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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

Latest Market Reports by Mail and Telegraph.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, April 19.

	Ask.	Off
C. P. R.	83¾	83
Duluth Railway, common	11	9
Duluth Railway, preferred	26½	22½
Grand Trunk Ry., firsts	—	—
Grand Trunk Ry., seconds	—	—
Commercial Cable Company	145	143
Wabash	—	—
Wabash, preferred	—	—
Montreal Telegraph Co	147	144
Rich. and Ont. Navigation Co	71	69½
Montreal Street Railway	190	187
Montreal Gas Company	203	200½
Bell Telephone Company	153	147½
Bank of Montreal	233½	230
Ontario Bank	—	121
Banque du Peuple	120	—
Molsons Bank	175	—
Bank of Toronto	—	—
Banque Cartier	—	—
Merchants' Bank	166	160
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	—	138
Union Bank	—	103½
Bank of Commerce	148	146
N. W. Land Company	80	—
Montreal Cotton Company	135	130
Canada Col. Cotton Company	102½	—
Dominion Cotton Company	137	127½

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, April 19—1 p.m.—Stock market firm: American Express —; Atcheson, 33; C. B. and Q., 93½; Canadian Pacific, 83½; Canada Southern, 55½; Delaware and Hudson, —; Delaware and Lackawanna, 143½; L. N., 73½; Lake Shore, 129½; Michigan Central, —; Northern Pacific, 16½; Northern Pacific preferred, 40½; Northwestern, 112½; New York Central, —; R. I., 82¾; St. Paul, 76¾; St. Paul, preferred, 121½; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, 113; Union Pacific, 36½; Western Union, 91⅝.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, April 19.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	235	232
Ontario	125	120
Molsons	—	—
Toronto	260	256
Merchants	166	160
Commerce	148	146
Imperial	190	187
Dominion	276½	275
Standard	170	166
Hamilton	163½	162½
British America	121	117½
Western Assurance	153	151
Canada Life	—	—
Confederation Life	—	—
Consumers Gas	196¾	195
Dominion Telegraph	110	107
Northwest Land Company	78½	78
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	84	82¾
Bell Telephone Company	153	147
Dominion Savings and Loan	—	—
Farmers Loan and Savings	—	—
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent.	121	121
Huron and Erie L. and S.	—	166
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent.	—	154
London and Canada L. and A.	131	120
London Loan	—	—
London and Ontario	—	118
Ontario Loan and Debenture	—	133

SALES—Northwest Land, 25 and 25 at 76, 50 and 25 at 77, 25 at 77½, 25 and 50 at 78; London & Canada L. & A., 500 at 130.

London Money Market.

LONDON, April 19, 12:30 p.m.—Consols, 99 for money, 99 for account; Mexican, 20¾; Mexican Central, 65; St. Paul, 79½; Erie, seconds, 99½; Erie, 21¾; Pacific Central, 55¾; Reading, 12½; Canadian Pacific, 85¾; New York Central, 109¾; Illinois Central, 104½; Bank of England rate, 2½ per cent.; open market discount, 1⅞.

COMMERCIAL.

Local Market Quotations.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

LONDON, April 19.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

There was considerable falling off in the supply of grain and produce this week, owing in main to seeding operations throughout the country.

Wheat did not change any in value.

Oats lead quite an active existence, and sold some days up to $1 20 per 100 lbs. This price was only paid for real choice blacks; the top for white was $1 15, and at the close we quote $1 05 to $1 10 as the range for all sorts.

Barley sold at $1 for one clean sample, but the bulk of trading was done at 95c.

Peas continue to pour in, and although the quantity is large the quality in many cases is poor, and these poor samples have in some cases been pounded down to 87c. Good lots, true to kind and well handled, brought $1 per 100 lbs.

No corn offered and prices were steady.

Hand-picked beans were easier at $1 25 to $1 40.

Butter—Receipts were good, and the demand also was very good. Prices did not fluctuate much; 16c to 24c was the range of prices, according to the quality and quantity.

Eggs steady and no change in values, 10c to 11c by the basket and 13c retail.

The meat market was quiet and steady. Dressed hogs sold at $7 25 to $7 50; veal, 5c to 6c; beef, 5c to 6½c; demand quiet.

Receipts of potatoes good; $1 to $1 15 was the price per bag and load.

Hay sales steady at $7 50 to $8 50 per ton; supply good.

Receipts of clover seed light and prices easy, $8 75 to $9.

General quotations as follows:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, 100 lbs	1 12	to	1 12
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	1 10	to	1 10
Wheat, spring per 100 lbs	1 10	to	1 12
Oats, per 100 lbs	1 05	to	1 12
Peas, per 100 lbs	90	to	1 00
Corn, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 05
Barley, per 100 lbs	90	to	95
Rye, per 100 lbs	1 10	to	1 15
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	90	to	1 00
Beans, per bu	1 25	to	1 35
PROVISIONS			
Eggs, fresh, single doz	13	to	13
Eggs, fresh, basket, per doz	11	to	11
Eggs, fresh, store lots, per doz	10	to	11
Eggs, packed, per doz	00	to	00
Butter, single rolls, per lb	24	to	25
Butter, per lb, baskets of 1 lb rolls	22	to	24
Butter per lb, large rolls or crocks	19	to	21
Butter per lb, tubs or firkins	16	to	23
Lard per lb	13	to	15
Chickens per pair	60	to	70
Ducks	60	to	80
Turkeys, 12½c per lb each	00	to	0 00
HAY AND SEEDS.			
Hay, per ton	7 50	to	9 00
Clover seed, red, per bu	8 50	to	9 00
Clover seed, Alsike, per bu	8 00	to	8 10
Timothy seed, per bu	2 25	to	2 50
Hungarian seed, per bu	50	to	75
Millet seed, per bu	60	to	75
MEATS, HIDES, ETC.			
Beef, quarters, per lb	[illegible]	to	6½
Mutton, quarters per lb	[illegible]	to	7
Veal, quarters, per lb	[illegible]	to	6
Lamb quarters, per lb	7	to	8
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs	7 50	to	7 75
Hides, No. 1, per lb	4	to	4
Hides, No. 2, per lb	3	to	3
Hides, No. 3, per lb	2	to	2
Calfskins, green, per lb	5	to	6
Sheepskins, each	90	to	100
Lambskins, each	00	to	00
Pelts, each	00	to	00
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag	80	to	1 00
Grapes, per lb	00	to	00
Radishes, per doz. bunches	30	to	30
Celery, per doz	30	to	50
Cabbages, per doz	30	to	50
Cauliflowers, per doz	90	to	1 00
Squashes, each	5	to	50
Pumpkins, each	10	to	25
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	to	1 15
Onions, per bu	1 00	to	1 00
Carrots, per bag	50	to	50
Beets, per bag	75	to	75
Turnips, per bu	10	to	25
Parsnips, per bag	75	to	75
Wool, per lb	17	to	18
Tallow, rendered, per lb	6	to	6
Tallow, rough, per lb	4	to	4½

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Toronto Market.

TORONTO, April 19.

FLOUR—Extra, $2 90 to $3 00; straight roller, $2 95 to $3 20.

WHEAT—White, 69c to 70c; spring, No. 2, 62c to 63c; red winter, 65c to 70c; goose, 61c to 62c; Manitoba hard, No. 1, 84c to 85c; Manitoba hard, No. 2, 82c to 83c; Manitoba hard No. 3, 74½c to 75c; frosted, No. 1, 65c to 66c.

PEAS—No. 2, 57c to 58c.

BARLEY—No. 1, 43c to 44c; No. 2, 39½c to 40c; No. 3 extra, 36c to 37c; No. 3, 32c to 34c.

OATS—No. 2, 33c to 34c.

Market dull. Sales—Oats here at 32½c to to 33½c, outside at 30c, and at North Bay at 33½c.

Montreal Market.

MONTREAL, April 19.

FLOUR—Receipts, 700 bbls; market quiet and unchanged. Quotations are: Patents winter, $4 00 to $4 25; do, spring, $4 10 to $4 30; straight roller, $3 50 to $3 70; extra, $3 00 to $3 20; superfine, $2 70 to $2 80; strong bakers, $3 80 to $4 00; Ontario bags, $1 60 to $1 75.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 hard Manitoba, 81c to 83c; corn, 61c to 63c; peas, 72c to 74c; oats, 33c to 35c; barley, 54c to 55c; rye, 58c to 60c.

MEAL—Oatmeal, $2 00 to $2 10; cornmeal $1 35 to $1 40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, $20 50 to $21 00; lard, 11c to 12½c; bacon, 11½c to 12½c; hams, 12½c to 13c; cheese, 11½c to 12c; butter townships, 20c to 22c; western, 18c to 20c; eggs, 12c to 13c.

English Markets.

Beerbohm's Report by Cable.

LONDON, April 19.

Floating cargoes—Wheat slow; corn none.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat not much inquiry; corn firm, but not active.

Mark Lane—Corn steady, Danube quiet, American corn firmer, held higher; flour very quiet.

French country markets quiet.

Weather in England very warm.

Liverpool—Spot wheat quiet, but steady; corn firm.

LIVERPOOL, April 19.

The quotations for the last three market days are as follows:

	April 17.		April 18.		April 19.	
	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.
Spring	6 4	6 5	6 4	6 5	6 4	6 5
Red Winter	5 9½	5 10	5 8½	5 9	5 8½	5 9
No. 1 Cal	6 0	6 1	5 11	6 1	5 11	6 0
Corn, old	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Corn, new	4 3½	0 0	4 4	0 0	4 4	0 0
Peas, perc	5 5	0 0	5 5	0 0	5 4½	0 0
Pork	87 6	0 0	87 6	0 0	87 6	0 0
Lard	51 0	0 0	50 6	00 0	50 0	0 0
Bacon, hvy.	50 6	00 0	56 6	00 0	52 6	0 0
Bacon, light	51 0	00 0	52 0	00 0	52 0	0 0
Tallow	27 6	00 0	27 6	00 0	27 6	00 0
Cheese wh.	54 0	00 0	54 0	00 0	54 0	00 0
Cheese, col.	54 0	00 0	54 0	00 0	54 0	00 0

Wheat dull, demand moderate, holders offer freely; corn firm, fair demand.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, April 18.

THE LEADING FUTURES CLOSED.

WHEAT—April, 74½c; May, 75½c; July, 73⅜c.

CORN—April, 40⅝c to 40½c; May, 41c; July, 42⅝c to 42¾c.

OATS—May, 28½c; June, 28⅝c to 28¾c; July, 28½c.

MESS PORK—May, $16 67½; July, $16 85; Sept., $17 02½.

LARD—May, $9 75; July, $9 85; Sept., $10.

SHORT RIBS—May, $9 45; July, $9 45; Sept., $8 47½.

CASH QUOTATIONS.

No. 2 spring wheat, 73½c to 74c; No. 2 red, 73½c to 74c; No. 3 spring wheat, 70c; northern No. 2 corn, 40½c; No. 3 corn, 39c to 39½c; No. 2 oats, 28c; No. 2 rye, 59c; No. 2 barley, 62c; mess pork, $16 65 to $16 70; lard, $9 70 to $9 75; short ribs sides, $9 40 to $9 45; dry salted shoulders, $9 25 to $9 37½; short clear sides, $10 to $10 05.

Receipts—			
Flour	11,000	Wheat	179,000
Corn	116,000	Oats	162,000
Rye	3,000	Barley	43,000
Shipments—			
Flour	8,000	Wheat	1,803,000
Corn	1,713,000	Oats	429,000
Rye	3,000	Barley	26,000

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 18.

WHEAT—Spring wheat quiet and closing steady for No. 1 northern spot, of which stock on sale limited 25,000 bu; No. 1 northern sold for shipment to New York on private terms; 10 cars sold at 73½c to 73¾c, and offered later at 73½c; closed firm at 74c in store; No. 1 hard at 78½c; No. 2 northern, 71c. Winter wheat—Dull and lower; no No. 2 white offered; No. 2 red sold at 74½c; No. 3 extra red sold at 69c.

CORN—Scarce; closed firm; No. 2 yellow, 46c; No. 3 yellow, 45c to 45½c; No. 4 yellow, 44½c; No. 2 corn, 45c; No. 3 corn, 44½c; inspection, 20 cars; sales, 13 cars.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3 white, 37½c; No. 2 mixed, 33½c; inspection 9 cars; sales, 6 cars.

BARLEY—Nominal.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 61c.

FLOUR—Steady.

MILLFEED—Easy; 2 cars sacked spring bran sold at $15.

NEW YORK, April 18.

FLOUR—Dull.

RYE—Steady.

BARLEY—Firm.

PEAS—Dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 6,000 bu; exports, 111,000 bu; sales, 4,725,000 bu futures; 180,000 bu spot; spots firm; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 75c to 75½c; No. 1 hard, 83½c to 84c; No. 1 northern, 82½c; No. 2 northern, 79½c; options steady; No. 2 red, April, 74½c; May, 75½c; June, 76⅝c; July, 77⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 89,000 bu; exports, 45,000 bu; sales, 180,000 bu futures; 12,0000 bu spot; spots firm; No. 2, 49½c elevator; steamer mixed, 48½c; No. 3, 48c; options very dull; April, 48½c; May, 47⅝c; June, 47½c; July, 48⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 89,000 bu; exports, 45,000 bu; sales, 75,000 bu futures, 54,000 bu spot; spots firm; No. 2, 37½c; No. 2 white, 40½c; No. 2 Chicago, 38½c; No. 3, 37c; No. 3 white, 39½c; mixed western, 37c to 39c; white do, 39c to 49c; white State, 39c to 49c; options easier; April, 35c; May, 33½c; June, 33⅝c; July, 33⅝c.

EGGS—Firmer; State and Pennsylvania, 16½c; Southern, 14c to 16½c; western, fresh, 16½c to 16½c.

COFFEE—Options opened lower; closed steady; sales, 250,000 bags, including April, $12 90 to $13 20; May, $12 75 to $13 20; June, $12 70 to $13 15; July, $12 65 to $13 25; spot Rio dull, 14c.

SUGAR—Firmer; standard "A," 4 15-16c to 5½c; confectioners' "A," 4 13-16c to 5c; cut-loaf and crushed, 5½c to 5 11-16c; powdered, 5 3-16c to 5⅜c; granulated, 4 15-16c to 5¼c.

TOLEDO, April 19.

WHEAT—69½c cash; 70½c May; 72½c July; 73c August.

CORN—41½c cash.

OATS—Nominal.

MILWAUKEE, April 19.

WHEAT—Quiet; 63½c bid May; 60½c bid July.

DETROIT, April 19.

WHEAT—White, 69½c cash; red, 69½c cash; 69½c May; 72⅜c July.

U. S. Barley Markets.

BUFFALO, April 18.—The visible supply of barley at the principal points of accumulation is 807,000 bushels, the decrease for the week being only about 30,000 bushels. Stocks are about 1,700 bushels in excess of last year.

At Buffalo—The number of bushels in store at Buffalo is 1,225,089, a decrease for the week of 65,560 bushels. The supply to-day exceeds that of last year at this date by 46,775 bushels. The market in Buffalo is dull and the offerings of spot very light. No. 3 extra western is quoted at 68c; No. 3, 64c; No. 4, 50c to 58c; No. 1 Canada, 78c; No. 2, 75c; No. 3 extra, 73c.

At Oswego—Stocks in store show considerable increase, 13,163 bushels of Port Hope barley having arrived, and the shipments out were 5,000 bushels; stocks on hand, 73,163 bushels; the market is nominally unchanged; Canada, 71c to 79c.

At New York—Stocks are depleted, only 15,569 bushels being in sight. The market continues firm, with fair local inquiry and some export movement; Canada quoted to arrive at 84c to 92c.

At Albany—The market is firm with little trading; choice State and western, 73c to 80c; Canada, 78c to 85c.

At Milwaukee—Stocks are slightly increased, there being 157,444 bushels in sight, as compared with 105,925 last week on Monday. The market is steady, rather dull and No. 2 in store is ½c higher than on Saturday, and quoted at 65c; sample lots, 30c to 50c.

At St. Louis—No market.

At Chicago—Market nominal; No. 2 quoted at 62c.

British Grain Trade.

LONDON, April 18.—The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: English wheat is in small supply and prices have advanced 6d. Foreign wheat has been the subject of speculation, but trade on Tuesday and Saturday last was exhausted and the market was flat. The surplus stocks have not been worked off. The overstock amounts to 245,000 quarters. It is feared that the markets at the leading ports will be depressed by excessive offers. The total imports of wheat thus far amount to 334,000 quarters. In 21 out of 30 markets prices have favored sellers. In corn the demand is mainly for round.

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., April 18.—Cattle—Only 3 cars on sale, mostly common to fair stock, taken by butchers.

Sheep and Lambs—Twelve cars on sale; prices steady to a trifle better. Fair Michigan lambs sold at $6 85, and they constituted the bulk of the offerings; best clipped lambs, $6 to $6 15.

Hogs—Twenty-two cars on sale; prices 10c to 15c lower; the tops of the offerings brought $7 25, but $7 15 and $7 20 took quite a fair number of good weights. The York demand and order trade were light; a few good weight Yorkers sold at $7 15; fair light Yorkers, $7; mixed lots of Yorkers and pigs at the same price; good pigs sold at $6 10, with some lots at $6 80 and some southwestern pigs at $6 25; roughs sold generally at $6 25 and stags at $5 50.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, April 18.—There were about 450 head of butchers' cattle, 100 calves and 60 sheep and lambs offered at the East End abattoir yesterday. The supply of cattle was in excess of the demand, which caused a dragging trade, with rather lower prices all round. The best beeves sold at about 4½c per lb, with pretty good stock at about 4c do, while rough and half-fatted beasts sold at from 3½c to 3½c per lb, and good, large bulls at from 3½c to 4c per lb. There was an active demand for good calves, and prices were higher than on last Thursday. Common calves sold at from $2 50 $4 each, and good veals at from $5 to $7 50 each. Mutton critters were rather scarce and sold at from 4½c to 5c per lb. Spring lambs sold at from $3 to $5 each. Fat hogs continue to bring from 5½c to 6c per lb. Mr. Martel bought ten choice steers at 4½c per lb, and Mr. Jos. Richard bought six more at the same rate. A butcher from Quebec bought a carload of cattle here to ship to that city.

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LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—Mr. J. C. Brown, of Toronto, representing T. Milburn & Co., is in the city.

—Robert Birmingham, the Conservative general organizer, is the guest of Dr. Piper.

—City barbers are considering the closing of their shops at 8 o'clock each evening except Saturday.

—All members of the Young Liberal Club are urged to be present at the regular club meeting to-night.

—Charles Walker, charged with breaking into Sheriff Glass' summer residence, has been committed for trial by Squire Jarvis.

—D. P. Wheeler, of Detroit, Mich., Michigan passenger agent of the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City Railroad, is in the city.

—Mr. H. E. Cameron, representing A. W. Spooner, of Port Hope, the manufacturer of "Spooner's Phenyle," is in the city looking after its interests.

—Messrs. W. H. Bartram and S. Gibson have been elected lay delegates to the Synod of Huron by the vestry of St. George's Church, London West.

—Mr. R. A. Little B. A., lectured to a good audience last evening on "The Negro Problem" in the lecture room of the Dundas Street Methodist Church under the auspices of the Epworth League. Mr. Little has made his subject a deep study, and his arguments and theories are closely reasoned.

—Messrs. C. & W. Needham, who are leaving for Manitoba, sold their stock and implements by auction on Monday last. A large number of buyers were on hand and prices ruled exceedingly high, cows going away over $50. S. W. Paisley, from the London auction rooms, did his best talking for the occasion.

The P. P. A.

A big convention of the Protestant Protective Association is being held in the Duffield block. Delegates are here from all over the Province, including a large delegation from Toronto, which arrived in special cars last night. The principal object of the meeting is to consider a separate jurisdiction for Canada, independent of the A. P. A. of the United States, with which it has been to a degree identified. There is also a change in the secretaryship under consideration. The meetings were conducted with the utmost secrecy.

Associated with this a local branch of the Women's P. P. A. is being organized in the city, under the direction of Mrs. H. C. Youmans, of Toronto, the president. Margaret L. Shepherd, the lecturer, is also assisting. The meetings are being held privately in the Tecumseh House.

Women's Mission Circles.

The quarterly meeting of the Women's Mission circles connected with the four city Baptist churches was held in the Adelaide Street Church yesterday afternoon. A more than usually pleasant time was spent through having an entire change of programme and by welcoming among them for the first time, Mrs Mihell, the pastor's wife. Mrs G. F. Robertson, president of the Adelaide street circle, occupied the chair. After devotional exercises short and interesting papers on the missionaries and their work in the field of Telegu were read by ladies of the several circles, interspersed with singing and a solo by Miss Rendell. A short prayer meeting then followed, at the close of which a social hour was spent when the ladies were joined by the members of the younger circles and the gentlemen for tea. The tables, besides being well supplied with eatables, were tastefully decorated with foliage plants and flowers. In the evening an open meeting was held, when the pastor, Rev. D. M. Mihell, occupied the chair. Prayer by Mr. James Wellsteed, and an anthem by the choir was followed with a short address by Rev. Ira Smith, of the Talbot street Church, on "A. V. Timpanny, pioneer missionary of the Canadian Baptists." The first Baptist Missionary Board that met in a private parlor at Beamsville in 1867 subscribed of their limited means $1,100 for the purpose of sending the Gospel to the Telegus. The reverend gentleman in his entertaining manner traced the work from that time until the present, when $31,000 was raised, and the field had eleven missionaries with their wives. He also spoke of the time when Mr. Timpanny visited Canada in 1874 and helped to organize the Women's Board, which now supports six ladies in the field. Rev. Mr. Charlesworthy, of the Grosvenor Church, spoke of Rev. John Craig and his work in Cocanada, while Rev. Mr. Mihell referred to the work of Mr. Curry in Telegu. The proceedings were interspersed with singing by the choir, a duet by the Misses Moorehouse and Baker, of South London, and a selection by the Adelaide Street Church male quartet—Messrs. Maynard, Drew, Moorehead and Freeland. The music, which was one of the prominent features of the occasion, was exceptionally enjoyable, fully sustaining the well-earned reputation of the choir and its efficient, painstaking leader and organist, Miss Rendell. The benediction by the pastor brought the interesting gathering to a close, and the circles adjourned to meet again in July in the Grosvenor Street Church.

PARLIAMENT AND PROHIBITION.

Government Members of the Legislature Meet to Consider Their Course — The Public Accounts Committee.

[From the ADVERTISER'S Own Correspondent.]

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, TORONTO, April 19.—The Government supporters held a caucus to-day, which was largely attended. Sir Oliver Mowat and others spoke, and the utmost unanimity characterized the gathering. It is understood that the chief question considered was the temperance measures now before the House. What the policy will be has, of course, been kept secret, but you need not be surprised to find the ADVERTISER'S proposition of a plebiscite indorsed as a first step to prove the sincerity of the view that the overwhelming mass of the population favor prohibition.

The public accounts committee met this forenoon and re-elected Mr. Awrey chairman. In his absence Mr. Davis was voted to the chair temporarily. The Opposition asked for, and will obtain, accounts relating to the Central Prison and other public institutions. Superintendent Smith, of the colonization roads, will be examined at the next sitting.

THEY INTERVIEWED GLADSTONE.

Coal Miners Protest Against an Eight-Hour Enactment—The Premier's Opinion.

LONDON, April 19.—A deputation of coal miners from Durhamville visited Prime Minister Gladstone to express opposition to the enactment of a compulsory eight-hour law. Mr. Gladstone replied to the deputation that Parliament never could be a competent judge of the question. His own prepossessions on the subject had been derived from an enlightened statesman who feared the effect of legislative interference with adult labor. He regarded the making of terms between employers and employed as the normal method for adjusting hours of labor. The workers, Mr. Gladstone added, should respect individual freedom; nevertheless, eight hours a day was long enough, in his opinion, for labor underground.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

A snow storm prevailed yesterday in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah Tuesday. Telegraph wires are down. The wind was high.

The five gangway men imprisoned in Crystal Ridge colliery, Pa., on Monday, by the mine taking fire, have been safely taken out through an adjoining mine.

President Depew says the proposition to increase the capital stock of the N. Y. Central Railway to $100,000,000 will certainly be approved by the stockholders' meeting on Thursday.

While some men in a mine blacksmith shop at Tower, Minn., were engaged in breaking up a lot of old gas pipe with a steam hammer an explosion took place which killed three men, fatally injured two, and more or less seriously injured seven others.

Rev. William Neilson McVickar, of Holy Trinity Church, Boston, has been unanimously agreed upon by the Broad Church Conference of Episcopalians as their candidate for Bishop of Massachusetts to succeed the late Phillips Brooks.

Coming to Canada.

MONTREAL, April 19.—The steamship Pickhuben, of the Hamburg-American Packet Company, which sailed from Hamburg for Montreal yesterday, has 673 steerage passengers. She will be subjected to a very strict inspection at Grosse Isle, as the authorities have no means of knowing whether these immigrants come from cholera infected districts or not.

Anomalies of the Tariff.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Assistant Secretary Hamlin has decided a peculiar case. An American citizen moved to Canada, temporarily carrying with him his effects, among which was a colt two months old. He returned two years after and the collector at Cape Vincent, N. Y., charged him duty on the colt as it had materially advanced in value. Mr. Hamlin decides that in such circumstances, when the value of animals has been increased by natural growth, and not by "any process of manufacture or other means," animals of domestic origin are entitled to free entry.

A World's Fair Curiosity.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The steamer Vega, which arrived last night from Lisbon, carries the ourang-outang and black mandril, purchased by showmen in this country. The ourang was captured last January in Papua, an extensive island of the Eastern Archipelago. Most of the inhabitants of this island are of a black and wooly-haired race, and are known as Papuan negroes. The outrang was captured in the wilds of this extensive island, and is a veritable monster, and said to be the only black adult in captivity in the world. It could not be brought to this country earlier on account of the severity of this climate.

A Bismarck Dead.

BERLIN, April 19.—Count Bismarck Schierstein, head of the noble and ancient house of Bismarck Schœnhausen, to which Prince Bismarck belongs, died yesterday at Schierstein in Hesse Nassau, the seat of the family. Deceased was born in 1809, and was a cousin of Prince Bismarck. The late count married a daughter of the late Sir Henry Wynn, who was British Minister to Denmark, and through that is related to many English families.

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Sir John Abbot Recovering.

MONTREAL, April 19.—Sir John Abbott, though still confined to his bed, is slowly recovering strength. He is at his Montreal residence.

Workingmen and the Pope.

ROME, April 19.—The Pope received yesterday 3,000 Catholic workingmen from France. He urged them to be loyal to the Republic and to labor zealously for the prosperity and solidity of its institutions.

CANADIAN HARDWARE COMBINE.

A movement is on foot to form an association among the hardware men. No details can be learned of its nature, as the leading men in Toronto are extremely reticent on the subject. Mr. Lee, of Rice Lewis, and Mr. Jenkins, secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, when questioned, stated that they knew nothing about it.

Mr. Aikenhead, of the Aikenhead Company, says: "I know nothing about the nature of any such movement. I have heard, however, that there is something going on whereby some of us are to get our heads together in order to derive more profits from the goods sold."

Mr. Saunderson, of the house of Thompson, Montreal, the largest wholesale dealer in the Dominion, who is in Toronto, says: "There is a combine being formed among the hardware men, and a number of them are going down to Montreal to discuss the matter."

"You are sure of this, Mr. Saunderson?" asked a reporter.

"Well, I am in the business, so I ought to know."

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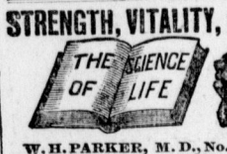

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