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Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, March 3.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	242	239
Ontario	106	104½
Toronto	233	228
Merchants'	184	179
Commerce	142	140¼
Imperial	195	194¾
Dominion	229	224½
Standard	..	174
Hamilton	..	173½
British America	129¾	128½
Western Assurance	169	168¾
Consumers' Gas	..	214
Montreal Gas	198	196½
Dominion Telegraph	..	132
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref.	52	50½
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	84¾	84¼
Commercial Cable Company	184	183
Commercial Coupon Bonds	107	106¾
Commercial Registered Bonds	106¾	106¼
Bell Telephone Company	176	174½
Richelieu and Ontario	105	104¾
Montreal Street Railway	262	260½
Toronto Street Railway	101½	101¼
Dominion Savings and Invest	79	78
London Street Railway	132½	132
Farmers' Loan and Savings	..	..
Farmers' L. and S., 20 per cent.	..	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	167
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent.	..	157
London and Canada L. and A.	75	..
London Loan	..	105¾
London and Ontario	85	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	121½
G. T. R., Gtd.	76	74
G. T. R., Pref.	68	66

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, March 3.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	84¾	84¼
Duluth, common	4	3½
Duluth, preferred	7	6
Commercial Cable	184	183¾
Dom. Cable Coupon Bonds	106	106
Commercial Registered Bonds	..	106
Montreal Telegraph	180	178¾
Richelieu and Ontario	105	104¾
Montreal Street Railway	261½	260½
Montreal Street Railway, new	260	258
Toronto Railway	102	101⅞
Montreal Gas Company	198	197
Bell Telephone	..	..
Royal Electric, xd	157	155
Bank of Montreal	245	238
Ontario Bank	110	100
Molsons Bank	205	200
Bank of Toronto	235	223½
Merchants' Bank	185	180
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	..	185
Quebec Bank	..	125
Union Bank	..	..
Bank of Commerce	144	140
Northwest Land, pref.	53	50
Montreal Cotton Company	157½	152½
Canada Colored Cotton	75	64
Dominion Cotton	97	95½

SALES—C. P. R., 325 at 84¾, 75 at 84¾, 175 at 84⅝; Com. Cable, 25 at 184¼, 25 at 184, 25 at 183¾; Mont. Telegraph, 26 at 180; Rich. & Ont., 100 at 104¾; Mont. St. Ry., 25 at 261½, 12 at 261¼, 10 at 261½; Toronto Railway, 425 at 102, 10 at 101½, 135 at 102, 50 at 102¼; Mont. Gas, 5 at 197, 50 at 198; Royal Electric, 25 at 154; Bank of Mont., 1 at 240; Mont. Cotton, 4 152¾, 4 at 153.

COMMERCIAL.

Montreal Produce Market

Montreal, March 2.—Grain: Grade 2 white oats, 33c to 34c; peas, 64c; rye, 58c; barley, 37c; buckwheat, 38c to 39c; red wheat, 93c; white, 91c. Flour—Bakers, $4 75 to $5; spring patents, $5 45; winter do, $4 75 to $5; straight roller, $4 40. Feed—Ontario bran, $14; shorts, $16; Manitoba bran, $14 50; shorts, $16 50. Provisions: Canada pork, per bbl., $16 50 to $17; hams, 11c to 12c; bacon, 12c to 12½c. Lard—Pure, 7c to 7½c; compressed, 5c to 5½c. Produce: Eggs—Slow; 19c to 20c for new-laid. Poultry—Fair demand for fresh killed turkeys, 10c; chickens, 8c to 8½c; ducks, 8c to 8½c; geese, 7c to 8c. Beans—Demand limited; 70c for prime, 90c for hand-picked. Honey—White clover, 12½c; dark, 10c to 11½c; dark, 7c to 8c. Potatoes—60c carloads, 75c less carloads.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, March 3.—The offerings are fair, the demand is slow and the market easy at 86c for red winter west. Manitoba wheat steady at $1 10 for No. 1 hard North Bay and $1 08 Midland. Flour—Quiet at $4 20 for cars of straight roller in barrels west. Millfeed, barley, buckwheat and rye unchanged. Corn—Canada yellow steady at 31c west. Oats—Easy at 30c for white west. Peas—In fair demand and steady at 56c west. Baled hay—Steady at $8 to $8 50 for cars on the track here. Baled straw—Dull; cars on the track here, $4 50 to $5. Eggs—New-laid more plentiful and easier at 15c to 15½c. Butter—Very scarce here and firmer at 18c for large rolls; creamery in good demand and firm at 22c for prints, 20c for tubs.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Opening.—Wheat, July, 91½c; May, $1 07; Sept., 78¾c; Dec., 77⅞c. Corn, May, 30⅝c; July, 31⅛c. Oats, May, 26½c; July, 24⅝c. Pork, May, $10 50; July, $10 57½. Lard, May $5 25. Ribs, May, $5 20.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March, 3.—Spring wheat, No. 1 hard, $1 10; No. 1 Northern, $1 09½. Winter wheat, No. 2 red, $1; No. 1 white, 93c; No. 2 white, 95c. Corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c; No. 3 yellow, 34½c; No. 2 corn, 34½c; No. 3 corn, 34½c on track. Oats, No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 3 white, 31½; No. 2 mixed, 29½c on track.

DETROIT, March, 3.—Wheat, No. 1 white, cash, 97½c; No. 2 red, cash, 99½c; May, 98½c; July, 88¾c.

TOLEDO, March 3.—Wheat, cash, $1 00½; May, $1 00½; July, 89½c. Corn—Cash, 31½c; May, 31⅝c. Oats—Cash, 27½c; May, 27½c.

MILWAUKEE, March 3.—Wheat—Cash, $1 02 May, $1 04.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Flour—Receipts, 15,792 bbls; sales, 2,900 pkgs; state and western firm, but with buyers and sellers apart. Minnesota patents, $5 35 to $5 60; winter patents, $4 90 to $5 50; winter straights, $4 65 to $4 75. Rye flour—Firm; fancy, $2 80 to $3 25; sales, 200 bu. Wheat—Receipts, 193,325 bu; sales, 1,850,000 bu; options opened firm and advanced on small northwest receipts and reported reduction of Spanish duty; March, $1 06¾ to $1 07¼; May, $1 01⅝ to $1 02 5-16; July, 92 9-16c to 93¼c; September, 82⅛c to 82½c. Rye—Firm; No. 2 western, 59½c, f. o. b. afloat at New York. Corn—Receipts, 45,575 bu; sales, 25,000 bu; options were quoted firm with wheat; May, 35½c to 35½c. Oats—Receipts, 85,200 bu; options dull but steady; on track, white state and western, 32½c to 39c. Butter—Receipts, 2,617 packages; firm and unchanged; western creamery, 15c to 20½c. Cheese—Receipts, 1,584 packages; weak. Eggs—Receipts, 9,642 packages; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 13½c; western, 12¾c; southern, 12¾c to 13c. Sugar—Raw steady; refined steady. Lead—Steady; bullion price, $3 60; exchange price, $3 72½ to $3 75. Hops—Quiet and firm.

Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, March 3.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Masonic Temple. Phone 1,278.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	1 07-6½	1 07	1 05½	1 06
July	93⅞-¾	91⅞	91	91¼
Corn—May	30⅞	30¾	30¼	30⅜
July	31½	31⅞	31⅛	31¼
Oats—May	26½	27	26½	26½
July	24⅞	24⅞	24½	24¾
Pork—May	10 50	10 67	10 50	10 65
July	10 57	10 72	10 57	10 72
Lard—May	5 20	5 30	5 20	5 27
July	5 25	5 37	5 25	5 37
Ribs—May	5 20	5 27	5 20	5 27
July	5 30	5 35	5 30	5 32

Puts—90⅞. Calls—⅞¼.

Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Hogs—Estimated receipts today, 23,000; left over, 4,300; slow, weak; light, $3 90 to $4 10; mixed, $3 95 to $4 15; heavy, $3 95 to $4 17½; rough, $3 95 to $4. Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; steady to 10c higher; beeves, $3 90 to $5 50; cows and heifers, $2 10 to $4 40; Texas steers, $3 50 to $4 35; stockers and feeders, $3 40 to $4 40. Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; steady.

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OFF TO OTTAWA.

The Civic Deputation Is a Big One—Claims for Compensation From City Hall Victims.

Ald. Cooper succeeded in securing a place on the Ottawa telephone and sewerage deputation, which was chosen by Mayor Wilson and Ald. Winnett, and left yesterday for the capital. The deputation comprised the mayor, Ald. Winnett, Ald. Greenlees, Ald. Cooper, Ald. Stevely, Ald. McPhillips, Ald. Carrothers and Ald. Dreaney for the city council, and Ald. Taylor, Dr. Hutchinson and Mr. John Christie for the board of health. Each ward is represented, No. 3 sending all three members. There is a reason for this: Ald. Winnett, in the council, moved himself and Ald. Stevely as members, whereupon Ald. Carrothers registered a vigorous kick at being excluded. So did Ald. Cooper and Ald. Dreaney. It looked as if the machine would break down completely. Consequently the mayor and Ald. Winnett have discreetly tried to salve the wounded feelings of the three aldermen named by including them in the jaunt. Ald. Greenlees and Ald. Stevely objected to a large deputation, and did not ask to go. But Ald. Greenlees, being a legal man, was thought to be necessary, and Ald. Stevely was the first who called attention to the telephone legislation pending at Ottawa. It was also considered wise not to have the deputation of one stripe of politics.

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Half a dozen claims for compensation arising out of the city hall disaster have been filed at the city hall. They are chiefly from persons who were injured and not from relatives of those who were killed.

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The city council meets on Monday night and the school board on Tuesday night.

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THE roofs of broughams, says London Truth, have been raised of late in order to accommodate the hats of ladies.

Worms cause feverishness, 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.

TWO of Lewis Carroll's jests were these: If a dull author sends you his book, reply that you will lose no time in reading it. If a mother demands your admiration of a very plain child, exclaim, "He is a baby!"

A SEA serpent story, which is worthy of an American origin, comes from Scotland. The crew of a Dundee sloop put into Aberdeen and reported that their vessel had been chased for nearly eight miles by a huge sea serpent. Two shots fired into it from a gun, we are told, only exasperated the monster. "Raising its huge body into the air to a height of 50 feet, with a hissing sound, it bore down upon the vessel, leaving in its wake a wreath of foam." The terrified seamen put on speed, and the hoisting of a white sail eventually startled the creature, causing it to disappear.

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Echoes of the Victory.

"Bully for London and Col. Leys!" says the Stratford Beacon, in the exuberance of its well-founded joy. And by that same token, Stratford, with its 98 majority for the Liberal victor in North Perth, did well, too.

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Says the Toronto Globe: "The London Advertiser made a splendid fight for Col. Leys, and the Liberal candidates throughout Western Ontario. All things considered, there was no greater victory won than that of the Liberals of London and their able and energetic candidate."

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The Toronto World of today has the following interview with the Minister of Education:

Hon. George W. Ross, who had just returned from increasing his majority in West Middlesex, was in splendid spirits.

"Well, sir, how do they feel at the World?" was his greeting.

"They feel pretty sure at having clipped the Government's wings," responded the reporter.

"Ah, but we can fly yet!" And the Minister smiled. He was quite convinced that the Government had a working majority.

When asked what he thought had most influenced the province adversely to the Government, the Minister said: "It's time for a change," had done it. He thought that perhaps a desire for a little more light on the finances of the province had supplemented the "change" sentiment. The fact was, he said, that the politics of the province had not been discussed in this election, not as they had been in the past, for instance, and consequently local and personal issues had become larger factors than was usual. His own department, he thought, had not figured largely as an issue, though he agreed that the school book question might have been an issue to some extent.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST

Toronto, March 3—10 a. m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Moderate winds; fair weather, with little change in temperature today and Friday.

Around the City

—Mr. E. J. McRobert and wife are visiting friends in Detroit.

—Mr. S. M. Stewart has returned home after visiting many friends in Goderich.

—Mr. Ambrose Birmingham arrived at 3:30 a.m. today from Denver, Col., to attend the funeral of his brother George.

—Miss Lottie Griffiths, 177 Wortley road, South London, is on a short visit to friends in Detroit and Pontiac, Mich.

—Mr. L. J. Ferriter has assumed his new duties here as assistant superintendent of the middle division of the G. T. R.

—Mrs. Cushman, of Longwood, died yesterday at the city hospital, where she was brought some days ago to undergo an operation.

—Engineer Hutchinson, of the G.T.R., who was badly burned in the railway accident at Burlington, died at the Hamilton hospital.

—J. N. Bastedo, of the Santa Fee Railway Company's Detroit office, and Joseph Richardson, of the Wabash Railway, Detroit, were in the city today.

—Mr. Alf. Wilkins, school trustee, of this city, was summoned to Detroit by telegram this morning, on account of the serious illness of his brother, in that city.

—Two rinks of the London Curling Club went to St. Marys today. Among the players were Thos. Browne, Thos. Gillean, F. Rumball, D. B. Dewar, Mr. Leigh, D. Regan and H. C. McBride.

—Mr. F. E. Vandusen, of the Molsons Bank in this city, leaves today for Tara, Ont., where he takes the management of the private banking business of his father, who is in poor health.

—Mrs. Melbourne, sister of ex-Mayor Cowan, who had been visiting her son Andrew, in Hamilton, spent a pleasant week in this city, and leaves tomorrow for Manistee, Mich., the home of her daughter.

—The belt line cars were blocked for about an hour this morning, the result of the upsetting of a load of hay on the street railway tracks, just south of the overhead bridge, on the Wharncliffe road.

—Interesting missionary meetings were held on the Welburn circuit on Feb. 20, which were addressed by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Tennant, of this city. Financial results will be in advance of last year.

—The Conservatives actually swore Ald. Stephen O'Meara when he went in to poll his vote on Tuesday. Ald. O'Meara has voted for 40 years, and never was sworn before. This is but one case of many where old and respected citizens were insulted in the same way.

—Mr. Henry Dunn, teamster, died at his home, 141 Ridout street, last night, aged 66 years. The deceased was born in Devonshire, England, in 1832, and came to this city 40 years ago. He was most popular with all who knew him. He leaves a wife and one son, Charles, and two daughters, Miss Maggie Dunn, of Detroit, and Miss Lizzie Dunn, who resides at home. The late John Dunn, brassworker, who was killed near St. Catharines about four years ago while on his way home to this city from Buffalo, was also a son of deceased. Mr. Jas. Dunn, saddler, is a brother, and Mrs. Maddiford, of Bruce street, South London, is a sister of deceased. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

The languor so common at this season is due to impoverished blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it by enriching the blood.

NELLIE McCONNELL, a young and pretty girl, has been sentenced to two months in the penitentiary for stealing ribbons and other decorations from tombs in the Greenwood cemetery, in Brooklyn. She told the judge that it was a shame to let such nice finery go to waste.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any other remedies do me good.

Charles Duffy's Pilgrimage

Checkered Career of a Scotch Lad as Told by Himself.

Deserted by His Father—Taken to the Barnardo Home—Farm Experience—Cared for by the Children's Aid Society.

Charles Duffy, a young lad from Scotland, is being taken care of by the Children's Aid Society. The little fellow was seen last night at the Temperance Coffee House, where he had been placed, awaiting the results of inquiry. He is short and chunky in stature, with a big round head, red face, and sandy hair. He sat at a table playing with pencil and paper, contentedly amusing himself drawing peculiar hieroglyphics. The boy's tale is not as straight as it might be, but his extreme youth may account for this, rather than any intent to deceive. Young Duffy is about four feet tall, and miserably clad. His hands and feet are in a very sore condition from work and frost. The boy tells a pathetic story. He came originally from Linlithgow, Scotland, about 17 miles west of Edinburgh. His father, John Duffy, is a piper, and he and the youngster piped from town to town for a living. Leaving Linlithgow two years ago, according to the boy, he and his father went to Edinburgh, and thence to Newcastle, England, where the father deserted the lad. His playing was the admiration the small boys, and he was taken to the Barnardo Home. From there he was transferred to the home in London, England, and finally was shipped to Toronto, about ten months ago. He stopped for two days in the home there, and then was sent to Mr. Cook, a farmer, near Aylmer, to work. He worked there for two months, during which time, the boy says, he worked hard, and was fed principally on mush and milk. On Monday he ran away from Mr. Cook and walked 18 miles through the snow and cold to Dorchester, where he was allowed to stop at a hotel over night. The next morning he started for London, and was handed over on his arrival here, to Mr. Sanders, who had him taken care of.

The boy says the ship he came across in only stopped once, and then sailed right up the river to Toronto. He was positively certain of this, and could not be convinced otherwise. When asked if he had been treated well at the hotel in Dorchester, he replied: "Good glory, man, I never drink anything."

The lad is intelligent, very headstrong, and has seen little of the bright side of life.

The Telephone.

New Legislation Sought by the Company.

London and Other City Councils Opposing It.

The Question Before the Private Bills Committee of Parliament.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 3.—A meeting of the railway committee of the privy council was held this forenoon to hear the application of the Bell Telephone Company of the Dominion, for an increase of their rates, on the ground that the company was operating under a loss. The ministers present were Messrs. Blair, Mulock, Tarte and Sir Henry Joly. Mr. Z. A. Lash, Q.C., represented the telephone company. He was accompanied by Mr. Sise, president of the company, Montreal, and Mr. Robt. Mackay, Montreal. Mayor Prefontaine and Messrs. Dupuis, Penny and Beausoliel represented the city of Montreal. From Toronto there were Mayor Shaw, Counsel Fullerton, City Engineer Rush and Ald. McMurrich, Franklin and Sheppard, along with Elias Rogers, president of the board of trade, and Messrs. Scott and Ames. London was represented by Mayor Wilson and Ald. Stevely, McPhillips, Greenlees, Carrothers, Cooper, Taylor, Douglass, Dreaney and Winnett. Ottawa was represented by Mayor Bingham, Ald. Black and R. J. Davidson, and the city solicitor. There were representatives also present from almost every city and town in Ontario, protesting against the increase asked for by the company. It was decided to divide the time which the committee had at its disposal this morning to half an hour from the opponents of the application, half an hour for a reply, and then another half-hour from each.

Mayor Shaw was the first speaker. He pointed out that there was nothing which had happened since the company had made its arrangements with the city of Toronto to warrant any increase to the company. In his opinion the people throughout the Dominion would oppose the request, which was not a reasonable one.

Ald. Sheppard said that the increase which was demanded would mean $200,000 increase to the city of Toronto—that the company was doing a paying business was shown from the fact that the stock was selling at 174 per cent. He argued that the company was a monopoly, and showed that they had crushed out competition in Peterboro, and now were engaged in Detroit by giving a low price, which would not pay a telephone service, to crush out competition there. Just as soon as a competition was gone the price would be increased. The only clause that was left in their charter to guard the interests of the people was the one which was now being asked to be removed, namely, that which prevents them from increasing their rates. That the request was not a reasonable one was shown by the company being in a position to pay 10 per cent dividend, and have a rest account of $950,000 out of a capital of $3,000,000.

Mr. Fullerton said that the application before the committee was of as much consequence to the city of Toronto as was the Yukon deal in the Dominion. What he wanted was a commission appointed, so that evidence could be put in against the increase. He had already made this request, and he was now repeating it. In their application the company asked to be limited in their charge on telephones only for one-half-mile outside the city of Toronto, and beyond that distance they could charge as they pleased. He gave expert testimony to show that an issue of $600,000 stock on telephone service could be put in the city of Toronto which would pay 5 per cent dividend and 14 per cent profit on the investment. In reply to the allegations by the company that they had lost by operating in the cities of Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, combined, about $67,000 a year, he showed that the revenue for 1896 was $1,132,735, and the expenditure $823,000. When he added the expenditure in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto together, it only left $300,000 to operate the whole province outside of these cities. This was unreasonable, and he would be able to show it to be so if he were granted a commission to submit evidence. The loss in the operating in Toronto was placed at $80,000, and in Ottawa, $13,000. There was a small profit in Montreal. He said that $124,000 was the whole assessment of the company in the city of Toronto.

Mr. Lash, on behalf of the company, said that the committee ought not to be actuated by organized clamor against alleged monopolies and so forth. The committee ought to act in a judicial spirit. That the expenditure and expense of operating from the change of system and the placing of the wires underground would be great was apparent, and therefore that the increase in rates was necessary. The company had nothing to conceal from the government in regard to their business, but they did not want the city of Toronto to pry into their private affairs. He showed that the plant in the city of Toronto had to be thrown away on account of its being discarded, to the extent of $225,000. The Gillilan switch board, for instance, had to be done away with. He went on to show that the company had to do a very much larger business without an equal increase in the revenue. Unlike railways, the telephone did not increase in the same ratio as did the service. He went into the financial history of the company, showing its profits had been moderate, considering the outlay. Mr. Lash was not through when the committee adjourned.

Spoiled Ballots.

Comparison of the Bad Ballots in the Last Dominion Election With That of Tuesday Last.

In the election in this city of Tuesday last, there were 159 spoiled ballots, rejected for one cause or another, and about equally divided between the two party candidates.

This was in a vote of over 8,000. The chief cause of these spoiled ballots arose from a number of the electors apparently thinking they could vote for two candidates, there being four names on the ballot paper. Never before has there been more than two names on a parliamentary ticket. The Advertiser knows of at least two electors, not usually taking much interest in public affairs, who had made up their minds to vote for Col. Leys, who marked their ballots for Mr. Beck, also, because they were told by an admirer of the last named that they had two votes, and that they would oblige him by giving Beck a vote for friendship. How many more votes of this kind there were will probably never be known.

The number of spoiled ballots in this election was not nearly so large as in the Dominion election, conducted under Conservative officers, on June 23, 1896. Then there were 236 spoiled ballots in wards 1, 2, 3 and 4, and in a total vote for both candidates of 4,587. In one division, there were 73 spoiled ballots, in another 22, in another 21, and in a fourth 19, and so on. Here is a comparison of the spoiled ballots and voters in the two contests:

	Total vote.	Spoiled ballots.
Four wards, Dominion election, 1896	4,587	236
Six wards, Provincial election, 1898	8,050	159

Very Latest Returns.

Nipissing Goes Liberal Beyond a Doubt.

Largest Liberal Majority on Record Polled in East Huron.

East Huron—Mr. Hyslop's majority is 521—the largest majority ever given in the riding.

Frontenac—Gallagher (Con.) has 269 majority.

Glengarry—McRae (Lib.) 668, not 568, as wired.

Nipissing — All polls heard from. Loughrin (Lib.) has 38 majority.

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

A London correspondent writes: It was amusing to see the peers meet each other, and a little difficult for an ordinary individual to realize that they were peers as he watched them. Some of them dug each other in the ribs, just as pleasantly as though they were congressmen, and the Earl of Kimberley took the Marquis of Salisbury into the corner and told him some good story, judging by the way the premier rubbed his stomach with amusement. The lord chancellor, having become an earl since the house last met, was, of course, an object of congratulation on all sides. He is a queer little figure, with a large head and a small body, and by the time he had got on his wig and put on his robes he looked a very ideal object for a Gaiety burlesque. I noticed that dukes and marquises as they shook hands with him and glanced at his extra robes of ermine, did it in a patronizing way, as much as to say, "You are coming near us, my good fellow, but of course you are in no way near our exalted dignity." Earls shook the hand of the newly-made earl with an air of brotherhood and general welcome. One earl in particular pointed out that the trimming on the sleeve of the chancellor's new gown was not quite correct, and should be improved upon. Viscounts and barons, on the other hand, seemed proud to know the chancellor, and to these the new earl was "affable, most affable," not to say condescending.

Yonge St. Fire Hall,
Toronto, March 16, 1897.
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WE OFTEN see odd announcements taken from ancient church accounts. What will people who live a century or two hence think of the following from the Bishop Burton Chruch accounts for 1897: "To killing worms in the bust of John Wesley, 15 shillings"?

"NEARLY all the animals eat 'concentrated food,' whether it be beans or grain, hoarded by the hamster, or nuts and hard fruits by the squirrel, nuthatch, and possibly some of the jays," saye a writer on "Animals in Famine" in the Spectator, London. "But there is one vegetable-eating animal whose food is neither concentrated nor easy to move. On the contrary, it is obtained with great labor in the first instance, and stored with no less toil after it is procured. The beaver lives during the winter on the bark of trees. As is is not safe, and is often impossible, for the animal to leave the water when the ice is formed, it stores these branches under water, cutting them into lengths, dragging them below the surface, and fixing them down to the bottom with stones and mud. This is more difficult work than gathering hay."

DR. PARKER, of London, England, is said to have the growing habit, which many professors of homiletics would criticise, of basing his sermons on one or two terms that occur in several places in the Bible. His text on a recent Sabbath, for example, consisted of the two words, "or rather," and the sermon that followed was an advocacy of the better way, and the clearer view in spiritual matters. "Here is the broad distinction," said the preacher, "between Christianity and every other religion. Other religions are seeking God; the Christian religion is seeking man. Do not listen to people who are making Christ's religion one of a thousand others. The religion of Jesus will not sit down with other religions and say, 'Fellow-religions, let us confer. Christianity never confers; it rules. My Lord did not bring in a conference; he brought in a kingdom.' This is good and timely doctrine for both sides of the Atlantic.

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