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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

G. C. Becher, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, Feb. 16—Noon.—The market has been generally dull during the forenoon session, and whatever animation there has been has been localized. The feature of the market has been Consolidated Gas, and that security held strong. It was rumored that about 4,000 shares of the stock, which had been loaned, had been called, and that the buying had been for the short interest. That does not explain, however, the full strength of the stock. The opening market was firm and steady throughout. Bullish talk o Copper was abroad, and that stock scored an advance. There was a bobtail bull pool in Steel, preferred, which has the avowed intention of scalping profits. London did little buying. American Locomotive is very strong, and the pool in that stock is doing its best to put up the stock. The market is now dull. Sales to noon were 176,400 shares.

MONTREAL

Montreal, Feb. 16	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	117½	117¼
Winnipeg Electric	200	..
Montreal Street Railway	210	203½
Toronto Railway	99	98
Halifax Street Railway	95	87
St. John Street Railway	11.¼	100
Twin City Transit Railway	89⅞	89¼
Richelieu and Ontario	82	80¾
Commercial Cable	193	..
Montreal Telegraph	164	158
Bell Telephone	160	150
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	8¾	8¼
Dominion Iron and steel, pref	30	..
Montreal Heat, Light	71½	71¼
Nova Scotia Steel, common	80	75
Detroit Railway	63¼	62½
Montreal Cotton	120	108
Dominion Cotton	40	34¾
Merchants Cotton	60	..
Montreal Street Bonds	105	..
Dominion Coal, common	59⅛	59⅜
Int. Coal, pref	100	..
Bank of Montreal	250	248
Molsons Bank	198	193½
Merchants	..	151
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Flour	125	..
Ogilvie Bonds	112	..
Union Bank	135	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	54⅛	53½
Colored Cotton	98	..
Toledo Railway	20¾	20¼

SALES: C. P. R., 50 at 117¼, 25 at 117½, 100 at 117⅜; Montreal Railway, new, 50 at 199¼; Twin City Railway, 10 at 89½, 25 at 90⅜; Power, 100 at 71, 162 at 71¼; Coal, common, 100 at 59½, 75 at 59⅝; Detroit Railway, 125 at 63; Commercial Cable, 10 at 192, 25 at 192¼, 75 at 192½; Bank of Comerce, 2 at 151; City 4 per cent stock, due, 1,926 and 560 at 101; Iron bonds, 1,000 at 54¼; Coal bonds, 1,000 at 108.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 16.	Ask.	Off
Ontario		125
Toronto		227
Commerce	152	150½
Imperial		213
Dominion	226	225
Standard		225
Hamilton	210	206
Ottawa	215	..
Traders	139	135½
British North America	100	..
Western Assurance	96	..
Imperial Life		149
Consumers Gas		207
Ontario and Qu Appelle Land		95
Canada Northwest Land, pref		98½
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	117¼	116⅞
Soo, pref	124	121¼
Soo, com	65	64¼
Toronto Electric Light		131
General Electric		139
London Electric	100	..
Commercial Cable	194	191½
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co	82	..
Niagara Navigation		112
Toronto Street Railway		97⅝
Twin City Railway, new	90¼	90
Winnipeg St. Railway	175	..
Sao Paulo Tramway	92¼	91½
Dominion Steel, com	10	8¾
Dominion Coal, com	59¾	59¼
Nova Scotia steel, common	77	76¾
Canada Salt	117	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I		85
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv		103
Canada Permanent	125	121
Canada Savings and Loan		119
Central Canada Loan		150
Dominion Savings and Invest		79
Hamilton Provident		119
Huron and Erie L. and S. Co		178
Landed Banking and Loan		119
Manitoba Loan		95
Toronto Mortgage		86
London Loan	120	113
Ontario Loan and Deb		121
Toronto Savings and Loan		130
Dom. Steel Bonds	55	..

SALES: Imperial Bank, 7 at 214; Cable, 25 at 192½, 25 and 75 at 192; C. P. R., 50 at 117; Twin City Railway, 100 at 90, 6 at 89½; Sao Paulo Tramway, 100 at 92; Coal, 25 at 59½, 25 and 10 at 59⅝.

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NEW YORK.

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

New York Feb 16	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	49¼	49¾	48¾	48⅞
American Sugar Co	125¼	126⅞	125¼	126
American Locomotive	22¼	23⅞	22¼	23⅛
American Foundry	19⅛	19⅞	19⅛	19⅝
American Refining	43	..	..	..
Atcheson, com	67¾	68	67⅝	67⅞
Atcheson, pref	89⅝	89¾	88⅝	89¾
B. & O.	77¾	78	77¾	78
Brooklyn Tran	43⅞	44⅝	43⅞	44¼
C. P. R	117	117¾	117	117⅝
Chic. Great Western	15⅝	15⅞	15⅝	15⅝
Chicago & Alton	37¼	37½	37¼	37½
Col. Fuel and Iron	34½	..	..	..
Consolidated Gas	191	196¼	194	195¼
Delaware and Hudson	160¼	160¼	160	160¼
Erie	25⅝	25¾	25½	25⅝
Erie Pfd	61¼	..	..	..
Edison Gen. Electric	167	..	..	..
Illinois Central	128	128¼	128	128¼
Louisville and Nashville	104	105¼	104	105
Manhattan	143¼	143⅞	142¾	143⅞
Metropolitan St. Ry	118	119¼	118	118⅝
Mexican Central	10½	10¾	10⅜	10⅝
M. P.	90	90⅜	90	90
N. Y Central	115	115¼	114¾	115
Norfolk and W	58¼	..	..	..
Ont. and West	21¼	21⅜	21¼	21⅜
Pennsylvania	114¾	115⅝	114¾	114¾
People's Gas	99⅝	100¼	99⅝	99¾
Reading	42¼	42⅞	42⅜	42½
Republic I. and S	44½	..	..	..
Rock Island	23⅝	23¼	23¼	23¼
Southern Railway	20¼	20¾	20¼	20⅝
Southern Ry, Pfd	81½	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	46¼	47¼	46¾	46⅞
St. Paul	140⅞	141¼	140⅞	141
Twin City	89⅝	89¾	89⅝	89¾
Texas	23	..	..	..

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Union Pacific	78	78½	78	78¼
U. S. Leather	7¼	7¼	7⅛	7⅛
U. S. Leather, pref	77¼	77¼	77	77
U. S. Rubber	1⅞	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, com	11½	11½	11⅛	11⅜
U. S. Steel, pref	57¾	57¾	57⅜	57⅝
Wabash, com	18⅝	18⅝	18¼	18⅜
Wabash, pref	36⅝	36⅝	36¼	36
Wisconsin Central	18¾	..	..	..

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, Feb. 16	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	96	98	96¼	96¾
July	90⅝	90½	88¾	88⅞
Sept	86¼	86¾	84⅞	84⅞
Corn—May	56¼	56½	55⅞	54⅞
July	55½	55⅞	55⅛	55⅝
Sept	52	52⅝	51⅞	51⅞
Oats—May	41⅛	41⅝	42⅝	42⅞
July	39¼	39⅞	39¼	39¾
Sept	34¼	34⅝	34	34
Pork—May	15 02	15 10	14 72	14 72
July	14 90	15 02	14 65	14 65
Lard—May	7 77	7 80	7 60	7 60
July	7 85	7 90	7 70	7 70
Ribs—May	7 27	7 27	7 10	7 10
July	7 35	7 37	7 20	7 20

LOCAL MARKETS.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The extremely cold weather of this morning no doubt prevented the farmers from attending the market, and the result was that there was not a dozen sleighs on the square with produce.

Ten loads of oats sold at 36c to 37c per cental. A couple of loads of wheat went at $1 36 per cental, or 81⅜c per bushel.

Ten loads of hay were on the stand; the demand was quite brisk; sales were made at $8 to $8 50 per ton. A couple of loads of straw sold at $2 50 per load.

There were no apples or potatoes offered today.

Butter and Eggs—There were only a few dozen eggs offered, which brought 32c to 35c per dozen. Butter is scarce; there was none offered today.

A few lots of dressed turkeys sold at 15½c to 16c per pound.

About 20 carcasses of dressed hogs were offered; prices ranged from $6 25 to $7 per 100 pounds, and most of them sold at $6 50.

Butchers' Meats—There was a small supply; beef sold at $5 to $7 per 100 pounds; mutton, $6 to $7.

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OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—Oil opened and closed at $1 80.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Feb. 15.—Credit balances, $1 80; certificates, no bid; shipments, 127,041 barrels.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 15.—Petroleum, American refined, 7 11-16d; spirits, 9¼d.

DAIRY MARKETS.

ELGIN.

Elgin, Ill., Feb. 15.—Butter—Firm, at 26c per lb, an advance of 1½c from last week's quotations; sales in the district last week were 427,000 lbs.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 15c to 25½c; dairies, 13½c to 22c. Cheese—Steady to firm, 10c to 10¾c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 16.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 9,520 pkgs; western imitation creamery extras, 18c; do, firsts, 15c to 17c; do. renovated, extras, 18c; do, firsts, 16c to 17c; do, seconds, 14c to 15c; western factory, current make, firsts, 15c; do, seconds, 14c to 14½c; do, thirds, 12½c to 13½c; packing stock, current make, No. 1, 14½c; do, No. 2, 13½c to 14c; do, No. 3, 12½c to 13c; do, held, 12c to 15c; rolls, fresh, 13c to 15c. Cheese—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 4,698 boxes. Eggs—Unsettled; receipts, 6,140 pkgs; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy selected white, 37c to 38c; do, average finest, 35c; do, seconds to firsts, 32c to 34c; western and Kentucky, firsts, 34c; do, seconds, 33c; do, southern, 32c to 34c; dirties, 30c to 31c; do, checks, 27c to 28c.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 18; southwest, $1 11½; February, $1 11½; May, $1 14½.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Baled Hay—In moderate demand and the market is steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $9 per ton.

Baled Straw—The offerings are light, the demand is not large, and the market is quiet; cars on the track here are quoted at $5 to $5 50 per ton.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Export cattle were a slow trade; exporters are buying their cattle in Chicago, cheaper than on the Toronto market; butchers' cattle are selling well today; milch cows steady at prices quoted; choice milkers in demand. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt	$4 60	@	$4 90
Export cattle, medium	4 35	@	4 65
Export cows	3 50	@	4 00
Export bulls	3 75	@	4 50
Butchers' cattle, choice	4 25	@	4 65
Butchers' cattle, medium	3 60	@	3 90
Butchers' cattle, common	2 50	@	3 25
Feeders, short-keep	3 75	@	4 25
Feeders, medium	3 25	@	3 50
Stockers	2 25	@	3 50
Milch cows, each	30 00	@	55 00
Export ewes, cwt	3 75	@	4 00
Export bucks	3 00	@	3 25
Lambs	4 50	@	5 50
Calves, each	2 00	@	10 00
Calves, cwt	4 50	@	6 00
Hogs, singers, off cars	4 75	@	4 77
Hogs, over-weights, off cars	4 50	@	4 50

There were 30 loads in today, including 426 cattle, 158 hogs, 332 sheep and lambs and 9 calves.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; market steady; good to prime steers, $4 90 to $5 65; poor to medium, $3 50 to $4 75; stockers and feeders, $2 25 to $4 10; cows, $1 60 to $4 25; heifers, $2 25 to $4 75; canners, $1 60 to $2 50; bulls, $2 to $4; calves, $3 50 to $7.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; market strong on good; mixed and butchers, $5 to $5 35; good to heavy, $5 25 to $5 45; rough heavy, $4 90 to $5 25; light, $4 60 to $5 10; bulk of sales at $4 95 to $5 20.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $4 to $4 50; fair to choice mixed, $3 50 to $4;

LABOR DIFFICULTIES.

Toronto Feb. 16.—The fear of a labor difficulty in the building trade this season, so far as the bricklayers are concerned, is dispelled. At a meeting of the executive of the union a decision was reached whereby 45 cents per hour last years' scale of wages, will prevail.

Twenty-five men went out on strike from Cobben's picture frame factory yesterday, on account of a cut in wages from $11 to $9 per week.

ALDERMEN EXPECT AN INCREASE IN SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

Committees Will Meet Next Week to Prepare the Figures —Street Railway Case.

Ever since Chairman MacRobert of the school board made his inaugural address there have been misgivings in the minds of the aldermen as to just what the school board would place its estimates at this year. Yesterday an alderman stated that he had it on good authority that next week, when the committees of the board meet to strike the estimates, their totals will run up to $108,000 or $110,000. This alderman declared that it was the intention of the trustees to raise the teachers' salaries all around, and also to make many repairs to certain schools which, it is acknowledged by all, are badly needed. But the aldermen say that it all depends on the school board this year whether the people shall be called upon to pay a 23 mill or a higher rate.

One of the trustees, when spoken to concerning the rumored increase in the estimates, said that the board nor any member of it was committed to any salary increase for the teachers. But last year the public schools showed a deficit of about $3,000 and the Collegiate Institute of about $50, simply because the trustees had not asked the council for enough money to carry on the business of the schools. The fact of the matter was the uncontrollable expenditure was so great that the trustees had little or no say in the matter of how much money should be asked for. Teachers' salaries alone amount to $69,000 per year. Janitors' salaries to $6,000. Then there were fuel, and repairs, and extras, and in the end the board had no money to come and go on.

This same trustee said that London was constantly losing good teachers, because of the poor salaries paid, especially in the Collegiate Institute, where one teacher had recently left to accept a position in St. Thomas, and he understood that two other teachers in the institute had also been approached to leave London. Sooner or later, the trustee said, this state of affairs must be remedied, and the way to remedy it was to increase the salaries of the teachers. The trustee would not say just what increase the board intended to make in their estimates this year, but he did not deny that there would be an increase.

LOOKS LIKE PEACE.

From the action of the London Street Railway Company at Toronto yesterday, it is taken for granted around the city hall that this spring will see a settlement of the long legal battle between the city and the company. Monday the company asked the court of appeal to strike out the clauses which compel the street railway to operate the Rectory street line, and remove their lines from Beaconsfield avenue, but this the court refused to do. The company then asked for leave to plead for an extension of time, pointing out that it would be impossible to comply with either clause until spring. This latter request was agreed to, and on Friday next the company's solicitor will argue for an extension of time. As far as it goes, the company were worsted in this last legal passage at arms, but it is conceded that the city will not oppose the company's request for an extension of the time limit in which they must comply with the judgment. Several of the aldermen point out that the company apparently is hopelessly beaten at all points, and that anyway it is not good business for them to be at war with the city, as the citizens are suffering severely in certain localities, because of the fight. It is said that the city and company will likely come together, and an arrangement will be made whereby certain extensions, including the South street belt line, will be built, the Rectory street line will again be operated, and the Beaconsfield avenue line will be allowed to remain down as at present.

INTENSE COLD, MORE THAN SNOW, CAUSES TROUBLE FOR RAILWAYS

Little Freight Moving On Any of the Lines—Double-Headers for Light Passenger Trains.

The railways had their troubles again today in the operation of trains. This was due not so much to the snow as to the intensely cold weather, for in most parts the snowfall was the same as in London—very light. The drop in the temperature was so great that, coupled with the snow, it made it difficult to handle passenger trains at all, and almost impossible to move freight. There was one thing which favored the railway companies. The cold weather made traffic light, and in most cases it was possible to shorten up the passenger trains by one or two cars. In spite of this, however, double-headers were required on the branch lines. The train for Stratford, due to leave here between 7 and 8 o'clock, comprised only three cars, yet two locomotives were attached to it, owing to the danger of stalling in the cuts between Thorndale and St. Marys. All trains on the branch, however, managed to get through.

On the London, Huron and Bruce on Monday some trouble was had. The morning train from London was the first over the road since Saturday, and in some places it was found that the snow had drifted badly. The result was the train did not reach Wingham until the evening, having taken twice as long to make the trip as under ordinary circumstances. The track was in better shape today and the morning trains each way got through.

North of Stratford some snow has fallen, interfering to a considerable extent with traffic. The Goderich line is open.

On the Petrolea branch, from Wyoming north, the effects of the cold and snow are again being felt. There was danger of drifting today, and to avoid stalling it was considered wise to run only the mail car on the passenger train.

The Port Stanley line is open, all trains getting through, though considerably late.

There is very little freight moving on any of the roads. The Pere Marquette is not attempting to move anything that is not of a perishable nature. The same may be said of the G. T. R. Engines are hauling considerably below their regular tonnage. Even then they fell down in many instances, and it was found that before they would have steam again the brakes would be frozen to the wheels.

NEEDLESS FOR CITY TO HURRY IN 'PHONE FRANCHISE MATTER

Action of No. 1 Committee Meets With Approval Around City Hall.

The decision of the finance committee of the city council to postpone action on the telephone offers received meets with general approval in city hall circles. It is understood that the mayor while in Toronto will make inquiries regarding the Stark Power and Light Company of that city, and the offer they have made to Toronto. But leaving the Stark Company out of the calculations altogether, it is admitted on all hands that the offer of the Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Company has resulted in the Bell Company putting in its offer of $2,500 for an exclusive franchise, as before the new company made its appearance it was said that the Bell people would refuse to renew the old agreement with the city which only brought in $1,000 from the company for an exclusive franchise. Some of the aldermen also say that money is not the only feature to be considered, when granting a franchise to anyone. They say that conditions should be made easier for business men and that such cases as that complained of by Ald. Stevely at Thursday afternoon's meeting should be prevented. Ald. Stevely's complaint resulted from his inability to secure an extra instrument for the upstairs of his factory without paying for an altogether new circuit. At all events there is no disposition to hurry things in municipal circles, and that the offer of General Manager Leonard, of the new company, will be carefully considered before any action is taken is now assured.

To a reporter last night Mr. Leonard stated that he had in his possession figures and facts from other places where dual 'phone systems were in use, which would convince the average business man that two 'phone lines could be operated to their advantage. He promised to lay some of these facts before the council at an early date.

The Toronto News says: Mr. P. W. Ellis stated this morning that the municipal power commission were by no means idle, but were so sanguine the various municipalities would pay their share of the report, that information was being collected all the time.

Mr. Harry Merritt, the janitor of the city hall, is unable to attend to his duties these days, being confined to his room with a bad cold. Mr. Merritt is a favorite with everybody around the city hall, and all will be pleased when he is able to be at work again.

It may be of interest to the people of London to know that Hamilton has decided to keep the tax rate at 20 mills, the same as last year. The board of works has asked for $30,000 to look after the streets, etc., for the year; the board of health wants $11,500, but the board also attends to the scavenger system. The sum of $2,000 has been set aside for sewers, and $14,500 for a sewage disposal plant.

City Engineer Graydon, who has been very ill the past week, is reported slightly improved today. Assistant Engineer Kirkpatrick is attending to the duties of the department.

Janitor McDonald, of Princess avenue school, stated tday that he had burned more coal in the furnace of his school during the month of January this year, than he had burned during the months of January and February in any previous year. This month, he says, the coal is melting faster than the snow.

This morning a seedy-looking specimen of humanity entered Inspector McCallum's office and asked for a pass to Toronto. The inspector looked him over and then inquired if he had not been "passed" to Toronto some time ago. The man waxed indignant and declared that he had never been in the office before. When he handed in his name, however, Mr. McCallum took a look at the book and found that he had been assisted out of London, two years ago. The inspector's memory was very good, and in defense of it he told the applicant that if he did not do a double-shuffle out of the office in quick time the patrol wagon would be ordered out in the cold. Thereupon the pass-hunter looked for pastures new.

London's telephone matters have reached Halifax. A firm in that city writes City Clerk Edwards, recommending this city to demand a certain automatic multiple switchboard when making an agreement with a new company, as it is said to have many advantages over the ordinary manual board. The communication will be sent to the council.

Mayor Beck left for Toronto at noon today. Ald. Judd is acting mayor.

MARKET SQUARE BARE.

Despite the fact that this was one of the regular market days, the square was almost deserted this morning. There were not over a dozen farmers' rigs of all descriptions to be seen, and the farmers who did come in got through with their business as rapidly as possible, and started for home. The country roads in some places are rough—almost dangerous—but in others they show some improvement.

OPINION OF THE GLOBE.

Mackenzie Murdoch and George McNeil, the Scottish entertainers who are to appear at the St. Andrew's concert at the Grand Opera House on Feb. 25, have already appeared at a number of concerts in other Canadian cities, and everywhere have been given the most cordial of receptions. The press criticisms of them have been equally flattering. London is accustomed to accept with much consideration the verdict of the press of Toronto upon the merits of artists who appear in that city before coming here, and of these two great Scotch entertainers the Globe said: "Mr. George McNeil is a tenor whose interpretation is perfect, and the sympathy with which he rendered each selection earned double encores. His success was assured from the first, and his Scotch critics have been fully justified in their encomiums. Mackenzie Murdoch was named by the London (England) press the 'Scotch Paganini,' and in the opinion of last night's vast and critical audience he has well earned the title."

HE FAVORS FLAGELLATION

Switching Is Good Treatment for Some Truants.

What Officer Weir Says — Original Stories Told by the Boys.

Truant Officer Weir was walking along the street this morning, when he came upon a young lad who should be at school. But the boy was wise and was not long in telling the officer that he went to a separate school, over the pupils of which the truant officer has no authority. However, the boy's name was taken and the officer promised to look into his case.

"That's an old story with the boys now," said Mr. Weir to an Advertiser reporter, who was with him at the time. "But some of the boys have adopted new plans. For instance, this week, Principal Graham gave me the name of a boy who was not attending school, and when I went to see the boy's mother I found that the youngster had come home and told her a few days before that he had been suspended a week for chewing gum in school.

"Then some of the boys have adopted the following plan: They play truant for two or three days, and then they get very sick. They stay at home and are doctored with home remedies, and in a day or two are well enough to go back. Of course, then they have a note from the parent, and the teacher is led to believe that the excuse covers the several days' absence. I am trying to get the boys to school without bringing the parents into court, but just now I have two necessary cases on hand. I find a good whipping is a fine remedy for a number of the truants," concluded Officer Weir.

CONFESSED TO BURGLARY

Two Men Own to the Saturday Night Robbery.

A Third Remanded for Trial—Some Minor Cases Dealt With.

Fred Moseley and James Watson pleaded guilty today in the police court to stealing, but Frank Watson pleaded not guilty. The two, who admitted burglarizing the Cole shop and the oatmeal mills, were remanded a week for sentence, and Frank Watson was remanded a week for trial.

James J. Hartley also pleaded guilty to theft, his offense having been embezzlement of moneys belonging to the Singer Sewing Machine Company. His wife had appeared on his first facing the court, and asked for a remand, as he was not in a condition to plead. Hartley had been drinking heavily, and so he was remanded. Today he pleaded guilty, but the money had been paid back to the company, and it was shown that Hartley had lived to middle-age without being in trouble of this nature. Under the circumstances the crown recommended that sentence be suspended, to which request the magistrate acceded.

Florence McDermott had been drunk again and was committed for 21 days in default of a $5 fine.

Frank Russo, a young Italian, thought it would be fun to dress up as a girl and remain in that garb for a day. He told the court he didn't know it was against the law and he was let go with a warning.

HOW TO GET RICH INDEED

Interesting Address by Miss E. Stafford Miller.

Scenes in Australian Gold Fields — Evangelistic Work.

Miss E. Stafford Miller at Dundas Center Church last night, gave, to a gratifyingly large audience, an account of the mad rush to the Western Australia gold fields. Such a subject could not be other than interesting, and when handled by Miss Miller, herself a witness, it was nothing less than fascinating.

Under the direction of the Australian Methodist conference, Miss Miller, accompanied by her sister and Miss Layton, sailed from Melbourne for Perth, a sea-voyage of eight days, thence over three hundred and twenty miles of hastily constructed railway, they journeyed to the heart of the gold fields. On this railway journey no leaves, no flowers, no grass, no birds, nothing with life save man was seen. Here on this sun-scorched desert lie the bleached bones of Australian young men in greater numbers than they do on South Africa battlefields.

Arrived at Calgoorlie, a city of 44,000, over nine-tenths of whom are men, Miss Miller showed her audience the single street with its few buildings, the thousands of tents, the rough humanity, made in appearance rougher still by the lack of water, prior to the building of the greatest waterworks in the world — a system with eight pumping stations forcing the water uphill for 320 miles, and built at a cost of $20,000,000.

The account of the meetings conducted in Calgoorlie was amusing, yet pathetic. The rough miner refused to attend if he were not permitted to bring with him his dog, perhaps the solitary sharer of all his joys and sorrows. It was customary for a man to toss a hymnbook to a friend on the other side of the building. The meetings were so crowded that it was frequently necessary for the police to clear a passage to allow the speakers to gain access to the building.

A few striking instances of conversion were given with a modesty, yet a force which told. In the case of "Ted the Snag," who from the child of cultured parents and the brilliant Oxford graduate, descended to the drunkard and debaucher of manhood in West Australia, we were reminded of the awful depth to which some have fallen. In his repentance, his useful and therefore happy life thereafter, we recognized again the saving and redeeming power of Christ.

These Australian evangelists do not cater to sympathy, but appeal to reason. Under their guidance last night many for the first time felt themselves free from debt and all left the meeting feeling the richer.

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CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Superintendent Jones, of the C. T. R., has returned to Toronto after spending upwards of two weeks here.

—Mr. C. Edward Bernard and Mr. James McNee left today for Detroit to attend the auto show.

—At the meeting of the police commissioners yesterday, Joseph Dambra was awarded the contract for the summer tunics and trousers for the police force at $22 each, and R. J. Young for winter trousers at $6 19 each.

WHIST FRIDAY NIGHT.

The next whist matches at the Liberal Club will be held on Friday night of this week, when prizes will be given and refreshments served. All Liberals are invited.

DIED AT HOSPITAL.

Mr. Thomas Godfrey, of 372½ Richmond street, died at the Victoria Hospital today. He had been ill a long time, suffering from tuberculosis. He was a laborer and leaves a wife and two children.

INVITED TO REMAIN.

On Feb. 8 the official board of Shedden circuit, London conference, unanimously invited their present pastor, Rev. W. J. Waddell to remain another year. At the same meeting Bro. Andrew Haynes was unanimously recommended as a candidate for the ministry.

DEATH OF MRS. FISHER.

Mrs. Hannah Fisher died yesterday in her 79th year. She was a native of England and a Methodist. Her remains are to be taken on the 6:30 a.m. train tomorrow to Goderich for burial.

—A sitting of the first division court will be held here on Friday.

S. O. E. FUNERAL.

The Sons of England are taking charge of the funeral today of the late George Wilson, whose death took place yesterday at the age of 52 years. The deceased who was a native of Devonshire, and a blacksmith, left a wife, residing in the Spencer block, Dundas street. The funeral services were conducted at the undertaking rooms of W. J. Smith & Son, by Rev. R. D. Hamilton.

TAILORS HAD A TIME.

Upwards of 50 of the journeymen tailors of the city met last evening in the K. of P. Hall, where the annual smoker of the Tailors' Union was held. A very agreeable time was spent by the men. The concert was presided over by President James Byrne, and the following contributed to the evening's pleasure. Fred Rooks and J. Feany, in instrumental solos; Messrs. Van Buskirk, Carswell and Armstrong, in an orchestral trio; Charles L. Power and Wm. O'Neil in songs, and Clarence Robinson, in a cornet solo. At the close of the concert refreshments were served.

SHOOTING DUCKS.

A citizen has called the attention of The Advertiser to the wanton action of certain persons who are shooting wild ducks on the river every day. The citizen referred to states that a few days ago there were 30 ducks in one flock at the foot of Horton street, and that 25 of them have been made away with during the past few days. There should be work for the fish and game inspector here.

TOO COLD TO CHOP.

Park Commissioner Pearce says that although many people stand in need of fuel, the weather is so cold that the men find it impossible to cut down the trees on the streets which have been marked to be thinned out. As a result there has been a lull in tree cuting on the streets lately.

FROST IN THE GROUND.

Assistant City Engineer Kirkpatrick states that the great depth of snow has prevented the frost getting into the ground to any great depth. In South London the other day workmen found the earth soft less than two feet below the surface. Around Hamilton it is said the frost is four feet in the ground.

ASKED FOR SNOW SHOES.

Owing to the many breaks in the wires this winter caused by the sleet and snow storms, the Bell Telephone Company have frequently been compelled to send men out with horses and cutters to country places. In many cases the men have found the roads impassable, and were compelled to wait for a day or so until they could drive to where the break occurred. In order to avoid this trouble Local Manager Richmond asked the office at Montreal for snowshoes, but as yet they have not arrived. Mr. Richmond says his demand created some surprise at the head office, where the London district is regarded as a tropical climate compared with Montreal.

ABERDEENS VS. PARIS.

The Paris Intermediate O. H. A. team will be here Friday night to meet the Aberdeen W. O. H. A. seniors in an exhibition game in Jubilee Rink. Paris has the team that won the championship last year, and are coming here with the intention of winning from the Aberdeens. The home team have got down to good hard training, and will make a big effort to defeat the speedy visitors. Arrangements are being made to have the Paris team here in plenty of time to have the game started by 8:30 o'clock Friday night.

A LONDON AMENDMENT.

Mayor Beck, as member for London, has given notice in the Legislature that he will move to amend the municipal act so as to permit of the mayor and aldermen in London being elected for a term of two years. This is the scheme which passed the council some time ago.

THE HOSE TEST.

With the exception of the Canadian Rubber Company, all the hose dealers in Canada who have been in the habit of selling supplies to the local fire brigade, have samples of hose at the fire hall ready for the test which is to take place shortly. When the Canadian Rubber Company's sample arrives the test will be proceeded with.

SLIGHTLY AFFECTS LONDON.

The judgment of Judge Liddell handed down at Ottawa recently, and which states that the superannuation allowance of a federal servant is not liable to taxation under any provincial or municipal law, may affect London to the extent of probably $200, but not more. It is said there are only half a dozen such superannuated persons on the tax roll of this city. The point of law has been a bone of contention for some time, and it is said at the city hall that Mr. Bucke, of Sarnia, who has put in a claim for $140 against the city under the law as laid down by the Ottawa judgment, declares that the reason he left London was because he would not submit to the alleged unjust taxation of his superannuation allowance.

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QUEBEC ELECTIONS.

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