LOCAL MARKET.

London, Friday, Dec. 11.

Considering the large number of loads that have been offered this week, and the fact that the hay offered today was in a wet condition, there was a fairly brisk demand, at $10 50 per ton for choice and $9 to $10 for inferior and second quality.

Straw was very dull, at $6 per ton; a couple of choice loads of wheat straw that had been bargained for on the previous day, were sold at $7 per ton.

Oats sold at $1 10 to $1 15 per cwt, according to quality.

No other kind of grain on sale.

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Firm; prime steers, $6 25 to $6 50. Veals—Receipts, 200 haed; active and 25c higher, $7 to $10 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,500 head; slow and 5c to 10c lower; heavy, $5 95 to $6; mixed, $5 90 to $5 95; Yorkers, $5 30 to $5 90; roughs, $5 25 to $5 50; dairies, $5 40 to $5 75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 7,000 head; sheep and yearlings slow and steady; lambs active and 20c higher; lambs, $5 to $7 75; ewes, $4 to $4 25; Canada lambs, $6 85 to $7 15.

TORONTO.

City Cattle Market, Toronto, Dec. 10.—The market today felt the effects of the past two or three days' heavy runs and was slow and weak for common butcher cattle, though steady to firm for anything of fair to choice quality. There were not so many of the extra choice Christmas cattle among today's offerings as there were yesterday, but several small lots and picked cattle fetched high prices, around $5, and in some instances higher. The bulk of the offerings, however, were only of fair to medium quality, with a large proportion of very poor stuff, which went off slowly. The market for common butcher and canners has fallen off, in view of the near approach of Christmas, when butchers are looking for something of a little choicer quality than at other times.

The run was 160 loads, for two days, with 2,540 head of cattle, 2,700 sheep and lambs, 700 hogs and 111 calves.

Butcher cattle—Market steady.

Lambs steady.

Sheep steady.

Export cattle steady.

Hogs—Market steady; select hogs, $5.75 to $5.90, f. o. b.

Extra choice butcher cattle scarce and firm.

Milch cows and springers — Market steady to firm for good stock, but easier for poor quality.

Feeding steers and good shortkeeps steady to firm at $3.60 to $3.80.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500 head; steady; beeves, $3 40 to $7 65; Texans, $3 40 to $4 30; westerns, $3 30 to $5 60; stockers and feeders, $2 60 to $4 80; cows and heifers, $1 50 to $4 90; calves, $5 to $8 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000 head; weak to 5c lower; light, $5 to $5 65; mixed, $5 25 to $5 87½; heavy, $5 30 to $5 87½; rough, $5 30 to $5 45; good to choice heavy, $5 45 to $5 87½; pigs, $3 60 to $4 85; bulk of sales at $5 45 to $5 75.

Sheep—Receipts, 16,000 head; steady to 10c lower; natives, $2 50 to $4 70; westerns, $2 50 to $4 75; yearlings, $4 25 to $5; lambs, $4 50 to $7 40; westerns, $4 75 to $7 50.

COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 10.—Cotton — Futures opened barely steady; December, 9.07; January, 8.75; March, 8.75; May, 8.85; July, 8.79; August, 8.68; October, 8.58. Closed barely steady. Closing bids: December, 8.93; January, 8.69; February, 8.69; March, 8.61; April, 8.61; May, 8.68; June, 8.65; July, 8.67; August, 8.58; September, 8.44; October, 8.45.

Spot closed quiet, 10 points lower; middling uplands, 9.15; middling gulf, 9.40; sales, 27,500 bales.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 11.—Cotton—Futures opened easy; December, 8.93c; January, 8.57c; March, 8.55c; May, 8.63c; July, 8.61c; August, 8.59c to 8.52c; October, 8.40c.

DAIRY MARKETS

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 22c to 30c; dairies, 21½c to 25c. Cheese—Firm, 14c to 15c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 10.—Butter—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 5,631 packages.

Cheese—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 902 boxes.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—Oil opened and closed at $1 78.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 10.—Credit balances, $1 78.

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BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—Beans—Spot, $2 15; January, $2 15; May, $2 25; all nominal.

SUGAR MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Prices for sugar were quoted today as follows: Montreal granulated, per barrel, $4 60; yellow, per barrel, $4 20; in bags, 5c less; Paris lumps, per cwt, $5 65; do, in 50-lb boxes, per cwt, $5 65; do, in 25-lb boxes, per cwt, $5 85; Acadia, granulated, $4 50; Beaver, $4 30.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 10.—Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3.36c; centrifugal, 96° test, 3.86c; molasses sugar, 3.11c; refined steady. Molasses—Steady.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Holders of Ontario wheat are asking 95c, but as the demand has slackened off, millers and exporters do not want it at that figure. Coarse grains are also easier, but despite the weakness of the western markets, spot western wheat is firm, as it can be sold in competition with all-rail wheat.

Wheat—Ontario No. 2 white or red, outside, 94c to 94½c; No. 2 mixed, 93c to 94c; No. 2 goose wheat, 91c to 92c outside; Manitoba wheat, spot, No. 1 northern, $1 08 to $1 08½; No. 2 northern, $1 05½ to $1 06; No. 3 northern, $1 03½ to $1 04, on track at lake ports.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 39c to 39½c outside; No. 2 mixed, 37½c to 38½c outside; Manitoba No. 2, 43c to 43½c on track at lake ports; extra No. 1 feed, 41½c; No. 1 feed, 41c, on track at lake ports.

Barley—No. 2, 56c to 57c; No. 3 extra, 54½c to 55c; No. 3, 53c to 54c.

Corn—Old, 71½c to 72c, Toronto freights, for Nos. 2 or 3 yellow; new No. 3 yellow, 68c to 69c, Toronto freights.

Rye—Dull; No. 2, 72c to 73c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 57 cto 57½c outside.

Peas—No. 2, 86½c to 87c outside.

Flour—Manitoba first patents, $5 80; seconds, $5 30; strong bakers, $5 10; Ontario winter wheat patents, $3 75 to $3 80, in buyers' sacks, outside.

Millfeed—Bran, $21 50 per ton in bags outside; shorts, $22 to $23 in bags, outside.

RECKONS DEFICIT AT 114,000,000.

Cortelyou Thinks Next Fisca Year Government Will Be "Shy" Even More.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The annual report of George Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, shows a reversal of conditions for the fiscal year 1908, as compared with the fiscal year 1907.

For the latter year the receipts were $84,236,586 in excess of the disbursements. For the fiscal year 1908 the disbursements were $58,070,201 in excess of the receipts, due to business depression and increased appropriations. Fortunately, the report says, the available cash balance at the beginning of the fiscal year was $272,061,445.

Growing Each Year.

The secretary estimates the deficit for the present fiscal year (1908-1909) as $114,000,000.

Basing his figures on the estimates of appropriations already submitted by the several executive departments the secretary is of the opinion that the excess of expenditure over receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, may reach $143,046,796.

On the subject of the tariff the secretary says the new administration is pledged to a fair and equitable revision. The necessities of the Government should be a guide, at least in part, to the measure and character of the revision.

More Revenue Needed.

If deficiencies reach anything like the figures given, ample provision must be made through new subjects of taxation, to provide adequate revenue. The earnest consideration of Congress is especially urged to this phase of the subject.

He says it would seem that means might be devised to diminish the transfer of physical gold between the various money centres of the world. That credits of loans of gold might be extended more generously than at present by one nation to another in times of stress was proposed soon after the crisis of a year ago, he declares.

It has been suggested than an international conference be called of representatives of the ministries of finance and of the great state banks with a view to a more prompt and effective co-operation in emergencies.

Statement Misleading.

The secretary says that the present form of treasury statement is in several respects misleading. It makes no separation between the expenditures for the ordinary service of the Government and those for permanent public works, like river and harbor improvement, public buildings and the Panama Canal.

If these statements differentiated between the ordinary and the extraordinary expenditures the record for the fiscal year 1908 would show ordinary receipts $601,126,118. Ordinary disbursements, $570,477,838. Surplus of receipts, $30,648,279. Extraordinary receipts, $40,804,268. Extraordinary disbursements, $122,075,230.

WHAT WALL ST. EXPECTS

Every Lion To Do His Duty When T. R. Goes Hunting.

Washington, Dec. 10.—"When I go to Africa, Wall street expects every lion to do his duty," said President Roosevelt to a delegation of Georgians who called on him at the White House today.

One of the Georgians was Hoke Smith, governor of that state, and among those who accompanied him were Mayor Robert F. Madox, of Atlanta, and Walter D. Cooper, secretary of the Atlanta chamber of commerce. There were other people in the room at the time, and the President spoke in a voice loud enough for everybody to hear. Some of the others were Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, Editor Albert Shaw, of the Review of Reviews, and Editor E. H. Butler, of the Buffalo News.

The President's remark was made in conversation with the Georgians, in which he referred with emphasis to his policy of regulating corporations. "Wall street," he said, "hates me with fervent sincerity, not because of any general denunciation of railroads, but because I have done things."

He said also that it was fatuous folly and would never accomplish anything to urge, as some people urged, that great interstate corporations be curbed on the one hand while denying to the national Government the power to do it on the other.

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Plan a Merger of Many Theaters

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Initiative steps to make Chicago a theatrical trust city, co-ordinate in power and importance with the centre in New York, were taken today upon the arrival in the city of A. L. Erlanger, of Klaw & Erlanger. From what was learned from an authoritative source the plan involved the merger of 75 theatres owned or controlled in the western states between Chicago and San Francisco.

For immediate absorption the theatrical properties of the cities of Omaha, Denver and San Francisco are under consideration, and the details of the transaction are to be worked out between today and Saturday, when the head of the theatrical trust returns to New York City. Klaw & Erlanger already control 500 theatres in the United States, with a money value running into millions of dollars. Owners and lessees of the western houses are now being carried on the fast trains towards Chicago and conferences as to minute arrangements are to begin immediately upon their arrival.

Castro Seeks To Settle Differences

Bordeaux, Dec. 11.—President Castro, of Venezuela, was allowed to land on French soil yesterday, when he arrived at Pauillao, thirty miles from Bordeaux, on the steamship Guadeloupe. After a conference with a representative of the French Government, Castro came ashore and proceeded to Bordeaux. His future movements are in doubt.

It was believed to be the intention of the Government to exact an apology from President Castro before permitting him to land, but apparently a communication received by the Government from M. Mollou, the French minister at Peru, who also was a passenger on the Guadeloupe, to the effect that Castro was anxious to arrange a settlement of the differences between the two countries, and the interview which the Government's representative had with the President at Pauillao combined to bring about a change in the plan. A member of the President's suite said that upon Castro's arrival in Paris he will send a representative to M. Pichon, the foreign minister, to convey his thanks for the courtesies extended to him at Bordeaux.

This may furnish the desired opening for the commencement of negotiations with the French Government.

President Castro refused to receive newspaper representatives, but it was announced that he expected to undergo an operation, and after that he would visit Spain. As to the naval demonstration along the Venezuelan coast by the Dutch warships, President Castro declared that he did not believe Holland would violate the spirit of right.

ALLEGED "HUGGER" IN RETIREMENT

Sarnia's P. M. Remands Forran for Week—Stranded Steamer Released.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 10.—The steamer Mohawk, of the Western Transit Company, which was ashore on Gravel Island, fifteen miles west of Detour Light, has been released by the big wrecking steamer and was brought down yesterday to Port Huron.

Charles Forran, who was arrested as being Sarnia's "Jack the Hugger," was before the magistrate today. A number of ladies whom he is believed to have molested were called to identify him. Forran was remanded for a week.

The funerals of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Paul, the victims of gas asphyxiation, will be held tomorrow afternoon to Lakeview Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Paul were aged 85 and 84 respectively, and their sudden taking off has caused universal regret, not only in Sarnia, but throughout the county, where they were well known and highly respected. It is thought that the cause of the terrible accident was due to a broken gas main. An inquest will be held, and Coroner Logie has empanelled a jury to meet Monday evening.

A large number of boats will make Sarnia their winter quarters, as free dockage has been secured for all boats in the bay.

At the C. O. F. Hall last night the team of that society defeated the W. O. W. team by a score of 21—18. The next game will be between the A. O. F. and the W. O. W.

Eli James, the Indian, charged with perjury, has been sentenced to three years. John Menass, on a similar charge, has been released.

Mrs. Walter White (nee Mildred Luscombe), daughter of Mr. William Luscombe, died suddenly in Chicago yesterday.

A number of local Shriners will attend the ceremonial session of Mocha Temple in London tomorrow.

Sarnia has its first curling match of the season yesterday afternoon.

A GEORGIAN OUTRAGE

Poor White Family Brutally Treated by Prominent Young Whites.

Cartersville, Ga., Dec. 11.—That a band of ruffians entered the home of J. A. Gibson, three miles from Cartersville, Saturday night, and perpetrated a series of dastardly outrages upon the members of that family, including the shooting of Mrs. Gibson, and criminal assault upon Lizzie Hardy, a 16-year-old girl, who lived with the Gibson family, is the substance of charges contained in warrants just issued for Bud Lanham, Steve Heath and Tom Collier, three well-known young white men of this county. Lanham and Collier have been placed in jail, and efforts are being made to capture Heath.

It is charged that the three men went to the Gibson home Saturday night, and after being refused admittance, one of them emptied the contents of a revolver into the house, one of the balls entering Mrs. Gibson's back, and dangerously wounding her. The husband ran out to summon officers, and the three men, it is said, entered the house with drawn revolvers, threatening the lives of Mrs. Gibson and her children. Then two of them dragged Miss Hardy out of the house, and it is alleged, assaulted her.

Following threats received by the Gibson family, who are in extremely meagre financial circumstances, Judge Fite took steps to protect them. Indignation is high against the alleged assailants.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 10.—At Boston—Winnifredian, from Liverpool.

At Liverpool—Ivernia, from Boston.

At Southampton—Adriatic, from New York.

At Boulogne—Nieuw Amsterdam, from New York.

At Havre—La Lorraine, from New York.

At Trieste—Argentina, from New York.

At New York—Montana, from London; Narragansett, from London.

DR. D. M. FRASER VERY POPULAR

Stratford Physician Was Born in Westminster Township in 1846.

Stratford, Dec. 11.—When the news of the death of Dr. D. M. Fraser, which took place at his residence on Downie street, Wednesday night, about 10:30 o'clock, became known, there was a feeling of deep sorrow in hundreds of home which he had served in the capacity of family physician for upwards of 30 years, diligently, sympathetically and skilfully.

During a recent visit his Lordship the Bishop of Huron made specially to see his old friend and family physician, his lordship said to the Beacon: "Dr. D. M. Fraser is the highest type of family physician I ever knew. He has all the characteristics of Dr. McClure, of the 'Bonnie Brier Bush,' with a graceful courtesy added. He is always the gentleman."

Dr. Fraser was for many years G. T. R. physician for this district.

Dr. Donald Martin Fraser was born in Westminster Township, near London, on the 29th of April, 1846, the son of Donald Fraser, of Inverness, Scotland, and Jane Martin (a sister of John Martin, of county Down, Ireland, famous in Irish history of the last century), who came to this country in the early thirties. His youth was spent on the farm; he was educated at the public school in Westminster, and at the grammar school at London, and graduated in medicine from McGill University, Montreal. After practicing for a short time at Morpeth, in Kent County, he came to Stratford in 1871, and here he found his life's work. In 1873 he was married to Miss Caroline Michie, of London, a niece of the late Judge Elliot, and a member of the well-known Michie family of London and Toronto. Her mother, Mrs. C. Michie, was a resident of Stratford for many years, and died at Dr. Fraser's residence only a couple of years ago. The family are: Mrs. Fraser; three daughters, Mrs. W. S. Deacon, of Vancouver, B. C.; Misses Jean M. and Maysie, at home, and Maxwell J., a fourth year medical student at McGill University, Montreal.

Dr. D. M. Fraser was one of a large family of eight sons and three daughters. Of these only four brothers and two sisters survive—Samuel, William and Robert M., retired farmers, now residents of London, and M. D. Fraser, K. C., also of London. A brother, the late James H. Fraser, K. C., represented London in the Conservative interest in the House of Commons, in 1874. The surviving sisters are Misses Mary and Elizabeth M. Fraser, of London.

The funeral will take place from the family residence on Saturday at 2 p.m. to Avondale Cemetery.

TABLET FROM TEMPLE

Chinaman Makes Great Find at Sale of Unclaimed Baggage.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Wa We Wing, a local Chinaman, secured the big prize at the C. P. R. sale of unclaimed baggage today. It was a golden tablet, which Wing found on opening the box of a deceased countryman who had died on his journey from Pekin to New York.

The tablet which was found amongst the contents of the box, carefully warpped in silk, has been recognized as that of the god Shang, the supreme being of China, which is kept in a Pekin temple, and is the object of adoration by the Emperor every year at the festival of the winter solstice, Dec. 21.

This tablet is supposed to have come from the wall of the altar of the temple of the Sacred Nine at Pekin, which is surrounded by marble columns, which are arranged in multiples of nine until the base is reached with its circle of ninety-one pillars. The discovery created quite a sensation among local Chinamen. The lucky finder is sure to be rewarded when he returns the tablet, which he means to do without delay.

The price paid for the box containthis treasure was two dollars.

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NO SENSE IN OTTAWA PROTEST

Also It Would Be Unfair to the Premier, Says Conservative Organ.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—In an editorial on the election protest against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Ottawa, the Ottawa Citizen (Conservative), says:

"It is not to the interest of this city, now that the political battle is over, that the troubles of a protest should be thrust upon it, especially when nobody wants it, and simply because it may be useful to saw off the protest against some obscure member, who never did anything for Ottawa or Ottawa for him. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has done a great deal for the city of Ottawa during his residence here, by his personal influence in forwarding Federal improvement works at the capital and by other ways has made himself personally popular. Only last year he took a leading part in endeavoring to secure for Ottawa a fine hotel and station. So far his efforts have not been successful, but that was not his fault. In spite of that, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier became the Liberal candidate for Ottawa in the last election the Conservative party here fought his candidature with a loyal determination to defeat him if possible because it was a fight on national lines, in regard to which local affairs should not count. They gave him a square, hard battle.

"But the campaign of October is over now; the national issues are decided beyond question of a doubt, and not only is it not to the interest of this city to pursue the Premier with an unpopular protest at the instance of interested outsiders, but, when all is said and done, it is not a fair deal."

Dr. J. L. Chabot, who was the French-Canadian Conservative candidate in Ottawa against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, states in a published interview today that he was in no wise concerned in the protest against the Prime Minister.

CENTRALIA LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Gerald Hanlon Writes the Jolly Soul in Care of The Advertiser.

"Childhood, childhood,
Innocent days of childhood.
Coming from school,
Wading the pool,
Roaming in the wildwood."

It's the season of Santa Time. The days and nights of dreaming for downy heads is on. Soon it will be "the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature will be stirring—not even a mouse"; when thousands, yes, millions, of children the world over will hold their breath and lie awake till the sandman comes, waiting for Santa Claus.

Even now the little ones are getting busy. Witness this letter from a nearby town, to Santa, addressed in care of The Advertiser:

"Centralia, Dec. 11, 1908.

"Dear Santa Claus:

"Please will you bring me an automobile big enough to ride in, and please bring me a train with a track, and please bring me a drum and some candies and nuts. I think this is all I can ask from you. So good-bye.

"From your loving friend,

"GERALD HANLON."

The letter bears the earmarks of Canadian assurance and faith in the goodwill and intentions of the rotund reindeer driver from the north. Here's hoping that Santa sees it and delivers the goods.

FOR COAST DEFENSE SAYS VON BUELOW

Germany Not Building Ships to War on Another Power.

Berlin, Dec. 11. — Referring to the subject of the international restriction of naval armaments, Chancellor Von Buelow said in the Reichstag yesterday that Germany had regarded such restriction as extremely desirable, but the Government doubted the practical feasibility of the idea, and it did not believe the present was an opportune time to carry on a fruitless discussion of Germany's naval armaments, which were designed merely to protect the coast of the fatherland and the trade of the country.

Germany, in her shipbuilding plans, would not exceed the requirements of her own protection, the chancellor said, and he expressed the opinion that from the very moment Germany decided to reduce her military equipment below the level required by the position in Europe, the foreign relations of the empire would become grave and peace would be seriously threatened.

Speaking on the same general subject, Foreign Secretary Von Schoen said that Germany had been making preparations to reduce her military quota in China, but the change in the Chinese Government had made it inexpedient to carry out these proposals at once, because in the opinion of experts the withdrawal of German troops at this moment might occasion disquiet among the Chinese people, and lead to disorders.

The Government intended, however, to either withdraw its Chinese troops entirely or make a big reduction in their numbers.

THE KING IN DANGER.

London, Dec. 11. — In view of the disquieting rumors abroad, the Lancet is authorized to state that the health of his Majesty the King gives no cause for anxiety. The King contracted a slight cold, and subsequently showed symptoms of inuenza and neuralgia, but he improved under treatment, and he has derived decided benefit from the change of air at Brighton.

December Reduction Sale

Again we present to the London women our annual December Reduction Sale, and for the benefit of the residents who have moved to London during the past year we wish to inform them that this sale is eagerly watched for by the knowing public and shrewd buyers, who take advantage of securing a high-class garment for little money. It has always been our custom to give our customers this advantage of cut prices BEFORE CHRISTMAS, so buy now if you need a winter coat, raincoat, skirt, suit, waist or underskirt.

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AIMS AND IDEALS OF TWO PEOPLE

Eloquent Tribute by Professor Smith at New York Canadian Banquet.

New York, Dec. 10.—The parallel destinies of Canada and the United States and the traits and temperament that go together to make up the national characteristics of the citizens of each of the two countries were glorified in song and story at the twelfth annual dinner of the Canadian Society of New York at Delmonico's last night, where the British King and the President of the United States were in turn toasted. The 400 members of the society, seated at tables gay with miniature standards of the Dominion, were particularly responsive to the sentiments expressed by Prof. Robert Cooper Smith, of Montreal; John Foord, secretary of the American Asiatic Society; Joe E. Hedges and Julius M. Mayer. Prof. Smith was introduced as the "Choate of Canada."

After humorously voicing his fear that too lavish an exposure of the actual and potential wrealth of Canada might arouse the cupidity of unscrupulous neighbors, Prof. Smith outlined a few of the works of development and exploitation now under way beyond the mystical forty-fifth degree of latitude, which, he declared, would make good the prophecy that the twentieth century belonged to Canada.

The rapid expansion in British Columbia, the opening of the Cobalt district, the deepening of the St. Lawrence waterways and the Georgian Bay and other canal projects would roll up the map of Canada 200 miles further north, he said.

There were greater things than national progress, the speaker asserted. As wealth and power in the hands of the people of the United States had been means, not ends, so in the hands of the people of Canada wealth and power would be also merely ends—ends leading to higher ideals, purer joys, deeper loyalty. With greater wealth would come greater responsibility, with more powers, more forbearance.

There could be no jealousy between the United States and Canada, he declared, because the aims and ideals of the two countries were identical.

"We have confidence in your national conscience," he said, "and we wish you more power, as we wish ourselves more power, because your power and our power mean more of a common force that makes for the enforcement of the principles that contracts are binding and that rights of nations are as sacred as rights of individuals.

Replying to the toast, "The Empire," John Foord, secretary for the American Asiatic Society, eulogized the spirit of loyalty to the mother country, which, he said, was particularly alive in the hearts of the Canadians.

Job E. Hedges replied to the toast, "The New America," and Julius M. Mayer, former attorney-general of New York, responded to this sentiment, "The Land We Live In."

J. J. McPhee, president of the society, acted as toastmaster.

DUEL OVER A DEER

Roblin's Nephew Has Thrilling Experience in Woods of Manitoba.

Rose Isle, Man., Dec. 11. — Alfred Demill, nephew of Premier Roblin, had a desperate duel with an Indian, following a dispute over the carcass of a deer which Demill claims he shot, but which the Indian came along and ordered him to leave. Demill refused to do this, and the Indian thereupon covered him with his rie. Demill ran in behind a tree and his opponent dropped behind the deer, with the rifle still pointed at Demill. Demill then shot the Indian through the arm. Two other tribesmen then came on the scene, and drawing knives, threatened Demill, but he held them off at the point of his rifle. They, however, took the disputed venisor with them.

NEWS FROM WESTERN ONTARIO

Nicholas Smith, of Tilbury, a jeweler, yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of perjury in connection with a suit, in which he was interested. He was released on bail to be sentenced on Jan. 15.

Henry Shaffer, of Kippen, was yesterday fined $50 and costs for selling liquor without a license. Two Clinton hotelkeepers were also fined for selling liquor to minors.

Walter Bishop, a 12-year-old Barnardo boy, living with a farmer, near Walkerton, had both feet amputated yesterday. The other day he ran away and hid in the barn, because the man who employed him intended sending him back to the home. Both feet were so badly frozen that amputation was necessary. He will recover.

Fred Hamlet, the alleged burglar, captured in Stratford last week, will be tried on two charges, one for resisting arrest and the other for having explosives in his possession for an unlawful purpose.

Miss Agnes Knox, of Goderich, and Rev. I. W. Kilpatrick, B. A., Wilkesport, were united in marriage yesterday.

Mr. J. Haverson, K. C., of Toronto, and Rev. B. H. Spence had a joint debate in Ingersoll the other night on local option.

BEASTLY INTELLIGENCE.

"More than five thousand elephants a year go to make our piano keys," remarked the student boarder who had been reading the scientific notes in a patent-medicine almanac.

"For the land's sake!" exclaimed the landlady. "Ain't it wonderful what some animals can be trained to do?"