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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, Feb. 11—Noon.—There has been a sort of holiday tone to the trading today, and activity has been restricted to some extent. Professional traders dominate the market, and their operations are confined to scalping profits out of fractions. The exception to this was the bear attack on New York Central, lead by a well-known operator on the short side. The stock broke easily and it has exhibited no strength of late. It is said that the company will issue new stock to finance its terminal improvements, or that it will need money in some way. This is the old bear argument, of course, but it is effective. Pennsylvania did not act well, and St. Paul was reactionary. Baltimore and Ohio sold ex-dividend, but held relatively well. The story on the stock issue of St. Paul was denied, but it did not help the stock materially. Amalgamated Copper and the Steel stocks were strong. Pool activity in Brooklyn Rapid Transit was again in evidence. This is a political combination, and it may succeed in putting the stock higher. The afternoon market is likely to be dull. Sales to noon were 184,400 shares.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, Feb. 11. Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	115⅞	115½
Winnipeg Electric	200	..
Wes India	75	45
Montreal Street Railway	203	202½
Toronto Railway	99	97⅞
Halifax Railway	90½	87
Twin City	90	89
Richelieu & Ontario	82	80½
Commercial Cable	..	187
Montreal Telegraph	162	158
Bell Telephone	160	151
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	9	8¾
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	26¼	25
Montreal H. L. and P	70½	70¼
Nova Scotia Steel, com	76½	75¼
Detroit Railway	62¾	61¼
Montreal Cotton	115	110
Dominion Cotton	40	34
Payne	13½	10
Dominion Coal, common	59	58½
Montreal Street Bonds, new	105	..
Int. Coal	100	75
Bank of Montreal	250	..
British N. America	198	..
Merchants	..	151
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Flour	120	115
Bank of Nova Scotia	268	262
Quebec Bank	119	..
Union Bank	135	..
Dominion I. and S. Bonds	55	53½
Colored Cotton	98	..
Toledo Railway	20½	20¾

SALES: C. P. R., 50 at 115¾; Montreal Railway, 25 at 202½; Iron, preferred, 10 at 26¾; Iron, common, 50 at 8⅞, 50 at 8¾; Toronto Railway, 10 at 98; Power, 25 at 70¼; Twin City Railway, 25 at 89, 75 at 88¾, 50 at 89; Ogilvie, preferred, 15 at 20; Montreal Cotton, 25 at 110; Cable, 6 at 187½; Scotia, preferred, 50 at 15; Bank of Montreal, 16 at 248½, 4 at 249.

TORONTO.

	Toronto, Feb. 11 Ask.	Off
Montreal	..	246
Ontario	..	125
Toronto	..	227
Commerce	153	150
Imperial	215	212
Dominion	227	225½
Hamilton	..	206
Nova Scotia	..	262
Ottawa	215	..
British North America	100	..
Traders	139	136
Western Assurance	95½	..
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers Gas	202	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land pref	..	98
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	115¾	115½
Soo. pref	122	119
Soo, common	60	59
Toronto Electric Light	..	131½
General Electric	146	..
London Electric	100	..
Commercial Cable	190	187
Dominion Telegraph	..	117
Richelieu and Ontario Nav Co	82	70
Northern Navigation	80	..
St. L. and C. Navigation	112	..
Toronto Street Railway	100	97
Twin City Railway, new	89	88⅞
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	160
Sao Paulo Tramway	90	88
Dominion Steel, com	9	8
Dominion Coal, com	59¼	58¾
Nova Scotia Steel	77	75
Canada Salt	117	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I	..	85
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv	..	103
Canada Permanent	..	123
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	150	..
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron & Erie L. & S. Co	..	178
Landed Banking and Loan	..	119
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	86
London Loan	120	113
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	121

SALES: Dominion Bank, 39 at 225¾; C. P. R., 100 at 115¾, 50 at 115⅞, 50 at 115½; Coal, 25 at 59, 20 at 58¾.

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NEW YORK.

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

New York, Feb. 11	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	46	46⅛	45⅞	46¼
American Sugar Co	123⅞	124½	123¼	124
American Locomotive	21⅛	21⅜	21⅛	21¾
Atcheson, com	67⅞	67⅞	67¼	67⅞
B. & O	76¼	77⅛	76¼	76⅞
Brooklyn Tran	42¼	43¼	42	42⅞
C. P. R	115¾	116	115¼	115½
Chic. Great Western	15¾	15¾	15½	15½
Col. Fuel and Iron	31	..	..	..
Delaware and Hudson	159	159	158¾	158¾
Erie	25⅞	25⅞	25⅝	25¾
Erie Pfd	63⅞	64	63⅞	64
Illinois Central	127	127¼	126¼	127
Kan. and Tex. pref	36¼	..	..	..
Louisville and Nashville	103¼	103¼	102⅞	103
Manhattan	141¾	141¾	141⅜	141⅝
Metropolitan St. Ry	116¾	117	116¼	117
Mexican Central	16⅞	16⅞	16⅛	16⅛
M. P.	89	89½	89	89½
N. Y Central	115	115	113¾	114
Norfolk and W	87⅞	..	..	..
Nat. and West	20¾	20⅞	20¾	20⅞
Pacific Mail S. S. Co	28¼	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	113	114⅛	113	114
People's Gas	99¼	..	..	..
Reading	41½	42⅛	41⅞	41⅞
South. Railway	23½	23½	23½	23½

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Tennessee Coal & Iron	36⅛	..	..	..
Union Pacific	77¼	77⅛	77⅛	77⅛
U. S. Leather, pref	77	77⅛	77	77
U. S. Rubber	11⅞	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, com	11⅛	11⅜	11⅛	11⅛
U. S. Steel pref	56⅞	57⅛	56⅞	57
Wabash, com	18¼	18⅝	18¼	18⅜
Wabash, pref	35	35⅜	34¾	35
Wisconsin Central	18¼	18⅛	18¼	18⅛
Wisconsin Central pref	42⅞	..	..	..

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, Feb. 11	Open	High.	Low	Close
Wheat—May	96	96½	91⅞	95⅞
July	87⅞	88⅝	86¾	87¾
Sept	83	83⅝	82¾	83¼
Corn—May	53¼	54¼	52⅞	53⅞
July	51¾	52¾	51¼	52⅛
Sept	50⅞	51⅝	50⅞	51⅜
Oats—May	41⅞	42¼	41¼	45
July	38⅞	39¾	38½	39¼
Sept	33⅝	33¾	33½	33¾
Pork—May	14 70	14 82	14 50	14 82
July	14 72	14 82	14 60	14 77
Lard—May	7 70	7 75	7 65	7 72
July	7 75	7 82	7 70	7 82
Ribs—May	7 15	7 17	7 05	7 12
July	7 25	7 30	7 17	7 25

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LOCAL MARKET.

London, Thursday, Feb. 11.

The supply of farm products on the market today consisted of the same lines that were offered on Tuesday, such as hay, oats and dressed hogs. The smaller lines were neglected, the supply being smaller than usual. Sales were exceedingly brisk for what stuff was offered, and prices were firm.

Grain—There were fully 25 loads of oats offered; sales were brisk, at 91c to 93c per cental. Wheat sold at $1 35 per cental.

Hay and Straw—There were nearly 50 loads on the stand today; sales were slow and prices were lower, at $7 to $9 per ton; only a few choice loads went at the higher figure. Straw was plentiful, at $2 50 to $3 by the load, or $5 per ton.

Butter and Eggs—Butter was scarce, at 16c to 18c for crocks and 19c for pound rolls; fresh-laid eggs went at 30c per dozen; all the eggs placed in cold storage have been sold, and there will, therefore, be a good demand for fresh eggs.

Apples were in fair supply, at $1 25 to $1 40 per barrel.

Potatoes were scarce, and $1 per bag was asked for those offered.

Poultry—There was a brisk demand for everything offered in this line; dressed chickens were considerably higher in price; some real prime birds sold as high as 14c per pound, or at $1 30 per pair; from 75c to 90c per pair was asked for the ordinary run of chickens; no change in prices of other poultry.

About 200 dressed hogs were offered today; sales were made at $6 to $6 75 per 100 pounds; quite a few went at $6 25, but most of them sold at $6 50 for light hogs; some heavy hogs went at $4 50 and $5.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Export cattle were a little stronger than on Tuesday; there are a few wanted; good butchers' cattle are selling fairly; medium or common are a rather slow trade; milch cows firm at prices quoted; good milkers are wanted. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt.	$4 60	@	$4 80
Export cattle, medium	4 35	@	4 60
Export cows	3 60	@	4 00
Export bulls	3 75	@	4 12½
Butchers' cattle, choice	4 30	@	4 65
Butchers' cattle, medium	3 50	@	3 85
Butchers' cattle, common	3 50	@	3 85
Feeders, short-keep	3 5	@	4 25
Feeders, medium	3 50	@	3 60
Stockers	2 50	@	3 25
Milch cows, each	30 00	@	55 00
Export ewes, cwt	3 75	@	4 00
Export bucks	3 00	@	3 25
Butchers' sheep	3 50	@	4 00
Lambs, grain-fed	5 25	@	5 50
Lambs, barnyard	4 50	@	5 00
Calves, each	2 00	@	10 00
Calves, cwt	4 00	@	6 00
Hogs, singers, off cars	4 75	@	4 75
Hogs, thick fats and over-weights, off cars	4 50	@	4 50

There were 29 loads in today, including 379 cattle, 496 hogs, 346 sheep and lambs and 4 calves.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—About 400 head of butchers' cattle, 10 calves and 40 sheep and lambs were offered for sale at the east end abattoir today. Forty or fifty calves and sheep and several lots of cattle were also sold at the stock yards last night and this morning. Trade was slow, with no change in prices since Monday, excepting that hogs were higher. Prime beeves sold at 4¾c to 5c per lb; good mediums at 4¼c to 4½c; ordinary mediums, 3¾c to 4c, and the common stock at 2¾c to 3½c; all the good calves were bought up before reaching the market, the prices being about 5c per lb; ordinary veals sold at 4c to 4½c; sheep sold at 3½c to 4c, and lambs at 4½c to 5c per lb; good lots of fat hogs sold at 5⅜c to 5½c per lb.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; market slow; good to prime steers, $4 75 to $5 60; poor to medium, $3 50 to $4 60; stockers and feeders, $2 to $4 10; cows, $1 50 to $4; heifers, $3 to $4 50; canners, $1 50 to $2 50; bulls, $1 75 to $4; calves, $3 to $7 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 40,000; market about steady; mixed and butchers, $4 95 to $5 35; good to choice heavy, $5 25 to $5 40; rough heavy, $5 to $5 25; light, $4 75 to $5 20; bulk of sales, $5 to $5 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $4 to $4 50; fair to choice mixed, $3 75 to $4; native lambs, $4 25 to $5 75.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Feb. 10.—Live cattle steady, at 10½c to 11½c per lb for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10c to 11c per lb; refrigerator beef, 7¾c to 8c per lb; sheep, 11c to 11½c per lb; lambs, 14c to 14½c, dressed weight.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 11—Noon.—Flour—Receipts, 17,537 bbls; sales, 5,700 pkgs; flour was quiet but firm. Rye flour—Firm. Wheat—Receipts, none; sales, 1,300,000 bu; wheat opened steady, but eased off under rumored selling at Chicago; afterwards there was a slight rally at Chicago on covering and steady cables, but the advance was soon lost on renewed selling; May, 96½c to 97½c; July, 92c to 92¾c; September, 85½c to 86¼c. Rye—Firm; state and Jersey, 65c to 68c; No. 2 western, 72c, f.o.b. afloat. Corn—Receipts, 31,775 bu; sales, 10,000 bu; corn was quiet and easy on the lower cables and liquidation; May, 58⅝c to 58½c. Oats—Receipts, 27,000 bu. Sugar—Raw steady; refined steady. Coffee—Nominal; No. 7 Rio, 7¾c. Lead—Easy. Wool—Firm. Hops—[illegible] and the fruit [illegible] for No. 2 red and white, middle freights; some holders are asking 90c; Manitoba higher, at 95½c for No. 1 hard, 94½c for No. 1 northern, 91½c for No. 2 northern, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Firm; local exporters quote $3 25 for 90 per cent patents in their bags, middle freights; Manitoba, $4 80 to $4 90 for cars of Hungarian patents, $4 50 to $4 60 for second patents, and $4 40 to $4 50 for strong bakers, bags included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Firm, at $17 to $17 50 for cars of shorts and $16 for bran in bulk.

PANY'S stock. John Wright, stock NORTH—On Feb. 11, 1904, Gordon, infant east or west; Manitoba millfeed, $21 for cars of shorts and $19 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—steady; No. 2 sold today at 43c and 44c, low freights; No. 3 extra is quoted at 42c and No. 3 at 40c west. Buckwheat—Firmer, at 49c for No. 2 west. Rye—Firmer, at 56c for No. 2 west. Corn—Steady; cars of Canada mixed are 37½c, and yellow at 38c west; American is quoted at 53½c to 54c for No. 2 yellow, 52½c to 53c for No. 3 yellow, and 51½c to 52c for No. 3 mixed, in car lots on the track at Toronto. Oats—Firm, at 32½c for No. 1 white and 32c for No. 2 white east; No. 2 white, 31½c to 32c, middle freights. Rolled oats—Firm, at $4 10 for cars of bags and $4 25 for barrels on the track at Toronto, and 40c more for broken lots. Peas—Steady, at 63c for No. 2, west. Butter—Good demand; supply fair; price steady. Eggs—Steady to firm; new-laid, 35c; fresh-gathered, cold storage and limed, 32c to 33c.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 17½; southwest, $1 11; February, $1 11; May, $1 13.

DAIRY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 10.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 4,125 pkgs; creamery extras, per lb, 25½c; do, firsts, 25c; do, held, extras, 20½c to 21½c; do, firsts, 17c to 19½c; do, seconds, 15c to 16c; do, thirds, 14c to 14½c; state dairy tubs, firsts, 19c to 21c; do, seconds, 15c to 18c. Cheese—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 389 boxes.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 15c to 25c; dairies, 13½c to 20c.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—Oil opened and closed at $1 85.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Feb. 10.—Credit balances, $1 85; certificates, no bid; shipments, 50,737 barrels.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 10.—Petroleum, American refined, 7 11-16d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Feb. 10.—Petroleum, 31 francs 50 centimes.

BREMEN.

Bremen, Feb. 10.—Petroleum, 6 marks 35 pfennings.

LEATHER MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Owing to the snow blockades many of the travelers have been unable to go out on their routes, and business in leather has been quiet. The outlook is promising, and a revival in the demand is looked for soon. Prices are firmly held. Quotations are as follows: Sole, slaughter, medium heavy, per lb, 20c to 23c; No. 2, 27c to 28c; No. 3, 26c to 28c; calskins, French, $1 15 to $1 50; French kip, 80c to 90c; Canadian kip, 60c to 70c; upper, light, medium, 40c to 45c; pebble, 14c to 16c; harness, union oak tanned, No. 1, 32c to 33c; No. 2, 29c to 31c; light, 29c to 30c; cod oil, per gallon, 41c to 45c; degras, per lb, 4c to 4½c; japonica, per lb, 6c to 7c; hemlock extract, 9¾c; lampblack, 20c to 25c; sumac, per ton, $60.

HIDES, SKINS AND TALLOW.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Hides—The receipts are fair, but there is no accumulation of stocks here. The demand is good, and the market is steady. Local dealers quote green cows at 7½c for No. 1, 6½c for No. 2, and 5½c for No. 3, and steers at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2; cured hides are quoted at 8c to 8½c for cows and 9c to 9½c for steers.

Sheepskins are in fair demand and steady, at 90c to $1.

Calfskins are steady, at 9c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.

Tallow—The market is unchanged; local dealers are offering 4¾c to 5c, and asking 5¼c to 5½c.

BEAN MARKETS.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 10.—Beans—Cash and February, $1 79 bid; March, $1 78 bid.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Feb. 11.—Wheat—Spot nominal. Futures dull; March, 6s 5¼d; May, 6s 4½d; February nominal.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, quiet, 4s 2d; American mixed, old, firm, 4s 6d. Futures quiet; March, 4s 2¼d; May, 4s 3⅜d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter, dull, 8s 3d.

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £6 10s to £7 10s.

Peas—Canadian steady, 5s 5½d.

Beef—Extra India mess firm, 66s 3d.

Pork—Prime mess western steady, 66s 3d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 44s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 36s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, 28 to 34 lbs, steady, 37s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, steady, 37s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, steady, 36s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, 43s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, firm, 34s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, firm, 38s 3d; American refined, in pails, firm, 38s.

Cheese—Quiet: American finest white, 51s; do, colored, 53s.

Tallow—Prime city firm, 25s.

Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 47s.

Rosin—Common firm, 7s 10½d.

Petroleum—Refined firm, 7¾d.

Linseed Oil—Quiet, 17s 9d.

SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY TO CONSIDER THE 'PHONE FRANCHISE

Aldermen Have Not Yet Made Up Their Minds Which Offer to Accept.

Telephone matters have again come to the front in municipal circles in London, and a special meeting of No. 1 committee has been called for Monday next for the purpose of considering the offers now before the city. It is understood that assurances have been received from the Bell Company's representative, as well as from the representative of the new company, that they will be on hand Monday and will appear before the committee. One of the aldermen stated today that from the standpoint of the ordinary taxpayer, the proper thing to do would be to accept the Bell offer, though it was not likely the business public would be satisfied altogether with the offer. This alderman figures it out that the average citizen does not use a 'phone—there being but about 1,600 'phones in London in a population of 40,000—and consequently it does not matter to the ordinary taxpayer what rates the Bell Company charge, and if $2,500 for an exclusive franchise can be turned into the city treasury by the sale of an exclusive franchise the taxpayer is not likely to object. On the other hand, the business public may regard a reduction in rates of more value to the city than a cash bonus to the city treasury, and naturally may not be anxious to close a bargain on the conditions offered.

The Toronto aldermen are in much the same situation as the local city fathers in regard to telephone matters, though in Toronto there are three offers for franchises to deal with—one from the Bell Company, one from the Canadian Company and one from the Stark Electrical Company of that city. So far the Stark people have made no application to London for a franchise, and it is assumed here that the concern is merely a local one intending to do business in the Toronto district alone.

FIRE ESCAPE PRECAUTIONS.

The committee appointed to draft a bylaw for the compelling of owners and managers of public places of assemblage to conform to rules laid down by the city regarding fire escapes and the like, have not as yet made a report, but they are being urged to do so in time for the council meeting next Monday night. Toronto has made some drastic rules for the governing of theaters, and Ald. Garratt has recommended these rules to be embodied in the committee's draft of a bylaw. The most important features of these are as follows: "Install a fire alarm telegraph from each theater to the headquarters of the fire department, one or more firemen should attend all theater performances, there should be open courts on three sides of every theater, with stairways leading thereto, stairways must have a landing every eleven feet, asbestos curtains should be hung in front of the stage, sprinklers and buckets should be placed throughout the theater, standing or sitting in the aisles or corridors should be prohibited, all draperies at exits and entrances should be removed, and all boilers should be located outside of the buildings."

SEVERE PENALTY FOR TRIFLING WITH NAMES ON ASSESSMENT ROLL

Assessment Commissioner Grant Speaks of the Trouble in Toronto.

It appears that the Toronto voters' lists have been stuffed with the names of bogus owners and tenants through such names appearing on the assessor's roll and being copied onto the voters' lists. It seems, too, that the assessment commissioner and his assistants are more or less at the mercy of the public in such matters, and the political wirepullers have not been slow to take advantage of this fact. Men, for example, owning several parcels of property, and having a couple of sons, had the sons' names placed on the assessment roll as owners of such properties, and in some instances in the same house the father appears as owner and the son as tenant. When spoken to about this matter today Assessment Commissioner Grand said that of late years a great many such names had been weeded out in London, especially after South and West London were taken into the city, the lists in these suburbs containing many such names through the law which permits in rural places the names of farmers' sons to be placed on the assessment roll. Of course, according to the statute the assessor may obtain a verification of all claimed ownerships at the registry office at a cost of five cents a name, but it sometimes happens that men do not secure a deed of the property they purchase for 5, 10 or 15 years, and then the record in the registry office is incomplete, and the assessor could prove nothing by inquiry in that quarter. Mr. Grant also stated that for years he had made it a point to warn the assessors against accepting any but bona fide names, and he says that the assessors will this year be instructed to be more careful than ever before in this matter.

The law is very strict in regard to any such tampering of the lists and reads as follows:

"To prevent the creation of false voters, where a person claims to be assessed, or to be entered or named in any assessment roll, or claims that another person should be assessed, or entered or named in such assessment roll, as entitled to be a voter, and the assessor has reason to suspect that the person so claiming, or for whom the claim is made, has not a just right to be so assessed, or to be entered or named in the roll as so entitled to be a voter, it shall be the duty of the assessor to make reasonable inquiries before assessing, entering or naming any such person in the assessment roll.

"Any person who wilfully and improperly inserts or procures or causes the insertion of the name of a person in the assessment roll, assesses or procures or causes the assessment of a person at too high an amount, with intent in any such case to give to a person not entitled thereto either the right or an apparent right to be a voter, or who wilfully inserts or procures or causes the insertion of any fictitious name in the assessment roll, or who wilfully and improperly omits, or procures or causes the omission of the name of a person from the assessment roll, or assesses or procures or causes the assessment of a person at too low an amount, with intent in any such case to reprive any person of his right to be a voter, shall, upon conviction thereof before a court of competent jurisdiction, be liable to a fine not exceeding $200 and to imprisonment until the fine is paid, or to imprisonment in the common jail or the city or county, for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court."

It is also further provided for in section 47 of the Ontario voters' lists act, page 84, R. S. O., 1897, that all actions for penalties of the above nature shall be tried by a judge without a jury.

The board of works meets this evening, but as City Engineer Graydon is ill, and certain reports which he was instructed to procure, have consequently not been prepared, it is not likely that the meeting will be a very important one. One of the reports the engineer was to have brought in was as to the best class of pavement to be laid in London, and this piece of business must perforce be laid over again.

The clerk of Norwich, a place of about 1,200 people, in South Oxford, has written City Clerk Edwards to the effect that in order that Norwich may be allowed to participate in the benefits of Niagara power, that place will agree to join hands with London and other cities in securing and praying for a report as to the cost of generating the power and transmitting it to London from the falls, via Brantford, Woodstock, Ingersoll, and London—Norwich to be connected with the electrical main at Ingersoll. Mayor Beck will lay the letter before the Niagara power commission at once.

Two new cases of scarlet fever were reported to Dr. Hutchinson today. The disease is, the doctor says, on the wane, these being the only cases reported in a week.

The manufacturers' committee has been called to meet Friday evening. The business on hand, it is understood, is in conection with a couple of firms who desire to locate in London, one being the big china manufacturers of Ohio.

It would appear that although there were some lively fights for positions on the fire brigade, not many men are hankering after the jobs now. In fact, one of the spare men in South London has pulled up stakes, and the chief and No. 3 committee are finding it difficult to fill his place, the position being now vacant. It is said that several of the men who were refused jobs last fall have been approached, but will not now accept positions on the brigades.

'PHONES IN RAILROADING

Their Great Value Has Been Fully Demonstrated.

Long-Distance 'Phones Rapidly Installed by G. T. R.

The installation of the long distance telephone service on the lines of the Grand Trunk is proceeding satisfactorily. The work has been completed on the main line between this city and Sarnia Tunnel, and it is now well advanced on the line between London and Niagara Falls. The Toronto branch will also be equipped with the 'phones.

None of the branches north of Stratford, as far as is known at present, will be fitted with the long distance equipment. The Stratford branch, together with the old main line from Stratford to Toronto, are included in the plans, and will be equipped at the earliest possible date.

Already the value of the 'phones has been demonstrated, for they save the telegraph operators an immense amount of work, and also facilitate the sending of messages. It has been found that the use of the wires over which telegraph messages may be going at the same time does not affect the hearing of a conversation in the slightest.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Baled Hay—There is plenty of hay in the country, but little of it is coming forward yet, and the market keeps steady at $9 per ton for car lots on the track here.

THE G. T. R. OFFICE STAFF

A Number of Changes Made at the Depot Here.

Mr. Roy Freeland Wins Promotion and Will Leave London.

A number of changes have taken place in the office staff at the Grand Trunk depot.

Mr. Roy Freeland, who for some time has filled the position of assistant car distributor, has been transferred to Stratford, where he will act as car distributor of the lines to the north of that place. This work has heretofore been done by the chief dispatcher at Stratford, Mr. O'Connor, but the increase of business has been so great that it became impossible to continue the old plan.

Mr. O'Connor has not only been relieved of the duties of car distributor, but he has been given an assistant chief dispatcher, Mr. Frank Ryan, whose hours of duty will be the same as those of the night chief at the London depot.

The vacancy caused by the transfer of Mr. Freeland to Stratford has been filled by the appointment of Mr. E. Baxter, whose place as clerk to Mr. Price, the master of transportation will be taken by Mr. I. Sharpe, a clerk in the office of the assistant superintendent.

All of the changes have gone into effect. Mr. Freeland left for Stratford on Wednesday. While his friends will be pleased to hear of his promotion, they will regret his removal from the city.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Barnard has been arranged to take place from the Woodland Cemetery on Friday morning next, at 10 o'clock, to London Township cemetery. Deceased was a sister of Mr. Thomas Ryan, of this city, and died on Monday last at her residence, Ann street, after a lingering illness, at the age of 40 years, leaving a husband and family of young children to mourn their loss. The deceased lady was a member of the Church of the Redeemer, and her pastor, Rev. Canon Richardson, will officiate at the house at 9 o'clock and at the church at 10 o'clock. The pall-bearers will be Messrs. Thomas Ryan, Thomas Ryan, jr., Frank Ryan, Frank Ryan, jr., Thomas Ryan, jr., and Frank Ryan, jr.

AGAINST THE PLAINTIFFS

Decision of Trial Court in Two London Cases.

Harris vs. G. T. R. Co. and Collins vs. Street Railway Company.

In the trial court, Toronto, before Mr. Justice Britton, the following cases were dealt with yesterday:

Harris vs. G. T. R. Company—Judgment (L.) in action for damages under workmen's compensation act, tried with a jury at London. Plaintiff was a brakeman for defendants, working at a boring machine in defendants' shops at London, and while at work he was severely injured. He complained of negligence of one Albert Henly, who it was said had charge of the machine, and whose duty it was to set the stops and gauge of the auger to prevent the auger after going through the timber, from going far enough to contact with the person who, in handling the timber to be bored, necessarily stood facing the bit. The jury answered certain questions in favor of plaintiff and assessed the damages at $400. The judge, without the aid of the jury, undertook (by consent of the parties), to determine an issue raised by the defense that plaintiff was a member of the Grand Trunk Insurance and Provident Society, and by one of the rules of that society no member shall have any claim against the railway company for compensation on account of injury or death from accident. Plaintiff not entitled to recover on this issue, but G. T. R. Company (decided in appeal upon other grounds, 3 O. W. R. 80), that this was a good defence to the action. P. H. Bartlett, London, and J. F. Faulds, London, for plaintiff; W. R. Riddell, K. C., for defendants.

Collins vs. London Street Railway Company.—Judgment (L.) in action tried with a jury at London. Action to recover damages for injuries sustained by plaintiff when a passenger on a car of defendants by being jolted off the step of the car when he was preparing to get off, expecting the car to stop at a particular place, as the conductor had promised, but which was not done. The jury answered questions in favor of the plaintiff and assessed the damages at $400. Held, that there was no evidence of negligence proper to submit to the jury. Action dismissed without costs. P. H. Bartlett, London, and J. F. Faulds, London, for plaintiff; C. H. Ivey, London, and J. O. Dromgole, London, for defendants.

THE SMASH-UP AT PARIS

Gave Auxiliary Crews Plenty of Work to Do.

Fireman on the Derrick Was Badly Scalded—A Hard Task.

The auxiliary, crews which were called from this city and Hamilton on Wednesday to clear the main line of the Grand Trunk at Paris, had more numerous difficulties to surmount than was at first anticipated.

In the rear-end collision of the two freight trains, the caboose and two cars were smashed, but not so badly that the track could not have been cleared in a short time once the auxiliaries got to work. A steam derrick was brought up from Hamilton, and with this is was proposed to lift the broken cars clear of the track. The work was in progress when the derrick toppled over and went on its side in the ditch.

Noses were counted and it was found that one man was missing—and he was the fireman on the derrick. A search resulted in his being located in the overturned apparatus, from which he was soon extricated. It was found that he had been severely scalded. He was taken to Hamilton later in the day, after his injuries were attended to by a Paris doctor.

With the derrick overturned and the main line blocked, the only plan by which the movement of trains could be accomplished was the opening of a siding, which, since the severe weather set in, had been frozen up. One car at a time was pulled out of the ice, but before the auxiliaries got through three or four of the cars had run off the track. These had to be replaced, and in consequence of these delays the line was not opened for four hours.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—The county auditors are busy at work in the office of the county treasurer.

—The London Clearing House clearings for the week ending Feb. 11, were $660,915.

—Mr. T. J. Sullivan, of this city, left today on a visit to New York city and New Haven, Conn.

—Mr. J. W. Donald, of Detroit, district passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton, is in the city today on business.

—Mr. George Phillips, who has been on a visit to friends and relatives in this city, has returned to San Francisco.

—This morning the firemen had a run to McMahen & Granger's wholesale, where an ash barrel in the rear had caught fire. No damage resulted.

—Miss Stephenson, of St. John, N.B., has returned home after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. George B. Gerard, of the Bank of British North America.

—A conference of the priests of the London district of the diocese of London, presided over by Bishop McEvay, is being held at St. Peter's Palace today. It is a semi-annual affair.

—Toronto Globe: Miss Birdie Warren asked a few of her young friends to tea yesterday afternoon to meet Miss Dora Labatt, of London, and Miss Malloch, of Ottawa.

—Windsor Record: Mayor Mason, of Sandwich, had to hustle down to London last night. He has a lot of flour somewhere between that city and Sandwich. The bakers need flour to make bread. Last night was the regular meeting night of the Sandwich county council, but owing to the absence of the mayor they adjourned, without doing anything.

McINTYRE WILL CASE.

Mr. Justice Street has concluded hearing the McIntyre will case, a resume of which was given in last evening's Advertiser, and reserved judgment on the various points at issue.

DIED AT CHATHAM.

The death of a former resident of this city took place at Chatham last night, in the person of Robert T. Fleming. He was about 70 years of age, and was a brother of Mr. G. B. Fleming, 530 Ontario street, this city. The late Mr. Fleming was a native of Mos