Healthy People Accountable For Right Use of Their Physical Power---Impurities of Modern Society Condemned.

course Dr. Talmage sets forth the responsibility of those who are strong and well, as in a former discourse he preached to the disabled and "the shut in." Text, Judges xiv., 1: "And Samson went down to Timnath."

There are two sides to the character of Samson. The one phase of his life, if followed into particulars, would administer to the grotesque and the mirthful. But there is a phase of his character fraught with lessons of solemn and eternal import. To these graver lessons we devote our sermon. This giant no doubt in early life gave

almost always so. There were two Napoleons—the boy Napoleon and the man Napoleon—but both alike; two Howard and the Howards—the boy Howard and man Howard—but both alike; man Howard—but both alike. This giant was no doubt the hero of the playground, and nothing could stand before his exhibitions of youthful prowess. At 18 years of age he was betrothed to the daughter of a Philisting. Going down toward Timnath. stine. Going down toward Timnati though this young giant was weapon less, he selzed the monster by the lons mane and shook him as a hungry hound shakes a March hare and made his bones crack and left him by the wayside, bleeding under the smiting of his first and the grinding heft of his

heel.

There he stands, looming up above other men, a mountain of fiesh, his arms bunched with muscle that cau lift the gate of a city, taking an attitude defiant of everything. His hair had never been cut, and it rolled down in seven great plaits over his shoulders, adding to his buik, fierceness and terror. The Philistines want to conquer him, and therefore they must find out where the secret of his strength lies.

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There is an evil woman living in the valley of Sorek by the name of Delliah. They appoint her the agent in the case. The Philistines are secreted in the same building, and then Delliah goes to work and coaxes Samson to tell what is the secret of his strength. "Well," he says, "if you should take seven green withes such as they fasten wild bearts with and put them around me, I should be perfectly powerless." So she blinds him with the seven green withes. Then she clasps her hands and says, "They come—the Philistines!" and he walks out as though there were no im-They come—the Philistines!" and he walks out as though there were no impediment. She coaxes him again and again. "Now tell the secret of this great sarength?" and he replies, "If you should take some ropes that have never been used and tie me with them. I should be just like other men." She ties him with the ropes, clasps her hands and shouts, "They come—the Philistines!" He walks out as easily was he did before—not a single obstruc-Philistines!" He walks out as easily as he did before—not a single obstruction. She coaxes him again, and he says, "Now if you should take these seven long plaits of hair and by this house loom weave them into a web, I could not get away." So the house loom is rolled up, and the shuttle flies backward and forward, and the long plaits of hair are woven into a web. backward and forward, and the long plaits of hair are woven into a web. Then she clasps her hands and says. "They come—the Philistines!" He walks out as easily as he did before, dragging a part of the loom with him. But after awhile she persuades him to tell the truth. He says, "If you should take a razor or shears and cut off this long hair. I should be nowerless and in the hands of my enemies." Samson sleeps, and that she may not wake him up during the process of shearing help is called in. You know that the barbers of the east have such a skilful way of manipulatprocess of shearing help is casted thave such a skilful wav of manipulating the head to this very day that instead of waking up a sleeping man they will put a man wide awake sound asleep. I hear the blades of the shears grinding against each other, and I see the long locks falling off. The shears or razor accomplishes what green withes and new ropes and house loom could not do. Suddenly she clasps her hands and says, "The Philistines be upon thee, Samson!" He rouses up with a struggle, but his strength is all gone. He is in the hands of his enemies.

I hear the groan of the glant as they take his eyes out, and then I see him staggering on in his blindness, feeling his way as he goes on toward Gaza. The prison door is open and the glant is thrust in. He sits down and puts his hands on the mill crank, which with exhausting horizontal motion goes day after day, week after week, month after monthwork, work, work, work, this locks shorn his aves uncetured.

the world in captivity, his locks orn, his eyes punctured, grinding in in Gaza! of all, behold in this giant of huge man-the lion found

found it out; yet he was the subject of petty revenges and outglanted by low passion. I am far from throwing any discredit upon physical stamina. There are those who seem to have great admiration for delicacy and sick-Gymnastics may be posi

find physical energy indicative of spiritual power? If a clear head is petual vertigo, if muscles with the play of health in them are worth more than those drawn up in chronic more than those drawn up in chronic "rheumatics," if an eye quick to catch passing objects is better than one with vision dim and uncertain, then God will require of us efficiency just in proportion to what he has given us. Physical energy ought to be a type of moral power. We ought to have as good digestion of truth as we have capacity to assimilate food. Our spiritual hearing ought to be as good as our physical hearing. Our spiritual taste ought to be as clear as our tongue. Samsons in body, we ought to be giants in moral power. But how often it is that mea with physical strength do not serve Christ. They are like a ship full manned and full rigged, capable of vast tonnage, able to endure all stress of weather, yet swinging idly at the docks, when these men ought to be

Washington despatch: In this dis-ocean of human suffering and sin with God's supplies of mercy. How often it is that physical strength is used in doing positive damage or in luxurious ease, when, with sleeves rolled up and bronzed bosom, fearless

luxurious ease, when, with sleeves rolled up and bronzed bosom, fearless of the shafts of opposition, it ought to be laying hold with all its might and tugging away to lift up this sunken wreck of the world. It is a most shameful fact that much of the business of the church and of the world must be done by those comparatively invalid. Richard Baxter, by reason of his diseases, all his days sitting in the door of his tomb, yet writing more than one hundred volumes and sending out an influence for God that will endure as long as the "Saint's Everlasting Rest." Edward Payson, never knowing a well day, yet how he preached and how he wrote, helping thousands of dying souls like himself to swim in a sea of glory. And Robert McCheyne, a walking skeleton, yet you know what he did in Dundee and how he shook Scotland with zeal for God. Philip Doddridge, advised by his friends because of his illness not to enter the ministry, yet you know what he did for the "Rise and Progress of Religion" in the church of the world.

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Wilberforce was told by his doctors that he could not live a fortnight, yet at that very time entering upon philanthropic enterprises that demanded the greatest endurance and perseverance. Robert Hall, suffering excruciations so that often in his pulpit while preaching he would stop and lie down on a sofa, then getting up again to preach about heaven until the glories of the celestial city dropped on the multitude, doing more work perhaps than almost any well man in his day.

Oh, how often it is that men with great physical endurance are not as great in moral and spiritual stature. While there are achievements for those who are bent all their days with sickness—achievements of Christian endurance—I call upon men of health, men of muscle men of never men of

with sickness—achievements of patience, achievements of Christian endurance—I call upon men of health, men of muscle, men of nerve, men of physical power, to devote themselves to the Lord. Glants in body, you ought to be giants in sou.

Behold also in the story of my text illustration of the fact of the damage that strength can de if it be misguided. It seems to me that this man spent a great deal of his time in doing evil—this Samson of my text. To pay a bet which he had lost by the guessing of his riddle he robs and kills thirty people. He was not only gigantic in strength, but gigantic in mischief and a type of those men in all ages of the world who, powerful in body or mind or any faculty of social position or wealth, have used their strength for injultous purposes. Oh, men of stout physical health, men of great menta: stature, men of high social position, men of great power of any sort. I want you to understand your power, and I want you to know that that power flevoted to God will be a crown on earth, to you typical of a crown in heaven: but misguided, bedraggled in sin, administrative of evi. God will hunder against yoù with his con-

sin, administrative of evil, God will thunder against you with his con-demnation in the day when millionaire and pauper, master and slave, king and subject, shall stand side by

king and subject, shall stand side by side in the judgment and money bags and judicial crime and royal robe shall be riven with the lightnings.

Behold also how a glant may be slain of a woman. Delliah started the train of circumstances that pulled down the temple of Dagon about Samson's ears; tens of thousands of glants have gone down to death and hell through the same fascinations. It seems to me that it is high time that pulpit and platform and printing press speak out against the impurities of modern society. Fastidiousness and prudery say: "Better not speak. You will rouse up adverse criticism. You will make worse what you want to make better. Better deal in glittering generalities. The subject is too delicate for polite ears." But there comes a voice from heaven overpowering the mincing sentimentalities of the day, saying, "Cry aloud." But there comes a voice from neaven overpowering the mincing sentimentalities of the day, saying, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob

You who are seated in your Christian homes, compassed by moral and religious restraints, do not realise the gulf of iniquity that bounds you on the north and the south and the east and the west. While I speak there are tens of thousands of mend women south south and the seat and the west. east and the west. While I speak there are tens of thousands of men and women going over the awful plunge of an impure life, and while I cry to God for mercy upon their souls I cry to you to marshal in the defense of your homes, your church and your nation. There is a banqueting hall that you have never heard described. You know all about the feast of Ahasucrus, where 1,000 lords sat. You know all about Belshazzar's carousal, where the blood of the murdered king spurted into the faces of the banqueters. You may know of the scene of riot and wassall where there was set before Aesopus one dish of food that cost \$400,000. But I speak now of a different banqueting hall. Its roof is fretted with fire. Its chalices are chased with fire. Its chalices are chased with fire. Its song is a song of fire. Its walls are buttresses of fire. Solomon refers to it when he says, "Her guests are in the depths of hell."

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Our American communities are suffering from the gospel of free lovism which 30 years ago was preached on the platform and in some of the churches of the country. I charge upon free lovism that it has blighted innumerable homes and that it has sent innumerable goals to ruin. sent innumerable souls to ruin. Free lovism is bestial; it is worse—it is infernal! It has furnished this land internal! It has furnished this land with many thousands of divorces annually. In one county in the state of Indiana it furnished eleven divorces in one day before dinner. It has roused up elopements north, south, east and west. You can hardly take up a paper but you read of an elopement. As far as I can understand the doctrine of free loyism it is this—that As far as I can understand the doctrine of free lovism, it is this—that every man ought to have somebody else's wife and every wife somebody else's husband. Free lovism! It is the double distilled extract of nux vomica, atsbane and adder's tongue. Never till society goes back to the old Bi and hears its eulogy of purity is anathema of uncleanness till then will this evil be

iso in this giant

text and in the giant of our own century that great physical power must crumble and expire. The Samson of the text long ago went away. He fought the lion. He fought the Philistines. He could fight anything, but death was too much for him. He may have required a longer grave and a

less was his terminus.

If, then, we are to be compelled to go out of this world, where are we to go to? This body and soul must soon part. What shall be the destiny of the former I know—dust to dust. But what shall be the destiny of the former? Shall it rise into the companionship of the white robed, whose sins Christ has slain, or will it go down among the unbelieving, who tried to gain the world and save their souls, but were swindled out of both? Blessed be God, we have a Champlon! He is so styled in the Bible. A Champlon who has conquered death and hell, and he is ready to fight all our battles, from the first to the last.

Thousands of sermons are preached to invalids. I preach this sermon to stout men and healthful women. We must give to God an account for the right use of this physical organism. These invalids have comparatively little to account for perhaps. They could not lift twenty pounds. They could not walk half a mile without sitting down to rest. Yet how much many of them accomplish. Rising up in judgment, standing beside the men and women who had only little physical energy, and yet consumed that energy in a confiagration of religious enthus lasm, how will we feel abashed? Oh, men of the strong arm and the stout heart, what use are you making of your physical forces? Will you be able to stand the tess of that day when we must answer for the use of every talent, whether it were a physical energy, or a mental acumen, or a spiritual power?

The day approaches, and I see one who in this world was an invalid, and as she stands before the throne of God to answer she says: "I was sick all my days. I had but very little strength, but I did as well as I could in being kind to those who were more sick and more suffering." And Chriswill say, "Well done, faithful servant; will say, "well done, faithful servant; will say, as he takes her up in his arms and kisses her, "Well done, well done, faithful servant; the things." I had one who were more to the known of the best friends I ever had, "Doctor, did you e

Begin the woe, ye woods, and tell it to the doleful winds, And doleful winds wail to the howl-And doleful winds wall to the howling hills,
And howling hills mourn to the dismal vales,
And dismal vales sigh to the sorrowing brooks, And sorrowing brooks weep to the weeping stream.

weeping stream,
And weeping stream awake the groaning deep;
Ye heavens, great archway of the
universe, put sackcloth on,
And ocean, robe thyself in garb of

And gather all thy waves into a groan and utter it,
Long, loud, deep, piercing, dolorous
imniense,

The occasion asks it, Nature dies and angels come to lay her in her grave.

What Robert Pollock saw in dream you and I will see in positive reality—the judgment, the judgment!

Only One Way of Fighting a Badger

in a Barrel.

Discussing the war and its prospects, Mr. Burnham, the U. S. scout who has gone to jon Buller's forces, says: Knowing the country as I do, it seems to me so foolish that people at home should criticise the action of generals who have fought in every corner of the world. In Natal, for instance, the British had very little choice of routes. It was much the could have been moved except as they have been. I know this country through the new troops in Natal could have been moved except as they have been. I know this country thoroughly and people who denot know oughly, and people who do not know it are very apt to draw wrong conclusions. There are lots of Natal colonists who know every inch of the ground, just as well as the Boers. Gen. Buller and his aides have any amount of interpretary or the relative to the state of t of information on this point, and it is surely only reasonable to assume that they have profited by it. The local scouts of the colony are perfectly competent to give all the information required, but no man can look through an entrenchment and say how many men are behind; one day there, may be 50, the next 500. People must remember that the Boers are defending themselves, and, therefore, have the best of it. There is no way of fighting a badger in a barrel event better. a badger in a barrel except by get-ting him out.

THE D. R. A. REPORT.

Statement of Finances and Compli ments to Hon. Mr. Borden.

The annual report of the Domin of Canada Rifle Association has just been issued. The receipts for 1899 were \$21,495; the expenditures amounted to \$21,717. The Bisley team cost \$4,950, as against \$5,529 in 1898. The one of the practical aid and sympathy extended to its work by the Hon. F. W. Borden, Minister of Militia and Decree of the practical aid and sympathy extended to its work by the Hon. F. W. Borden, Minister of Militia and Decree of the Minister of Militia and Decree of Militia and Decree of Minister of Militia and Decree of Minister of Militia and Decree of Militia and Militia W. Borden, Minister of Militia and De-lence. Your Council has been greatly encouraged to loyally discharge its obligations to the riflemen of Canada by the support and confidence the Min-ister has accorded it, while his jealous care of all that appertains to the wel-fare of the militia of Canada will long

The American State Department officially denies that Consul Macrum's mail was tampered with while he was stationed at Pretoria,

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PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Wherever Jesus was He engaged in His Father's business, uttering discussions.—And he healed many that were sick. Mark i. 34.

What is the Central Truth? Christ came to destroy the works of the devil.

What is the Topic? Christ healing if Jesus Christ commands them to desares.

day—His first Sabbath in Capernaum.
The synagogue—This was the gift of
a centur on. Luke vii. 5.
22. They were aston hed—At the

matter, manner, spirit and authority of His teaching. "1. At the range of His intellectual gifts. 2. The force of His illustrations. 3. His acquaintance with the human heart. 4. His deep knowledge of the divine law."—Burn.

knowledge of the divine law."—Burn. Authority—He spoke as one commissioned by God, and He laid great stress upon Himself. Not as the scribes—The scribes were without spiritual life, their manner was cold, and with an unboly ambition they sought their own and not God's glory.

23. A man with an unclean spirit—Luke says he had "a spirit of an unclean devil" and "cried out with a loud voice." Luke iv. 33. There has been much discussion regarding this "unclean spirit." Many hold that the ewho were said to have devils were simply diseased people, and that their strong paroxysms were only "fits." Cried out—"An 'evil spirit is stirred to its depths when in contact with Jesus."

24. Let us alone—The devil always 24. Let us alone—The devil always desires to be let alone, and bad men do not want to be disturbed with anything good. What have we to do with thee—Nothing at all. There is no concord between Christ and Bellia Contractors. no concord between Christ and Bellal. To destroy us—To drive us from
our abode back to our native place.
I know thee—Imagine some disease,
like the apoplexy, thus addressing
Christ! No, Christ is dealing with
devils now, and they know Him well
The Holy One of God—the Messiali,
who has come to destroy the kingdom of the devil. I. John iii, 8.
25. Jesus rebuked him—He does not
desire the testimony of devils to prove lesire the testimony of devils to prove his Messiahship." Throughout His min-stry Christ never for a moment coun-

tonances anything that might be construed into a truce with Satan."

—Burn. Hold thy peace—Literally, "Be thou muzzled." Come out of him —He speaks with authority. He will show who He is, by casting out the devil.

devil.

26. Torn him—Or, convulsed him.

Luke, says the devil, threw the man, and came out of him, and hurt him and came out of him, and hurt him not. Never was there a person pos-sessed by an unclean spirit, who did not suffer a convulsion, perhaps a total ruin by it. He came out of him —Even the devils obey His word of command. There is an evidence of the great object of Christ's mission—to destroy the works of the devil. It is also a proof of his love for lost man.

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27. What thing is this—"God's wonders are more wonderful than the devil's wonders." "Jesus taught by what He did as well as by what He aid." They do obey Him—Thus Jesus established his mission by the miracles He wrought. And they could not doubt it.

28. Fame spread abroad—This miracle was wrought in the public congregation, and those who saw it published it wherever they went, and the people throughout all Galilee were soon discussing Him and His work.

29. The house of Simon and Andrew—Jesus, James and John had entered

Peter's house. 30. Simon's wife's mother—Peter was a married man and lived in Capernaum. Lay sick of a fever—Luke calls it a great fever. Luke iv. 38. She was prostrated with a burning fever They tell Him of her—This was really a request for healing. They knew He

could restore her.

31. Took her by the hand—Could anything on this side the unlimited power of God effect such a cure? These proofs should demonstrate His divinity to the intelligence of every man.— Clarke. The fever left her—Christ has

Clarke. The fever left her—Christ has power over disease. He can, and frequently does, heal to-day; and yet we cannot test the spirituality by the health of the body.

32. When the sun did set—The Sabbath ended with the setting sun and then they brought their sick to Him It would not have been a desceration of the day if they had come before the sun went down. Jesus had just performed a cure on that day.

33. All the city—Not necessarily every person, but a very large company.

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34. Healed many—Matthew says.

"all that were sick." Luke says He laid hands on them. Jesus healed all who came, and they were many. Dieeases ... devils—A distinction is made here that we must not fall to notice; diseases were "healed" and devils "cast out." Suffered not —See on verse 25. This had been a great day at Capernaum, a day filled with stirring events. May God give us such days in all our cities. Teachings—1. Through Christ evil may be wholly cast out of humanity. He came to destroy the works of the devil, and a holy heart is our inheritance in this world. 2. We of the devil, and a holy heart is our inheritance in this world. 2. We should put ourselves in personal contact with those who suffer. We cannot help them by standing off and simply expressing our pity. but we should go to them, and, in a sense, take their burdens and griefs.

lesson—minister unto Jesus. There is room for all to work, for Jesus has said that in blessing and helping others we do the same unto Him. Matt. xxv. 31-46. Let us this day consecrate ourselves anew to Him, in the interest of a lost humanity.

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

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What is the Topic? Christ healing diseases.

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Where was the parcel? Capernaum.

Who were the persons? Jesus and His disciples. A man possessed with an unclean spirit. Simon's wife's mother. Many that were sick.

What are the parallel accounts? Luke iv. 31-41; Matt. viii. 14-17.

Commentary. — Connecting Links. After Jesus left Nazareth He went to Capernaum and again definitely called Andrew, Peter, James and John the second time. They now left all and followed Him. Some authorites think that He attended a feast at Jerusalem just before this time, but there is little proof that such was the case.

21. Into Capernaum—Christ new makes Capernaum His home, and the centre of His ministry for more than a year. It is called His own city of Matt. ix. 1), and here as a citizen the paid the half shekel. Matt. xvii. 24. His mother and brethren came here with Him. John ii. 12. The Sabbath day—His first Sabbath in Capernaum. The synagogue—This was the gift of a centur'on. Luke vii. 5.

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and escnewein evi." The same was true of the thorn in the flesh in the case of the apostle Paul. The thorn in the flesh was not in his carnal mind (somedmes called the flesh), so it must have been in his body. He has chosen His people in a furnace of afficition because He can make them richer thereby than He could on a bed of roses. If He thus secures to us richer bessings to all eternity than He could in any other way, we shall be thankful and praise Him for taking us on that line.

Afflictions, temptations, necessities, persecutions, distresses and the like, are often as winds to waft our barque toward the heavenly port. "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." Jacob said, "All those things are against me," when, in fact, they were all for him. Prosperity much more frequently works disaster to the soul than adversity proves injurious.—G. W. C.

HOW ANSON WAS FROZEN OUT. "Papa" A. C. Anson, for many years Captain of the Chicago Baseball Club,

Captain of the Chicago Basebail Club, gives the following account of a "freeze-out" meeting of the share-holders, held a few days ago.

"I received a communication from Mr. Hart a few days ago, which called for a meeting of the stockholders of the club on December 4th at 2 o'clock. As I deemed it an honor to be invited to the meeting which was be invited to the meeting, which was held in room 1,511 Fisher building, I went there at the appointed time. I walked into the room and sat down

I walked into the room and sat down without meeting anyone.

"I sat there perhaps five minutes when a boy came in and asked me if I wanted to see Mr. Hart. I told him I did and he informed me that Mr. Hart was just at that moment out to luncheon. Soon the President of the club came in, said good afternoon to me and asked me how my business was progressing.

"A little desultory taking followed, after which Mr. Hart took out his watch and, finding that it was time to call the meeting. Mr. Hart and I were the only ones in the room and I couldn't see how a meeting could be called without a quorum.

"I looked under all the chairs, and when I satisfied myself that the other stockholders were not in the room I acked the Hart how he could call the

Mr. Hart said, 'I call this meeting to order. Mr. Anson, what is your pleasure?' I told him I didn't have any pleasure, and then he said: 'As this meeting is for the purpose of electing directors for the Chicago Baseball Club I hereby nominate James A. Hart as one of those directors. Are there further nominations Mr. And the control of the control o

there further nominations, Mr. An I said: 'As there is nobody else "I said: 'As there is notody eise about and as the man I am about to nominate would be a very good one for the position, I hereby nominate A. C. Anson.' Mr. Hart then said that the nominations were closed, and told me we would proceed to vote.

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Thinking that it was going a little too far and proceedings were becoming too monotonous, I told him that as he was able with all his proxies to elect himself director and to defeat me anyway, I would withdraw from the

so-called meeting.

"I have worked for the Chicago Baseball Club nearly all my life, and to be offered an affront like that was enough to make me lose my temper, and perhaph I said a few things to Mr. Hart that were rather forcible.

For the Horses.

Dip the bridle bits in water vinter weather before putting them n the horses' mouths. If you doubt the necessity put your tongue

the necessity put your tongue to a frosty nall.
Use oil on the wagon in winter.
Axle-grease stiffens in cold weather—becomes dry and hard.
Permission has been granted for one thousand Cuban teachers to attend the Harvard Summer School for Teachers.
Uncheck while standing and blanket in cold weather.
Horses like a kind voice, and are not deaf, as a rule. Don't yell at them.

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norses get tree and nervous and nungry and thirsty. Give them good seds to sleep on. Don't make the load too heavy. Sharpen their shoes in icy weather. Give them always a lunch at noon. Our Dumb Animals.

Prof. Wallace, of Glasgow, who is to be Superintendent of the manual training under the McDonald fund, has arrived in Ottawa. It is understood that the Manitoba Legislature will be called for the de-spatch of business some day during the week beginning March 12th.

Senator Casgrain and Mr. Victor Geoffrion, M. P., were banqueted by the Reform Club, of Montreal.

The Week. LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.

Market Reports

Following are the closing prices at important wheat centres to-day:

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TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET. Wheat—Five hundred bushels in all. Red and white fall wheat sold steady at 71 1-2c, goose 1c weaker at 71 1-2c, spring firmer at 72c.

Oats—Two hundred bushels sold

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Oats—Two hundred bushels sold steady at 301-2c.
Barley—One thousand bushels sold unchanged at 46 to 49c.
Peas—One load sold ic firmer at 61c.
Hay and Straw—Fifteen loads sold firm at \$11 to \$11.50. No straw delivered

Dressed Hogs-Reported firmer at Feb. 22.—Receipts of farm produce were Liberal, 3,100 bushels of grain, 30 loads of hay, 4 of straw, and 175

dressed hogs.

Wheat—Steady; 1,100 bushels sold as follows: 800 bushels of red and white fall sold at 71c to 72c; goose, 300 bushels sold at 71c to 47c.

Barley—Easier; 1,500 bushels sold at 45c to 47c.

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Ontis—Steady; 500 bushels sold at 30 1-2c to 31 1-2c. {
Peas—One Estad sold at 61c per bush.
Hay—Steady; 30 loads sold at 310 to 311.50 per ton.
Straw—Steady; 3 loads sold at 37 to 7.50 per ton.

Dressed Hogs—Prices again higher, 175 selling all the way from \$6.50 to \$6.75 per cwt.

In Chicago to-day timothy closed steady at \$2.55 nominal for February and \$2.60 nominal for March, Clover closed steady at \$8.50 nominal for March, all per 100 lbs. In Toledo old prime clover closed steady at \$4.85, February ½c lower at \$5.57 and March steady at \$5.60,

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The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada, together with amount afloat to Europe, is 79,059,000 bushels, an increase of 2.515,000 bushels for the week. A

2.515,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the total was 59,858,000 bushels. or 19,201,000 bushels less than at the present time.

Wheat on passage to Europe increased 3,200,000 bushels the past week, and corn increased 1,360,000 bushels.

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The rise in the prices of dressed hogs in the last few weeks is fully 20 per cent. Our bacon is meeting with favor in the British market.
Liverpool, Feb. 22.—Wheat — Spot No. 1 Cal., no stock; No. 2 red western winter, no stock; No. 1 northern spring, dull, 6s, 1 1-2d.; Intures, higher: March, 5s, 9 1-2d.; May, 5s, 9 3-8d.; July, 5s, 9 3-8d.

Bradstreet's on Trade. General trade at Montreal continues in a sound and satisfactory condition, and the outlook for the spring and

summer is fully up to expectation in all departments of business. Pay-ments are good. Large orders are coming forward. The sharp advance in the price of cheese constitutes a sat isfactory feature. Hog products are firmer. The prices for raw cotton have materially strengthened the Canadian markets for cotton goods.

Trade at London presents no new features of importance this week. There is a good trade being done by retalkers, but little grain has been coming out of the hands of the farmers, and the country trade has not been specially active. isfactory feature. Hog products are

been specially active.

Trade at Victoria and Vancouver

Trade at Victoria and Vancouver has been fair this week. Payments on February account were about up to expectations. Choice butter has been scarce, and some Australian butter scarce, and some Australian butter had been offered and retailed at 35c. The building activity is quite

marked and promises to show increased activity in the spring.

A fair movement in wholesale trade circles is reported at Hamilton. Payments continue satisfactory, and retailers are taking in large stocks goods for the spring trade, which is expected to be particularly good. Val-ues are generally firm.

The jobbing trade at Winnipeg has been very fair the past week. Grain deliveries are light, and that has

made trade at country centres a lit-tle slow. So far February business in most lines is in excess of last year. most limes is in excess of last year. Values continue very firm for all lines

of manufactured goods.

Trade at Toronto has been favorably influenced by colder weather the past few days. Current retails sales in the country have been more satisfactory and payments are showing up better.

Travellers are sending in some nice. Travellers are sending in some nice orders for the spring trade. Cash purchases are of satisfactory volume, and the country generally leads to no uneasiness as to future payments.

Dr. Charles Piazzi Smyth, for s dead.

Lieut.-Col. Delamere, Toronto, likely be appointed in command of the The price of gas. in Winnipeg

een reduced from \$2.50 to \$2.25 per thousand feet. A young girl named Keafing, Van-couver, died yesterday from the ef-fects of vaccination.

Dr. Losle E. Keeley, of "gold cure"

fame, died suddenly at his winter home, near Los Angeles, Cal. Admiral Dewey says that fortifica-tions on the Nicaragua Canal would

be useless. The canal should be free. Major E. H. Heward, late of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, has been reappointed to their comman with headquarters at Toronto.