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LOCAL MARKET.

London, Friday, Feb. 15.

Twenty-two loads of hay were offered at the market this morning; sales were brisk at $13 to $13 50 per ton for the best.

The supply of straw was again very light; sales were made at $7 per ton.

There were quite a number of loads of oats on the stand; the demand was good, at $1 10 to $1 12 per cwt.

There should be a large and lively market on Saturday, if the weather is favorable.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—The market is a shade easier. There is still a good demand for oats. Mill offals have been so scarce lately that quotations of bran and shorts have been only normal. Call board quotations are:

Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 mixed, 72½c asked, 71½c bid, 78 per cent points; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, 88c asked on track at Port Huron, 87c bid; No. 1 northern, 87c asked, on track at Port Huron.

Barley—No. 2, 51c bid east.

Peas—No. 2, 81½c asked outside, 80c bid on G. T. R., 80½c bid on C. P. R., 78 per cent points.

Oats—No. 2 white, 39½c asked for a 5c rate to Toronto, 38½c bid.

Rye—No. 2, 70c asked outside.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, American, 52c to 52½c

Eggs—Market firm.

at Toronto, main line and west; Ontario, 44c to 45c, Chatham freights.

Buckwheat—52c to 53c.

Flour—Ontario 90 per cent patents, $2 70 asked, $2 67 bid; Manitoba, first patents, $4 50; seconds, $4; bakers, $3 90.

Millfeed—Bran nominal, $21 to $22; shorts nominal, $22 to $23.

Butter—Receipts show no signs of falling off; prices are steady; creamery prints, 26c to 27c; solids, 23c to 24c; dairy prints, 21c to 23c; tubs, 19c to 21c.

Cheese—Market continues firm; twins, 14c.

SUGAR MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—Sugar—Extra granulated, $4 30; yellow, $3 90; Ontario, $4 15 in bags, 5c less.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Sugar—Extra granulated, $4 30; yellow, $3 90; Ontario, $4 14; in bags, 5c less.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—Baled Hay—Quiet; a considerable number of farmers are holding their hay for higher prices; quotations are $11 to $11 50 for No. 1 timothy, and $8 50 to $9 for No. 2, in car lots on track here.

Baled Straw—Steady, at $7 to $7 50 in car lots on track here.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Baled Hay—Quiet; prices are generally steady and unchanged, at $11 to $11 50 for No. 1 timothy, and $8 50 to $9 for No. 2, in car lots on track here.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 14.—Oil closed at $1 63 for Pennsylvania dark, and $1 73 for amber.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Feb. 14.—Credit balances, $1 63.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 14.—Petroleum, American refined, 6 15-16d; spirits, 7¾d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Feb. 14.—Petroleum, 20 francs 50 centimes.

DAIRY MARKETS.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—Cheese—Steady, at 13¾c for all kinds; some dealers are holding out for 14c.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 22c to 32½c; dairies, 20c to 30c.

Cheese—Steady, 13½c to 15c.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 14.—Cotton—Spot closed steady; middling uplands, $11; middling gulf, $11 25; no sales.

Futures closed very steady; February, $9 18; March, $9 25; April, $9 33; May, $9 42; June, $9 50; July, $9 54; August, $9 53; September, $9 51; October, $9 75; December, $9 80; January, $9 93.

New York, Feb. 15.—Cotton—Futures opened steady; February, $9 20 bid; March, $9 26; April, $9 34 bid; May, $9 44; July,

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Cattle—Estimated receipts, 20,000 head; strong; beeves, $4 to $7; cows and heifers, $1 60 to $5 35; stockers and feeders, $2 60 to $4 70; Texans, $3 60 to $4 50; calves, $6 to $7 50.

Hogs—Estimated receipts, 28,000 head; weak; mixed and butchers, $6 85 to $7 15; good heavy, $7 05 to $7 15; rough heavy, $6 85 to $6 95; light, $6 85 to $7 07½; pigs, $6 25 to $6 85; bulk of sales, $7 to $7 10.

Sheep—Estimated receipts, 6,000 head; steady; sheep, $3 50 to $5 60; lambs, $4 75 to $7 65.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 14.—Canadian cattle are unchanged, at 11c to 12½c per lb; refrigerator beef is 8½c to 9c per lb.

$9 57; September, $9 53 to $9 54; October, $9 76 to $9 78; December, $9 85.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 14.—Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 2 23-32c; centrifugal, 96° test, 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 3 23-32c. Molasses—Steady.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 14.—Raw sugar—Muscovado, 8s 9d; centrifugal, 10s 3d; beet sugar, February, 8s 10½d.

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 14.—Beans—Cash, $1 32, nominal; March, $1 34 bid.

STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 14, 12:45

	Ask	Bid
C. P. R.	..	184
Niagara St. C. & T.	..	75
Rio Janiero	48	47⅝
Sao Paulo Tramway	..	136½
Tri City, pfd.	96	..
Twin City	..	108½
Winnipeg Railway	180	178
Northern Navigation	100	..
R. & O. Navigation	81	79
St. L. & C. Navigation	125	..
Bell Telephone	..	142
Canada General Electric	134	130¼
Consumers' Gas	..	201
Dominion Coal, com	62	61
Dominion Steel, com	..	21
Dominion Telegraph	..	120
Electric Development	50	..
Mackay, com	73⅞	73⅛
Mackay, pfd.	70	69½
Mexican	58	56¼
North Star	18	..
Nova Scotia Steel, com	..	72¼
Ontario & Qu'Appelle Land	..	100
Toronto Electric Light	160	..
Bank of Commerce	..	173
Dominion Bank	..	290
Imperial Bank	227	223
Metropolitan	..	192
Bank of Ottawa	225	..
Sovereign Bank	..	131
Bank of Toronto	235	..
Agricultural	122	..
Canada Landed	127	124
Canada Permanent	125½	125
Central Canada Loan	..	160
Colonial Investment	75	..
Dominion Savings	..	71
Hamilton Provident	..	122
Huron & Erie	188	184
Landed B. & L.	..	124
London & Canada L. & A.	107	..
London Loan	108	..
National Trust	..	158½
Ontario Loan and Deb.	..	134
Real Estate	..	90
Toronto Mortgage	..	110
Mexican Electric bonds	79	..
Mexican Power bonds	83½	82¾
Rio bonds	79	..

Morning Sales: Sao Paulo, 25, 25, 25 and 25 at 135, 15 at 135½, 25 tt 135⅝, 25 at 135¾, 25 at 136; N. S. Steel, common, 25 at 72, 25 at 72½, 25 at 72¾; City Dairy, common, 25 at 37; General Electric, 25, 25 and 5 at 130⅞, 10 at 130¾; Mackay, preferred, 5 and 5 at 70; Winnipeg, 3, 25, 25 and 26 at 180; Rio, 10, 15 and 25 at 47¾; Bell Telephone, 4 at 142½; Twin City, common, 100, 25 and 25 at 103¾, 20 at 103⅞, 25 and 25 at 103⅞, 25 at 103⅞; Nipissing, 20 and 5 at 270, 100 at 280, 15 at 282½; Soo, common, 100 at 123½, 25 and 25 at 124; Niagara, 15 at 152; St. Lawrence, 9 at 120; Dominion Bank, cash, 6 at 265; Imperial Bank, 5, 6 and 2 at 224; Mexican Electric, bonds, 5,000 at 78, 5,000 at 78½; Dominion Coal, common, 50 and 15 at 62.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 14.

	Morning. Ask.	Morning. Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Afternoon. Bid.
Canadian Pacific	185½	..	..	184
St. Catharines	..	75	..	75
Rio Janeiro Tram	48	47½	48½	..
Sao Paulo Tram	137	134	135½	134½
Tri-City, pfd.	96	..	96	..
Twin City	105	103	105	103
Winnipeg Railway	..	176	..	179
Northern Nav.	95	..	95	..
R. & O. Navigation	80	79	80	79
St. L. & C. Nav.	125	..	125	..
Bell Telephone	..	142	..	142
General Electric	..	129½	134	130
City Dairy, com	38	36½	..	35½
City Dairy, pfd., xr.	90	..	90	..
Consumers' Gas	..	201	..	201½
Dom. Coal, com	..	62	..	..
Dom. Telegraph	..	120	..	120
Electrical Dev.	50	..	50	..
Mackay, com.	74	73¾	73¾	73¼
Mackay, pfd.	..	69¾	70	..
Mexican L. & P.	57½	56½	58	..
Niplssing Mines	270	260	..	250
North Star	18	..	18	..
N. S. Steel, com	..	70½	72	70½
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	..	100	..	100
Toronto Electric	..	..	..	160
Bank of Commerce	177	173	177½	175
Bank of Hamilton	217	..	217	..
Imperial Bank	224	..	..	222½
Metropolitan Bank	..	192	..	192
Bank of Montreal	226	..	225	..
Sovereign Bank	132	130½	131¼	..
Standard Bank	230	..	230	..
Bank of Toronto	235	..	235	..
Traders' Bank	140	138	140	138
Agricultural Loan	..	122	..	122
Canada Landed	127	124	127	124
Canada Permanent	125½	125	125½	125
Central Canada	..	160	..	160
Colonial Investment	75	..	75	..
Dom. Savings	..	71	..	71
Hamilton Provident	..	122	..	122
Huron & Erie	188	184	188	184
Landed Banking	..	124	..	124
London & Canada	107	..	107	..
London Loan	118	..	118	..
National Trust	..	158½	..	158½
Ontario Loan	..	134	..	134
Real Estate	..	90	..	90
Toronto Mortgage	..	110	..	110
Mex. Electric, bds.	76½	77½	78½	77½
Mex. Power, bds.	83	82½	83¼	..
Rio, bonds	79	..	78¾	78¼
Sao Paulo, bonds	94⅜	94	94¾	94

Afternoon Sales: Rio, 50, 50, 25, 25, 25, 50 and 50 at 48, 15 at 47¾; do, bonds, 4,000, 1,000 and 500 at 78½; Hamilton Provident, 10 at 122; Sao Paulo, 3 and 25 at 135; Nipissing, 10 at 260; City Dairy, 25 and 25 at 37; Mackay, common, 50 at 73½; Sovereign Bank, xd., 10 and 10 at 131½, 10 at 131¾, 3, 25, 5, 20 and 10 at 131½, 10 at 130¾, 10 at 131; Dominion Bank, 2, 13 and 2 at 253; Winnipeg, 124 at 180.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 15, 12:20.

	Ask	Bid.
Canadian Pacific	188	185⅝
Minneapolis & St. Paul	126	124½
Montreal Street Railway	228	224
Toronto Street Railway	113⅜	112⅞
Twin City Electric Railway	105	103½
Detroit Railway	80⅜	80¼
Halifax Electric Railway	105	103
Toledo Railway	30	27¼
Sao Paulo	..	134½
R. & O. Navigation	80½	79½
Montreal Power, xd	91	90½
Dominion Steel, com	22⅛	22
Dominion Steel, pref	58	55½
Dominion Coal, com	61¼	60
Illinois	93¼	93
Nova Scotia Steel & Coal	73⅞	71⅜
Montreal Telegraph Co.	..	160
Bell Telephone	145	142
Ogilvie Milling, pfd	124	..
Ogilvie Milling, com	..	250
Mackay, com	74⅛	73¾
Mackay, pfd	71	69¾
Lake of the Woods, com	96	88
Laurentide Paper Pref.	112	106
Rio	48	47½
Mexican Tram	57¼	56
Ohio	30	28
Montreal Cotton	129	124
Dominion Textile, pfd	90	88
Bank of Montreal, xd	255	250
B. N. A. Bank	..	189½
Molsons Bank	220	212
Bank of Toronto, xd	238	230
Merchants Bank	172	168
Quebec Bank, xd	140	135
Union Bank	150	..
Hochelaga, xd	148	..
Textile Bonds A	84	91
Textile Bonds B	..	91
Textile Bonds C	88	91
Dominion Cotton Bonds	..	98
Scotia, com., Bonds	..	100
Rio Bonds	78⅛	78
Dominion Coal bonds	90⅛	..
Laurentide Paper bonds	110¼	..
Winnipeg Electric bonds	108½	..
Mexican Electric Bonds	30	78
Mexican Power bonds	83¼	83
Sao Paulo bonds	75	74

Morning Sales: Montreal Railway, ½ at 225, 11 at 226, 1½ at 225; Twin City, 20 at 104, 50 at 103½; Toronto Railway, 10 at 113½; Power, 50 at 91; Sao Paulo, new, 16 at 134½, 5 per cent paid; Montreal Railway, new, 1 at 223; Illinois, 5 at 93½; Ohio, 25 at 29½; Soo, common, 10 at 122, 10 at 121, 10 at 122½, 75 at 124, 50 at 123⅞, 50 at 123, 175 at 124, 50 at 123⅛, 50 at 123½; Woods, common, 5 at 90; Mexican Power, bonds, 5,000 at 83, 2,000 at 83; Detroit Railway, 25 at 80½, 17 at 80¾, 2 at 80½; Iron, common, 50 at 22; Scotia, 50 at 72¼, 100 at 72⅝; Mexican Electric, bonds, 1,000 at 78, 5,000 at 78⅛, 18,000 at 78½; Colored Cotton, bonds, 5,000 at 98; Rio, bonds, 4,000 at 78¼, 5,000 at 78⅛, 1,000 at 78; Sovereign Bank, 64 at 131, 40 at 131; Sao Paulo, bonds, 2,500 at 94⅝.

MONTREAL.

	Morning. Ask.	Morning. Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Afternoon. Bid.
Canadian Pacific	185¾	184	185	184½
Nipissing Mines	..	13½	..	..
Tri-City, pfd.	96	90	..	..
Minn. & St. Paul	122	121½	..	120
Montreal Railway	227	226½	228	225
Toronto Railway	113½	113	114¾	..
Twin City, xd	106	103	104	103½
Detroit Railway	81⅛	81	80¼	80
Halifax Railway	105	100	105	100
Toledo Railway	30	27½	..	26
Converters	61	60	..	..
Colored Cotton	58	52	56	52
Sao Paulo Tram	..	130	..	..
R. & O. Navigation	80½	79½	80¼	79½
Montreal Power, xd	91¼	90¾	..	90½
Dom. Steel, com	22¼	22	22	21½
Dom. Steel, pfd	59	56¾	..	55
Dom. Coal, com	62	61	62½	..
Illinois Traction	93½	93	93½	93
N. S. Steel & Coal	72¼	71¾	72½	71⅛
Montreal Telegraph	162	..	162	..
Bell Telephone	145	142	145	142
Ogilvie, pfd.	124	..	124	..
Ogilvie, com.	..	250	..	250
Mackay, com.	74	72	..	73½
Mackay, pfd.	..	70	72	69
Woods, pfd.	112	110	112	110
Laur. Paper, pfd	..	109¼	112	108
Rio Janeiro	47⅞	47⅜	47⅝	47⅜
Mexican L. & P.	57	56½	57¼	56
Ohio Traction	31	29	..	..
Montreal Cotton 0	129	124	129	124
Dom. Textile, pfd	99	98	99	98
Bank Montreal, xd	255	..	255	..
Bank B. N. A.	..	150	..	150
Molsons Bank	..	212	..	212
Molsons Bank, new	..	..	..	211½
Bank Toronto, xd	232	228	233	..
Merchants' Bank	..	168	..	168
Royal Bank	28	230	238	230
Bank Nova Scotia	295	..	295	..
East. Town. Bank	165	162	165	162
Quebec Bank, xd	140	135	140	135
N. B. Bank	..	..	273	265
Union Bank	148	..	..	..
Sovereign Bank	133	131½	..	131
Hochelaga Bank, xd	153⅞	..	153⅞	..
Textile bonds, A	94	91	94	91
Textile bonds, B	..	91	..	91
Textile bonds, C	94	91	94	91
Price, bonds	..	101	..	101
Dom. Cotton, bonds	95½	95	95¼	..
Scotia, bonds	..	100	..	100
Mont. Power, bonds	..	..	100	97
Halifax Ry., bonds	103	..	103	..
Dom. Coal, bonds	99½	99	99½	99
Winnipeg Elec., bds	105½	..	105½	..
Dom. Steel, bonds	79	78⅝	79	78⅝
Mex. Electric, bds	80	77⅝	78½	..
N. S. Steel, bonds	..	108	..	108
Woods, bonds	..	..	..	107¼
Sao Paulo, bonds	..	..	..	94⅝

Afternoon Sales: C. P. R., 75 at 186; Power, 50 at 91, 25 at 90⅞; Coal, bonds, 2,000 at 99; Twin City, 25 at 103½, 25 at 103¾; Detroit Railway, 85 at 80¼, 75 at 80¼; Sovereign Bank, 10 at 131½, 60 at 131¼, 10 at 131; City 4 per cent stock, 1,500 at 100; Iron, common, 275 at 22, 75 at 21¾, 5 at 22, 100 at 21¾; Dominion Bank, 2 at 263¼; Hochelaga Bank, cash, 8 at 154; Toledo Railway, 25 at 27¼, 32 at 28; Iron, preferred, 50 at 55; Scotia, common, 100 at 72; Mackay, common, 2 at 74; Dominion Cotton, bonds, 5,000 at 95½, 2,000 at 95½.

UNLISTED SECURITIES.

[Ussher, Playfair & Martens.]

	Toronto, Feb. 14. Asked.	Bid.
Foster Cobalt Mining	228	220
Tretheway	165	155
Silver Queen	222	210
Silver Leaf	19¼	19
Abitibi & Cobalt	40	..
Beaver Silver Cobalt	..	59
Cleveland Cobalt	90	..
Green-Meshan Mining	115	105
Peterson Lake	52	40
Peterson Lake	52	40
Coniagas	435	415
Empress Cobalt	93	91
Con. Mining & Smelting	135	..
Canadian Goldfields	7	6½
Stanley Smelters	100	97

NEW YORK.

	New York, Feb. 14.			
Amal. Copper	115	115	113⅝	113¾
Amer. Locomotive	75	75¼	73¾	73⅞
American Sugar	136½	..	134¾	..
American Smelting	145¼	145⅜	144⅛	144½
Anaconda	297	298½	292	292
Atchison	104⅝	105	103¾	104
Atchison, pfd.	99⅝	..	99	..
Baltimore & Ohio	155⅝	115⅝	114⅝	114⅛
Brooklyn Transit	75⅞	75¼	74½	74⅝
Canadian Pacific	186	186	184⅝	185
Col. Fuel & Iron	50¼	50½	49⅞	49⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	51¾	51¾	51¼	51¼
Chicago & G. W.	16⅛	16⅛	15⅞	16
Rock Island	27	27	26	26
St. Paul	150½	150½	148½	149⅛
Erie	37	37	35¾	35⅞
Erie, 1st pfd.	70	..	..	..
Erie, 2nd pfd.	61½	..	..	..
Louisville & Nash	136¼	136¼	135¼	135¼
Lead	74¼	74¼	72½	72½
Manhattan	145	..	144⅛	..
Mexican Central	25	..	24½	..
Missouri Pacific	85¼	85¼	82½	82⅝
Kansas & Texas	41¼	41⅜	40⅛	40¼
Kansas & Tex., pfd.	70¾	..	..	..
Norfolk & Western	86⅞	..	86½	..
New York Central	129¾	130	128¾	128¾
Pennsylvania	132⅝	132¾	131¼	131½
Pacific Mail	34⅛	..	..	..
People's Gas	97¼	97¼	96¾	97
Pressed Steel Car	53	53	51¼	51¼
Reading	125½	125½	123⅝	124¼
Republic Steel	36½	36⅞	35½	35½
Southern Pacific	96⅛	96¼	94	94¼
Southern Railway	27⅞	27⅝	26½	26½
Southern Ry., pfd.	85¾	..	..	..
Texas Pacific	34	34	33¼	33¼
Twin City	103	..	..	..
U. S. Leather	39¾	39⅝	38	38
U. S. Steel	46¼	46½	45⅜	45½
U. S. Steel, pfd.	105¼	105¼	104¾	104¾
Union Pacific	176	176¾	175⅛	175⅝
Wabash, pfd.	16½	..	16	16⅞

Codfish are sold in Norway by count, regardless of size, which varies greatly. Salt is considered the only desirable preservative, but many are air dried and are known as "stock fish."

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KUROPATKIN TELLS WHY HE LOST WAR

Unpreparedness and Disorganization of the Army.

HIS SUBORDINATES DISOBEYED

Was Whipped at Mukden Because He Lacked a Powerful Reserve Force—Praises Japs.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14. — General Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war, which was confiscated by the Russian Government, has at last become accessible, despite the most extreme precautions to prevent this galling official indictment from reaching the public.

The work consists of three bulky volumes respectively devoted to the three crucial events of the war, the battle of Liao Yang, the battle of the Sha River and the battle of Mukden. The voluminous general orders, statistics, reports and other documentary matter have been collated by Colonel Bolkhovetonoff, of the general staff.

These, with the conclusions which have been formulated, constitute most amazing revelations of disorganization and incapacity, and even of disobedience of specific and urgent orders on the part of certain general officers intrusted with high command in the field, notably General Kaulbars, against whom a formidable indictment is framed, saddling upon his shoulders practically the entire responsibility for the crushing defeat at Mukden.

Why Russia Lost

Kuropatkin's reasons for the failure of the war are based chiefly on a comparison of the warlike spirit of the Japanese, their preparedness and valor, which he says had never been seen in any previous war, and their ability to maintain the numerical superiority necessary to assume the offensive, with the disadvantages of Russia, owing to the inadequacy of the single track railway from Europe in feeding her fighting strength, with commanding officers disobeying orders and in a hopeless state of confusion and cross-purposes, with a low state of morale and confidence among the troops, and continuous news from home of internal troubles and of insults and reproaches against the army.

The general closes his survey of the cause of the defeat of the Russians with the pathetic reflection that if Russia had been united and ready to make the sacrifices necessary to safeguard her dignity and integrity the "Valiant Russian army would have striven till the foe was subdued."

The Mukden volume opens with a sketch of the early events of the war, showing that there were divided counsels from the outset over the defenses of Port Arthur. In February, 1904, Kuropatkin sent two memoranda to the Emperor concerning the plan of operations. In the first he wrote: "During the earlier period of the campaign our chief task must be, not to permit our troops to be beaten in detail, but to gradually strengthen them and prepare ourselves for an advance. We must begin it with sufficient forces and not until we have all the necessaries for an interrupted advance during a comparatively long time."

On the margin of this memoranda the Emperor wrote the laconic comment "just so." Kuropatkin goes on to show how his efforts to realize this programme were checkmated in numerous ways by the deficiencies of the army and the lack of transport and artillery horses, dwelling upon the details given in order to show the utter inadequacy of the Manchurian army to cope with the situation. Indeed, after tracing the events down to the end of May, Kuropatkin admits that had General Kuroki grasped a critical position on the Russian east front, which "fortunately for us he did not, he could have seized Liao Yang as early as the beginning of June."

Unready, Disorganized

The whole narrative is a dismal retrospect of unpreparedness and disorganization. Kuropatkin says of the famous Tenth corps that little energy was shown by its commander and that there was "insufficient firmness in the case of certain regiments, especially among the reservists' rank and file, who under various pretexts went to the rear."

Gen. Bilderling's tactics at Liao Yang are severely criticised. His troops are declared as being raw, inexperienced and untrustworthy, and they met with constant failure. Gen. Orloff's force of 12,000 men simply bolted from the field in wild disorder, with the result that a splendid position was lost. What was lacking throughout the fighting at Liao Yang, Kuropatkin says was "greater effort on the part of the troops and more capable handling on the part of the leaders."

The Retreat to Mukden

The dangers and disadvantages of the retreat from Liao Yang to Mukden are pointed out. When the troops got among the high hills they lost their heads and gave way to panic. The previous experiences of the advance had not inspired them with confidence.

For the indecisive results of the battle of the Sha River, several reasons are given, the first of which is the lack of skill displayed by the chief of the eastern army in handling the large force intrusted to him. After the fall of Port Arthur Kuropatkin describes his plan for a great turning movement and the blame for its failure is thrown upon Gen. Grippenberg.

"It is regrettable," say Kuropatkin, "that a fortnight before the commencement of our advance the chances of success were overturned by certain orders of Grippenberg, which revealed to the enemy the nature of our intended movements."

Concerning the reverse at Sandepu, Kuropatkin says: "The environs and fortifications of that village had not been studied and no sketches of the ground had been prepared for the troops. The result was that the artillery fired for a whole day against Baitaize instead of Sandepu, never touching Sandepu, and having occupied that village the commander thought he was occupying Sandepu, and so reported to me."

Continuing his declaration and criticisms of the operations, Kuropatkin complains of Grippenberg for failing to report and confer with him at the critical juncture, though he had telephoned to his command from a room in his headquarters adjoining the apartments from which he was directing the operations, adding, however, "Personally Grippenberg could not talk to me on account of his deafness."

Scores Grippenberg.

Discussing the results of the fighting, Kuropatkin says: "Thus ended our first attempt to adopt the offensive. It cost about 10,000 men. Of the causes of the failure the chief was, of course, negligence in failing to seriously prepare for storming Sandepu, indicating an absence of the respect for our resourceful enemy, which he deserved."

Grippenberg, later, reported that he was ill, and left for St. Petersburg. "His manner of proceeding in this matter," says Kuropatkin, "set a most deplorable example both to those under him and to the other armies, and was calculated to undermine discipline."

Coming to the fighting before Mukden, Kuropatkin says that quick measures were necessary to save the city, and its defense was intrusted to Gen. Kaulbars. How Kaulbars failed to stop General Nogi's victorious advance is related with much details, constitutes in itself a vivid recital of the blunders, incapacity and consequent disaster. Kaulbars is directly accused of failure to carry out his instructions, and of fatal inactivity in defiance of urgent, reiterated orders at crucial periods of the prolonged and momentous conflict.

General Kuropatkin says: "Kaulbars was ordered on Feb. 15 by the commander-in-chief to ascertain the precise strength of the enemy, the direction of their movements and their intentions. These orders frequently were repeated, but no one obeyed them, and the commander-in-chief consequently was forced to make his decisions hastily on information that was false and incomplete. Kaulbars, who had been specifically assigned to the task of arresting Nogi's turning movement, acted under erroneous information and devoted all his time and attention to the movements of Oku's army on the west front, mistaking it for the forces under Nogi."

After pointing out several other mistakes of which the Japanese took full advantage, details of the forces at the disposal of Kaulbars are tabulated, and it is shown that down to Feb. 15, 35 battalions never went into action, while the Japanese were steadily carrying on a turning movement before their very eyes.

Kuropatkin further declares: "The loss of time and the weakness of the force opposed to Nogi constitute the entire explanation of our failure at Mukden."

The book contains the text of General Kuropatkin's reports to the Emperor, in which he enlarges upon the causes of the defeat at Mukden. Elsewhere, however, Kuropatkin frankly admits to the Emperor that he himself was much to blame for the Mukden defeat, saying he did not insist sufficiently before the beginning of the battle upon a strong reserve for the decisive moment.

A MUSICAL TREAT

A Successful Recital in the Strathroy Methodist Church.

The recital given in the Strathroy Methodist Church last evening, conducted by Mr. St. John Hyttenrauch, under the auspices of the young ladies' Bible class, was a very successful and enjoyable affair. There was a large audience, which showed marked appreciation of the high-class music which was the characteristic of the programme. Mr. St. John Hyttenrauch fully sustained his well-earned reputation as a musician in the roles of director and accompanist. Every number was well rendered, the singing of the young ladies being especially appreciated. Following was the programme:

Piano—Overture to "Ruy Blas" ..... Mendelssohn
First pianos, St. John Hyttenrauch, Lillian Barrie-Ivison; second pianos, Rose Fraser, Florence E. Varnum.

Song—"Dost Thou Know that Sweet Land" ("Mignon") ..... Thomas
Lillian Barrie-Ivison.

Piano—Polonaise in C sharp minor..Chopin
Florence E. Varnum.

Song—"My Hame is Where the Heather Blooms" ("Rob Roy").....De Koven
Agnes McGugan.

Piano—
(a) "On the Ocean".....Haberbier
(b) "The Forester".....Schytte
(c) "Elfin Dance".....Jensen

Recit. and Aria—"With Verdure Clad". ("Creation") ..... Haydn
Lillian Barrie-Ivison.

Piano—Concerto, 1st movement in G minor ..... Mendelssohn
First piano, Rose Fraser; second piano, St. John Hyttenrauch.

Song—"All is Still".....Maxwell Croomer
Agnes McGugan.

Piano—Valse Brilliante, E flat.....Chopin
Lillian Barrie-Ivison.

Piano—Polonaise ..... Weber
Rose Fraser.

Song—(Old Scotch) .....—
Lillian Barrie-Ivison.

Piano—Three octave studies.....Kullak
Rose Fraser.

Son—"O Divine Redeemer".....Gounod
Lillian Barrie-Ivison.

Piano—"Aufforderung zum Tanz"....Weber
Florence E. Varnum.

Piano—Overture, "Jubel".....Mendelssohn
First piano, St. John Hyttenrauch, Lillian Barrie-Ivison; second piano, Florence E. Varnum, Rose Fraser.

RALLY AT NEWBURY

Conservatives Hear Addresses by A. C. Pratt and Mr. Gamey.

Newbury, Ont., Feb. 14.—A Conservative meeting in the interests of the party candidate, Mr. Geo. Stewart, was held here this evening, Messrs. Gamey and A. C. Pratt, M. P. P. for South Norfolk, being the principal speakers. The latter's address was devoted largely to a discussion of the new schools' act, and a rather lame explanation of Mr. Whitney's backdown. Gamey's address was the usual denunciation of the late Government and praise of the present.

THEY ARE A POWERFUL NERVINE.—Dyspepsia causes derangement of the nervous system, and nervous debility once engendered is difficult to deal with. There are many testimonials as to the efficacy of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills in treating this disorder, showing that they never fail to produce good results. By giving proper tone to