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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

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

New York, Jan. 20.—Noon.—The market conditions today have been in line with expectations, and a fairly firm tone has been maintained throughout. The market continues professional and outside interests still lag. The opening was firm, reflecting the situation in London, and during the first hour some advances were scored throughout the list. Manipulation was evidenced in various quarters, but this did not influence the general market particularly. There was good buying in a number of stocks and the more important securities well held. Manipulation in realty was very much in evidence. There was an early strength in Erie, which was retarded by London selling. The Denver issues were again subject to bullish influences. The Gould brokers are reported to be in the market again. Pennsylvania came out in large quantities, but the price held relatively well. Steels show up well and there is further bullish talk in that quarter. In the second hour reactions were noted in a number of the stocks, but the decline was not sufficient to cause uneasiness. Sales to noon, 305,360.

TORONTO.

	Toronto, Jan. 20. Ask.	Off
Ontario		125
Toronto	226	225
Commerce	150¼	150
Imperial		212
Dominion	225½	224½
Standard	230	..
Hamilton	210	..
Nova Scotia	270	215
Traders	..	134
British North America	..	96
Western Assurance	..	96
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers Gas	..	209
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref.	..	99
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	117½	117¼
Soo, pref	125½	124
Soo, com	66½	66
Toronto Electric Light	133	132¼
General Electric	139½	..
London Electric	101	..
Commercial Cable	185	181
Dominion Telegraph	..	115
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	..	79
Niagara Navigation	..	112
Northern Navigation	..	78⅝
St. L. and C. Navigation	..	110
Toronto Street Railway	100¼	99⅞
Twin City Railway, new	92⅝	92¼
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	160
Sao Paulo Tramway	89½	89
Dominion Steel, com	8½	8
Dominion Coal, com	67½	66½
Nova Scotia Steel, common	81	79½
Canada Salt	117	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I.	..	85
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv.	106	103½
Canada Permanent	..	122½
Canada Savings and Loan	..	118
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest.	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron and Erie L. and S. Co.	..	176
Landed Banking and Loan	..	119
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	85
London Loan	120	..
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	120
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130

SALES: Bank of Toronto, 8 at 225½; Soo, common, 100 at 67; Cable, 25 at 180; Toronto Railway, 100 at 99⅝, 65 at 99½; C. P. R., 5 at 118; Imperial Bank, 17 at 212; Twin City Railway, 28 at 91⅞, 75 at 91¾, 50 at 91⅞, 25 at 92, 50 and 25 at 91⅞, 25 at 92¼; Consumers' Gas, 40 at 209½; Coal, 5 at 66½; Sao Paulo Tramway, 25 at 88⅞, 25 at 89.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, Jan 20. Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	117¾	117⅝
Winnipeg Electric	173	150
Montreal Street Railway	203½	202
Toronto Railway	100¼	100
Halifax Street Railway	90	86
St. John Street Railway	92¾	92½
Richelieu and Ontario	82	81
Commercial Cable	183½	181½
Montreal Telegraph	162	158
Bell Telephone	160	150
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	8¾	8½
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref.	30	25
Montreal Heat, Light and Power	73	72¼
Nova Scotia Steel, common	85	80
Detroit Railway	65½	65
Montreal Cotton	105	..
Canada Colored Cotton	45	43
Dominion Cotton		32½
Montreal Street Bonds	105	103
Int. Coal, preferred	100	..
Trinidad Railway	73	..
Northwest Land	250	175
Dominion Coal, common	66¾	66
Soo, common		66½
Windsor Hotel	90	..
Bank of Montreal	250	245
Molsons Bank	198	195½
Bank of Toronto	240	219
Merchants	..	150
Ogilvie Flour	125	115
Ogilvie Bonds	112	105
Union Bank	135	..
Bank of Ottawa	211	..
Bank of Commerce	150	149½
Hochelaga	133	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	55	53⅝
Nova Scotia Steel	105	..
Toledo Bonds	..	21

SALES: C. P. R., 11 at 117⅞, 25 at 117⅝, 75 at 117¾, 25 at 117⅞, 13 at 117⅞, 25 at 117½, Montreal Railway, 25 at 200¾, 25 at 200¼, 150 at 201, 74 at 200¾, 50 at 201¼, 75 at 201, 50 at 201¼, 75 at 201, 50 at 201¼, 26 at 201½, 50 at 202, 25 at 202¾, 50 at 202½; Montreal Railway, new, 9 at 199½; Twin City Railway, 25 at 91¾, 10 at 91½, 125 at 91¾, 50 at 92½; Coal, common, 10 at 66¾; Iron, common, 350 at 8½; Power, 25 at 73; Toronto Railway, 25 at 99½, 90 at 100; Scotia, 10 at 80, 10 at 80¾, 25 at 80; Laurentide Pulp bonds, 1,000 at 100; Montreal Railway bonds, 500 at 103½; R. and O., 5 at 81; Switch, preferred, 13 at 90; Cable, 6 at 180, 212 at 181½; Iron bonds, 5,000 at 54; Bank of Toronto, 8 at 225; Bank of Montreal, 3 at 245¾.

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NEW YORK.

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	New York, Jan. 20. Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	50½	50½	49⅝	50¼
American Sugar Co.	125½	125½	124⅝	124⅝
American Locomotive	17⅝	17¾	17⅝	17¾
American Foundry	19¼	19½	19¼	19½
Atcheson, com	68	68	67¼	67⅝
Atcheson Pfd	89¼	..	..	..
B. & O.	80	80¼	79¾	80
Brooklyn Tran	50½	50¾	49⅞	49⅞
C. P. R.	117⅝	117¾	117¼	117⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	33¼	33⅝	33⅛	33½
Chic. Great Western	17⅝	17¾	17⅝	17⅞
Chicago and Alton	37	38	37	37½
Erie	28¼	28¾	28⅛	28⅞
Erie Pfd	69⅞	69¾	68⅝	68¾
Illinois Central	131⅝	131⅞	131¼	131¾
Kan. and Tex, com	18	18	17¾	17¾
Kan. and Tex, pref	40⅞	40⅞	40¼	40½
Louisville and Nashville	109	109	108¾	108¾
Manhattan	145½	145⅝	145	145
Metropolitan St. Ry.	122¾	123	122¾	125
Mexican Central	13	13	12¾	12¾
M. P.	93½	93⅝	92¾	93½
N. Y Central	119¾	119¾	119¼	119¾
Norfolk and W.	58	..	..	..
Ont. and West	22⅞	22⅞	22¼	22¼
Pennsylvania	119¾	120¼	119½	120
People's Gas	98	98¼	98	98
Reading	46¼	46⅞	45⅞	46½
Rock Island	24¼	24⅝	23½	23⅞
Southern Railway	21½	21¾	21⅛	21¾
Southern Ry, Pfd	79¾	79⅞	79¾	79¾
Southern Pacific	49⅞	51	49⅞	51
St. Paul	144⅝	144¾	144⅛	144⅞
Texas	26⅛	26⅛	26	26⅛
Twin City	91⅞	92¼	91⅞	92¼
Tennessee Coal & Iron	38	38¾	38	38¾
Union Pacific	79⅞	80⅛	79⅞	80
Union Pacific, pref	90¼	90⅞	90¼	90⅝
U. S. Leather	7⅞	..	..	..
U. S. Leather, pref	77¾	..	..	..

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Wisconsin Central pref.	46¾	47	46⅝	46⅞

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LOCAL MARKET.

London, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Hay, oats and straw comprised the offerings on the market here this morning

There were 2½ loads of hay on the stand, and sales were very good at $6 to $8 per ton.

About 10 loads of straw sold at $5 per ton, or $2 50 to $3 by the load.

Oats went at 91c and 92c per cental.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

The markets here during the past six days have only been fairly well attended. On Saturday the attendance was large, but on the remaining days there was very little produce offered. Most of the supplies were confined to hay, oats and dressed hogs. Sales have been good for most of the produce offered. The exceptions were butter and apples.

Grain—Oats are coming in more plentifully; prices are a shade easier, at 90c to 91c per cental. Wheat sells at $1 28 per cental. Barley, 88c to 90c per cental.

Hay and Straw—The supply of hay is fairly large; sales are brisk for the choice loads, at $8 to $8 50 per ton; the inferior loads are dull at $6 to $7 50 per ton. Straw is in fair demand at $5 per ton or $2 50 to $3 per load.

Butter and Eggs—Butter is dull; the dealers seem to be filled up at present; the stocks are mostly inferior grades; sales are made at 16c to 18c for crocks and 18c to 19c for pound rolls. Eggs are in good demand, especially fresh-laid, which bring 30c per dozen wholesale; packed eggs sell at 22c to 25c per dozen.

Apples are very dull, and the supply is large; the majority of medium stock sells at $1 per barrel, or 40c per bag; choice apples sell at $1 25 per barrel.

Potatoes—There is not a great deal offered at present; there is a good demand, at 85c to 90c per bag.

Dressed Hogs—The demand is moderate, at $7 per 100 pounds for most of those offered.

Poultry—The supply is on the small side; turkeys sell at 13½c to 14c per pound; geese at 9c per pound; ducks sell at 75c to $1 25 per pair; chickens, dressed, at 60c to 90c per pair, or 50c to 60c per pair alive.

Live Hogs—The price for Monday's shipment will be, it is expected, from $4 90 to $5 per 100 pounds for selects; small pigs are a dull sale at $5 to $8 per pair.

Butchers' Meats—Last Saturday's supply was very large, and sales dull; beef sells at $5 to $6 50 per 100 pounds by the carcase; lamb, $8 to $9; veal, $7 to $7 50; mutton, $5 to $6; hindquarters of pork sell at 9c per pound, and 8c for forequarters.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

	Chicago, Jan. 20. Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	89⅞	92¼	89⅞	92¼
July	83⅞	84⅞	83⅞	84⅝
Corn—May	49⅞	50⅝	49⅝	50¼
July	48⅛	49¼	48	48⅝
Oats—May	41¾	42⅝	41¾	42⅝
July	37⅞	38⅛	37⅞	38⅛
Pork—Jan.				
May	13 17	13 27	13 17	13 22
Lard—Jan	..	..	..	..
May	7 20	7 25	7 20	7 20
S. Ribs—Jan	..	..	..	..
May	6 67	6 72	6 67	6 70

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BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Jan. 19.—Beans—Cash, $1 76; February, $1 73; March, $1 75 asked.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red and white, 81c, low freights, and 80c west; Manitoba, 93½c to 94c for No. 1 hard, 90½c to 91c for No. 1 northern, and 87½c to 88c for No. 2 northern, Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Firmer, at $3 10 bid and $3 15 asked for cars of 90 per cent patents in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, $4 65 to $4 90 for first patents or Hungarian patents, $4 35 to $4 60 for second patents, and $4 25 to $4 50 for strong bakers, bags included, in car lots on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $16 50 to $17 for cars of shorts and $14 50 for bran in bulk west; Manitoba, $20 for shorts and $18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—Steady, at 43c for No. 2, 41c for No. 3 extra and 39c for No. 3 west. Buckwheat—Steady, at 48c for No. 2, low freights west. Rye—Steady, at 52½c for No. 2, west. Corn—Firmer; cars of Canadian yellow, 37½c, and Canada mixed at 37c, f.o.b., west; American, 50½c for No. 3 mixed and 51½c for No. 3 yellow, in car lots on the track at Toronto. Oats—Steady; No. 1 white, 31½c, and No. 2 white at 30c to 30½c east, for millers; No. 2 white are quoted at 29½c west. Oatmeal—Steady, at $4 10 for cars of bags, and $4 25 for barrels on the track at Toronto, and 30c more for broken lots. Peas—Steady, at 62c for No. 2, west. Butter and eggs—Unchanged. Dressed hogs—Farmers' lots, delivered here, $6 50 to $7 25.

HAY MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Baled Hay—The demand is not very active, and the market is steady at $8 50 per ton for car lots here.

Baled Straw—Steady, at $5 per ton for cars on the track here.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Jan. 19.—Live cattle steady, at 11c to 12c per lb for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10¼c to 11¼c per lb; refrigerator beef, 8c per lb; sheep, 12c to 12½c per lb; lambs, 14c to 14½c, dressed weight.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 27,000; market slow; good to prime steers, $5 15 to $5 70; poor to medium, $3 50 to $4 85; stockers and feeders, $2 25 to $4 15; cows, $1 50 to $4 25; heifers, $2 to $5; canners, $1 50 to $2 45; bulls, $2 to $4 10; calves, $3 50 to $6 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 45,000; market 5c to 10c lower; mixed and butchers, $4 70 to $4 90; good to choice heavy, $4 85 to $4 95; rough heavy, $4 70 to $4 85; light, $4 50 to $4 75; bulk of sales at $4 70 to $4 85.

Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; sheep and lambs dull; good to choice wethers, $3 90 to $4 40; fair to choice mixed, $3 to $3 80; native

Ald. Garratt Answered by Clarence St. Ratepayers

Suit Will Follow If He Repeats Outside the Statement He Made at the Council.

The following letter from Messrs. W. E. Saunders and J. R. Shuttleworth, two Clarence street business men, whose names were rather freely used by Ald. Garratt at the council meeting Monday night, is decidedly to the point:

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—We notice in the Free Press report of the council meeting of last Monday that our names are mentioned discreditably by Ald. Garratt, the assertion being made that we are to receive our pavement free of charge, presumably in return for services rendered to the paving company. To this mean and utterly untruthful attack we have only to say that if Ald. Garratt will come out from the protecting aegis of the council chamber and make his statements in the press over his signature, we will see that he has an interesting case at court in the very shortest possible time.

FACTS OF THE CASE.

With regard to our connection with this paving matter, it may be as well to state the facts, which are these:

Our street was initiated for bithulithic pavement, which suited only two or three property-holders in the blocks affected, and consequently a petition was sent in against it, which was almost, if not quite, unanimous. After leaving the matter in abeyance for a while, it was again initiated for bithulithic pavement, in spite of the expressed wish of the residents, who are somewhat at a loss to know who it is that is trying to force on them a pavement which they do not want; seeing that such an effort was being made, we inquired somewhat into the matter of asphalt pavements, and so far as we succeeded in finding out, all the best old pavements in Toronto, were laid with Trinidad Lake asphalt. It is almost needless to say that what we want is a pavement which will stand the test of time, and for that reason our petition was sent in worded as it is, and it seems to us rather a high-handed proceeding on the part of the council to say to the people on our two blocks, who are almost a unit in asking for this particular pavement, that they will not give it to us. If the city were going to pay part of the cost, the case would be different, but when the ratepayers are to pay the whole cost of the roadway in front of their lots, and the city pays for the intersection only, it does not seem to us unreasonable that we should expect to be allowed to have the pavement that we prefer, especially considering the fact above stated, that the ratepayers concerned are so nearly of one mind in the matter.

DID NOT UNDERSTAND IT.

We think it likely that the aldermen did not fully realize the state of affairs, or they would not have voted as they did. There is, to us, no hint of dictation in this matter. We have, surely, as much right to have our street paved in the way we want it, at our own expense, as the citizens in general have to decide about a matter which affects the finances of the city at large. Perhaps the latest matter of that kind to require decision was the McClary assessment, which meant at the outside, less than $5 annually to each ratepayer, and that was submitted to a vote; but in the matter of our pavement, for which each ratepayer on these blocks will have to pay something like $200 in the next 10 years, we are refused the article that we want and told that we must not dictate.

We are quite in sympathy with the idea that residents in any particular section should not be allowed to dictate as to the expenditure of city funds, but as we have already stated, the funds, in this instance, are not those of the city, but our own.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space allowed us to state our views, we are, respectfully,

W. E. SAUNDERS.
J. R. SHUTTLEWORTH.

Coal Men Wore the Smile That Is Hard to Come Off.

Consumers This Year Have Used 33 Per Cent More Than Last Year.

The weather of today is not the kind that makes the coal man wear a big broad smile. It is a slight change from what Londoners have been accustomed to for some weeks past, and there are a good many who will have no complaint to offer.

But the coal man is not one of them, although he has been smiling for such a long time now, that he will scarcely know how to get his face straight should a spell of soft weather set in. Things have certainly been going the way of the coal dealer. The winter has been one of the best he has had for many years, and his rigs have not been idle for a moment.

Should the weather from now on be only ordinarily severe, the profits of the coal man will be ahead of those of the past year. A leading member of the fraternity said today that the sales of the winter to the present time had exceeded those of the previous winter by fully thirty-three per cent. and it would mean many thousands of dollars out of the pockets of the people.

The coal men have not had nany troubles to contend with this winter—nothing as compared with a year ago, when the strike of the miners made the anthracite article scarce in every part of Ontario. Their greatest difficulty was in getting the coal delivered at London. The mine owners have been able to fill all orders promptly enough, but the railways have not been able to handle the coal once it is placed on the cars. The cause of this is said to be a scarcity of engines and the cold weather.

And while the coal man may be feeling a little blue at the change which the weather took during the last twenty-four hours, there are many feeling satisfied — for it will mean a big saving on their coal bins. Yesterday morning the thermometer registered 15.5 degrees below zero. Before 8 o'clock last night it had reached as high as 27 degrees above — a difference of 42 degrees. During the night it dropped to 10 degrees above zero, but during this morning the weather moderated still further and the mercury went to 36 degrees above zero. This is an unusuallyl big change in twenty-four hours.

Costly to Entertain at The Isolation Hospital

Mr. Pack's Visit Means a Civic Expenditure of About Six Dollars a Day.

Dr. Hutchinson reports that George Pack, the man who was placed in the Isolation Hospital yesterday is doing as well as can be expected. Pack is, however, in for a siege of illness which will last for six weeks anyway, and probably for two months.

Today Pack told the doctor that he had made a mistake as to the time when he left the lumber woods in Michigan, and that he now thinks he must have been two days on the road.

In consequence of Dr. Hutchinson's investigations the Grand Trunk express No. 4, which was held up at Niagara Falls, was allowed to go ahead late in the afternoon, it having been clearly shown that Pack did not come by that train. The train in which Pack did ride was, however, thoroughly disinfected at the Falls.

Pack's visit to this city means a cost of about $5 or $6 a day to the board of health. The nurse is paid $3 a day, and if more patients should be sent to the Isolation Hospital she will receive $4 or $5 per day, according to the number. Besides the nurse's wages, coal, food, medicine, etc., must be purchased, the whole running up to over $5 a day. If Pack stays in the hospital six weeks, or 42 days, it will mean an expenditure by the board of health of $210. In addition to this a telephone has to be put in, which will cost $8 on the go in, and will cost so much per day thereafter. After summing up what Pack's visit means to the city certain members of the board of health are exceeding wroth, and wonder why it is that Michigan shouldn't have to foot the bill.

NO RELATIVES HERE.

A gentleman of the name of Pack and who lives in South London, called upon Dr. Hutchinson today to see if by chance the man might be a relative of his. The patient, however, is an Englishman, and claims to have no relatives in America.

The Hamilton Herald of Tuesday, in speaking of Dr. Langrill's efforts to catch the car in which Pack reached London, says: 'Dr. Langrill, the medical health officer, called up the London doctor, and learned that a mistake had been made in the telegram. The car on which the man had been passed through Hamilton at 4 o'clock this morning. The patient was returning from a Michigan lumber camp. The London physician had no explanation to offer regarding way he had not detained the car and fumigated it."

If Dr. Hutchinson didn't explain, he could very easily have explained. As a matter of fact, the train had proceeded on its way before the doctor was aware there was a case of smallpox in this city. When he did know what was up, he at once wired to Hamilton and Niagara Falls to stop the train and fumigate it, and this was done.

DIPHTHERIA IN THE CITY.

Three cases of diphtheria have been reported to Dr. Hutchinson since last Friday. The doctor says, however, that the disease is rapidly dying out. Those three cases, coming almost together, do not mean that diphtheria is making any headway in the city, as almost every day or so cards are being taken down. In Victoria Hospital today, there are 14 cases of scarlet fever and 7 cases of diphtheria.

The officials of the waterworks office have been very busy the last few days taking in the water rates. All those who do not pay today cannot save the discount.

The city of London has applied to the Ontario legislature for legislation to confirm certain bylaws to raise money for the construction of pavements and to levy rates to be met by debentures to be issued, also for the construction of sewers, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, laid in 1903.

During the year the total length of cement walks laid in Hamilton was 1 1-3 miles, as compared with almost 35 miles in London. All the walks laid up to that date in that city have a combined length of 95 miles.

London last year laid between 11 and 12 miles of cement walks, or not much more than half the amount laid in Hamilton in the same time.

Mayor Beck says the commission can do nothing regarding Niagara power until it is found out what municipalities intend to pay their share of securing a report. It is difficult to say just when the commision will get under way again.

Toronto's anti-spitting bylaw is modeled after London's, and reads as follows:

"No person shall spit upon any sidewalk upon the highways or in the passageways, stairways and entrances to public buildings used by the public, or in rooms, halls, buildings and places to which the public resort, or in street cars or other public conveyances."

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THE SNOWPLOW DERAILED

Cause of a Blockade On the L. H. and B. Branch.

Up and Down Trains Laid Out by It—On Other Lines.

The change in the weather—even if it should not continue—was welcomed by the railway man today, for during the cold snap, which has continued for several weeks, his path has not been one to be envied.

Today the trains were doing a little better, possibly, than they have been for some time past, and the traveling public were all the more thankful. All along the main line better time was being made, and the same could be said of some of the branch lines to the north—which, by the way, have caused no end of trouble. The Stratford branch is open. The greatest difficulty on that stretch of road was experienced at a cut a short distance north of Kelly's Siding. The cut is long and deep, with a curve in the center, and a grade coming towards London, and with every snowstorm, accompanied by a wind from the northwest, it fills up to a depth of ten or twelve feet. As luck would have it, the majority of the storms have been nor'westers, and the cut has seldom been free.

Today a bit of ill-luck befell the morning train for London on the London, Huron and Bruce. Owing to the continued snowstorms at different points on the branch a snowplow and engine were sent out from this city at an early hour to clear the line, and when it was within two miles of Clinton it left the rails. The auxiliary was sent out from this city, but up to a late hour this afternoon the train for London, which had reached Clinton before the snowplow was derailed, was still at that place, waiting to get through.

The train from London for Goderich and Kincardine was also blocked owing to the mishap.

MRS. KERR DIED SUDDENLY

Was Preparing to Retire When She Fell to the Floor.

Was Old-Time Member of King Street Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. John Kerr, who had been a resident of the city for the past thirty years, died very suddenly last night at her home on Adelaide street.

Mrs. Kerr had not been in good health for three or four weeks, having suffered from an attack of the grip, and it is supposed that the disease affected her heart. She was able to be about the house during the day, and she was preparing to retire between 11 and 12 o'clock when she fell to the floor. Her daughter, Miss Maggie, was in the house at the time, and she summoned a doctor, who arrived in a few minutes and found that life was extinct. Death, he said, had been instantaneous.

Mrs. Kerr was 73 years of age, and a native of Scotland. She came to America when a young woman, living in New York for a period, and came to London thirty years ago, residing here continuously since that time. She was identified with the King Street Presbyterian Church since the congregation was organized, and was for many years active in the work of the Ladies' Aid. She is survived by a son—Mr. James Reardon, of East London; and two daughters—Miss Maggie, at home, and Mrs. Charles Currie, of Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Kerr was twice married, her first husband being a paymaster in the Seventy-first Highland Regiment, and dying in the Crimean during the progress of the war in 1854. Her second husband, who was for many years a resident of the city, was found dead in bed, his death also being due to heart disease.

A VERY PROSPEROUS YEAR

For the Agricultural Society of East Middlesex.

Satisfactory Reports Received—Former Officers Re-Elected.

The annual meeting of the East Middlesex Agricultural Society was held this afternoon at the courthouse, being called together at 1 o'clock. The year was shown to be a most successful one. Members of the society commended the officers, and the general satisfaction was evidenced by all the officers and directors being re-elected unanimously.

President-elect Bogue, on retaking the chair, said that this society was about the only institution in which he took an interest. In agriculture was the wealth of the country, and he would continue to do all he could to strengthen and advance the interests of the industry.

The officers for the ensuing year will again be: President, Allan Bogue, of Westminster; first vice-president, R. Vening, Dorchester; second vice-president, Wm. Fleming, London township; directors, London township, R. Oke, C. Trebilcock and W. H. K. Talbot; Westminster, James Murray and T. H. Shore; Nissouri, George Scatcherd and John Hobbs; London West, William Moore; Western Fair directors, Messrs. Bogue, Fleming, Moore, Trebilcock, Shore and Scatcherd; representatives to the Western Fair Association, Messrs. Talbot, Vening and Hobbs; auditors, H. Tozer and Frank Elliott.

The annual report of the secretary stated that the season had been the most favorable for the farmers in many years. Regret was expressed at the loss of the late John Kennedy. The society was satisfied with the progress of agriculture in this country. It was that the farmers of today were a studious, intelligent class, who studied the needs and possibilities of their agricultural surroundings, and so were able to develop the best that our land and climate could produce. The Western Fair was referred to as fully exemplifying the rapid improvement that is taking place in every branch of industry in the province, particularly in those relating to agriculture. The only recommendation made was that the agitation for a new and more suitable dairy building would soon materialize.

Taken altogether, the farmers of this region had every reason, the report concluded, to feel gratified with the results of their labors, and with the educative impulse of the Western Fair.

The report was adopted.

It was decided to accept the invitation of G. C. Creelman, secretary, to send representatives to the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, and the matter was left with the new board. The meeting, which is to be held in Toronto on the 17th and 18th of February, is the most important of its kind held in Canada. One of the chief objects of the association was the appointment of expert judges, for which the demand had been increasing.

References were made to the need of a dairy building at the Western Fair, and the president stated that he understood the Government were being urged to make a grant.

Within less than one hour the business of the meeting was completed and an adjournment made.

At a subsequent meeting of the board of directors Mr. Charles Trebilcock was re-elected secretary and Mr. R. Oke treasurer.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—The annual social of New St. James' Presbyterian Church will be held next Monday night.

—Mr. J. P. Evans, proprietor of the London House, is spending a few days with friends in Detroit.

—Mr. F. B. Clarke has received a limited supply of steamship calendars giving a view of New York harbor, which he will give to the public as long as they last.

—A rare musical treat will be afforded those who attend the concert to be given by the Harmonica Club, of the University of Toronto, in the Auditorium tomorrow evening. These students have been training steadily for many weeks past, and they now feel assured that their concert this year will eclipse anything they have given for many years. While the rollicking spirit which pervades the work of these college organizations, and which proves such an irresistible attraction to all audiences prevails, yet the high musical standard has been maintained, and each of the selections given will receive due justice from a musical standpoint. The following artists besides the mandolin and guitar clubs, will assist: Miss Irene Marie Weaver, elocutionist; Mr. W. Y. Archibald, baritone; Mr. George Smedley, banjo, mandolin and guitar soloist; Mr. Chas. E. Clarke, B.A., baritone; Mr. Ross B. McKinnon, baritone.

CITY SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The second heat of the one-mile skating race for the city championship will be run off at the Jubilee Rink Saturday evening. Pugsley, Sims and Thomas will be the contestants.

EVENING OF DANCING.

The members of the Manhattan Pleasure Club and their friends spent last evening in dancing, one of their popular "sociables" being held in the Palace Dancing Academy. The committee having charge of the affair, which was largely attended, were Messrs. Dewan, Logan, Hornsby and Ham.

DEATH OF R. B. PALMER.

After a painful illness of nine weeks' duration, there passed away at the family residence 419 Horton street, Robert B. Palmer, a much respected citizen, and beloved father, in his 64th year. Mr. Palmer leaves a grown-up family of five sons and six daughters to mourn his loss.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church will be held tonight and a large attendance of members and friends is expected. The meeting will be of special interest, because of the hopeful reports expected, including information concerning the reduction of the debt. Part of the evening will be spent in a social way.

FIRE IN RESIDENCE.

The firemen were called to the residence of Mrs. Jane Daly, 536 Dufferin avenue, at 9 o'clock this morning, where the heat from a coal stove set fire to a couch. The blaze was soon put out, though not before the couch was ruined, and the carpet in the room damaged. The loss will not be very great.

SUCCESSFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The officers and teachers of Empress Avenue Sunday school held their annual meeting last evening at the home of Mr. Wm. Gibson, when the officers and teachers for the ensuing year were elected. The reports from the different branches of school were read, showing a steady increase, both financially and in numbers. After the conclusion of the business, the remainder of the evening was spent in a social way.

GODERICH VS. ABERDEENS.

The Goderich seven will meet the Aberdeen W. O. H. A. team in a championship match on Friday evening in the Jubilee Rink. This will be the local team's second appearance this season, their first being two weeks ago when they made such a favorable impression in their game with the Berlin team. The team will be somewhat strengthened, and have been practicing hard for some time past. Lovers of good hockey may expect to see a keen game from start to finish. The game starts at 8 o'clock sharp, and there will be no unnecessary waiting on the part of spectators.

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GRIST OF COMMUNICATIONS

Presented for Consideration of County Council.

Some Jurymen Want Extra Pay for Serving at Night.

At the meeting of the county council held this afternoon, Warden-elect Neely in the chair, the following communications were read:

W. Stonehouse and eleven others applied for an extra day's pay, having sat on a night jury.

The city treasurer claimed $44 40 on account of the cement walk around county property.

The clerk of Bruce County presented a memorial in regard to a proposed alteration in the assessment act, changtaxes, and the holding of a tax sale, and asked this county's consideration.

Lieut.-Col. McEwen asked for a grant to the Twenty-sixth Regiment.

Mr. John Ross Robertson applied for a grant for the Hospital for Sick Children.

Secretary J. A. Nelles,