The Lodges Column.

GLEANINGS FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE FRATERNITIES.

Meetings next week:-Monday, The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195; Tuesday, Corinthian Lodge, No. 330 (East End Hall); Wednesday, St. George's Lodge, No. 42: Friday St. John's Lodge, No. 209a.

The warm weather of the past few week has had the effect of materially reducing The attendance at lodge and court meet ings, and from this time out, until cold weather again puts in an appearance, the members of the different bodies, unles on special occasions, prefer the open air to being cooped up in poorly-ventilated rooms. With this lethargy is noticed an apparent lixity of interest in secret society affairs. Consequently, the Lodges Column will be suspended for a season from this issue. Meanwhile, matters of paramount interest will receive due atten tion from time to time in the regular col

The choice of a brother to fill the position of District Deputy Grand Master for London (or No. 3) District is at present receiving considerable attention, and the names of several brethren are being canvassed as to their chances for election in think July next. It matters little to the brotherhood who is chosen, so long as the brother is a representative man, who can receive and hold the respect of the craft in the district, and at the same time perform the duties of the position with an eye single to the advancement of the order. In the past there has been entirely too much haggling in regard to brethren of this and that lodge having claims and receiving honors, to the exclusion of others. It may be said, in reply, that London Dis-

trict, with very few exceptions, has in the past had Deputies who have filled the office in a most exemplary manner, and that the abilities of the brother presenting himself have been taken more into account than either the claims of certain lodges or any other consideration which had been interjected into the contest. This is as it should be. If one lodge can present a

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be ter class of Past Masters—better in the sense of intellectual attainments, training and skill in the settlement of matters which may come before them—there should be no valid reason for rejecting such a brother because some of his brethren have had honors bestowed upon them in the past which they worked hard for and richly deserved. It is time such narrow views were dispelled. The best man is demanded for such an office as District Deputy, and in the opinion of the conductor of this column, V. W. Bro. Chas. A. Kingston, Past Grand Junior Deneon, fills the bill. It can be said of him that he is not obtrasive in any respect; his ability is well-known to every Londoner; he is the only Past Master in the district who has a thorough knowledge of the Canadian and Irish work, and is one of the few intellectual Masonic students in the western portion of the jurisdiction, as all who have heard his thesis on the mysteries of Masonry will cheerfully admit. Bro. Kingston has, at the solicitation of very many city Past Masters—the brethren of his mother lodge have not shared in the presentation of his name—consented to be a candidate, but will not resort to any questionable means or methods to secure the office, believing that the representatives of the district should go to Grand Lodge with the sole aim and object of placing the man in office best suited to the rethe man in office best suited to the requirements of the important position. In the past, as R. W. Bro. Greer, acting D. D. G. M. a couple of years ago, pointed out in his report, all manner of devices were resorted to in order to secure proxies of lodges who did not feel able to send delegates. This year, it is hoped, the W. M.'s and brethren of rural lodges will use their best judgment before handing over proxies to men who visit them about this time of the year fer a sinister purpose. which Bro. Greer so well defined. Other names mertioned in connection with the position are W. Bros. A. A. Campbell, W. H. Morgan and John Paul, of Kilwinning Lodge; Geo. F. Morris, of Union Lodge, and John W. Metherell, of Corinthian Lodge, Whether they decire to the content of the content John W. Metherell, of Corintman te. Whether they desire to contest the tion with Bro. Kingston, however, re-

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, of this city. St. John's Chapter. No. 3, of this city, at its last convocation, adopted a scale for the commutation of dues which treats the older members most liberally. It was prepared by a committee, of which excomp. W. J. Carson was convener, and reflects credit upon them. It is based on the natural expectancy and actuaries tables of leading insurance companies, and allows a rebate of 50c a year to each member after having served as such for ten years or over.

The Toronto Freemason, in noticing the The Foronto Freemason, in noticing the nomination of V. W. Bro. Flock, of this city, for Grand Junior Warden, asks:—
"What about Grand Senior Warden and Grand Registrar?" The conductor of this column has no idea who are likely to be put forward for these offices, but in all probability some leading craftsman of Ottawa will secure the first-named position. There are many worthy brethren in the capital well deserving of the honor. There will be a general scramble, no doubt for a general scramble, no doubt, for

At the meeting of Temple Lodge, A. F. and A. M. Hamliton, Wednesday night, a hardsome gold ring was presented to W. Bro. Stuart Livingston, who is going to Vancouver, B. C. The presentation was made by W. Bro. J. A. Zimmerman.

The London Lodge of Perfection of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has got a boom on, and at its last meeting the other night no fewer than six applications for manhorship. the other night no fewer than six applications for membership were received from young craftsmer. While the constitution does not prohibit the initiation of Master Masons, it is generally felt that the class alluded to should first seek admission to one or other of the Royal Arch chapters here, and thus acquire the knowledge which Capitular Masonry affords to the enouring student of history. Besides, it is only just, and fair to the chapters alluded to that their material should not be captured by the agents of that which is by many termed an opposition branch of Masonry, more especially as the initiation fees for the Royal Arch have been lowered one-half from what they formerly were. This is simply intended as a hint to aspirants for the A, and A. S. Rite.

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The Windsor World says:—"The quarters of the Masonic Lodges have been re-decorated recently by R. J. Hovenden. He has made the work a labor of love, but there are people who say that he cannot do any job that is not first-class. In the Masonic Hall decorations he has excelled himself. Blue, red and gold are the prevailing colors, and the effect produced is artistic and striking. It is unnecessary to state that all the craft proprieties have been observed, for Mr. Hovenden is an exceedingly well-skilled disciple of Hiram, the Master builder of the great Temple. The Windsor members of the craft can sit in their lodge room, and gaze with complacency on the members of the craft can sit in their louge room, and gaze with complacency on the visitors, who cannot conceal their astonish-ment and admiration at their beautiful surroundings when ushered into the lodge. surroundings when ushered into the lodge. And the work of the lodge fully comports with the rooms. Last night Windsor lodge had a special meeting, and initiated two candidates. The work was done by V. Wor. Bro. A. Whittaker and Wor. Bro. Pettitt. who both demonstrated the genius rules strongly in them, even after long absence from the responsibilities of office. A xisitor from the Michigan jurisdiction expressed his high admiration for the Canadian work, as exemplified by Windsor Lodge.

ssued by Justice Safford for the man' arrest on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He was overtaken in Holly and placed under arrest. The Holly lodge was about to furnish him with money to pay his way to Chicago. He stated that his name was Chas. Garnaham, and that his home was in England. He is about 40 years of age, has dark eyes and hair, and claimed to be a member of a Masonic lodge located at Syracuse,

An Illinois boy was once asked to write un essay on Masonry, and here is what he wrote:—"King Solomon was a man who ived so many years in the country that ived so many years in the country that was the whole push. He was an awfully vise man, and one day two women came of him, each holding to the leg of a baby, and nearly pulling it in two, and each laiming it. And King Solomon wasn't eeling right good, and he said. 'Why ouldn't the brat have been twins, and topped this bother?' And then he called or his machete, and was going to Wey-erize the poor, innocent little baby, and dive each woman a piece of it, when the wive each woman a piece of it, when the eal mother of the baby said, 'Stop, Solmon; stay thy hand. Let the other hag ave it. If I can't have a whole baby I con't have any,' Then Solomon told her take the baby, and go home and wash as face, for he knew it was hers. He told the other woman to go chase hersel? its face, for he knew it was hers. He told the other woman to go chase herself. King Solomon built Solomon's temple, and was the father of Masons. My papa says King Solomon was a warm member, and I think he was hot stuff myself. That is all I know about King Solomon."

A fact, probably not generally known, is that a requirement of the Templar degree is that applicants be Royal Arch Masons. All Royal Arch Masons are eligible for Royal Arch Masons are eligible for

embership. The past officers of the different Masonic bodies of Bay City held an informal meeting recently, at which about 40 Past Masters, Past High Priests and Past Emison. Masters, l'ast High Priests and l'ast Eminent Commanders were present. It was decided by these officers to tender to all Masons, members of lodges meeting in the temple, a complimentary banquet towards the last of May. A general revival of interest in the Masonic order is taking place in that portion of Michigan, and the meeting was for the purpose of promoting a firmer fraternal interest among the members.

Dr. J. C. Hatheway, of St. John, one of the oldest dentists of the Maritime Provinces, died the other day, aged 79. He was a native of Sunbury County, N. B. He took a deep interest in Masonry. He compiled and published a pocket manual of the Masonic craft degrees under anthority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and was elected to instruct in the secret work on account of his familiarity with the ritual. He leaves two sons and five

At the April meeting of St. George's Lodge, No. 440, English Register, Monreal, held one evening during the week. V. Bro. W. H. Baker, of Abobey Lodge, Vestminster, England, in replying to the "the great charitable work carried on by the Grand Lodge of England. He alluded to the girls' Masonic festival in the Albert Hall during the Queen's Jubilee, in 1887, when over £100,000 was subscribed in support of the Earl's school. On that occasion the King of Sweden marched down the centra of the hall and kissed the Prince of ion the King of Sweden marched down the centre of the hail, and kissed the Prince of Wales on both cheeks, not as king, but as the Grand Master of Sweden, and the Prince of Wales returned the salutation. Similarly large amounts had also been subscribed for the boys' school, as well as for the old people's charity. Last year over £500,00) were subscribed for these three great Masonic charities. In either the boys' or giris' school the education given is equal to that of any school. They were able to go direct from the boys' school to the universities, and the girls' school at Ciapham.

After the secret part of the dedicatory services was over, the public were go direct from the boys' school to the universities, and the girls' school at Ciapham Common is not restricted to orphans, but is extended to all those who are not in a position to bear the expense of their education. It was given to them as an acknowleged right, if they required it. The Grand Lodge of England took its origin in St. Paul's churchyard in 1717, and within twelve years had spread its influence to Bengal, India, where to-day there were 164 subordinate lodges. In 1730 the Grand Lodge of Ireland was formed, followed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736. In 1723, some six years after the Grand Lodge of England was instituted, a Committee cen a salient point in the Masonic body, beame a recognized part of the instituon. It was an honor to belong to an initution which had such noble objects, and which had amongst its members inces and potentates and great men of the earth, and who amongst them did not tell it an honor in belonging to a society, the Mother Grand Lodge of which was also over with such efficiency and love of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales."

The regular convocation of St. George's oyal Arch Chapter, No. 5, was held be Blue Room, Masonic Temple, light, and the proceedings were made teresting by the presence of the Grand Z., M. Ex-Comp. W. G. Reid, of Hamilton, and R. Ex-Comp. Henry Roe, of St. Thomas, the Grand Superintendent of London District, and a large number of visiting Companions who attended the meeting to welcome the distinguished visitors. Amountst others noticed were M. exvisiting Companions who attended the meeting to welcome the distinguished visitors. Amongst others noticed were M. excomps. J. W. Butler, A. G. McWhinney, A. E. Cooper, P. G. Supts.; R. ex-Comps. J. W. Butler, A. G. McWhinney, A. E. Cooper, P. G. Supts.; R. ex-Comps. J. S. Dewar, P. G. S. N. London, and Samuel Dubber, P. G. P. S., of St. Thomas; ex-Comps. J. A. Gauld, J. D. Balfour, Alex. Findlay and W. J. Carson, of St. John's, No. 3; J. Fraser, S. Flawn and Teetzel, of Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas, besides a large number of city and visiting Companions, and about twenty members of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, Knights Tempfar, who at the conclusion of their assembly paid St. George's Chapter a fraternal visit. Excomps. Lawrason, Buchner and Wilson were in their places and with an excellent staff of officers exalted their Companions to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The work was done in a very creditable manner, and was highly commended by the leading Companions of the Royal Craft present. At the close, the Companions were entertained in the Banqueting Hall, to which between fifty and sixty brethren sat down, the caterer on the occasion being Bro. Geo. W. Kent, whose efforts were deservedly appreciated. The "inner man" having been satis. on the occasion being Bro. Geo. W. Kell, whose efforts were deservedly appreciated. The "inner man" having been satisfied, the usual Masonic and patriotic toasts being honored in a right royal manner by the Companions present. An exceedingly pleasant couple of hours was spent around the festive board, many of the addresses on the occasion being the the addresses on the occasion being the addresses on the occasion being teresting as well as instructive. Comp. aid reported the Royal Craft in a prosperous and progressive condition, and rusted to be able to show at the next neeting of the Grand Chapter in this city substantial increase in numbers as well as a marked interest in the work of the as a marked interest in the work of the Royal Craft also replied to kindred sentiments, and with taking songs and recitations the evening was most pleasantly spent. The Erst visit of the Grand Z. to London will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to be present.

At last night's meeting of the Knights Templar the Drill Corps was reorganized, with E. Sir Knight C. W. Davis as President; Sir Kt. Fred. A. Andrewes as Secretary, and Sir Kt. A. T. Cooper as Drill Instructor. Tuesday and Saturday nights were chosen for drill, and the prospect is that the attendance at each night will be large. The Sir Knights are thoroughly alive to the importance of presenting a greditable appearance at the Great Priory meeting in Windsor in the fall, and will endeavor to do credit to London on that

sponse. Many distinguished Craftsmen were present. Two hundred and fifty brethren sat down at the banquet, and a spiendid programme of speeches and songs was given. The gathering is regarded as one of the most memorable in the Craft history of Ottawa.

The brethren of Tecumseh Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Thamesville, together with their wives and lady friends, and a few invited guests, spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening at an "At Home," held in the lodge room there on Tuesday evening. One hundred or more enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren, and to whom the hour of parting came all too soon, Preceding and following the supper a varied programme was presented by W. Bro, J. M. Horn. Mrs. C. Moore, Miss Verrinder and Wm. Sherman rendered solos in fine style. C. P. R. Agent Moore gave neouple of comic recitations. The speakers of the evening were W. Bro. Dr. Harrison, ex-Premier of Manitoba, and Rev. Bro. Linton, of Port Credit. Both gave capital addresses that were much appreciated. Short addresses were also delivered by Bros. Fraser, Stewart, Davidson and A. A. Appleford.

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The Independent Order of Oddfellows is one of the strongest, financially and numerically in London, and also throughout the whole gleaned from published reports of the I. tent of the order and its operations. The annual statement of the results of the labors of the several lodges in Ontario for of assurance for a grand year in 1899. The increase in membership during 1898 exceeded that of 1897 by more than 200. The total number on the roll of Grand Lodge of Ontario, Dec. 31, 1898, was 23,035. There are 278 lodges in this jurisdiction. The relief department of the order furnishes figures, which are food for thought. During the year 1898, 2,995 brethren received sick benefits. Amount paid sick benefits, \$21,745,26; paid surgeon's fees, \$6,797,39; paid nursing sick brothers, \$1,627,53; paid relief of widows, \$13,204.88; paid burying deceased brothers, \$7,685,06; paid special relief and charity, \$2,832.04. Total relief paid during year, \$83,892.16. This gives an average of \$229.84 for each day of 1898. Total assets over liabilities, \$954,330.92. of assurance for a grand year in 1899. The

At the last regular meeting of Lord Stanley Lodge, I. O. O. F., Toronto, held a few nights ago, Bro. J. W. Whittingham, who for the past three years has filled the office of Permanent Secretary, was presented with an address and testimonial. P. D. G. M. Irving made the presentation in a neat speech. Bro. Whittingham seitably replied, thanking the lodge for the unexpected mark of their approval. An enthusiastic meeting of those interested in the reorganization of the Patriarch Militant, I. O. O. F., was recently held. It was unanimously decided to begin active preparation for the approaching Sovereign Crand Lodge meeting in Detroit in September. The largest and handsomest prizes ever offered for competition in fancy drill will be competed for, insuring the largest Grand Lodge meeting yet experienced. A committee was appointed to received. A committee was appointed to accreticed. A committee was appointed to accretic the members of the Canton, with a view to creating a deeper interest a the drill, and also to collect uniforms eld by Canadian members, so as to muser as strong and representative a body as ossible from Stratford.

The Grand Master of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows visited Palmyra on Tuesday night. Five new members were initiated. After the ceremonies a splendid supper was served by the local brethren.

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Bro. John Whitehead, of Toronto, travelling representative C. O. O. F., has been in Ridgetown, and will organize a new lodge there.

A number of persons are suing the Oddfellows Lodge, of Essex, for material supplied and work done on the new hall erected by the lodge last year. John Wortley was the contractor, but he made an assignment, and the creditors then secured liens lows half in Lundy's Block-Tuesday evening. After the secret part of the dedicatory services was over, the public were admitted by card to the number of about four hundred, when a regular programme of speeches by prominent Oddfellows of Ontario took place, amongst whom were the following:—Grand Master J. F. Farwell, Whitby: Grand Provincial Secretary of the Daughters of Rebecca, Mrs. Waddell, Bridgeburg; Past Chief Patriarch A. Blackby, Kingston, and District Deputy Grand Master D. M. Walker, St. Catharines, who all made eloquent and appropriate speeches, which were interspersed with vecal and instrumental music. The assembly hall adjoining the lodge room was turned into a banquet hall, and like the lodge room it was prefusely decorated with festooned bunting, flags and picture. the lodge room it was profusely decorated with festooned bunting, flags and pictures. The tables were tastefully set with potted plants and flowers, and were loaded down with the most toothsome edibles, prepared by the hands of the Daughters of Rebecca. The committee in charge of the dedication deserve great credit. FORESTRIC.

Australian and Tasmanian Foresters have never flinched when hard work was necessary for the hard work was necessary for the order, and as a result Ancient Forestry has strong and deep roots in the land of the New Dominion, for our breth ren under the "Southern Cross" expect soon to see the Australian colonies and Tasmania federated as our Canadian provinces are. New Zealand brethren not only report the order progressing, but the members as a whole prospering personally, several of them having been elected to the Councils and the Legislature.

III.: Nickerson, at Mickerson, Minn.
Dr. Secord, High Court Medical
Examiner: Herbert J. Boyd, of London, High Court Senior Beadle; Jas.
Wilkins, P. H. C., Treasurer, of
London, and olther officials visited the
courts of Ancient Forestry in Elgin district at St. Thomas Tuesday. The meeting was held in Court Elgin, 5,863, A. O.
F. hall. Chief Rauger Charles Scrase, jr.,
occupied the chair, and a Arree nuamber occupied the chair, and a Irge number of brethren were present. A good programme and refreshments were provided

THE A. O. U. W. At the regular meeting of Ker wood Lodge, No. 408, A. O. U. W. held the other evening, the follow ing letter of sympathy was adopt-We, the undersigned brethren, in behalf of Kerwood Lodge, No. 408, A. O. U. W., wish to extend to Mrs. Vickery and that every member of our order feels that there is a vacancy, caused by the death of our brother, which can never be filled. Since we feel his absence from our midst so keenly, can we not readily understand what it means to Mrs. Vickery and family to lose a kind, loving husband and indulgent father. As a member of our order we found him always active, and careful that the proceedings of our lodge should be conducted on strictly constitutional principles. Considering this fact, can we not safely infer that our brother's private affairs were carried on in a wise and judical manner. Those who knew our brother best inform us that he was ever ready to lend a helping hand to the needy, and as an indication of his good intention and unselfish principles, we would refer to his laboration with the process. Lodge. A well dressed stranger, giving the name of Blakeslee, speceded in obtaining money from Birmingham Lodge, No. 44. F. & A. M., of Tilsonburg. The business of the evening being disposed of a banquer was enjoyed.

The Masonic fraternity had a great gathering at Ottawa on Thursday night, when the city lodges united to tender a proceeding to the could learn anything in regard to the worked Pontiac for quite a sum. Mr. Johnson went to Pontiac and had a warrant.

Donald, P. D. D. G. M. of Wilson District, No. 6. He was accompanied by Bro. Jos. Aspinall, J. W. of King Hiram Lodge, No. 44. No. of Tilsonburg. The business of the evening being disposed of a banquer was enjoyed.

The Masonic fraternity had a great gathering at Ottawa on Thursday night, when the city lodges united to tender a reception to M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, of Toronto, Grand Master. The distinguished visitor was presented with an address of welcome, beautifully illuminated and bound, and made an appropriate response to the church premises by planting to beautifully illuminated and bound, and made an appropriate response to the church premises by planting trees within its grounds. These trees are Strathy, Manager Traders' Bank.

the gift of any local tent, says the Ob-server, and is the first ever conferred on a Sir Knight of Sarnia Tent by the supreme

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Strathroy Dispatch:—Mrs. B. C. McCann, of London, was the guest of Miss Goodwin, Oxford street, the other day, and while here Regent Dunsmore. Treasurer Ashwell and Secretary McIntosh, of Strathroy Council of the Royal Arcanum, handed over to her the cheque to which she was entitled as the beneficiary of her father, the late Mr. Edwin Maitland, who died in London on the 27th January last. This makes the ninth payment of the Council, figuring up to \$27,000, during their twenty years of existence in our town, and speaks well for the good that is being done by the society. The older members of the C. M. B. A. o

The older members of the C. M. B. A. of anada will hear with profound regret he sad intelligence of the death of Bro.

J. Hickey, Supreme Recorder of the derican C. M. B. A. Many of them had be pleasure of his acquaintance. A more taniy, straightforward and conscientious entleman it would be hard to find, says he Catholic Record. He was the life and out of the organization, and as an evience of the esteem in which he was held is only necessary to mention that he ocis only necessary to mention that he oc-pied the position of Supreme Recorder putinuously almost from the very be-nning of the organization of the associa-on. Once or twice only was there an at-mpt made at opposition to his election. W. H. March, of St. Thomas. Graud hanceller of the Knights of Pythias, vis-ted the Hamilton lodges a few nights ago, being accompanied by J. S. McKay, of Voodstock, Grand Vice-Chancellor; Walter Woodstock, Grand Vice-Chancellor; Walter Haynes, Toronto, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals; J. P. Macleod, Hamilton, Grand Master of the Exchequer, and Jesse Chapman and D. J. Peace, Past Grand Chancellors. The first and third ranks were exemplified by Bismarck and Red Cross Lodges, and the Grand Chancellor complimented them on their work. An informal reception to the Grand Chancellor followed. The Grand Chancellor made a speech dealing with the growth and progress of the order. A speech rowth and progress of the order. A speech vas also made by Bro. H. Carscallen, Q. L. M. L. A. During the evening a Past ncellor's Jewel was presented to F

Mr. W. R. Hare, who for several years past has been night-watchman for Aylmer, has accepted a position as travelling organ-izer for the K. O. T. M., and has handed in his resignation to the council, to take ffect the 1st of May.

The Tilsonburg Woodmen of the World recently gave a grand banquet in honor of Mr. I. J. Miller, organizer, who has recently done some excellent work for the society in that town, and for the new members which have lately been received. organization has increased more than its former membership in the few is past. The banquet was a success a every way.

The Toronto Mail of Friday says:-Mr. last evening by the Fraternal Association, which opened its annual session in the Rossin House yesterday. The Association was divided in opinion on the bill, but was agreed on the advisability of petitioning the Government to have the bill laid over until it could be brought before the annual meetings of the Grand Lodges of the societies interested. The following resolution ament the bill was passed:

"Whereas, the Canadian Fraternal Association has not had sufficient time to study the purport of the present bill, it is hereby resolved that the Parliament of Canada be requested to allow the bill to stand in abeyance for the present session, and the Legislative Committee of the Association is hereby instructed to use all reasonable efforts to secure this end." The Legislative Committee will hold a meeting in a few days and appoint hold a meeting in a few days and appoint a deputation to wait upon the Government in regard to the bill.

LAME BACK.

It is a Common Symptom of Kidney Trouble -Strike at the Root of the Disease by Regulating the Kidneys.

How many are at this time suffering from weak, painful, lame backs, that give them no ease night or day?

Liniments rubbed on, and plasters applied seem to do no good. And why? Because a bad back is a symptom of disordered kidneys. You must correct the kidneys if you would cure the back. That's how it is Doan's Kidney Pills cure all kinds of bad backs when everything else fails. Mrs. Margaret Brennan, 5 Granville Halifax, N. S., says:-"My husband, Nicholas Brennan, was always complaining with a pain in his back.

"He was troubled very much with rheumatism and urinary difficulties, was feeling altogether miserable for a

great many years. "Hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills and their success in curing kidney troubles he got a box and began their use. We are pleased to testify that they com-pletely cured his lame back, removing the urinary difficulties and greatly re-

ieving the rheumatism. "His experience in the use of Doan's Kidney Pills has placed us both beyoud power of expression, and we can highly recommend them to all suffer-

The specific and direct action of Doan's Kidney Pills on the kidneys always restores them to healthy natural action, thus curing all diseases arising from disorder of the kidneys. bladder or urinary organs. Backache, weak back,

Bright's disease, gravel, sediment in the urine, puffiness under the eyes, swelling of the feet and ankles weakness of the kidneys in children, etc., 50c. pr box or 3 boxes for \$1.25, at all druggists, or sent by mail. The Doan Kigney Pill Co. Teronto, Ont.

**The solicitor for Richard Cusack has issued a writ against the St. Thomas Street Railway Company claiming damages for injuries received by being struck by a trolley car on Wilson avenue a couple of weeks ago.

Hartfords, Tire Sundries, "Maltese Cross" Inner Tubes.

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WANT A SHELTER.

Children's Aid Society's Request Fefore the Aldermen.

Estimated Cost \$1,000 for the Year-Sheriff Cameron Says the Society Is a Tax-reducing Medium-Other Grants Sought for as Usual.

Tie Finance Committee listened to applications for grants to some public charities, and received letters from others asking for the renewal of grants of past years at their regular meeting last night. No action was taken, pending preparation of the estimates.

Messrs. J. H. Flock, Q. C.; Andrew Thomson and John Wright appeared on behalf of the Protestant Orphans' Home, and asked for the usual grant, which last year was \$425. This included a sum of \$75 for the care of Children Aid Society wards, and Mr. Flock said the Home would continue to work under the same conditions.

behalf of the Charity Organization for the potato patch scheme. Mr. Pearce pointed out that the city relief department was being Hamilton is most satisfactory, with collections on which 1,300 fully up the average, and at Victoria wholeyear there were 42 patches, on which 1,300 bushels of potatoes were raised. These at a low value were worth \$600 or \$700. The fairly good. poor people preferred getting relief in this way in place of direct from this city. Inspector Sanders said between \$60 and \$70 had been paid out by the same Society

for the cutting of wood during the winter. The Children's Aid Society were represent ed by Sheriff Cameron, Messrs. Parker, Hunt and Inspector Sanders. The Sheriff was spokesman, and stated that the Society this year asked that a shelter home be provided for the children under the charge of the Socety, and also that provision be made for the maintenance of each child at a cost of not less than one dollar a week. Mr. Cameron said the arrangements made with the city orphans' homes had not met the necessities of their case. They were anxious to broaden the operation of the Children's Aid Society to an extent that was not possible under the arrangements which had existed during the last few years. There was a class of child that needed the repressing influence that if the Society did not deal with must be dealt with by the police. The police influence was more crime-producing than otherwise. During the last four years in which the Society had From 1879 to 1893 the number of children work of the Society was tax-reducing, in the cost of maintenance of prisoners in the jail, rived from the city about forty. It was a fair proposition that about one-half the number would have become a more or less charge upon the city. These children were all placed in happy homes, where they were altogether welcome. All sides were benefited and so was society at large. Sheriff Cameron said he often looked out of his window and saw ablebodied men who under restraint would do as good a day's work as any man. And yet the moment they were allowed out of the precincts of the jail they became perfectly useless to

Ald. O'Meara-I will give you a remedy for it. Drive the whiskey and the tavern out of this country and you will have plenty of

The Sheriff-Well, I don't know but that might commend itself.
The society estimate the shelter and main-

tenance for a year will cost \$1,000. The estimates of the School Board not being at hand, no effort was made to strike the tax rate for the year. The question involved in the Leonard

fixed assessment was laid over, pending ac-tion on the motion by Ald. Carrothers to exempt machinery used for manufacturing. Mr. W. White's petition re income tax was

Mr. Alex. H. Gould's request for remission of personal taxes was laid over. Adjourned.

THE STATE OF TRADE

Weekly Reviews of the Business Sit-

uation in the United States and Canada.

R. G. DUN & CO.'S REVIEW. New York, April 28.—The state of foreign trade justifies confidence rather than apprehension. It is the season for the lowest exports of staples, and their prices this year are extremely low, but the unprecedented foreign demand for manufactured products so far compensates that the excess of exports in March was heavy, and apparently had been in April. In three weeks at New York exports have been 13.0 per cent. less, and imports 17.4 per cent. more than last year, which would leave heavy balance if other returns were of the same character. In May and June exchange operations against coming crops would cover a large adverse balance of, as is not likely, any should appear.
The presence of English merchants in Boston trying to sell English medium wool, which could be delivered there at about 32c, at the same time that English buyers were taking a little fine territory for export and German buyers 300,000 lbs. more Australian from bond shows the opposite trend of popular taste in different countries. Fine wool is relatively cheap here and dear abroad, but concessions make the lowest prices of the year in all kinds, as heaviest stocks carried for years come into presence of new wool, said to be 300,000,000 lbs. Manutacturers are not now buying largely, though in four weeks 30,918,585 lbs. were sold, of which 23,315,085 were domestic against 41,712,650 in the same weeks two years ag', when wool was rising. The cotton manufacture has made little change, and the strikes following the advance in wages given appears to have benefited manufacturers not a little by helping the demand and curtailing the supply of goods. Cotton is a sixteenth lower, with generally improved prospects for the coming crop. Receipts in April have been lager than last year by about 74 000 bales, and are only 80,000 less to date than last year, while Ellison's statement shows that foreign mill stocks are extraordinarily large. American spinners have taken a lutter more, but foreign buyers 248,000 bales less in April than last year. Without tusiness Bessemer pig is unchanged at Pittsburg, and grey forge strong, at \$14.50; 86,000 tons Southern have been sold there at \$14.2

There are some large structural orders-a Philadelphia building for 17,000 tons; a western bridge for 5,000; a Duluth elevator and the St. Lawrence bridge at Quebec, though the general run of orders in this line is light, and in rails no large sales are reported, though inquiries for 50,000 tons are said to be in this market. Advanced prices are noticed in pipe and decrease in merchants' orders, with smaller business in sheets, and at the west in bars, pending the completion of the combination. But the general decrease in new demand raises the question whether prices will be maintained after current orders run out. Failures for the week were 184 in the United States, against 262 last year, and

23 in Canada, against 16 last year. Canadian despatches report a moderate demand and improvement in business with generally favorable weather, but trade especially active on the whole in dry goods. Generally fair business, both wholesale and retail, is reported at St. John, with better prospects for lumber, river navigation having opened Generally encouraging results follow favorable weather in hardware, dry goods and groceries at Halifax, with fair demand in boots and shoes. Fine weather helps at Quebec and improves collections. At Montreal the sorting business is better in dry goods and other lines, and since navigation has opened imp ov d busine s is expected. Collections are he same conditions.

President J. S. Pearce made application on Pres active, with good demand for groceries, teas, leather, hardware and metals. Business at sale trade has been quiet, but collections are

> BRADSTREETS' STATEMENT. Favorable weather conditions finds refl c-

tion in reports of good retail dis-tribution of spring and summer goods, and in fair filling in orders from jobbers. Demands from first hands for general merchandize is, if anything, quieter, in keeping with the "between season" period now at hand. Industrial activity continues especially marked, a pleasing feature this week being the practical absence of the unrest, particularly in the building trades, noted for muny years past about May 1. While favoring retail distribution, the springlike weather conditions, however, have been the reverse of stimulating as regards quotations of two of the country's greatest staples, wheat and cotton. In these and in home products the tendency of values has been towards a lower range. Winter wheat crop advices have continued irregularly unfavorable, but good weather, enabling a large area to be planted in spring wheat, coupled with rather less active export demand and denials of dam use to European crops, has weakened quotations the last four years in which the Society had but midsferently performed that fraction of its evening by the Fraternal Association, work there had been material change wrought. The opening of lake navagawork there had been material change wrought in the life and prospects of many children. increased supply of cereals at the seaboard, under 16 years of age in jail was 514, or an average of 34 4-13 children a year, while from average of 34 4-13 children a year, while from ton bas weakened on better reports as to children a year. The Sheriff argued that the planting progress, and the margin of profit anly widened, Rather more is going in export which was a very considerable sum. During the year sixty families had improved in the the year sixty families had improved in the care of their children through being warned by the Inspector of the Society. To-day there were in foster homes children derived from the city about forty. It was a fair their old strength. An example of this is found in the advance of 50 per cent. shown in Bessemer pig iron over a year ago, while steel billets are 70 per cent. higher. The strength of the lumber market shows little impairment. Rather more business is doing by retailers, and all the prices reported in the first three months are firmly Wool as a whole is quiet and steady, but a relatively higher range of values abroad is indicated by continued good sales of Australian bonded wool to be re-exported. Canadian trade is of good seasonable propor-

tions. Toronto reports dry goods travellers sending in good orders, with demand from the North-west particularly good. Advices from the wheat crop section are rather unfavorable. Immigration and freight to the North-west are expected to improve railroad earnings to that section. Better weather has stimulated demand in the Maritime Provinces. Salmon packing has begun on the Pacific coast. The rather backward season in millinery has materialized at Montreal, and this trade has been active this week, while other lines are rather quiet. Local navigation has opened. but ocean shipping will not be active for a week or ten days. Canadian failures number 27, against 30 last week and 22 this week a year ago.

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ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS AC-

QUITTED. Greenville, S. C., April 28.—The trial of the famous McCormick conspiracy case, growing out of the Phoenix election riot and the lynching in Greenwood county last November, ended in the Federal Court here today, wite a verdict of not guilty. The jury, composed entirely of white men, and half of them Greenwood county men, was out less thau 15 minutes. The defendants were prominent Greenwood county men, who at the time of the Phoenix riots passed resolutions upon James W. Tolbert, the Republica-tion assistant postmaster at McCormick, advising him to leave and telling him they would not be resposible for his life, though they would protect him for 36 hours. Six hours after he left a mob rode into McCormick



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