FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

MARKET A SMALL ONE OWING TO THE WEATHER

Only Three Loads of Hay and Put One Load of Oats Offered.

The rain put a damper on this morning's market, and outside of three loads of hay and one load of oats, there was nothing doing.

There was a good demand for hay, considering the weather, and the offerings were quickly sold. The prices were low, two of the loads going at $12 50 per ton, and the other at $13 per ton.

The load of oats sold at $1 03 per cwt.

There will be a good market for hogs tomorrow, and good prices will likely prevail.

Following are today's quotations:

Grain, Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt	$1 00	to	$1 05
Oats, per cwt	1 00	to	1 04
Wheat, per cwt	1 42	to	1 42
Grain, Per Bushel.			
Rye	85	to	85
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	12 00	to	13 00
Straw, per ton	6 00	to	6 50
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, store lots, lb	19	to	20
Butter, creamery, lb	27	to	30
Butter, fancy, retail, lb	24	to	25
Butter, choice dairy, lb, wholesale	22	to	24
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	22	to	23
Eggs, crate, wholesale	25	to	26
Honey, strained, per lb	11	to	12
Honey, sections, dozen	1 50	to	2 00
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb, retail	21	to	22
Turkeys, lb, wholesale	20	to	21
Chickens, per pair	1 00	to	1 25
Chickens, lb, wholesale	12	to	13
Chickens, lb, retail	14	to	15
Ducklings, lb, retail	10	to	11
Old fowl, per lb	1 25	to	1 75
Ducks, per pair	15	to	15
Ducks, lb, wholesale	15	to	16
Ducks, lb, retail	15	to	17
Geese, lb, wholesale	14	to	14
Geese, lb, retail			
Poultry, Alive.			
Ducks, per lb	10	to	12
Chickens, per pair	90	to	1 25
Old fowl, per lb	9	to	9
Chickens, per lb	10	to	11
Butchers' Meats.			
Beef, by the carcass	7 00	to	10 00
Mutton, per cwt	9 00	to	9 50
Yearling lambs, lb	11	to	13
Dressed hogs, cwt	9 50	to	10 00
Veal, per cwt	10 00	to	12 00
Pork, fore quarters, lb	11	to	12
Pork, hind quarters, lb	12	to	12½
Live Stock.			
Select feeds, cwt	7 00	to	7 00
Fat sows, cwt	5 00	to	5 00
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	6 50
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Brood sows, each	50 00	to	100 00
Hides and Wools.			
Lambskins, each	70	to	90
Wool, washed, lb	20	to	33
Wool, unwashed, lb	11	to	20
Hides, No. 1, per lb	11	to	12
Hides, No. 2, per lb	7½	to	7½
Hides, No. 3, per lb	6½	to	6½
Calfskins, per lb	5½	to	5½
Tallow, rough, lb	16	to	12
Tallow, rendered, lb	3½	to	3½
Beeswaxing, cwt	5	to	5½
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, per bag	45	to	65
Lettuce, per dozen	70	to	75
Celery, dozen bunches	20	to	20
Carrots, per bu	30	to	50
Cabbage, per dozen	25	to	35
Beets, per bu	30	to	40
Onions, per bu	40	to	40
Parsnips, per bu	1 00	to	1 25
Fruit.			
Apples, per bbl	45	to	45
Apples, per bu	3 00	to	5 00
	1 50	to	1 50

BEANS.

DETROIT, Feb. 16.—Beans—Spot and March, $2; May, $2 05 per bu.

PRODUCE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 16. — Wheat—Closed: May, 97c; July, 98⅝c to 98⅞c; September, 95⅝c; No. 1 hard, 99⅞c; No. 1 northern, 98c to 99⅝c; No. 2 northern, 95c to 97⅝c; No. 3 northern, 92c to 95⅝c. Bran, $21 to $21 50. Flour—First patents, $4 45 to $4 85; second patents, $4 35 to $4 45; first clears, $2 95 to $3 35; second clears, $2 85 to $3 25.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 16.—Liverpool cables were 1d to ½d higher, though there was little new in the gossip in fact practically no change in world's conditions. Continental markets were generally lower, but the advance in Liverpool was at once reflected in an advance of ⅜c to ⅝c in Winnipeg. Trading conditions were unchanged from Wednesday, except that export bids were rather nearer in line. The oat situation developed some interest as freight concessions on Canadian western oats are now on a par with Chicago, while previously they have been several cents higher. The levelling of the rates is attributed to the reciprocity pact. Wheat—Closed: No. 1 northern, 91c; No. 2 northern, 88⅝c; No. 3 northern, 85⅝c; No. 4 wheat, 80½c; No. 5 wheat, 73½c; No. 6 wheat, 68½c; feed wheat, 61c. Oats—No. 2 C. W., 50½c. Barley—No. 3, 57c; No. 4, 47c.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—Closing.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stock; futures, quiet; March, 7s 4d; May, 7s 3½d. Flour—Winter patents steady. Hops on London—Pacific coast firm, 2d to 5s. Beef—Extra India mess dull, 75s 6d. Pork—Prime western mess easy, 62s 6d. Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 60s. Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 58s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 59s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 60s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 60s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 57s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 54s. Lard—Prime western, in tubs, steady, 48s 6d. American refined, in pails, easy, 48s. Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, 70s; do, colored, new, firm, 69s 6d. Tuperntine spirits, steady, 65s 6d. Rosin—Common steady, 7s 9d. Petroleum, Refined steady, 6½d. Linseed Oil—Firm, 45s.

DETROIT, Feb. 16.—Beets, 50c per bu; carrots, 50c per bu; cauliflower, $1 75 to $2 25 per doz; cucumbers, hothouse, $1 75 per doz; celery, 20c to 50c per doz; California celery, $37 to $4 per case; eggplant, $2 75 to $3 per doz; green onions, 35c to 45c per doz; green peppers, 60c per doz; head lettuce, $1 25 per doz; leaf lettuce, 75c per doz; parsley, 30c to 35c per doz; radishes, hot-house, 30c to 40c per doz; turnips, 60c per bu; watercress, 25c to 30c per doz.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	95	95⅝	93¾	93⅞
July	90½	90⅞	89⅞	90⅛
Corn—				
May	48⅞	49½	48¾	48⅞
July	49⅝	50⅛	49⅝	49⅞
Oats—				
May	31⅝	31¾	31⅝	31⅝
Pork—				
May	17 57	17 67	17 57	17 67
Lard—				
May	7 40	7 42	7 40	7 40

[Special to H. C. Fischer.]

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17.

Wheat—	Close
May	91¼
July	93⅝

POTATOES.

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—Potatoes—Wholesale quotations range from $1 to $1 10 per bag out of store, and 80c to 85c per bag is being charged on car lots.

HAY

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—Quotations on track, Toronto, are as follows: Hay—No. 1 timothy, $11 50 to $12; mixed clover and timothy, $9 to $11, on track here. Straw—$6 50 to $7 on track here.

COBALTS

For large profits and quick returns, buy Cobalt Lake and Hargreaves.

THOMAS RAYCRAFT,
Room 1, London Loan Block.
Phones 2995 and 1736.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Cotton—Futures closed steady. Closing bids: February, 12.60; March, 13.68; April, 13.78; May, 13.85; June, 13.88; July, 13.89; August, 13.58; October, 12.65; December, 12.56. Spot closed steady; middling uplands, 14.00; middling gulf, 14.25; sales, 4000 bales.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 5000; market 5c to 10c higher; beeves, $5 10 to $6 85; Texas steers, $4 25 to $5 50; western steers, $4 50 to $5 70; stockers and feeders, $3 80 to $5 80; cows and heifers, $2 55 to $5 90; calves, $7 to $7 85. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 15,000; market 10c to 15c higher; light, $7 25 to $7 60; mixed, $7 05 to $7 55; heavy, $6 85 to $7 40; roughs, $6 55 to $7 15; good to choice heavy, $7 15 to $7 40; pigs, $7 40 to $7 75; bulk of sales at $7 20 to $7 40. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 12,000; market was strong to 10c higher; natives, $2 85 to $4 6; westerns, $2 85 to $4 65; yearlings, $4 70 to $5 60; lambs, native, $4 75 to $6 35; westerns, $4 75 to $6 35.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 1500; market slow but steady; beeves, $5 to $6 90; Texas steers, $4 25 to $5 50; western steers, $4 50 to $5 70; stockers and feeders, $3 80 to $5 80; cows and heifers, $2 65 to $5 75; calves, $7 50 to $8. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 14,000; market steady to a shade higher; light, $7 20 to $7 60; mixed, $7 10 to $7 55; heavy, $7 05 to $7 65; roughs, $7 05 to $7 20; good to choice heavy, $7 20 to $7 45; pigs, $7 40 to $7 70; bulk of sales at $7 25 to $7 40. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 10,000; market was steady to 10c higher; natives, $3 to $4 70; westerns, $3 to $4 75; yearlings, $4 75 to $5 60; lambs, natives, $4 90 to $6 10; westerns, $5 to $6 50.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Flaxseed—No. 1 southwestern, $2 58; No. 1 northwestern.

CLOVER SEED.

DETROIT, Feb. 16.—Cloverseed—Spot and March, $8 80; by sample, 40 bags at $8 50, 15 at $8 25, 25 at $7 75, 60 at $7 50, 12 at $7 25, and 12 at $7 per bu. Prime alsike, $9 20; by sample, 9 bags at $8 50, and 5 at $7 50 per bu. Timothy seed—Prime, 100 bags at $3 per bu.

TOLEDO, Feb. 16.—Cloverseed—Prime spot, $8 50; March, $8 85; April, $8 50; October, $7 50. Prime alsike, $9 10; March, $9 45 per bu.

OIL.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 16.—Oil opened and closed at $1 59.

OIL CITY, Feb. 16.—Credit balances, $1 59.

DAIRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Butter—Steady; receipts, 9000; creamery, thirds, 18c; asked. Cheese—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 2600.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—Cheese—Westerns, 11⅞c to 12c; easterns, 11½c to 11¾c. Butter—Quiet, 24½c to 25c; seconds, 23c to 24c.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 16.—Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, firm, 58s; colored, firm, 60s 6d.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Eggs irregular; receipts, 22,500; fresh gathered, firsts, 16½c to 16¾c; refrigerator, seconds, 16c to 16½c; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy, white, 24c to 24½c; do, gathered, white, 20c to 22c; western, gathered, white, 19c to 21c.

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—Eggs—New laid, 25c to 26c; pickled, 16c to 17c.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—The market for eggs is weak and prices have declined 2c to 2 per doz.; fresh, 27c; No. 1 stock, 21; No. 2, 18c to 20c.

FINANCIAL.

Owing to poor telegraph service today, some of the market reports will be found incomplete or missing.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(Noon)—The list was characterized by pronounced nervousness all through the first hour, but price changes were without much importance at the end of that period. It could not be said that the reports of Wm. Rockefeller's illness were an important market factor, more attention being paid to the Washington situation. A good deal was said about prospects of decision in the trusts suits being handed down on Monday, and liquidation of these lines was in evidence in preparation for this event. London was a fairly large seller, about 20,000 shares.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(10 a.m.)—The London cables this morning show a better tone than might naturally be expected in view of sharp decline here. American issues advanced from ⅛ to ¾ points, with St. Paul the feature. It would not be surprising if the bears should attempt to further depress prices after the success yesterday, but support will doubtless be extended, since the larger interests have too much at stake to permit the market to become demoralized. The technical position has been strengthened by the elimination of week balls, while the short commitments are much larger than of late. The dispute between the stock exchange and the city regarding the listing of bonds issued by an outside company may have a certain sentimental effect, though this can hardly be considered a serious factor, since the matter is open to satisfactory adjustment. The circulation of canards regarding the health of prominent financiers would indicate that the bears are hard up for material, there being nothing unfavorable in the situation to warrant pessimism. Some fear of an extra session with all that this might mean in the shape of tariff revision, is precedent, but our foreign trade is showing well, we having built up an export balance of over $368,000,000 since 1st August. The Missouri Pacific is to be greatly improved by the expenditure of millions on the property, so that early resumption of dividend seems hardly a proposition to put up a bond to finish the season. The place is reached by steam railways and electric lines, and cars from St. Catherines and other places have always attended the town matches.

London and all other places in the league with the exception of Woodstock, are in good shape and are awaiting the outcome of the difficulty in that place before proceeding with the organization. There is no doubt that the first matches will be played about May 17, in accordance with the schedule drafted by Mr. Lee.

HYDRO-POWER MEN SEEKING CUSTOMERS

Expert Figures for Those Who May Use This Energy.

Some interesting facts from the hydro-electric propaganda are in the city interviewing power users. They visited Victoria Hospital this morning and had a long talk with Superintendent Heard. Manager Park was seen all the information in his possession regarding the cost of power, amount of power used, etc., and that was included in the report to Superintendent Heard. The figures, it is said, were borne out by the investigations of the hydro-electric engineers.

OBITUARY

The death occurred at Lambeth today of John Hay. The deceased was in his 53rd year. The funeral will be private.

The farm value of the corn crop of the United States is $1,720,000,000.

There are places in London where preachers can buy sermons printed.

Today African Moslems number little less than 60,000,000, about one-third of the total population.

Spain has renewed military activity against Moroccan tribesmen around Melilla, and Gen. Roghi has been killed in a skirmish.

TORONTO STOCK UP TO 1 P.M.

[From Dymont, Cassels & Co., Members Toronto Stock Exchange.]

Toronto, Feb. 17.	Bid.	Off.
Black Lake, com	14½	..
B. C.	169½	164
C. P. R.	314¼	314
D.	57	49
G.	91	..
C. P.	81	81
P.	201	200
London Electric	77	..
K. A.	77	..
K. L. pfd	93½	93
Niagara Navigation	127	..
N. M.	124	124
S. Co.	96¼	97
P. K.	45½	46
P. L.	..	60
Rio Janeiro	107½	108
Sao Paulo	158	158
S. W. T.	..	95
T. E.	126	123
T. W.	110	110
Bank of Commerce	213½	..
Dominion Bank	195	198
Metropolitan Bank	155	..
Merchants Bank	165½	..
M. S.	150	..
M. O.	108	110
O. W.	218	..
L. B.	144½	144½
Nor. L. and S.	130	..
Agricultural L. and S.	156	159
Canada Landed	160	..
C. C.	77	..
Do.	134	..
Great Western	130	..
H. P.	90	..
H. I.	133	..
L. B.	175	..
Do.	170	..
T. S.	175½	..
T. M.	150	..
O. R.	75	..
Black Lake bonds	83½	..
Canadian Northern	97½	..
D. J. B.	90½	91½
Mexican L. and P.	101	..
Province Ontario	93½	93
Rio Janeiro	92½	..
Sao Paulo	98	..
Crown Reserve	..	500
La Rose	..	1

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	
Amal. Copper	63½	64⅝	62½	63⅞
Anaconda Copper	39⅞	..	..	..
American Sugar	118⅞	..	..	..
Amer. Beet Sugar	45	46	44⅞	46⅛
Amer. Locomotive	40½	41	40¼	41
American Foundry	55⅛	55⅛	55	55⅛
Atchison, com	105⅝	105½	105	105⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	104½	..	..	..
Brooklyn Transit	77⅞	78	77½	78
Canadian Pacific	210¼	211¼	210	211
Central Leather	31⅛	32	31⅛	32
Chesapeake & Ohio	85⅝	84⅞	83	84¼
Consolidated Gas	140⅞	141	140½	141
Col. Fuel & Iron	34⅞	..	..	..
Col. & Southern	37	..	..	..
Distillers	35½	35¾	35½	35¾
Erie, com	31	31½	31	31⅜
Erie, 1st pfd	49¼	50¼	49¼	50¼
General Electric	151¼	..	..	..
G. Northern, pfd	128	128½	127¾	128¼
G. Northern Ore	61	61⅝	61	61¾
Inter-Metropolitan	10⅞	10½	10⅛	10½
Inter-Met., pfd	53½	..	..	..
Kansas Southern	34	34¼	34	34
Kansas & Texas	34	..	..	..
Lehigh Valley	174¼	175⅞	174¼	175
Louisville & Nash	145	145	144¼	144¾
Mexican Central	18	..	..	..
Minn. & St. Paul	142	144	142	144
Missouri Pacific	56⅞	58⅛	56½	57⅞
New York Central	110⅞	111⅛	110½	111
Northern Pacific	126¼	126⅞	125½	126½
Norfolk & Western	105⅞	105⅞	105½	105½
National Lead	56¼	..	..	..
Ontario & Western	42⅞	43	42½	43
Pennsylvania	126⅞	127	126⅞	127
People's Gas	106	106¼	105⅞	106¼
Pressed Steel Car	57	..	..	..
Railway Spring	36½	36½	36	36
Reading	157	157⅞	156¼	157⅛
Republic Steel	34⅞	34⅞	34	34
Rock Island	31½	31½	31⅛	31½
Rock Island, pfd	64½	..	..	..
Southern Railway	27½	27½	27¼	27⅜
Southern Ry. pfd	64½	64⅞	64	64⅜
Southern Pacific	118	118	117⅛	117⅞
St. Paul	125½	126¼	124⅞	125¾
Texas Pacific	28¼	28¼	28	28
Union Pacific	157	157⅞	156⅛	157¼
Utah Copper	45	..	..	..
U. S. Rubber	42½	44¼	42½	43⅞
U. S. Steel	78⅞	79¼	78⅝	79⅛
U. S. Steel pfd	118⅞	119	118⅞	119
Virginia Chemical	64½	65¼	64½	65
Wabash, pfd	36	36½	36	36½
Western Union Tel	59½	..	..	..
Wisconsin Central	60	..	..	..
Western Maryland	50	..	..	..

FORMER LONDON PASTOR RESIGNS HIS CHARGE

Rev. A. J. McGillivray Desires Vancouver Congregation to Free Him From His Duties.

Word has been received from Vancouver that Rev. A. J. McGillivray, formerly pastor of the New St. James Presbyterian Church here, and for some time pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church there, will hand his resignation to the Presbytery shortly. Mr. McGillivray went to Vancouver from London five years ago, and under his charge the church has made wonderful progress.

A splendid stone building has been erected and the congregation has greatly increased and has become widely known as one of the foremost in Western Canada in missionary and educational enterprise.

The news that Mr. McGillivray is to leave them was heard with the deepest regret by the congregation, who tried in every way to induce him to alter his decision. Another meeting is to be held on Feb. 28, to finally decide the matter.

Rev. Mr. McGillivray intends going to another field if his resignation is accepted.

WELLAND MAY BE IN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Some Difficulty in Securing a Diamond Location at Woodstock.

"Knotty" Lee, organizer of the Ontario Baseball League, arrived in this city again today, after spending some time in Woodstock, getting matters into shape there.

The Baby City club is having some trouble over the grounds, the property of the Woodstock A. A. A., and while it is hoped that everything will be settled up satisfactorily within a couple of days, it is found impossible to proceed it is thought that the town of Welland will be taken in. Welland is a good sporting burg, and is really anxious to get a berth in the league. Last summer at exhibition games played there each Saturday crowds of about two thousand attended.

There is a good ball lot, with fence and stands, and there would be no trouble securing the necessary money. The Welland officials have also made a proposition to put up a bond to finish the season. The place is reached by steam railways and electric lines, and cars from St. Catherines and other places have always attended the town matches.

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AUTO BUSINESS BRIGHT IN LONDON

It Is Said That Sale of Machines Has Opened With a Rush.

DOCTORS ARE BUYING

Many Physicians Have Operated Cars in London, Every Day of This Winter.

The automobile business has opened with a rush in this city, according to local sales agents interviewed by The Advertiser this afternoon.

A couple of dozen cars have been contracted for by local parties already, and within about two weeks the first deliveries will be made.

Despite the predictions that the auto had gone its limit the dealers have better prospects in this vicinity this year than ever before. There are more cars represented in London now than last season, and all are having a prosperous time.

Popular With Doctors.

A number of physicians, profiting by the experience by other local doctors, are abandoning the horse in favor of the motor and the members of this profession will be among the buyers of 1911.

Several doctors in London having cars of the so-called cheap classes have operated every day this winter, and have been able to get around in far better time than with horses, despite the heavy snows. They all declare that their business has increased wonderfully and that without their cars they would be unable to attend to all their calls.

The Prices.

Cars ranging in price from $800 to $1,000 have been sold here thus far, the recent Detroit auto show, which was visited by many Londoners, having given business quite an impetus. Last season the country roads were in shape for autoing in March, and as a repetition of this early spring is not improbable the dealers are urging customers to get orders in as soon as possible.

While it is possible to secure deliveries on a few days' notice, within a month a couple of weeks, at least, will be required. Shipments then are made at the rate of a hundred or so a day by the larger factories, and the last-minute folk have to wait their turns.

THE HIGHLANDERS GOING TO CORONATION

Crack Winnipeg Corps To Be Taken Over by Its Commander.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The coronation contingent of 717 men, which will sail on June 2 from Quebec for England, will probably be accompanied by the Winnipeg Highland Regiment, under the command of Col. Thompson. He some time ago offered to take over the regiment at his own expense, and the Militia Department is now making arrangements to have the Highlanders go at the same time as the coronation contingent. While in Britain the regiment will be the guests of some of the English regiments.

MR. LYONS WILL ACCEPT POSITION

Salary as Chief Operator at Power Station Will Be $1,500 Per Annum.

Mr. R. A. Lyons will accept the position of chief operator at the Horton street station at a salary of $1,500 per annum, the call not be given a guarantee, he will be retained until the end of the year.

Mr. Lyons was notified last evening of the decision of the board, and he asked the commissioners to give him the assurance that he would be kept for the balance of the year.

They would not do this, and Mr. Lyons, after much discussion, decided to accept. Mr. Gleadhill expects that he will take charge in two weeks.

SEAFORTH CURLERS DEFEAT INGERSOLL

Seaforth defeated Ingersoll in the finals for the Western Ontario Tankard, played today at the London Curling Club rink at Queen's Park. The winners had a good margin and had little difficulty in taking the silverware.

The rinks:

Ingersoll.	Seaforth.
G. A. Myers	W. Hartrey
G. W. Wood	W. Kerslake
W. A. Edgar	J. G. Steele
J. E. Gayler, sk.	R. S. Hayes, sk.
B. Jacobs	J. Stewart
W. J. Elliott	D. Barrows
C. E. Robinson	G. Stewart
R. E. Hutt, sk.	J. Beattie, sk.

EAST LONDON NEWS

CHARGE DISMISSED.

At this morning's session of the police court a charge of allowing a building dangerous to the public to remain standing which City Architect Nutter preferred last week against Mr. A. McInnes, of Adelaide street south, was dismissed, as Mr. McInnes had removed the building.

SHORT—SMITH.

Miss Maude Smith, of Ealing, East London, was united in marriage to Mr. Chester Short, of this city, at the First Methodist parsonage, 512 Wellington street, last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard Whiting, B.A. Mr. and Mrs. Short left on their wedding tour to Detroit and other points westward. On their return they will reside at 571 York street.

A LOST CAUSE?

The Globe says that when Lord Northcliffe's London newspaper, the Daily Mail, abandoned the aeroplane tariff preference idea last week was extraordinary. The Mail explains that special preference is no longer practicable now that reciprocity between the United States and Canada has been arranged for, and it does not propose to be left in a dead lease. There may be other reasons for the Mail's sudden flop, and discussion of Colonel Hanbury-Tracy's recent speech in Great Britain was at least more accurate. Lord Northcliffe's tariff reform in Great Britain was a heavy loss and are now awaiting a policy for throwing of the wooden.

Putnam Griswold, baritone, while singing the role of Escamillo in "Carmen," in the Royal Opera at Berlin, was stricken with appendicitis, but took opium to deaden the pain until he finished the part.

The Protective League of Drunkards' Homes is the name of the new society just organized in Pittsburg. The purpose is to help the wives and mothers of drunkards.

NAVIGATION COMPANIES MERGER IS LIKELY

Northern Navigation Company and Inland Lines May Amalgamate.

Collingwood, Feb. 16.—The merger of the Northern Navigation Company with the Inland Lines is yet probable. This morning Mr. C. E. Stephens, secretary-treasurer of the former, confirmed the report that the deposit of $50,000 agreed upon had been made at the Traders' Bank, Toronto, yesterday, by the Playfair interests. The rest known is on the part of the navigation company, and, according to the terms of the tentative agreement, it is required to provide a controlling stock interest.

The deposit has precipitated a strenuous fight, those opposed, who will probably be led by H. Y. Telfer, vice-president, and C. E. Stephens, secretary-treasurer, who have withdrawn from the tentative agreement, will by their plans to prevent 51 per cent of the stock passing from the present shareholders. There are several weeks yet in which to wage the battle, and that they will do so is unquestionable the fact.

OTTAWAY CARS HELD UP BY GRAND TRUNK

Manager King Says the City Engineer's Criticisms Are Not Warranted.

Manager C. B. King, of the London street railway, does not think the city engineer's criticisms of the company's service are warranted in view of local conditions.

"Our records show that on the day in question Mr. Van Cleve has about the correct time for delays at the Grand Trunk crossing at Richmond street," he stated to The Advertiser. However, you must remember that there are other crossings, all of which cause delay. For instant, last night our Ottaway cars were held up 27 minutes at Rectory street. You can see how that would demoralize the system and cause great inconvenience. We are stopped sometimes at the C. P. R. and the Pere Marquette crossings. I think we have a good service when you consider the difficulties we encounter.

"The belt line service is generally good. Mr. Van Cleve admits that. You see, these cars have but one track to cross, Richmond street, and are not so apt to be held up for long periods. The Dundas and West London service gives us little trouble. Abolish level crossings, and there would be no trouble with street cars."

"We were held up 27 minutes at Rectory street," declared Superintendent Young. "Mr. Van Cleve should be out today checking up delays. We have had them all day. They simply demoralize the system."

The company will meet the board of works at its next meeting to talk the matter over.

LOCAL ITEMS

Hermitage Ball.

The Hermitage ball will be held tonight, and it is expected to prove the most brilliant of the many social events held by the members.

Division Court.

Judge Elliott presided at a session of the first division court held this morning. A few unimportant cases were disposed of.

Remanded.

Olive Bringham, a young woman, who on a former occasion figured in the police court, appeared before Deputy Magistrate Graydon this morning for being drunk. She was remanded for a week.

Art Association.

A meeting of the London Art Association will be held at the Normal School on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Grace Blackburn will give a talk on "Britain as a Sketch Country," and Miss Bertha Shaw will give a paper on "Art in Rome," where she has spent five winters. An interesting and instructive hour is promised all who attend.

Hand Injured.

A young man named William Lee, residing on Oxford street, just east of the city limits, had his hand badly lacerated at Beck's sawmill yesterday. Lee was operating a saw when his hand came in contact with it. It was feared for a time that several of the fingers would have to be amputated, but it is now hoped that they will be saved.

Shrives—Teale.

On Wednesday, at the parsonage of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, 134 Maple street, Miss Jeanette Emma Teale, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Ernest Sidney Shrives, also of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. H. Bingham, B.A. Mr. and Mrs. Shrives will reside in London on their return from a brief honeymoon.

Quance—Stilson.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Stilson, Komoka, when her daughter Pearl was united in marriage of Mr. Ewart Quance, of Gadsby, Alberta. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Quance, of Lambeth, father of the groom. To Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Mrs. E. Quance, choirmaster of Askin Street Methodist Church, London, the bride entered the parlor on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage. The bride was attired in pale blue silk mull, trimmed with Irish lace and insertion, and carried a shower bouquet of cream roses and carnations. She was attended by Miss Hannah Evison, who was daintily gowned in white organdie. Mr. Frank Quance, of Toronto, attended the groom, his brother. After the ceremony a dainty wedding dejeuner was served. The happy couple left on the evening train for eastern cities, amid a shower of rice and congratulations. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue broadcloth, with hat to match. Miss Stilson was organist of Komoka Methodist Church, and will be greatly missed by a host of friends here and elsewhere, but Komoka's loss will be Gadsby's gain.

Men's Mass Meeting.

Mr. C. M. Copeland, of Toronto, the organizer for the work of the Young Men's Christian Association throughout Ontario and Quebec, will be the speaker in the Auditorium at the men's mass meeting on Sunday. Mr. Copeland has had a wide and varied experience as a leader among men. Special music will be rendered.

The infant mortality of London is 154 in a thousand births a year.

Germany and the United States are the world's leading markets for tobacco.

MANY CONVENTIONS BOOKED THIS YEAR

Railway Traffic Is Light Now, But It Will Soon Be Heavy Enough.

February is proving an exceedingly poor month for the railroads, and so far the returns for this month have fallen considerably below those of a year ago. The passenger traffic is very light, and the local ticket offices report very few sales for long trips.

It is expected, however, that before the month is over business will brighten up considerably.

Some big conventions and automobile shows will take place the latter part of this month and during the month of March, and these will do much to increase passenger traffic returns.

On Feb. 20 to 23, the Grand Council of Royal Templars of Temperance will meet in Toronto, and from the 22nd to 24th the Dominion of Canada Rifle and Canadian Artillery Association will hold a joint convention at Ottawa.

The St. John's Ambulance Association also meets in Ottawa on the 28th of this month, and the Toronto Automobile Show will be held on Feb. 25 to March 4.

The Canadian Mining Institution holds a large convention in the city of Quebec during the first three days of March, and the Canadian Bowling Association holds its annual tournament in Montreal from March 13 to 25.

The Montreal Automobile Show will be held from April 1 to 18.

The Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will meet in Toronto from March 28 to 30.

A big event in education circles will be the convention of the Ontario Educational Association, to be held in Toronto from April 17 to 20.

NO FURTHER CONFERENCES

City and Street Railway Are Not Talking Power These Days.

No further conferences between the experts of the hydro-electric commission and the London street railway have as yet taken place, and there seems to be no definite information as to when they will.

"We have heard nothing," declared Manager King. "We are ahead with the plans and specifications for our own plant. The commissioners are conversant with our position, and they have all the facts. When they are ready to make a proposition we will listen to it."

"I expect that something definite will be done in a short time," said Superintendent Gladdy. "I expected a conference before this time, but Mr. Sothmann has been very busy, and we could not get together."

Personal Mention

Mrs. John Chumm is home again after her illness.

Mr James Finch, of Crescent Valley, British Columbia, and for many years a well-known Grand Trunk railwayman, is in the city on a visit.

Mr. A. O. Graydon is no worse this morning. He spent a fairly restful night, and while he shows little improvement, no alarming symptoms manifested themselves this morning.

Mr. Charles Jones, Gray street, who was called home through the very serious illness of his mother, has returned to Winnipeg, but will leave there in a few days for Vulcan, Alberta, where he intends going into the drug business for himself.

FARMERS' BANK

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onded by Messrs. Fraser and Gallagher: 'That instructions be given to W. R. Travers, manager, that no notes be issued by the bank in place of cash or stock unless specially authorized by the board.'"

Another motion on page 87 says: "That the sum of $10,000 on account of commissions for sale of capital stock of the bank be paid to W. R. Travers."

Then there was another resolution passed by the board cancelling the first motion about not giving notes of the bank.

"That the chairman, the secretary of the board and W. R. Travers be authorized to indorse all notes made for the bank to raise money for deposit in the treasury board," read out Inspector Duncan from page 89 of the book.

Then on Oct. 8, 1906, according to the book, Travers was given power of attorney to indorse letters and notes to raise funds to place with the Government. This was signed by A. S. Lown as chairman.

Then Inspector Duncan produced the board's bank book, showing deposits from Jan. 1, 1905, to Dec. 31, 1906.

Exhibit three, produced by the Inspector, was a receipt from the Trusts and Guarantee Company, dated Oct. 11, 1906.

"Received from W. R. Travers notes to the amount of $100,955, as per list furnished by the provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank, and a check is given for $80,000 for a loan made by the company on these notes, signed J. J. Warren."

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