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THE MARKETS.

STOCK MARKETS.

MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, April 17.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	131	130½
Canadian Pacific new	..	..
Duluth, common	..	..
Duluth preferred	..	..
Winnipeg Electric	200	175
Montreal Street Railway	268	267¾
West India	60	..
Toronto Street Railway	109	108⅝
Halifax Street Railway	100½	99
St. John Street Railway	119	114
Twin City Transit Railway	111¾	111¼
Twin City Railway, new	..	..
Richelieu and Ontario	95	93
Commercial Cable	161	157
Montreal Telegraph	165	157
Bell Telephone	165	157
Dominion Iron and Steel, com.	28	27¼
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref.	70	67
Montreal Heat, Light & Power	96	94
Nova Scotia Steel, common	100	96
Detroit Railway	83	82
Laurentide Pulp	95	..
Montreal Cotton	..	124
Dominion Cotton	50	43¾
Canada Colored Cotton	..	..
Merchants Cotton	76	..
War Eagle	..	..
Payne	19	18
Montreal Street Bonds	106	105
Republic	..	..
Virtue	..	..
North Star	..	..
National Salt, common	..	..
Dominion Coal, common	107¾	107⅜
Dominion Coal, pref	..	..
Int. Coal	..	..
R. C. P. A.	..	..
Int. Coal, pref	..	..
Bank of Montreal	255	..
Ontario	130	..
British North America	135	..
Molsons Bank	200	..
Bank of Toronto	260	250
Merchants Bank	169¼	166½
Ogilvie Milling Co., pref	132	..
Ogilvie Bonds	118	114
Marconi	..	..
Windsor Hotel	..	..
Bank National	..	..
Lake Woods Mfg. Co	200	170
Royal Bank	..	..
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	..
Eastern Townships	..	250
Bank of Montreal	..	..
Quebec Bank	..	..
Bank of Toronto	..	..
Union Bank	135	128
Bank of Commerce	170	..
Hochelaga	137½	..
Northwest Land	..	..
Northwest Land, pref	..	..
Imperial Bank	..	75¼
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	80	..
Laurentide	105	..
Cable Coupon	..	..
Halifax Railway	..	..
Cable Registered	..	..
N. S. Steel Bonds	112	..
Toledo Bonds	32½	31½

SALES: C. P. R., 100 at 130, 75 at 130⅛, 50 at 130¼, 100 at 130, 25 at 130⅛, 50 at 130¼; Commercial Cable, 25 at 157; Dominion Cotton, 25 at 44; Detroit Railway, 25 at 82; Payne, 500 at 18½; Coal, common, 25 at 107¾; Iron bonds, 4,000 at 75½; Twin City, 100 at 111½; Bank of Montreal, 1 at 255; Toledo Railway, 75 at 31½; Eastern Townships Bank, 6 at 160; Scotia, common, 25 at 98; Bank of Commerce, 6 at 166; Toronto Railway, 10 at 108¾; Superior, 100 at 6⅝; Molsons Bank, 57 at 195; Iron, common, 5 at 29, 25 at 28¾, 175 at 28¼, 100 at 28⅛, 100 at 28¼, 5 at 28¾, 200 at 28, 10 at 28¼, 50 at 27½, 150 at 27, 100 at 27⅝, 150 at 27¾.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, April 17.

	Ask	Off.
Montreal	..	253
Ontario	..	134¼
Toronto	256	254½
Merchants	..	..
Commerce	167	166
Imperial	239	238½
Dominion	243¾	243¼
Standard	..	248
Hamilton	256	231
Nova Scotia	..	275
Ottawa	..	218
Traders	139	135
British America	..	93
Royal Bank	..	..
Western Assurance	95	91
Imperial Life	..	149
National Trust	..	140
Toronto General Trusts	165	160
Consumer's Gas	..	210½
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	84
Canada Northwest Land Pref	..	94
Canada Northwest Land Com	..	..
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	130¼	130⅛
Can. Pac. Railway Stock, new	..	..
Canada Life	..	132
Toronto Electric Light	..	179½
General Electric	179¾	..
General Electric, pref	..	..
London Electric	106	..
Commercial Cable	..	156½
Dominion Telegraph	..	..
Bell Telephone	..	93
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	..	132¼
Niagara Navigation	133	140¼
Northern Navigation	142	137
St. Clair L. and C. Navigation	140	109
Toronto Railway	110	111⅛
Twin City Railway	111¾	175
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	94¾
Sao Paulo Tramway	95	..
Luxfer Prism, pref	..	100½
Carter Crume	..	102
Dunlop Tire, pref	106	101
W. A. Rogers, pref	103	96
Packers A	..	96
Packers B	..	27¾
Dominion Steel, com	28	64
Dominion Steel, pref	..	107⅜
Dominion Coal, common	107⅞	97¾
Nova Scotia Steel, com	98	6½
Lake Superior, com	7½	..
War Eagle	..	..
Virtue	..	..
North Star	350	..
Colored Cotton	..	..
Dominion Coal	..	..
Crows Nest Coal	..	119
Canada Salt	..	..
Payne Mining	..	..
Cariboo (McKinney)	..	71
British Canadian L. and I.	..	107
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv.	108	122
Canada Permanent	122½	119
Canada Savings and Loan	..	145
Central Canada Loan	..	70
Dominion Savings and Invest.	..	122
Hamilton Provident	..	182
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	..
Imperial Loan and Invest.	..	121
Landed Banking and Loan	..	99
Lon. and Can. L. and A.	100	70
Manitoba Loan	..	90
Toronto Mortgage	94	114½
London Loan	120	121
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	129½
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	..
Real Estate Loan and Deb	..	..
Cable Coup. Bonds	..	..
Cable Reg. Bonds	..	..
Real Estate Loan and Deb	..	..
Cable Coup. Bonds	..	..
Cable Reg. Bonds	..	..
Dominion Steel Bonds	..	75½
Nova Scotia Steel Bonds	..	111

SALES: Dominion, 20 at 243¾, 50 at 243½; Canada Northwest Land, preferred, 206 at 95¼; Toronto Electric Light, rights on 7 at 13; Canadian General Electric, 37 at 180¼, 5 at 179¾, 11 at 179⅞; Niagara Navigation, 25 at 132¾, 10 at 132¾; Sao Paulo, 10 at 94¼, 25 at 94½, 30 at 94¾; C. P. R., 25 at 130, 25 at 129⅞, 25 at 129⅝, 100 at 129¾, 50 at 129⅞, 225 at 130, 50 at 130¼, 150 at 130¾, 100 at 130½, 25 at 130¼; Toronto Railway, 3 at 107⅞, 1 at 109, 400 at 109½; Commerce, 1 at 166; Twin City, 175 at 111¼, 10 at 111, 25 at 111¾, 75 at 111½, 125 at 111¾, 50 at 111¼; Imperial Bank, 15 at 238¾; Toronto Bank, 1 at 255; Steel, 50 at 28¼, 25 preferred at 64¾, 25 preferred at 64¼, 150 preferred at 66, 25 common at 27¾; C. P. R., 125 at 130¼, 1 at 129, 150 at 130; Coal, 50 at 108, 50 at 107⅞, 25 at 107¾; Nova Scotia Steel, 50 at 98; London and Canada, 20 at 99; Payne, 2,000 at 18, 5,000 at 18⅛.

NEW YORK.

New York, April 17.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 pm.
Anaconda	107	109	107	107¾
Amal. Copper	63⅝	64⅞	63½	64¼
American Sugar Co.	125½	125¾	124¾	125
American Locomotive	27	27¾	27	27⅝
American Foundry	39½	39¾	39⅜	39⅝
American Refining Co.	49⅝	51	49¾	50
Atcheson Com.	81¾	82¼	81¾	81⅞
Atcheson Pfd.	97¾	97⅞	97¾	97⅞
B. & O.	91½	92⅝	91⅜	92
Brooklyn Tran.	65¼	66⅛	65¼	65⅜
C. P. R.	130	130⅛	129¾	130⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	44	44⅜	44	44⅛
Chic. Great Western	22	22⅝	22	22⅝
Col. Fuel & Iron	59½	63⅝	59	63½
Delaware and Hudson	166	167	166	167
Erie	33⅞	34⅜	33⅞	34
Erie Pfd.	65½	65¾	65½	65
Illinois Central	136	136⅞	136	136⅜
Kan. and Tex. Com.	25	25¼	25	25
Kan. and Tex. Pfd	53⅞	54⅜	53¾	54
Louisville & Nashville	116¾	117½	116¼	116⅝
Manhattan	137⅛	138⅝	137¼	138⅛
Metropolitan St. Ry.	131½	132¾	128¾	128¾
Mexican Central	26¼	26½	25¾	26
M. P.	107⅛	108⅜	107⅛	108
N. Y. Central	131¾	132¾	131½	131½
Norfolk and W.	70¾	71⅛	70¾	71
Ont. and West	29¾	29¾	29¾	29¾
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	..	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	136	136⅞	135⅞	135⅞
People's Gas	102½	103⅛	102	102½
Reading	54¾	55½	54½	55
Republic I. and S.	19½	19⅝	19⅛	19⅛
Rock Island	42¼	43½	42⅛	43
Southern Ry.	32⅝	31	30⅝	30¾
Southern Pacific	56⅛	57⅛	56⅛	56⅜
St. Paul	161¾	162⅝	161⅛	161⅛
Texas	33¾	34⅛	33¾	34
Twin City	111¾	111¼	111¼	111½
T. C. I.	65	65½	64½	65¼
Union Pacific	89¾	91	89½	90
Union Pacific, pref	89	..	..	..
U. S. Leather	14¼	14¼	13⅞	14
U. S. Leather, Pref.	91⅛	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, com.	35¾	35⅝	35⅜	35¾
U. S. Steel pref.	86¾	86¾	86¼	86½
Wabash Com.	27	..	..	..
Wabash Pfd.	46	46¾	45¾	45¾
W. Union Tel.	85½	85½	85⅛	85¼
Wisconsin Central	24½	24½	24¼	24½

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Friday, April 17.

Hay and oats comprised the offerings at the market here this forenoon.

Thirty loads of hay were on the stand; sales were brisk, all the loads being sold by 11 o'clock; prices ruled from $8 to $10 per ton, the bulk of them going at $9.

Eight loads of straw sold at $5 per ton, or $3 per load; sales were rather slow.

About 20 loads of oats offered; prices were lower, at 90c to 92c per cental; most of the loads went at 91c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 17.—Wheat—Firm, at 69½c for No. 2 red and white or mixed, middle freights; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, on track at lake ports on the opening of navigation, at 81c to 81½c, and No. 1 northern at 79½c to 80c. Flour—Steady, at $2 65 for cars of 90 per cent patents in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher. Millfeed—Steady, at $16 50 for cars of shorts and $15 for bran in bulk, middle freights. Barley—Steady, at 43c to 44c for No. 3 extra and 40c to 41c for No. 2, middle freights. Rye—Steady; No. 2 at 50c, middle freights. Corn—Steady, at 40c for Canada mixed or yellow west; American No. 3 mixed is quoted at 48c and No. 3 yellow at 49c, delivered between Cornwall and Toronto. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white at 30c bid, middle freights, and 29½c high freights. Peas—Steady, at 62c for No. 2 middle freights and 60c high freights. Butter—Unchanged. Eggs—Steady; new-laid, 12c.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, April 17.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	77¾	77¾	77	77½
July	71¾	72¼	71½	71⅞
Corn—May	43⅞	44⅛	43⅝	44
July	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	44⅜
Oats—May	33⅜	34½	33⅜	33⅝
July	30	30⅜	30	30⅛
Pork—May	17 97	18 00	17 90	18 00
July	17 37	17 42	17 35	17 40
Lard—May	9 82	....	....	....
July	9 72	9 75	9 72	9 72
S. Ribs—May	9 80	....	....	....
July	9 67	9 67	9 65	9 65

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., April 16.—Butter—Easier; creameries, 18c to 26½c; dairies, 14c to 24c. Cheese—Steady, 12½c to 13c.

HAY MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 16.—Baled Hay—Quotations are unchanged, at $9 per ton for car lots on the track here.

Baled Straw—Car lots on the track here are steady, at $5 per ton.

BEAN MARKET.

Detroit, April 17.—Beans closed dull and easy at unchanged figures. Cash and May, $2 10 asked; Oct., $1 50.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, April 16.—Today trade is dull and prices nominal; Canadian cattle are quoted at 10c to 11½c per lb, dressed weight; American cattle, 11½c to 12½c per lb; sheep, 14c to 15c per lb; refrigerator beef is 9½c to 10c per lb.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; steady; good to prime steers, $5 10 to $5 75; poor to medium, $4 25 to $5; stockers and feeders, $3 to $5; cows, $1 60 to $4 75; heifers, $2 50 to $5; canners, $1 60 to $2 75; bulls, $3 50 to $4 50; calves, $3 to $6; Texas-fed steers, $4 to $5 10.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; strong to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, $7 to $7 30; good to choice heavy, $7 30 to $7 52½; rough heavy, $7 10 to $7 30; light, $6 75 to $7 10; bulk of sales, $7 10 to $7 30.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; steady; good to choice wethers, $4 75 to $5 75; fair to choice mixed, $4 to $4 75; native lambs, $4 50 to $7.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 16.—At the cattle market today there was a brisk business in the local butcher trade. In the export trade there was good demand, but not very many cattle of this class offering. Three or four loads which came in late, however, were soon picked up, though prices were not any better than on Tuesday, when $5 1½ was paid for some good export cattle, while today $5 was the highest price paid. If better quality cattle had been offered the prices would have been paid, but the quality was not quite up to several of the loads bought on Tuesday.

There seems at the present time to be no shortage of vessel space for all export cattle coming forward. Two boats are due to leave St. John in the next few days, and dealers are open to take all the cattle coming. For some reason they have not been coming forward as freely as was expected for the opening of navigation. In order, therefore, to fill the space at their disposal, several of the local firms have had to go to the Chicago market for cattle. Several cars of cattle from Chicago were shipped in today for Mr. Levack and other buyers. After the two vessels referred to from St. John, there will probably be no more cattle shipped from that port this season, as Montreal is the regular summer port. It is reported that 55,000 spaces have been taken at Montreal for the month of May's sailings. As this will be far more than will be supplied from the Canadian markets, the presumption is that Americans have largely taken up the space. Present indications, at all events, are that there will be plenty of shipping space from now out. Just now there is more space that there are cattle.

The good demand for butchers' cattle today made prices in this class a little firmer. Choice lots of picked cattle were selling at $4 40 to $4 50, and in some cases the quotations were a few cents higher. There is a fair demand for feeders and light stockers. A few 2-year-old stockers will be wanted for next week—not too many. The supply of medium stockers this week so far has been quite equal to the demand.

There was a light run in the sheep market, and business was a little dull. Heavy sheep are not wanted. Light sheep are steady. Yearling lambs dull, and only the good ones wanted. Spring lambs are steady.

The hog market is firm and prices are steady today, at $6 20 for the best.

The day's run was 66 cars, with 1,297 head of cattle, 188 sheep and lambs, 671 hogs and 60 calves.

Milch cows are in fair demand at steady prices.

W. J. Wesley bought a load of butchers, 990 lbs, at $4 10; 15 cattle, 1,010 lbs, at $4 40; 40 calves at $3 30 to $3 50. George Tucker sold half a load of good butchers, 1,000 pounds, at $4 10 and a few sheep at $4 50. C. Zeigman bought 20 mixed butchers and shippers, 900 to 1,100 lbs, at $3 75 to $4. R. J. Collins & Co. bought 18 cattle, 1,080 lbs, at $3 87½; 42 cattle, 980 lbs, at $4, less $10; 22 cattle, 1,020 lbs, at $4 10; 10 cattle, 1,010 lbs, at $4 15; 11 cattle, 1,100 lbs, at $4 40. Thomas Halligan bought a load of good butchers' cattle, 1,025 lbs, at $4 35; a load of mixed shippers and butchers, 1,100 lbs, at $4 50. Wm. McClelland bought a load of butchers' cattle, 1,000 lbs, at $4 20. C. Maybee & Son bought a load of butchers' cattle, 975 lbs, at $4; one load, 1,100 lbs, at $4 87½; a load, 1,150 lbs, at $4 45; a load, 1,200 lbs, at $4 40; sold a load of stockers, 400 to 900 lbs, at $3 50 to $3 90. Crawford & Co. bought a load of feeders, 1,125 lbs, at $4 50; a load of feeders, 1,100 lbs, at $4 40; a load of mixed butchers and steers, 1,000 lbs, at $4 12½; sold a load of mixed butchers, 1,050 lbs, at $4 25. Wm. Main bought a load of export cattle, 1,285 lbs, at $4 85; a load of mixed butchers, 1,080 lbs, at $3 90; a load of common, 1,085 lbs, at $3 65. Frank Thomas bought 75 sheep at $4 50 to $4 75; 40 lambs at $6 to $6 50; 18 spring lambs at $4 to $4 50; 9 calves at $8 each. Lunness & Halligan bought 2 loads of export cattle, about 1,300 to 1,400 lbs, at $4 90 to $5. Wesley Dunn bought 112 calves at $6 50 each, 25 sheep at $4 40, 42 yearling lambs at $5 75, 13 spring lambs at $3 75.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, April 17.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 1½d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 7½d; No. 1 California, 6s 7½d. Futures quiet; May, 6s 2⅝d; July, 6s 2⅝d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 4s 4d; do, old, quiet, 5s 3½d. Futures steady; May, 4s 4d; June, 4s 3¼d; July, 4s 2⅝d.

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

Pork—Prime mess western firm, 87s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 54s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, firm, 52s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, steady, 54s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, steady, 52s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, steady, 53s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, steady, 53s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 53s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, steady, 43s.

Lard—American refined, in pails, steady, 50s 6d.

The receipts of wheat during the past three days were 247,000 centals, including 102,000 American.

The receipts of American corn during the past three days were 100,000 centals.

Weather—Fine.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 17.—There were 39 loads in today, including 320 hogs, 109 sheep and lambs and 98 calves. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt.	$4 75	@	$5 15
Export cattle, medium	4 60	@	4 75
Export bulls	3 50	@	4 00
Export cows	3 75	@	4 00
Butchers' cattle, choice	4 25	@	4 50
Butchers' cattle, medium	3 50	@	3 75
Butchers' cattle, common	3 00	@	3 25
Feeders, short-keep	3 75	@	4 50
Feeders, medium	3 50	@	3 75
Stockers	3 00	@	3 25
Milch cows, each	30 00	@	55 00
Export ewes, cwt	4 00	@	4 50
Export bucks	3 50	@	4 00
Grain-fed and wether lambs	6 00	@	6 25
Grain-fed buck lambs	5 50	@	6 00
Barnyard lambs	4 00	@	5 00
Calves, each	10 00	@	10 00
Calves, per cwt	4 50	@	5 50
Spring lambs, each	2 50	@	5 00
Hogs, singers, cwt, off cars	6 20	@	6 20
Hogs, fats and lights, off cars	6 00	@	6 00

Export cattle and butchers' cattle are slightly firmer, with milch cows firm for prices quoted. Sheep not wanted, only good yearlings.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, April 17.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3⅛c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 3-16c; molasses sugar, 2⅞c; refined firm.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, April 16.—Flour—Receipts, 13,343 bbls; sales, 3,100 pkgs; flour was unsettled and less active; Minnesota patents, $3 90 to $4 25. Rye flour—Quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 56,550 bu; sales, 800,000 bu; wheat opened weak under disappointing cables and liquidation, but rallied later on covering; May, 80⅛c to 80⅝c; July, 76⅝c to 76 9-16c; Sept., 74c to 74⅛c. Rye—Steady; state, 57c to 61c, c.i.f., New York; No. 2 western, 59½c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 50,400 bu; sales, 50,000 bu; corn also opened easy, but later recovered on stron western buying; May, 51⅞c to 52c. Oats—Receipts, 91,500 bu.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 16.—Wheat—There was a general selling movement at the opening caused by disappointing cables, and the market broke sharply. The bull interest supported the market on the decline, and the persistent buying throughout the session brought about a complete recovery in values, although the market was very nervous and erratic near the close. Inquiry for export was not nearly so keen today, and bids were very much lower. Buyers seem to have been pretty well filled up yesterday. The break made some of the bids workable, and a fair business was reported. Cars for tomorrow, 20.

Corn—The feature in corn today was the weakness of the May and the reactive strength of the July, the former going from a premium of ¼c at last night's close to a discount of ⅜c tonight. Private advices from Iowa state plowing is well under way, and that acreage will be larger than last year. Liverpool market was unchanged. Cars for tomorrow, 70. Local sentiment has been bullish on light country movement, due to bad roads. As soon as the planting is completed, we look for a much freer movement, and at the same time the large Argentine crop will be our competitor in the European market, and unless we get an improved demand values will go lower.

Oats—Fine weather induced free commission house clearing at the opening. Shorts became good buyers on the decline, bringing about a part recovery, helped by the strength in the other markets. Cars for tomorrow, 90.

Provisions opened weak and lower on important selling of lard, suposed to be for foreign account, later rallied on local buying, but closed weak and about the lowest of the day. There was not enough buying to indicate any of the usual support. Receipts of hogs are increasing at all points, and it seems the policy of the packers to keep products steady as possible to get hogs cheaper. There are no aggressive bears to hinder this plan, and the market can be supported without much being bought. Cash demand is slack. Hogs for tomorrow, 17,000.

TOLEDO.

Toledo, April 16.—Wheat—Lower; cash, 76c; May, 76½c; July, 71½c. Corn—Lower; April and May, 43c; July, 44c. Oats—Steady; April and May, 34c; July, 30½c. Rye—No. 2, 53c. Clover seed—Dull but firm; cash, $7 15; Oct., $5 37½. Prime timothy, $1 50. Prime alsike, $6 50.

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MAY HAVE A SEPARATE LINE FROM TORONTO TO NORTH BAY

Revival of Interesting Talk in C. P. R. Circles.

Dissatisfied With the Existing Arrangement With the Grand Trunk.

There is a revival of talk in C. P. R. circles about the construction of a separate line from Toronto to North Bay, and thereby avoiding the use of the Grand Trunk tracks between those points. Such a proposal is said to have been long cherished by the Canadian Pacific management, but many other more pressing improvements have received the preference. There is no question but that the C. P. R. is very much dissatisfied with the existing arrangement with the Grand Trunk, by which the latter gets a good share of the cream of the Northwest traffic. Although the distance from Toronto to North Bay is only 227 miles, the Grand Trunk gets nearly a fourth of the fare of every passenger bound for Winnipeg, leaving only three-fourths of the fare for the C. P. R., which has to carry the passengers about five times as far. The C. P. R. could now do without the Grand Trunk line, but by doing so it would be necessary to take the trains around by Carleton Junction, which would mean fourteen or fifteen hours more between here and Winnipeg. Should the C. P. R. build, it is understood the line will not go through the Muskoka district, where there is little business outside of the summer months.

THE IMPERIAL LIMITED

No announcement has yet been made regarding the Imperial Limited, which runs tri-weekly between Montreal and Vancouver. The train will likely be put into service in May, and it is said the schedule will call for a 90-hour instead of a 96-hour service. The average running time last summer, allowing for stops, was about 46 miles an hour, and the greatest bar to increasing the speed is the presence of so many wooden bridges on the line. There are about 200 of these structures, and while they are pronounced safe, the management insists on their being crossed at a slow rate of speed. These bridges are to be replaced as rapidly as possible with iron and steel structures, the contracts for many having already been let to the Hamilton Bridge Company. With the new bridges a great amount of time will be saved. The only long stop on the trip is at Winnipeg, where the limited is held for an hour.

The boat service beween Owen Sound and Sault Ste. Marie and Fort William will be resumed on Tuesday next. A tri-weekly service will be given, the same as heretofore.

MAN SERIOUSLY SCALDED

Thomas Lawless Slipped Into Tank of Hot Water.

Injuries Which Resulted Are Very Dangerous.

Thomas Lawless, a soapmaker employed at the London Soap Company's factory on Clarence street south, was very seriously scalded there this morning. He was engaged in running some hot water from one of the soap kettles into a tank, and accidentally slipped into the tank, which is on a level with the floor. He managed, himself, to get out of the tank, and was at once taken to Victoria Hospital.

His body, from the hips down, is badly scalded, and although Mr. Lawless was resting easier after having been attended to by the doctors, the injury which he suffered is serious. It is not thought, however, that it endangers his life.

VARIETY AT POLICE COURT

Lover of Booze Taxed $10—Biker Learns a Lesson in Law.

Of many complexions were the cases that were tried this morning at the police court by Magistrate Love. There were fights, wages, bicycle riding and various kinds of cases to be dealt with. Only one drunk was fined any considerable amount and he paid $10 into the exchequer. There were also two others, but they were discharged, for one of them it was his first appearance in a police court. He did not seem to be enamored with the place and said he would never come again.

The wages case mentioned elsewhere, also the assault charge preferred against Mr. Obernesser, but which was not sustained, were the most interesting.

There was a young fellow who was summoned for driving across a sidewalk to the detriment of that costly piece of municipal furniture. He had been told it was all right. He did not know it was against the law. The magistrate fined him $1 so that there would be less danger of him forgetting now that he did know.

One man had ridden a bicycle on the sidewalk and for this offense was fined $2. The first man to come up for riding a bicycle at an immoderate rate was Fred Morris. When asked what he had to say he simply smiled broadly and told the magistrate he didn't know. The evidence of the constable was taken and after that the magistrate asked the rider if he were satisfied. And still the man laughed, "I suppose I'll have to be," and he seemed to find it the greatest pleasure to pay over the one dollar that was coming to the court on account of the hurry that he had recently got into.

J. N. BEATTIE HONORED

Oldest Letter Carrier in the City Given Handsome Chair.

On the occasion of his retirement from the postoffice service, Mr. J. N. Beattie was this afternoon presented by members of the staff with a handsome leather-covered chair. The presentation was made in the office of Postmaster Cameron, and it was witnessed by the majority of the letter carriers and others connected with the department. Mr. Beattie entered the employ of the Dominion Government, in the capacity of a letter carrier on April 19, 1876, and it was only a few weeks ago that he asked to be retired, a request accepted with regret and heard of with sorrow by the entire staff, for Mr. Beattie was esteemed by all. In presenting the chair to him, Mr. Cameron made reference to the long service given by Mr. Beattie, drawing attention to the fact that he was one of the first five appointed, and, strange to say, his beat was No. 1, thus making him practically the first carried in the service here. Mr. Cameron also spoke of the growth of the work here, the letter carriers' staff increasing from five to twenty-eight, and the general sta ffto fifty-eight persons. Of the latter only five were senior to Mr. Beattie at the time of his retirement. They were Messrs. C. J. N. Shanly, Hilton, John Ward and O'Meara. During the last seven or eight years Mr. Beattie was engaged in inside work, in which he proved equally as faithful a public servant. The hope of the staff, as expressed by Mr. Cameron, was that the Indian summer of Mr. Beattie's life might be happy.

DISCARDED UNION LABEL

Local Cigar Firm Would Not Pay Increased Scale.

The Margin Too Small to Permit Higher Wage.

The recent action of the International Cigarmakers' Union in raising the minimum from $6 to $7 a thousand, has already resulted in one London firm discarding the union label. Others are talking of following suit.

The new scale applies to the 5-cent goods, and the manufacturers contend that the margin on them is now so close that it will not possibly allow of an increase in the price list. Without hesitation the one firm referred to announced that it could not pay $7, and while others are granting the advance they say they cannot continue doing so at a profit. Four or five of them are said to be about to discard the label, which, however, they would retain if it was possible to raise the price of the cigars in proportion to the increased cost of production.

The new scale went into force only two weeks ago. Ten-cent goods are not affected by it.

SAM GRIGG'S TIMBER LIMIT

He Goes to the Northwest to Look After It.

Messrs. Sam Grigg and W. D. Wiley leave tomorrow for the Northwest, where the former has a timber limit of 50 square miles, or 32,000 acres. Mr. Grigg has held the limit for many years and now realizes that it is very valuable. A line of railway has been constructed a short distance from it and another line is being surveyed.

A surveying party of eight persons leave on the C. P. R. for Duck Lake. The party is headed by William R. Riley, and it includes three men from Norwich, two from Newbury and a medical student from this city.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Dan Ferguson and wife are visiting in Wiarton for a few days.

—Mr. Henry Watkins, of the Great Northern Railway, was in the city today.

—Mr. Herbert Bland, formerly of this city, now of Hamilton, is visiting in this city.

—Miss Eva Mitchell, of Collingwood, is the guest of Miss Dean M. McCrae, the manse, Westminster.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Millar, of Toronto, arrived here today en route to Chicago to attend the marriage of their son, Louis, who weds Miss Grace Simons, of that city, next week.

—Rev. Dr. McCrae, Westminster, continues next Sunday his series of sermons on Christ's parable of the prodigal son. These sermons have created deep interest and are listened to by larger congregations.

—Mrs. Tom Marks and Miss Gertrude Shea, leading lady of the well-known dramatic company, were in the city for a few hours today. They are playing in Strathroy a short engagement prior to their returning to Michigan.

—The regular meeting of the Western University Literary Society will be held this evening in Convocation Hall at 8 o'clock. This is the closing meeting of the season, and an unusually good programme will be presented. The public is cordially invited to attend it.

—The choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will give one of their popular services of praise on Monday evening next. Upon this occasion they will be assisted by Mrs. Clyde Green, of Hamilton, and Mr. David Ross, of Toronto. These artists will be heard in a short programme, and will also take part in the sacred cantata "Hagar," which will be rendered for the first time in this city.

BENNETT—TAPP.

Miss Susie Tapp, of this city, recently left here for the coast, and at San Francisco she was met by Dr. A. G. Bennett, to whom she was married on April 8, at Los Angeles. They will reside at Los Gatos.

TOMORROW'S RECITAL.

The music which Mr. Jordan will play at his recital tomorrow afternoon at the First Methodist Church will be Hallin's "Concert Fantasie," Rhemberger's "Intermezzo," Lemmen's "Fanfare" and "Triumphal March," the "Shubert Serenade" and the "William Tell" overture. Mr. Garthewaite and Mr. Saunders will assist.

LARGE CROWDS SAW FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late R. Shaw-Wood passed through the city this afternoon en route from the Church of the Hosanna, Hyde Park, where the services were held, to Woodland Cemetery. In the expectation that services would be held at St. Paul's Cathedral large numbers gathered in the vicinity of the cathedral, the chimes of which were tolled in respect to the deceased. In the cortege were a number of friends from distant points.

CHURCH BURIED HIM.

The remains of the late Maxim Seigneur, who had died at the jail, were buried in the Catholic Cemetery, through the kindness of the Catholic Church in this city.

WHOSE IS THE TRUNK?

Thursday of last week a drayman left a trunk and a bicycle at a house on English street. The people there do not know to whom the articles belong, and as nobody has called to claim them since they have reported the matter to the authorities.

HACK TURNED OVER.

While returning from the funeral of the late