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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, Dec. 11—Noon.—Irregularity has marked the trading during the greater part of the forenoon session, but the general market has held remarkably well. It is only fairly strong, slightly nervous, but exhibiting a fair degree of resistance. The weak spot during the morning has been Steel, preferred, and that stock has been heavily sold. There has been liquidation and short selling, and explanations are no more vivid today than they were yesterday. Primarily, Steel is sold on a revival of the rumors that the earnings of the company are abnormally small. The opening market was fairly strong, reflecting the better prices in London. A reaction set in quickly, which carried prices down throughout the list. Brooklyn Rapid Transit sold off, and the tractions were generally easier. Missouri Pacific sold off early, and the granger stocks generally exhibited an easier tone. The coalers had a good undertone, but were not aggressive. The weakness of Steel, preferred, pervaded the market, and prevented any pronounced rally. Prices became gradually better, however, and it looks now as if no bad break was imminent. People's Gas made a sharp advance and held well. Copper has been steady. There has been little change in money rates.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, Dec. 11. Ask.	Off
Canadian Pacific	119	119¾
Duluth, common	10	7
Duluth, preferred	15	10
Winnipeg Electric	215	190
Montreal Street Railway	213½	213½
Toronto Street Railway	99½	99¼
Halifax Street Railway	55	..
Twin City Transit Railway	92¾	92¾
Richelieu and Ontario	85	84
Commercial Cable	160	156
Montreal Telegraph	165	160
Bell Telephone	160	149¾
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	8½	8
Dominion Steel, pref	30	24
Montreal Heat Light and Power	76½	75¾
N. S. Steel Bonds	78	77¾
Detroit Railway	69½	68½
Dominion Coal	76	75¾
Montreal Street Bonds, new	105	103½
Bank of Ottawa	215	..
Merchants Bank	..	150
Ogilvie Milling Co. preferred	175	150
Ogilvie Flour	125	116
Ogilvie Bonds	114	112
Royal	206	..
Union Bank	140	132
Bank of Commerce	..	149½
Colored Cotton	98	..
Laurentide	100	..
Toledo Bonds	24	23½

SALES: Montreal Railway, 225 at 213½, 100 at 213¾; Twin City, 100 at 92½, 25 at 92, 25 at 91¾, 25 at 92½, 60 at 92¾, 50 at 92½, 125 at 92¼, 125 at 92⅜, 75 at 92½, 100 at 92¾, 50 at 92⅞; Detroit Railway, 25 at 68½, 25 at 69, 75 at 68⅞; Coal, common, 50 at 75¾; Power, 20 at 76½; Coal, preferred, 5 at 112¼; Toronto Railway, cash, 25 at 100, 100 at 100¼; Scotia, 50 at 77¾, 10 at 78, 50 at 77¾; Scotia, preferred, 25 at 110, 50 at 105¾; Winnipeg Railway, 8 at 175; Hochelaga Bank, 8 at 127; Merchants' Bank, 9 at 151.

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TORONTO.

	Toronto, Dec. 11. Ask.	Off
Montreal	..	250
Ontario	..	125
Toronto	228½	..
Commerce	..	150
Imperial	214¼	214
Dominion	228	226¼
Ottawa	215	..
Hamilton	210½	209¼
Nova Scotia	270	..
Traders	..	129¾
British America	..	98
Western Assurance	100	98
Imperial Life	..	149
National Trust	140	..
Consumers Gas	..	205
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	98
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	118¾	118¾
Soo, preferred	116	113½
Soo, common	55	53
Toronto Electric Light	137	134¼
General Electric	..	144¼
London Electric	106	..
Commercial Cable	164	157
Dominion Telegraph	..	114
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co	84	82¼
Niagara Navigation	..	118
Northern Navigation	..	78
St. L. and C. Navigation	..	117
Toronto Street Railway	..	99
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	175
Twin City Railway	93	92¼
Sao Paulo Tramway	91	89
Dominion Steel, com	9	7¾
Dominion Coal, com	76⅛	75⅞
Nova Scotia Steel, com	78½	78¼
Canada Salt	..	117
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I	..	70
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv	..	100
Canada Permanent	..	123¾
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron and Erie L. and S. Co	..	150
Manitoba Loan	..	50
Landed Banking and Loan	..	120
Toronto Mortgage	..	85
London Loan	120	..
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	123
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Steel Bonds	60	..
N. S. Steel Bonds	107	107

SALES: Imperial, 10 at 214½; Nova Scotia, 2 at 269½, 3 at 269; Canadian General Electric, 15 at 144½, 25 at 145; Consumers' Gas, 30 at 206; Toronto Electric Light, 25 at 135; Toronto Railway, 100 at 100; C. P. R., 25 at 118½, 20 at 118¾, 2 and 2 at 119; Commerce, 7 at 151; Dominion, 3 at 227; Northern Navigation, 25 at 79; Sao Paulo, 15 at 89¾; Traders' Bank, 6 at 131; Twin City, 25 at 92½, 10 and 5 at 92¾, 25 and 25 at 92⅝, 25 and 25 at 92½, 25 and 25 at 92¼, 25 at 92⅛, 25 at 92½; Nova Scotia Steel, 25 at 77⅞, 50 preferred at 109½.

NEW YORK.

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

	New York, Dec. 11. Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	46	47	45⅞	46
American Sugar Co	124⅞	124⅞	123⅞	123⅞
American Locomotive	14½	..	..	..
American Foundry	18¼	18¼	18¼	18¼
American Refining	48¼	48¼	48¼	48¼
Atcheson, com	67⅞	68⅛	67⅞	68
Atcheson Pfd	92	92⅛	92	92⅛
B. & O	78½	79⅛	78¼	78⅞
Brooklyn Tran	51¼	51⅞	49	50⅞
C.P.R.	118⅝	118¾	118⅝	118¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	32¼	32⅝	32	32¼
Chic. Great Western	16	16⅛	16	16⅛
Chicago and Alton	34¼	34⅞	34¼	34⅞
Erie	29½	29⅞	29⅛	29½
Erie Pfd	67⅝	68¼	67⅝	68
Illinois Central	129¾	129¾	129½	129¾
Kan. and Tex. pref	38½	38½	38	38½
Louisville and Nashville	105¾	106	105½	105¾
Manhattan	141½	142	141	141
Metropolitan St. Ry	122½	122½	121½	121½
Mexican Central	9½	..	..	..
M. P.	92½	93⅛	91⅞	92½
N. Y. Cent al	118	118½	118	118½
Norfolk and W	57¾	57½	57¼	57½
Ont. and West	21½	21½	21¼	21½
Pennsylvania	117¼	117¼	116⅞	117⅛
People's Gas	97	99¼	97	99¼
Reading	44⅝	44⅞	43¾	44
Republic I. and S	40	40	39⅝	40
Rock Island	26⅞	26⅞	25⅝	25⅝
Southern Railway	20½	20⅝	20⅛	20⅛
Southern Ry. Pfd	77	77	76⅝	77
Southern Pacific	47¼	47¼	46⅝	47
St. Paul	141½	142	140⅞	141½
Texas	24⅞	25⅛	24½	24½
Twin City	92½	..	..	..
Tennessee Coal & Iron	31½	31⅞	31¼	31⅞
Union Pacific	77½	77⅞	77	77⅛
U. S. Leather	7¾	7¾	7⅝	7⅝
U. S. Leather, Pfd	76	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, com	10¼	10¾	10⅛	10¼
U. S. Steel, pref	54⅝	54⅞	52¼	52⅝
Wabash, pref	36½	37	36⅛	36½

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, Dec. 11.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—Dec	80	80¼	79⅝	79⅞
May	81	82⅛	81	81⅝
July	76⅞	77⅝	76⅞	77⅝
Corn—May	43¼	43⅝	43⅛	43⅛
July	43⅝	43¾	42⅝	43⅝
Oats—May	36⅝	37	36¼	36⅛
July	34	34	33⅞	34
Pork—Jan	11 27	11 45	11 25	11 32
May	11 60	11 80	11 58	11 67
Lard—Jan	6 42	6 52	6 35	6 47
May	6 60	6 70	6 60	6 62
S.Ribs—Jan	6 05	6 12	6 05	6 10
May	6 22	6 32	6 22	6 27

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 11.—Flour—Receipts, 32,224 bbls; sales, 3,500 pkgs; flour was more active and firmer. Buckwheat flour—Quiet. Rye flour—Quiet; choice to fancy, $3 40 to $3 50. Wheat—Receipts, 2,925 bu; sales, 1,900,000 bu; wheat was fairly active and firmer on the bullish government report and covering of shorts; May, 85¼c to 85 7-16c; July, 81 15-16c to 82c. Rye—Dull; state and eJrsey, 56s to 58c; No. 2 western, 63¾c, f.o.b. afloat. Corn—Receipts, 26,250 bu; sales, 35,000 bu; corn was also strong and active, gaining an impetus from good outside buying and the wheat strength; May, 49 7-16c to 49½c; December, 52c. Oats—Receipts, 96,000 bu. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining, 3¼c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; molasses sugar, 2⅞c; refined dull. Coffee—Firm; No. 7 Rio, 7c. Lead—Quiet. Wool—Firm. Hops—Firm.

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Friday, Dec. 11.

The market this forenoon was not a brisk one by any means.

The 16 loads of hay that were offered met with a dull sale; prices ranged from $5 to $8 per ton, according to the quality of the hay.

Straw was also dull, there being practically no demand; sales were made at $2 50 to $3 per ton.

While there were not many loads of oats on sale, the demand was slow; prices are lower, at 80c to 83c per cental.

Wheat sold at $1 30 per cental.

Oats, new	84	@	85
Wheat	$1 30	@	$1 30
Rye	95	@	1 00
Barley	85	@	87
Buckwheat	90	@	1 10
Peas	1 40	@	1 50

GRAIN, PER BUSHEL.

Wheat	78	@	78
Oats, new	29¼	@	30
Corn	60	@	65
Rye	53	@	56
Barley	38	@	44
Buckwheat	50	@	56
Peas	84	@	91

HIDES AND SKINS.

Wool, washed	16	@	17
Wool, unwashed	8	@	9
Hides, No. 1	7	@	7
Hides, No. 2	6	@	6
Hides, No. 3	5	@	5
Tallow, rendered, lb	4½	@	4½
Tallow, rough, lb	3	@	3
Lambskins, each	50	@	50
Spring chickens, pair	50	@	75
Ducks, pair	75	@	1 00

LIVE POULTRY.

Chickens, per pair	50	@	60
Ducks, per pair	60	@	75
Turkeys, per lb	10	@	11
Geese, each	70	@	80

DRESSED POULTRY.

Chickens, per lb	8	@	10
Chickens, per pair	60	@	80
Ducks, per lb	9	@	10
Ducks, per pair	75	@	1 00
Turkeys, per lb	13	@	14
Geese, each	70	@	90
Geese, per lb	7½	@	9

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs, per cwt	4 50	@	4 50
Pigs, per pair	2 50	@	5 00
Sows, per cwt	2 75	@	3 00

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, store lots, per lb	16	@	17
Butter, crock	16	@	18
Honey, in comb	11	@	12
Butter, rolls	18	@	20
Butter, creamery	21	@	23
Eggs, store lots, doz	21	@	23
Eggs, basket lots	23	@	25
Honey, strained, lb	9	@	10

DAIRY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 10.—Butter—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 4,147 pkgs. Cheese—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 8,766 boxes.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 16c to 25c; dairies, 14c to 21c. Cheese—Steady, 10c to 10½c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 11.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 4,947 pkgs; creamery, held extras, 22c to 23c. Cheese—Quiet; receipts, 4,910 boxes; light skims, choice, 8c to 8¼c; do, prime, 7c to 7¼c; part skims, prime, 6¼c to 6½c; do, good, 5½c to 5¾c. Eggs—Firmer; unchanged; receipts, 3,334 cases.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Dec. 10.—Live cattle, steady at 10½c to 11¾c per lb. for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10c to 11c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8¾c to 9c per lb. Sheep slow, 11c to 12c per lb. Lambs, 13c, dressed weight.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—About 150 head of cattle and 20 sheep, but no calves nor lambs, were offered for sale at the east end abattoir today. Not many butchers came out, as there were no electric cars running on Frontenac street. Very little trading was done, as there were only common stock on the market, and these were held at higher rates than such cattle have been bringing for some months past, and it is expected that the snow blockade will hinder many cattle coming for the next week. The sheep on the market were culls from yesterday's market, and sold at from 2¾c to 3c per lb. Fat hogs continue to sell at about 4¾c to 5c per lb. About 25 milch cows and springers were brought to the market yesterday, but there seemed to be little demand for them. Sales were made at from $25 to $55 each.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; market slow; good to prime steers, $5 to $5 75; poor to medium, $3 25 to $4 15; Stockers and feeders, $1 75 to $3 90; cows, $1 50 to $3 90; heifers, $1 75 to $4 50; canners, $1 50 to $2; bulls, $1 50 to $4 35; calves, $2 to $5 75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 30,000; market steady to strong; mixed and butchers, $4 35 to $4 65; good to choice heavy, $4 55 to $4 62½; rough heavy, $4 30 to $4 50; light, $4 15 to $4 50; bulk of sales at $4 45 to $4 55.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; sheep steady; lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $3 75 to $4 30; fair to choice mixed, $3 to $3 75; native lambs, $4 to $5 75.

HAY MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Baled Hay—The tendency is dull and easier. Car lots on track here are quoted about steady at $9 per ton.

Baled Straw—The market is quoted about unchanged at $5 per ton for car lots on track here.

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—Beans—Cash, $1 79; December, $1 79 bid; January, $1 75 bid.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Dec. 11.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 2½d. Futures steady; December nominal; March, 6s 4¾d; May, 6s 3¾d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, 4s 5¼d. Futures steady; January, 4s; March, 3s 11¼d.

Peas—Canadian firm, 5s 8d.

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

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast steady, £5 5s to £6s 6d.

Beef—Extra India mess steady, 65s.

Pork—Prime mess western steady, 82s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs. weak, 41s; short ribs, 14 to 16 lbs, weak, 44s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, weak, 42s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, weak, 41s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, weak, 41s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 42s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, firm, 34s 6d.

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Lard—Prime western, in tierces, steady, 34s 6d; American refined, in pails, steady, 35s 6d.

Butter—Nominal.

Cheese—American finest white dull, 51s; American finest colored quiet, 53s 6d.

Tallow—Prime city steady, 23s.

Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 43s 6d.

Rosin—Common firm, 7s.

Petroleum—Refined firm, 7¾d.

Linseed Oil—Dull, 18s.

Receipts of wheat during the past three days were 434,000 centals, including 119,000 American.

Receipts of American corn during the past three days were 31,600 centals.

Weather—Fine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Wheat—Easier, at 76c for No. 2 red and white, middle freights; Manitoba, 84½c for No. 1 hard, 85½c for No. 2 Northern, and 83½c for No. 2 northern at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Steady, at $3 05 for cars of 90 per cent winter wheat patents, in buyers' bags, west; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, $4 55 to $4 75 for cars of Hungarian patents, $4 25 to $4 45 for second patents, and $4 15 to $4 25 for strong bakers, bags included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $17 to $17 50 for cars of shorts and $14 50 for bran in bulk, middle freights; Manitoba, $20 for cars of shorts and $18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—Dull; No. 2 at 40c, No. 3 extra at 38c, and No. 3 for feed at 36c, middle freights west. Buckwheat—Steady, at 46c for No. 2 high freights, and 45c east or low freights. Rye—Steady, at 52c for No. 2 west. Corn—Steady; Canada, 46c for cars of new, and new American at 50c to 50½ for No. 3 yellow, on the track at Toronto; old American at 53½c for No. 2 yellow, 53c for No. 2 mixed and No. 3 yellow, and 52c for No. 3 mixed, on the track at Toronto. Oats—Steady, at 28c for No. 1 white and 27½c for No. 2 white, east; No. 2 white are quoted at 27½c, middle freights, and 27c bid, high freights west. Oatmeal—Quoted at $3 50 for cars of bags and $3 70 for barrels, on the track at Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots. Peas—Steady, at 62c for No. 2 east and 61c west. Butter and eggs—Unchanged. Live hogs—Receipts to-day, 600; prices unchanged; selects, $4 75; heavy and light fats, $4 50.

IT'S UP TO THE STATES

Mr. Charlton Says They Must Lower Tariff Wall.

Boston Dec. 11.—In concluding his speech yesterday Mr. Charlton said: "Canada will choose between British preferential trade and reciprocity. It is time, in her own interests, for the United States to manifest a spirit of fairness and generosity towards Canada, and the more generous this manifestation of spirit is, the more satisfactory to the United States will be the result. The critical hour is at hand when Canada will have arrived at the parting of the ways, and will decide whether she shall cultivate intimate and natural relations with the United States, or whether she shall put up her tariff wall against that country and become a component part of a great imperial trade federation. The United States can decided that the latter shall be the case by maintaining its present tariff policy."

NOTHING TO KILL

Minto Fears Wild Game May Become Extinct.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Speaking at the annual dinner of the Province of Quebec Fish and Game Association last night, Lord Minto said that game constituted a very valuable asset of the Dominion. The pursuit of that game was a manly pursuit. It would be a most unfortunate day for Canada if a new generation grew up and found nothing at which to shoot or nothing to kill. Every man wanted to kill something. The future of game in Canada was in a very precarious condition were an effort not made to impress the necessity of preservation upon both Dominion and Provincial Governments. He did not think these Governments would shirk the question.

WRITES BOOK AT NINETY

Too Busy to Receive Congratulations of Friends.

Vineland, N. J., Dec. 11.—Few men are so busy at 90 years that they refuse a public demonstration in their honor; but such is the case with Prof. Marcius Willson, the author of Willson's school series and many other publications. He passed his 90th milestone, and the Historical Society sought to do him honor, but he refused. His excuse was that he was hard at work on a new book, and was also applying for a patent that would surprise his friends, therefore he wished to husband his strength for the work in hand.

Mayor Joseph A. Conwell, Dr. E. C. Bidwell and Frank D. Andrews, president and secretary of the Historical Society, extended congratulations, as they termed it, "To the only active nonogenarian author in America."

U. S. Gunboat Aground.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11. — The United States gunboat Castine, which sailed late yesterday for Key West en route to Colon, grounded in the Delaware River, below Marcus Hook, about 15 miles from this city, early today. The Castine is lying easy, and commander McKnight reports that she will probably float at the next high tide without assistance. Her engines are working and she is gradually being released from the bed of sand on which she is lying.

Boot and Shoe Strike.

Quebec, Dec. 11.—The boot and shoe manufacturers will wait until tomorrow noon for their machinists to present themselves at their respective factories to sign their engagements, and if the men still refuse the factories will resume operations on Monday next with other workmen.

NO RUSH OF CANDIDATES SO FAR FOR COMING COUNCIL

Understood All the Present Aldermen Will Run Again—Preparing for Contest.

Two weeks from Monday next is nomination day, but so far no great number of new candidates have announced themselves. It is still understood that all the present aldermen will seek re-election. It is said, however, that Ald. Wyatt is not anxious to run again, but his friends are urging him to allow his name to go on the ballot paper.

It took 1,665 votes to elect the lowest alderman last year, and 1,812 votes the year before. Last year Ald. Campbell headed the polls with 2,015 votes, and the year before Ald. Beattie stood first with 2,846 votes. The vote was not so heavy in January last as in January of 1902, because of the fact that there was no mayoralty contest, the fight for the mayor's chair always bringing out a big vote. The votes polled by this year's aldermen in January were as followed.

Campbell	2,015
Judd	2,000
Becher	1,987
Gerry	1,983
Matthews	1,920
Wyatt	1,927
Greenlees	1,910
Cooper	1,795
Forristal	1,740
Saunders	1,729
Stevenson	1,678
Abram	1,665

MUNICIPAL PHONES.

The work of getting ready for the printing in connection with the approaching elections continues. In case the council decides to place before the electors the question of a municipal telephone exchange for London, the ballot will be very simple and will read as follows:

"Are you in favor of the establishment of a municipal telephone system for London?" together with the words "Yes" and "No." This year the ballots will be made out for each subdivision, so that a ballot will only be good in the subdivision for which it was printed, and the number of which will appear on the face of it. Even the ballots for mayor will be made out in this way.

GAS STEALING CASE AGAINST McGREGOR FALLS THROUGH

Satisfactory Explanation Given of a Discovery Made by the Company's Employes.

The most interesting case set for the county court came up this morning, when George McGregor, a barber, was charged by the City Gas Company with stealing gas from their pipes. No case was made against him and he left the court fully exonerated. This was an instance of where strong circumstantial evidence did not convict.

The case was referred from the police court. The company alleged that McGregor made a connection with the service pipe in his cellar. Several of the company's employes appeared and told of how a piece of pipe and a length of rubber hose had been found on the end of the service pipe in the cellar of McGregor's house, No. 59 King street.

The conclusion had been that the connections had been made illegally, and that McGregor was the man guilty of the infraction. It was not customary to make a connection unless notification was first sent in to the company's office. The course they always took was to then have a meter placed in the houses of consumers. It was against their rules for any one to connect with their pipes without first applying for the privilege. None of the officials had been aware that Mr. McGregor kept roomers and boarders at his house.

After the evidence for the prosecution Mr. J. M. McEvoy, counsel for the defendant, asked that Judge Elliott take the case from the jury. His honor said he considered the case should be given to the jury.

Only one witness was necessary. He was W. J. Howell, a plumber, who worked for the gas company at one time. He had never known, nor in fact seen McGregor, until a few days after the arrest was made. The story he told cleared up the case for McGregor beyond any doubt. Several years ago he bought a stove from the gas company for a woman whom he thought was named Mrs. Fisher, and who resided in the Robinson Hall Chambers. She decided to move to 51 King street, and notified Howell to come and move the stove for her. He proceeded to do this and in other to test the pipes he attached a hose. He then tried to get the company by telephone. The line happened to be in use and the matter slipped his mind for the time being. At 11 o'clock that night, however, he returned to wire the hose to the pipe for safety sake, fearing that the gas might escape through the house.

As Mr. McEvoy arose he said: "You took all kinds of care to go and tell your story to the crown, but you didn't come and try to help McGregor's case by coming to see me. You'll find that this keeping your lips sealed will get you into trouble some day."

"Well," answered the witness, "the truth of it is I was too busy. I've had to tell the story three or four times now, and I've tried to be clear, and now when my daughter died last night, and there is more sickness in my home, I am brought up here again."

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Howell," apologized Mr. McEvoy, "had I known that I would have been very careful not to have spoken in the harsh manner I did."

The witness then left the box, and with the consent of Mr. Magee, the case was dismissed.

PATRICK UPTON IS BETTER

Condition Improves During the Last Two Days.

Is Not Regarded Probable That He Will Recover.

It is probable that by next Friday a definite charge will be laid against Fanny McGarvey, the Strathroy woman, who attacked her uncle, Patrick Upton, with a hatchet. If Upton is still alive then and has improved at all, Miss McGarvey will come up on a charge of attempted murder.

Upton was reported to be better today than he has been any day since he was attacked, but it is not regarded as possible that he will recover.

Chief Wilson came up this morning and with Squire Smyth went to Miss McGarvey's cell, where the papers were again made out for a week's remand. Miss McGarvey is in better condition, mentally, than when she was arrested. She is regularly visited by the Sisters of Mount Hope.

FEW CASES AT COURT

Herbert Morris Remanded — Minor Offenders Unpunished.

Mr. J. W. Jones, J. P., held court this morning in the absence from the city of Magistrate Love. There were but a few cases to deal with.

Young Herbert Morris was remanded until the 14th, and five drunks who made their first bow to the Carling street court were discharged.

A young man who had walked across Victoria Park without staying by the straight and narrow way was allowed to go with a warning.

Two boys appeared in the juvenile court for disorderly conduct. The acting magistrate told them they should be ashamed of themselves, and thinking this would be a sufficient warning, suspended sentence.

Hanged at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 11. — John McCrea, colored, the murderer of Detective William Murphy, was hanged today. McCrea killed the detective when the latter caught him stealing coal. He was saved from violence by being taken secretly to Galesburg. On the scaffold today the colored man preserved nerve and died protesting his innocence.

The Massachusetts State building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition is to be a reproduction of the historical colonial house in Cambridge, where Washington established his headquarters during the siege of Boston, and which later was the home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

DISCOUNT SALE.
Why not call and see what we are giving in bargains on Watches, Clocks and all kinds of Jewelry. This is our annual event.
J. B. ADKINS,
Dundas and Elizabeth Sts., East London.
Marriage Licenses issued.

TORONTO IS IN A HURRY

Board of Control Asked to Pay Niagara Commission Expenses

No Action Was Taken as Other Places Must Also Whack Up.

A dispatch from Toronto says: Messrs. P. W. Ellis and Alderman Spence asked the city's board of control this morning to pay the city's share of the cost of the municipal commission on electric power from Niagara. They estimated the cost at $8,000, and asked that municipalities interested contribute. The contribution would be on the basis of $88 23 per million dollars of assessmen. No action was taken. Brantford, Woodstock, London and other cities and towns in Western Ontario will be asked to contribute on the same basis.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mrs. C. F. Boyce, of Port Huron, Mich., is visiting her father in this city.

—F. Lashbrook, of London, was recently registered at the Leland Hotel in Winnipeg.

—Messrs. A. G. House, J. Pocock and J. A. Stevenson, all of this city, were in Sarnia yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lipsey left this morning on the Grand Trunk for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will reside.

—Miss E. Brener, of this city, who has been visiting Miss K. Swift, Stratford, for some time, has returned home.

—Mr. Robinson, of Winnipeg, has returned home after a visit to his brother, Mr. George Robinson, of this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons, of Walacetown, attended the funeral of Mrs. Lyons' niece, Miss Ella Beattie, of London, this week.

—A Walmer correspondent says: Miss Lizzie Beam has left for London. She will be much missed in the choir and league, to both of which she was very faithful.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gage, and daughter, Miss Gage, who have been visiting with Rev. J. G. Stuart, of South London, left last night on the Grand Trunk for Riverside, Cal.

—Mr. P. Macdonald Marling, of Stroud, Gloucester, England, is at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. Mr. Marling is an old Toronto boy and was some years ago on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

—Mr. Edward Gurney, of the Gurney Foundry Company, Toronto, was in the city for a few hours this morning. Among the others registered at the Tecumseh House was Dr. J. A. Cook, a prominent physician of Goshen, Ind.

—The annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of London will be held on the last Thursday and Friday of February. Members from Montreal and St. John, N. B., will be present.

—A Wardsville correspondent says that Mrs. John Luke, who has been visiting at her old home in London, has arrived home, accompanied by her sister, Miss Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Luke are offering their property for sale. They intend making their home in London.

CASE MAY BE SERIOUS.

A man named James Owens was removed to Victoria Hospital this morning suffering from gunshot wounds. He was hurt some time ago in Virginia, and the wounds did not heal. It is feared blood-poisoning has set in and that his case may be serious.

LOST HIS WAD.

While going to the Bank of Toronto this morning to deposit a sum of money, Mr. George Taylor was unfortunate enough to drop the money, noticing his loss when he arrived at the bank. It is understood the sum was in the neighborhood of two hundred dollars.

MISS TREBILCOCK'S FUNERAL.

The remains of the late Miss Matilda Trebilcock arrived in the city from Mount Forest this morning, and were taken to the residence of Mr. E. J. Liddicoatt, St. James street, from whence the funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MUSICAL TREAT FOR LONDONERS

A somewhat novel style of intertainment will be furnished the music lovers of London on Dec. 17, when the combined Glee and Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo Clubs of Victoria University, Toronto, will appear at the Auditorium. A unique feature of the entainment will be short remeniscences of the South African war by Troper A. J. Brace.

A NEW ORDER.

The uptown ticket agents of the Grand Trunk in the various cities have received notice from headquarters that the walls of the offices are to be adorned only with advertising matter furnished by the company. Hitherto, steamships and other pictures have been shown, but these will all have to come down, which will mean that the walls in some offices may present a pretty bare appearance.

DEATH OF JACOB TOPPING.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review says: The death took place this morning of an old and respected resident of the city and county, in the person of Jacob Topping, of Queen street. For some time the old gentleman had been ill, but not seriously so, until two weeks ago. He was in his 82nd year, and was a resident of Woodstock for the past thirty years, coming from West Oxford, where he was born, and spent the greater part of a useful life. He is survived by one son, John (with Mr. T. F. Kingsmill, drygoods and carpets), London, and three daughters, who are: Mrs. N. S. Canfield, of Beachville; Mrs. D. F. Currie, of Deckerville, Mich., and Miss Clara Topping, living at home. Mrs. R. Featherston, of Woodstock, was a sister of the deceased.

SHOULD BE ON GUARD

Chicken Fanciers Would Do Well to Lock Their Coops.

John Roberts, living on Lorne avenue east, reported to the police this morning that his hencoop had been visited during the night by a thief, who took a fancy to eight or ten valuable birds.

The chicken fancier is said to have been getting in some fine work lately in other parts of the same neighborhood, and a round of buckshot may be coming to him one of these nights. In the present case the birds were the property of Roberts' son, who had bought them out of his own earnings.

This is the season the police get the most reports of stolen fowl, so that people should be on their guard.

A PLEASANT DUTY, THIS

Sending Christmas Presents to Aid Society Wards.

Inspector Sanders Is Happy—Many Applications for Relief.

Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, is performing one of the most pleasant duties of his office just now. Each year the inspector sends out Christmas presents to the wards of the society who have been placed in the Advertiser of the work today, has face kindled with a kindly light as he thought of how the little ones appreciate even the slight tokens the society finds itself able to give them.

"We like to let them know that we have not forgotten them," said the inspector. "A small present, like ea kind word, goes a long way."

Inspector McCallum is receiving many applications for relief these days, the cold weather driving many people to the city hall for help.

Rev. Mr. Ledyard, of the Children's Aid Society of Owen Sound, paid a visit to Inspector Sanders today. Mr. Ledyard is on his way to Chatham to attend a Children's Aid Society meeting there.

The outbreak of scarlet fever has made no further prog