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Commercial.

Local Market.

(Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.)
London, Thursday, Feb. 24.

Wheat, white fall, per bu ..87½c to 90c
Wheat, red fall, per bu ....87½c to 90c
Wheat, spring, per bu .....87½c to 90c
Oats, per bu .....30½c to 31½c
Peas, per bu .....54c to 60c
Corn, per bu .....34c to 36c
Barley, per bu.....33½c to 33½c
Rye, per bu .....33½c to 36½c
Buckwheat, per bu .....36c to 38½c
Beans, per bu .....40c to 50c

Wheat sold at $1 48 to $1 50 for good; oats at 90c to 93c; beans at 40c to 50c for good and unpicked. No corn, barley or buckwheat came in.

Eggs were firm at 16c to 17c for basket lots of new laid. Butter steady at 17c to 18c wholesale for pounds.

Turkeys ranged from 9c to 11c. Chickens were steady.

Beef quiet. Dressed hogs lower at $5 to $6.

Potatoes lower at 75c to 85c.

Hay plentiful and steady.

Receipts of red clover seed good; sales at $3 to $3 25 with an odd lot at $3 30. Quotations:

GRAIN.			
Wheat white, fall, per 100 lbs...	1 45	to	1 50
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs.....	1 45	to	1 50
Wheat spring, per 100 lbs.....	1 45	to	1 50
Wheat, new.....	1 35	to	1 42
Oats per 100 lbs.....	90	to	93
Peas, per 100 lbs.....	90	to	1 00
Corn, per 100 lbs	60	to	70
Barley, per 100 lbs.....	70	to	70
Rye, per 100 lbs.....	60	to	65
Beans, per bu.....	40	to	50
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs.....	75	to	80
PROVISIONS.			
Honey, comb.....	9	to	11
Honey, extracted.....	7	to	10
Cheese, per lb., wholesale.....	8	to	10
Eggs, single dozen.....	20	to	20
Eggs, fresh, basket, per doz.....	16	to	17
Eggs, per doz., basket, pkd.....	12	to	13
Eggs, fresh, store lots, per doz..	15	to	15
Butter, per lb., retail.....	19	to	21
Butter, per 1 lb. rolls, baskets..	17	to	18
Butter, per lb., large rolls or crocks.....	16	to	17
Butter, per lb., tubs or firkins..	15	to	17
Lard, per lb.....	7	to	10
Chickens, per pair.....	40	to	70
Ducks, per pair.....	60	to	70
Turkeys, per lb.....	9	to	11
Geese, per lb.....	7	to	8
LIVE STOCK.			
Young pigs, per pair.....	3 00	to	5 50
Cows each.....	20 00	to	33 00
Beef, per pound.....	2½	to	3½
Pigs, young, per pair.....	3 50	to	7 00
Hogs per 100 lbs.....	4 25	to	4 50
Sows, per 100 lbs.....	3 50	to	3 50
Chickens, per pair.....	45	to	65
Hens, per pair.....	30	to	35
Ducks, per pair.....	35	to	40
HAY AND SEED.			
Hay, per ton.....	5 00	to	7 00
Straw, per load.....	2 00	to	3 00
Timothy seed, per bushel.....	0 00	to	0 00
Clover Seed, red, per bu.....	3 00	to	3 50
Clover Seed, Alsyke, per bu....	3 00	to	3 25
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag.....	75	to	1 25
Apples, per bbl.....	2 50	to	2 75
Celery, per doz. bunches.....	25	to	30
Carrots, per bushel.....	12½	to	20
Potatoes, per bag.....	75	to	85
Pumpkins, per dozen.....	40	to	75
Parsnips, bu.....	30	to	30
Turnips, per bag.....	25	to	25
Cabbage, per doz.....	25	to	40
Onions, per bushel.....	70	to	85
MEAT, HIDES, ETC.			
Beef, quarters, per lb.....	4	to	6
Mutton, quarters, per lb.....	6	to	7
Veal, quarters, per lb.....		to	6
Lamb, quarter.....	9	to	10
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, light.....	5 75	to	6 00
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs, heavy....	5 00	to	5 50
Hides, No. 1 per lb.....	7½	to	7
Hides, No. 2, per lb.....	6½	to	6½
Hides, No. 3, per lb.....	5½	to	5½
Calfskins, green.....	6	to	7
Calfskins, dry, each.....	4	to	
Sheepskins, each.....	00	to	05

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The Oil Market.

PETROLIA, Feb. 24.—Oil opened and closed at $1 40

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 23.—Oil closed at 70c bid.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 24.—Oil opened at 70c bid.

English Markets.

RULING PRICES FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS.

The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given:

	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	Feb. 23
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
WHEAT—				
No. 1 nor. spring....	8 3	8 3	8 3	8 3
No. 1 Cal.....	8 3	8 3½	8 3½	8 3½
March.....	8 1	8 1½	8 0½	7 11½
May.....	7 6½	7 7½	7 7½	7 6½
July.....	7 3	7 4	7 4½	7 3½
CORN—				
Old.....	3 6½	3 6½	3 6½	3 6½
New.....	3 6	3 6½	3 6½	3 6½
Feb.....	3 5½	3 6	3 6	3 6
March.....	3 4½	3 4½	3 4½	3 4½
May.....	3 3½	3 4½	3 4	3 3½
July.....	3 3½	3 3½	3 0½	3 3½
Flour.....	25 3	25 3	25 6	25 6
Peas.....	5 2	5 2	5 2½	5 2
Pork.....	51 3	51 3	51 3	51 3
Lard.....	27 0	27 0	27 3	27 0
Tallow.....	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
Bacon, light.....	30 0	30 6	30 6	30 6
Cheese, both.....	40 0	40 0	40 0	40 0

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2 Feb., $1 06; May, $1 06; July, 91⅝c. Corn—May, 30⅝c; July, 31½c to 31¾c; Sept., 33c. Oats—No. 2 May, 26½c to 26¾c; July, 24½c to 24¾c. Mess pork—May, $10 82½; July, $10 85. Lard—May, $5 36; July, $5 37½. Short ribs—May, $5 25; July, $5 30. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat, nominal; No. 3 spring, 91c to 98c; No. 2 red, $1 04 to $1 06; No. 2 corn, 29⅝c to 29¾c; No. 2 yellow corn, 29⅝c to 29¾c; No. 2 oats, 26⅝c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 30½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 28½c to 29½c; No. 2 rye 50c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 73½; northwest flaxseed, $1 28; prime timothy seed, $2 92½ to $2 95; mess pork, $10 75 to $10 80; lard, $5 22½ to $5 25; short rib sides, $5 15 to $5 40; dry salted shoulders, 4⅝c to 5c; short clear sides, $5 45 to $5 50; sugar, unchanged; eggs, firm; fresh, 14c.

Receipts—

Flour.....	29,000	Wheat.....	79,000
Corn.....	174,000	Oats.....	68,000
Rye.....	17,000	Barley.....	105,000

Shipments—

Flour	30,000	Wheat.....	243,000
Corn.....	383,000	Oats.....	43,000
Rye.....	4,000	Barley.....	22,000

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Live Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Beeves—Receipts, 1,879 head; market at 5c to 10c lower on steers; bulls and cows weak; all sold; steers, $4 50 to $5 20; oxen, $2 75 to $4 50; bulls, $3 25 to $3 90; cows, $2 to $3 50. Cables quote American steers, 10½c to 11c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 8½c to 8⅝c.

Shipments today, 4,428 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 870 head; 850 on sale; veals firm, at $4 50 to $8; no grassers or westerns; city dressed veals, 8½c to 11½c. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3,304 head; 15 cars on sale; sheep and light lambs firm; heavy lambs slow; 4 cars unsold; sheep, $3 50 to $5; lambs, $5 25 to $6. Hogs—Receipts for two days, 11,538 head; 2½ cars on sale; feeling weak, at $3 40 to $4 55; choice lots, $4 60.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Beef steers, $3 75 to $4 for the poorest, to $5 40 to $5 60 for extra choice beeves, very few cattle being good enough to bring $5 25; and the bulk crossing the scales at $4 25 to $5. Calves scarce; good ones as high as $6 75. Hogs, $3 85 for poorest, up to $4 10 for prime lots, the greater part going for $4 to $4 05, and pigs sold largely at $3 60 to $3 90. Sheep, $3 50 to $4 60 for inferior to good fat droves; yearlings, $4 60 to $4 90, and lambs, $4 50 to $5 65 for common to choice flocks. Receipts—Cattle, 1,500; hogs, 4,000; sheep, 19,000.

EAST BUFFALO, Feb. 23.—Cattle—Receipts very light; market about steady; good to prime veals, $5 50 to $7; common lots, $5 to $6; receipts of stockers and feeders this week were liberal—19 cars of Canadian and 15 natives; the market for these kinds ruled slow, and prices were all of 10c to 15c lower; Canadians sold as follows: Feeders, good quality, $4 to $4 25; feeders, common to good, $3 65 to $3 90; stockers, light weight and prime selected yearlings, $3 75 to $4 05; common grades, stockers and feeders, $3 25 to $3 50; stock heifers, light, common to good, $3 to $3 40. Hogs—Receipts, 19 cars, and about 10 loads held over; fair inquiry for a few of the best weight Yorkers and choice heavy hogs, but with this done it was all "off," and trade was exceedingly dull and draggy; good to choice Yorkers, $4 17 to $4 20; prime selected light Yorkers, $4 15; mixed packers' grades, $4 17; medium weights, $4 17 to $4 20; heavy hogs, $4 20; roughs, $3 65 to $3 85; stags, $2 75 to $3 15; pigs, $3 25 to $4 10. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 20 cars of fresh arrivals and 5 loads that held over; fairly good demand for good handy lambs, but sheep were slow and draggy for all kinds; native lambs, choice to extra, $5 70 to $5 75; fair to good, $5 50 to $5 65; culls to common, $4 90 to $5 40; yearlings, common to choice, $5 to $5 10; native sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4 85 to $4 90; good to choice mixed sheep, $4 50 to $4 65; common to fair, $4 to $4 40; culls to common sheep, $3 25 to $3 90.

Dairy Markets.

MONTREAL, Feb. 23.—Cheese, 7c to 8c. Butter—Townships, 16c to 18c; western, 14c to 16c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Butter firm; western creamery, 14½c to 20c, do factory, 11c to 14c; Elgins, 20c; imitation creamery, 13c to 17c; state dairy, 13c to 17c; do creamery, 14c to 19c. Cheese dull; large white, Sept., 8½c; small, white, Sept., 8¾c to 9c; large colored, Sept., 8½c; small do, 8¾c to 9c; large, Oct., 8c to 8¼c small, Oct., 8¼c to 8½c; light skims, 6c to 6½c; part skims, 4c to 5½c; full skims, 2c to 3c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23. — Butter firm; creamery, 13c to 19½c; dairy, 11c to 17c. Cheese quiet at 8c to 8½c.

Butter and Cheese Makers.

Opening of the First Annual Convention at Woodstock.

Practical Addresses by the President and Others.

Woodstock, Feb. 24.—The first annual convention of the Ontario Butter and Cheese Makers' Association opened in the town hall yesterday afternoon, about 100 delegates being in attendance. The association was formed at the convention of the Western Dairymen's Association, held recently in London, and has for its objects the guarding of the makers' interests as well as to promote the educative influence among dairymen generally. It is expected that upwards of three hundred delegates, from Western Ontario chiefly, will register, while already Quebec is represented by a couple of delegates.

At yesterday afternoon's session, President J. T. Henderson, of Pine River, delivered his opening address, dealing with the objects of the association, and pointing out where the maker's interest could be best served.

Mr. Andrew Pattullo, ex-M.P.P., and Mr. T. B. Miller, instructor in the dairy school at Guelph, gave addresses, the latter dealing chiefly with the objects of the association.

At the evening session Mayor Mackay gave an address of welcome, and Mr. A. F. MacLaren, M.P., of Stratford, spoke on "Practical Dairying."

A SARNIA WONDER.

W. Barton Got Health and Strength from Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Sarnia, Feb. 21.—The case of Mr. T. Johnston, of Osborne, excites widespread interest here, as Mr. Johnston is well known in Sarnia, and the published report of his case is known to be true.

But William Barton, of Sarnia, claims to have been a still worse case than Mr. Johnston. Mr. Barton was afflicted with Bladder Trouble for many years.

Doctors and medicines utterly failed to relieve him. His sufferings were almost beyond endurance.

At length he tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. As in scores of other cases in Sarnia, a cure followed in astonishingly short time. Six boxes were all he used. But they gave him perfect health and manly strength.

A post mortem examination of a cow which died near Sheerness, England, showed that a lady's hairpin, six inches in length, was embedded in the animal's heart.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure — one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

An old Roman tub well has been discovered at Silchester. It is in a comparatively perfect state of preservation, though 1,000 years have elapsed since it was made.

A Banker's Experience.

"I tried a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine for a troublesome affection of the throat," writes Manager Thomas Dawson, of the Standard Bank, now of 14 Melbourne avenue, Toronto. "It proved effective. I regard the remedy as simple, cheap and exceedingly good. It has hitherto been my habit to consult a physician in troubles of this nature. Hereafter, however, I intend to be my own family doctor."

Liberal Rallies in East Middlesex

Dr. McWilliam Given a Good Reception—Speeches by the Liberal Candidate and Messrs. T. H. Purdom, A. S. McGregor and Others.

St. Johns, Feb. 24.—A well-attended meeting was held here last evening in the interest of the Liberal candidate for East Middlesex, Dr. McWilliam. There were several good speeches, and all were listened to with the closest attention, and the best of order prevailed from beginning to end. Some of the oldest residents expressed the opinion that it was the best political meeting that has been held here during the past twenty years.

The chair was taken by Mr. James McFarlane, and Dr. McWilliam was the first speaker. He was received with cheers, and gave a practical, pleasing address.

Mr. A. S. McGregor, of London, followed in an able speech about the surplus and educational matters.

Mr. T. H. Purdom, of London, then addressed the meeting with reference to the policy of the opposition in the past and the policy of the government in the past, and particularly with reference to the effect of the policy of the government upon the future of the province.

Cheers for the two candidates, the chairman and the Queen brought the meeting to a close. St. Johns has long been considered a Conservative stronghold, but the indications last night were that it would go more Liberal in the future than it has in the past.

AT LITTLEWOOD.

Dr. McWilliam, after addressing a meeting of the electors at St. Johns, drove 19 miles to Littlewood, where another meeting, called in his interest, was in progress at the same time, and delivered an excellent address. His activity will be rewarded on March 1. Mr. E. R. Cameron and Mr. McInnes, of this city, also spoke.

MIDDLESEX.

Three weddings are announced to take place at Belmont.

Miss Lulu Fawcett, of London, is visiting at her uncle's, Mr. F. G. Fawcett, at Belmont. Mr. J. F. Campbell, Western University, London, also paid a flying visit to his home on Sunday last.

Mrs. H. Long, died on Monday at Ailsa Craig, after a severe illness. Deceased, until recently, resided at Melrose, and on the death of her husband, a few weeks since, removed to Ailsa Craig, where her daughter lives. She was an old resident of Lobo township.

Mr. A. Griffith, of Thorndale, has gone on an extended tour in the United States, visiting Detroit, Cleveland, Salem, in Southern Ohio, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, and will spend some days at his daughter's home in New York—Mrs. George Curnow—and then return home, via Niagara Falls.

KOMOKA.

Komoko, Feb. 24.—Snow is knee deep in the woods and still getting deeper.

Quite a number of the residents of this place helped to swell the large crowd at the political convention held at Mount Brydges on Tuesday last.

Auctioneer H. W. Welsman intends holding monthly sales in the village, and will have the first one on Monday next, Feb. 28.

Mr. A. McLaughlan has returned home from Brook, where he has been visiting relatives and friends.

The subject for debate at the R. T. of T. Hall Tuesday evening was—"Which is of more value to the country, wealth taken from mines, or the wealth taken from other industries?"

Mr. Jefferson Ponger is getting the material on the ground for his new hennery.

Miss Mammie Nash has returned to the city after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nash.

Mr. T. McDougald is able to be around again after an attack of la grippe.

Miss B. McMurphy is indisposed.

CLARA STODDARD DEAD.

Was One of the Wealthiest Women in the United States.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Clara Stoddard is dead at the Hotel Metropole, from pneumonia. She was the wife of Gideon Stoddard, of Philadelphia, and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the wealthiest women in the United States.

5,000 VICTIMS.

Harvey, Canvasser for a Fake Paper, Goes to Trial.

An Ottawa dispatch says: John C. Harvey, under arrest at the instance of Toronto people on the charge of misrepresentation and fraud, was this morning committed for trial by Police Magistrate O'Gara, bail being refused. Many victims are to be found in Middlesex county. Harvey, it is alleged, reported himself to be an agent of the Canadian Homestead, a paper for which he had 52 agents engaged canvassing subscriptions throughout Ontario. These agents, it is alleged, secured money for over 5,000 subscriptions, which were forwarded to Harvey, but none of the subscribers ever received the paper.

WHEEL.

MICHAEL'S LATEST MOVE.

New York, Feb. 24.—The Journal and Advertiser says: "Jimmy Michael, the world-famed bicycle rider, had a conference yesterday with Mr. Philip J. Dwyer, president of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, and owner of a big racing stable. Though it did not result in any contract being made, the little Welshman is started, nevertheless, on his new career as a jockey. Michael will not give up cycle racing for the present. No papers are signed, nor will they be for a time. Michael will try the life and see how it suits him.

Corn Sowing

Is conducted by tight boots. Corn reaping is best conducted by Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, the only safe, sure, prompt and painless corn cure. Beware of imitations.

A savant has discovered how to slay all German mice and rats by means of a bacillus, which he has named after himself, Loffler's patent mouse typhus bacillus, and which is supposed to be far more fatal than the cat.

Worms cause reverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

Telling Contrast.

Management of Public Institutions in Ontario

Contrasted With Similar Establishments Controlled by Conservative Governments.

Nowhere Is Greater Economy Exercised Than in This Province.

Foolish Stories as to the Obtaining of Supplies.

One of the charges in this campaign, as in previous elections, when it was made and fully refuted, is that the public institutions have been managed corruptly and extravagantly. This accusation has not been proved in the legislature. It has not been proved on the public platform. The evidence, indeed, is all the other way. Nowhere has the carefulness of the government been more manifest than in the conduct of the public institutions. Every fair-minded investigator, every man who does business with the managers of these institutions, knows that the greatest care is exercised to get value for the people for every dollar.

Rash opposition speakers charge that the supplies are not secured by tender, and that there would be a saving if the contract system were on all occasions resorted to. A fair and complete answer to this accusation is that public competition is invited to the extent that the government has, after long experience, found it wise to apply. What are the facts? Taking the fiscal year 1896, there was laid out for the purchase of supplies for institutions of the province the sum of $805,183. Of this expenditure some $281,373 was for salaries, etc., to which, manifestly, the tender system could not be extended. An item of $56,319 was for meat purchased by Mr. Hunter, a competent official appointed for the purpose, who buys cattle on the open market, has them slaughtered, and the product distributed as required. An item of $62,824 was for goods manufactured in the institutions themselves, particularly by prison labor. An item of $145,613 was for supplies, such as medicine, lighting, waterworks, postage, telegraph, express, schools, religious instruction, etc., where tenders would not be feasible. The tender system was resorted to to the amount of $192,900, and Liberals and Conservatives alike benefited by it. This leaves only $66,125 of supplies, the best way to purchase which might be debatable. As has been pointed out, however, the policy now pursued is identical with that carried out by John Sandfield Macdonald, for whom Conservatives have always professed profound admiration.

The Good Book says that "By their fruits ye shall know them," and we purpose testing this matter by comparing results in Ontario public institutions with those in other states and provinces. The asylums for the insane may fairly be selected as representative of all other public institutions. Below will be found a table showing the cost per patient:

	Yearly.	Weekly.
British Columbia Asylum, average for 1895 and 1896.	$188 89	$3 63
Nova Scotia Asylum, 1895.	196 49	3 78
New Brunswick Asylum, average for 1892-96	110 23	2 12
Montreal Protestant Asylum, average for 1895 and 1896	186 69	3 59
Manitoba asylums at Selkirk and Brandon, average for 1891 and 1892	185 82	3 57
Massachusetts six state asylums, average for 1892 and 1893	176 19	3 33
Pennsylvania asylums for 1892	242 01	4 65
Utica State Hospital, Hudson River State Hospital, Middleton State Hospital, average for 1889, 1890 and 1891	264 98	5 09
78 United States asylums, average cost of maintenance	227 88	4 38
English asylums, average of 21 years	151 85	2 92
New South Wales asylums, average for 21 years, as per inspector-general's report	193 96	3 73
Ontario asylums, average, 1891-1897	130 97	2 52

While the average yearly cost per patient in Ontario for the seven years, 1891-97, was $130 97, for the year 1897 it was only $126 25, and after deducting revenue, only $106 39.

Let us further compare a representative Ontario institution with public establishments run on the model suggested by the Conservative leaders and managed by their friends. Take the Dominion penitentiaries and compare them with the Central Prison at Toronto.

	Average number of prisoners per official.	Cost per prisoner after deducting revenue.
Central Prison	10½	$ 97 27
Kingston Penitentiary .	5¾	196 60
Dorchester Penitentiary	4 1-5	259 20
Manitoba Penitentiary..	3½	429 77
British Columbia Penitentiary	3	393 60
St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, Quebec..	6	219 64

Let us be fair, and admit that in Manitoba and British Columbia the expenses are higher than in Ontario. But leave out these two institutions, and compare the others. Take the Kingston Penitentiary, and what do we find? Simply this, that the Ontario Government manages the Central for $97 27 per inmate, while at Kingston it costs the Dominion $196 60 per inmate, or more than double as much.

It should also be emphasized that the benevolent and penal institutions carried on by the Ontario Government, without costing the municipalities a cent of direct taxation, have been free from scandal of any kind. No conspiracy to rob the province has ever been discovered. Take the asylum for the insane at this city, for example. It is a representative institution. Has it not been well managed? What allegation has ever been made against its officers that has not been met and disproved? The fact is, the public institutions of Ontario, like the business of the province in other respects, have been well and economically managed, and the best possible results to the inmates, to the people as a whole, have been achieved at the least possible cost.

The Eve of Victory.

Ontario Government's Position Secure Beyond Doubt.

Another Independent Retires and Makes a Minister's Return Sure.

Hon. George W. Ross addressed a crowded mass meeting at Glencoe last night. Glencoe will gove the minister an increased majority.

Mr. Stillwell has withdrawn from the contest in North York, and the provincial secretary will be opposed only by the Conservative nominee, Mr. Wayling. This change assures the return of the provincial secretary.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of electors in the Sons of England Hall, Hamilton West, last night, Hon. J. M. Gibson, commissioner of crown lands, whose reception was exceedingly hearty, announced that returns had been received from every constituency in the province, and he was justified in saying that the Hardy Government was going to be sustained by a considerably increased majority on March 1. The announcement was received with great cheering.

Hon. George W. Ross will address a mass meeting of the electors in St. Thomas tomorrow night.

In Quebec the municipalities are forced to bear half the cost of the care of the insane. In Nova Scotia, the government pays one-fifth the cost. In Ontario the government has paid it all, not asking the municipalities to contribute a dollar. Mr. Whitney denounces the Liberals and says his policy is "the exact opposite" of everything that they have done.

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 convey the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion.

THE Earl of Rothes, who is the only Scottish peer who will come of age in 1898, lives in the south of England, where he is a lieutenant of militia in the Devonshire regiment. His lordship owns no property in Scotland, though he may in time succeed to the Leslie House estate in Fifeshire.

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Prof. Galloway, who has no fears of a "coalless England," in a recent lecture at Cardiff, estimated the coal yet remaining in the South Wales coal fields at 31,666,000,000 tons, enough, at the present rate of 34,000,000 tons annually, to last 920 years.

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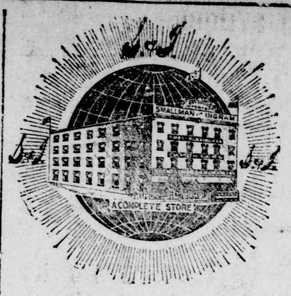

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You see these Jackets and we know your verdict will be "The Bargain of the Season." It is all of that. We have placed on a special table a lot of Jackets worth $5, $6 50, $7 50 and $8 50, and we are willing that you should take your pick for $2 98. That's what we have to offer to thrifty people for the next few days, as they will all be sold by that time.

SEE THE WINDOW FOR STYLES.

Hose and Gloves.

These are two of our specialties all the year around. Ladies wanting solid comfort and style combined find it always here in our Hose Department. In Gloves we have a name for guaranteeing the goods we offer, and we look well after the quality of goods going into stock. We take the following from the many popular lines:

HOSE.

Splendid line of Ladies' full fashioned plain black Cashmere Hose, also a good line of all-wool Black Cashmere Ribbed Hose, all sizes. — 25c

Ladies' plain Black Cashmere Hose, highly spliced, double heels and soles; also our heavy line of Fancy Ribbed Cashmere Hose, sizes ranging from 8½ to 10 inch. — 35c or 3 pairs for $1.

FINE LINE OF SHOES FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN AT DRYGOODS PRICES.

GLOVES.

Clearing out a line of Black Cashmere, Colored Suede and Ringwood Gloves ..... At 20c
Also a Fine Double Knit Mitt, plain back ..... At 25c and 35c
Other lines with fancy backs.. At 35c and 50c
A Fine Silk Mitt with wool lining ..... At 65c and 75c
A Splendid All-Silk Mitt ..... At 75c to $2
A full assortment of Children's and Men's Mitts ..... At 12½c to 40c
Two-Clasp "Doris" Kid Gloves, pique stitching, fancy back, all colors and sizes ..... At $1
Three-Clasp "Chambrey" Kid Gloves, fancy back over seam, all colors and sizes ..... At $1

SEE EAST WINDOW FOR THESE.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM,
149 and 151 Dundas Street.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Mr. Perry, M.P., is dying. He has been unable to attend the house since he went to Ottawa.

The loss by fire to the plant of the Ontario rolling mills at Hamilton, Ont., has been adjusted at $16,472. The loss to the building, owned by the G. T. R., was fixed at $3,000.

At St. Clair, Mich., E. J. Rowe, manager of the stranded Thompson & Rowe Comedy Company, was held for trial on the charge of jumping hotel bills and taken to the Port Huron jail.

H. J. Coffee, returning officer for Carleton county, has returned from there. He states that the roads are in a terrible condition, and that he had to drive through fields. Nominations took place at Fallowfield. Buckham is the Liberal, and Kidd the Conservative candidate.

The Macleod Gazette says a brutal murder occurred about a week or so ago in the Crow's Nest Pass. Three men were in a dive run by Fred. Carson. They had been drinking and Carson turned round to an elderly man saying it was his turn to treat. The man did so, but objected to the price demanded. Carson struck the man on the head, injuring him so severely that he died in a few hours. Carson got a saddle horse and skipped out.

KIDNEY DISEASES

Are Positively Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Lanark County People Know This—Their Experience Has Proved It—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Mrs. Peter O'Brien of Kidney Complaint.

Kilmarnock, Feb. 23.—The people of this section are among the shewdest and most level-headed in Canada. They know a good thing when they meet it. And when they "run up against" a good thing they make use of it. That is why Dodd's Kidney Pills have such an enormous sale in this district. That's the reason Dodd's Kidney Pills are used in nearly every household in the country.

It is nothing unusual to hear of several cures of Kidney Disease every day by Dodd's Kidney Pills, in this neighborhood. The medicine is in universal use. It has the record of having completely cured every case of Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Lumbago, Rheumatism, Paralysis, Heart Failure, Urinary Disease, Diseases of Women, or Blood Impurity, in which it has been used. Our people claim that it is the only medicine on earth that will cure these diseases.

A still further claim is made by those who have used Dodd's Kidney Pills. They assert emphatically (and to speak the truth, they bring convincing proof) that Bright's Disease and Diabetes are as easily cured, if Dodd's Kidney Pills are used, as is a common cold.

Mrs. Peter O'Brien, of Smith's Falls, whose cure is the latest reported, has many friends in Kilmarnock, and her complete recovery amazes, while it delights them. Her case was a severe one of Kidney Disease, and Dodd's Kidney Pills worked a wonderful and complete cure.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists at fifty cents a box, six boxes $2 50, or will be sent, on receipt of price, by the Dodds Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto.

Kentucky Legislature; bill No. 251, by Mr. Collins, of Floyd county: "It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge at random any deadly weapon be loaded or unloaded."

Suffering Stopped.

The sufferings caused by constipation cannot be numbered. All of these troubles can be permanently cured by Laxa-Liver Pills. One Laxa-Liver Pill every night for 30 days, cures constipation and biliousness.