,000. By nomination day he found that idea to be unpopular, and he receded to the position that "he really did not know much about the meter system, but he would consider it"!

When Dr. Wilson discussed the sewage question in London West, all the reporters heard him disapprove of the purchase of the river front, and denounce the treatment of the sewage on the farms near the Coves. He said he considered this would not meet with favor, owing to its close proximity to the railway. "He hoped," says the Free Press report, "that the farm idea would be strongly opposed," and he went on to argue that though the asylum sewage works were a success, that was no guarantee that the new sewerage scheme was a wise one. Was not that line of argument opposition to the sewerage project? In 48 hours, having met some supporter of the sewerage system, and having been told that he would lose votes by his opposition to it, Dr. Wilson objected to The Advertiser reporting that he opposed the sewerage scheme! He requested us to say so. Why, then, he was asked, did you criticise the scheme? "I was only opposed to the putting of the sewage on a farm this side of the waterworks." "Then," he was further asked, "where would you put it?" "I would have it carried down the river with pipes to a farm below Byron." The Advertiser made the correction to suit Dr. Wilson; but stated that his proposal would be an expensive addition to the present scheme, as it would require, according to the engineers, some $60,000 or more to carry the sewage in pipes to a farm below Byron. This put Dr. Wilson into a worse dilemma than ever, and his friends so told him. The result is that, in less than a month, we find Dr. Wilson endeavoring to place responsibility for the tangle in which he has enmeshed himself upon The Advertiser, which but allowed him to weave the net in which he is entrapped. He says now that he is not opposed to the sewerage scheme. Taking him by his record, who knows what Dr. Wilson will be saying before polling day, or what position he would take up if elected as mayor.

London wants a man of stability of disposition as mayor; of tact, not to take up untenable positions; of courage, to stay by a position once he has assumed it; of frankness, to acknowledge that he is wrong when he has been so proved.

Topics of Today.

Parry Sound has passed a bylaw to repeal the local option law.

The merits of Canadian apples are becoming well known. In a speech before the French Chamber recently, M. D'Estournelles, a member of that body, drew attention to the quality of Canadian apples and to the market France afforded for them.

As a further guarantee of good faith and of their intention to fulfill their contract for the establishment of the fast Atlantic service, Messrs. Petersen, Tate & Co. have deposited another $10,000, bringing their total deposit up to $100,000 in Canadian money.

A TEN ACRE SITE.

That Is the Land Upon Which the Wilson-Winnett Hospital Would Be Built.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

If Ald. Winnett is and always has been in favor of retaining the city hospital on the present site, will he explain how the jubilee hospital plans of which he, Dr. Wilson, and Mr. Brodrick are the leading spirits, call for a new hospital on a ten-acre site, whereas the present site contains only five acres? Yours truly,

H. J. HUSSEY, No. 3 Ward.

London, Dec. 27.

THE CITY ELECTIONS.

Candidates Who Have Withdrawn From the Contest.

The following candidates have withdrawn from the municipal contest: P. W. D. Brodrick and R. K. Cowan, who were nominated for water commissioners; P. W. D. Brodrick, from the hospital trustee contest, and A. Keenleyside and Thomas Sargent from the aldermanic field in No. 5 ward.

Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Toronto, Dec. 28—11a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Moderate winds; mostly fair and cold weather, with light local snow falls today.

LOCAL MENTION.

ATTRACTIONS TONIGHT.

Auditorium—Gilbert-Gordon Co.
Princess Rink—Skating.
Jubilee Rink—Skating.
Central Avenue Rink—Skating.

Around the City

—A telegram received this morning states that Conductor Snider is much better and resting quietly.

—Mrs. A. L. Haight, of Hamilton, formerly of this city, is visiting her friends at No. 821 Queen's avenue.

—The residence of R. L. Bloom, Port Stanley, was destroyed by fire on Christmas Day, with the contents. No insurance.

—The engagement is announced of Mr. Hal B. McGiverin, now of Ottawa, to Miss Maud Mackintosh, daughter of Lieut.-Gov. Mackintosh, formerly of this city.

—It is as well for taxpayers to remember that a new hospital on the old site will cost $40,000 (the value of the present buildings and grounds) less than a new hospital on a new site.

—The Catholic Club will give a special holiday entertainment in their rooms on Wednesday evening. A musical and literary programme will be given, also a mock trial, from "Pickwick Papers."

—Miss Grace McMurchy, Glencoe, Ont., Mr. Godfrey McNab, St. Paul, Minn., and Mr. Duncan McMillan, Glasgow, are spending their Christmas holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Ash, Bathurst street.

—Mr. Nicholson, the superintendent of the Colborne Street Methodist Sabbath school, invites the attention of his friends to the advertisement of the cantata on Wednesday evening, and hopes to see them present on the occasion.

—Mr. P. Weatherly, of the militia department, Ottawa, was in the city today in quest of information regarding the sewer from the military barracks, as complaints have reached the military authorities about dumping the school sewage into the creek.

—The Londoners already named in The Advertiser as participants in the great ball to be given by Lord and Lady Aberdeen at Toronto tonight left today. They represent "Hunting." Present-day hunting dress will be worn as nearly as possible. Ladies will be in white satin skirts, pink coats, big black hats, feathers, etc. Gentlemen in pink coats, black satin breeches and silk stockings.

—At the police court this morning, Thomas Murray, who was released on Saturday night after spending two months in jail, was sentenced to twenty days' hard labor in default of a $2 fine for being drunk. Thomas McDowell, another drunk, was discharged. Joseph Davis was up for keeping a vicious dog, which bit Robert Garside, aged 12. The bite was so severe that two stitches were necessary. Davies was allowed to go on promising to destroy the dog. Frank Harding was charged with renting his horse and rig without a license. He proved that the person who had his horse was merely exercising it, and Mr. Harding was discharged.

—In the high court of justice yesterday, in the case of McGuigan, McGuigan vs. Corcoran, judgment was given on appeal heard at the London weekly court. An appeal by the defendants by original action from the report of the master at Stratford in a proceeding for the administration of the estate of Wm. McGuigan, deceased. Held, that the sum of $300 referred to in the 40th paragraph of the report is an increment of money set apart by the testator for his wife's benefit, and is payable to her executors. In this respect report to be varied. In all other respects appeal to be dismissed. Order made confirming report as varied, and directing payment out of court accordingly. The question of costs to be spoken to later. G. G. McPherson (Stratford) for appellants; J. J. Coughlin (Stratford) for plaintiff.

HOLIDAYING IN LONDON.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Cameron and family, of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and children, of Chicago, and Mr. S. H. Harwood, of Pittsburg, Pa., are spending the holidays with Mr. Jabez Harwood, 354 Dundas street. Miss Harwood has given her entire staff a holiday until Jan. 4. Previous to closing she was the recipient of a gold pen and holder from the young ladies, "not for its intrinsic value, but merely as a slight token of good-will."

COST OF THE HOSPITAL.

The following is the city auditor's reply to Dr. Moorhouse's inquiry as to what additional annual tax would be incurred on every $1,000 assessment in the event of the adoption of the hospital bylaw for the issue of $70,000 debentures.

"W. H. Moorhouse, Esq., M.D., city:

Dear Sir,—The cost of the hospital debenture would depend to some extent upon the period for which the debentures will have to run. Under the general act they would be limited to twenty years, and the cost would be one-third of a mill on the dollar, or 33 cents on an assessment of $1,000. If under a special act, they would probably run for 30 years, and would require only one-fourth of a mill on the dollar, or 25 cents on a similar assessment. I am, yours truly,

"GEORGE F. JEWELL.

"London, Dec. 24, 1897."

"NO MEAN CITY."

On Sunday evening, in his pulpit at West London Methodist Church, Rev. A. G. Harris preached on Christian Citizenship—Acts, xxvii., 39—"Citizens of no mean city." The speaker stated he did not believe in the pulpit dealing with secular affairs in general, but there were times when it was the duty of the Christian minister to speak on secular subjects. He was proud that his congregation now belonged to London, a city with the highest class of educational and religious teachers, the best health record of any city in the Dominion, surrounded by the finest farming district on the continent, and many other privileges, combining to make it one of the most desirable commercial and residential places in the world. London's leading citizens in every profession are Christian people, and so London West should not have voted for amalgamation simply for a selfish purpose in regard to increasing the value of their property, etc., but should receive spiritual good by coming into closer contact with their neighbors over the river who are of such a high moral standard. Then, on the other hand, the city should not want to take in London West simply to add to its acreage or population. They should be acquainted with the fact that on the western bank of the River Thames there is just as fine a body of people as there is anywhere to be found. The work that is going on in the churches and schools is such as will have an influence for good wherever the seed that is being sown may happen to find root. This influence should be especially felt through the parties that are elected to help in the city government. The people should elect men to such positions who are true Christians, irrespective of party politics in any form. It is all right, said he, for people to have their opinions in Dominion or Provincial affairs, but in what way could nursing those questions in municipal government assist us in our efforts to economize in our homes? Let us work together for our mutual good, and the Lord will bless the union.

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Christmastide Wedding.

Interesting Society Event at Memorial Church.

One of London's Attractive Young Ladies Married to a Popular Barrister, of St. John, N. B.

Out on the clear air and bright sunshine rang the joyous notes of wedding bells today. The marriage of Miss Pearl, daughter of Mr. W. F. Edge, of this city, to Mr. Sherwood Skinner, a prominent barrister of St. John, N. B., and son of Judge Skinner, of the same place, was one in which London society was much interested, and Memorial Church, where the ceremony was performed this afternoon, was visited by a large number of people. The church was luxuriously decorated with palms, azaleas, and other christmas trimming, with here and there some dark cedar brightened by the crimson holly berry. A floral piece in the design of a horseshoe hung suspended from the cedar arch, which formed the entrance to the church.

The groomsman was Mr. Stewart Fairweather, of St. John, N. B. The bridesmaids were Miss Skinner, sister of the groom, and Miss Edith Hyman, while the maid of honor was Miss Richardson, little Perle Patterson and Reginald Lewis making two charming pages. Messrs. A. O. Graydon, Wm. Gunn, Walter Smith, Frank Reid, Mr. Smith and Mr. Skinner (brother of the groom) acted as ushers.

The bridal party entered the church at 2 o'clock and proceeded to the chancel to the delightful strains of Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus." The bride was supported on the arm of her father, preceded by the ushers, the bridesmaids and the maid of honor, and followed by the two little pages.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon Richardson. The bride was attired in a gown of white satin, trimmed with honiton lace, and was a picture of loveliness. The bridesmaids wore very pretty gowns of green and white. After the ceremony the guests went to the residence of the bride's father, 531 Dufferin avenue, and an elegant dejeuner was provided.

International Ball Teams.

Arrangements for the Next Season Well Under Way.

Personnel of the Teams Composing the League—London Likely to Have an A1 Aggregation.

THE COMING SEASON.

Manager A. D. Holman expects this coming season to have the "star" team of the International League. Daily he is in receipt of letters from ambitious young players eager to come to London, and give as a reason that London has the reputation of a "hot ball town." Many of these letters will be preserved as relics of orthography, chirography and composition. London's management has not yet decided upon just who will be placed on the team, but only gentlemen, sure hitters, and clean ball players will be given a trial. Last year London's team was noted for the modesty of the players, though there were exceptions.

The salary limit has been placed by agreement at $700, but old ball players assert, and are willing to wager that contracts and agreements made with and by players in all the clubs, will be patched up sufficiently to allow of more being paid, while to all appearance the agreement regarding the actual salary is being kept.

Several of the clubs have claimed many of the old players, and in some instances one man is claimed by two or three clubs. The personnel of the teams, as far as known, is as follows:

London—Lou Johnston, Chas. Crowe, "Willie" Kershaw, J. H. Busse (the big first baseman, formerly of Guelph, with a brilliant record of three-baggers and home runs), P. Ward, "Joe, Joe" Keenan, S. C. Secrist, M. Boch and O'Connor.

Bay City—"Willie" McKiveitt, Bert Elton, Vandyke, Pitcher Wolver, D. B. Edmunds, Billy Motts, Robb "the twirler," and Mike Mansfield.

Saginaw—Bay Brown, W. Gleason, A. Rutherford, B. Elton, A. C. Snyder, Wm. Gleason, John Morrissey, A. Haggerman, L. C. Snyder and J. Katoll.

Hamilton—McDonald, Dean, Phillips, Conwell, Law, Hoffner, McCann, McInnis, McDermid and McAndrews.

Port Huron—A. Haggerman, F. Quinn, J. Ganzell, H. Meek, J. Miller, John Katoll, E. Piebolt, John Morrissey, A. J. Knapp, Chas, Hampill, B. Elton and L. Snyder.

Diseases often lurk in the blood before they openly manifest themselves. Therefore keep the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

EARNINGS INCREASE.

Good Showing for the Great Canadian Railroads.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Both the big roads showed increases in earnings last week, but not as large as was expected. The C. P. R. gain was only $36,000, while the G. T. R. showed a gain of $21,508. The returns are: C. P. R., receipts for the week ending Dec. 21, 1897, were $444,000; 1896, $408,000; increase, $36,000. Grand Trunk Railway earnings, Dec. 13 to 21, $469,957; 1896, $448,449; increase $31,508.

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