# "GOD HAVE MERCY ON ME!"

*THE CRY THAT WENT UP FROM UNDER THE TROLLEY WHEELS.*

**A Bicycler Horribly Mangled in King-street—The Practice of Riding On the "Devil's Strip" Claims Its First Victim—Interviews With the Motorman and Witnesses of the Accident.**

John H. Heard, aged 25, a single man, who resided with his father at 35 Wellington-avenue, and was employed as assistant foreman of the boiler department of the Polson Iron Works, was killed last evening by a trolley car. He was a bicyclist and was riding his wheel when death overtook him.

The accident occurred at 6.10 in King-street, about 50 yards east of John.

Heard and a companion named Mitchell, who is employed at the New Fort, were riding their bicycles west on the south track behind trolley car 268, also bound west. The bicyclers were on the north track, and observing a car coming east on the same track, they turned in on the devil's strip. Mitchell who was in advance had passed car 268 a few yards when his wheel caught in some obstruction and he was thrown to the ground. Mitchell fell to the south clear of the rails. Heard was immediately behind him, and his wheel caught in that of Mitchell, throwing him on his face to the north under the wheels of the oncoming car. George Scott, the motorman of the car, observed the accident and at once applied the brakes, and the car, which was running slow, was stopped within a few feet—six feet, the motorman says. The front wheel of the car had, however, passed over the poor bicycler, cutting off his right leg a few inches above the ankle, while the top of his head had been crushed as an eggshell presumably from being caught between the fender and the opposite wheel. When found Heard was lying on his back, the fender having turned him over. The car was slowly pushed back and Heard was tenderly lifted up and carried to the sidewalk, and despite his terrible injuries lived three or four minutes. The body was placed in the patrol wagon and taken to the morgue, where Dr. Aikins will hold an inquest at 4 p.m. to-day.

Meantime Mitchell, who was temporarily stunned by his fall, had recovered and at once started for the Fort. He fell within a few inches of the track and was an eye-witness of the mangling of his companion, and the shock occasioned by this sight and his fall so unnerved him that he is confined to bed under the doctor's orders.

**What the Motorman Says.**

George Scott, motorman of trolley car 268 which killed Heard, said last night: "I was going west at a moderate rate and was suddenly overtaken by Mitchell, who was riding on the "devil's strip" on a bicycle. I saw Mitchell fall, but luckily clear of the track. The next instant another rider—the victim, Heard—evidently riding immediately behind Mitchell, was wrecked on the latter's bicycle and fell forward on his face in front of the moving car. I at once stopped the car, and as I did so heard the victim's death cry, "God have mercy on me!" I was about to apply the reverse movement when Mitchell, who was lying on the ground, cried out, "For God's sake don't reverse."

The driver, Scott, has been in the employ of the Street Railway Company since April 10, 1888, and has never had an accident of any kind previously. He has been running electric cars for three weeks. Interrogated as to the book of instructions that the company provides for its motormen he stated that he had read, particularly those portions giving instructions in case of accidents. All day, he said, bicyclists had been taking the most dare-devil risks.

Mr. Gunn, Superintendent of the Toronto Street Railway, stated that as far as he had been able to ascertain no one was at fault. An elaboration of the accident had been sent to him by Mitchell and it agrees with Scott's story in every particular. Mitchell states that he was unaware that Heard was so close behind him, although he knew he was following.

The dead man had many friends, and a great number of enquiries as to the details of the accident were made at headquarters and other places last night by acquaintances, who expressed regret at the sudden ending of his promising life.

**Another Eye-Witness' Account.**

K. R. McKenzie, a grain traveler, residing at 337 Adelaide-street west, who witnessed the accident, said, "It all happened in a flash. The motor man reversed the motor instantaneously and the car stopped within a few feet. I helped to carry Mr. Heard to the side of the street. He was still breathing, but died in a couple of minutes." "No," he said in reply to a question, "I don't think anyone was to blame with the exception perhaps of Mr. Heard and his companion."

**Warrants Issued.**

Sworn to by Inspector Stark, warrants were issued for the arrest of Superintendent Gunn and Motorman Yokon on a charge of homicide. Mr. Gunn and Yokon surrendered at headquarters and were immediately bailed out.

**More Improvident Bicyclers.**

The World noticed yesterday a dozen or more of bicycle riders (three of them women) racing with the trolley car in King-street and dodging in front of them and around them as if it was great sport. One little obstruction or any mis-move may upset their wheel, and then they are under the car and maimed or killed. And in the same way people take big chances who cross just before a car. They are all right if they do not slip, but if they slip they suffer.

**Schooling Horses.**

Another bad practice just at present is for coachmen and horse trainers to mount their horses and ride them alongside of the trolley cars in order to school them to the new system. But King-street between Yonge and York and are busy time and at the introduction of the system is not the place to do this. One horse trainer was working all yesterday afternoon at this schooling. People were terrified by his dancing steeds. People who own spirited horses cannot choose a better method to school their animals to the trolley than to put a good rider on their back and ride them around and about a trolley car, but they should choose another time than the present and another street than King.

**Racing Bicyclists Warned.**

[From The World of Aug. 22.]

A lot of young fools in this town who own bicycles think it very clever to race the trolley car on pavements like Bloor-street. These young men are near cousins to the fool with the gun, who generally manages, however, to kill somebody besides himself. In the case of these bicycle riders, some day a spoke will break or a little obstruction in the road will appear, and they will go head first under the trolley wheel and be neatly decapitated."

**A Fender For the Cars.**

*Editor World*: While it is possible that the deplorable accident last evening may have been caused by some contributory negligence on the part of the victim, I think some means might be devised to prevent people being killed outright as the result of a collision. The present protection of the car wheels is evidently worse than useless, and if some sort of "cow catcher" could be attached to the cars people who are struck by them would be knocked off the track, and the result would not in such case be necessarily fatal. The attention of the Street Railway Company is directed to the manifest want of protection of the wheels at present existing. BICYCLIST.

**20 Millions of Bushels for Export.**

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 7.—Grainmen are unanimous in the opinion that this country will have 20 million bushels of wheat for export this year.

**Francis Kernan Dead.**

UTICA, Sept. 8.—Ex-United States Senator Francis Kernan died in this city at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

*BIG FIRE THIS MORNING.*

**A Factory Building In Adelaide-Street in Flames—Great Loss.**

At 4.10 this morning P. C. Snider (92) smelt smoke on Adelaide-street, near York, and pulled the nearest box, which was at King and York. The firemen found the large building at 64 Adelaide-street west in flames from top to bottom.

The fire started on the first floor in the rear, and as we go to press it appears likely that the building will be gutted. The loss will run up in the thousands.

Following are the occupants of the building:

Austin & Boehler, tinners.
Wyness Plating Company.
John Vanderschaaf, woodcarver.
Joseph Coulter, cabinet maker.
E. M. Cattley, machinist.
Wells Manufacturing Company, desks.
Tushingham & Son, wood turners.

At 5 o'clock this morning the building was in flames.

*NANCY HANKS AGAIN.*

**She Lowers the Record On the Regulation Track.**

ST. PAUL, Sept. 8.—Nancy Hanks has again broken the world's trotting record. Fifty thousand persons greeted the famous mare as she came on the track at 3.45 this afternoon. For an instant the mare stood irresolute, then a little jerk of the reins started her sailing toward the wire, but a second start was thought necessary. This time Doble nodded his head and a great cry arose, for Nancy was off. The gallant mare flew up the track, making the quarter in 32½ and the cheers broke out afresh. Steadily she flew around the turn. The watches tell that she had reached the 1-2 in 1.03 1-2. She flies toward the 3-4 without the semblance of a skip, and reaches it in 1.34 1-2. Doble is leaning forward and giving her free rein. Like the wind she comes down the stretch and under the wire. Half a minute elapsed before the card came out reading 2.07, and the excitement and the enthusiasm knew no bounds. Doble was carried to the stand on the shoulders of the crowd.

*THE CHOLERA.*

**Thirty Thousand People Reported to Have Died in Persia.**

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Times' Teheran correspondent says: The cholera epidemic has ceased here. The bazaars are again open and business has been resumed. The mortality here is variously estimated at from 13,000 to 20,000, while for the whole of Persia it is at least 30,000.

**One Case in Brussels.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The Secretary of State has received a telegram from the United States Consul at Brussels, saying Brussels officials report one case of cholera.

**Official Returns.**

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—The cholera returns of the Imperial Board of Health place the number of new cases in Hamburg yesterday at 702 and the deaths at 333. The board also reports 18 new cases and 9 deaths in Altona yesterday.

**The Canadian Pacific Withdraws.**

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—The Trans-Continental Association has begun to go to pieces. The Canadian Pacific gave notice to-day of its intention to withdraw from the organization, taking effect Jan. 1. A number of reasons are given for taking this step, and they all hinge on the quarrel between that company and the Southern Pacific.

**Great Fire in Philadelphia.**

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—Fire to-night destroyed the block between 12th, 13th and Catharine and Temple-streets. The loss is estimated at $400,000.

*WHAT RETAILERS SAY.*

**Extensive Preparations Being Made For the Autumn Trade.**

According to the extensive preparations being made by leading local retail drygoods men the opinion that prevails seems to be that the autumn trade will be unusually brisk.

"What are your views as to the ensuing season's trade?" enquired a World reporter of Mr. John Drynan of W. A. Murray & Co.

"Well," said Mr. Drynan, "we have made active preparations for the autumn and winter trade. Everything points to a season of healthy business. We have shown our faith by importing much more heavily than during any former year. Our experience in the past has been that the people are not only continually buying more goods, but they are demanding a better class of goods."

James Eaton said: We are looking for an active selling season. Our sales during the past summer were nearly twice those of the summer of last year, and so far indications are that there will be better buying than there was last fall. The introduction of the trolley car system is going to benefit downtown stores considerably.

Mr. J. Sutcliffe, senior partner of J. Sutcliffe & Son, says: We expect an active season's trade and are prepared for it. Of course our expectations may not be realized. We have often seen bright prospects turn to disappointments and dark prospects develop into all that could be desired. As I say, there is no counting with certainty on what the autumn's business will be. Still we feel confident that it will be good. The crops are fine, the country is in a good financial condition, and there is nothing that I can see to prevent a good season's business being done. We have made ample preparation for it at any rate.

*EUROPE'S WHEAT REQUIREMENTS.*

**During 1892-3 Millions of Bushels Will Be Needed.**

During the crop year just closed the United Kingdom imported over 180,000,000 bushels of wheat—counting wheat and the equivalent of flour in wheat—the largest on record. The requirements of European countries for the current year are estimated from figures arrived at by Austro-Hungarian Government.

Great Britain has produced from 23,000,000 to 25,000,000 hectolitres (65,275,000 to 70,950,000 bushels), and will import from 56,000,000 to 58,000,000 hectolitres (158,928,000 to 164,604,000 bushels). France has produced 105,000,000 hectolitres (297,990,000 bushels), and will import 15,000,000 hectolitres (42,570,000 bushels). Germany has produced from 24,000,000 to 35,000,000 hectolitres (68,492,000 to 99,330,000 bushels), and will import 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 hectolitres (14,190,000 to 17,028,000 bushels). Italy's crop is placed at 40,000,000 hectolitres (113,520,000 bushels), and imports at 9,000,000 to 12,000,000 hectolitres (25,542,000 to 34,056,000 bushels). Austria's crop 17,000,000 to 18,000,000 hectolitres (48,246,000 to 51,084,000 bushels) and imports 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 hectolitres (22,704,000 to 28,380,000 bushels). The wheat harest of all European countries requiring to import the grain is placed at 265,800,000 to 270,800,000 hectolitres (757,178,000 to 768,320,000 bushels), and total imports required by them 114,600,000 to 123,100,000 hectolitres (325,235,000 to 349,358,000 bushels).

**Why Discounts Are Not Lower.**

"It is a peculiar thing," remarked a prominent banker yesterday, "that notwithstanding the plentiful supply of money discount rates remain the same. The only explanation I can give is that the rates on savings deposited with the Government force banks to keep up their rates for deposits, and consequently their rates for discounts. There is no doubt that at present large amounts of money are unemployed. Now, under ordinary conditions this circumstance should tend to reduce the rate of discount, but it does not. The banks are obliged to keep their deposit rate equal, in any event, to that of the Government, and as long as they have to pay 3½ per cent. they cannot reduce their rate of discount very much. It is an advantageous thing for depositors to have a high rate for their deposits, but I question very much if it would not be better for the country at large to have low rates for discount rather than high rates for deposits."

# IN THE WHIRL OF BUSINESS.

*TRADE DEVELOPING STILL MORE ACTIVITY.*

**No Complaint About Payments—Trade and Financial Gossip—Europe's Wheat Requirements—A Sign of Prosperity—Bad for Barley—Grading Canadian Wheat—Business Failures—Trade in Low Shoes.**

The improvement in trade which has been noted from week to week for some time is more pronounced. It is visible in all lines. Compared with a year ago it is more active and decidedly healthier. More country customers are in town than is usual during the first week of the Exhibition, and they all seem to be in the best of spirits. The wholesale dry-goods houses seem to be, as usual, getting the largest share of visitors, and the goods being purchased are of better value than heretofore. In groceries there is also a marked improvement in the volume of trade and, with perhaps the one exception of canned vegetables, all lines are firmer. A fairly good seasonable trade is being done in hardware, and in boots and shoes the demand for summer goods is being more than usually well maintained. The strength of carbolic acid continues to be the feature of the drug trade.

Collections seem fairly satisfactory, and the drygoods trade reports that paper maturing on the 4th and 5th inst. was met with more promptitude than anticipated.

DRUGS.

Trade continues fair. Carbolic acid is still the feature and is firm and scarce both here and in the States; it is dearer here at 35c to 38c.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The factories are still busy on fall orders, but they are not as well forward in this respect as usual. The weather is favorable for business. Payments are up to average.

PAINTS AND OILS.

Trade has developed still greater improvement during the week, and is now fully equal to that of a year ago at this time. The increased movement is principally in turpentine, oil and glass. Prices steady and unchanged. Collections fair.

LEATHER AND HIDES.

Business good and sole leather firm with an upward tendency. There is a good demand both from jobbers and from manufacturers for all grades of Spanish sole leather. There have been no shipments of sole leather to England during the week, but it is expected that some will go out in a few days. Black leathers are dull. Heavy harness leather is in fair request, but light is not much wanted. All the hides coming in are taken, but supply is light. Skins are unchanged at 55c.

HARDWARE.

Trade continues to improve, principally through travelers' orders. Prices continue without material change. Metals are particularly firm. Principal demand is for tin, copper and Canada plates. Reports from Liverpool and the United States markets indicate little or no change. No complaints are heard regarding payments.

DRYGOODS.

Business has opened out a good deal ahead of former exhibition weeks in the number of buyers, in the amount bought and in the excellence of quality of goods demanded. There is no indication of changes in prices worthy of mention. Both Canadian and imported goods are in full supply. But we hear of no over-production or overimportation, and it is the general opinion that if merchants and manufacturers will adhere to these lines for another season the dry goods trade will be soon out of the rut which it fell into some four or five years ago. Payments due on the 4th and 5th inst. have been better than was anticipated and fully up to any forgner season. The opening of the wheat market is now awaited by the trade, when business is expected to take a decided jump.

GROCERIES.

A number of customers are in town, and wholesalers report a largely increased business. The feature of the week was the advance in sugars, which put more spirit into trade than it has had for some time. People who had hitherto been passive were induced to take more general notice of the market, particularly of Japan teas. The new arrivals of these teas do not show any improvement in quality, while the shortage is becoming very pronounced, and that there are no means of recovering either quality or quantity is quite evident. This the public seem to be realizing, for they are purchasing more freely and the market is in consequence getting firmer. Retailers will not be able to buy medium Japan teas at figures lower than those now ruling, judging from present indications. Second crop Japans are much poorer in the liquor. Low grade black teas have advanced 1c to 1½c a pound in China from latest opening prices. Low grade Congous are a little dearer in London. There is an increasing demand on the local market for low and medium grade blacks, principally in Ceylons and Assams. The demand for sugars was checked somewhat by the advance, but a good deal of activity has developed during the last few days. Molasses and syrups are meeting with more enquiry, and prices are firmer in sympathy with sugar; syrups are ½c to ¼c a pound higher. There is no material change in fruits. New Valencias are not on this market yet, but the first arrivals are expected in a day or so. Market for old fruits, both in raisins and currants, is almost exhausted. Coffees firm and in fair demand. The movement in canned goods is only moderate. Salmon continues steady. No change is reported in tomatoes, peas or corn, but, in view of the expected large pack, lower prices are looked for. The weather continues favorable for packing.

*VISITING MERCHANTS.*

**Among Them Are Many Americans Doing the Fair and Warehouses.**

"Customers are in the city from all points from the Atlantic to the Pacific," said a wholesaler to The World yesterday, "and among them are many Americans from the border cities and towns seeing our Exhibition and taking home with them many lines of first-class goods not produced in their own country, all tending to do trade good and to improve the spirits of even the most stubborn pessimist," he concluded with a laugh.

*A SIGN OF PROSPERITY.*

**Retailers Buying a Larger Proportion of Better Class of Goods.**

"One of the best evidences of returning prosperity is the quality of goods demanded by the general public," remarked a well-known wholesale drygoods merchant to The World yesterday. "Taking this as a basis, business must be judged to be healthier. For instance, the cheap 10c wincey is entirely thrown aside this season for the first-class Canadian tweed effects that range in price from 30c to 75c a yard, showing that the consumers in Canada have confidence in the prospects."

**Trade in Low Shoes.**

"We have been very busy all summer," remarked a boot and shoe manufacturer to The World yesterday. "But of course orders have been as a rule small individually, but in the aggregate large, as merchants have been compelled to keep on buying. Summer trade in low shoes and turned goods has been better than ever before. Demand is even good this late in the season, which is something extraordinary. This activity has a tendency to keep up back somewhat in filling fall orders, although we are not so very far behind after all."

**The First Fruits.**

Every year there is a spirited but friendly rivalry among local wholesale grocers as to who shall get the first consignment of new Valencia raisins. Eby, Blain & Co. are this year expecting to claim the honor. "We have been advised," remarked Mr. Eby, "that the new crop Valencia raisins consigned to us have left Montreal, and we expect them to arrive to-morrow," he proudly added. "The price will probably be about 7½c a pound."

*TRADE AND FINANCIAL GOSSIP.*

An unusually large number of cash sales is something that is making glad the hearts of wholesale paint and oil dealers this week.

Generally speaking the world's wheat crop for 1892 promises to be larger and of better quality than of 1891.

The European countries are doing much better. The Danubian provinces and Turkey show the largest gain, namely, 40,000,000, while France and Russia follow with the next largest increases. England, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands show decreased yields. The rye crop in Russia will exceed home requirements.

Local wholesale merchants anticipated a more than usually large influx of country merchants during the Exhibition. Their hopes were based on customers' and travelers' advices, and it looks as if they are not going to be disappointed, for the stream which precedes the river is of larger volume than heretofore.

Toronto is gradually becoming more recognized as the commercial metropolis of the Dominion. Among the outside merchants now visiting the city are a number of Americans, who have been attracted by the more than usually varied assortment offered by the wholesale houses.

The statistical position of sugar is strong. Some American refiners are reported to have instructed their agents not to sell for future delivery, as they anticipate that the importation of beet sugar will be prohibited owing to the cholera scare. Canadian refiners have advised their agents that there will likely be higher prices.

The Canadian banks are well supplied with money for all legitimate purposes, and none seem to know this better than Old Country wholesalers and manufacturers.

United States bank clearings for August were $4,462,303,844. This is more than $100,000,000 smaller than for the previous month and below the aggregate of any preceding month this year. Yet, says Bradstreet's, the August total for 49 cities having comparative aggregates for at least three preceding years is 8.6 per cent. heavier than in August, 1891, is considerably smaller than in August, 1890, but slightly in excess of the aggregate for August, 1889.

*GRADING CANADIAN WHEAT.*

**What is Being Done to Settle an Important Question.**

Mr. C. W. Bullen, Commissioner of the Trunk Line Association, New York, has written General Freight Agent Burton of the Grand Trunk, re grading Canadian grain shipped from New York. Yesterday morning Mr. H. N. Baird, President of the Toronto Board of Trade, received a letter from Mr. Burton, enclosing this extract from Mr. Bullen's missive:

In regard to the subject of grain from Canadian points to New York, I will say for your information it is stated that last winter all the grain being in bond the Produce Exchange had nothing to do with it, and the present method of Canadian shippers is to take out a through bill of lading either in Ontario or Manitoba for a lot of say 16 cars of grain, giving the original car numbers in the through bill of lading. The cars became scattered in transit, and part lots had to be held for weeks waiting for the remainder of the lot to arrive. One company alone had at one time upwards of twelve hundred cars in their yard at this point waiting for the remainder of the lots, and they were finally compelled to shut off receiving Canadian grain altogether. It is therefore suggested that some arrangement whereby this grain will be graded at the shipping point, and the necessity of preserving the identity of the grain done away with, be adopted.

Mr. Burton in his letter said: "At a meeting of the association next Wednesday the subject of grading of Canadian grain, especially from New York, will come up for discussion. The matter is a very important one, and I shall be glad if you will give it your consideration and advise me of the views of your board as early as possible."

Both letters were read at yesterday's meeting of the Grain Exchange, and in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Burton, Messrs. W. D. Matheews, F. P. Spink, L. A. Tilley, James Carruthers and George A. Chapman were appointed a committee to report on the matter. The committee met in the afternoon and instructed Mr. Chapman to prepare a report. This he will do, and it will be submitted to this morning's meeting of the grain section.

After the committee had adjourned President Baird, through Mr. A. White of the G.T.R., received a telegram from Mr. Burton. It was dated New York and read:

Ontario and Manitoba grain matter referred to Trunk Line Committee to confer with committee New York Produce Exchange, United States Customs and Toronto and Montreal Boards of Trade with power. It will be necessary to reduce the number of grades to three or four Ontario grades, and as Manitoba grades are not practically get rid of exporting by lots. Advise Baird.

"This places the matter in a little different aspect," remarked Mr. Baird, "from what the committee had under consideration. What action will now be taken remains to be seen. According to that despatch I should judge that the committee appointed to-day in New York has the power to settle the matter."

*THE FRUITERERS AGITATING.*

**A Central Market Badly Needed—A Prominent Fruiterer Talks.**

The fruit growers and dealers are making another effort to have a central market established.

"The trade done in fruit here in Toronto," said Mr. A. Haynes, agent for the Niagara district fruit growers, "amounts to a million and a half dollars annually, and it is positively a shame that we haven't got some kind of accommodation. If the city should take hold and establish a central market the dealers would be quite willing to pay a commission on all sales transacted therein. Now is the time to bring the matter up so that action may be taken and a building erected for next season's trade. The location must be contiguous to the wharves and in easy distance from the railway tracks, so that fruit coming by boat and rail may be readily transferred to the market building. About three years ago the city made an appropriation for the erection of a market building, but the trouble between the city and the C.P.R. at that time prevented further action being taken. This trouble is now all over and the coast is clear. There is no reason why immediate action should not be taken. The fruit dealers have held several meetings lately and the matter will no doubt be brought before the civic officials at an early date.

*BAD FOR BARLEY.*

**This Year's Crop Short in Weight and Dark in Color.**

"We are not making the active preparations in connection with the barley crop as in former years," said Mr. W. D. Matthews yesterday. "The duty imposed by the United States last year has brought about some uncertainty in the trade; in addition, I am afraid that this year's crop is too light in weight and too dark in color for use by the English brewers. Its value, therefore, will depend entirely, if it is to go for export, upon what it will realize for feeding purposes. I think our barley will average two pounds to the bushel less than that of last year, and a large proportion of it is stained."

**Still Unsettled.**

The creditors of Thomas Dunlap, the insolvent Toronto Junction grocer, met yesterday afternoon in the office of Campbell & May, but the meeting adjourned without arriving at any conclusion. Liabilities $1500 and assets $1350.

**Ruby & Hilker Assign.**

Ruby & Hilker, general merchants of Port Elgin, have assigned. The liabilities are not yet known, but the firm is reported to owe $5000 to one house here. The senior partner died a couple of months ago, and this no doubt hastened the final collapse of the firm.

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## STOCKS, GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

**Active Buying in Northwest Land—Wheat Firmer—Corn Advances—Dulness in Local Grain and Flour—Foreign Markets—Business Embarrassments.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Sept. 7.

Consols were quoted at 97 for money and account to-day.

The Bank of British North America has declared a dividend of 3½ per cent.

Gross receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week closing Sept. 3 were $4,5.730, as compared with $400,275 for the corresponding week last year.

Exports of flour from New York to-day were 4229 barrels and 44,051 sacks. Exports of wheat were 885,000 bushels; corn 78,104.

Bradstreet's reports an increase in the visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada of 2,750,000 bushels during the week ending Monday last.


J. F. EBY. HUGH BLAIN.

NEW VALENCIAS

The first new fruit in this market, arriving to-morrow, Friday. 246

EBY, BLAIN & CO.


Business in local stocks was more active to-day, transactions totaling 1641 shares. The prominent feature was Northwest Land, in which 1440 shares changed hands at quotations, two full points over yesterday's opening. Other lines were to a large extent neglected. A few shares in Ontario, Commerce, Western Assurance, Incandescent Light, Commercial Cable and Canada Permanent were sold, and this constituted the day's business. Montreal, Imperial, Hamilton and Commercial Cable closed fractionally higher compared with yesterday's close, and Merchants' and Dominion were weaker.

LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

| STOCKS. | 12 M. Ask'd. | 12 M. Bid | 4 P. M. Ask'd. | 4 P. M. Bid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 227 | 224 | 226½ | 224½ |
| Ontario | 123 | 120 | .... | 117 |
| Molsons | 171 | 171 | .... | 171 |
| Toronto | 260 | 255 | 260 | 255 |
| Merchants' | 158 | 156 | .... | 158 |
| Commerce | 145 | 144 | 145 | 144 |
| Imperial | 190 | 189 | 191½ | 190½ |
| Dominion | 270 | 267½ | .... | 267 |
| Standard | 169½ | 168 | 169½ | 168 |
| Hamilton | 180 | 177 | 177 | 177 |
| British America | .... | .... | .... | 99 |
| Western Assurance | 147 | 146 | 147 | 146½ |
| Canada Life | .... | 619 | .... | .... |
| Confederation Life | 350 | 345 | .... | .... |
| Consumers' Gas | 193½ | 191½ | 193½ | 191½ |
| Dominion Telegraph | .... | 101 | .... | .... |
| Canada Northwest Land Co. | 75½ | 73½ | 75½ | .... |
| Can. Pacific Railway Stock | 83½ | 87¾ | 88¼ | 87¾ |
| Toronto Electric Light | 180 | 179 | .... | 179 |
| Incandescent Light Co. | .... | 127½ | .... | 127½ |
| Com. Cable Co. | 159 | 158 | 159½ | 158½ |
| Bell Tel. | 160 | 158 | 160 | 158 |
| Duluth, com. | 15 | 13½ | .... | .... |
| British Canadian L. & Invest. | 116 | 115 | .... | .... |
| B. & Loan Association | 110 | 110½ | .... | .... |
| Can. Landed Nat. Invest. Co. | 136 | 135 | .... | .... |
| Canada Permanent | .... | 200 | .... | .... |
| " 20 per cent. | .... | 190 | .... | .... |
| Central Can. Loan | .... | 110½ | .... | .... |
| Dom. Savings & Loan | 100 | 98 | .... | .... |
| Farmers' Loan & Savings | .... | 118 | .... | .... |
| " 20 per cent. | .... | 119 | .... | .... |
| Freehold L. & S. | .... | 143 | .... | .... |
| " 20 per cent. | .... | 134 | .... | .... |
| Hamilton Provident | .... | 129 | .... | .... |
| Huron & Erie | .... | 160 | .... | .... |
| " 20 per cent. | .... | 150 | .... | .... |
| Imperial L. & Invest. | .... | 128 | .... | .... |
| Lon. & Can. L. & A. xd | 134 | 132 | .... | .... |
| London Loan | .... | 104½ | .... | .... |
| London & Ontario | 119 | 117½ | .... | .... |
| Manitoba Loan | 115 | .... | .... | .... |
| North of Scotland | .... | 155 | .... | .... |
| Ontario Industrial Loan | 109½ | .... | .... | .... |
| Ont. Loan & Deb. | .... | 128½ | .... | .... |
| People's Loan | 119 | 117½ | .... | .... |
| Real Estate, Loan & Deb. | 50 | .... | .... | .... |
| Toronto Savings & Loan | .... | 134 | .... | .... |
| Union Loan & Savings | .... | 137 | .... | .... |
| Western Canada L. & S. | .... | 173 | .... | .... |
| " 25 per cent. | 165 | 164½ | .... | .... |

Transactions: In the morning—50 of Western Assurance at 142; 50 of Northwest Land at 77½, 1000, 50 and 150 at 78, 20 at 78¾, 20, 100 and 100 at 78½; 10 of Incandescent Light at 127½ reported; 25 of Commercial Cable at 159¼; 1 of B. & Loan with power. It will be necessary to reduce the number of grades to three or four Ontario grades, and as Manitoba grades are not practically get rid of exporting by lots. Advise Baird.

"This places the matter in a little different aspect," remarked Mr. Baird, "from what the committee had under consideration. What action will now be taken remains to be seen. According to that despatch I should judge that the committee appointed to-day in New York has the power to settle the matter."

*THE FRUITERERS AGITATING.*

**A Central Market Badly Needed—A Prominent Fruiterer Talks.**

The fruit growers and dealers are making another effort to have a central market established.

"The trade done in fruit here in Toronto," said Mr. A. Haynes, agent for the Niagara district fruit growers, "amounts to a million and a half dollars annually, and it is positively a shame that we haven't got some kind of accommodation. If the city should take hold and establish a central market the dealers would be quite willing to pay a commission on all sales transacted therein. Now is the time to bring the matter up so that action may be taken and a building erected for next season's trade. The location must be contiguous to the wharves and in easy distance from the railway tracks, so that fruit coming by boat and rail may be readily transferred to the market building. About three years ago the city made an appropriation for the erection of a market building, but the trouble between the city and the C.P.R. at that time prevented further action being taken. This trouble is now all over and the coast is clear. There is no reason why immediate action should not be taken. The fruit dealers have held several meetings lately and the matter will no doubt be brought before the civic officials at an early date.

*BAD FOR BARLEY.*

**This Year's Crop Short in Weight and Dark in Color.**

"We are not making the active preparations in connection with the barley crop as in former years," said Mr. W. D. Matthews yesterday. "The duty imposed by the United States last year has brought about some uncertainty in the trade; in addition, I am afraid that this year's crop is too light in weight and too dark in color for use by the English brewers. Its value, therefore, will depend entirely, if it is to go for export, upon what it will realize for feeding purposes. I think our barley will average two pounds to the bushel less than that of last year, and a large proportion of it is stained."

**Still Unsettled.**

The creditors of Thomas Dunlap, the insolvent Toronto Junction grocer, met yesterday afternoon in the office of Campbell & May, but the meeting adjourned without arriving at any conclusion. Liabilities $1500 and assets $1350.

**Ruby & Hilker Assign.**

Ruby & Hilker, general merchants of Port Elgin, have assigned. The liabilities are not yet known, but the firm is reported to owe $5000 to one house here. The senior partner died a couple of months ago, and this no doubt hastened the final collapse of the firm.


WYLD, GRASETT & DARLING

MERCHANT TAILORS' GOODS—Fashions for the fall show the following goods will be worn in Overcoatings, of which we carry a large stock: Meltons, Beavers, Venetians, Naps, Freizes Tweeds. For Suitings—3-4 and 6-4 Tweeds, Fancy Worsteds, Black and Blue Cheviots and Serges. For Trouserings—Wool and Worsteds in new designs and colorings. We keep constantly in stock an immense stock of Black and Blue Worsteds in all makes, the best value to be had in the English manufacturing districts. Choice assortment of Vestings in light and dark patterns. Trimmings—Complete assortment of all lines. Mitchell's and West's Fashion Plates.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS—Our stock of Neckwear is now complete, both in Black and Fancy, and includes some exclusive patterns which are specially choice. We also show a large range of Foreign and Domestic Linen Collars in various shapes and heights. White Dress Shirts, Full Dress Shirts, Foreign and Domestic Underwear from the lowest to the finest grades. Lined and Unlined Gloves, Ringwood Gloves and Mits, I.R. Coats with long capes and sewn seams, Umbrellas, Suspenders, etc.

STAPLE DEPARTMENT—Grey and Fancy Flannels, Navy, Scarlet and White Flannels, Wool Druggets, extra value Grey and White Wool and Union Blankets; Union Sheetings, 36 in. and 72 in.; Shirtings, Flannelettes, well-assorted patterns, good value; Table Linens, Towels, Towelings, etc.

WYLD, GRASETT & DARLING, TORONTO.

TOURISTS' RAZORS

RICE LEWIS & SON (Limited) Cor. King and Victoria-streets, TORONTO.


**GRAIN AND PRODUCE.**

Both grain and flour are very dull. Scarcely any transactions are reported, though more active trading is expected to set in at an early date. No business was transacted on call at the Board of Trade. There were several bids but no sellers.

**PRODUCE RECEIPTS.**

Receipts produce at Toronto yesterday were: Per Grand Trunk Railway—Wheat 1664 bushels, oats 431 bushels, flour 954 bags, butter 61 packages, cheese 35 boxes, eggs 98 boxes, leather 75 rolls, raw hides 1250 lbs, cattle 5, swine 75, horses 8, sheep 233, potatoes 41 bags, apples 1 bbl. Per Canadian Pacific Railway—Wheat 103 bushels, oats 691 bushels, butter 10 packages, cheese 75 boxes, eggs 10 boxes, sugar 170 bbls, cattle 103, sheep 56, horses 5.


BRITISH, AMERICAN, and CANADIAN STOCKS — BOUGHT AND SOLD — ALEXANDER & FERGUSSON, Bank of Commerce Building.


**STREET MARKET.**

Receipts of wheat were large to-day and prices easier. Oats sold at 35c for old and 34½c for new. Receipts of hay were liberal and prices steady. The movement of dressed hogs was light. Quotations are: White wheat, 70c; spring wheat, 69c; red winter, 74c; goose wheat, 64c; barley, 40c; old oats, 35 to 35½c; new oats, 33c to 34½c; peas, 60c; old hay, $11; new hay, $9 to $10 a ton; straw, $11 to $12; eggs, 18c a doz.; roll butter per lb, 20c; spring chickens, 50 to 65c; turkeys per lb, 10 to 12c; ducks, 60 to 70c; dressed hogs, $6.50 to $6.75 per cwt.; potatoes per bag, 30c; beef, fore, $5 to $6, and hind $9 to $9.50; mutton, 5 to 9c per lb; lamb, 10 to 12½c per lb; veal, 7 to 8½c per lb.


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**PROVISIONS.**

Stocks are in comfortable shape in sweet and pickled pork products, and business is fairly active. Long clear bacon has been moving very freely, and prices are firm. A few carloads of dressed pork have been bought for early delivery, and it is probable that the price will open at $6.50 a cwt. Butter is coming in fairly well, but country dealers are holding off for higher prices, and the same may be said of eggs. Quotations do not show much change: Eggs 11½c and 12c per doz.; butter, creamery, rolls, 20c to 25c, creamery, tubs, 22c to 24c, dairy rolls 17c to 19c; dairy tubs, 16c to 18c, inferior 12c to 14c, hams 12c to 12½c, breakfast bacon 12½c, backs 12c, spiced rolls 9c, long clear bacon 9c to 9½c, American lard 9c to 9½c, tierces 9c to 9½c, Canadian lard 10c pails, evaporated apples 7c to 8c, dried apples 5c to 6c, white beans $1.35 to $1.40 a bushel.


MONEY TO LOAN 5 AND 6 PER CENT. H. O'HARA & CO. BROKERS, 246 KING-STREET ENTRANCE. MAIL BUILDING


**THE FRUIT MARKET.**

Consignments of fruit were heavier to-day than on any day this week. The supply of all kinds of seasonable fruit was liberal, but prices were held above the figure which consumers were willing to pay, and consequently there was a slow market. Crawford peaches sold at $1.50 and $1.75 per basket; Mountain Rose peaches $1 to $1.25 a basket; Bartlett pears at 75c a basket; preserving pears 25c to 30c, Niagara grapes 5c to 6c a lb., Concord grapes 5c to 6c a lb., Moore's early 5c to 6c, watermelons $15, $20 and $25 a hundred, according to quality; music melons $3 a bbl., plums $1 to $1.25 a basket, pears $1 to $1.25 a basket, elderberries 20c to 25c a basket, apples $1.25 to $1.75 per bbl.


J. W. LANG & CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS. Just arrived—New lobsters, celebrated Sterling Brand. Also full lines of canned and potted meats, soups, etc. 59, 61, 63 Front-st, East, corner Church-street, Toronto. 246


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