

# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## ONLY HAY OFFERED

Market This Morning Was Very Small.

The snowfall of this morning had considerable effect upon the attendance and size of the market, and the only offerings were half a dozen loads of hay, which sold at \$13.50 per ton. The prices were:

**LIVE STOCK.**  
EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; active and steady. Veals Receipts, 200 head; active and 50c higher, at \$4 to \$12.50. Hogs—Receipts, 8,000 head; light strong, others 5c to 10c lower; heavy mixed, Yorkers and pigs, \$7.75 to \$7.85; roughs, \$6.85 to \$7; stags, \$5.50 to \$6.50; sheep—Receipts, \$7.60 to \$7.80. Steers and lambs—Receipts, 5,000 head; active; ewes and mixed sheep 25c higher, lambs 35c up, lambs, \$5 to \$9.25; yearlings, \$4 to \$7.50; wethers, \$4.75 to \$5; ewes, \$2.50 to \$4.50; sheep, mixed, \$3 to \$4.75.

**PRODUCE.**  
[Special to H. C. Becker.]  
WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Wheat closed today as follows: Dec. 27c; May, 85c. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Wheat closed today: Dec. 81c.

**CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.**  
[Special to H. C. Becker.]  
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.  
Wheat—Open, High, Low, Close  
Dec. 27c, 27c, 27c, 27c  
May 85c, 85c, 85c, 85c  
Corn—Open, High, Low, Close  
Dec. 47c, 47c, 47c, 47c  
May 32c, 32c, 32c, 32c  
Oats—Open, High, Low, Close  
Dec. 32c, 32c, 32c, 32c  
May 27c, 27c, 27c, 27c  
Pork—Open, High, Low, Close  
Jan. 17c, 17c, 17c, 17c  
May 13c, 13c, 13c, 13c  
Lard—Open, High, Low, Close  
Jan. 9c, 9c, 9c, 9c  
May 7c, 7c, 7c, 7c

**COTTON.**  
[Special to H. C. Becker.]  
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Cotton prices at 2:30 p.m.: Dec. 12.70; May, 12.55.  
**COBALT STOCKS.**  
[Edward Chambers & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange, report the following quotations on the mining market this morning.]  
Toronto, Dec. 27.—Beaver, 42 to 42 1/2; Chambers, 23 to 24; Conlags, 890 to 910; City, 24 to 25; Lake, 47 1/2 to 48 1/2; La Rose, 315 to 325; McKinley, 134 to 135; Nipissing, 900 to 915; Peterson, 128 to 132; Temiskaming, 18 to 40; Elkington, 7 to 7 1/2; Dome, 15 1/2 to 20; Hollinger, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4; Jupiter, 35 to 37; Preston, 3 1/2 to 4; Swastika, 19 to 20; Vipond, 13 to 13 1/2.

## For Other Markets See Page 2

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE. [Special to The Advertiser.] TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Mornings closes today:

Brazilian T. L. and P. ....	92	91 1/2
B. C. Packers, com. ....	142	142
B. C. Packers, pd. ....	142	142
Bell Telephone, com. ....	170 1/2	170 1/2
Burt, F. N., com. ....	109 1/2	109 1/2
Burt, F. N., pd. ....	103 1/2	103 1/2
Canada Bread, com. ....	30	30
Canada Cement, com. ....	27 1/2	27 1/2
Canada Cement, pd. ....	23 1/2	23 1/2
Canada General Electric, com. ....	116	116
Canada Machinery, com. ....	82	82
Canada Locomotive, com. ....	59	59
Canada Locomotive, pd. ....	52 1/2	52 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway, com. ....	109 1/2	109 1/2
Canadian Pacific, pd. ....	112 1/2	112 1/2
City Dairy, com. ....	53	53
City Dairy, pd. ....	53	53
Consumers' Gas, com. ....	150	150
Detroit, com. ....	80	80
Detroit, pd. ....	80	80
Dominion Canners, com. ....	79 1/2	79 1/2
Dominion Canners, pd. ....	102	102
Dominion L. and P., com. ....	82	82
Dominion Steel Corp., com. ....	59	59
Dominion Telegraph, com. ....	103	103
Duluth Superior, com. ....	108	108
Electric Dev., pd. ....	35	35
Illinois, pd. ....	58 1/2	58 1/2
Lake of Woods, com. ....	124	124
Lake Superior Corp., com. ....	82	82
Mackay, com. ....	69 1/2	69 1/2
Mackay, pd. ....	62	62
Maple Leaf, com. ....	62	62
Maple Leaf, pd. ....	62 1/2	62 1/2
Mexican L. and P., com. ....	81	81
Mexican Tramway, com. ....	112	112
Monterey, pd. ....	72 1/2	72 1/2
Monarch, pd. ....	92 1/2	92 1/2
N. S. Steel, com. ....	89	89
N. S. Steel, pd. ....	82 1/2	82 1/2
Pacific Burt, com. ....	40	40
Pacific Burt, pd. ....	40	40
Pennams, com. ....	55 1/2	55 1/2
Pennams, pd. ....	57	57
Porto Rico Railway, com. ....	68	68
Rogers, com. ....	175	175
Rogers, pd. ....	115	115
Russell, M. and C., com. ....	82	82
Sawyer-Massey, com. ....	48 1/2	48 1/2
Sawyer-Massey, pd. ....	96	96
St. L. and O. Navigation, com. ....	112	112
Shredded Wheat, com. ....	81	81
Shredded Wheat, pd. ....	92 1/2	92 1/2
Spanish River, pd. ....	26	26
Steel of Canada, com. ....	27 1/2	27 1/2
Steel of Canada, pd. ....	27 1/2	27 1/2
Tooko Bros., com. ....	49	49
Toronto Paper, com. ....	49 1/2	49 1/2
Toronto Railway, com. ....	59	59
Tuckett's, pd. ....	98 1/2	98 1/2

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## MR. PURDOM HAS NO FEAR OF LOSS TO TRACTION LINE

In View of Recent Developments, Electrification Would No Doubt Be Beneficial to the Road.

## LOSS OF WHOLESALERS IN PAST IS RECALLED

Free Press Not Manly Enough to Acknowledge Mr. Purdom's Good Works For Hydro.

In reply to the further charges of "private interests" directed against Mr. T. H. Purdom, K. C., by the London Free Press, Mr. Purdom has prepared a statement in which he makes public for the first time that insofar as the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company is concerned, that company has nothing to fear, in view of recent developments, from the electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway.

**On a New Line.**  
"The Free Press is conducting its campaign for electrification on such a low plane that you can hardly keep track of them. They accused me of being an enemy of hydro, and when it was pointed out how atrociously false that statement was, they have not the manliness to admit it, but instead strike out on an entirely different line, equally false.

"They do not tell their readers that far from being an opponent of hydro, my views were in advance of Mr. Beck's, and that the London and Lake Erie is now one of hydro's best customers, instead of being one of its cause their readers to believe that I own the London and Lake Erie and that my interests are selfish.

"I do not recollect any public question that developed so much opposition to the citizens as a whole. My own personal interest is very small, and the interests of the London and Lake Erie, viewed in the light of the developments I referred to, can very much better afford to take the chance of injury than the citizens can—the fact is, judging the situation as it is today, the London and Lake Erie is more likely to make than lose if the Port Stanley is electrified. The Free Press need not worry. It may do good where it means harm.

**The Loss of Wholesales.**  
"It is not so with the citizens. Even if it is all advocates claim is true, it would be a poor exchange for the certain loss. Some years ago London lost to Hamilton such wholesale men as Adam Hope, and Charles J. Hope, and John I. Mackenzie, Hamilton was considered a better wholesale centre than either Toronto or London, and before long Toronto took the lead and kept it, while Hamilton did not hold its own. Such well-known houses as D. McInnes & Co., going out of business, London was the third place, but with Toronto gaining, and Hamilton losing, London again began to grow as a wholesale centre. It lost Sir Frank Smith to Toronto, but before many years had passed it was easily the second wholesale centre in Ontario which it is today. If the Port Stanley is electrified that interest will deal a blow from which it is not likely it would ever recover. London's wholesale interests are too important to be lost or even materially injured for any advantage to be gained by all its advocates claim for electrification.

**The M. C. R. Situation.**  
"Then the railway interests. Has anyone shown that every advantage the manufacturers can get from the Port Stanley cannot be got by a steam road as well as an electrified one? Clearly a steam road is all they need, and the railway interests remain safe. If the Port Stanley is electrified the Michigan Central will not use the line. Here, of course, the citizens must de-

**Berlin Bourse.**  
BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Trading on the bourse was quiet with prices rather firmer. Exchange on London, 20 marks 41 pennings for checks. Money, 6 per cent. Private rate of discount, 5 1/2 to 6 per cent.

## Personal Mention

Mr. I. Hutcheon, of Toronto, is visiting at his home, 524 Horton street.  
Mr. W. Partridge has been transferred from the Citizens Bank at Kingsville to this city.  
Mrs. Samuel Taylor and daughter Lenore are spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Dempster, Detroit.  
Rev. I. Reynolds, 12, Davies of All Saints Church, Toronto, is visiting his parents for a week at the deanery, South London.  
Matthew J. Gilmore, a London Old Boy, spent his Christmas vacation with his mother and sister, Mrs. William Gilmore and Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, 68 Byron avenue.

## REV. W. L. STEEVES RESIGNS PASTORAL OF LOCAL CHURCH

Had Been Head of Egerton St. Congregation for Past Two and a Half Years.

Rev. W. L. Steeves, who for the past two and a half years has been the pastor of Egerton Street Baptist Church, has resigned, and will leave this city the first of April. He will go to New York, where his wife's people reside. Rev. Mr. Steeves has done much for the upbuilding of Egerton Street Baptist Church. His work has been singularly successful, and it was with the deepest concern that his flock heard of his final decision to leave them. But he is giving the congregation ample time to secure a pastor to take his place.



REV. W. L. STEEVES.

## CHAUFFEUR FINED

Paid \$5 For Speeding on the Local Streets.

Frank Gale, a chauffeur at the Mitchell garage, was fined \$5 for speeding by Police Magistrate Judd at the Carling street court this morning. Gale's time was taken by P. C. Walter Harpur, who was doing special duty with a stop-watch on Dundas street a few days ago.

## WILSON BETTER

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 27.—President Elect Wilson shook off his attack of the grip and started today for Staunton, Va., his birthplace, where tomorrow he will celebrate his 56th birthday.

## Don't Add to Danger

"We have only left the photos of the men on the Gall and Hespeler Railway. They might risk their lives there, while the photos were being taken. No, they must be photographed, but surely men of the experience of the general manager of the Michigan Central know whether they can safely run steam and electricity over the same tracks, and surely if their judgment is against it they would not be justified in asking their employees to unnecessarily risk their lives. The Railroad, at best, is a risky enough, as the long list of London's railway men who have lost their lives by accident amply attests, and there is no justification whatever for adding to the danger. The city is not likely to purchase the city's destruction at the price asked for electrification. The voters will prefer to preserve and protect the wholesale interests and the railway interests they have, and to add others. They will prefer the old motto: 'What We Have We'll Hold.'

## LOCAL ITEMS

**New Business Block.**  
Mr. E. Slobasky, 111 Clarence street, who recently purchased the property at the northeast corner of Bloor and Adelaide streets, will build a block containing several stores on the corner and three or four residences at the east. The building will take place in the spring.

**G. T. R. Officials Here.**  
Chief Engineer S. S. Ford, of the G. T. R., was brought to Port Huron in his private car Ontario, attached to express No. 3 this morning. Vice-President David Crombie came to London in his private car Quebec on express No. 4 and left for Windsor on No. 22. At 4 o'clock on Tuesday, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, London, a quiet wedding was solemnized, when Miss Emily Perkins became the bride of Mr. Homer Cooper. Rev. Mr. Gines performed the ceremony. Many guests were present, who heartily congratulated the wedded couple on the event.

**Smooth Game.**  
Two well-known and sleek-looking strangers are travelling around the east end stores and pushing a smooth game. If you see them, get hold of them with some of the proprietors' money in a hurry. By both making purchases about the stores and pushing the game with coins, they aim to get ahead of the storekeeper by a \$5 bill. The trick was tried on Mr. B. D. Dreyer, 30, on the Hamilton road, recently, but the London man had too much arithmetic in his head to be beaten. It is stated that two men worked their game successfully on an east end drugist.

**An Electrical Meeting.**  
Local Union No. 10, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, held a largely attended meeting in Moose Hall last evening, which was addressed by President T. C. Knight, of Vancouver. Mr. Knight, who will remain in the city for a few days in the interests of the local union, spoke on the benefits of belonging to a trades union. A large number of new members were added last night. Vice-President Fair presided at the meeting.

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## SCHOOL REPORTS

**LAMBETH NO. 17.**  
Following is the report of the marks obtained at the Christmas examinations of S. S. No. 17, Westminster. Those marked with a star were absent from some or all of the examinations. Number enrolled, 47.  
IV. Class—Eulah Cornell 79, Wilfrid Roy 69, Willie Anguish 60, Richard Baker\* 52, Theda Walker 50.  
Senior III.—Dorothy Fox 73, Verna Vanstone 70, Freda Cornell 62, Gladys McGregor 61, Annas Cornell\* 44.  
Junior III.—Harold Thornycroft 62, Minnie Pack 59, Ross Sadler 53, Harold Pack 53, Doris Roy 46.  
Senior II.—Mary Routledge 75, Clarence Sharp 67, Blanche Balfour 65, Maurice Roy 64, Thelma Johnston 59, Saddle Routledge 52, Rex Copeland 35, Ben Temple\*.  
Junior II.—Louise Garbutt 81, Dora Cornell 62, Mae Nixon 61, Teddy Balfour 58, Edric Hamble 56, Kathleen McGregor 46, Pearl Clark 41, Lionel Davey\*.  
Part II.—Millard Vanstone.  
Senior Part I.—Ruth Barnby, Audrey Tunks, Eany Poole, Anetta Pack, Ella Clark, Ruby Cornell, Myrtle Bishop, Edna Routledge\*.  
Junior Part I.—Muriel Vanstone, Annie Sadler, Myrtle Bogue, Annie Askey, Doris Balfour, Randall Roy, Percy Bishop.

## For Your New Year's Dinner Table Decoration



We will have a fine supply of Cut Flowers.  
In Fern Pans and Plant Table Centres we show many novelties which will give excellent satisfaction.

## AMUSEMENTS

**Dave Lewis Two Days.**  
Rowland Clifford will bring that fun-making genius to the Grand tonight and tomorrow in Campbell E. Casad's riot of laughter, "Don't Lie to Your Wife," with a whole lot of musical interludes, catches, songs, and comic. This piece had a long run at the Whittier Opera House in Chicago. The gowning is said to be exquisite, and the scenic mountains are in thorough accord with this high-grade attraction. The Hamilton papers state it is the best comedy played there in years and the songs are all new.

**Paul J. Rainey's African Hunt.**  
At the Grand Opera House for four days, commencing next Monday, Paul J. Rainey's African Hunt will be the attraction. Ten consecutive months on Broadway is the record attained by this remarkable series of motion pictures, which the young Cleveland millionaire sportsman secured during his year's big game hunt in Equatorial Africa. Opening at the Lyceum Theatre, New York, almost a year ago, the attraction sprang at once into favor with amusement seekers of the metropolis, and when the regular theatrical season opened, and Mr. Frohman claimed the Lyceum, for a prior booking, the Rainey hunt pictures moved to the Bijou Theatre, where they continued to ever-increasing patronage.

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**WINGHAM CURLERS**  
Two Fast Games Were Played Between Local Rinks.  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Wingham, Dec. 27.—The first curling match of the season, held at Stevenson's rink between two local rinks was greatly enjoyed. The scores were as follows:  
J. Murray, C. Knetchel, W. Isbester, L. Binkley, J. Carr, Kin Rae, C. Knetchel, skip, 13 skip, 10  
Binkley, T. Hardy, W. Hardy, Telford, C. Mitchell, skip, 11 skip, 13

# VOTE FOR

Every citizen should vote for this bylaw. It means the increase of the McCormick Company in new buildings occupying floor space of 2,750,000 square feet.  
The McCormick Company agree to build a factory to cost \$250,000, and also obtain another factory for the city.  
Both companies will use about 300 horsepower of Hydro.  
The city of London will have a City Hall and Park which will be the envy of every city in Canada.

# Federal Square

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