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THE MARKETS.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

MONTREAL, May 23.

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	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	134⅞	134⅜
Canadian Pacific, new	128¾	128
Duluth, common	18	..
Duluth, preferred	32½	31
Winnipeg Electric	..	135
Montreal Street Railway	250	278¾
West India	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	122⅞	122¾
Halifax Street Railway	107	104
St. John Street Railway	..	117¼
Twin City Transit Railway	121¼	120½
Richelieu and Ontario	113¾	113¾
Commercial Cable	165	160
Montreal Telegraph	170	167
Bell Telephone	..	168
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	56	55⅝
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	96¼	96
Montreal Heat, Light & Power	104	103¼
Nova Scotia Steel, common	..	..
Laurentide Pulp	..	..
Montreal Cotton	115	135
Dominion Cotton	63	62½
Canada Colored Cotton	61	51
Merchants' Cotton	84	..
Payne	..	..
Republic	..	..
Virtue	..	..
North Star	30	..
National Salt, common		
Dominion Coal, common	138½	136¼
Dominion Coal, pref	..	..
Bank of Montreal	262	259
Ontario Bank	..	130
Molsons Bank	210	206
Bank of Toronto	..	240
Merchants Bank		145
Royal Bank	180	..
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	..
Quebec Bank	..	117
Union Bank	..	123
Bank of Commerce	..	..
Hochelaga	..	..
Northwest Land, pref	..	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	92¼	92

SALES: C. P. R., 25 at 133½, 200 at 133¼, 75 at 133½, 25 at 133¼, 150 at 133½, 100 at 133, 100 at 133⅛, 150 at 133⅛, 150 at 133½, 50 at 134, 375 at 134½, 20 at 134, 100 at 134¼, 125 at 134½, 800 new at 128; Halifax Street; 125 at 104; Dominion Coal, 100 at 136¾, 25 at 136½; Scotia bonds, 5,000 at 111; Steel, common, 10 at 57, 175 at 55¾, 75 at 55½; Steel, preferred, 75 at 96; Steel bonds, 13,000 at 92½; Dominion Cotton, 5 at 64, 50 at 62¾, 25 at 63, 25 at 62¼, 10 at 62, 125 at 62½, 25 at 63; Twin City, 125 at 120½, 250 at 121; Virtue, 500 at 3, 4,000 at 9¾, 59,250 at 10; Bell Telephone rights, 12 at 9, 5 at 8; Power, 250 at 102; 125 at 102¼, 575 at 102½, 125 at 102¾, 25 at 102½, 275 at 102¼, 50 at 102⅜, 225 at 103, 900 at 103, 50 at 103¼, 825 at 103, 100 at 103¼, 200 at 103⅛, 50 at 104; Toronto Street, 50 at 122¾, 350 at 122, 100 at 122¾, 5 at 121¼, 350 at 122, 25 at 123, 250 at 123¼, 25 at 122, 150 at 122¾; Street Railway bonds, 300 at 105⅛, 100 at 105¼, 1,600 at 105½; Montreal Street, 150 at 273⅜, 125 at 274¼, 700 at 275, 75 at 275, 25 at 277½, 25 at 277¾, 100 at 277, 175 at 278; R. and O., 12 at 112, 50 at 113, 50 at 113¼.

TORONTO STOCKS.

TORONTO, May 23.

SALES: Toronto, 20 at 242; Canada Northwest Land, 200 at 91; Canadian General Electric, 2 at 209½, 18 at 210; Dominion Telegraph, 100 at 120; Cable, 3 at 162; R. and O., 25 at 112¾, 175 at 113, 15 at 113⅛; Northern Navigation, 11 at 168; Toronto Railway, 25 at 122½, 110 at 122¾, 25 at 122⅝; Twin City, 225 and 25 at 121, 25 at 120¾, 10 and 200 at 121¼; C. P. R., 100, 15 and 50 at 133⅜, 90, 425, 16 and 600 at 133¼, 275 and 75 at 133⅛, 125 at 133, 25 at 133½, 100 at 133⅝, 50 at 133⅞, 100 at 134, 175, 650 and 325 at 134⅛, 600 and 15 at 134¼; C. P. R., new, 7 at 128, 250 at 128¼, 300 and 100 at 128½; Dominion Steel, common, 25 at 56.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, May 23.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

	Yesterday's Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	2p.m.
Anaconda	117	118	118	117	117⅛
Amal. Copper	70⅝	71¾	71¾	70⅝	70⅝
Atcheson	79¾	80⅛	80⅝	79⅝	80⅛
Atcheson Pfd	98	98	98⅛	98	98⅛
B. & O.	106⅞	106½	..	..	..
Brooklyn Tran.	66⅞	66	66¾	66	66¼
C. B. & Q.	..	..	..	..	..
C. C. C.	..	..	..	..	..
C. F. I.	98½	98⅛	99	98⅛	99
Erie	36¾	36⅞	36⅞	36⅛	36⅞
K. & T. Pfd	56⅝	55¾	56	55¾	56
L. & N.	139	139¼	140¼	139½	140
Manhattan	132	131⅞	132⅜	131¾	132⅜
Metropolitan St.	149¾	149⅝	149¾	149	149¾
Mo. P.	99¾	99⅝	100	99⅝	99¾
N. Y. Central	156½	156⅛	157	156	157
Norfolk and W.	56⅝	56⅜	56¾	56½	56½
N. Pacific Pfd	..	..	..	..	..
Ont. and West.	32⅝	32⅝	..	..	..
Pacific Mail	40	41	42¼	41	42
Pennsylvania	149¾	149⅝	149⅞	149⅝	149¾
People's Gas	102½	102½	102⅝	102	102⅛
R. I.	174	174	..	..	..
Reading	82¾	83½	..	..	..
St. Paul	170⅝	170⅞	171⅜	169⅞	171¼
Southern Ry.	35	34⅝	35⅞	34⅛	34⅞
Southern Pacific	64⅜	64⅜	65	64⅜	65
Texas	..	..	..	..	..
T. C. I.	63¾	63⅝	63⅞	63	63
U. Pacific	104⅝	105	105⅛	104½	105¼
W. Union	91	91¾	91¾	90¾	90⅞
TRUSTS—					
Leather	8⅛	..	..	..	..
Sugar	129¾	129½	129¾	128¾	129⅛
U.S. Steel, com.	40¾	40⅜	40¾	40⅛	40¾
U. S. Steel, pref.	90¾	90⅜	90⅜	90⅛	90¼
Rubber	15	15	15	14¾	15

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported for The Advertiser by F. H. Butler, stock broker.

CHICAGO, May 23.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	74	74	73½	73½
July	74	74¾	73¾	73¾
Sept	73⅝	73¾	73⅛	73⅜
Corn—May	61⅝	61¾	61¼	61¼
July	62¾	62¾	61⅞	61⅞
Sept	60⅜	60⅞	59⅞	59⅞
Oats—May	43¼	44	43½	43½
July	35⅝	35¾	35⅛	35⅜
Sept	29¼	29¼	29⅛	29⅛
Pork—May	16 95	....	....	....
July	17 15	17 15	16 97	17 02
Sept	17 12	....	....	....
Lard—May	1 015	....	....	....
July	10 25	10 27	10 10	10 15
Sept	10 27	10 27	10 12	10 1.
Ribs—May	....	....	....	....
July	9 62	9 65	9 55	9 55
Sept	9 65	9 67	9 57	9 57

THE LOCAL MARKET.

London, Friday, May 23.

Wheat, white, per bu		82½c	to 82½c
Wheat, red, per bu		82½c	to 82½c
Corn, per bu		61c	to 62c
Oats, per bu		46½c	to 46¾c
Peas, per bu		75c	to 90c
Barley, per bu		55c	to 60c
Beans, per bu		70c	to 80c
GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, per 100 lbs	$1 37	@	$1 37
Wheat, red, per 100 lbs	1 37	@	1 37
Oats, per 100 lbs	1 36	@	1 37
Peas, per 100 lbs	1 10	@	1 40
Peas, per 100 lbs	1 20	@	1 20
Barley, per 100 lbs	1 10	@	1 25
Beans, per bu	70	@	80
HAY AND SEEDS.			
Hay, per ton	$9 00	@	$9 50
Straw, per ton	6 00	@	6 00
Clover seed, red, per bu	4 50	@	5 00
Clover seed, alsike, bu	9 00	@	9 50
Timothy seed, per bu	2 50	@	3 50
Hungarian seed, per bu	60	@	70
Millet seed, per bu	60	@	70
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes, per bag	80	@	90
Cabbage, per doz	75	@	1 00
Celery, per doz	35	@	50
Beets, per bag	50	@	60
Turnips, per bag	25	@	35
Carrots, per bag	35	@	40
Parsnips, per bag	50	@	50
Lettuce, per doz	20	@	30
Green onions, per doz	20	@	30
Green rhubard, per doz	20	@	25
Green parsley, per doz	20	@	30
Radishes, per doz	30	@	40
FRUITS.			
Apples, per bbl	3 00	@	4 00
Apples, per bag	1 25	@	1 50
Apples, dried, per lb	5	@	6
DAIRY PRODUCE.			
Butter, per roll, baskets	15	@	16
Butter, crock, per lb	15	@	15
Eggs, doz, basket lots	11½	@	12
Eggs, doz., new laid	12	@	13
Honey, strained, per lb	11	@	12½
Honey, in comb, per lb	14	@	15
POULTRY.			
Ducks, per pair	65	@	90
Turkeys, per lb	13	@	13
Geese, each	70	@	90
MEATS.			
Dressed hogs, per cwt	8 75	@	9 00
Pork, by the quarter	8	@	10
Beef, by the carcase	5 00	@	8 00
Beef, by the quarter	6 00	@	8 00
Veal, quarter, per lb	5	@	6
Mutton, carcase, per lb	6	@	8
Spring lamb, per lb	9c	@	11
LIVE HOGS AND CATTLE.			
Hogs, selects, per cwt	6 75	@	6 75
Hogs, small, per pair	5 00	@	7 00
Stags and sows, cwt	2 00	@	4 00
Fat cattle, per cwt	4 50	@	5 60
HIDES AND SKINS.			
Wool, unwashed, per lb	6	@	7
Wool, washed, per lb	12	@	12
Tallow, rough, per lb	3	@	3½
Tallow, rendered, per lb	5	@	5½

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TORONTO SHARE MARKET ACTIVE.

Toronto, May 23.—The local share market was fairly active and strong this morning, the comparative ease in money, with the better tone in foreign markets tending to infuse life into speculative issues. C. P. R. still monopolized most of the business, with sales totalling over 4,000 shares of the old and 650 of the new stock. The course of prices followed New York, when during the morning it touched 134⅝. After opening ⅜ higher, at 133⅝, it advanced to 134¼. New stock advanced to 128½.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; steady; good to prime steers, $7 to $7 55; poor to medium, $5 to $6 75; stockers and feeders, $2 75 to $5 25; cows, $1 50 to $6; heifers, $2 50 to $6 50; canners, $1 50 to $2 50; bulls, $2 50 to $5 60; calves, $2 50 to $7; Texas-fed steers, $5 50 to $6 85. Hogs—Receipts, 23,000; left over, 8,875; best strong, others weak; mixed and butchers, $6 90 to $7 30; good to choice heavy, $7 15 to $7 40; rough heavy, $6 95 to $7 15; light, $6 70 to $7; bulk of sales at $6 95 to $7 20. Sheep—Receipts, 9,000; sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $5 75 to $6 25; fair to choice mixed, $5 to $5 75; native lambs, $5 to $7.

EAST BUFFALO, May 23.—Cattle—Receipts light; unchanged. Veals—Receipts, 450 head; active and strong; tops, $6 75 to $7; fair to good, $6 to $6 50; common to light, $5 to $5 75. Hogs—Receipts, 7,700 head; opened fairly active and 5c to 10c lower on Yorkers; others steady, closing strong on good weights; fairly steady; heavy, $7 40 to $7 45; mixed, $7 30 to $7 35; Yorkers, $7 to $7 10; light Yorkers, $6 90 to $6 95; pigs, $6 90; roughs, $6 50 to $6 90; stags, $5 50 to $5 75. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 16,400 head; dull and 10c lower on sheep, 25c lower for lambs; top lambs, $6 90 to $7 05; fair to good, $6 50 to $6 75; culls, common, $4 to $5 50; yearlings, $6 to $6 25; sheep, mixed tops, $5 50 to $5 75; fair to good, $5 to $5 40; culls and common, $3 to $4 25.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, May 23—Closing.

Wheat—Spot steady; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 4d; No. 1 California, 6s 5d. Futures closed steady; May, 6s 1d; July, 6s 1d; Sept., 6s 2⅝d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 5s 7¾d; American mixed, old, 5s 8½d. Futures closed quiet; July, 5s 3½d; Oct., 5s 2½d.

Peas—Canadian, 6s 10d.

Beef—Extra India mess firm, 102s 6d.

Pork—Firm; prime mess western, 75s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 51s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, steady, 51s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, steady, 52s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, steady, 51s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, steady, 52s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 52s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, steady, 39s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, quiet, 51s 9d; American refined, in pails, quiet, 51s 9d.

Butter—Nominal.

Cheese—American finest colored, old, firm, 60s; American finest colored, new, firm, 54s 6d.

Tallow—Firm; prime city, 31s; Australian (in London), 34s.

Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, spot dull, 27s.

Turpentine spirits—Firm, 35s.

Rosin—Common steady, 4s 1½d.

Petroleum—Refined steady, 7½d.

Linseed oil—Firm, 33s 3d.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 23.—Oil closed at $1 20.

DAIRY MARKETS.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Butter—Steady; receipts, 4,432 pkgs; creamery extras, per lb, 22c; do, choice, 20c to 20½c; do, lower grades, 18c to 19½c; western factory, firsts, 19c to 19½c; do, seconds, 18½c to 18¾c; do, thirds, 17c to 18c; renovated, fancy, 20c to 20½c; do, common to good, 18c to 19½c; packing stock, 17c to 17½c. Cheese—Weak; receipts, 2,569 boxes; new state full cream, small colored, choice, 12c to 12¼c; do, fair to good, 11½c to 11¾c; do, white, choice, 12¼c; do, fair to good, 11½c to 11¾c; do, large colored, choice, 10¾c to 11c; do, white, choice, 11c; do, fair to good, 10¾c to 10½c; light skims, small choice, 10¼c; do, large choice, 9c to 9½c; part skims, prime, 8½c to 9c; do, fair to good, 6c to 7c; do, common, 4c to 5c; full skims, 3c to 3½c. Eggs—Firm; receipts, 8,923 cases; loss off, western regular packings, 17½c to 18½c; at mark, state and Pennsylvania, fancy selected white, 19c; do, average prime, 17½c to 18c; western storage selections, good to fancy, 17c to 18c; do, regular packings, graded, 17c to 17½c; do, ungraded, 15½c to 17c; southern, 14c to 15c; dirties, 14c to 15c; checks, 12c to 14c.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Flour—Receipts, 23,570 bbls; sales, 3,570 pkgs; flour was dull and barely steady, without change. Rye flour—Steady; fair to good, $3 15 to $3 40; choice to fancy, $3 50 to $3 65. Wheat—Receipts, 56,575 bu; sales, 540,000 bu; wheat was steady all the forenoon on small northwest receipts and sympathy with corn, but ruled dull; July, 80c to 80⅜c; Sept., 78⅜c to 78½c; Dec., 79⅜c to 79 15-16c. Rye—Steady; state, 62c to 63c, c.i.f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 65¾c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Sales, 70,000 bu; corn advanced half a cent on small receipts and general covering; May, 70c; July, 67⅜c to 67¾c; Dec., 51⅞c to 52c. Oats—Receipts, 77,500 bu; oats were steadier with corn. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 2⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2 11-16c; refined steady. Coffee—Quiet. Lead—Steady. Wool—Steady. Hops—Firm.

BUFFALO, May 23.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, 79¼c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 83c; No. 3 extra red, 83c; No. 1 white, 86c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 68½c; No. 3 yellow, 48c; No. 2 mixed, 47⅜c, on track. Oats—No. 2 white, 48½c; No. 3 white, 47¾c; No. 2 mixed, 46c, on track.

DETROIT, Mich., May 23.—Wheat—No. 1 white, cash, 87c; No. 2 red, cash and May, 86c; July, 77¼c.

VICTORIA DAY IS USHERED IN BY NEWS OF PEACE IN AFRICA

Government Regards the War as Practically Ended—All Over But the Shouting.

Curious Crowds Watch Ministers Gather.

ROSEATE VIEW OF SITUATION

Believed To Be Justified by Results of British Cabinet Meeting—Elation May Be Premature.

[Associated Press Dispatch.]

London, May 23.—Greater public interest was manifested in today's meeting of the cabinet than has been the case in any meeting since the earlier stages of the war. The ministers reached Downing street (where the foreign office, colonial office, and other government offices are situated), from all parts of the country, and were greeted by hundreds of people anxious for some sign of the probable trend of affairs.

The stock exchange has fully made up its mind how things are going, and declares that the bases of peace were signed at Pretoria yesterday.

The cabinet meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. The Associated Press has ascertained that the government regards the war as

PRACTICALLY ENDED

Advices received by the war office indicate that whatever decision the Vereeniging conference may arrive at, most, if not all, of the Boer leaders who went to Pretoria will not continue the fight. The present negotiations were merely for the purpose of enabling the Boer leaders to "save their faces."

After they learn the results of this afternoon's meeting of the cabinet, the Boer leaders are expected to announce their

RELUCTANT ACQUIESCENCE

with the British terms. The war office does not expect any serious defections of the rank and file from the line taken up by Gens. Botha and Dewet.

Every precaution is being taken at Downing Street to prevent premature public elation, in view of the possibility that a portion of the Vereeniging delegates might bolt and continue the struggle without their leaders. Privately, however, confidence is expressed in official circles that everything is over but the shouting.

Special Cabinet Meeting.

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

London, May 23.—A special meeting of the cabinet was held today at the foreign office to consider Lord Kitchener's dispatch with reference to the negotiations for peace in South Africa. Several of the ministers came long distances to attend the meeting. Mr. A. J. Balfour came from Gloucestershire, Mr. Chamberlain from Birmingham, Lord Cadogan from Ireland, Lord Shelbourne from Portsmouth, and Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, from Scotland.

INTERESTED CROWDS.

Large crowds gathered in Downing street to watch the arrival of the ministers. The Marquis of Salisbury first appeared, having driven across the Horseguards parade. Mr. Chamberlain drove to the colonial office and then walked to the foreign office. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach walked from his residence, and Mr. A. J. Balfour at this moment drove up idly in his carriage. The lord chancellor, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Earl Cadogan, the Marquis of Londonderry, Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Ackers Douglass, Mr. Hanbury and Lord Ashburne followed in quick succession. By 3:40 all the members of the cabinet had arrived.

PROCEEDINGS SECRET.

The meeting lasted until 5:10. Nothing is known as to the proceedings, but there is a tendency toward hopefulness.

On the Stock Exchange Consols rose ⅛.

The Central News learns that the cabinet approved a reply to the points raised by the Boer leaders, and communicated it to the colonial office by Lord Milner yesterday. Two or three days, it is added, will probably elapse before the Boer decision in regard to this reply is known.

The evening newspapers are very optimistic over the prospect of peace. The Pall Mall Gazette says there is good reason to believe that there has been very substantial progress made since Sunday in the direction of peace.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED.

It is stated in some quarters that the cabinet is expected to make a very important announcement in the House of Commons tonight. It is more likely, however, that a statement from the government will be made in the house on Monday.

On the other hand the St. James' Gazette says that a dispatch has been received, of a controversial nature, which led to the summoning of a meeting of the cabinet. No immediate decision can be looked for.

STOCKS GO UP.

All stocks in Capel Court today were decidedly buoyant on the prospects of peace. The Kaffirs were especially firm. The houses which have been buying these stocks largely of late are mostly in touch with the Dutch element.

ENDED IN A HITCH.

Today's meeting of the cabinet ended in a hitch. Beyond the fact that there had been a desire to assent to everything that would make the appearance of peace possible, nothing is really known. After the cabinet dispersed there was a less sanguine feeling at the sock exchange. It is understood that the hitch—which undoubtedly occurred—involving probably some days' dispute, is not of a nature to prevent a continuance of the negotiations.

Secretary of War Brodrick spoke tonight at the dinner of the volunteers. He said the government was determined not to purchase temporary immunity from trouble by sacrificing permanent peace in South Africa.

The only minister who remained in London after the meeting of the cabinet was Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, who remains in communication with Lord Milner. It is not likely that another cabinet meeting will be held for some time.

ONE ABSENTEE.

The Duke of Devonshire, president of the council who, next to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, is the chief supporter of peace, was the only absentee from the meeting.

Mr. Chamberlain, who was leader of the party that is determined to finish the war irrespective of the consequences of the coronation, had an interview with the King after the meeting of the cabinet.

The Telegraph says that the interchange of views between the British and Boers had been so incomplete that Mr. Balfour cannot make a statement in the House of Commons on Monday.

The Times concurs in the statement that there has been a hitch in the negotiations because some of the points raised were regarded as inadmissible.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Today: Fair and Warm; Thunder Storms in Many Places.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 23—8 p.m.—Thunderstorms have been fairly general again today in Ontario and Quebec, and showers have occurred over the Northwest Territories. The outlook is still unsettled, and more thunderstorms are generally indicated.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46—58; Kamloops, 46—66; Calgary, 40—50; Qu'Appelle, 52—62; Winnipeg, 40—56; Port Arthur, 48—68; the Soo, 50—80; Toronto, 58—79; Ottawa, 60—82; Montreal, 62—82; Quebec, 60—80; Halifax, 46—68.

Probabilities for the lower lakes and Georgian Bay: Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; for the most part fair and decidedly warm, but thunderstorms at many places.

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Medicines are but small items in the successful treatment of diseases in the present day up-to-date physician's practice.

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QUEEN'S OWN AND 48TH HIGHLANDERS

En Route to London and Windsor—The Former 550 Strong.

Toronto, May 23.—The Queen's Own Rifles and 48th Highlanders left town tonight to spend Victoria Day in London and Windsor respectively. The Queen's Own mustered 550 strong, including 29 officers and 44 sergeants. Col. Pellett was in command. With them went No. 4 Bearer Company, 3 officers and 34 non-commissioned officers and men. The regiment left the Union station at 11 o'clock, its train going in two sections. The 48th Highlanders left 521 strong, their largest parade of the sort on record. Col. Macdonald was in command. Headed by a band of pipers, they marched up University avenue and through Queen's Park to North Toronto station, where they entrained for Windsor.

The Death Record.

Brockville, Ont., May 23.—Joseph Best died last night at the ripe age of 97 years. He came to Brockville from Ireland when a lad, and lived here nearly all his life. He was wounded in Prescott in 1837, and received a pension in consequence.

Winnipeg, Man., May 23.—C. W. Beynon, district registrar of the land titles office, at Portage la Prairie, died this morning of pneumonia, aged 45. He came from Brampton, Ont., and was a graduate of Toronto University.

Carberry, Man., May 23.—Wm. Clark, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, is dead. He came to this place twelve years ago from Omemee, Ont. He was aged 63.

Halifax, N. S., May 23.—Jas. T. Hamilton, ex-mayor, died at 7 o'clock this morning, aged 50. He was unmarried.

Windsor, Ont., May 23.—Mrs. Christina Jane Baby, one of Sandwich town's oldest residents, died last evening. She was the wife of the late William D. Baby, who died at Sandwich 40 years ago. Mrs. Baby was born in Montreal in 1821 her family name being Wilson.

Highest Award, Charleston Exposition

Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass., have received from the jury on awards at the Charleston, S. C., Exposition, the highest prize, a gold medal, for the superiority of their Breakfast Cocoa and their plain and sweet chocolates. This makes the 39th highest award received by this company from the great industrial and food expositions in Europe and America.

HO . GEORGE W. ROSS SPEAKS AT WINDSOR

Enthusiastic Audience Fills the 21st Essex Fusiliers Armory.

Windsor, Ont., May 23.—A big audience turned out at the 21st Essex Fusiliers' armories here tonight to hear the leader of the government, Hon. George W. Ross, speak on the issues of the campaign. John Holden, chairman of the North Essex Liberal Association, occupied the chair, and introduced the speakers.

W. J. McKee, Liberal candidate in this riding, spoke briefly, and was followed by R. F. Sutherland, M.P., North Essex. Mr. Ross then addressed the audience on the issues of the contest, and gave a spirited speech on the platform of the party.

A JARVIS BLAZE.

Jarvis, Ont., May 23.—A fire occurred tonight in a building owned by Dr. W. A. Howell and occupied as a residence by W. E. Morrow. The building was completely destroyed and only part of the contents were saved and in a damaged condition. There is understood to be a fair insurance both on the building and contents.

WINDSOR IS FESTIVE.

Windsor, Ont., May 23.—Windsor is beginning to assume a festive air, an advance guard of the Highlanders of 24 men under the command of Lieut. Darling, arriving this morning at the Crawford House, and paraded down Sandwich street. It is said that over 2,000 soldiers will be in Windsor tomorrow night. The streets are being gaily decorated with flags and bunting. Twenty thousand visitors are expected

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THE PUBLIC JUST GOT TIRED OF IT

Why Negro Minstrelsy Died Out—Like Case in Other Amusements.

"One of the points in the discussion of the decline of negro minstrelsy that is never touched on," said a manager who at one time was much interested in this branch of amusement, "is in the matter of style in theatrical performances. Negro minstrelsy, after a long period of popularity, went out of style just as other kinds of theatrical performances have in the past and will continue to in the future. There are fewer traces of this burnt cork phase of theatrical art now left because it was an elementary kind of stage production in many ways, and when it went there was nothing of it left worth holding on to.

"Experienced managers know that there is a distinct fashion in all forms of theatrical entertainments, and that it is impossible to make the public recover its interest in a style that has begun to wane.

"I will give you some instances of this capriciousness of the public. Four or five years ago this part of the country was daft over expensive, imported vaudeville. Two theaters devoted to that kind of a show made a great deal of money for a while, or at all events, took in very large receipts. Suddenly the public taste for this kind of entertainment was gratified, and the people refused to be dragged into these theaters. Nowadays there isn't a house of that kind in the city, and there are fewer devoted to any kind of vaudeville than there were four years ago. Vaudeville went out of fashion, and that settled it.

"There are some other instances equally indicative of what may happen when the public decides that it has had enough. The Harrigan & Hart plays had at one time a great vogue, and it did not seem as if they could ever lose their popularity. But they began to pall on the public after a while and their day was at an end.

"The German farces at Daly's were the same sort of a case. For nearly ten years they were played with great success there. They were about as good at the end of that time as they had been at the beginning, and although some of the actors had left the company new ones were there to take their places. But these plays had gone out of style and there was absolutely no way of bringing the public in to see them. They can never, of course, be made popular again whatever happens.

"This was also the fate of the French farces imported from Paris. They are as ingenious in construction now as they ever were, and ought to be just as amusing. But they, too, have gone out of fashion. So have the burlesques of the English type imported by Lydia Thompson, the comic operas of the old conventional kind and English melodramas of the character once liked here.

"All these phases of theatrical performance lost their vogue. Of course, negro minstrelsy, after a certain time, also lost its novelty. The end of the thing had come. There was nothing more for the comedians to do and no new ones to do it. A few years ago the negro humor came back to the stage in a new form, in the cakewalkers and real negro actors, who suddenly became popular. But that was as near a revival of negro minstrelsy as there is likely to be.

"There may be something new that a manager will call negro minstrelsy, but it will not be in the least like the original thing. That has gone for good, and it went for the excellent reason that the public had had enough of it. It had its day like other kinds of amusement, and it is a fact of that business that nothing is ever revived to repeat its first success.

"I don't think that there is any particular cause for regret in the disappearance of negro minstrelsy, for it was not an especially high form of dramatic art. But it is always a surprise to me that so many persons who have the time to deplore the disappearance of negro minstrelsy never realize why it happened."

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COAL AND STEEL ARRANGEMENT.

Montreal, May 23.—The agreement between the Dominion Coal Company and the Dominion Steel Company, by which the latter secures a lease of the coal company by the payment of 8 per cent on the common stock, was ratified at a meeting of the directors of both companies today. It was agreed that the royalty to be paid by the steel company on all coal in excess of 3,500,000 tons should be reduced from 15 to 7½ cents a ton. This will effect a considerable annual saving. The steel company will also secure all the assets of the coal company, as well as assuming the liabilities.

CLASS DISTINCTIONS

"The Classes" and "The Masses" Are Misleading Terms.

[The London Spectator.]

Some sort of class feeling is, we believe, inherent in human nature. People often speak as though these demarcations existed only among the middle and upper classes, but such is not the fact. Indeed, it is very far from the fact. No more misleading labels than "the classes" and "the masses" were ever invented. There are no masses, rightly speaking. Class distinctions go almost to the bottom; not quit, of course, because there is always a residuum who through neither fault or their misfortune have neither the pride nor the imagination to sort themselves. Money is not an absolute criterion of