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THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, May 16.

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

	Yesterday's Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Anaconda	43¼	45	46¼	45	46¼
Amal. Copper	111½	..	..	..	..
Atcheson	70¼	71⅝	73	70	71¾
Atcheson Pfd	95	95	96¼	94½	95½
B. & O	98	100	100	99½	99¾
Brooklyn Tran	72¼	72¾	72¾	71⅝	72⅛
C. B. & Q	195	195	195	194½	195
C. C. C	..	..	..	..	..
C. F. I	..	..	..	..	..
Erie	33½	34	35¼	34	34¼
K. & T. Pfd	54	55½	55½	53½	55¼
L. & N	99¾	100½	101⅛	99	100⅛
Manhattan	110¾	111¼	112	110	111
Metropolitan St.	152	160¾	161	158¾	159½
Mo. P	98⅛	98⅜	100⅜	97½	99
N. Y. Central	149	150	151½	149¾	151⅜
Norfolk and W	51	50	..	..	..
Northern Pacific	140	143	144¾	143	144¾
Ont. and Western	29¾	30¼	31⅜	30½	30⅝
Pacific Mail	34	..	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	143¾	144¾	145¾	143½	144¼
People's Gas	108⅛	108¾	109½	108	108⅞
R. I	147¼	149	150	147½	149½
Reading	72⅛	73¼	73½	73	73
St. Paul	163¾	155¾	..	..	..
Southern Ry. Pfd	80	81⅛	82	81¼	81½
Southern Pacific	46⅛	46	46¾	45¾	46⅜
Texas	43	43¾	44½	43⅜	43¾
T. C. I	53	54	54½	54	54½
U. Pacific	105¾	107½	109⅝	105½	105¾
W. U	90½	91	92	91	91¼
TRUSTS—					
Lead	..	..	..	..	..
Leather	7½	7½	7⅝	7½	7¾
Sugar	143¼	142	143¾	141¾	142⅞
U. S. Steel Com.	42½	43¼	44	42½	43¾
U. S. Steel Pfd	91¾	91½	92	90¾	91⅜
Rubber	20½	20⅞	21	20½	20½
Tobacco	121	122	123	122	122⅝
Continental	53	54⅛	56⅛	54½	55⅞

IN WALL STREET.

New York, May 17 [Wall street].—Trading was quiet and orderly at the opening, the majority of stocks showing a gain of a fraction. A smaller number of stocks showed wider changes than for some time past, but there were substantial gains in some of the standard dividend payers.

J. M. YOUNG
—STOCK BROKER—
New York and Chicago stocks bought and sold. KING STREET, MASONIC TEMPLE PHONE 707.

THE LOCAL MARKET.

A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT.

London, Friday, May 17.

Wheat, white, per bu	65c to 66c
Wheat, red, per bu	65c to 66c
Wheat, spring, per bu	66c to 66½c
Oats, per bu	30c to 31½c
Peas, per bu	54c to 56c
Corn, per bu	44c to 45c
Barley, per bu	42c to 44c
Beans, per bu	$1 15 to $1 40

The receipts this morning were all oats. About 10 loads offered, and sold from 93c to 95c per cental. No other grain on the market.

Hay sold from $7 to $8 per ton.

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ENGLISH MARKETS.

Liverpool, May 16—Closing.

Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 11½d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 1d; No. 2 California, 6s 1½d; futures steady; July, 5s 10½d; Sept., 5s 9⅝d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 4s 4½d; American mixed, old, 4s 2½d; futures steady; May nominal; July, 3s 11½d; Sept., 3s 11¼d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter, dull, 8s.

Hops at London (Pacific coast)—Steady, £4 to £4 15s.

Peas—Canadian, steady, 5s 8d.

Pease—Easy; extra Indian mess, 61s 3d.

Pork—Dull; prime mess, western, 62s 9d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 pounds, steady, 46s 6d.

Lard—American refined, in pails, quiet, 40s 9d; prime western, in tierces, steady, 40s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 pounds, quiet, 45s; short ribs, 16 to 24 pounds, firm, 44s 9d; long clear middles, light, 26 to 34 pounds, steady, 42s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 pounds, steady, 40s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 pounds, steady, 40s 3d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 pounds, firm, 44s 9d.

Shoulders—Square, 11 to 13 pounds, firm, 36s 6d.

Butter—Dull; finest United States, 88s; good United States, 66s.

Cheese—American finest white, dull, 47s; American finest colored, quiet, 46s.

Tallow—Fine city, dull, 25s; Australian, in London, quiet, 26s 6d.

Cottonseed oil, Hull refined—Spot, steady, 22s 6d.

Turpentine spirits—Steady, 28s.

Rosin—Common, firm, 4s 4½d.

Petroleum—Refined, quiet, 7 1-8d.

SUGAR.

London, May 16.—Beet sugar, May, 35s 8d.

TORONTO PRODUCE MARKET

Toronto, May 16.—Wheat—Firmer, at 68c to 68½c for red and white, on a 13½c freight to New York, and at 67c, middle freights; goose, 67c for No. 1, and 66c for No. 2 on a 13½c freight to New York, and 65c for No. 2, middle freights; spring, 69c to 70c for No. 1 east; Manitoba, 92c for No. 1 hard, 88c for No. 2 hard, and 79c for No. 3 hard, lake and rail, and 90½c for No. 1 hard, 86½c for No. 2 hard, and 77c for No. 3 hard, Toronto and west. Flour—Firmer, on higher cables, at $2 65 for 90 per cent patents in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba flour is steady at $4 25 for cars of Hungarian patents, and $3 95 for strong bakers in car lots, bags included, Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $14 for shorts and $12 for bran west. Barley—Steady; No. 1, 45c bid east and 48c, f.o.b. vessels, lake ports; No. 2 is quoted at 44c bid, middle freights, and No. 3 extra, 1c less. Rye—Nominal, at 49c, middle freights. Corn—Firmer, at 52c for Canada yellow, and 41½c for mixed west; American No. 3 yellow is quoted at 49½c at Toronto. Oats—Firm; 32c for No. 1 white east, and 32c for No. 2 white, middle freights. Peas—Steady, at 65c north and west, and 66c, middle freights. Butter—The offerings were smaller; demand fair; prices steady; choice pound and large rolls, 12½c to 13½c, and low to medium grade brings 10c to 12c; creamery unchanged; prints at 18c to 19c; solids, 17c to 18c. Eggs—Receipts lighter, market steady, at 10½c to 11c. Live hogs—Receipts today, 20,000; prices ¼c higher at 7¼c for choice bacon, and 6¾c for heavy and light fat.

TORONTO HAY MARKET.

Toronto, May 16.—Baled hay—Choice timothy, on track, here, $9 50 to $10 50; small lots at $11, delivered. Straw—Steady; car lots, on track, $5 50 to $6 a ton.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

BUFFALO, May 16.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, old, 82½c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 77½c; No. 1 white, 76½c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 48½c; No. 3 yellow, 48¼c; No. 2 corn, 48c; No. 3 corn, 47¾c, on track. Oats—No. 2 white, 33¼c; No. 3 white, 32½c; No. 4 white, 31c; No. 2 mixed, 30c, on track.

DETROIT, May 16.—Wheat—No. 1 white, 75c; No. 2 red, cash and May, 75c; July, 74¼c.

TOLEDO, May 16.—Wheat—Cash and May, 74¾c; July, 73¼c. Corn—May, 46c; July, 45¼c. Oats—May, 28½c; July, 28c.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Flour—Receipts, 12,381 bbls; sales, 3,850 pkgs; state and western market was neglected and barely steady. Rye flour—Quiet; fair to good, $2 85 to $3 20; choice to fancy, $3 25 to $3 50. Wheat—Receipts, 218,000 bu; sales, 320,000 bu; option market was weak and lower today, owing to rains in the southwest, unloading and disappointing cables; May, 80¾c to 80⅞c; July, 77⅞c to 78 3-16c; Sept., 75 5-16c to 75 9-16c. Rye—Steady; state, 55c to 56c, c.i.f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 61c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 148,700 bu; sales, 1,500 bu; option market was steady on continued western support and small receipts; May, 51¼c; Sept., 49c. Oats—Receipts, 237,700 bu; options steady with corn. Sugar—Raw firm; refined quiet. Coffee—Dull; No. 7 Rio, 6¼c. Lead—Dull. Wool—Dull. Hops—Quiet.

CHICAGO, May 16.—Grain markets ruled easier and rather quiet today, July wheat closing ½c lower as a result of rains. July corn closed ⅜c to ½c, and July oats ¼c to ¼c lower. May corn dropped 2½c; while provisions showed a closing advance of 5c to 7½c; in lard, 12½c; pork and ribs unchanged. Exporters reported 8 loads taken. Primary receipts were 315,000 bu, compared with 249,000 bu last year, while seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 244,000 bu. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 198 cars, against 189 last week and 255 a year ago. Local receipts were 149 cars, 1 of contract grade. Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 45 cars; corn, 310 cars; oats, 195 cars; hogs, 21,000 head.

The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2, May, 71½c; July, 71⅝c to 71¾c. Corn—No. 2, May, 54½c; July, 44¾c to 44⅞c; Sept., 44⅝c to 44¾c. Oats—No. 2, May, 30c; July, 28¼c; Sept., 26c to 26⅛c. Pork—May, $14 70; July, $14 82½; Sept., $14 70. Lard—May, $7 97½; July, $7 97½; Sept., $7 97½. Short ribs—May, $8 05; July, $7 85; Sept., $7 82½.

Cash quotations: Flour dull. No. 2 spring wheat, 72¼c to 73¼c; No. 3, 67c to 70c; No. 2 red, 71¼c to 72½c. No. 2 corn, 54c to 56½c; No. 2 yellow, 54½c to 57c. No. 2 oats, 30¼c to 30⅜c; No. 2 white, 30¼c to 31c; No. 3 white, 29c to 30¼c. No. 2 rye, 54½c to 55c. Good feeding barley, 48c to 52c; fair to choice malting, 53c to 59c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 73½c; No. 1 northwestern, $1 73½. Prime timothy seed, $3 to $3 55. Pork, $14 70 to $14 75; lard, $7 97½ to $8; short ribs, $7 90 to $8 10; dry salted shoulders, 6¾c to 7c; short clear sides, $8 12½ to $8 25. Eggs easy; fresh, 11¼c.

Receipts—Flour, 15,000 bbls; wheat, 50,000 bu; corn, 255,000 bu; oats, 152,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 18,000 bu.

Shipments—Flour, 22,000 bbls; wheat, 736,000 bu; corn, 627,000 bu; oats, 495,000 bu; barley, 97,000 bu.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Butter—Steady; receipts, 4,404 pkgs; creamery extras, per lb, 19c; do, firsts, 18c to 18½c; do, seconds, 16½c to 17½c; do, thirds, 15c to 16c; state dairy tubs, fancy, 18c; do, firsts, 17c to 17½c; do, seconds, 15½c to 16½c; do, thirds, 15c; western imitation creamery, fancy, 16½c to 17c; do, firsts, 14½c to 15½c; do, lower grades, 13c to 14c; western factory, large tubs, best, 15c; do, fair to good, 12¼c to 12¾c; factory or dairy, lower grades, 11c to 12c; rolls, common to prime, 11c to 13c; renovated butter, fancy, 16c to 17c; do, common to choice, 12c to 15½c; old creamery, 12c to 14½c; old western factory, 10c to 13c. Eggs—Quiet; receipts, 15,408 pkgs; Jersey, state and Pennsylvania, fancy selected, 15c; do, average best, 13½c to 14c; Northern Ohio, Northern Indiana and Michigan storage packings, 13½c to 14c; do, regular packings, loss off, 14c; do, regular packings, at mark, 12c to 13c; other western northerly sections, selected at mark, 13c to 13½c; do, regular packings, loss off, 13½c; do, regular packings, at mark, 11½c to 12½c; southwestern selected, at mark, 12c to 12½c; do, regular packings, 10c to 11½c; dirties, 9c to 11c; checks, 9c to 9½c. Cheese—Receipts, 4,623 boxes. New—State full cream, small white, prime, 8¾c; do, small colored, prime, 8¼c; do, fair to good, 7½c to 8c; do, large white, prime, 8¼c to 8½c; do, fair to good, 7¾c to 8c; do, large colored, prime, 8¼c; do, fair to good, 7½c to 7¾c; do, common, 5½c to 7c; light skims, small choice, 5½c to 6c; do, large choice, 5½c to 6c; part skims, prime, 4½c to 5c; do, fair to good, 3c to 4c; do, common, 2c to 2½c; full skims, 1c to 1½c. Old—State, full cream, small colored, choice, 11c to 11¼c; do, white, choice, 11c; do, small prime, 10¼c to 10½c; do, common to fair, 8½c to 9½c; do, white, choice, 10½c; do, large, prime, 9½c to 10c; do, common to fair, 9c to 9¼c.

DETROIT BEAN MARKET.

Detroit, May 17.—Beans are lifeless and steady at $1 70 for cash, $1 55 for September and $1 40 for October. Quotations: Cash, $1 70; September, $1 35; October, $1 40.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

CHICAGO, May 16.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, offices Masonic Temple. Phone 512.

	Open.	High	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	71¾	72¾	71⅝	71½
July	71¾	71⅞	71	71¼
Corn—May	58	58	54	54½
July	45	45½	44¼	44¾
Oats—May	31	31	29¾	30
July	28⅛	28¾	28¼	28¼
Pork—May	14 80	14 80	14 70	14 70
July	14 85	14 97	14 75	14 80
Lard—May	....	....	....	....
July	7 95	8 02	7 82	7 97
Ribs—May	....	....	....	....
July	7 85	7 92	7 82	7 85

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 16.—Oil opened at $1 05.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 16.—Oil closed at $1 05.

OIL CITY, Pa., May 16.—Credit balances, $1 05; certificates, no bid.

LONDON, May 16.—Calcutta linseed, spot, 55s; linseed oil, 33s 6d; turpentine spirits, 27s 3¾d.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO, May 16.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 14c to 18½c; dairies, 11c to 16c. Cheese—Easy, 9¼c to 11c.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., May 16.—There were 1,568 white and 215 colored cheese offered on the cheese board here today; 8 5-16c was bid for white, but none sold; 120 colored were sold at 8¼c.

TWEED, Ont., May 16.—Hungerford cheese board met here today; 590 cheese were boarded, all white; 100 sold at 8 3-16c; 290 sold at 8¼c; balance unsold. Bird, Brintnell and Russell were the buyers present.

MADOC, Ont., May 16.—Six hundred and ninety boxes of cheese offered: Watkins bought 125; Alexander, 165; Magrath, 95; Ayer, 90; Hodgson, 100; Brenton, 100; all at 8 3-16c; balance unsold.

KINGSTON, Ont., May 16.—At the Frontenac cheese board today, 860 boxes were registered; 810 were sold at 8¼c; 8c was offered for colored stock and refused. The next meeting will be Friday, May 24, at 11 a.m.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

MONTREAL, May 16.—The receipts at the east end abattoir this morning were 250 head of cattle, 150 calves, 25 sheep and 25 lambs; the demand was dull and prices were quiet; choice cattle sold at 4½c to 5c per lb; good at 4c to 4½c per lb; lower grades at 2½c to 3½c per lb; calves were sold from $2 to $8 each; sheep brought from 4c to 5c per lb; lambs were sold from 4c to 5c per lb; hogs brought from 6c to 7c per lb.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Beeves—Receipts, 927; no trade of importance; nominally steady; cables weak; shipments, 657 cattle, 10 sheep and 4,350 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 580; slow trade and prices weak; calves, $4 to $6; extra, $6 25. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1,675; sheep slow, lambs firm, but not many wanted; spring lambs in fair demand; clipped sheep, $3 to $4 40; culls, $2 50; clipped lambs, $5 25; culls, $4; spring lambs, $4 to $4 35. Hogs—Receipts, 986; steady for all weights; western hogs, $5 85 to $6; state hogs, $6 15.

CHICAGO, May 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,500; good to prime steers, $5 10 to $6; poor to medium, $4 to $5; stockers and feeders slow, $3 to $5; cows, $2 80 to $4 65; heifers, $2 80 to $4 90; canners, $2 10 to $2 75; bulls firm, $3 to $4 40; calves 25c higher, at $5 to $5 50; Texas fed steers, $4 25 to $5 40; do, bulls, $2 75 to $3 85. Hogs—Receipts, 24,000; mixed and butchers, $5 65 to $5 90; good to choice heavy, $5 80 to $5 95; rough heavy, $5 65 to $5 75; lights, $5 55 to $5 82½; bulk of sales, $5 75 to $5 85. Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; good Colorado wethers, $4 35 to $4 65; fair to choice mixed, $4 15 to $4 40; western sheep, $4 35 to $4 65; yearlings, $4 50 to $4 75; native lambs, $4 50 to $5 5; western lambs, $4 65 to $5 65.

EAST BUFFALO, May 16.—Cattle—One load of cattle on sale, and fair demand; market was steady and unchanged; calves were in light supply, good demand and sold a shade higher, a few sales being at $6; choice to extra were quotable at $5 75 to $6; good to choice, $5 50 to $5 75. Sheep and lambs—Offerings were 20 loads, 7 of which were over from yesterday; top grade sheep and lambs stronger than yesterday, the basis of extra lambs being $5 25; bulk of sales at $5 20, choice to extra, $5 20 to $5 25; good to choice, $5 to $5 25; fair to good, $4 75 to $5; common to fair, $3 75 to $4 50; good to choice, $4 to $4 25. Hogs—Total offerings, 18 loads; demand active, at stronger prices; heavy, $5 97 to $6; mixed, $5 95 to $6; Yorkers, $5 90 to $5 95; pigs, $5 75 to $5 80; roughs, $5 45 to $5 55; stags, $4 50 to $4 75; all cleaned up, and the close was firm.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

Liverpool, May 16.—Here and at Liverpool cattle are weak at 10¾c to 12½c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9c per lb.

48 PERSONS PERISHED

Two Ships Were Lost Off the Australian Coast—Six Bodies Found Mangled By Wild Dogs.

Victoria, B. C., May 17.—News has been received by the steamer Moana of the loss of the steamer Federal off the Australian coast during the heavy gale at the end of March. Thirty-two persons perished with her. Six bodies were recovered with a boat, but no other wreckage was found, and it was believed that the vessel foundered near the coast.

When the bodies were found wild dogs were eating them. The bodies were badly mangled by the dogs, and only a few were identified, including those of Capt. Coult and Engineer Hills. Fifteen of the lost sailors were married.

The ship Louise Lamont was lost during the same storm with sixteen souls, and nothing has been heard of any of them.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

May 15.	Reported at.	From.
Indian	Father Point	Port Elizabeth
Lake Ontario	Cape Ray	Liverpool
Oceanic	New York	Liverpool
Hohenzollern	New York	Genoa
Neckar	New York	Bremen
Nederland	Philadelphia	Antwerp
Switzerland	Antwerp	Philadelphia
St. Paul	Southampton	New York
Sicilian	Moville	New York
May 16.	**Reported at.**	**From.**
Sylvania	Father Point	Antwerp
Montcalm	Father Point	Newcastle
State of Nebraska	New York	Glasgow
Sardinian	St. Johns	Liverpool
Ripling ham	Montreal	Malta
Manchester Corporation	Montreal	Manchester
Sarmatian	Montreal	Glasgow
Lake Superior	Montreal	Liverpool
Lahn	New York	Bremen
Washington	New York	Genoa
Germanic	Queenstown	New York
Commonwealth	Queenstown	Boston
Sicilian	Glasgow	New York
Fuerst Bismarck	Plymouth	New York
Caledonian	Liverpool	New York

A convention of the Liberals of North Ontario will be held at Beaverton on Thursday, May 30, to select a candidate for the legislature.

DON'T LET THIS WEEK GO BY without getting a bottle of Price's Rennet Wine. One teaspoonful (costing 1 cent) curds a pint of sweet milk, which should be previously flavored to suit the taste. Serve cold with cream, jelly or wine sauce. This dish is relished by the most particular people. Sold by Scandrett Bros., grocers.

Capt. A. McMillan, of Winnipeg, of the Canadians remaining in South Africa, who was reported killed some time ago, is still alive.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Highest and Lowest Temperatures at Prominent Points.

London, May 17—8 a.m.

STATIONS—	TEMPERATURE. 8 a.m.	Min.	WEATHER.
Calgary	50	46	Fair
Winnipeg	64	60	Fair
Toronto	54	48	Cloudy
Ottawa	54	50	Rain
Montreal	54	50	Cloudy
Quebec	54	44	Cloudy
Father Point	50	38	Cloudy

FORECASTS.

Today and Saturday—Light variable winds; a few local showers, but for the most part fine weather.

WEATHER NOTES.

During yesterday the heat wave in the Northwest Territories became very pronounced and the temperature ranged between 80° and 90°. Showers are occurring this morning in parts of Ontario and Quebec, but the general outlook is for fair, warm weather.

MORE BIG BRITISH WARSHIPS

Three of 18,000 Tons Displacement To Be Built.

Army Bill Passes the Commons by 42 Majority—Distress in India From Failure of Spring Crops.

London, May 17.—The Telegraph says it learns that the admiralty will lay down in 1901 three battleships of 18,000 tons each, which will be the largest and most powerful vessels of their class ever built. Each will carry four 50-ton 12-inch guns, and ten instead of twelve 6-inch rapid fire guns. The reduction in the number of 6-inch guns is due to the introduction of an entirely new weapon, namely, the 7.5-inch wre-bound breechloader, which is adopted because 8-inch guns are too heavy for rapid work and something is needed between the 12 and 6-inchers.

Each ship will cost fully £1,250,000. The paper cites Capt. Mahan and other naval authorities in favor of big ships, and it predicts that battleships will sooon reach a displacement of from 20,000 to 30,000 tons.

THE ARMY BILL PASSED.

In winding up the debate on the army bill in the commons, Mr. A. J. Balfour denied that there was any large body of opinion hostile to the scheme of Mr. Brodrick, the secretary of state for war.

The amendment of Sir Henry Campbell - Bannerman, the Liberal leader, in which he said the proposals largely increased the existing burdens without adding materially to the military strength of Great Britain and asked for figures and definite statements, was rejected by a vote of 227 to 211.

Mr. Brodrick's scheme was then adopted by a vote of 305 to 163.

In the course of his speech Mr. Balfour made the sensational statement, that at one moment toward the end of 1899 there were in Great Britain only 3,300 rounds of small-arm ammunition, with no reserve of artillery ammunition except what was actually with the guns retained at home.

FAILURE OF INDIA'S SPRING CROPS.

The failure of the spring crops in India is already severely felt. Lord George Hamilton, Indian secretary, in the House of Commons says that the number of persons now receiving relief is 381,000, and it is expected to increase rapidly.

FRANCO-CANADIAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

It is announced from Paris that the Canadian subsidized Franco-Canadian Steamship Line confidently expectes the French Government also to subsidize it, believing that an opening exists for a regular trading service, and direct communication will be maintained in the future between Havre and Bordeaux and Quebec and Montreal. The present ships will be replaced by four new vessels. Efforts will be made to enlarge the scope of the 1893 treaty to include in the minimum tariff as many articles as possible.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN'S LATEST ATTACK.

The Irish people, William O'Brien's paper, contains a nine-column attack on Mr. Wynlham, the Irish secretary, for the recent seizure of the paper because of its insulting remarks to King Edward. The general policy of Mr. Wyndham is also assailed. "Villainy," "treachery," "hypocrisy" and "mendacity" are frequently used in reference to Mr. Wyndham, who, in conclusion, is called a liar, sneak and backbiter. Nothing is said against the king.

15 SMALLPOX CASES IN DETROIT CONVENT.

Little Girls Are the Victims—Disease is of a Mild Type.

Detroit, May 17.—Health Officer Baker was notified yesterday that there were several cases of suspected smallpox among the inmates of St. Francis' Polish Convent, near the corner of St. Aubin and Canfield avenues. Dr. Baker and Dr. E. J. Kendall went to the institution and promptly diagnosed the disease as smallpox.

"There are fifteen cases of the disease among the little girls," said Dr. Kendall last night. "There are no boys there. Another small girl is sick with the disease at 1,247 Dubois street, and we found that she had lived at the convent until a few days ago. The disease is of the mild form."

KOMOKA.

Komoka, May 15.—The teachers of the Jubilee school here, Mr. Wyatt and Miss McLaren, are attending the Teachers' Association convention in Strathroy.

The concert held in the school here on Wednesday afternoon was much appreciated by all who attended. The most interesting part of the programme was the presentation of a beautifully-bound volume of Goldsmith's works to Mr. John Watson, who leaves next week for Oakland, California. The address, which expressed the regret of the scholars at Mr. Watson's departure from the school, was read by Mr. Percy Rowland, and the presentation was made by Mr. Arthur Finch.

The section men on the G. T. R. have been working in Alvinston.

A number from here attended the lecture given in the First Lobo Baptist Church by Rev. Mr. Sowerby, of London, on Tuesday evening last.

Mrs. Carr, Mrs. and Miss DeCow, of Middlemiss, Ont., are visiting relatives here.

Rev. W. A. Wyllie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is expected to preach here on Sunday afternoon next.

Mr. A. Campbell, Baptist student, visited friends here last week en route for Chatham, where he will take charge of the Baptist church during the summer.

The C. P. R. steam shovel arrived on Tuesday.

Mrs. Fawkes, of London, is visiting her daughter, Miss Fawkes, teacher in school section No. 2.

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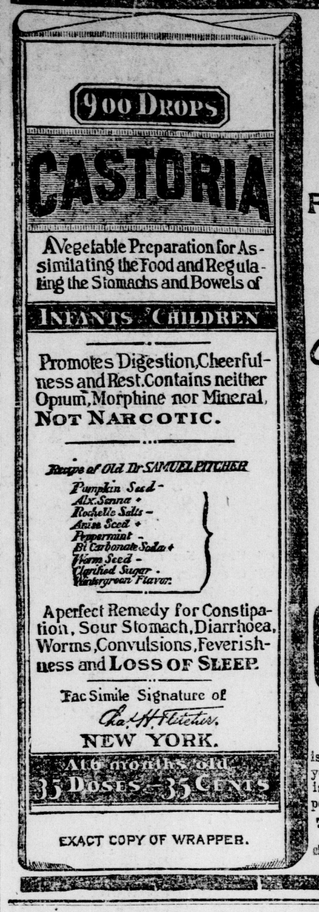

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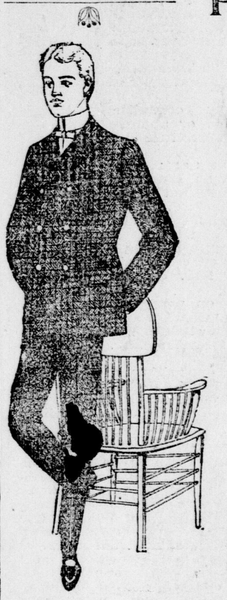
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ARKONA.

Arkona, May 16.—The Misses Naap, of Forest, spent Monday in the Ark.

A peculiar accident happened to Veda Deturder last Sunday. While playing with her pet dog the animal snapped at her, biting off an inch of her tongue. The doctor put two stitches into the tongue, and it is rapidly healing.

Mr. George Everest is having a week's fishing at Point Franks.

Mr. D. McPherson lost a valuable horse last week.

Miss Lettie Ott spent a few days last week with friends in Watford and Warwick village.

Mr. Frank Hillis has purchased a new driver.

Mrs. Walter Davidson, of Sarnia, has moved back to the Ark, occupying one of the houses on Ann street.

Mr. Herbert George, of Sarnia, is spending his summer vacation with his parents here.

Thomas McIntyre, of Forest, was in the Ark on Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas Bradley is putting a new fence in front of his residence this week.

Mr. J. McColl has sold out his bakery and confectionery business to Mr. John McKay.

Mr. John Sadler is fixing a place for his new shop on the Thomas property, which he has lately purchased.

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