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TODAY'S MARKETS

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, June 27.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	260	..
Ontario	127	126
Toronto	238	..
Merchants	153	..
Commerce	148	147
Imperial	217	..
Dominion	235	..
Standard	193	194
Hamilton	188	187
British America	112	111
Western Assurance	145	142½
Consumers' Gas	..	213
Montreal Gas	183	181½
Northwest Land Company, pref.	52	51
Canada Pacific Ry. Stock	89⅞	89½
General Electric	161	160½
London Electric	113	111½
Commercial Cable Company	163	162½
Cable Coup. Bonds	..	..
Cable Reg. Bonds	..	..
Dominion Telegraph	..	126
Bell Telephone Company	180	174½
Richelieu and Ontario	103⅞	103½
Toronto Street Railway	97½	97⅜
London Street Railway	170	155
Dominion Savings and Invest.	75	..
Huron and Erie L and S	..	..
Huron and Erie, new	..	..
Lon. and Can. L and A	..	59
London Loan	..	..
London and Ontario	..	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	120

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, June 27.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	89¾	89⅞
Duluth, common	5	3½
Duluth, preferred	16	12
Commercial Cable	163	160
Com. Cable Coupon Bonds	..	101½
Commercial Reg Bonds	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	166	160
Richelieu and Ontario	104	103½
Montreal Street Railway	249½	248
Montreal St. Railway, new	237½	235
Toronto Railway	98	97¾
Montreal Gas Company	182	181¾
Bell Telephone	181	175
Royal Electric	199	197
Bank of Montreal	..	..
Ontario Bank	..	..
Molsons Bank	195	..
Bank of Toronto	..	..
Merchants' Bank	166	160
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	..	..
Quebec Bank	..	123
Union Bank	..	..
Bank of Commerce	149½	..
Northwest Land, pref	58	..
Montreal Cotton Co	140	135
Canada Colored Cotton	88	79
Dominion Cotton	94	92¾

New York Stocks.

New York, June 27.

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

	Yesterday's Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Anaconda	39⅜	38¾	40	38½	40
Atchison	24⅞	24⅞	25⅛	24⅞	24⅞
Atchison Pfd	70⅜	71	71¼	70⅝	70⅝
B. & O	69½	70	70¼	69¼	69⅝
Brooklyn Tran	55⅛	56	56¾	54⅝	54⅝
C., B. & Q	122⅝	123	123⅛	122⅛	122⅛
C. C. C	56½	..	..	..	..
C. & N. W	..	..	..	..	..
C. F. I	31	..	..	..	..
Con. Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gen. Electric	127⅛	..	..	..	..
Jersey Central	123	122⅛	122½	122⅛	122⅛
K. & T. Pfd	29⅛	..	..	..	..
L. & N	74⅜	74	74⅞	74⅛	74⅞
Manhattan	86	86½	86⅝	85¾	85⅞
Metropolitan St.	145½	147	147	146¼	146¾
Mo. P	47⅛	47¾	48⅜	47⅞	47½
N. Y. Central	127⅛	127¼	127⅞	127⅛	127⅛
Norfolk and W	30⅛	30⅞	31⅛	30⅞	31⅛
Northern Pacific	50⅝	51	51⅜	49½	49⅝
Ont. and Western	19	19	19¼	19	19⅛
P. M.	27	26¾	27¼	26¾	27¼
Pennsylvania	125⅞	126	126¼	125¾	125¾
People's Gas	95⅛	96	96	95⅝	95⅝
R. I.	104½	104½	104¾	104	104
Reading	57¼	57⅛	57¾	57⅛	57⅛
St. Paul	110¼	110⅜	110¾	109⅝	109⅝
Southern Ry. Pfd	51	51⅛	51¼	51⅛	51⅛
Southern Pacific	33	32¼	32¾	31⅞	32
3rd Avenue	..	108⅛	108¼	108⅛	108⅛
T. C. I.	63½	64¼	66	64¼	65
U. Pacific	49⅝	49⅞	50¼	49½	49⅝
W. U	79⅜	..	..	..	..
TRUSTS—					
Lead	..	..	..	..	..
Leather	66	66¼	66½	66¼	66¼
Leather Com	8	8⅝	9⅛	8⅝	8¾
Sugar	112	112½	112¾	111¾	111¾
Federal Steel	30¼	30½	31¼	30½	30⅝
Rubber	25¾	25¼	25¼	25	25
Steel and Wire	30⅜	30⅝	30⅞	30	30
Tobacco	86¼	86¾	87	86¼	86¾
Continental	22⅞	22¼	22½	22¼	22⅛

English Markets

Liverpool, June 27.—Closing.

Wheat—Spot, dull; No. 1 Cal., 6s 7d to 6s 8d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 6½d; futures, firm; July, 6s 5d; Sept., 6s 6¾d; Dec., nominal.

Corn—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 4s ¾d; do. old, firm, 4s 4d; futures, strong; July, 4s ¾d; Sept., 4s 2½d.

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

Peas—Canadian, 5s 7½d.

Beef—Extra India mess, steady, 75s 3d; prime mess, dull, 67s 6d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, steady; 65s.

Lard—American refined, in 25-lb pails, firm, 36s 6d; prime western, in tierces, firm, 35s.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 18 lbs, steady, 46s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs, steady, 40s; short ribs, 18 to 22 lbs, dull, 42s 6d; long clear middles, light, 30 to 35 lbs, firm, 42s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, firm, 42s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, steady, 37s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 40s.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 14 lbs, steady, 35s 6d.

Cheese—American finest white and colored, steady, 49s.

Tallow—Prime city, steady, 25s; Australian in London, steady, 25s.

Cottonseed oil — Hull refined, July-Aug., steady, 22s.

Turpentine spirits—Steady, 36s.

Rosin—Common, firm, 5s.

Hops—At London (Pacific coast), steady, £2 15s to £3 15s.

Linseed oil—37s.

Butter—Good; finest American, 76s.

Petrolium—Refined, 6⅝d.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, June 27.—Wheat—Firmer; red and white, 74c to 75c; goose steady, at 75c for No. 1; spring, 75c east; Manitoba wheat is 94c at Toronto and west, 88c afloat at Fort William, 96c grinding in transit and 93c at Midland. Flour—Steady; 90 per cent patents, $3 30 in barrels west. Millfeed—Steady, at $14 50 for shorts and $12 for bran west. Barley—No. 2 west, at 40c. Rye—Nominal; May, 53c west. Corn—Steady; Canada yellow is quoted at 40c west; No. 3 new American yellow is quoted at 49½c at Toronto. Oats—Steady; mixed, 26½c; white at 27c to 27½c west. Peas—Firm, at 61c west. Butter—Receipts of dairy light; good demand at 16c to 17c for choice tubs and pails, and common to medium sells at 14c to 15c; creamery fair, at 19c to 20c for tubs and prints. Eggs—Supply is fair; steady, at 12½c.

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American Markets.

CHICAGO, June 27.—Opening—Wheat, July, 82¾c to 81¼c; Aug., 83⅝c to 83½c. Corn, July, 41⅛c to 41⅜c; Aug., 42¼c to 42⅛c; Sept., 47⅝c. Oats, Aug, 25⅛c; July, 24⅝c. Pork, July, $12 45; Sept., $12 62½. Lard, July, $6 90; Sept., $7 50. Ribs, July, $7 05; Sept., $7 15.

NEW YORK, June 27.—Flour—Receipts, 11,221 bbls; sales, 3,800 pkgs; state and western quiet but steadier; Minnesota patents, $4 80 to $5 25; winter straights, $3 90 to $4 20; Minnesota bakers, $3 20 to $3 65; winter patents, $4 50 to $4 60. Rye flour—Steady; sales, 200 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, 147,725 bu; sales, 3,150,000 bu; options opened weak under foreign selling, but soon turned strong on buying caused by predictions of clear weather in the northwest and the firmness in corn; July, 87⅛c to 89¼c; Aug., 87¾c; Sept., 86⅝c to 88 11-16c; Oct., 87⅛c to 88⅛c; Dec., 87⅜c to 89¼c. Rye, 64c, c.i.f., New York, car lots; No. 2 western, 67½c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 76,075 bu; sales, 70,000 bu; options firm and active on higher cables, the recent big export demand and fairly liberal clearance; July, 46⅞c to 47¾c; Sept., 47½c to 48¼c. Oats—Receipts, 44,800 bu; options were dull but firm; track, white state, 30½c to 35½c; track, white western, 30½c to 35½c. Butter—Receipts, 9,230 pkgs; firm; creamery, 17c to 20c; factory, 14c to 16¼c; imitation creamery, 15c to 18c. Cheese—Receipts, 2,462 pkgs; steady. Eggs—Receipts, 9,444 pkgs; irregular. Sugar—Raw strong; refined strong. Petroleum—Quiet. Coffee—Steady. Lead—Firm; exchange price, $4 22½ to $4 27½. Wool—Dull. Hops—Quiet.

BUFFALO, June 27.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, 91½c; winter, No. 2 red, 88c; No. 1 white, 87c, on track. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 48½c; No. 3 yellow, 48c; No. 2 corn, 47¾c on track. Oats—No. 2 white, 30¼c; No. 3 white, 29¾c; No. 2 mixed, 27c on track.

DETROIT, June 27.—Wheat—No. 1 White, cash, 86½c; No. 2 red, cash, 86⅛c; July, 86¾c; Sept., 88c.

TOLEDO, June 27.—Wheat—Cash, 85¾c; June, 85¾c; July, 86c; Sept., 86c. Corn—July, 42c. Oats—25¾c.

Chicago Exchange.

CHICAGO, June 27.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, broker, Tecumseh House. Phone 1278.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—July	82	84⅛	81⅛	83⅜
Aug	83¾	85¼	82¼	84⅞
Corn—July	41⅛	43⅜	41⅛	42¾
Aug	42¾	44⅛	42¾	43½
Oats—July	24⅞	25⅞	24¾	25⅜
Aug	25½	26⅛	25⅛	25¾
Pork—July	12 40	12 80	12 40	12 80
Sept	12 60	13 05	12 60	13 02
Lard—July	6 90	7 02	6 90	7 02
Sept	7 05	7 20	7 05	7 20
Ribs—July	7 05	7 20	7 05	7 20
Sept	7 15	7 30	7 15	7 27

Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, June 27.—Cattle — Receipts, 14,000; steady to strong; good to prime steers, $5 10 to $5 75; poor to medium, $4 50 to $5; stockers and feeders, $3 15 to $4 85; cows, $3 90 to $4 50; heifers, $3 to $5; canners, $2 25 to $2 75; bulls, $2 75 to $4 25; calves, $4 50 to $6 50; Texas fed steers, $4 30 to $5 15; grass fed Texans, $3 65 to $4 25; Texas bulls, $2 75 to $3 40. Hogs—Receipts, today, 27,000; tomorrow, $25,000; left over, 5,675; shade higher; closing strong; top, $5 27½; mixed and butchers, $5 05 to $5 27½; good to choice heavy, $5 20 to $5 27½; rough heavy, $5 05; light, $5 05 to $5 25; bulk of sales, $5 20 to $5 22½.

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FAITHFUL ROVER

A True and Touching Story of a Dogs Love for His Master—Was It Suicide?

This is a true and touching story of a dog's fondness for his young master. The little boy and his pet St. Bernard were inseparable companions. They often went swimming together, for Rover, the pet, was not afraid of the water.

Rover's little master was stricken with typhoid fever and after lingering for many days under the most careful nursing the bright little fellow died. All the time that he lay sick abed Rover was on guard outside the door of the boy's room. Nothing could induce the faithful dog to leave his post.

When finally the young master passed away and weeping friends and relatives came and went and everything about the house was strangely silent, Rover refused to eat even the tiniest morsel of meat, and scorned a plateful of juicy bones as if they had been that much sawdust.

Very late on the night of the child's death there came the noise of a great whining from the room where the dead boy laid. Investigation showed Rover standing on his hind legs in front of the cold young body of his quiet master.

A few days later Rover was missing. His master's father went in search of the faithful old dog, but returned home after a long and weary round of inquiry without news of him.

The next day two men were rowing on the river in search of the odds and ends that float about on the surface of all busy streams, and under the bridge they found the dead body of a dog. It was Rover.

Whether the dog had fallen into the river by accident or whether he had deliberately committed suicide from grief over the death of his little master, no one can ever tell. But the last explanation of Rover's death seems the most likely one, because, as you will remember, Rover was an excellent swimmer.—Buffalo Times.

If your children are troubled with worms, give them Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator; safe, sure and effectual. Try it, and mark the improvement in your child.

A Barnardo boy, named Joseph Mitchell, working with a farmer near Birtle, Man., was accidentally drowned in a slough yesterday morning while watering horses.

WEDDING GIFTS....

Many pretty articles in clocks, silver ware and novelties. Just the goods for wedding gifts.

ADKINS, East London.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Latest Probabilities.

Toronto, June 27—10 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Fresh southwesterly and westerly; fair, with local thunderstorms.

Thursday—Westerly and northerly winds; fair and a little cooler.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—Miss Cora Hayne, 159 St. James street, is visiting relatives in Simcoe.

—Mrs. (Dr.) Jerrold Ball, of Toronto, is visiting Mrs. J. K. Ball, Queen's avenue, city.

—In the juvenile police court this morning a lad charged with vagrancy was allowed to go.

—Mrs. H. M. Belton, Dundas street east, is the guest of Mrs. H. D. Cameron, Emerald street, South Hamilton.

—H. J. Carter, formerly head waiter at the Tecumseh, is now steward on the steamer Chicora of the Niagara Navigation Company's line.

—Six or seven cases are set for hearing at tomorrow's sitting of the high court of justice. It will be taken by Chief Justice Meredith.

—While a driver for Stevely & Co. was delivering goods on Maple street on Monday morning, some unknown person lifted a lawn mower from the delivery wagon. The mower has not been seen since.

—James Morrow and wife have returned to their home in La Riviere, Man. Mr. Morrow was a delegate to the recent session of the Grand Orange Lodge, and remained in the city with his wife to visit friends.

—Many friends will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boss, of No. 842 Maitland street, in the death of their two-year-old son, William Harold, which occurred yesterday afternoon. The little one had suffered for some time with pneumonia. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

—A bicycle supposed to have been ridden to Hyde Park by the companion of the boy Walker, awaiting trial for stealing a wheel from James Clayton, on Saturday, has been found in a fence corner by Mr. Hodgins, the hotelkeeper, to whose son young Walker disposed of Clayton's wheel. The wheel found is an Alert, No. 10,211, made by Mann & Co.

TWO WHEELS STOLEN.

Last night the barn of Alexander Stewart, of Wilson avenue, was entered, and two wheels stolen from it. One of the wheels was a Stormer, No. 16,669, of a roan color, and the other was a Calumet, black enameled, with the front wheel japanned.

POLICE COURT.

John T. Howell, who has been in jail for a month past, on three charges of stealing from his employer, was this morning further remanded for a week. Neither the crown nor the defense was ready to proceed with the case, and by mutual agreement the adjournment was made, with the understanding that the case was to be proceeded with when next called.

George Donahue, a young man arrested by P. C. Harry Downs, on a charge of vagrancy, was remanded till Saturday.

ABLE-BODIED PRISONERS SCARCE

Notwithstanding the fact that the number of prisoners at present in the county jail is fully up to the average, it is a peculiar fact that never has there been a time when there were so few men available for work around the jail and county buildings. Of the 25 men in the jail today, only one can be called on to perform hard labor, the others being either insane, physically incapable, either through sickness or weakness, or else awaiting trial.

QUESTIONS FOR WORKINGMEN.

Workingmen know whether or not wages have increased.

They know whether or not they have more constant employment.

They know whether or not the old conditions of depression prevail in the Canadian labor market.

They know whether or not factories have been closed or run on half-time since the Conservative Government was defeated four years ago.

They know whether or not the predictions of ruin to Canadian industries in case the Liberal leaders obtained office have been fulfilled.

They know whether or not factories have been enlarged and the output of manufactured goods for both home and foreign markets increased.

They know now whether or not Liberals are the foes of Canadian labor, and whether or not they are bent on the destruction of Canadian industries, and they are well able to judge for themselves whether or not a change of government at this juncture, and the consequent disturbance of industrial conditions, would be to their advantage or the advantage of the country.

WILL LOCATE HERE

London Chosen as the Site for the New Tobacco Factory—Work to Commence July 15.

Mr. Lewis Wigle, of Leamington, has decided to locate his tobacco factory in this city. Some time ago he wrote to the city clerk asking what inducements the city would make to him. His communication has not yet been considered by the council. He has secured the large building in the rear of the London Furniture Company's building, on King street. It is 40x100 feet, and five stories high. Mr. Wigle will begin to put in the machinery immediately, and it is expected that work will begin July 15. The machinery will cost $20,000.

About 50 hands will be employed at once, and when the business is in good working order many more hands will be employed.

BRAVE MEN REWARDED.

London, June 27.—The Gazette announces that Victoria crosses have been bestowed on Major John Phillipps Hornby, Sergt. Parker and Driver Glasscock, of Q battery, Royal Artillery, for conspicuous bravery in saving four of the guns from the convoy disaster at Kronspruit, Orange Free State, March 31.

Steamship Arrivals.

June 26.	At	From
Lake Huron	Moville	Montreal
Grecian	Fame Point	Glasgow
Parisian	Liverpool	Montreal
Dominion	Liverpool	Montreal
Assyrian	St. Johns	Glasgow
Kaiserin Maria Theresa	Southampton	New York
Columbian	New York	Liverpool
Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse	New York	Bremen
June 27.	**At**	**From**
Prinz Wilhelm V	New York	Amsterdam
Bremen	New York	Bremen
Kensington	New York	Antwerp
Teutonic	Queenstown	New York

WELD-ENGLISH

Fashionable Wedding Solemnized at St. George's Church—Miss Ida L. English to Mr. Corbin Weld.

A fashionable marriage was solemnized in St. George's Church, West London, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when Mr. Corbin Weld and Miss Ida L. English were wedded. The bridal party was met at the gate by a chorus of eight young ladies, who sang as the chapel was entered. The young ladies in the chorus were Miss Catharine Moore, Miss Edith Magee, Miss Alice Donald, Miss Minnie Fox, Miss Dela Regan, Miss Mae Williams and Miss Mary Bell. The bride entered, leaning upon the arm of her brother, Dr. W. M. English. She was dressed in white silk and organdy. The cut flounce was edged with chiffon, ruching and baby ribbon. The waist was a mass of tucks and baby ribbon. She wore a veil of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Henrietta English, of this city, Miss Edith McCannon, of Gananoque, and Miss Clara Sage, niece of the bride. They were each dressed in white silk. Two little flower girls, Miss Helen and Miss Florence Weld, the groom's nieces, were also dressed in white and carried Marguerites. Mr. J. H. Hammond, of Delaware, the groom's cousin, assisted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, Rev. Prof. English, who was assisted by her brother-in-law, Rev. G. B. Sage, rector of St. George's. The bridal party numbered 40 relatives and immediate friends. They were ushered to the seats reserved for them by Mr. Campbell Becher, Mr. Chester Matthewson, Mr. Howard Shaver, Toronto, Mr. Fred Macfie, Dr. Cress Pigot, Mr. Fred Lind, Mr. Will Pope, Mr. S. M. English, Mr. Will Hobbs and Dr. Pardee Bucke. When the ceremony had been concluded Mr. Wm. Ellis played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Subsequently a reception was held at Dr. English's residence on Dundas street. The presents were exceedingly beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Weld left on the 4:55 express. They will spend their honeymoon in eastern cities.

TRADE DISPUTES

Bill to Prevent or Settle Them Introduced in the Dominion House.

[Special to Advertiser per C. P. R.]

Ottawa, June 27. — Hon. William Mulock, postmaster-general, introduced in the house today a bill for the prevention and settlement of trade disputes, and the publication of statistical and industrial information.

Mr. Mulock explained that the bill was on the same lines as the British act. The conciliation board will be composed of employers and employes, so that the difficulties that may arise may be dealt with by the parties concerned.

It was also intended to issue a labor gazette monthly. This publication could collect statistical information and facts, but give no expression of opinion. This would take the place of the report of the minister of agriculture in Britain.

The opposition strongly opposed bringing in the bill at so late a stage this session.

MAN WITH THE HOE

A Story They Tell of Detective Mike Heenan.

A good story is being told on Mike Heenan, the veteran detective of the Canadian division of the Michigan Central Railroad. A train loaded with merchandise was side-tracked at a small country station, and some one had broken open the cars and stolen part of the goods. Heenan was sent by the company to investigate the robbery, and he decided to carry on his investigation under the guise of a farm laborer, as he was of the opinion that the theft had been committed by an old farmer that lived in the vicinity.

So the detective dressed in blue jeans and had a change of shirts tied up in a colored handkerchief. He walked from the nearest station, a distance of five miles, and arrived at the farmer's place near evening. To his request for work the farmer told him that he was in need of some person to hoe corn and that if Heenan wished he could commence in the morning. Mike jumped at the chance, and for three days, from sunrise until dark, he labored in that field of corn.

While the other farm hands were sleeping Mike was keeping his detective eye open in hopes he could find a clue to the missing goods. However, nothing suspicious was seen, and Heenan decided on the fourth morning to quit his job and return home. Accordingly he told the farmer. "Sorry you are going, but I'll try to get another man."

"I suppose you will be after paying me for my work in the corn field," said Mike.

"Not by a hanged sight," replied the farmer with a fiendish grin, "the Michigan Central pays your salary."

Mike did not stop to ask the farmer where he had received his information, but slowly started for the railway, inwardly cursing the cornfield, and the hoe handle that had raised blisters all over his hands.—Windsor Record.

BASEBALL.

FLYS.

Hamilton Times: Grand Rapids, the supposedly strongest team in the International League, is the first to go under, and that without waiting for the 4th of July games. A wreck was not looked for in that quarter. Now it is proposed, according o dispatches, to put an Interstate League team there. The International will have something to say about that. Grand Rapids can't break into any other league while it is behind with its finances in the International, and it will have therefore to square up with the treasurer before looking around for new company.

DEATH OF MRS. W. M. CLEMENS.

New York, June 27.—Mrs. Katherine Lott Clemens, wife of Will M. Clemens, the author, died suddenly this morning of heart trouble, at Hackensack, N. J.

HIS ONE SUGGESTION.

"Furthermore, John Henry Meeker," said Mrs. Meeker, who was standing in front of the mirror and putting the finishing touches to her toilet, "I want you to take notice that I am perfectly capable of getting ready for church without any prompting from you, and you can cough and look at your watch as much as you please—it won't hurry me a single second. Do you clearly understand that?"

"Yes, my dear," mildly replied Mr. Meeker, "though I think I could understand it a little better if you didn't have your mouth so full of hairpins."

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Calling Pastors' Wives.

[Chicago Tribune.]

A congregation in Pennsylvania which has a vacant pulpit has notified candidates for the place that they must bring their wives with them. From this it would appear that this congregation at least proposes that the ability of the wives to promote spiritual work is to be considered equally with that of their husbands, that a "call" to the latter will imply a "call" to the former, and that they must assume obligations of a similar character.

The action of this Pennsylvania congregation is unique and has already provoked much discussion among the religious papers. That staunch old Presbyterian organ, the New York Observer, is not inclined to look upon it with favor. It thinks that the wives of clergymen are already their assistants and that they devote their time to helping them by relieving them of any responsibility for the household details, and while thus engaged it fails to see why they should be considered candidates in a spiritual sense. It also thinks that to oblige them to be candidates would lower the standard of clergywomen, as "the young pastor would be tempted to select a wife with a view to striking the taste of the average congregation rather than as a helpmeet, in the best sense, for himself." And it adds: "Even its aesthetic effect would be bad, perpetuating at ecclesiastical gatherings the same general type of women. Beside, would it be honest to call a pastor's wife without making the needed pecuniary provision to free her from the cares of this world?"

As a matter of fact, the Pennsylvania congregation does seem to be a little inconsiderate in this attempt to add to the burdens of ministers' wives. The work of the household is of itself a sufficient burden. It is rare that her husband is the possessor of worldly wealth, and yet she is expected to keep up appearances commensurate with the dignity of his position, and to accomplish this she must labor as hard as any artisan and display the ingenuity of an artist in the practice of the small economies. The pastor must have no small worries, for they may interfere with his ministrations both in the pulpit and out of it. She must have all the worries and make all the sacrifices. Another of the duties of the minister's wife is emphasized by the Observer. She must set an example, which is one of the most disagreeable of all duties, as well as one of the most difficult. The pastor's wife must remember that in little as well as in big things she is always an example. "Mrs. Brown is relieved from such responsibility because, though her husband may preach all the virtues, she is not expected to practice them. But there is no such escape for the clergywoman, who is expected to illustrate in her daily walk and conversation all the teachings of the clergyman."

If, in addition to all the other duties and trials of the clergywoman, she, like her husband, is to be "called," then it would be no more than common justice that the congregation calling her should state what salary it is prepared to pay her.

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA.

A writer in Engineering Magazine observes that it is safe to prophesy that in twenty years' time railway development in Africa will have made enormous strides, and the many important branch lines to connect with the Cape-Cairo trunk will have been constructed or be near completion. In the south the line from Johannesburg will have joined that at Bulawayo; Bulawayo, again, will be connected with a line running right across country to Walfish bay in German West Africa. In Central Africa the trunk line will connect with German and British lines running to the east coast, and it is only reasonable to suppose that by that time a line or lines through Belgian territory will connect or be in close touch with the Cape-to-Cairo route, and that the trunk line will be a paying concern there is no reason to doubt. In the Rhodesian section already built the returns have already advanced by leaps and bounds. The engineering difficulties of the Cape-to-Cairo line are considerable, but not insuperable, so that, with Mr. Rhodes at the head to "push the thing along," there is every prospect of the scheme, vast as it is, being successfully accomplished.

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