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Commercial.

Still Another Break in the Chicago Wheat Market.

Better Prices Secured for Horses in Buffalo.

Local Market.

(Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.)

London, Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Wheat, per bu	72c to 75c
Wheat (red), per bu	72c to 75c
Oats, per bu	13 1-2c to 19 1-2c
Peas, per bu	36c to 42c
Corn, per bu	25c to 31c
Buckwheat, per bu	24c to 26 1-2c
Rye, per bu	22c to 28c
Barley, per bu	20c to 29c
Beans, per bu	25c to 40c

The receipts during the past week have been only fair, with an active demand.

Wheat receipts light, and prices a little lower; sales range from $1 22 to $1 23—mostly at $1 22 and $1 23 per cental.

Oats for feeding sell from 40c to 50c, and milling oats at 52c to 57c per cental; the bulks of the receipts in grain are oats.

There are few loads of peas offering, and sell from 65c to 70c per cental.

A few loads of corn offered, and sold at 47c to 50c per hundred.

Buckwheat sells from 40c to 50c, according to quantity.

No rye offering.

Dressed hogs sell from $4 to $6, according to size and quality.

Potatoes sell at 25c to 35c per bag.

Hay receipts light this week; prices higher; sales at $7 to $8 per ton.

Butter and eggs in good supply and demand, at quotations.

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs	1 20	to	1 22
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	1 20	to	1 25
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs	1 20	to	1 25
Oats, per 100 lbs	40	to	57
Peas, per 100 lbs	60	to	74
Corn, per 100 lbs	45	to	55
Barley, per 100 lbs	42	to	60
Rye, per 100 lbs	40	to	45
Beans, bu	25	to	40
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	40	to	50
PROVISIONS.			
Honey	8	to	12
Cheese, per lb	10	to	12
Eggs, single dozen	14	to	15
Eggs, fresh, basket, per doz	12	to	15
Eggs, fresh, store lots, per doz	12	to	12
Butter, single rolls, per lb	15	to	16
Butter, per 1 lb rolls, baskets	14	to	15
Butter, per lb, large rolls or crocks	10	to	12
Butter, per lb, tubs or firkins	9	to	12
Lard, per lb	6	to	7
MEAT, HIDES, ETC			
Beef, quarters, per lb	3½	to	5
Mutton, quarters, per lb	5	to	6
Veal, quarters, per lb	3	to	5
Lamb, quarter	8	to	9
Dressed hogs, 100 lb	4 00	to	6 00
Live hogs	3 00	to	4 25
Hides, No. 1, per lb	6	to	6
Hides, No. 2, per lb	5	to	5
Hides, No. 3, per lb	4	to	4
Calfskins, green	4	to	6
Calfskins, dry, each		to	8
Sheepskins, each	50	to	80
Lambskins, each	50	to	70
Wool, per lb	18	to	18
Tallow, rendered, per lb	3	to	3
Tallow, rough, per lb	1½	to	2
HAY AND SEED			
Hay, per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Straw, per load	2 00	to	2 50

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The Oil Market.

PETROLEA

Petrolea, Feb. 24.—Oil opened and closed at $1 62.

English Markets.

London, Feb. 24.

Cargoes off coast—Wheat easy; corn quiet.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat and corn rather easier.

Country markets—English, quiet; French, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 24.—12:45 p.m.

Wheat—Spot quiet; demand poor; futures steady; near and distant positions ¼d lower.

Corn—Spot quiet; futures steady and unchanged.

Bacon — Firm; demand fair: Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs, 27s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs, 25s 6d; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs, 25s 6d; long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 24s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs, 24s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs, 24s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 26s 6d.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 18 lbs, 25s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 40s 6d.

Tallow—Fine North American, 18s.

Beef—Extra India mess, 58s 9d; prime mess, 48s 9d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 45s; medium western, 40s.

Lard—Steady; prime western, 20s 9d; refined in pails, 22s 6d.

Cheese—Dull; demand poor; finest American white (Sept.), 58s; finest American colored (Sept.), 58s.

Butter—Finest United States, 90s; good, 55s.

Turpentine spirits—29s 9d.

Rosin, common—5s.

Cotton seed oil—Liverpool refined, 15s 6d.

Linseed oil—15s 6d.

Petroleum—Refined, 6½d.

Refrigerator beef—Forequarter, 3¾d; hindquarter, 5¾d.

Bleaching powder, hard wood, f.o.b., Liverpool, £6 15s.

Hops—At London (Pacific Coast), £3 15s.

American Produce Markets.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23.—The news of the day on wheat was not all bearish, but after the most of it was in and digested, prices broke 1½c, and at the close had recovered but ½c. The apparent explanation of the weakness lay in the more peaceful feeling abroad, as indicated by higher consols at London and lower prices for wheat at Liverpool. The belief that war is becoming less probable each day tended to destroy bull confidence, and free selling was the result. Closing continental cables all quoted dullness. May wheat opened from 76c to 75½c; sold between 76½c and 75c; closing at 75½c—1½c to 1¾c under Saturday. Cash wheat was weak, and 1c lower. Corn advanced ⅛c to ¼c, and oats were a shade lower. Provisions were steady.

The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 Feb., 74c; May, 75½c; July, 72½c; Sept., 70½c.

Corn—No. 2 Feb., 23c; May, 24½c; July, 25½c to 25¾c; Sept., 26½c to 27c.

Oats—No. 2 Feb., 15½c; May, 17½c; July, 18½c.

Mess pork—May, $7 95; July, $8 07½.

Lard—May, $4; July, $4 07½.

Short ribs—May, $4 07½; July, $4 15.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 73½c to 75½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 73c to 74½c; No. 2 red, 85c to 86½c; No. 2 corn, 22½c; No. 2 oats, 16½c to 16¾c; No. 2 rye, 33½c to 33¾c; No. 2 barley, 33c; No. 1 flaxseed, 74c to 76½c; prime timothy seed, $2 65; mess pork, $7 80 to $7 90; lard, $3 87½ to $3 90; short rib sides, $3 90 to $4 15; dry salted shoulders, $4 50 to $4 75, short clear sides, $4 25 to $4 37½.

Receipts—			
Flour	18,000	Wheat	30,000
Corn	336,000	Oats	665,000
Rye	7,000	Barley	120,000

Shipments—			
Flour	18,000	Wheat	88,000
Corn	279,000	Oats	513,000
Rye	1,000	Barley	42,000

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Feb. 23.

Wheat, white, bu	$ 76	to	$ 79
Wheat, red winter, bu	75	to	78
Wheat, goose, bu	63	to	68½
Barley, bu	26	to	30
Peas, bu	40	to	42
Oats, bu	21	to	22½
Hay, per ton	11 00	to	14 25
Hay, baled, per ton	8 00	to	10 00
Straw, per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Straw, baled, per ton	5 50	to	6 00
Butter, choice, tub	13	to	14
Butter, bakers	8	to	10
Butter, pound rolls	15	to	16
Butter, creamery tubs	17	to	19
Butter, creamery rolls	19	to	20
Cheese	10	to	11
Eggs, new laid	15	to	16
Eggs, limed	10	to	12
Beef, forequarters, per lb	2½	to	4½
Beef, hindquarters	5½	to	6½
Mutton, per lb	4	to	5
Lamb, per lb	6	to	6½
Veal, per lb	5	to	6
Hogs, dressed, selected	5 30	to	5 75
Hogs, heavy	4 30	to	4 50
Bacon, per lb	9	to	9½
Breakfast bacon	10	to	11
Mess pork	11 50	to	11 75
Pork, short cut	11 75	to	12 00
Pork, shoulder mess	9 50	to	10 00
Hams, smoked	10½	to	11
Lard, per lb	7	to	7½
Bacon, per lb	5½	to	5¾
Chickens, per pair	30	to	50
Ducks, per pair	55	to	75
Turkeys, per lb	9	to	11
Geese, per lb	7	to	8½

THE APPLE TRADE.

A cable today from Messrs. Simons, Shuttleworth & Co., Liverpool, to Mr. Arthur R. Fowler, Portland, says: Prices today show a slight decline on last quotations. The market is steady for good fruit, but poor and wasty fruit is a glut at weakening prices. The market is glutted with fruit in bad condition; prices are lower in consequence. Unless the condition improves we fear the large arrivals will break the market. Shipments from here this week to Liverpool were 9,916 barrels, and to Bristol, 1,537 barrels.

THE VISIBLE.

New York, Feb. 23.—The visible supply of grain on Saturday, Feb. 20, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange was as follows:

Wheat—45,215,000 bu; a decline of 1,443,000 bu.

Corn—26,413,000 bu; an increase of 2,019,000 bu.

Oats—13,565,000 bu; an increase of 71,000 bu.

Rye — 3,877,000 bu; a decrease of 24,000 bu.

Barley—3,396,000 bu; an increase of 14,000 bu.

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Live Stock Markets.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 23.—Trade was duller and prices of cattle decidedly easier than they were last Friday. Reports from Buffalo are that that market sold off from 10c to 20c per cwt from last week. Hogs were firmer here, but otherwise this market was weak. Receipts were 56 car loads of stuff, including 480 sheep and lambs, 1,100 hogs. For the week ended Saturday, total receipts were: Cattle—2,692; sheep and lambs, 491; hogs, 3,900; weigh fees, $100 49. Seven car loads of cattle went to Buffalo and 9 to Montreal. Export cattle, slow buying; prices nominal, at from 3 1-2c to 4 1-4c per lb; not many are wanted for a few days. Butchers' cattle—There were some left in the pens at the close, the feeling being easy all day; prices ruled from 2 1-2c to 3 1-8c mostly, with some odd ones touching 3 1-4c per lb; not many were bought for Buffalo. The local demand was quiet. Stockers and feeders quiet and dull; prices off, from 10c to 15c per cwt; buying for Buffalo was not nearly so active. Last market day there was an over-supply. Quotations here rule from 2 1-2c to 3c per lb generally; only odd fancy feeders going up to 3 1-4c per lb. Bulls weaker, some of these were hard to sell; prices ruled from 2 1-2c to 3 1-2c per lb; poor ones are not wanted.

Sheep—Dull; prices are nominal, at from $3 25 to $4 each. Lambs barely steady, all sold eventually at from 4 1-2c to 4 3-4c per lb. Good grain-fed lambs, weighing about 100 lbs, are in demand.

Calves—Dull; prices are unchanged at from $4 to $6 per head.

Milch cows and springers all sold, but there were too many rather poor cows in; prices rule from $18 to $35 each, the latter for choice, well-favored springers; some of these are wanted.

Hogs—Offerings fairly heavy, but all sold easily at firmer quotations. Choice selection of bacon hogs sold for from 4 5-8c to 4 3-4c per lb, and prospects are for 4 7-8c per lb, weighed off the cars, next week. Thick fat hogs are steady at $3 60 per cwt; stags 2 1-4c and sows 3c per lb.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Cattle—Only three cars on sale; market a trifle weaker; one car Canada stockers sold at $3 40, and a bunch of Canadas of 790 lbs, rather common, at $3 15; and some very common, in a peddling way, at $3 to $3 05. The Merchants' Review says: "Canadian shippers of feeding cattle have no kick coming on the prices obtained for their cattle since the embargo was raised on Feb. 1, on which date the tops of the feeders sold at $3 50; the following Monday, Feb. 8, they advanced to $3 85; the next week, Feb. 15, tops sold at $3 87 1-2; and yesterday, at $3 90 to $4. The Canadian shipments of feeding cattle on Monday to western points were distributed as follows: Ohio, 28 cars; Illinois, 4 cars; Indiana, 7 cars; Pennsylvania, 3 cars, and New York, 1 car—total, 43 cars.

Sheep and Lambs—50 cars on sale, which were carried over from yesterday's demoralized market. Trade today, while a little more active, was at still lower prices; best selected 85 to 90 lb lambs sold at $5 10 to $5 15, and a few for export at $5 20, but bulk of good to choice lambs sold at $4 75 to $5.

Sheep fairly active; good handy mixed sold at $3 75 to $4, and up to $4 10 for lots largely wethers; good handy wethers, $4 15 to $4 25; yearlings, $4 25 to $4 40; closed dull and easy, with some lambs of a rather poor quality unsold at close.

Hogs—12 cars; slow and about 5c lower for light grades, and mixed Yorkers, $3 75 to $3 80—mostly $3 80; pigs, $3 70 to $3 72 1-2 for tops; mixed packers, $3 75; mediums and choice heavy, $3 70 to $3 75; some pigs not sold at close.

THE HORSE MARKET.

Buffalo, Feb. 23.—Horses — About 430 head on sale; market active and $10 per head higher for everything not very common; export buyers and eastern purchasers cleaned up the offerings quickly.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—English advices today were somewhat conflicting, the cables from London being weaker for cattle, and noted a slight decline, while for sheep they were strong and higher, and advices from Liverpool were firmer for Canadian cattle and unchanged for American. Recent actual sales of Canadian sheep showed a loss of 3s per head, but at today's prices in London they would probably let out with a small profit. Locally the market was somewhat disappointing to holders of butchers' stock, in view of the recent advance at Toronto and the active trade reported there last Friday.

At the East End abattoir market the receipts were 600 cattle, 100 sheep, 100 lambs and 50 calves; holders in most cases were asking an advance of 1-4c per lb, but buyers showed a disposition to hold off, and a number were left over. The top prices paid for the best were 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c; fair to good sold at 2 1-2c to 3c, and common to inferior at 1 1-2c to 2 1-2c per lb, live weight.

In sheep the feeling was firmer, owing to the small supply, and sales were made at 3c to 3 1-4c. The demand for lambs was good and prices were maintained at the recent advance, with sales of straight lots at 4 1-2c to 4 3-4c, and mixed lots at 4 1-4c per lb, live weight.

Calves met with a fair sale at prices ranging from $2 to $10 each, as to size and quality.

The feature of the Point St. Charles market was the stronger feeling for live hogs, and prices advanced 15c per 100 lbs, due to the small receipts. Sales of straight light weights were made at $4 60 to $4 75, and mixed lots at $4 25 per 100 lbs.

Trade in cattle was slow; no sales were made, and the stock was forwarded to the above market.

PRICES IN BRITAIN.

London, Feb. 22.—There was a weaker feeling in the market for cattle, and prices show a decline of 1-4c to 1-2c, as compared with this day week, choice States being quoted at 11 1-4c, and Argentine at 10c. On account of a short supply of sheep and a good demand, the market was strong and prices show an advance of 3-4c to 1 1-2c, choice being quoted at 12c to 12 1-2c.

A private cable received from Liverpool noted an advance in the price of Canadian cattle of 1-2c, quoting choice at 11c, while States cattle were unchanged at 11 1-4c; sheep at 11c and lambs at 14 1-2c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 23.—Beeves—Receipts, 455 head; no trading; feeling steady.

Calves—Receipts, 6 head; trade limited, but feeling firm; poor to prime veals, $4 to $6 75; choice do, $7; yearlings and barnyards, $2 25 to $3 75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 157 head; sheep firm; lambs steady; medium to prime sheep, $4 to $4 60; good to prime lambs, $5 35 to $5 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,279 head; nominally firm, at $3 75 to $4 15; pigs, $4 10 to $4 27.

Cables from British markets quote American steers at 10½c to 11½c, per lb, dressed weight; American refrigerated beef, 7½c to 8½c per lb; American sheep, 8c to 9c, dressed weight.

BISHOP OF BUFFALO.

Five Thousand Persons Witnessed the Inauguration of Rev. J. E. Quigley, D.D.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Most important and imposing to the Catholics of Buffalo was the ceremonial event that took place today, by which the Rev. James E. Quigley, D.D., rector of St. Bridget's Church, became Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo. The laying-on of hands and the anointing of holy oil was performed by two of the foremost prelates on this continent, Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, and Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto. Other distinguished ecclesiastics came from other cities. It is estimated that nearly 5,000 people were crowded within the cathedral. The services began at 9 o'clock, and were not concluded until past noon.

A banquet to the new bishop and the visiting dignitaries of the church was held after the conclusion of the services. The cathedral was made magnificent by decorations in white and yellow, the Papal colors; while festoons of smilax and flowers set off the marble altar, resplendent with candles and golden ornamentation.

VANISHING LIFE.

Interesting Creatures That Have Lately Become Extinct, or About to Become So.

An English scientist, Prof. A. C. Haddon, declares that students should spare more time from the investigation of the past to keeping a record of forms of life that are daily becoming extinct.

Many large and curious animals have vanished from the earth within recent years. The moa has gone from New Zealand, the aepyornis from Madagascar, probably within not many centuries; the dodo has disappeared from Mauritius, the solitaire from Rodriguez, the great auk from Arctic shores, Steller's sea cow from Bering's Island, and half a dozen other birds or beasts are either dead or just dying out. How long will huge tortoises exist in the Galapagos? They have already disappeared, with the flightless birds, from the Mascarene Islands. The bison, once so abundant in North America, is now comparatively scarce, and the big game of Africa has become far less numerous than formerly.

Races, too, are going, as the Tasmanian has gone. The languages of Polynesia are being destroyed or mutilated, while in most nations the folklore is being forgotten or mingled with alien elements. For no one, in the growing confusion of nations, is the opportunity receding more quickly than for the anthropologist.

At the present time civilization is more active than at any other in wiping out forms of life which are not necessary to it. Prof. Haddon wants a committee of scientists formed to study this subject.

A DINNER PILL—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convert the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with Indigestion or Dyspepsia.

John Berthon, a Toronto land surveyor, died on Monday from the effects of a night's exposure. A couple of weeks ago, when overcome by the cold on the lake front, he lost consciousness, and was found in a half frozen condition.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

Dairy Interests.

Western Butter and Cheese Association.

Local Convention Arranged For—Makers' Meetings at Guelph and Strathroy.

The Western Butter and Cheese Association will hold local conventions at Milverton on Wednesday, March 3, and at Port Elgin, Thursday, March 4. Addresses will be delivered by A. F. MacLaren, M.P., Stratford, president of the association; John S. Pearce, London; Prof. Dean, O. A. C., Guelph; Inspector Miller, Robert Robertson, London; Jas. A. Gray, Listowel; S. R. Lee, Molesworth; J. W. Wheaton, the secretary of the association and others. The addresses and discussions will be along the line of improvement in the quality of our dairy products. Prominent dairymen in the localities named will take part in the discussions.

One or two meetings will be arranged for later on in districts where butter-making is made a specialty. These local conventions are only held in places where the local dairymen make application for them, the association paying the expenses of the speakers and the local authorities paying the expenses of advertising, etc.

In addition to the cheese and butter-makers meeting to be held at the dairy school, Guelph, on Friday, March 5, under the auspices of the Provincial Dairy School, and the Eastern and Western Dairy Associations, the Western Association, in connection with the Western Dairy School, will hold a similar meeting in the Dairy School, Strathroy, on Friday, March 12. This meeting will be especially for the cheese and butter-makers west of London. There will be an afternoon and evening session. The afternoon session will be devoted to addresses and discussions on practical cheese and butter making and the evening session to topics of general interest to makers and patrons. This will be an excellent opportunity for the western makers to visit the new dairy school at Strathroy.

During the past three weeks the secretary of the association has addressed dairy meetings at White Oak, Lynden, Thamesford, Mapleton, Gladstone and Appin. The importance of keeping up the quality of our dairy products and the duties of the patrons in properly caring for the milk, and in providing only such foods for their cows as will produce a good quality of milk, were thoroughly discussed at these meetings. At several places resolutions were passed condemning the feeding of turnips and such foods as will taint the milk to cows whose milk is supplied to factories. Several patrons last season lost from one to two cents per pound on their cheese because of the turnip flavor.

Dairymen are urged to remit the membership fee (50 cents) for 1897 at an early date to the secretary of the association, so as to insure getting the annual reports.

LAKE SHORE—BOSANQUET.

Home From Manitoba—Scarlet Fever Still Prevalent

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Burdick has been away in Arkona, nursing her father-in-law, who is dangerously ill.

Times are lively at the residence of C. Gustin, of Valley Grove, as his two sons are home from Manitoba, one of them (Frank) and his wife to remain, the other, Edward, and his son and daughter, will visit a few weeks longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, of Chicago, will also help to drive dull care away from the parental home.

Ice packers are busy housing the none too solid ice.

Three of Mr. Alva Bell's children are down with scarlet fever, but are all likely to recover. There are six cases in all in this vicinity, but they are all recovering, though several pupils of the public schools are absent on account of having the fever, or for fear of it in their families.

GLENCOE.

A Unique Entertainment—High School Examinations.

Glencoe, Feb. 23.—Rev. Mr. Elliott will remove shortly to the residence lately occupied by Mr. Tremeer.

A most unique entertainment was given in the Presbyterian lecture hall last evening by the Talent Society. The concert was entitled "The Beau and the Belles," and in illustrating their different characters, the beau and belles appeared in costume, making each number exceedingly interesting.

Miss Lizzie Cornell, of Melbourne, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Miss Moore, of Dakota, are spending a few days at Mr. F. Atkinson's, on their way home from a trip to England.

Mr. J. Rathburn is confined to his room with an attack of la grippe.

Rev. Murdock McKenzie, a returned missionary from Honan, China, preached to a crowded audience in the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.

Sessional examinations are in progress this week at the Glencoe High School. The literary society spent an enjoyable evening, when Rev. Mr. Cobbledick delighted the members with an address.

EXETER.

Successful Carnival at the Skating Rink—Heavy Snow Storm.

Exeter, Feb. 23.—Another very successful carnival took place at the skating rink on Monday night. Most of the national costumes were well gotten up, and cost the wearers considerable time and expense. Mr. Bawden has been fortunate so far in securing impartial judges for these occasions. The following is a list of costumes and prize-winners:

National costumes—Mrs. F. Knight, Turkey; Mrs. Mile. Perdue, Japan; Miss Gidley, United States; Miss Stewart, Swiss; Miss Kemp, Ireland; Miss Dennis, Spain; Miss McLaughlin, Spain.

Fancy costumes — Miss Christie, Yachting; Miss Weekes, Equestrienne; Miss Hawkshaw, Pop-Corn; Miss O. McLaughlin, Witch; Miss Rowtley, Flower Girl; Miss C. Dyer, Red Rininghood; Miss Tait, Snowball; Dr. H. K. Hyndman, Mr. Jones, Captains, Thirty-third Battalion; Jud. Davidson, Conductor Musical Society; John Spackman, Night; Arthur Kemp, Romeo; Wel. Westcott, Valentine; Rus. Howard, Irish; John Tapp, Colored Lady.

Prizes were awarded as follows: National costumes, Mrs. F. Knight, Turkish Lady; Mrs. Perdue, Japanese Lady; Miss Gidley, United States (Columbia). Girls' graceful skating, under 15 years, Miss Hawkshaw, and Miss Rowtley. Gents' character costume, Arthur Kemp, Romeo; Jud Davidson, Conductor Musical Society. Two-mile race (silver cup), John Spackman. Potato race, Percy Browning, Milton Hicks, Allan Meyers. The unusual number of "silk hats" secured for their wearers, uninterrupted skating space for the evening.

A very severe snow storm is prevailing here today, but it does not prevent the farmers from hauling wood, hogs and grain to market. Notwithstanding the heavy thaw of last week the sleighing still keeps good.

There is considerable sickness in this vicinity at present. Pneumonia, inflammation of the lungs and kindred complaints are most prevalent.

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FRIDAY BARGAIN DAY

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15c Wrapperette, Bargain Day 10c.
15c Dress Steels, 7½c.
50c Cashmere Hose, assorted lot, 27c.
35c Ladies' Vest, 19c.
1 lot of Purses, "snap," 15c.
5c Safety Pins, all sizes, 2c.
20c Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs, 10c.
50c Roses, 15c.
10c Garter Elastic, 5c.
25c Black Lustre, 25c.
8c Double Fold Lining, 5c.
12½c Oxford Shirting, 10c.
20c Zephyrs, fast colors, 12½c.
Specials in Dress Goods, 50c
10c Linen Towels, 7c.
25c Vetlings, 10c.
25c Cashmere Gloves, 15c.
40c Hand-Embroidered Mourning Handkerchiefs, 15c.
5c Thimbles, 2c.
50c Ribbed Cashmere Hose, 35c.
Odd Lot 25c and 35c Dress Goods, 15c.
20c Ladies' Collars (latest shapes), 10c.
10c Toweling, 6c.
12½c Dark Prints, odd lot, 6½c.
25c China Silks, 17 shades, 10c.

Do you want to know why such bargains are given? 'Tis two-fold; makes a dull day a busy one, and a special clearing of odds and ends of stock.

Bayley's

PETROLEA.

Talk of New Railway Connections—The Editor Came Back.

Petrolea, Feb. 23.—Some of our citizens have been asked to take a number of shares in a new railroad, to be built from Chatham to Petrolea, and other places.

Mr. Ernest Preston left this morning for St. Catharines.

Mr. John Cook, at one time proprietor of the Petrolea Topic, has returned to his old love, and resumed the management of the above paper.

A large number took advantage of the skating at Columbus Rink last night.

The funeral of the late Charles Sage was largely attended on Sunday.

Marks Bros. opened their two weeks' engagement at the Victoria Opera House on Monday evening to a crowded house, presenting "The Jail Bird."

Mr. James Rowe intends leaving for Spain next week.

Mr. Ivey, a mining broker, Sarnia, was in town yesterday.

Mr. R. Lawyer, of Toronto, is in town.

Rev. O. Taylor, of Chicago, will lecture in Victoria Hall on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Mr. Attwater, of Chatham, was in town yesterday.

BURWELL ROAD.

Well Represented at the Sunday School Convention—Annual Gun Club Shoot.

Burwell Road, Feb. 23.—Mr. William Whiting, who has been confined to his bed for some time, is slowly recovering.

At the ninth annual Sunday school convention held in Delaware, this vicinity was well represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonald gave the Burwell Road school pupils a taffy party the other evening, which was well attended, and enjoyed very much by the little folks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haggarty have been confined to the house for the past week with an attack of la grippe.

The annual shoot of the Gun Club will take place at Mr. H. Brodie's on Friday, Feb. 26, when a large crowd is expected.

GLEN OAK.

Looking for a Minister—A Handsome Structure—Heavy Weight Pork.

Glen Oak, Feb. 22.—The North Ekfrid Church people have appointed Wednesday, the 24th, to meet and consider the question of getting a pulpit supply for the summer, as Mr. Bain's term expires this spring.

Mr. John Pullen, of this place, is preparing to have his barn raised higher next summer, and put stabling under. The brick is on the ground now, and when completed it will be one of the best buildings in the township.

Mr. Henry Smale butchered and dressed the other day one of the finest Berkshire pigs raised in this neighborhood for some time. When laid on the scales it tipped them at 750 pounds.

The British cavalry regiment to go out to India this year will be the Third Hussars.

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STRATHROY.

Collegiate Literary Society Programme—A Variety of Meetings.

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Strathroy, Feb. 23.—The Collegiate Literary Society met in the assembly room at 3:30 Friday afternoon. After the usual business, the programme opened with a selection by the school orchestra; an essay, by Mr. Letts, was well received; Miss Grace Eakins gave a very interesting reading, while the solo of Miss Aggie George was much appreciated. After this the Glee Club gave a selection, followed by a reading by Miss Maud Macintyre. The solo by Mr. Hinchcliffe was loudly encored, and with "God Save the Queen," the proceedings were brought to a close.

Will Bishop, of Kincardine, is the guest of his uncle, Mr. Robert Bishop, Queen's Hotel.

The address given by the Rev. J. Buchanan, M.D., medical missionary from India, was very much enjoyed by those who had the privilege of hearing it.

The Adelaide Farmers' Institute supplementary meetings were held in the town hall, Adelaide, Monday afternoon and evening.

The annual meeting of the Conservatives of West Middlesex will be held in Mount Brydges on Friday, Feb. 26th.

The West Middlesex teachers meet here on Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Band of Hope committee expect to have their second entertainment of the section some time in March.

SIMCOE.

A Dramatic Company in Difficulty—Tea Company Shuts Up Shop.

Simcoe, Feb. 23.—The benefit for the tired members of the Metropolitan Dramatic Company on Saturday night drew a $25 house, which enabled those who could not walk to secure transportation to Toronto.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will give a concert in the Opera House Thursday evening.

Dr. Hayes is improving.

The Sharpe Tea Co. closed its doors on Saturday.

Mr. G. M. Gibbs, of Thorold, formerly of Sarnia, will succeed Mr. C. A. Crosbie, as accountant of the Simcoe branch of the Bank of Commerce. After Mr. Crosbie's return from his trip to Jamaica he will be transferred to Toronto.

Mrs. Cogie—Ay, that's the new doctor, mem; an' I'm sure it wad be an awfu' kindness if ye gled him a bit trial. He had a heap of patients when he cam' first, but noo they're a' deid.

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