

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Monday, Nov. 15.
Hay was in good demand today. In fact the buyers would hardly wait until the loads were weighed they were in such haste to place the bids. Prices were a trifle firmer at \$12 to \$12.75 per ton. Nearly all of the sales were made at \$12.50 for the choice loads.
Straw continues to be scarce. There was none offered today. Only one load of oats was offered up to 11 o'clock, which sold at \$12.25 per cwt.
A carload of live hogs was purchased by D. McIntyre at \$6 per cwt for select.
Oats, hay, dressed hogs, butter and eggs will sell well tomorrow.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 15.—Oil opened and closed at \$1.73.
LONDON.
London, Nov. 14.—Petroleum, American refined, 7.1-16d; spirits, 74d.
ANTWERP.
Antwerp, Belgium, Nov. 14.—Petroleum, 22 francs.

DAIRY MARKETS.

ST. HYACINTHE.
St. Hyacinthe, Nov. 14.—Three hundred packages of butter, 27½¢; 200 boxes of cheese, 11½¢.
CHICAGO.
Chicago, Ill., Nov. 14.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 22 to 23¢; dairies, 19½¢ to 20¢. Cheese—Steady, 12½¢ to 13½¢.
NEW YORK.
New York, Nov. 14.—Butter—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 4,000 packages. Cheese—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 2,241 cases.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.
Toronto, Nov. 15.—The markets opened easier, but with no definite tone. Corn prices show a rising tendency.
Wheat—Ontario No. 2 white or red, outside, 92¢ to 93¢; No. 2 mixed, 91½¢ to 92¢; Manitoba—white, 92½¢ to 93½¢; No. 1 northern, \$1.03 to \$1.04; No. 2 northern, \$1.05 to \$1.06; at lake ports, 91½¢ to 92½¢.
Barley—No. 2, 55¢ to 56¢; No. 3 extra, 54¢ to 55¢; No. 4, 53¢ to 54¢.
Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 38½¢ to 39¢; outside, No. 3 mixed, 37½¢ to 38¢; outside, Manitoba No. 2, 42¢ to 43¢ on track at lake ports.
Corn—Old, 77¢ to 78¢; Toronto freight, for Nos. 2 or 3 yellow, new No. 3 yellow, 71½¢ to 72¢; Toronto freight.
Rye—No. 2, 65¢ to 70¢.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 42¢ to 43¢.
Flour—Manitoba first patents, 55¢; second, 53¢; strong bakers, 55¢; Ontario winter wheat patents, for export, 55¢ to 57¢ outside.
Milled—Bran plentiful, at \$20 to \$20.50 per 100 lbs. shorts, \$21 in bulk, \$24.50 in bags, at Montreal.
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COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK.
New York, Nov. 14.—Cotton—Futures closed steady. Closing bids: November, 8.85¢; December, 8.95¢; January, 8.95¢; February, 8.95¢; March, 8.85¢; May, 8.85¢; June, 8.75¢; July, 8.75¢; August, 8.65¢.
Spot closed quiet, 10 points higher; middling uplands, 9.55¢; middling Gulf, 9.95¢; no sales.
New York, Nov. 15.—Cotton—Futures opened steady; December, 9.12¢; January, 9.25¢; March, 9.25¢; May, 8.85¢; July, 8.55¢; August, 8.45¢ to 8.70¢; October, 8.55¢ to 8.55¢.

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.
Detroit, Nov. 14.—Beans—Dried Lima, 6½¢ to 7¢ per lb.; Red Kidney, \$1.50 to \$2 per bu.

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SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.
New York, Nov. 14.—Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3.44¢; centrifugal, 96¢ test, 3.34¢; molasses sugar, 3.10¢; refined quiet. Molasses—Firm.
LONDON.
London, Nov. 14.—Raw sugar—Muscovade, 10s 3d; central sugar, 11s 3d; beet sugar, November, 10s 3d.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.
Chicago, Nov. 15.—Cattle — Receipts, 45,000 head; 10c to 25c lower; beefs, \$3.30 to \$3.50; Texans, \$3.50 to \$4.50; westerns, \$3.50 to \$5.35; stockers and feeders, \$2.60 to \$4.60; cows and heifers, \$1.50 to \$5.70; calves, \$5.50 to \$5.50.
Hogs—Receipts, 65,000 head; market 15c lower; light, \$5 to \$5.70; mixed, \$5.20 to \$5.90; heavy, \$5.20 to \$5.90; roughs, \$5.30 to \$5.40; good to choice heavy, \$5.40 to \$5.90; pigs, \$3.75 to \$5; bulk of sales, \$5.50 to \$5.80.
Sheep—Receipts, 40,000 head; 10c to 25c lower; native, \$2.40 to \$4.50; westerns, \$2.40 to \$4.50; yearlings, \$4.10 to \$4.80; lambs, \$3.75 to \$5.90; westerns, \$3.75 to \$5.90.

KILLS HIS SON

Civil War Veteran Ends Carousal by Slaying His Son.

Fort Plain, Nov. 15.—Alfred Billington, a veteran of the civil war, is a prisoner in the jail at Fond du Lac charged with the murder of his son William, 30 years old, who died today of stab wounds received last night.
Billington, who is 65 years old, and his son lived on a farm a few miles north of Fort Plain. They came here yesterday and spent the night in revelry, which terminated in a quarrel. So far as can be learned there was no occasion for the fight. The elder Billington says that his son attacked him first, knocking him down twice with blows from his fist. Then, it is charged, the father drew a long-bladed jackknife and plunged it into his son's stomach, inflicting a wound about eight inches long across the abdomen.
For six hours young Billington lay without medical aid on the floor of a saloon. When a doctor finally arrived the young man was so weak from loss of blood and neglect that his life could not be saved.

Coroner Vetter, of St. Johnsville, arrived while William Billington was still conscious and took his dying statement. The young man told of the fight and accused his father of having stabbed him. The father listened to the statement in apparent unconcern until he heard his boy flatter charge him with the crime. Then he became alarmed and fled, but was captured later and removed to the jail at Fond du Lac.

EMPEROR AND DOWAGER DEAD
CHINA MOURNS DOUBLE LOSS

Prince Chang Made Regent and the Little Prince Pu Yi Heir to Throne, Establishing the Manchu Dynasty—Troops Out to Protect Europeans.

Peking, Nov. 15.—Tse Hsi An, dowager empress of China, the autocratic head of the Government, which she directed without successful interference since 1861, and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The announcement of her death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang Hsu, the Emperor, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, but it is believed that the deaths of the Emperor and the Dowager Empress occurred considerably before the time set down in the official statements.

An edict issued at 8 o'clock this morning, placed upon the throne Prince Pu Yi, the three-year-old son of Prince Chun, the regent of the Empire, in accordance with a promise given by the Dowager Empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903.

An edict issued on Friday made Pu Yi heir presumptive. The foreign legations were notified this morning by the foreign board of the death of the Emperor and the succession of Prince Pu Yi. Troops have been in readiness for several days to quell any disorders that might arise on the death of Kuang Hsu, and the possibility of uprisings was made greater because the death of the Dowager Empress was known to be close at hand.

Two divisions of troops have been held in reserve, and these are now stationed in various quarters of the city. Twenty gendarmes were dispatched to guard the approaches to the legations, but up to the present the duties of the forces have been slight. It was announced that the legation guards were ordered out at the special call of the legations owing to the Emperor's death.

Prince Chun, the regent, has ordered the viceroys and governors to take precautions for the continuation of the administration of the provinces as heretofore, and he has ordered a hundred days of mourning. The court will go into mourning for three years.

Peking already has been greatly transformed. All red objects have been re-

moved and blue has been substituted. The people learned this evening of the death of the Dowager Empress, and although the Chinese are in nowise emotional, they were profoundly impressed by the passing of their powerful ruler.

The foreigners in the city are watching the strange ceremonies with great interest. At the palace, elaborate rites are being observed, and a flood of edicts have been sent forth.

Deathed Ceremonies.

Deathed observances of 3,000 years ago marked the passing of the Emperor and Dowager Empress. They died alone and unattended, although surrounded by circles of abject spectators, who remained a road on account of the account of the sacred persons of their majesties they could not be approached. The Emperor died as he lived, without ministrations of any kind or scientific aid. He had refused to permit the services of foreign physicians for months, and although it was known that he had gone back to the old form of medical treatment, it is believed that he received no treatment at all.

The Government has given out that in a lucid interval last Friday the Dowager Empress received Prince Ching, who is a Manchu and a member of the royal family, and approved the edicts declaring Prince Pu Yi heir presumptive, and Prince Chun, regent of the empire. At the beginning of the Boxer outbreak, Prince Ching was lord chamberlain of the court and commander of the Peking field force. It was on Prince Ching that the foreign officials hung hopes of the safety of the envoys. He has held many official positions, and was high in imperial favor.

That the Dowager Empress took this step is discredited, but she is believed to have successfully established the Chun regime, which is the Manchu regime, without obstacle, and the opinion is held here that this solution of the difficulty, which has necessarily confronted the Government, is the best possible.

A Negro Desperado Kills Eight
Then Burns House Over His Head

Sanguinary Battle Follows the Attempt to Arrest Man in South.

Okmulgee, Okla., Nov. 15.—Eight persons were killed and ten others were wounded today in a fight between James Decker, a negro desperado, and officers.

The dead: Edgar Robinson, sheriff of Okmulgee County; Hens Kluber, assistant chief of police of Okmulgee; two negroes named Chapman, brothers; J. Decker, a negro; three unidentified negroes.

The wounded: Steve Grayson, Indian boy, probably fatally beaten; Victor Farr, Sioux chief, shot through shoulder; deputy sheriff, arm broken; seven others slightly wounded.

The disturbance began at the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad station, where Decker engaged in a fight with Grayson and beat him senseless with a rock.

Friends of Grayson called the police. When Policeman Kluber went to the station Decker darted to his house, nearby, and barricaded himself in. When Kluber approached the house Decker shot and instantly killed him. Sheriff Robinson gathered deputies in a few minutes and hurried to the scene. This party contained several negroes whom the sheriff commissioned as deputies.

Great Catholic Missions Conference

Chicago, Nov. 15.—The first American Catholic missionary congress, pronounced by its members as destined to open a new epoch in the progress of the church, convened today here for a four day's session, in the presence of prelates, clergymen and laymen from many parts of the United States and Canada. Pope Pius X. was represented by Most Rev. Diomedes de Falconio, archbishop of Larissa, and apostolic delegate to the United States, who in the initial ceremony presented the apostolic blessing and congratulations. The programme of the conference exercises which are to be participated in by representatives from almost every city in the country. The Catholic Church extension society, which called the congress, has set forth its purposes as follows:

"To mark the change of the church in North America from missionary conditions to its full share in the work of the universal church; to crystallize the missionary conditions, especially of America, and the colonies of the United States, and plan for their improvement."

Preceded by the solemn procession of prelates from the cathedral college, a solemn pontifical mass this morning was held at the Holy Name Cathedral, the celebrant being Archbishop Fal-

conio, assisted by the Most Rev. Jas. H. Blenk, archbishop of New Orleans. Archbishop Falconio said: "By letter dated Sept. 5, 1908, His Eminence Cardinal Merry Del Val informed me that His Holiness Pope Pius X. has commissioned me to present in his name to this congress his congratulations, and at the same time to impart his apostolic benediction to the congress and to all the friends and benefactors of this great movement."

In the afternoon luncheon was given to the visiting prelates by Archbishop Quigley, of Chicago. In the evening pontifical vespers were held in all the Catholic churches of Chicago, with selected speakers to begin an energetic campaign. We are trying to do in Canada what you have done in the United States, and we are hopeful of success."

Death of the Hon. Mr. Evanturel

Montreal, Nov. 15.—The death is announced of Hon. Francois E. A. Evanturel, former Speaker of the Ontario Legislature.

He was the eldest son of the late Hon. F. Evanturel, M. E. C., of Quebec, and was born in that city on Aug. 31, 1847. He was educated at the Quebec Seminary and graduated LL. B. at Laval University in 1869, being called to the bar in 1871. After serving for a short period in the civil service at Ottawa, he then took up his residence in the County of Prescott. At the provincial election of 1883 he unsuccessfully contested that constituency

in the Conservative interests. He was returned in 1888, and on the two following occasions was also successful, running as an Independent Liberal.

He was for many years the publisher of L'Interprete newspaper, an organ of his ability both as a writer and a speaker.

He was one of the first persons of French-Canadian origin to be returned to the Ontario Legislature. He was a member of the council of the Eastern Ontario Liberal Association for years, and was elected Speaker of the Ontario Assembly at the meeting of the new Legislature on Feb. 10, 1897.

A VICTORY FOR
RELIGIOUS TOLERATION

Rev. Mr. Gilpin Preached on the Election of Hon. Wm. Taft.

"It was the true American spirit of democracy that triumphed over the campaign of religious bigotry against President Taft, the Unitarian, at the last election," said Rev. Mr. Gilpin, in last night's sermon in the Unitarian Church. "An effort had been made by some of the evangelical churches to strike a blow at Unitarianism by defeating Mr. Taft. Modern liberal religion has made many inroads upon orthodoxy, particularly through the higher criticism, and a great deal of resentment was stirred up against the Republican nominee."

"But the campaign miserably failed, and it is safe to say that the religion of no future president will be attacked. A great victory has been won for religious toleration. If we listen to the demands of these men, we would have to erase from the pages of history a large number of important names of men who were Unitarians, such as Thomas Jefferson, the president; Daniel Webster, the orator; John Marshall, the jurist; Emerson, Longfellow and Dickens, the writers, and Sir Isaac Newton, the scientist."

"A strong demand is made upon us to divorce religion and politics, and to get rid of the hypocrisy and double-dealing that arises out of this anomalous position. No man wants to know whether his watch has been made by a Methodist, nor should any man want to know if the Panama Canal was built by a Unitarian or a Roman Catholic."

"In last year's report of the board of education, the particular religion of each public and high school teacher is given. This is a vestige of the old days of religious tests that should be done away with. It nobody's business which church any teacher attends. We have a few lessons of religious toleration to learn even in Canada."

THREE KILLED AT KINGSCOURT

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hour and fifteen minutes late on Sunday.

Between London and Sarnia it is down grade, and the train would be going at a very rapid rate, probably fully sixty miles an hour, when it passed Kingscourt.

Blew the Whistle.

According to statements made at the Grand Trunk, Engineer Crawford blew the whistle before he came to the crossing at Kingscourt. He saw the rig come onto the track, and endeavored to stop the train, but it was too late, and he struck it full tilt.

While there are but few buildings at Kingscourt, the house and barns on the north side of the track obscure the view somewhat, and a rig is practically on the track after passing the house.

No official statement has been issued by the Grand Trunk Company as yet.

No investigation will be made in view of the inquest, which is to be held this afternoon, when all the railway employees on the trains will be called to give evidence.

Obedied the Rules.

It was unofficially stated, however, that the company's employees obeyed all the rules in connection with the affair, that the whistle was blown, and the bell rung, and the speed slackened when passing a station, and all the rest of it.

The train was in charge of Conductor W. Neil and Engineer Crawford.

SPORTING EDITOR IN COURT

Accused of Criminally Libelling Writer on Another Sheet.

Hamilton, Nov. 15.—Melville M. (Robbie) Robinson, sporting editor of the Spectator, appeared before the police magistrate this morning on a charge of wilfully, falsely and maliciously, criminally libelling Fred C. Mills, the sporting editor of the Times. Robinson pleaded not guilty, and declined to elect. The article which appeared in the sporting column of the Spectator, and to which exception was taken, stated that Mills, referred to as a boxer match at Brantford, and that the fight was "cooked up." This morning Mills swore that he did not referee the match, and was not in Brantford on the night in question. There was considerable talk as to whether Robinson wrote the article. Mills also claimed that the Spectator's sporting editor had been publicly ridiculing him for months past.

Robinson was committed for trial and bail was fixed in the sum of \$1,000. No defense was offered.

WANTS HIS RING BACK.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 15.—A suit to be tried on Nov. 26 between Fred Bellmore, a drug clerk, and Lucy Whitely, has some interesting features. The suit is for the recovery of a diamond ring, which the plaintiff claims to have given to the defendant, who is now null and void, according to indications. Miss Whitely declares she no longer has the ring, and that she refused to pay the \$100 that the plaintiff demanded.

CIVIC CONVENTION.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 15.—The joint annual convention of the National Association and the American Civic Association, held under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, opened in this city today, and will continue its sessions until Thursday evening.

The programme is an elaborate one, and during the week some of the most prominent men in civic affairs, as well as men of national fame, will visit Pittsburgh to participate in the deliberations of the two organizations.

The convention will close on Thursday evening with a banquet at the Hotel Schenley, at which Attorney-General Bonaparte and others will speak.

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A Pretty Story of the Sheffield Choir CHATHAM MAN ROASTS COURTS

A very interesting story has cropped up out of the visit of the Sheffield Choir to London.

Among the choir singers was a man named W. Burnett, of Sheffield. At the station here he was met by an uncle of his who had come 200 miles to see his nephew, and also hear the choir sing.

This in considered to be the record distance for the choir's trip through Canada.

The uncle, whose name is H. Burnett, a man well over 70 years of age, came to London from Stockbridge, Mich. He left England early in 1848, and has as a result, been in America over sixty years. He settled in Michigan, where he has been ever since.

In spite of his seventy years, he is quite a remarkable man. Standing over six feet in height, strong and wiry, he made an imposing figure. His hair is white and his whiskers—well, they were of the fringes variety, but he did not care.

He arrived in London the day before the choir came in and waited.

A Grotesque Character.

His nephew was something over 40 years of age, and his uncle had never seen him, but he wanted to see him and hear the choir sing.

The old man's garb was picturesque. An old suit, perhaps of the vintage of '75 was the main part of his apparel. He wore also a white flannel shirt, with no collar nor tie, and an old slouch hat. Although it was cold, he had no overcoat.

"I am tough," he declared, when

asked about it. "I have worn gloves but once since I came to this country and that was at a Masonic funeral twenty years ago."

He was the first at the depot when the train came in, and he waited for his nephew, whom he did not know.

"The first man who stepped off, a proper young man, well dressed and dandy, was greeted by the old man. By a mere stroke of fortune it was his nephew."

The two shook hands for some minutes, and the young man wanted to remain over night with the old man. "Guess you can't do it son," said the old man. "I live over 200 miles from here, and it's more than a night's journey."

A Dutiful Nephew.

The nephew was attentive to the old gentleman, although his garb was very weird. He took him to the concert and to the banquet afterwards, and sent him away in the morning, happy.

"Guess I will go back to my farm in Michigan," the old man said. "I can't get back to England, although I would like to. Most all my folks there are dead. Well, it was a great trip, and I enjoyed it immensely."

While speaking of the Sheffield Choir, it might be well to mention that Mr. Geo. H. O'Neill received a letter of appreciation from Dr. Harris and Stewart Houston, conveying the thanks of the choir for the admirable way in which he looked after the choir during its stay in London. The arrangements here were well nigh perfect, the letter states.

BOGUS COAL MAN FLEECE SARNIANS

He Sells Black Diamonds But Fails to Deliver—Seeking Missing Husband.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Nov. 15.—The Sarnia curling club have elected officers for the coming season.

The Sarnia Collegiate Institute Literary Society held a meeting Friday night, and an interesting programme of music, singing and an address given.

Owing to the removal of the Grand Trunk shops from Fort Grafton a number of Point Edward residents who were employed by that company have gone to Battle Creek, Mich., to which place the shops were transferred.

An electric light has been placed at the corner of Lochiel and Euphemias streets, greatly to the convenience of residents in that locality.

Birthdays of a Veteran.

C. D. Hitchcock celebrated his 70th birthday on Thursday. Mr. Hitchcock was one of the crew of the schooner Chieftain, which sailed from Sarnia with a cargo of crude oil in 1860 to Britain, unloading at Gravesend. The Chieftain was the only sailing vessel to ever make the return trip from Sarnia to Europe.

James Abraham, the 12-year-old lad charged with accidentally shooting George Seigmiller, the Grand Trunk fireman, was before the magistrate on Friday. The trial was enlarged until the victim of the shooting can attend. Seigmiller will have to undergo a difficult operation for the removal of the bullet, which has been located at the back of the knee.

The Chatham Brass Band was present at the Salvation Army services today, and rendered excellent selections on the streets.

All efforts to locate the burglars who forced an entry into Brittain's store in Wyndham have failed. Since they were traced to the London road they have entirely disappeared.

Anniversary services are being held in the Central Methodist Church today, conducted by Rev. Mr. Manning, B. A., of Windsor.

Successful Swindle.

A number of Sarnia residents were swindled by a sharper here on Friday. The stranger visited several houses, stating he had a car of coal for sale at \$2.50 per ton. The car had broken down, he said, and he had to dispose of it at the above rate to get it out of the way. He sold several tons, giving a receipt for the cash he received, but the stranger hasn't been seen since nor the coal delivered. The police are anxious to learn of his whereabouts.

Thomas Lewis pleaded guilty Saturday to passing a worthless check on the bartender at the Northern Hotel. He was remanded for a week, as there are other charges to be preferred against him.

Illegal Liquor Selling.

John Menasz, a Sarnia reserve Indian, was found guilty at the police court Saturday of supplying liquor to Alex. Gray and Walter James, Indians. In the Gray case he was fined \$35 and costs, \$10.40, and in the other case a

fine of \$25 without costs. A notice of appeal has been given by Meass's solicitor.

The lawn bowling club has elected officers as follows: Honorary presidents, Hon. W. J. Hanna, M. P. P., and F. P. Pardee, M. P.; president, A. D. McLean; vice-president, Judge MacWatt; treasurer, D. M. Grant; secretary, W. A. Thrasher; executive committee, Col. Mackenzie, A. R. Smith and Dr. Hayes; auditors, E. P. Bucke and Alex. Saunders.

Seeking Missing Husband.

Mrs. E. T. Evans, wife of the former Sarnia pastor who is said to have run away with his choir leader, came to Sarnia on Friday in search of her husband. Mrs. Evans left her five children in the care of relatives in Wales. She was unable to obtain any trace of her husband, and left for Buffalo, where she will search for Miss Davis at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. J. D. Williams. Miss Davis's mother is said to be in Cleveland with a daughter, and Mrs. Evans is reported to be with her.

The linen shower at the residence of Mrs. David Milne, South Front street, in aid of the Sarnia General Hospital, was very successful. Some 335 pieces were received for the hospital, besides \$56 in cash.

Advertiser Correspondence

A Word of Appreciation.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The reports you have given in your paper for the past year or more of the various poultry shows, in which we (London men) have been interested, have been so good that I feel it my duty as a poultryman to write you a few lines of appreciation. Your man who does this work for you must know something about chickens, as the reports you give are the best I have seen in any paper (poultry papers included) and from conversation with a number of fellow-poultrymen I can assure you I am not the only one who appreciates these reports. There are some editors who seem to think that any man can write up a poultry show, and as a result some blunders are made, which to say the least, are amusing to anyone who knows anything about chickens. In the report of one of your local contemporaries on the show Thanksgiving Day, the man who wrote it up said: "Every kind of fowl were represented, from the large Brahmas with tufts of feathers on their legs, to the leghorns, with their beautiful white combs." As a matter of fact the redder a leghorn's comb is the better, and one with a white comb would only be good to travel with some show, like the double-headed baby, or three-legged man, as a freak of nature. Thanking you again, and hoping you will keep up these reports in the future, I remain, yours truly,

S. CHARLTON.

CROKER LIKES TAFT.

Queenstown, Nov. 16.—Richard Croker, the former Tammany Hall leader, was among the passengers who boarded the steamship Lusitania yesterday. He will make a six-months' visit to the United States.

When seen prior to the departure of the steamer, he reiterated that he was out of politics; that his visit to America was of a purely private nature, and that he would not discuss in any way the recent elections, or future possibilities.

He did say, however:

"I think Mr. Taft will be a good president; he has had experience."

Spent Some Time in Detroit and Tells What He Thinks of the Sights There.

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