BAD WEATHER SPOILS MARKET

LOCAL MARKET.

Monday, Dec. 30.

The weather spoiled the market today. There was no hay, oats or straw offered, and therefore there should be an excellent demand in these lines at tomorrow's market.

The dealers expect to see quite a large supply of poultry at tomorrow's market, and look for a brisk trade in this line.

A carload of live hogs was purchased by D. McIntyre at $5 50 per cwt. for selects.

The English markets are weaker, and the local buyers expect that lower prices will prevail.

PRODUCE MARKET.

TORONTO PRODUCE MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Business in the local market is beginning to brisk up, and indications favor a resumption of active trading shortly after the new year. Few important sales on Ontario wheat are being effected, but prices reflect the firmness in outside markets. Wheat is being sold at around $1, with bids at 96c. Flour is firm, and sales of winter wheat patents for export are reported at $3 70.

Wheat—Manitoba No. 1 northern, about nominal, at $1 20; No. 2 northern, $1 15; No. 3 northern, $1 11; feed wheat, 64c; No. 2 feed, 54c, at lake ports; Ontario No. 2 white, 96c to 97c; No. 2 red, 95c to 96c; No. 2 mixed, 95c.

Barley—No. 2, 71c to 72c outside; No. 3 extra, 69c to 70c.

Flour—Winter wheat patents, for export, are selling at $3 70; Manitoba patents, special brand, $5 80 to $6; second patents, $5 20; strong bakers, $5 10.

Peas—85½c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 80c.

Corn—Old No. 2 yellow American, 73c, Toronto freights; new No. 3 yellow, 66c to 65½c; do, kiln-dried, 67c to 67½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 45½c outside; mixed, 44½c outside. 48c to 48½c on track at Toronto.

Buckwheat—62c outside.

Millfeed—Bran, $19, in bulk, outside; shorts, $21.

Butter and Eggs—Quiet, but steady.

Cheese—Market continues dull.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 30.—Cotton—Futures opened firm; December, 11c; January, 10.30c; February, 10.50c; March, 10.65c; April, 10.67c bid; May, $10 73; July, 10.78c; August, 10.60c to 10.80c; September, 10 50c offered; October, 10.10c offered.

7 PER CENT

Bank of England rate (first time in 33 years) causes many cheap investments and panic prices.

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BEAN MARKETS.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Dec. 28.—Beans—Spot, $2; January, $1 94 per bu.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Detroit, Dec. 28.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 20c to 29c; dairies, 18c to 25c.

Cheese—Steady, 11½c to 13c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 28.—Butter—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 4,870 packages.

Cheese—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 4,725 boxes; weekly exports, 595 boxes.

LIVERPOOL DAIRY REPORT. WEEK ENDING DEC. 13.

[Hodgson Bros'. Letter.]

Cheese—There has been a further slight improvement in the demand, and the market must be reported firm at perhaps 6d to 1s per cwt advance. There has also been a better inquiry for secondary qualities, which are now in light supply. We report today's values as follows: Finest Canadian, colored, 62s 6d to 63s 6d per cwt; do, white, 61s 6d to 62s 6d; earlier-made Canadians, white and colored, 58s to 60s 6d; a few States, chiefly half-meats, white and colored, 52s to 54s.

Butter—The market is firm on choicest qualities, and colonial of this character is cleared as landed, also Danish, for which the cable quotation is again unchanged. There has been but a moderate trade in secondary and lower grades, but supplies are light. We quite today: Choicest Canadian creamery, in 56-lb boxes, nominally 112s to 115s per cwt; choicest Danish, in Kiel casks, 122s to 126s; choicest Russian and Siberian, do, 108s to 114s; secondary grades, do, 94s to 100s; choicest Australian and New Zealand, 116s to 122s; choicest Irish creamery, scarce, nominally 116s to 122s; choicest Argentine, 116s to 118s; choicest States creamery, States process creamery, States ladles, imitation creameries and Canadian dairies, none.

OIL MARKETS.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 28.—Credit balances, $1 78.

LONDON.

London, Dec. 28.—Petroleum, American refined, 7d; spirits, 7½d.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Oil opened and closed at $1 78.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 28.—Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining, 3.30c to 3.35c; centrifugal, 96° test, 3.85c; molasses sugar, 3c to 3.05c; refined quiet.

LONDON.

London, Dec. 28.—Raw sugar—Centrifugal, 11s; Muscovado, 9s 9d; beet sugar, December, 9s 11d.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Sugar—Firm; Montreal granulated, in barrels, $4 40; yellow, $4; Acadia, $4 25; Ontario beet, $4 25; in bags, 6c less.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Baled Straw—Quiet, at $9 50 to $10 50 per ton, on track here.

Baled Hay—Dealers differ somewhat as to prices, one or two quoting $17 to $17 50, and others lower, at $16 to $16 50. The lower range is probably the nearer the general market value.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, about 23,000; steady; beeves, $3 50 to $6 15; cows and heifers, $1 20 to $4 60; Texans, $3 15 to $4; calves, $5 to $6 75; westerns, $4 30 to $4 60; stockers and feeders, $2 35 to $4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 32,000; 5c to 10c higher; light, $4 25 to $4 75; mixed, $4 40 to $4 80; heavy, $4 35 to $4 80; roughs, $4 35 to $4 45; pigs, $3 85 to $4 55; bulk of sales at $4 60 to $4 75.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; 10c to 15c higher; natives, $2 50 to $4 85; westerns, $2 50 to $4 80; yearlings, $4 70 to $5 40; lambs, $4 50 to $6 00; westerns, $4 50 to $6 80.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Dec. 28.—Canadian cattle are firmer, at 10c to 12½c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9½c per lb.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,200 head; slow and steady to 10c higher; prime steers, $5 25 to $5 60; shipping, $4 75 to $5 25; butchers, $4 15 to $5 10; heifers, $3 25 to $4 75; cows, $2 50 to $4 35; bulls, $3 to $4 50; stockers and feeders, $2 50 to $4 25; stock heifers, $2 25 to $3; fresh cows and springers steady to $2 higher, $18 to $54. Veals—Receipts, 600 head; active and 50c higher, $5 to $9 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 18,700 head; active and strong, closing slow; heavy and mixed, $4 90 to $4 95; Yorkers, $4 80 to $4 90; pigs, $4 75 to $4 80; roughs, $4 25 to $4 50; stags, $3 25 to $3 75; dairies, $4 75 to $4 90.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 10,000 head; active and higher; lambs, $5 to $7 75; yearlings, $5 75 to $6 50; wethers, $4 75 to $5 50; ewes, $4 25 to $4 75; sheep, mixed, $2 to $4 75.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 7s 8½d. Futures quiet; March, 7s 11½d; May, 7s 10¾d.

Corn—Spot firm; prime mixed American, new, 5s 5d; do, old, 5s 6½d. Futures firm; January, 5s 4½d.

Bacon—Short clear backs easy, 48s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, easy, 41s 3d.

NOMINATIONS IN WESTERN ONTARIO

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 30.—Mayoralty nominations for the city of Brantford were: J. W. Bowlby, Reformer; S. Whitham, Conservative, lawyer. Mr. Bowlby is mayor at the present time, and for the second year is opposed by S. Whitham. For water commissioner, Messrs. Watts and Whitaker were re-elected by acclamation.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 30. — Nominations for the mayoralty of the city of Peterboro are: Messrs. Harry Rush, R. F. McWilliams, Wm. Yelland and H. Denne. It is expected the last two will retire.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 30.—Nominations for mayor: Wm. Gordon, John C. Monteith, Henry Pauli. For water commissioner, J. D. Burnet was elected by acclamation.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 30. — In the city hall at 11 a.m. Ald. Richard H. Toye and Ald. Alfred A. Ross, M. D., were nominated for the office of mayor for 1908.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 30. — Mr. W. B. Burgerine, editor of the Standard, and Ald. J. S. Campbell were nominated for mayor this morning.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30. — Mayor Thomas J. Stewart was re-elected by acclamation today. No other candidates were nominated.

LEMIEUX MISSION WAS NOT A FAILURE

London, Dec. 30. — The Tokio correspondent of the Times says there is no foundation for the rumors that have been in circulation that the Lemieux mission has been a failure. Both Mr. Lemieux and Sir Claude Macdonald have declared themselves to be entirely satisfied with the action of the Japanese Government, which has determined to vigorously restrict the number of emigrants into Canada.

BURIED BENEATH WOODPILE

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Then he went to the woodshed to split some wood. The accident occurred about 8 o'clock in the morning, and the unfortunate man was not found until Monday evening at 6 o'clock.

Since that time there have been periods when it appeared as if Mr. Gray would recover, but this morning he suffered another relapse and the end came.

Wedded Three Years Ago.

The deceased formerly lived in the States, and went to Alisa Craig only about two years ago. Up until that time Mr. Gray, who was 70 years old, had been a bachelor. Shortly after his arrival in Canada he married a Lobo lady of about 65.

Mr. Gray was a retired farmer and was well-to-do.

The rescue of Mr. Gray was due to the mooing of the hungry cow. A neighbor of the unfortunate man, hearing the cow, investigated and found that not an atom of fodder remained in the stall. Thinking this rather strange, the neighbor searched the house, but found nothing.

A Search Party.

Police Magistrate Smith was notified of the matter and he organized a searching party.

The searchers examined every nook in the house, but found nothing, and were about to depart by way of the woodshed when one of the party heard a faint moaning. Investigation showed that the sound came from beneath the woodpile, and in a second willing hands were throwing the heavy sticks aside. Mr. Gray was unconscious when found.

Held Down Powerless.

Before his death, Mr. Gray, in telling of his feelings while buried beneath the wood, said: "The weight of the wood held me powerless, and I could not get my arms clear to work. I shouted and cried for help as long as I maintained enough strength, but finally I became unconscious and knew no more. My sufferings were terrible. The weight of the wood made it almost impossible to breathe, and visions of a lingering death by starvation came constantly before my mind."

The sad demise of Mr. Gray has shocked the citizens of Alisa Craig and vicinity terribly, and expressions of sympathy for the bereaved wife are being heard on all sides.

CONFESSES TO CRIME

Young Chatham Negro Admits to Attacking Well-Known Lady.

Chatham, Dec. 30. — Elwood Lawrence, a 15-year-old negro, pleaded guilty to having attempted an indecent assault on Mrs. Minnee Walrof, St. George street, yesterday afternoon. He was remanded a week for sentence.

Today was nomination day for civic honors. Three are out for mayor—Messrs. Charles Austin, merchant; Thomas Scullard, attorney; Wm. Potter, groceryman. Four are out for water commissioners—Messrs. W. D. Sheldon, liquor dealer; Benj. Blonde, manufacturer; W. W. Scane, paint dealer; G. W. Cowan, shoe merchant. Nine are out for the board of education—Messrs. G. W. Cowan, W. M. McArthur, J. S. Black, W. W. Snider, W. N. Morley, J. B. Rankin, W. G. Richards, Wm. Somerville, and R. A. Harrington. A large batch of aldermanic aspirants are expected later.

RESUME OPERATIONS.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 30—The factories of the F. M. Hoyt Company, manufacturers of boots and shoes, in East Manchester, which have been closed down for several weeks, resumed operations today. Almost 750 hands, the largest force employed in the factories since they began, were at work after the shops opened today.

Great Fire at North Battleford

A Large Section Is Wiped Out

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—According to reports received her today, a section of the town of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, has been destroyed by fire. According to the dispatches received, the conflagration started early this morning and quickly got beyond control of the fire department. The majority of structures in North Battleford are of wood and the flames, aided by a strong wind, leaped from house to house with great rapidity.

Battleford, of which the burned district is a suburb, is several hundred miles north of Regina, and has about 3,000 inhabitants.

Several telegrams have been received in London concerning the fire at Battleford. One of them was from Mr. E. A. Fox, who wired his brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Sanborne, of 312 Queen's avenue, that half the town had been wiped out. Mr. Fox is in the Bank of Commerce at Battleford.

ROCHETTE IS CAUGHT AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Omer Rochette and his wife, Albina Rochette, were arrested here today on request of the Montreal police. They are wanted in Montreal to answer a charge brought in connection with the death of Rochette's first wife, who died in Quebec on Nov. 17 from arsenic poisoning. It is alleged by the Quebec authorities that Rochette administered the drug in small quantities so the effects would be mistaken for some lingering disease.

The physicians in attendance were deceived and when the woman died made out a death certificate in accordance with the law.

Three days after the funeral Rochette married the second wife and the brothers of the deceased became suspicious and caused the body to be exhumed and an analysis of the contents of the stomach made. This revealed the arsenic poison.

The local police were advised of the warrant for the pair's arrest yesterday and a detective was detailed to watch the incoming trains.

The Montreal police have been advised of the arrest and an officer is on the way from there now.

FATHER AND SON VICTIM OF FIRE

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Fox Desloges, of the Government printing bureau, and his 7-year-old son, are dead here as the result of an early morning fire in their home. The blaze was started through Mrs. Desloge's upsetting a lamp. She was enabled to escape with two younger children, but had not time to warn her husband and the eldest boy.

CONVENTION EAST LAMBTON LIBERALS

In Watford on Friday, January 10th, in Music Hall.

The Liberals of East Lambton will hold a convention at Watford on Friday, Jan. 10, at 1:30 p.m., in the Music Hall, for the purpose of selecting candidates to contest the riding in the Liberal interests for the Legislature and the House of Commons.

Meetings are to be held in the different subdivisions on Thursday, Jan. 9, for the purpose of electing delegates. Each subdivision is entitled to three delegates.

Amusements

Tomorrow Night's Comedy.

"His Last Dollar," a play of the romantic south, etched with turf and Wall Street incidents, will be presented at the Grand tomorrow evening, with David Higgins in the stellar role. This piece is now in its fifth year of uninterrupted success.

"Wall of Jericho."

"The Walls of Jericho," which will be the New Year's attraction at the Grand, has been accepted as one of the most interesting dramas written in years, is by Alfred Sutro. In its writing Mr. Sutro has differed from his many predecessors, who have found subjects for the drama in modern English society, to the extent that he has neither been flippant or unduly exaggerated. He has taken the possible case of an Australian millionaire, married for his money, and paying the price. He shows the derogatory effect of the highly-artificial life of the "smart set" on the sturdy character of a man who has lived in the open air, and fought his way to fortune, known to his fellows as a fighter.

Tragedy This Week.

On Friday and Saturday evenings at the Grand Opera House, Mr. Henry Ludlowe, a distinguished tragedian, supported by a very capable company of players, and using all the elaborate scenic effects, costumes, properties and accessories of the late Mr. Richard Mansfield, will appear in "Richard III." At the Saturday matinee Mr. Ludlowe will be seen as Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice," and Miss Keith Wakeman as Portia.

NEW YORK'S HOMELESS

New York, Dec. 29. — With every charity bed in the city occupied, lodging-houses overcrowded, Bowery saloons turned into barracks and an array of wanderers on the streets, the charity organizations in New York are today helplessly facing a situation which will reach the climax with the first cold wave.

Although the managers of the relief organization were long taxed with the problem, it was not until after the informal conference of the various charity organizations yesterday that it became known that more than 50,000 strangers were homeless in this city, and that at least half that number spent the nights on the benches and floors where shelter afforded.

While the tide of the unemployed who are flocking into the city has not been stemmed, the charity members are making vain attempts to care for those already here, and the authorities in charge of the charity organization headquarters are planning measures which will make the life of the wanderer less tempting in New York. In an effort to decide on a plan which will bring the organizations together, another meeting will be called next week, when it is said a definite system will be inaugurated for the homeless.

T. J. Moore, of Guelph, has been appointed assistant city clerk.

MR. MONTEITH PROMISED GRANT

To East Middlesex and London District Agricultural Associations.

The regular annual meetings of the East Midlesex Agricultural Society and the London District Agricultural Society were held in the rooms of the Western Fair Association on Saturday afternoon with a full attendance of the members.

Messrs. William McNeill, T. H. Shore and J. H. Saunders, who interviewed Hon. Nelson Monteith at Guelph recently regarding the grant for the East Middlesex Association, reported that the minister of agriculture had stated to them that the matter would be looked into at once and that in all probability the grant would be continued.

They explained the terms of the agreement existing between the East Middlesex Association and the Western Fair Association to the minister, who had not understood the matter before.

The New Law.

The new law requires that to receive a grant from the Government every society must hold an exhibition of its own, and have at least 125 members.

The associations combine their exhibitions with that of the Western Fair, and have a much greater membership than 125.

Hon. Mr. Monteith stated that the case was a special one, and that steps would be taken at once to set the matter right.

Call It Earlier.

Both President Reid and Secretary Hunt urged upon the members the necessity of calling the general annual meeting earlier. Application will be made to the Government at once to change the charter so that meetings can be called at the end of December instead of the third week in January.

Financial Reports.

The financial report of the East Middlesex Association showed that the society were in a position to hand over $181 31 to the Western Fair board.

At a subsequent meeting of the members of the London Agricultural Society, the treasurer's report showed that after paying all expenses the sum of $390 70 would be turned over to the Western Fair board.

Those present were: Allan Bogue, T. H. Shore, R. Carrothers, Wm. McNeill, Ald. Saunders, W. J. Reid, Geo. McCormick, Chas. Trebilcock, R. Oke, W. Moore, Mr. Scatcherd, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Crockett, Mr. Murray, J. Brown, W. Spencer and T. W. Jones.

NO BEHEADING AT CASINO

Mme. Gould's Death Sentence Commuted by Prince of Monaco.

Monte Carlo, Dec. 28.—The demand of Mme. Gould that she be beheaded publicly before the Casino, has been effective in having her death sentence changed to life imprisonment. This was brought about by the Prince of Monaco, who became frightened at the woman's demand.

Were Gould and his wife are now allowed to take their meals together. When Mlle. Girodin, her niece, who gave most damaging evidence at the trial, called to see her aunt, Mme. Gould utter a piercing shriek and fell to the ground in a swoon. When she revived she said to the companion of Mlle. Girodin, "Don't be afraid to take my hand. It is as clean as your own." Then she referred to the happy days spent in America, and added: "In Canada they were very good to me. Ah, there I was a most happy woman."

ON THE ROCKS

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—A cable message to the United Fruit Company, in this city, says that the steamer Aips, bound from New Orleans to Porto Cortez, ran on Glover's Reef, off the coast of Spanish Honduras, and is unable to get off. Relief has been sent from Port Beliez.

The steamer Alps was the vessel on which William Adler and Moses Schwartz left this city about ten days ago.

Advertiser Correspondence

Against the Komoka Scheme.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Here are some of the reasons why we should not vote for the Komoka scheme: In the first place, they cannot tell how much money it is going to cost—something over half a million, so they think. Secondly, some of the springs they speak of will turn your stomach into a stone in a short time or kill you, and the others, which are swamp water, will give us malaria, also snakes in our stomachs. I would much rather have them in my boots, wouldn't you, reader? Then, who pays for all this? The workingman pays the biggest part of it every time. You say, How is that? The workingman who has a small home is assessed for about every dollar it is worth. I am assessed within a hundred dollars of what I paid for mine. I have been watching this for years. If I should own a place worth $60,000 I would only be assessed for about $20,000. I say, treat all alike. We are not living in Spain.

What is the matter with those springs up northeast of us, not one mile out of the city limits? They would run into the city and would not cost quarter as much as the Komoka springs; but I suppose that is too cheap. These springs are first-class pure water. Brother workingman, wake up and vote against the Komoka scheme!

The Komoka scheme will raise our taxes and give bad water in return. I happened to be at one of the meetings, and the question was asked, "In ten years from now what will the Komoka plant be worth?" One of our water commissioners answered, "Nothing." Now, will you vote for it? I hope not, when there is plenty of the best water northeast of us to last our city for the next 50 years. If our commissioners are determined to spend money why not put it into water meters, and there would be abundance of water for our city's needs and to spare. Meters can be got in Scotland for one-half the money they ask for them here. I say, give us the meters and the water will be used, not wasted.

CITIZEN.

London, Dec. 30, 1907.

RUSSIA HELPS STARVING

Duma Appropriates $7,500,000 to Fight Famine in the Provinces.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The last session of the Russian Parliament before the beginning of the Christmas holidays was held today, and a famine appropriation of $7,500,000 was passed. This appropriation, with a few local bills, comprises the entire legislative product of the first six weeks' work of the third Duma. Committee work, however, is well advanced, and the Duma will be in a position to begin consideration of the budget and several other important measures soon after the recess, which terminates Jan. 23.

The famine appropriation of today, which is double the amount originally proposed in the budget, will be immediately available for the relief of about twelve provinces. An additional appropriation will be necessary later. A large part of the money voted today is to be distributed through the zemstvos and other local organizations. This course is adopted because the centralization of relief work, such as obtained in 1906, showed the danger of abuses, as, for instance, in the Gurko-Lidval case.

PORT STANLEY PUPILS

Results of December Examinations in the Public Schools.

At the December examinations in the Port Stanley public school, the following pupils obtained the average specified percentages in the full list of subjects.

Class V.—Clarence Cathewood, 85; Kathleen Ellison, 84; Lillian Young, 78; Mabel Going, 75; Ernest Thomas, 70; Lionel Shepard 68; Ernest Goodhue, 62; Earl Stanton, 31

Class IV.—Maggie Moore, 83; Arthur Oliver, 80; Murray Wells, 74; Willie Hepburn, 73; Milton Berry, 73; Alma Cummings, 69; Mary Ann Hickingbottom, 69; Percy Storey, 35; Annie Foster, 30; Grace Stanton, 18; Gertrude MacDonald, Edna Goodhue.

Class III., Senior—Mary Mothersill, 90; Fred Quinn, 83; Opal Young, 80; Eva Goodhue, 76; James Quinn, 75; Ada Catherwood, 75; Albert Harding, 73; Ernest Harding, 70; Alma Jackson, 65; Alice Oliver, 67; Ella Jackson, 65; Wilhelmina Day, 65; Mabel Gough, 64; Joseph Goodhue, 60; Grace Glover, 69; George Loney, 58; Austin Cromwell, 58; James Gray, 57; Marshall Brown, 46; Henry Cummings, 43; Alvin Jennings, 28; Gordon Berry, 20; James Gough, Robert Newman.

Class III., Junior—George Gough, 60; Bessie McKenzie, 52; Dewitt Secord, 42; Nellie Rose, 36; Ray Stanton.

FOR THE SUNDAY SALOON

Ethical Society Say It Should Be Tolerated If Not Upheld.

Chicago, Dec. 30. — The Sunday saloon was indorsed last evening at a session of the National Ethical Convention.

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, of Chicago, and Prof. Nathaniel Schmidt, of Cornell University, were the speakers, who had good words to say for the operation of saloons on Sunday.

It was an "ethical necessity," not an ethical ideal, that the Sunday saloon was favored. The speakers contended that under present conditions the Sunday saloon should be tolerated if not upheld.

JONES STICKS TO YALE

Great Ball Player Refuses Offers From Cleveland and Chicago.

New York, Dec. 30.—"Tad" Jones, the great Yale quarterback and baseball catcher, has refused two offers to enter professional baseball. The first one came in the shape of an invitation to join Napoleon Lajoie's Cleveland team, and the second was an offer from Charles Murphy, of a place with the Chicago National League team.

Jones will return to Yale next year and will be superintendent of the Young Men's Christian Association of the scientific school.

The St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal Company is applying to Parliament for legislation renewing the charter and extending the time for the construction of the works authorized.

A Disastrous Fire at Toronto

Former London Firm Suffers

The premises of Pocock Bros., of Toronto, formerly of this city, were damaged to the extent of about $65,000 in a fire, which did damage to the amount of over $200,000 to the building owned by George Hees, Son & Co., on Bay street, on Saturday afternoon.

The entire upper stories of the building were burned, and while Messrs. Pocock escaped any serious damage from fire, their loss from the water, which ran down through the floors and saturated their stock, will be heavy.

Mr. John W. Pocock stated yesterday that the firm was carrying a stock valued at $90,000, on which there was an insurance of $75,000.

Mr. Pocock had been in the building until a short time before the fire was discovered, and went away, leaving the books of the firm in the safe which he left open. Owing to the fire he was unable to get to his office and shut the safe and the books, are somewhat damaged.

NOTED EDITOR CALLED BY DEATH

John R. Cameron, of The Hamilton Spectator, Dies Suddenly at Watertown, Ont.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Dec. 30.—Mr. John R. Cameron, editor of the Hamilton Spectator, died suddenly last night at his home near Waterdown.

The late Mr. John Robson Cameron was born at Perth in 1845, was educated at Brockville and Ottawa, and early went into journalism. He has been connected with the Sarnia Canadian, the Stratford Herald, the Guelph Herald, the Winnipeg Free Press and the Commonwealth, a Toronto weekly. For the last fifteen years he has been on the staff of the Hamilton Spectator, becoming editor-in-chief in 1894, upon the retirement of Mr. A. T. Freed. Mr. Cameron served in the volunteer militia, and was at the front in 1866. Later, in 1870, he accompanied Wolseley on his Red River expedition. While a resident of Manitoba he served on the Winnipeg City Council.

He was married to Miss Sarah McCallum in 1866. She died in 1870, and in 1873 he married Miss Rebekah MacIvor.

In religion he was a Presbyterian, and in politics a Conservative.

HOLD-UP GANG WAS ROUNDED UP

Two Desperate Young Toronto Thugs Arrested—A Fierce Struggle.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 30. — Two desperate hold-up men, who are known to have committed at least a dozen highway robberies within the past ten days, were successfully arrested by four city detectives on Saturday night. For the past week Inspector Duncan has received three and four reports daily of robberies at the revolver's point, and special details of plain clothes men have been at work all over the city trying to run down the robbers. Acting upon information obtained by Detective Richard Tipton, four officers were detailed to watch a house near the corner of Sherbourne and Shuter streets on Saturday night. They were Detectives Newton and Twigg, of the headquarters staff, Detective Nat Guthrie, of the Wilton avenue station, and Plain Clothes Constable Lydiatt. Two men came down the steps of the house and the detectives closed in on them. They struggled hard to draw revolvers from their overcoat pockets, but the strong arms of the officers were too quick. One man got his revolver out, but it was wrenched from his hand before he could use it. The other man's hand was pinned to his side before he could get it out of the overcoat. The prisoners were securely handcuffed and marched to the Wilton avenue station, several blocks away. They were identified as:

George Chambers, aged 27, a Toronto man, who was released from the Kingston penitentiary during the present month. He has one of the worst records known to the department, and since he was 18 years of age the greater part of his life has been spent in prison. There are eleven convictions against him.

The second man is Thomas Morgan, aged 20, a Barnardo boy, who was born in France and brought up in England. He was released from the jail here about ten days ago.

ELECTION ACT CHANGES

Amendments Proposed by Mr. Aylesworth Under Discussion by the Cabinet.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The cabinet was in session nearly all day yesterday considering the details of a number of Government measures to be submitted to the House next month. The principal measure under discussion was Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's bill to amend the election act. There will be no radical changes in the present law governing elections, but a number of amendments will be proposed looking to the more adequate enforcement of the present provisions regarding bribery and other forms of electoral crookedness. It is intended to stiffen the penalty clauses all around, and to require a stricter accounting for election expenses, etc. The question of making better provision for prosecuting all offenders, whether by means of appointing a public prosecutor or otherwise, is still under discussion.

FATAL FIGHT OVER CHOPS.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30. — Edward Prados was shot and killed yesterday by his brother Milton, over a pan of chops which the mother of the young men was frying for Milton. Edward threw the chops through the window. Later Edward shot him, claiming self-defense. A knife was found in the hand of the dead man.

WELL-KNOWN PASTOR DEAD

Demise of the Rev. Charles Smith, D. D., Methodist Divine.

One of the best-known and most-beloved Methodist pastors of this Province passed away on Sunday afternoon in the person of Rev. Charles Smith, D.D., of this city.

Mr. Smith was in his 62nd year, and a native of England.

More than twenty years ago he commenced his work in this city, and by his earnest efforts speedily became widely known and esteemed.

During his terms in London he had charge of Colborne Street Methodist Church, King Street Methodist Church, Empress Avenue Methodist Church and the church in West London, in all of which he did splendid work.

Rev. Mr. Smith was also widely known throughout Western Ontario, having at different times taken charge of Cookstown, Exeter, Wyoming, Markham, Wallaceburg, Tillsonburg, Meaford and Oil Springs.

For the last eighteen months, however, Mr. Smith had been confined to his house, the nature of his illness preventing him from taking any active part in church work.

He is survived by two daughters and one son, Misses Mabel and Lulu and Mr. Jackson Smith, all of this city.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon, and will be of a private nature.

The services will be conducted by Rev. F. E. Malott, assisted by Rev. Dr. Gundy, of St. Thomas.

THE HARDEN TRIAL

A Life-Long Friend of Bismarck's a Witness for Editor.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The reassembling in this city today of the court which is hearing the Harden Von Moltke libel suit attracted but small attention. Harden appeared to be very weak, while Count Kuno Von Moltke was exceedingly cheerful and keenly interested in the proceedings.

The evidence of Professor Schweninger, who was physician to the late Prince Von Bismarck, was read to the court. The professor declared that he had no ill-feeling against Von Moltke in spite of the coolness existing between the count and Mrs. Schweninger. Harden, the professor said, had met the hereditary princess of Saxe-Meiningen twice in his residence in the course of visits at Schwaneck. On one of these occasions the princess talked about General Count Wilhelm Von Hohenau, and expressed her sorrow that "such degeneracy should occur in high circles." Professor Schweninger deposed that he was very much astonished when, following the appearance of the articles in Die Zukunft, the excitement against Harden broke out. He could not understand the reasons as the articles were not intended to have a personal, but only a political significance.

Professor Schweninger, who is now 57 years old, was for 25 years a notable figure in Germany, because of his intimacy with Prince Von Bismarck. This began when Schweninger was about 20 years old. The young man became Bismarck's physician for gout, and this led to confidential and personal relations which made Schweninger a political personage until the old chancellor died. Since this time the professor has quietly followed his professional duties in the University of Berlin.

BOYD WILL HANG

Cabinet Decides to Let the Law Take Its Course.

Ottawa, Dec. 30. — At a cabinet meeting yesterday it was decided not to interfere with the sentence of Boyd, the negro, who is awaiting death for murder in Toronto. He will be hanged Jan. 8.

THE BIG SPRING STAKES.

New York, Dec. 30.—The greatest closing of stakes in the history of racing in America will take place next Thursday, when under agreement between the three great clubs that control racing at Sheepshead Bay, Brighton Beach and Gravesend tracks, the entries for the big events of the season will be closed. A total of sixty stakes for the spring meetings, and ten additional events for later meetings, will be closed on that day; the total value of the stakes so closed being only a trifle less than $600,000. The Brooklyn handicap, the Suburban and the Brighton handicap will be among the events closed. The values of the Brooklyn and the Suburban have been raised this year to $25,000 the value of the Brighton.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Governor Sparks of Nevada today wired President Roosevelt that he is now preparing a proclamation calling the Legislature of Nevada into extra session. According to the President's last communication to the governor, the troops will now be ordered to remain at Goldfield for a period of three weeks.