MARKETS and FINANCE

Saturday, Jan. 16.—Although the amount of produce offered on Central Market this morning was large, business was rather slow, the rough weather keeping the lady buyers at home. The butchers did a fair trade, especially in hogs. Trade on the grain market was not very brisk and prices were steady with the exception of barley, which advanced 3 cents. No other noticeable changes occurred, the tone of the market being steady. Standard prices at 8 a. m. were:

Dairy Produce.

Dairy Butter	0 28 to 0 30
Cooking butter	0 20 to 0 23
Cheese, new, per lb.	0 15 to 0 00
Cheese, old, per lb.	0 17 to 0 20
Eggs, dozen	0 30 to 0 33
Cold storage eggs	0 25 to 0 28

Poultry.

Chickens, pair	1 00 to 1 75
Geese, pound	0 12 to 0 14
Geese	1 00 to 2 00
Turkeys, lb.	0 21 to 0 25
Ducks, pair	1 25 to 2 00

Fruits.

Cooking	0 15 to 0 20
Snow apples	0 20 to 0 30
Greenings	0 10 to 0 15
Northern Spys, basket	0 20 to 0 25
Northern Spys, bushel	1 00 to 1 25
Pears, basket	0 20 to 0 30

Vegetables, Etc.

Carrots, basket	0 20 to 0 00
Lettuce, per bunch	0 03 to 0 05
Parsley, doz.	0 25 to 0 00
Beets, basket	0 20 to 0 00
Celery, doz.	0 30 to 0 50
Potatoes, bag	0 60 to 0 75
Potatoes, bush.	0 40 to 0 55
Potatoes, basket	0 20 to 0 25
Cauliflower	0 05 to 0 10
Cabbage	0 02 to 0 04
Pumpkins	0 10 to 0 15
Hubbard squash, each	0 10 to 0 00
Citrons, each	0 05 to 0 05
Parsnips, basket	0 20 to 0 20
Curley Kale, each	0 05 to 0 05
Turnips, white, basket	0 20 to 0 30
Turnips, yellow, bushel	0 30 to 0 30
Oyster Plant, bunch	0 05 to 0 05
Supply and demand fair, no change.	
Creamery butter	0 30 to 0 32

Smoked Meats.

Bacon, sides, lb.	0 16 to 0 17
Bacon, backs, lb.	0 17 to 0 18
Hams, lb.	0 15 to 0 17
Shoulders, lb.	0 11 to 11½
Lard	12¼ to 12½
Carrots, basket	0 20 to 0 00
Bologna, lb.	0 07 to 0 00
Pork sausage, lb.	0 08 to 0 00
Frankfurts	0 08 to 0 00

Meats.

Supply and demand good.

Christmas Beef	8 00 to 9 00
Beef, No. 1, cwt.	7 00 to 8 00
Beef, No. 2, cwt.	6 00 to 6 00
Beef, No. 3, cwt.	5 00 to 5 00
Live hogs	6 50 to 6 50
Dressed hogs	8 75 to 9 00
Veal, per cwt.	8 00 to 10 00
Mutton, per cwt	6 00 to 7 00
Spring Lambs	11 00 to 12 00

Fish.

Good supply and demand, no change.

Pickerel, lb.	0 10 to 0 00
Salmon Trout, 2 lbs.	0 25 to 0 25
Whit Fish, 2 lbs.	0 25 to 0 25
Perch, lb.	0 10 to 0 00
Herring, lb.	0 10 to 0 00
Herring, doz.	0 20 to 0 00
Halibut, lb.	0 20 to 0 00
Haddock, lb.	0 10 to 0 00
Pike, lb.	0 10 to 0 00
Cod, lb.	0 10 to 0 00
Eels	0 10 to 0 00
Flounders	0 10 to 0 10
Mackerel, each	0 20 to 0 25
Smoked salmon	0 15 to 0 15
Lake Erie herring, lb.	0 10 to 0 00
Ciscoes, dozen	0 20 to 0 20
Finnan haddie, lb.	0 10 to 0 00

The Hide Market.

Fair supply, demand small, prices steady.

Wool, pound, washed	0 34 to 0 14
Wool, pound, unwashed	0 08 to 0 08
Calf skins, No. 1, pound	0 15 to 0 00
Calf skins, No. 2, pound	0 13 to 0 00
Calf skins, flat	0 00 to 12½
Calf skins, each	1 00 to 1 25
Horse hides, each	1 50 to 2 50
Hides, No. 1, per lb.	8½ to 8½
Hides, No. 2, per lb.	7½ to 7½
Hides, flat	0 07 to 7½
Sheep skins	0 70 to 0 70

Grain Market.

Receipts and deliveries slow. Prices unchanged.

Barley	0 50 to 0 53
Wheat, white, bush.	0 93 to 0 94
Do., red, bush.	0 93 to 0 94
Oats	0 42 to 42½
Rye	0 70 to 0 70
Buckwheat	0 56 to 0 55
Chopped corn	1 25 to 1 25
Corn	0 75 to 0 75
Peas	0 80 to 0 85

Hay and Wood.

Straw, per ton	7 00 to 8 00
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 14 00

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET.

The offerings of grain to-day were small, consisting only of 200 bushels of barley, which sold at 58 to 59c per bushel.

Hay in fair supply and firm, 30 loads selling at $12.50 to $14 a ton for No. 1, and at $9 to $11 for mixed. Straw easier, with offerings of six loads. It sold at $11 to $12 a ton for bundled.

Dressed hogs are firmer at $8.75 to $9 for heavy, and at $9.15 to $9.30 for light.

Wheat, fall, bushel	8 0 95 $ 0 00
Do., goose, bushel	0 91 0 92
Oats, bushel	0 41 0 00
Barley, bushel	0 58 0 59
Rye, bushel	0 69 0 70
Peas, bushel	0 88 0 89
Hay, per ton	12 50 14 00
Do., No. 2	9 00 11 00
Straw, per ton	11 00 12 00
Dressed hogs	8 75 9 30
Butter, dairy	0 25 0 29
Do., creamery	0 29 0 31
Eggs, new laid	0 40 0 45
Do., fresh	0 30 0 00
Chickens, dressed, lb.	0 13 0 16
Geese, lb.	0 12 0 13
Turkeys, lb.	0 18 0 21
Cabbage, per dozen	0 40 0 75
Celery, dozen	0 50 0 75
Potatoes, bag	0 70 0 80
Onions, bag	0 85 0 00
Apples, barrel	2 50 4 00
Beef, hindquarters	8 50 10 00
Do., forequarters	6 00 7 00
Do., choice, carcase	8 00 8 50
Do., medium, carcase	5 50 7 00
Mutton, per cwt.	7 00 9 00
Veal, prime, per cwt.	8 50 11 00
Lamb, per cwt.	10 00 11 00

PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, $22.50 to $23 per barrel; mess, $19 to $19.50.

Lard—Strong; tierces, 12 1-2c; tubs, 12 3-4c; pails, 13c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 10 3-4c to 11c, tons and cases; hams, large, 12 1-2c to 13c; small, 13 1-2c to 14c; backs, 16c to 16 1-2c; shoulders, 10c to 10 1-2c; rolls, 10 1-4c to 11c; breakfast bacon, 14 1-2c to 15c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

SEEDS.

Prices at country points are:

Alsike—No. 1, $7.25 to $7.50; extra fancy lots a little higher; No. 2, $6.75 to $7; No. 3, $6.50 to $6.75 per bushel.

Red Clover—$4.50 to $5.25 per bushel.

Alfalfa—$7.50 to $8 per bushel.

Timothy—$1.50 to $2.10 per bushel, according to quality.

London.—Calcutta linseed, Jan., 46s 6d per 412 lbs.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Toronto dealers are paying for city butchers' stock:

Hides—No. 1 green inspected steer hides, 60 lbs. and up, 11c per lb.; No. 2, 10c per lb.; No. 1 inspected cows, 10 1-2c per lb.; No. 2, 9 1-2c per lb.

Calfskins—Nos. 1 and 2, green, 12c per lb.

Sheepskins—Present kill, 80 to 90c.

Horse hair—Farmer or peddlers stock, 30c per lb.

Toronto dealers are paying for country stock laid down here: Hides, cured, all weights, 9 1-4 to 9 1-2c.

The prices for stock being paid by dealers at country points, 9 to 9 1-4c; calfskins, cured, 11 to 13c; sheepskins, present take-off, 70 to 80c; horse hides, No. 1, $3.

Tallow—Solid, in barrels, No. 1 stock, 5 1-2c to 6c per lb.; cake, No. 1 stock, 6 1-2c.

BALED HAY AND STRAW.

Prices in car lots on track, Toronto, are:

Hay—No. 1, timothy, $11; inferior, $9 to $10.

Straw—Range is from $7 to $7.50, according to quality.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat—January 99c bid, July $1.02 1-8 bid, May $1.01 bid.

Oats—January 37 3-8c bid, May 41 1-4c bid.

TORONTO SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.50 per cwt., in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4.10 per cwt., in barrels. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots, 5c less.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London.—London cables for cattle are steady, at 13 to 14 1-2c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9 3-8 to 9 3-4c per lb.

WALL STREET NEWS.

Spot copper in London is 10s lower at £61 7s 6d, and futures, 10s lower at £62 5s.

New York banks gained $5,743,000 through sub-Treasury operations the past week.

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange sold to-day for $75,000.

Large increases in stocks of copper on hand expected in February.

Railroads in the West are placing orders for ties.

British statistics show large decreases in both pig iron and steel output.

Improving tendency in silver market.

Twenty-six roads for first week January show average gross increase 2 per cent.

COBALT MINING STOCKS

The mining market was somewhat dormant yesterday and little interest was evinced in the leading securities. Most of the stocks are well held, and it would seem that shareholders are now marking time.

Nipissing's showing for the year 1908 has just been given out. The big mine produced 7,062,527 pounds, yielding 2,807,446 ounces of silver. The net value of the ore, f.o.b. Cobalt, was $1,384,447, which means that the mine received a fraction less than 49 cents an ounce. The ore averaged 19 cents a pound. The statement showing operating costs has not yet been compiled.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Nancy Helen Mines, Limited, will be held at the office of the company, in the Town of Cobalt, on Wednesday, Jan. 27th. The principal item of business is to consider whether or not it is advisable to authorize the directors to sell or lease all or any part or parts of the company's lands situated in the Township of Bucke.

The following are the ore shipments for the week ending Jan. 16th, in tons, from Rossland: Centre Star, 3,186; Le Roi, 959; Le Roi No. 2, 500; Josie concentrates, 84; Le Roi No. 2, milled, 260.

TORONTO EXCHANGE

Friday Morning Sales.

Temiskaming, xd.—100 at 1.63, 500 at 1.62 1-2, 500 at 1.62 1-2, 500 at 1.62, 100 at 1.62.

Silver Queen—100 at 95.

Cobalt Lake—500 at 17, 500 at 17, 200 at 17, 4500 at 17, 500 at 17.

Crown Reserve—500 at 2.83, 1000 (sixty days) at 2.90.

Rochester—500 at 23.

Scotia—50 at 62.

Silver Leaf—200 at 14 1-4.

Peterson—100 at 31, 100 at 31 1-2.

Cobalt Central—200 at 53, 300 at 53.

McKinley—100 at 98.

Chambers—50 at 80.

Beaver—20 at 26.

Foster—100 at 50.

Trethewey—1000 at 1.51.

Coniagas—25 at 6.65.

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Friday Afternoon Sales.

McKinley—100 at 97.

Silver Leaf—200 at 14 1-4.

Otisse—100 at 43, 200 at 43.

Peterson—100 at 31 1-2.

Chambers—100 at 80, 50 at 81.

Temiskaming—100 at 1.61 1-2, 100 at 1.61 1-2.

City of Cobalt—100 at 2.45.

Crown Reserve—500 at 2.77, 500 at 2.77.

Cobalt Lake—500 at 17.

STANDARD EXCHANGE.

Friday Morning Sales.

Beaver Consolidated—2000 at 25, 1000 at 25, 1000 at 25, 100 at 25 1-2, 500 at 25 1-2, 500 at 25, 300 at 25.

Cobalt Central—1000 at 50, 50 at 53, 500 at 50.

City of Cobalt—200 at 2.44, 200 at 2.44.

Chambers-Ferland—100 at 79 1-2, 250 at 79.

Diamond Vale—100 at 12.

Green-Meehan—500 at 20.

Gifford—200 at 20 1-2, 500 at 20 1-2.

Silver Leaf—500 at 14 1-8, 500 at 14 1-8, 500 at 14 1-8.

La Rose—25 at 6.40, 25 at 6.45.

Little Nipissing—200 at 40, 200 at 40, 1,000 at 39, 1,000 at 39.

McKinley Dar. Savage—300 at 97, 100 at 97.

Kerr Lake—100 at 7.81 1-4.

Peterson Lake—500 at 30 1-2, 500 at 30 3-4, 500 at 30 1-2, 100 at 30 1-2, 1,000 at 30 1-2, 500 at 30 3-4, 500 at 30 at 30-500 at 30 1-2, 500 at 30 1-2, 500 at 30-1-2, 500 at 30 3-4, 1,000 at 30 1-2.

Nipissing—35 at 9.87 1-2, 25 at 10.00, 50 at 10.

Rochester—1,000 at 22 1-2.

Nova Scotia—1,000 at 60 3-4, 500 at 60 3-4, 500 at 60 3-4, 500 at 60 3-4, 300 at 61.

Silver Queen—500 at 94, 25 at 95.

Silver Bar—1,000 at 59 1-2, 200 at 59, 1,000 at 59 1-2, 300 at 59, 500 at 58 1-2, 1,000 at 58 3-4, 250 at 59, 500 at 59 1-2, 500 at 59, 500 at 59, 500 at 59; buyers sixty days, 1,000 at 65, 1,000 at 65.

Otisse—200 at 45, 100 at 44, 100 at 44.

Temiskaming—300 at 1.61, 100 at 1.62, 100 at 1.62, 1,500 at 1.62, 1,000 at 1.62, 1,000 at 1.62, 500 at 1.62, 100 at 1.62, 1,000 at 1.61, 100 at 1.62, 500 at 1.62, 200 at 1.61, 1,000 at 1.60 1-2.

Trethewey—100 at 1.53, 200 at 1.53, 200 at 1.53, 500 at 1.52 1-2.

Friday Afternoon Sales.

Chambers-Ferland—500 at 78, 500 at 78.

Trethewey—500 at 1.53 1-2, 100 at 1.52, 1,000 at 1.52, 50 at 1.52, 100 at 1.51, 100 at 1.51, 100 at 1.52.

City of Cobalt—100 at 2.42, 100 at 2.42.

Beaver Consolidated—500 at 25, 500 at 25 1-2, 500 at 25.

Nipissing—10 at 10.00, 5 at 10.00 50 at 10.00.

Peterson Lake—200 at 31, 500 at 31.

Silver Bar—1,000 at 59 1-4, 500 at 59-1-4, 750 at 59 1-4; buyers thirty days, 500 at 62.

Nova Scotia—200 at 60 3-4, 300 at 60-1-2.

Silver Leaf—500 at 14 1-8, 500 at 14 1-8, 500 at 14 1-8, 1,000 at 14 1-8, 500 at 14 1-8, 1,000 at 14 1-8.

Little Nipissing—100 at 38, 500 at 38-1-2.

Cobalt Lake—500 at 17 1-2, 500 at 17-1-2, 800 at 17 1-2.

McKinley Dar. Savage—200 at 97.

Cobalt Ceintral—500 at 50 1-2, 500 at 51, 1,000 at 51 1-4, 500 at 52.

Temiskaming—100 at 1.61.

Foster—100 at 50.

LIVERPOOL LIVE STOCK.

Liverpool, Jan. 16.—Peas—Canadian, steady, 7s 7d. Flour—Winter patents, steady, 29s 9d.

Beef—Extra—India mess, 113s 9d. Pork, prime mess, western, quiet, 78s 9d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., strong, 47s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., firm, 43s 6d. Short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., firm, 45s; long, clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., dull, 45s.

LONDON STOCK MARKET.

London, Jan. 16.—1 p. m.—Consols for money, 83 7-16; do., for account, 83 1-2; Amal. Copper, 81 5-8; Atchison, 101 3-4; do., pref., 103; Can. Pac., 181; C. M. & St. Paul, 152; De Beers, 113 3-8; Denver & Rio, 34 1-2; Grand Trunk, 18 1-2; N. Y. Central, 132 1-2; Ontario & Western, 47 3-4; Penna., 67 3-4; Rand Mines, 7 7-8; Reading, 69 3-4; Southern Pac., 121 7-8; Spanish Fours, 121 7-8, 84 3-4; Union Pac., 182 1-2; do., pref., 99; U. S. Steel, 52 3-8; do., pref., 115 3-4; Wabash, 19.

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Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Montreal—Trade here during the past week has shown some evidences of increased activity. Travelers are now pretty well out and they are beginning to send in some good sorting orders for winter lines. Dry goods men look forward to a brisk enquiry for staples. The clothing trade generally seems to be more active and boot and shoe manufacturers report good orders. The demand for staple groceries is fairly good and prices are generally steady. The movement in hardware and metals continues moderate, although sorting lines are moving quite briskly.

Toronto reports to Bradstreet's says—General business is now beginning to open up. Travellers are getting out on their routes and report still predict a good sorting trade. Orders so far have been good. Spring orders are pretty well up to expectations. The demand for linens and cotton prints promises to be heavy. During the week a good many retailers have been in town and in many cases they have left good orders or have been settling accounts. The movement in groceries is about normal for this season. Prices are generally steady.

Winnipeg—Retail stocks are now moving fairly well and travellers are now getting out with spring lines.

Vancouver and Victoria reports say—Trade along the coast is still seasonably quiet, although the outlook promises a good spring business as soon as the travellers get through the country with their lines.

Quebec—Trade is much about the same as the preceding week.

Hamilton reports prospects for future business continue most encouraging. Wholesale and retail trade is still on the quite side, but some sorting orders for winter lines are beginning to come forward. Factories are fairly busy. Collections have been good so far this month and money is offering freely for all purposes. Values are generally steady.

London reports trade fairly active although the retail movement continues quiet.

Ottawa reports wholesale and retail trade there continues a little quiet.

THE GREATEST BANKS.

Toronto Saturday Night: That oft-repeated, but most inaccurate statement that the Bank of Montreal is either the second or third largest banking institution in the world, has been finally and officially set at rest by Mr. H. M. P. Eckhardt, himself a banker and a well-informed one. By means of a great deal of hard work, Mr. Eckhardt has compiled a statement showing just where the principal banks of the world stand in matters of capital, and reserve and total assets. In total assets the Bank of Montreal ranks thirtieth, and in capital and reserve twentieth. In total assets the Bank of England ranks seventh, while in matters of capital and reserve the Old Lady of Threadneedle street is first. Two banks in the United States exceed the Bank of Montreal as regards capital and reserve, and also total assets. These are the National City Bank and the National Bank of Commerce, both of New York.

Mr. Eckhardt's list is a long one, so I will content myself with enumerating the first ten in the world as regards capital and reserve, though they do not accord with the list when the question of total assets is taken into consideration. It is probably, however, a fairer comparison as some of the banks in the Old World crowd their asset column with items which would not come under that heading in Canada. England or the United States: Bank of England, $89,000,000; Credif Lyonnaise, $75,000,000; Deutsche Bank, $74,274,000; Bank of Germany, $61,000,0; Dresdner Bank, $57,000,000; Berlin Bank, $56,000,000; National City Bank, $48,000,000; Bank of Italy, $45,069,000; Banco de Chili, $45,000,000; National Bank of Commerce, $39,000,000.

MANY ARRESTS.

Messina, Jan. 16.—Eighty-two persons have been arrested up to the present time for staling during the confusion incident to the earthquake disaster. They will be tried by martial law.

Hon. R. Dandurand, Speaker of the Senate, and Mon. R. F. Sutherland, Speaker of the Commons in the last Parliament, have been appointed members of the King's Privy Council for Canada.

WELL-CLAD FAMILY.

Maine Man Had Thirty Tweed Suits in Two Years.

New York, Jan. 15.—In overruling a protest filed by M. E. Murray against the action of the collector of customs at Bangor, Maine, exacting duty on fourteen pieces of cloth brought from Canada, the Board of United States General Appraisers decided to-day that the liberal construction of the personal effects provision of the Dingley tariff cannot be carried to the point of abuse of the exceptional provisions of the law. The case before the board showed that Mr. Murray makes periodical business trips to Canada. For several years it has been his practice to purchase cloth in the piece while in the Dominion. Later the material or some of it is made up into clothes for himself and sons. The collector declined to admit the cloth free as the property of an American citizen returning from a foreign country. Murray then took an appeal to the Board of Appraisers asking a reversal of the collector's action.

It was brought out, however, at the trial of the case that in 1907 when returning from a similar trip to Canada he brought in sixteen pieces of tweed goods. At that time the board acted favorably on the protest. In the latest case, however, General Appraiser Hay holds that to sustain the claim would be a violation of the spirit of the law.

AN IMPERIAL STAFF.

Sir Frederick Borden Tells of the Latest Plans.

London, Jan. 15.—In an interview regarding the relations existing between Canada and the United States, Sir Frederick Borden said: "On political questions we want to be good neighbors and friends, but on trade questions the United States has taken a line of policy, presumably from national motives, which excludes us. We accept the situation and will pursue our own line of policy. Any concession or reopening of the trade question must come from the United States."

Sir Frederick also stated: "I had serious conferences with Mr. Haldane and members of the army council and also General Hood, of Australia, with reference to the proposed imperial general staff. An advance is being made and steps are being taken to make regulations and formulate plans for what was at first only a general idea. There are, however, certain difficulties as to questions of administration and the like to overcome. The scheme was hardly yet crystallized, but still there has been progress. The exchange of officers between the various parts of the empire has been going on for some time, but this is only a part of the scheme. In the case of Canada, for instance, we may have four or five members of the general staff, or, in other words, our own general staff, which would form a part of the imperial general staff.

ALLEGED USURY.

C. W. Mitchell, of Ottawa, Must Appear in Court.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The Ontario Government has taken action with regard to the charges made relative to alleged infractions of the usury laws in Ottawa. Inspector Rogers, of the Provincial detective force has been investigating during the past few days a case of a loan made by Mr. C. W. Mitchell, of Ottawa, to the late Mr. Hilmer, draughtsman in the city engineer's office, who committed suicide two weeks ago owing to despondency over money matters. It is stated that the conditions of the loan were in violation of the law allowing only 12 per cent. interest, and Mr. Mitchell has been ordered to appear in court on Thursday next.

LEFT CANADA.

Over 6,000 People Went to United States in October.

Washington, Jan. 15.—For the year ended October 31 last the number of aliens arriving in the United States was 655,263, while the departing numbered 701,839, a net loss to the country of 46,576, according to a statement made by Secretary Straus to-day.

Another interesting fact to Secretary Straus was that in the month of October, 1908, the immigration to the United States was larger from Great Britain than from any other country of the world, amounting to 8,334. From British North America there came the second largest number, 6,501. Mr. Straus thought these figures indicated a tendency toward new arrivals of the best class for some time to come.

TWO KILLED.

Engines and Cars Went Down Bank of Fraser River.

Kamloops, B. C., Jan. 15.—At one o'clock this afternoon train No. 97 was derailed by a snowslide about 7 1-2 miles east of Yale. On account of the recent heavy snowfalls in this district the train was being handled by two engines, and these, together with the baggage, mail, express and colonist cars, went down the bank of the Fraser River. Three other cars were also derailed. Engineers Carscadden and Foster were killed, and three trainmen and a number of passengers slightly injured. None of the injuries are serious and the passengers are being made comfortable in the sleeping cars, which were not derailed. The names of the injured will be obtainable later.

The train is reported to have been running cautiously, at a speed of only fifteen miles per hour, at the time, and it is stated that only the caution with which trains are operated over this section of the road, particularly during the season when snowslides may be looked for, prevented the accident turning out more seriously. A relief train was at once despatched from North Bend, and another with doctors ad nurses from Vancouver. It is expected the line will be clear in a few hours.

This total includes £280,000 for the officers, and £47,000 for the supply of free firewood.

SECT AT LAW.

ASTOUNDING EVIDENCE GIVEN IN AN ASSIZE COURT TRIAL.

Altona Laborer Threatened With Excommunication Unless He Withdrew Claim for His Child's Seduction by a Brother in the Faith.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—That the mediaeval threats of ex-communication by bell, book and candle still have power to influence the souls of men was evidenced in an interesting suit which came before Mr. Justice MacMahon in the non-jury Assize Court yesterday.

The suit yesterday was brought by Benjamin Lehman, of Altona, a hunchback laborer, against Orval Kester, a burly looking farmer of Stouffville. Both men are members of a Mennonite church at Altona, of which Lehman acts as caretaker. Three months ago Lehman brought an action against Kester for the seduction of his daughter, Gertie, and for the support of her child. The case was tried by Mr. Justice Magee, who awarded the father of the girl $1,200. The girl was under age.

But in bringing in the action the father of the girl had not reckoned with the church. A meeting of the elders was held after the trial and they decided that Lehman had committed sin in bringing the action, it being against the rules of the chuch for one member to sue another at law. Lehman was thereupon called to make a public confession of his sin, and drop the judgment. The penalty for non-compliance was the excommunication from the church. On the other hand Kester was quite willing to accept his apology for bringing the action, and promised to forgive him if he dropped the judgment.

The various elders who spoke with him, so influenced Lehman that he went to a Stouffville lawyer in company with Kester, Elder Hoover and Bishop Wideman, of the Mennonite Church, where he signed a document releasing Kester from the judgment.

Since then Lehman had regretted signing the paper and appealed to the court to set aside the document, alleging that it was procured "by the fraud, misrepresentation and undue influence of Samuel Wideman, a Bishop of the congregation of Mennonites, and by one Hoover, also a member of the congregation," acting in concert with Kester. After hearing all the evidence Mr. Justice MacMahon reserved judgment.

Some of the evidence given was especially interesting. In one part of his testimony Lehman described how he was met on the road by Elder Hoover, who bade him get into his buggy and go with him to Kester's house, where together with Bishop Wideman, they met Kester. "I shook hands with Kester," said Lehman, "and he said, 'I forgive you.' Then he said something I did not like, and I got up to go out, but Hoover said, 'Sit down, this is a church affair and your daughter is not a member of the church.'"

"Why did you sign the release?" "You knew you were giving up $1,200," asked Mr. J. M. Godfrey, who appeared for the plaintiff.

"Well, they had me there, and what was I to do—a poor old man like me—threatened with expulsion from the church. I was powerless," replied Lehman.

Elder Hoover, who had taken a prominent part in the interview which led up to the signing of the release, was cross-examined by Mr. Godfrey, as follows:

"It is a serious rule of your church that a member should not go to law?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you and the Bishop wanted him to give up the suit, and the damages, and to stay in the church?"

"Yes."

"It was a question of his soul's salvation? If he continued on in this course—this wicked course—he would lose his soul?"

"He certainly would."

"He certainly would—and that two-hour struggle you and Wideman had with Lehman was to save his soul?"

The lawyer peered straight into the eyes of the witness, as he asked the question.

Hoover deliberated, and then replied "Yes."

"Was $1,200 the price of his salvation?" asked Justice MacMahon.

"You did not see that Lehman had any independent legal advice?"

"No."

"Don't you think he should have had it?"

Mr. Hoover studied a moment. "Not in connection with the church," he replied.

"That means—" began Mr. Godfrey.

"The church is supreme?" said Mr. Justice MacMahon.

The witness assented.

Bishop Samuel Wideman, a short, stocky man with a ruddy face and a long black beard, also testified.

Asked by Mr. Curry as to whether he had exerted any undue influence over Lehman, he replied:

"No. I directed my thought in prayer that this thing might be accomplished and I believe Brother Lehman was influenced by my prayers."

"Were your petitions silent?"

"Yes."

"Well, Lehman says that he did not know when he left the church to go to Kester's that he was to forego judgment. Is that so?"

"Well, he knew that perfectly, I'm sure," replied the Bishop.

LASH FOR WIFE-BEATERS.

Grand Jury Would Also Prohibit Mixed Marriages.

Toronto Jan. 15.—The lash for wife-beaters as well as imprisonment, and prohibition of mixed marriages between white and colored and between whites and Chinese, were advocated by the Grand Jury of the Criminal Assizes in their presentment made yesterday. As to wife-beaters and mixed marriages the jury said: "We would thoroughly recommend that the laws as to wife-beating be changed so that the lash be added to the period of imprisonment to try and stamp out the ever-increasing evil.

"Also, that a law be passed prohibiting or making illegal mixed marriages, that is, white with black or white with Chinese."

Mr. Justice Magee of the clause in the report touching on mixed marriages said:

"There are many peoples coming to our lands from southern and Oriental countries who are creating serious problems. They do not appear to be coming as permanent citizens, but rather as sojourners. They have not the welfare of the country at heart. It is said, however, that we are getting for the most part, the better class of Chinese and Japanese, so that we do not get a true idea of what these people are on the average. However, it is true that mixed marriages have proved on the whole, exceedingly unhappy, and the recommendation is well made."

Referring to the clause dealing with wife-beaters, his Lordship said:

"I do not think the law could be improved, but the enforcement can be made more strict. A feeling seems to prevaill that any man who is brutal enough to beat a wife, whom he has promised to love, cherish, and protect, should receive the utmost punishment the law allows. Magistrates throughout the country are beginning to feel that in these cases a man does not fear a long imprisonment, which would seem to be true.

"It is said, however, that the lash is degrading. At the same time, it is true that men of this class cannot feel the shame and degradation of a lashing, and where they can only be made to feel through their skins the last might be used to effect."

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FOOTBALL AND MOTORS.

Evidences of the Rapid Westernization of the Turks.

Constantinople, Jan. 15.—Among the evidences of the rapid westernization of the Turks is the growing interest in football. The form of game adopted is that of the British Association. Matches are chiefly played on Sundays, and all races join in them. A number of motor omnibuses will shortly be plying here.

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Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

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