FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

HAY SOLD AT $21 PER TON

Market in London This Morning Was Rather a Small One.

SYRUP WAS PLENTIFUL

Brought From $1 25 to $1 35 Per Gallon—The Price of Hogs.

The local market this morning was small. A few loads of hay were sold for $21 a ton.

Oats have increased in price, and are now quoted at prices ranging from $1 64 to $1 67 per cwt.

Wheat was slightly cheaper, being sold for 95c and 96c per bu.

Maple syrup was plentiful, and was sold at prices between $1 25 and $1 35 a gallon.

As stated yesterday, the shipment of hogs will be tomorrow, and while no price has been quoted, it is expected that it will be higher than for some time past. At the market in Toronto yesterday, the price was $8 25, and mostly likely the prices here tomorrow will be $7 60 and $7 75 per cwt.

The prices on the market this morning were:

Grain, Per Cwt.			
Wheat, per cwt	1 58	to	1 58
Barley, per cwt	$1 50	to	$1 60
Oats, per cwt	1 64	to	1 67
Grain, Per Bushel.			
Wheat, per bu	95	to	96
Oats, per bu	56	to	57
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	20 00	to	21 00
Straw, per ton	9 50	to	10 00
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, dairy, wholesale	34	to	35
Butter, store lots, lb	32	to	32
Butter, creamery, lb	26	to	40
Butter, fancy, retail, lb	38	to	40
Eggs, dairy ball price	25	to	25
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	23	to	25
Eggs, crate, wholesale	21	to	22
Honey, sections, doz	1 75	to	2 50
Honey, extracted, lb	11	to	11
Maple syrup, gallon	1 25	to	1 35
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb, retail	20	to	22
Turkeys, lb, wholesale	18	to	19
Turkeys, old toms, lb	16	to	17
Chickens, per pair	90	to	1 50
Chickens, lb, wholesale	14	to	15
Chickens, lb, retail	16	to	16
Old fowl, per lb	8	to	9
Ducks, per pair	1 75	to	2 00
Ducks, lb, wholesale	12	to	12½
Ducks, lb, retail	13	to	14
Geese, lb, wholesale	11	to	12
Geese, lb, retail	13	to	13
Poultry, etc., Alive.			
Turkeys, per lb	14	to	15
Ducks, per lb	9	to	10
Chickens, per lb	13	to	13
Old fowl, per lb	11½	to	12½
Butchers' Meats.			
Lamb, per lb	12	to	13½
Beef, young, cwt	8 00	to	10 50
Dressed hogs, choice	10 00	to	10 50
Veal, per cwt	8 00	to	10 00
Beef cows, cwt	7 00	to	8 50
Mutton, per cwt	8 00	to	10 00
Heavy hogs, cwt	8 00	to	8 50
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 00
Live Stock.			
Select hogs, cwt	7 40	to	7 40
Fat sows, cwt	4 50	to	5 00
Small pigs, pair	4 00	to	8 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	6 50
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Vegetables.			
Beets, per bu	50	to	65
Parsnips, per bu	1 00	to	1 25
Potatoes, bag, load	1 75	to	1 85
Potatoes, single bag	1 85	to	1 95
Apples, per bbl	2 50	to	3 25
Carrots, per bu	1 25	to	1 25
Celery, doz. bunches	1 00	to	1 00
Cabbage	50	to	1 25
Onions, per bu	2 00	to	2 25
Radishes, doz. bunches	40	to	40
Onions, green, dozen	40	to	40
Lettuce, dozen	40	to	40
Rhubarb, dozen	90	to	1 00
Hides, Wool, Etc.			
Lambskins, each	80	to	90
Hides, No. 1, lb	10	to	10
Hides, No. 2, lb	9	to	9
Hides, No. 3, lb	8	to	8
Wool, unwashed, lb	12	to	12
Wool, washed, lb	20	to	20
Calfskins, per lb	12	to	14
Tallow, rough, lb	2 1-3	to	3 1-3
Seeds.			
Red clover, per bu	11 50	to	12 00
Alsike, per bu	10 50	to	11 00
Timothy seed, per bu	9 50	to	10 00

PRODUCE.

LIVERPOOL, April 9—Close.—Wheat—Spot firm: No. 2 red western winter, 8s 3½d; futures steady; May, 7s 11d; July, 7s 8¾d; October, 7s 4⅞d. Corn—Spot firm: American mixed, new, 6s 5d; do, old, 6s 11d; do, new, kiln-dried, 6s 8d; futures dull; May, 6s 7¾d; September, 6s 3¼d. Flour—Winter patents, 29s 9d. Hops (in London)—Pacific coast, £9 15s to £10 15s. Beef—Extra india mess, 107s 6d. Pork—Prime mess western, 85s. Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 57s 6d. Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, 52s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24lbs, 54s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 54s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, 55s; do, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, 54s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 52s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, 48s. Lard—Prime western in tierces, 48s 3d; American refined, in pails, 50s 6d. Cheese—Canadian finest white and colored, 76s 6d. Tallow—Prime city, 30s 3d. Turpentine spirits—34s 9d. Rosin—Common, 16s 7½d. Petroleum—Refined, 9⅜d. Linseed oil—40s 9d.

WINNIPEG, April 9.—May wheat closed at $1 02¾.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 9.—May wheat closed at $1 06⅜.

COTTON

NEW YORK, April 9.—Cotton prices at 2:30 p.m.: May, 10.93c; October, 11.21c.

TORONTO STOCK MARKET REPORT

TORONTO, April 9.—Morning prices today:

	Sellers.	Buyers.
Amal. Asbestos, com.	..	3½
Amal. Asbestos, pfd.	20	..
Black Lake, com.	1	..
Black Lake, pfd.	5¼	2⅝
B. C. Packers A.	..	99
Burt, N. F., com	..	108⅛
Burt, N. F., pfd.	114	113
Canada Cement, com.	..	36
Canada Cement, pfd.	89	..
Canada General Electric	113	112
Canada Machinery, pfd.	85	..
Canada Locomotive, com.	..	34
Canada Locomotive, pfd.	..	94
Canadian Salt	..	110
City Dairy, com.	57	55
City Dairy, pfd.	101	..
Consumers' Gas	105	..
Crown Nest	80	..
Detroit United	..	63
Dominion Canners, com.	..	61
Dominion Canners, pfd.	102½	..
Dominion I. and S., pfd.	..	100
Dominion Steel Corp.	56	55
Dominion Telegraph	110½	106
Duluth-Superior	78½	78
Electric Development, pfd.	82	75
Illinois, pfd.	94	92
Lake of Woods, com.	135	132¼
Lake of Woods, pfd.	122	120
Lake Superior Corp.	..	30¾
Mackay, com.	84	83
Mackay, pfd.	69¼	69
Maple Leaf, com.	65	63
Maple Leaf, pfd.	100	99
Mexican L. and P.	..	81
Montreal Power	..	207½
M. St. P. and S. S. M.	..	140
Niagara Navigation	..	185
N. S. Steel, com.	94½	..
Ogilvie, com.	..	126
Pacific Burt, com.	..	80½
Pacific Burt, pfd.	..	90
Penmans, com.	..	56¾
Penmans, pfd.	86	..
Porto Rico Railway	78	..
Quebec L. and P.	50	..
R. and O. Navigation	130	..
Rio Janeiro Tramway	118⅝	118½
Rogers, pfd.	113	..
Russell, M. C., com.	105	..
Russell, M. C., pfd.	109½	..
Sawyer-Massey, com.	37½	..
Sawyer-Massey, pfd.	95	92
St. L. and C. Navigation	100	..
Sao Paulo Tramway	..	136
Shredded Wheat, com.	..	79
Spanish River, com.	46	..
Spanish River, pfd.	83½	83
Steel of Canada, com.	22	31
Steel of Canada, pfd.	89	..
Toronto Railway	..	136
Twin City, com.	105	..
Winnipeg Railway	215½	210
Coniagas	..	765
La Rose	400	..
Nipissing Mines	810	780
Trethewey	85	..
Bank of Commerce	222½	..
Dominion Bank	..	227
Bank of Hamilton	..	199½
Imperial Bank	227	..
Merchants' Bank	198½	..
Metropolitan Bank	..	196½
Molsons Bank	..	207
Bank of Montreal	..	244
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	274¾
Ottawa Bank	..	207¾
Royal Bank	..	228
Standard Bank	..	236
Bank of Toronto	210	..
Union Bank	164	..
Traders' Bank	151	..
Canada Landed	159	158
Canada Permanent	..	183
Central Canada Loan	..	195
Colonial Investment	75	..
Dominion Savings & Loan	..	77
Hamilton Provident	..	135
Huron & Erie	..	205
Huron & Erie, 20% paid	..	194
Landed Banking	..	140
London & Canadian	127	..
National Trust	..	204
Ontario Loan	..	162
Ontario Loan, 20% paid	..	152
Toronto General Trust	200	..
Toronto Mortgage	..	133
Toronto Savings	..	197
Union Trust	181	178
Black Lake, bonds	20	15
C. N. R., bonds	..	90
Electrical Dev. bonds	..	92
Laurentide, bonds	..	108
Mexican Electric, bonds	..	83
Mexican L. & P., bonds	92	..
Ogilvie Flour, bonds	..	92
Porto Rico Railway, bonds	93½	..
Province of Ontario bonds	..	101⅞
Rio, first mortgage bonds	102½	..
Sao Paulo, bonds	..	100¾
Steel of Canada, bonds	101	..

Morning Sales: F. N. Burt, preferred, 50 at 113½; Consumers' Gas, 5 at 193½, 6 at 193¼; Twin City, 26 at 105, 50 at 105¼, 25 at 105; Dominion Telegraph, 10 at 106¾; Pacific Burt, 35 at 40½, 6 at 41; Mackay, 50 at 83, 50 at 83¼, 100 at 83¾; do, preferred, 15 at 69½, 25 at 69⅜, 8 at 69½; Spanish River, 25 at 46¾; Steel Corporation, 15 at 57, 5 at 56¾; Telephone, new, 19 at 145; Niagara, 25 at 168, 10 at 170, 5 at 172; General Electric, 66 at 112; Duluth-Superior, 20 at 77¾; Russell Motor, 5 at 105; do, preferred, 50 at 108⅞; Toronto Railway, 100 at 137, 25 at 136¾, 150 at 136; City Dairy, 2 at 56; Rio, 266 at 118½; Winnipeg, 10 at 212, 10 at 215½; do, rights, 5 at 52, 1 at 53, 4 at 55; St. Lawrence, 10 at 95; Rio, new, 23 at 114½; Steel of Canada, 10 at 31½; do, preferred, 25 at 89, 15 at 88¾; Maple Leaf, 10 at 63; do, preferred, 25 at 99; Locomotive, 3 at 35; do, preferred, 5 at 89; Dominion Bank, 10 at 227¼, 47 at 227; Bank of Commerce, 25 at 222½; Imperial Bank, 18 at 227; Bank of Toronto, 3 at 209½, Bell Telephone, 5 at 149; Sawyer-Massey, preferred, 33 at 92, 17 at 92½; Rogers, 4 at 179; Penmans, preferred, 480 at 86; do, bonds, $300 at 92; Electrical Development, bonds, $500 at 92; Royal Bank, 10 at 230¾; Mexican Electric, bonds, $1,000 at 90½; Black Lake, bonds, $1,000 at 15; Lake Superior, 35 at 31¼; Sao Paulo, 50 at 196½.

NEW YORK April 9.
[Special to H. C. Becher.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	2pm.
Amal. Copper	81⅞	82⅞	81⅝	82⅞
Anaconda Copper	43⅜	43⅝	43⅜	43⅝
Amer. Beet Sugar	129	129⅞	129	129⅞
Amer. Beet Sugar pfd.	62	63¾	61½	63⅝
Amer. Locomotive	42½	44¾	42	44¼
American Foundry	60	61¼	60	61
American Refining	87⅜	88¼	87⅛	88
Amer. Cotton Oil	54⅞	..	..	..
Atchison, com	109⅞	110¼	109½	110¼
Baltimore & Ohio	108⅝	109¼	108½	109¼
Brooklyn Transit	84⅛	84⅛	84	84⅛
Canadian Pacific	246¾	247⅞	246	246½
Chesapeake & Ohio	80¼	80⅞	80	80⅞
Consolidated Gas	145⅛	145¼	144½	145¼
Col. Fuel & Iron	32¼	34	32	34
Erie, com	37⅝	37⅝	37⅛	37⅝
Erie, pfd	56	56¼	55¾	56
G. Northern, pfd	135	135¾	135	135½
Inter-Metropolitan	60½	60½	60⅜	60½
Kansas & Texas	31	31⅜	30¾	31⅜
Louisville & Nash	157¾	162½	157¾	162½
Lehigh Valley	167¾	168¼	167¼	167⅝
Missouri Pacific	45⅝	46⅛	45⅛	46⅛
New York Central	113½	114½	113¼	114½
Northern Pacific	123¼	123¾	122½	123¾
Norfolk & Western	113⅝	114	113⅝	114
National Lead	58½	58¾	58⅛	58½
Ontario & Western	40¼	40¾	40⅛	40⅛
Pacific Mail	34¼	34⅜	34	34⅜
Pennsylvania	125½	126	125¼	126
Reading	164⅜	166¼	163¾	165⅞
Republic Steel	23⅞	25	23⅞	24⅝
Rock Island	30½	30½	29⅞	30¼
Rock Island, pfd	59	59⅝	57¾	59½
Southern Railway	30¾	31	30⅜	30⅞
Southern Pacific	114¾	115¼	114⅝	115
St. Paul	111½	112⅜	111½	111⅝
Union Pacific	74¼	175⅝	173⅝	175¼
Central Leather	25⅝	26	25⅝	26
U. S. Rubber	56¾	56¾	56	56¼
U. S. Steel	72	72⅝	71⅜	72¼
U. S. Steel, pfd	112¾	113	112¾	113
Utah Copper	64⅝	64⅞	64	64⅞
Wabash, com	8⅝	8⅝	8½	8½
Wabash, pfd	22¾	22¾	22¼	22⅝
Western Union Tel.	84½	..	..	..

COBALT STOCKS.

[By Special Wire to Thomas Ray-craft Broker.]

TORONTO, April 9.—Opening Cobalt prices today:

Cobalts—	Asked.	Bid.
Beaver Consolidated	44	43
Buffalo Mines	1.25	1.20
Coniagas	7.75	7.70
Crown Reserve	3.20	3.10
Bailey	3	2
Chambers-Ferland	15	14
City of Cobalt	14	12
Cobalt Lake	26	25
Foster Cobalt	4	3
Gifford	4	3
Great Northern	14	13
Gould	4	3½
Green-Meehan	2	1¾
Hargraves	9	8
Kerr Lake	2.90	2.85
McKinley-Darragh	1.66	1.65
Nipissing	8.10	8.00
Nova Scotia	6	5
Ophir Cobalt	12	10
Peterson Lake	11	10
Rochester	4	3
Right of Way	9	8
Silver Leaf	6	5
Temiskaming	44	42
Trethewey	67	63
Wettlaufer	65	64
Porcupine—		
Big Dome	36.00	32.50
Hollinger	12.25	11.95
Crown Chartered	35	33
Apex	6	5½
Dome Extension	70	69
Eldorado	8	5
Foley-O'Brien	32	29
Gold Reef	11	8
Monita	18	14
North Dome	1.20	95
Pearl Lake	22	20
Porcupine Central	3.30	3.25
Porcupine Imperial	1	6
Porcupine Northern	1.65	1 63
Porcupine Tisdale	5	4
Porcupine Southern	2.10	2.05
Porcupine Union	14	10
Preston East Dome	13	11
Rea Mines	65	60
Standard	11	10
Swastika	26	25
Vipond	44	42
United Porcupine	5	4
West Dome	45	35
Jupiter Mines	46	45
Island Smelters	14	13

Montreal Stock Exchange—Morning Sales.

Havana, 5 at 120; C. P. R., 100 at 246, 55 at 246½, 10 at 246¾, 3 at 246¼; Porto Rico, 4 at 79; Shawinigan, 190 at 138, 25 at 137¼, 25 at 137; Detroit, 25 at 64¼, 5 at 64; Power, 235 at 206½, 125 at 206¼, 150 at 206¾, 150 at 206; Soo, 150 at 140½, 5 at 140⅞, 50 at 140, 50 at 140¼; Rio, 25 at 118½; R. and O., 320 at 122¼, 170 at 122½; Montreal Railway, 1 at 235; Toronto Railway, 350 at 136¾, 17 at 136½, 132 at 137, 50 at 137⅛, 75 at 136⅝, 25 at 136⅝, 25 at 136, 25 at 136¼, 50 at 135½, 10 at 136½; Ottawa L. and P., 150 at 153, 50 at 153¼; Illinois, preferred, 10 at 92, 3 at 93; Mackay, 25 at 85; do, preferred, 15 at 70; Penmans, 25 at 56⅝; do, preferred, 40 at 86; Crown Reserve, 200 at 3.15; Ogilvie, 5 at 129; Canadian Cotton, preferred, 25 at 72; Steel of Canada, 25 at 31½; do, preferred, 20 at 89¼; Iron, preferred, 25 at 101, 20 at 101½; Winnipeg Railway, 15 at 215; Mackay, 25 at 85; Winnipeg, rights, 55 at 55; Spanish River, 5 at 47⅜, 50 at 46½, 25 at 46¼; Steel Corporation, 115 at 56⅞, 305 at 57; Scotia, 5 at 94; Textile, 5 at 67, 75 at 68, 2 at 68½; Cement, 357 at 28; Spanish River, preferred, 29 at 89½; Montreal Cotton, 155 at 46¾, 25 at 46½; do, preferred, 25 at 103, 5 at 103½, 65 at 104½; Dominion Canners, 50 at 61; Textile, 4 at 102, 3 at 101; Cement, 175 at 90, 13 a 189¾; Coal, preferred, 5 at 114; Royal Bank, 32 at 230, 12 at 230¼, 10 at 230½; Union Bank, 10 at 167, 25 at 166, 29 at 165; Bank of Commerce, 32 at 223; Bank of Montreal, 11 at 246; Merchants' Bank, 40 at 196, 5 at 194½, 25 at 194; Bank of British North America, 10 at 145; Molsons Bank, 5 at 207½; Cement, bonds, $5,000 at 100; Power, 4½ per cent bonds, $5,000 at 100½; Quebec, bonds, $2,500 at 77; Textile, bonds, C, $1,000 at 97; do, B, $500 at 102½; Mexican Power, bonds, $1,000 at 84½; Sherwin-Williams, bonds, $1,000 at 100½.

Berlin Prices.

BERLIN, April 9.—Trading was active and prices were firm on the bourse today, and higher.

Wall Street, Noon.

NEW YORK, April 9—Wall street, noon.—Specialties were prominent in the second hour, General Electric advancing 3½ and International Harvester 2¼. Rumors of an extra dividend were circulated in connection with the former, while the familiar dissolution report was associated with Harvester's rise. Activity in American Can, and the stock held at about a point above its low mark of the first hour. Louisville and Nashville was the strongest of the standard railway shares, gaining 2½. Of the independent steel shares, Republic Iron and Steel, common and preferred, were conspicuous for gains of 1¼ and 2¾ respectively. By noon the market broadened and was at its best, with especial strength in Union Pacific and the southern group of roads, while United States Steel showed signs of another upward movement. Bonds were steady.

Paris Prices.

PARIS, April 9.—Prices were firm on the bourse today. Closing: 3 per cent rentes 92 francs 67½ centimes for the account. Exchange on London 25 francs 22½ centimes for checks. Private discount rate, 3½ per cent.

London Exchange.

BERLIN, April 9.—Exchange on London 20 marks 49 pfennigs for checks. Money, 4 per cent. Private rate of discount, 3¾ per cent.

LONDON, April 9.—Stocks closed today as follows: Consols, for money, 78 3-16; do, for account, 78¾; Amalgamated Copper, 84⅛; Anaconda, 9; Atchison, 112⅝; do, preferred, 106½; Baltimore and Ohio, 111¾; Canadian Pacific, 253¼; Chesapeake and Ohio, 82¾; Chicago Great Western, 20¾; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 115; De Beers, 29; Denver and Rio Grande, 24½; do, preferred, 45½; Erie, 38¾; do, first preferred, 57½; do, second preferred, 47; Grand Trunk, 26; Illinois Central, 133; Louisville and Nashville, 162; Missouri, Kansas and Texas, 32; New York Central, 116½; Norfolk and Western, preferred, 92; Ontario and Western, 41⅝; Pennsylvania, 64½; Rand Mines, 6⅞; Reading, 84¼; Southern Railway, 31¼; do, preferred, 76; Southern Pacific, 118; Union Pacific, 179⅜; do, preferred, 94; United States Steel, 73⅞; do, preferred, 115¾; Wabash, 8¾; do, preferred, 23. Bar silver quiet, 26⅞d per ounce. Money, 2¾ to 3 per cent. Discount rates—Short bills, 3¾ per cent; three months' bills, 3 7-16 to 3½ per cent.

TWO CHARGES LAID AGAINST HOTELMAN

Mr. Fred C. Evans, of London Junction, Has a Full Programme.

Fred C. Evans, proprietor of the Evans Hotel at London Junction, is having a rather turbulent time with the police and license inspectors, and will have to answer two charges within a short time.

Tomorrow he comes before Police Magistrate Judd and County Magistrate Chittick at the police station, charged with selling whiskey to two 17-year-old girls, who went to the place a week ago in a taxicab, accompanied by two young men, who have also been summoned.

The girls, when arrested for vagrancy, told the magistrate in court that they got whiskey at the Evans Hotel, and were bailed to appear tomorrow as witnesses forw the prosecution.

On Saturday night Provincial Inspector Morris and A. R. Galpin, local inspector, made a trip through the district, and as a result of a visit to the Evans House after the closing hour of 7 ,decided to lay a charge against the proprietor of the hotel.

The provincial man, after securing a conviction at Union, returned to Toronto, and may not be gain in London to proceed with the case for a few days.

INGERSOLL CHURCH HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

Annual Vestry Meeting of St. James' Congregation Largely Attended.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, April 9.—The annual vestry meeting of St. James' Church was held in the parish room last evening, with the rector, Rev. R. J. M. Perkins, in the chair. The wardens' report was presented, showing the finances of the church to be in a very satisfactory condition. This report was referred to the auditors, after which the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

Rector's warden, J. F. Stone; people's warden, George Naylor; auditors, C. H. Foster and S. M. Fleet; advisory board, M. Walsh, Charles White, C. Bailey, W. Mills, J. Coleridge, S. M. Fleet, C. W. Riley, S. King, C. C. L. Wilson; sidesmen, John Lee, James Jackson, H. Hinge, C. Lawrence, W. J. Tune, H. Leigh, H. Vann, Chas. Crawford, W E. Cragg, H. C. Wilson, F. A. Ackert, Wm. Tune; lay delegates to synod, Dr. Canfield, George Naylor; substitutes, C. Bailey and J. F. Stone. The meeting adjourned until Monday evening, April 22.

The B. M. E. Church, which has just been remodelled, was crowded to the doors last evening, when a successful concert was given for the purposes of raising funds to assist in defraying the expenditures incurred. Postmaster Gibson ably discharged the duties of chairman, and introduced a very meritorious programme, which consisted of dialogues, recitations and vocal selections, all of which elicited rounds of enthusiastic applause. The event was a success from every standpoint.

ALL DAY SITTINGS FOR LEGISLATURE

Effort Will Be Made To Conclude Session by Week's End.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 9.—Beginning tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, the Legislature will hold morning, afternoon and night sittings until the work is finished. Sir James Whitney hopes by this means to conclude the session at the end of this week.

PEACE AND PROSPERITY

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to almost nothing. This had a serious effect on the attendance at the church services and on the finances as well. Mr. Perry Las worked well and we appreciate the services both of organist and choir.

"I thank the wardens for the interest they have taken in their work. I have long felt that too much is expected from wardens, and too little assistance is given them. It is an old saying that 'Many hands make light work.' If all who could and should, assist in the work would only give a helping hand we would have one of the most encouraging works in the city. The year has had its encouragements. When we look around us and see how the weather has affected other congregations, we have much to be thankful for. We have paid all the diocesan claims against the parish to date and about $200 more to the C. C. M. S. than we were asked for. Further, we are the first in the diocese to do this—practically paying in advance. This is gratifying and speaks well for the duplex envelope system. I fully expect that the Synod Journal this year will credit St. James' with having given more to diocesan and missionary objects than ever before. For all the blessings which we enjoy let us be very thankful. As we set out upon another year let us unite in the determination that, God helping us, we will serve Him more loyally, and do all we can to advance His cause.

"I thank the congregation for all their kindnesses, and especially the officers. God grant us his blessing."

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Highly Satisfactory Were All the Reports Read.

Highly gratifying were the reports of the wardens and societies presented at the vestry meeting of St. Matthew's Church on Monday evening. The reports showed that all branches of the work of the church were in a flourishing condition, marked progress being shown in all departments. Under the duplex system of envelopes the offerings for both missions and church maintenance show a big increase. The total receipts for the year were $2,355 78, the expenditures being $2,318 52, thus leaving a balance of $37 26.

After the meeting an excellent organ recital was given by Miss Ulbricht, of Thornbury, Ont.

The officers elected for the new year are as follows: Rectory warden, J. Hitchings; people's warden, H. Carson; vestry clerk, W. J. Element; select vestry, Messrs. Fox, Collinge, Baker, Thorpe, Stallon, Farnan, Mahon, Isaacs, Carpenter and Metcalf; sidesmen, Messrs. Thorpe, H. Isaac, Thurling, H. Farnan, S. W. Davis and Stallard; synod delegates, Wright an Moulton; auditors, H. Farnan nd J. Mahon.

EAST LONDON NEWS

COWIN---MACLAREN

A Popular Couple Wedded in East London.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. MacLaren, of 651 Queen's avenue, was the scene of a quiet wedding on Saturday evening when Miss Sarah Ann MacLaren was united in marriage to Mr. John James Cowin, of Hamilton, formerly of the Isle of Man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of King Street Presbyterian Church, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom. Miss MacLaren was formerly a saleslady in Willis' store, East London, and the employees made her a presentation of a handsome set of silverware. Mr. and Mrs. Cowin will reside in Hamilton.

CITY VS. COUNTY

Interesting Debate in King the Street Presbyterian Church.

A debate upon which offers the most advantages, city life or country life, formed the chief topic at the meeting of the Young People's Guild of the King Street Presbyterian Church on Monday evening. The city was defended by Messrs. Summer and Fletcher, while Messrs. Mowat and Orr supported the country. A lively discussion of the meritorious points of both city and country took place, the judges deciding that the city has just a shade the better of it.

The ghild also discussed plans for future meetings, it being the intention to hold study classes at the regular meetings, when debates on social and other problems will be given.

Bennington—Douglas.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Monday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Charles Moody, 9 Sycamore street, when Miss Edith Douglas, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. William Bennington, of Stratford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Walker, assisted by Rev. W. L. Steeves. After a dainty wedding breakfast had been partaken of, the young couple left for a short honeymoon trip. They will reside in Stratford.

East End Notes.

A very pleasant surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Young, 923 Elias street, when neighbors numbering about 40 spent the evening there.

Miss Margaret Young and Miss May McDiarmid, of Toronto, spent the Easter holidays at the home of Miss Young's parents, 923 Elias street.

Miss Irene Richardson, of Toroneo, is spending Easter with her brother, Mr. T. B. Richardson ,of York street, East London.

Mr. E. Curry, car inspector of the Grand Trunk, left this morning for Peterboro, where he will take the position of a mail clerk. Mr. Curry came to London from Peterboro about a year ago.

Mr. Jack Orr, of Detroit, is visiting at his home, 892 Dundas street.

EMILY SOLDENE DEAD

Was Well-Known Actress, Journalist and Novelist.

London, April 8.—Emily Soldene, the vocalist-actress, journalist and novelist, is dead. She was well-known in the seventies and eighties in America, where she introduced Gilbert and Sullivan opera.

She was born at Islington in the forties, and at the time of her death was a widow. Among her publications were "Young Mrs. Staple," a novel, and "My Theatrical and Musical Recollections."

Her recreations were ocean voyages, plain sewing and the building of castles in Spain.

"MORE MONEY" IS NOW THE CRY

Nearly All Spending Bodies of the City Are Asking For Bigger Allowances.

WHAT ABOUT TAX RATE?

It Is Said the Council Will Do Well To Cut Off One Mill, Making the Rate 22½ Mills for 1912.

The city council will consider the estimates some time during the coming week. They will not be ready for the meeting on Monday next, but will be shortly afterwards.

The committees will nearly all ask for increases, some of them of large dimensions, others not so large. Some large expenditures have been undertaken, and it is anticipated that the rate will be little less than last year. Some of the members of the finance committee declare that the best that can be done is a 22½-mill rate, one-half a mill less than in 1911.

The fire department are asking $5,000 more than last year. The amount asked for in 1911 was $44,366. This year Chief Aitken estimates that it will take $49,695 to run the department. This increase is due to the larger pay of the firemen. The sum also includes $2,000 for an auto for the fire chief.

The board of works have decided that they want $67,850 this season. This is a growth of about $18,000. Of this amount, $8,000 is for the West London breakwater. If Ald. Richter's ideas prevail, this amount will not be paid out of the general rate, but by debenture debt.

The board of education will meet on Friday next to prepare their estimates. Last year the board estimated their expenditure to be $205,590. In 1912 it is expected that it will reach $225,000.

The Estimates.

The comparative statement of the estimates of 1911 and this year will give an idea of the increases. Of course the finance committee will do some slashing before the rate is finally struck.

	1911.	1912.
Police commission	$47,860	$48 500
Hospital trust	39,500	41,000
Library board	12,064	12,064
Western Fair	3,000	6,000
Manufacturers com.	1,500	6,500
Board of education	205,590	225,000
Board of works	50,260	67,000
No. 3 committee	98,320	105,000
No. 1 committee	56,024	60,000
Board of health	4,395	6,000

It can be seen that the increases in the committees' estimates will amount to $60,000, more than 2¼ mills. Of course, the council started with $35,000 surplus from last year, and the taxes added fully $30,000 more. However, there will be some difficulty experienced in getting the rate down to 22 mills. Some of the aldermen do not care to bring it down, and the slashing may not be very great.

METHODISTS FOR UNION ON PROPOSED BASIS

Eighty-Eight Per Cent. of General Membership Are Favorable to Amalgamation.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 9.—Although the general vote of the Presbyterian Church was not adequate to warrant church union between the Methodist, Presbyterian and the Congregational churches of Canada at the present time, the Methodists are not in any way backing away from the amalgamation. They are continuing their vote as if the Presbyterians had voted unanimously for the project upon the present proposed basis. Official figures from Methodists to date were compiled today, and they show that 88 per cent of the general membership favors the union upon the present proposed basis.

Ninety-five per cent of the quarterly official boards have also voted in favor.

LADY OF 98 YEARS HURT BY A FALL

Accident to Mrs. Ann Beattie, of Byron.

Mrs. Ann Beattie, of Byron avenue, who a short time ago celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday, suffered a very serious injury at her home this morning when she slipped in arising from her bed and fell, fracturing her hip bone.

Mrs. Beattie was attended by Dr. Ferguson.

The accident was especially serious in the case of a lady of such advanced age, and her condition is deemed quite critical. Mrs. Beattie had been in the habit of remaining in bed until rather late, but this morning, during the absence of her housekeeper, attempted to arise unassisted, the fall resulting.

LONDESBORO.

Londesboro, April 9.—Mrs. (Dr.) Hamlin, of Detroit, and her sister, Mrs. McDonald, of London, and Miss Orat, spent the Easter holidays at the home of John Lasham.

During the flood one of the abutments at Hutton's dam was washed out and other damage done to the dam.

The approaches to the McCool bridge on the 8th and 9th concessions were washed out by the recent floods.

Mrs. (Dr.) Allison spent a few days in London recently.

Owing to a mishap in the sawmill, work will be suspended a few days. The mill closed down on Saturday last owing to the flood.

Rev. J. H. Osterhout, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riley, and Mrs. and Annie Hiles spent the Easter holidays in London.

Miss O. F. Brigham, of Highgate, spent the Easter holidays at her home here.

Mrs. (Dr.) Toung and Miss Clara, who have spent the past three months with her daughters in Brantford, have