

"A Word to the Wise is Sufficient."

But some stubborn people wait until "down sick" before trying to ward off illness or cure it. The wise recognize in the word "Hood's" assurance of health.

For all blood troubles, scrofula, pimples, as well as diseases of the kidneys, liver and bowels, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the effective and faultless cure.

Blood Purifier—I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, and find it beneficial for myself and baby. It purifies the blood and strengthens the system. Mrs. HENRY WALL, Clinton, Ont.

Strength Builder—Myself, wife and children have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and it strengthened us. It relieved me of a large back. DAVID McGOON, caretaker, Coll. Institute, Galt, Ont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ill, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THE MARKETS.

Local Market
A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT.

London, Saturday Dec. 22.
Wheat, white, per bu. 61½c to 62c
Wheat, red, per bu. 61½c to 62c
Oats, per 100 lbs. 75c to 76c
Peas, per bu. 50c to 51c
Corn, per bu. 42c to 43c
Barley, per bu. 33½c to 34c
Buckwheat, per bu. 40½c to 41c
Beans, per bu. \$1.00 to \$1.10
Dressed hogs 37.25 to 37.75

Today's grain session was a little quiet, receipts being light and prices just about the same.

Wheat sold at \$1.05 for the best; oats at 76c; corn, brought 75c to 80c; beans \$1 for uncleaned and \$1.20 for hand-picked. No other kind of grain offered.

Hay was scarce, and sold at \$7.50 to \$8. No straw came in.

Dressed hogs sold at \$7.25 to \$7.75; the demand was good and the supply light.

Live hogs were quoted at \$5.40, for delivery next week. Tuesday being Christmas, no shipping will be done Monday.

Young pigs sold slow and unchanged in prices.

Quotations:

GRAIN.		
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs.	1.03	1.05
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs.	1.03	1.05
Oats, per 100 lbs.	.75	.76
Peas, per 100 lbs.	.50	.51
Corn, per 100 lbs.	.42	.43
Barley, per 100 lbs.	.33	.34
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs.	.40	.41
Beans, per 100 lbs.	1.00	1.10
POULTRY.		
Hens, light, per 100 lbs.	5.40	5.40
Hens, heavy, per 100 lbs.	5.40	5.40
Geese, per 100 lbs.	5.40	5.40
Ducks, per 100 lbs.	5.40	5.40
Chickens, per 100 lbs.	5.40	5.40
Timothy seed, per bu.	0.00	0.00

A great throng of people moved in and out among hundreds of heavily-laden vehicles on the Market Square this morning. It was a bright-faced, eager, jostling crowd of Christmas buyers, seeking that which they might devour at the smallest possible expense.

For the most part, the market was opportunities in abundance to satisfy every demand and every taste. Nothing was lacking to make it a model Christmas market in every respect, and supplier and supplied alike were satisfied.

Of course, the article most sought after was turkey, that indispensable adjunct to present-day festivity. Early in the morning retail grocers swarmed to the square, anxious to procure choice lots before the increase that they anticipated became manifest.

Round and splendid specimens of birds could be bought at that price. It crept upward, and the day wore on. At 10 o'clock, 5½c obtained, and this soon changed to 6c, and there it remained.

Unlike the conditions of last year, this morning's supply was not excessive, and consequently there was no lull in prices as the day wore on.

The prices of other poultry remained remarkably firm. In fact, quotations were unaffected.

Butter was an important factor on the market this morning. It was in strong demand, and butchers were quick to quote. The trade today was in marked contrast to that of a year ago, when there was a noticeable famine in both Canada and Europe. The open fall and warm weather that followed has permitted of continued exportation, with the result that fairly moderate though profitable prices are now asked for fine stock.

Meats were offered in profusion, and were disposed of so gradually that many of the butchers complained that they were the only class who were not profiting by the scramble for articles of consumption. They consider this year's Christmas trade rather unsatisfactory from their view-point, and claim that it is in no wise compares with that of last year.

PROVISIONS.

Butter, per lb.	12	12
Butter, whole, per lb.	12	12
Butter, 1/2 lb. roll, retail.	20	22
Butter, creamery, per lb.	11	12
Lard, per lb.	11	12
Eggs, store, per doz.	18	18
Butter, pound roll, baskets.	19	20
Butter, creamery, per lb.	11	12
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POULTRY.

Geese, per lb.	5	6
Ducks, per pair.	50	75
Chickens, per pair.	30	40
Hens, per pair.	40	50

FRUIT.

Apples, per bush.	50	75
Apples, per bush.	1.50	2.00

YOUR Christmas CAKE

Will be THE BEST if you use PURITAN FLOUR. This is a fact.
—FOR SALE ONLY—
HAMILTON'S, 3/3 Talbot St., near King St.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, new, per bag.	30	35
Celery, dozen.	30	40
Caulage, per doz.	30	40
Beets, per bag.	30	40
Onions, per bag.	30	40
Sardines, per can.	30	40
Peas, per can.	30	40
Savory and Sage, per doz.	15	24
Parley, per doz.	15	24
Artichokes, per bag.	75	75
Vegetable oil, per gal.	75	75

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—Cheese, 10c to 11c. Butter—Townships, 20c to 21c; western, 18c to 19c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Butter steady; creamery, 17c to 18c; factory, 15½c to 16c; June creamery, 17c to 18c; imitation creamery, 15½c to 16c; Swiss, 18c to 20c. Cheese strong; fancy large fall made, 11½c to 12½c; fancy small fall made, 11c to 12c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Butter market dull; creameries, 15c to 16c; dairies, 12½c to 13c. Cheese quiet, 10½c to 11½c.

EXCELLENT REASONS exist why Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil should be used by persons troubled with affections of the throat or lungs, sores upon the skin, rheumatic pain, corns, bunions or external injuries. The reasons are, that it is speedy, pure and unobjectionable, whether taken internally or applied outwardly.

MODERN THEATER A SERVICE

AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

London Will Have One for Season of 1901-1902.

The Present Play House To Be Reconstructed—Plans Have Been Prepared by the Architects.

London play-lovers have every reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that when the theatrical season of 1901-2 opens, this city will possess an opera house superior to that of any city of its size in America.

The present London Opera House will be entirely reconstructed, and when completed will be a thoroughly modern playhouse, fitted with all the latest accessories known to stagecraft. Plans have been prepared by Messrs. Moore & Henry, and arrangements are being made to proceed with the work immediately upon the closing of the current season.

The auditorium will be on the ground floor, and will be 80 feet long by 50 feet wide. There will be two galleries. The seating capacity will thus be increased to about 1,600. The floor will be graded so that a full view of the whole stage can be obtained from all parts of the house.

The proscenium arch will be 32 feet in width. The stage will be 46 feet by 50 feet, and will have a dozen dressing-rooms in a row. With a stage of this size, there will be no difficulty whatever in staging satisfactory theatrical productions on the road even those carrying the largest lines of scenic effects and accessories.

The approach to the auditorium will be from the street level through a wide entrance hall, and the approach to the balcony will be on each side of this main hall. The gallery entrances will also be from the street and entirely separate from those to the auditorium and balcony. The box office will be conveniently located in the entrance hall on the right side. There will be cloak rooms and dressing rooms on the ground floor, with entrance either from the main hall or the auditorium. The stage will be heated throughout by steam, lighted by electricity and thoroughly ventilated. The public of London may rest assured that no effort will be spared by Messrs. Moore & Henry, the architects, or Mr. Harvey, the proprietor, to give to this city a theater modern and complete in every detail.

AT THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Pleasant Reception Given by Col. and Mrs. Leys—Musical Programme—Presentation.

A large company of guests attended a reception to the Normal School students and their friends, given by Col. Leys, M.P.P., and Mrs. Leys, at the Normal School last night. It was an exceedingly enjoyable affair, and during the evening there were heard very many expressions of appreciation of Col. and Mrs. Leys' thoughtful kindness.

In the assembly room the following programme was rendered, to the frequent expressed delight of the audience: March, "Peace Forever" (L. March); Musical Society Orchestra; solo, Miss Clark; recitation, Miss E. Adams; solo, Miss Mills; reading, Mr. Alexander; solo, Miss Templeton; reading, Miss Love; solo, Miss Leys; intermezzo, "Salome" (Lorraine); Musical Society Orchestra. Subsequently the following numbers were played by the Musical Society Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Fred L. Evans: March, "The Major" (Henry); "Adonis" (Lubert); waltz, "Il Fiore d'Italia" (Stefano); march, "Sweetheart" (Pryor); "Romance" (Lorraine); "The Deep" (Petrie); march, "The Major" (Henry); "The Lancers" (Mills); waltz, "Calantha" (Holzman); galop, "Montebello-Champagne" (Ferraz).

During the programme an opportunity was afforded of inspecting the building and its equipment. The following points of interest were noted: The main hall, first and second floors; collection of paintings by Canadian artists, purchased by the education department; west lecture room, second floor, exhibition of microscopic slides; east lecture room, second floor, illumination by Geissler and X-ray tubes; physical science lecture room, first floor, west end; experiments and exhibitions in the physics department; library, first floor, east end.

On behalf of Mr. Westlake, Col. Leys presented to the school a large photograph of the clasp of the 1901-2 yearbook, which was presented to the school by the Literary Society. Principal Merchandiser, and Vice-Principal Dearness. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Col. Leys and Mrs. Leys for providing such a pleasant evening. Refreshments were served before the National Anti-Slavery Society concluded the programme.

WORST ON RECORD

A. N. Wideman's Case Attracting Great Attention to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Duntroon, Dec. 17.—Mr. A. N. Wideman's case has been attracting a great deal of attention lately. Mr. Wideman is a resident of this place, and consequently well known here. His case was truly remarkable. For five months he lay in bed, bent, twisted, distorted by rheumatism. He was actually in agony, sometimes screaming with pain. Bed sores came out on his body, one of which was puritified five hundred times before it healed. Until Mr. Wideman started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills it was thought that death was the only way out of his misery.

Mr. Wideman was treated by doctors to no avail. They gave him medicine containing mercury, which made his teeth break off, but which absolutely failed to cure him. He was then given Dodd's Kidney Pills. His case is regarded as the most severe on record, and his cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills is the most successful on record.

Mr. Wideman's case is a plain illustration of the power of Dodd's Kidney Pills. It is a case that should be known to all who are afflicted with kidney trouble. It is a case that should be known to all who are afflicted with rheumatism, or any other ailment that is caused by impure blood.

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AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Will Conclude the Reception to Soldiers.

Names Added to List—Final Arrangements.

The reception committee met last night to perfect arrangements for the reception to the soldiers of the Lake Champlain. The exact time that they will arrive is not yet known, but will be ascertained as soon as possible. The disembarkation at Halifax will allow them to arrive here at least one day earlier, and they may possibly be in London on Christmas Day. In that event an effort will be made to have them come about 10:30 or 11 o'clock, and thus allow the men to have their Christmas dinner at home after the formal reception and parade. The route of the parade, as described yesterday, will be adhered to, with the exception that the drill shed gathering has been abandoned, and at Canon Dunn's suggestion, the soldiers will be marched to St. Paul's Cathedral, where a brief thanksgiving service will be held. Citizens are requested to decorate their residences, and the desire of the committee is that the city should be decorated. The names of the soldiers who will be present are as follows: Mr. Birtwistle, and was deemed wholly satisfactory. The committee appreciates his generosity in having the work done at an extra cost of \$50, or \$80. Mayor Rumball, Ald. Jolly and ex-Ald. Carothers were named to see that the watches are as required.

Five or six members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, who are turning soldiers, and a deputation from the order asked to be allowed to take part in the procession. The request was granted, with the committee's thanks. When the service at St. Paul's is over the carriages used by the aldermen will be placed at the disposal of the soldiers.

The entertainment of the visiting corps was left to the local militia.

Model School Examination.

The following is a list of the successful candidates at the recent Model School examinations. The names are arranged in alphabetical order, and not in the order of merit. Mr. Quance's certificate is deferred until the 8th of January, when he will be of age.

ANNIE ALTONSON, Alice Louise Brown, Winnifred M. Combs, Edith Fair, Maud Fair, Zella Fawkes, Margaret Finlayson, Gertrude May, Fitzgerald, Seale R. Hoskin, Lillian Gertrude Howard, Martha B. McGee, Cassie McKenzie, Grace McNaughton, May Maybank, Katie Mitchell, Blanche Pigot, Lena Powe, Maude Saxton, Mina Smith, Irene Elsie, Miss Winnifred Ethel Teifer, May Woodward.

Bede Aylesworth, Arthur W. Bell, Robert C. Black, Webster Braithwaite, Wilbert Horne, Frank H. Langford, Wesley T. Parkinson, Francis Melville Quance, James H. Ramsay, Henry T. Stanley.

STRATHROY.

Annie Augustina, Edna Davidson, Bertha M. Bates, Gella Gendeman, Emma S. Hixon, Lizzie S. McIntyre, Minnie G. McLean, Sara McLush, Clara L. Tuck, Isabel J. Wyatt.

Edna J. Hixon, Gordon E. Johnson, Dan J. McGowan, Alex. McGowan, Peter McKichan, Donald A. Norris, James R. Reid.

INCREASED ACTIVITY

Characterized General Business Throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Montreal—The activity in holiday goods at Montreal is a promising feature for general wholesale business. Sales reported by retailers have been large.

Toronto—There has been a fair movement in trade at Toronto this week, although it would have been larger if the weather had not turned mild again. Grain deliveries in Ontario are increasing, and country retailers are busy. The mill and flouring factories are busy, the masses are well employed, and good wages are being paid.

Hamilton—There has been increased activity in trade circles at Hamilton this week.

London—Freer grain deliveries as a result of the improvement of the country roads has created improvements in payments in London, and this, with the increase in the retail trade usual at this season, has imparted a better tone to general business. Travelers for jobs report a promising outlook for next season.

Ottawa—Business in Ottawa has been quite active this week. Money has been circulating more freely lately and the prospects for trade are good.

At the West—The seasonable weather in Manitoba has done much for the trade since the first of the month. The winter trade in the west, and the wholesale circles has been very satisfactory.

Trade in the coast cities have been more active.

OBSERVANT CUSTOMER—"What do you think of these 'C. R. Co.' rubbers that I see advertised?"

"How much?" inquired Miss Cayenne. "They are unsuited for wear, fit and style."

BUCKLE'S ANTI-CONSUMPTIVE SYRUP stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

Food for the Nerves.

The danger-line of health—reached by different ways—forced upon some—courted by others—some know when they reach it—others only half recognize the finger-posts nature provides as a warning that the danger line is reached—They rush ahead until the iron hand of disease claims them—The present-day health-danger-line is reached by more people at an earlier age than ever before—present-day conditions concentrate an enormous amount of nerve work—It means high nerve tension—It comes to the professional—to the business man—to the student—to the clerk—to the seamstress—mechanic—working man—It is the legacy of nerve-straining competition—you are told of it by telephone from some part of the system—Heart fluttering or palpitation—dizziness or faintness—restless sleep—never



A—Brain. B—Cerebellum. C—Spinal Cord.

irritable—mind confused—stomach upset—headache—trembling of the limbs—twitching muscles—pain in the side or back—frequent headaches—failing strength—No matter from what vital organ the message comes, the call is for more Nerve Force—You can supply it through Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food—The great record made by this medicine is from its being first, last and all the time a Nerve Tissue Builder—furnishing lacking Nerve Force to Stomach Nerves—Kidney Nerves—Liver Nerves—Heart Nerves—Brain Nerves.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is prepared in condensed pill form and sold only in boxes similar to the cut here presented. The great popularity gained by this prescription on account of its wonderful influence in restoring nerve force to worn-out, run-down and strength-failing people has led to imitations and substitutions on a large scale. You are only sure of the genuine by the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase on each box. 50 cents, at all dealers, or by mail, postpaid, from Edmondson, Bates & Company, Toronto.

AROUND THE CITY.

SEVERELY BURNED.

Mr. Wm. Morris, of Byron avenue, had both hands severely burned while working about a generator at the Leont Street Railway power house, recently.

SHOPLAND—BOWERING.

Mr. Albert E. Shopland and Miss Bertha Bowering were married at the Westminster paragon, Lambeth, Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Wesley Cosens, assisted by Rev. Walter E. Mikson, of Gesto.

AT HARDING HALL.

Dr. Clarke, of Trinity University, Toronto, gave a most delightful and instructive lecture on Kingsley's "Water Babies" at Harding Hall yesterday morning. The pupils and friends who were present felt that they had enjoyed a rich treat.

WM. STEVELY & SON'S GIFT.

On Friday evening, as the employees of Messrs. Wm. Stevely & Son called at the office to receive their weekly wages, Mr. Samuel Stevely presented each of them with a turkey, with the compliments of the firm. The kindness of Mr. Stevely was much appreciated by the men.

A WINNER.

Mr. Wm. E. Wright, of Glanworth, was one of the successful winners at the Ontario Provincial Fair Stock Show last week, winning four first prizes, three second, four third, one fourth and one sweepstake on sheep; also first prize on export bacon hogs, and a number of prizes on mammoth bronze turkeys.