HAY WAS WET AND SALES SLOW

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Friday, March 27.

There were 20 loads of hay offered at the market today, and as they were in a wet condition, sales were very slow. Had the weather been fine there would have been a slow sale, as there have been a large number of loads offered this week. It is said that the packers are only paying $11 per ton for hay in the barns, which is considerably lower than was paid last fall, when $15 per ton was the ruling price. The prices paid for hay today ranged from $11 to $15 50 per ton.

Straw was dull, at $7 per ton.

Oats sold at $1 56 per cwt; they were purchased by the dealers; private parties offered $1 58 per cwt, but could not secure any of the loads, the holders preferring to take the lower price rather than deliver any distance from the market.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 26.—Trade active; prices firm for all fairly good sorts; 70 loads in today, including 1,100 cattle, 146 sheep and lambs, 700 hogs and 26 calves. Export cattle, choice, $5 to $5 25; export cattle, medium, $4 75 to $4 90; export bulls, $4 to $4 25; export bulls, light, $3 50 to $3 75; export cows, $4 to $4 25; butchers' cattle, choice, $4 70 to $5; butchers' cattle, medium, $4 to $4 25; butchers' cattle, common, $3 50 to $3 75; butchers' cows, $3 to $3 50; butchers' bulls, $3 25 to $3 50; stockers, choice, $3 25 to $3 50; stockers, medium, $2 75 to $3; stockers, common, $2 25 to $2 75; short-keeps, $4 75 to $4 90; milch cows, choice, each, $40 to $50; milch cows, common, each, $25 to $35; springers, each, $25 to $45. Export ewes, 4½c to 5c pound, firm; export bucks, 3c to 4c, firm; grain-fed lambs, 6¾c to 7½c, firm; common lambs, 5c to 6c, slow; spring lambs, $4 to $7 50 each, steady; calves, 3c to 6½c per pound, steady. Hogs—Selects, $5 75; fats and under-weights, ¼c less, fed and watered, off cars.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; strong; beeves, $4 80 to $7 35; cows and heifers, $2 to $6 10; Texans, $4 50 to $5 60; calves, $4 50 to $6 75; westerns, $4 50 to $5 20; stockers and feeders, $3 15 to $5 20.

Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; 15c higher; light, $5 30 to $5 70; mixed, $5 30 to $5 70; heavy, $5 30 to $5 70; rough, $5 30 to $5 45; pigs, $4 25 to $5 20; bulk of sales at $5 55 to $5 65.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; strong; natives, $4 60 to $7; westerns, $4 75 to $7; yearlings, $6 to $7 55; lambs, $5 85 to $7 90; westerns, $6 85 to $8 25.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, March 26.—Canadian cattle are steady, at 10¼c to 12½c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9½c to 9⅝c per lb.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 26.—Baled Hay—Dull; timothy is quoted at $16 in car lots on the track here.

ENGLISH MARKET.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, March 27.—Wheat — Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter, 7s 1½d. Futures quiet; May, 7s ¼d; July, 7s 1⅜d.

Corn—Spot steady; prime mixed American, new, 5s 4½d; do, old, 5s 7d. Futures quiet; May, 5s 6d.

Peas—Canadian, steady.

Flour—Winter patents quiet, 29s 9d.

Hops (in London)—Pacific coast easy, £1 10s to £2 10s.

Beef—Extra India mess quiet, 85s.

Pork—Prime mess western, easy, 67s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 1 6lbs., strong, 48s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, strong, 39s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, strong, 39s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, strong, 40s; do, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, strong, 39s; hort clear back, 16 to 20 lb, strong, 38s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, strong, 40s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, steady, 31s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, firm, 39s 6d; American refined, in pails, firm, 41s.

Butter—Good United States dull, 80s to 85s.

Cheese—Canadian finest white steady, 63s; do, colored, steady, 64s; American finest white, firm, 61s; do, colored, firm, 63s.

Tallow—Prime city dull, 26s 9d; Australian (in London) firm, 29s 9d.

Turpentine Spirits—Strong; 40s.

Rosin—Common steady, 9s 7½d.

Petroleum—Refined quiet, 6¾d.

Linseed Oil—Easy, 22s 6d.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 26.—Cotton—Futures closed barely steady. Closing bids: March, 9.51c; April, 9.55c; May, 9.60c; June, 9.60c; July, 9.62c; August, 9.55c; October, 9.40c; December, 9.38c.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 10.50c; middling gulf, 10.75c; sales, 3,400 bales.

New York, March 27.—Cotton—Futures opened easy: March, 9.40c; April, 9.42c; May, 9.20c; July, 9.22c; August, 9.46c bid; October, 9.38c; December, 9.42c to 9.43c.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, March 26.—Cotton—Spot in increased demand; prices 4 points higher; American middling, fair, 6.34; good middling, 5.96; middling, 5.72; low middling, 5.38; good ordinary, 4.94; ordinary, 4.94.

The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 6,800 American.

Receipts, 5,000 bales, including 4,300 American.

Futures opened firm and closed very steady; American middling, G. O. C., March, 5.31; March and April, 5.31; April and May, 5.30¼; May and June, 5.31; June and July, 5.30½; July and August, 5.28½; August and September, 5.24; September and October, 5.20; October and November, 5.16c; November and December, 5.13½; December and January, 5.13c; January and February, 5.12½.

SUGAR MARKET.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 26.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3.86c; centrifugal, 96° test, 4.36c; molasses sugar, 3.61c; refined firm. Molasses—Quiet.

LONDON.

London, March 26.—Raw sugar—Centrifugal, 12s 3d; Muscovado, 11s; beet sugar, March, 11s 4½d.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 26.—Sugar—Firm; Montreal granulated, in barrels, $4 90; yellow, $4 50; in bags, 5c less; Acadia, in barrels or bags, $4 80.

OIL MARKETS.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., March 26.—Credit balances, $1 78.

LONDON.

London, March 26.—Petroleum, American refined, 6 9-16d; spirits, 7¼d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Belgium, March 26.—Petroleum, 22 francs.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 27.—Oil opened and closed at $1 78.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., March 26.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 22c to 28½c; dairies, 20c to 26c.

Cheese—Steady, 12½c to 14c.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 26.—Butter—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 4,249 packages.

Cheese—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 899 boxes.

PRODUCE MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 27.—Trade cantinues dull, although there is a little demand from millers, who are getting rid of their flour. The big buyers are evidently confident that barley prices must come down lower. Corn is firm and oats still inclined to be easy. Prices are:

Wheat—Manitoba No. 1 northern, $1 21; No. 2 northern, $1 18; feed wheat rather firmer, at 67c; No. 2 feed, 61½c; Ontario No. 2 white, 90c to 91c at point of shipment; No. 2 red, 90½c; No. 2 mixed, 1c less.

Barley—Very dull; No. 2 from 60c to 65c, according to quality.

Peas—No. 2, 87c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 85c to 85½c.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 67c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 47c to 57½c outside, 49c on track at Toronto; No. 2 mixed, 46c outside.

Flour—Manitoba patents, special brand, $6; seconds, $5 50; strong bakers, $5 30 to $5 40; winter wheat patents, $3 45.

Bran—Full cars, $26, at North Bay.

Shorts—Scarce, $24, f. o. b., mills.

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, March 26.—Beans—Dried Lima, 7c per lb; Red Kidney, $2 to $2 25 per bu.

STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 26—Close.

Afternoon Sales: Sao Paulo, xd., 25 at 120¼, 25, 25 and 20 at 120; Winipeg, xd., 10 at 145; Rio, 50 and 25 at 35½; do, bonds, 5,000 and 5,000 at 78, 2,000 at 78¼, 30,000 at 78⅜, 4,000 at 78½, 10,000, 2,000, 3,000 and 2,000 at 78, 150 at 78⅞, Mexican L. & P., 25 at 49½; Dominion Coal, xd., 5 at 43.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 26—Close.

Afternoon Sales: Woods, common, 30 at 86, 10 at 86; Shawinigan, 10 at 63; Rio, 85 at 36⅝; Power, 20 at 91½, 8 at 91⅝, 25 and 1 at 91½; Coal, common, 25 at 42; Bank Montreal, 2 at 236; Rio, bonds, 5,000 at 79; C. P. R., new, 100 at 145; Mackay, common, 25 at 57; Havana, preferred, 100 at 68½, 10 at 69½; Detroit Railway, 25 at 32¼, 25 at 32¼.

Amelia Bingham last night played to a fair-sized, but highly-enthusiastic audience at the Grand here, when she appeared in the Cyde Fitch play, "The Climbers." The story is one of intense interest, and the audience was tremendously pleased with the production.

Richard Sterling is a lawyer in New York, who is inclined to be "shady." He is married to a very estimable woman, who regards honor above all else. Her husband fleeces those who have intrusted him with their business, and instead of seeking to make restitution when the truth comes out, attempts to fly. Edward Warden is in love with the wife, but never lets her know it. He does all in his power to help her and her husband out of the trouble so as to save the child of the couple from disgrace. According to Fitch, Warden is a sort of Captain Dobbin in Vanity Fair.

Sterling catches his wife and Warden in close conversation, and he denounces her as Warden's mistress. Her love grows cold on the instant, and she tells him that she did not know it till then, but she really does love Warden. Sterling is touched and humiliated, but his wife is inexorable, and while she determines to live in his house, she will not live as his wife, and tells him so. Sterling swears he will win her love back, but finally when he sees that this is impossible, and that every man's hand is against him, he suicides by the morphine route.

Like all Fitch plays, the story is dramatically interesting, but hopelessly impossible. In fact, when one leaves the theater, one despises Warden, who seeks to throttle Sterling in the latter's home, with the wife, who is supposed to be pure, begging Warden to not fight. Any man of flesh and blood in Sterling's place would have brained Warden with a chair, and any North American jury would have presented him with a medal for doing it.

The Fitch touch at the frivolities of modern female society is also well worked out, the light comedy of the play setting out in bold relief the awful tragedy of the inner working of the Sterling home.

The cast was excellent. Miss Bingham was splendid. She was womanly, as far as the play will let her. She is a dramatic reader of great ability, and is fully capable of handling any situation from deepest despair to heroic contempt.

She was ably assisted by Byron Douglas as Warden, and who is well-known to the stage. Miss Jane Gordon as Miss Godesby, cut out a place for herself in the hearts of the audience.

The work of J. Gordon Edwards as Sterling was also above reproach. The settings were superb.

Tonight, Miss Bingham and her pleasing company will be seen in "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson."

The Mayor of Tokio.

Richard Carle's musical comedy, "The Mayor of Tokio," will be at the Grand, matinee and night, tomorrow. As its title indicates the scenes are laid in Japan, and deal with the adventures of a comic opera organization stranded there. The song hits are many, and it is melodious without being trivial or trashy, and one should derive as much enjoyment from hearing it as from the enlivening comedy.

The Vanderbilt Cup.

"The Vanderbilt Cup," which will be seen at the Grand Monday, March 30, is said to be thoroughly a musical comedy, the automobile being the motive power from the raising of the curtain until its fall. W. K. Vanderbilt's cup race at Mineola, Long Island, is the foundation of the funny situations.

The various complications, plots and counter-plots all lead up to the great sensation of the production, the cup race. It is said to be the most realistic scene ever placed upon a stage.

Henry Deshbourne, of Belle River, was arrested on a charge of stealing a purse and $18 from his companion, George Chartier. Deshbourne said he was drunk at the time. He made restitution, paid all costs, and sentence was suspended on him.

If each of us were compelled to turn our words into deeds, there would be a noticeable diminution in the hot air industry.

Vancouver acts like the man who has just brought the hammer down on his thumb.

CORONER SEEKS COMPANIONS

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Since then he has not been seen or heard of. It might be incidentally remarked that the clothes he left were only old overalls, and a few collars of little value. It also might be remarked that he left a board bill, amounting to considerably more than the value of the clothes.

The Description.

"Brown was a smooth-faced man," said his landlady, "with a rather thin face. He had very peculiar eyes, large blue, with a decided cast. If you once saw the eyes you would not forget them. He was quite a drinker, and I remonstrated with him repeatedly on his habits. Otherwise he was a very quiet sort of fellow, and read the papers constantly."

"Did he ever bring a man that looked like Harry Bartlett to the house?" was asked.

Not Bartlett.

"He used to bring several fellows with him, but I cannot remember any that looked like Harry Bartlett," was the answer.

"Was Brown an Englishman?" was asked.

"No, he was not," the woman answered. "He might have been of English descent, but he was a Canadian."

The complete description of the man John Brown was shown Mr. O. Ellwood, of the waterworks department, but he declared that Brown was not the man who came to him and got the money due Bartlett.

"The man "Alfred Brown" who got the money, did not have a crooked eye," he declared.

John Brown was well known to the police, and they have known this clue for some time, but failed to get anything to connect him whatever with the Bartlett case.

A Promising Clue.

The other clue that promises the most is that furnished the police yesterday afternoon by Mr. Fuller and Mr. Parker, of Watford, regarding the former companions of Bartlett. An effort will be made to get them, not perhaps to implicate them in the difficulty, but merely for the purpose of obtaining what information they could from them regarding Bartlett.

Two of the constant companions of Bartlett while he lived in Watford were named Baker and Martin. Both of them left Watford about the same time that Bartlett did. Baker has not been seen since, although Martin was in Watford about Christmas time.

Coroner Woods would like to have a conversation with them, as he thinks they could possibly throw some light on Bartlett's movements and would also know whether or not he had any companions in the city, as it is understood that Bartlett had communication with them.

The Man Baker.

The last heard of Baker was last fall, when he was in Walkerville. He is described as a short, well-built Englishman, with moustache, and a scar on his face.

Martin is a tall Englishman, rather thin, with his right arm tattooed.

Bartlett, Baker and Martin were close companions, having come to this country together.

Coroner Wants Them.

Dr. Woods is making every possible effort to locate these men, and so are the local police. It is thought that they can give some definite information on the subject.

Both Martin and Baker have worked in cement gangs and may possibly be seeking employment in some city or perhaps in London.

Mr. Parker thought that perhaps the dead man found at Chatham might be Baker, as the description tallies somewhat closely, especially the scar on the face. However, he could not be certain on this.

The results of the post-mortem will be made known on Monday, and it is awaited with a great deal of interest.

The Post-Mortem.

One of the doctors who made the post-mortem states that while there were no external marks of violence on Bartlett's body, there is a concussion at the base of the brain, which might easily have been caused by a "billy." It is probable also that Bartlett was dead or stunned when he went into the water, as there was little or ro water in the lungs. It is stated that the injuries on the skull were sufficient to cause death.

Crown Attorney McKillop has nothing new on the matter, but is awaiting the result of the inquest.

SOCIALISM IN COLONIES

London, March 26.—Mr. Keir Hardie the leader of the Socialist Labor party in the Commons, has been interviewed by the Daily Chronicle on his return from his world trip. He says that he would not recommend Canada for an emigrant, as the country is being developed too fast, and the land system is the curse of the country. He found every encouragement for the future of Socialism in all of the colonies, but especially in Canada. In the west and among the miners it already had a strong grip.

In another interview he says that in the Dominion he found little talk for the empire; there it is always "Canada for the Canadians."

ADELAIDE.

Adelaide, March 26.—Misses Gertrude Woolley and Minnie Dell were the guests at Hazel Brae recently.

Lewis C. Miner spent a few days with friends in Sarnia and Port Huron.

Alex. Bishopp and family intend moving to the west shortly.

Harry James, of Strathroy, visited his friends on the second line lately.

Miss Florence Miner was the guest of Miss Bertha Edwards, Watford, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis leave in a few days for Regina.

ESCAPED THE AGENT.

Detroit, Mich., March 27.—On Wednesday an immigration officer took a young woman, who gives her name as Mrs. Eva Carson, and who came here from Toronto, to a Grand Trunk train to deport her to Toronto, when it was found that the woman's baggage checks had been left at the immigration office. While the officer was getting the check, the woman left the train and disappeared from sight. The police received a tip that she was in a house on St. Antoine street. They found her and placed her under arrest, and the woman is now at headquarters awaiting deportation.

Spring Clothes of Unusual Character

It's to a showing of Fine Spring Garments, unusual in their smartness and exceptional in their value, that we invite you today. It's an exposition that should interest every man with a thought of becoming dress, representing as it does, the very smartest productions of seven of Canada's leading wholesale tailors, and, as an added feature, the world-famous hand-tailored clothes of Hart Schaffner & Marx, of Chicago; in the absolute exclusiveness of its styles; in the broad, generous variety of its patterns; in the remarkable and unmatchable values it offers, this store proves this spring better than ever before its right to leadership in men's wear. Come here tomorrow, if possible—but any time you can or like—and look over our clothes. They'll prove themselves interesting and instructive.

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Green Room Qualities, - $18 $20 $22 $25
Regular Lines at $7.50, $8.50 $10 $12 $15

SPRING COATS From Raincoat to Topper, every good and stylish model, and absolutely perfect-fitting garments in every case. We're having an unusually heavy sale on silk-faced Chesterfields, and when you see the coats you'll not wonder.

Toppers, - $8.50 $10 $12 $15 $18
Raincoats, - $6.95 $10 $12 $15 $20
Silk-Faced, - $10 $12.50 $15

BOYS' CLOTHES To mothers who've been looking around, Lion Brand Clothes for Boys appeal at once. More smart style, more good, honest tailoring, more dependable cloths, and pre-eminently the best fitting garments in Canada. The easiness of the prices, too, is very noticeable.

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2-Piece Belt Suits, $3 $3.50 $4 $5
3-Piece D. D. Suits, $3.95 $5 $6 $7.50

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THE GORDONS ARE COMING

Prince of Wales to Have a Body Guard From Two Famous Regiments.

Quebec, March 27.—It is stated on good authority that the Prince of Wales will be accompanied to Canada by a company of famous Gordon Highlanders and a troop of the Life Guards, who will act as his royal highness' body guard during the tercentenary celebration.

CONTRABAND CHINESE

Many Said To Have Been Smuggled Into Buffalo From Canada.

Buffalo, March 26.—The alleged attempt of three Chinese to smuggle themselves into this country from Canada last night was successfully blocked when Li Suey Len, Tom Mon Ying and Chin Tom were arrested at the New York Central station, Buffalo, at 10:30 o'clock by a United States immigration inspector. The inspector ran into them soon after they had boarded the train for New York City. The three were arraigned before United States Commissioner Keating at Buffalo this morning, but hearing was postponed until next Tuesday. It is believed by the Government authorities here that there has been a successful wholesale smuggling of Chinamen from Ontario into Buffalo during several months past.

ASK FOCK TO RESIGN

Russian Army Officers Request Him To Resign His Commission.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—The committee, whose duty it is to pass on the qualifications of army officers, composed of Grand Duke Nicholas, Minister of War Rudiger, and other officers of high rank, has invited Generals Fock and Reiss to resign their commissions. These two officers were charged with complicity in the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese. Gen. Reiss complied with the request, but Gen. Fock declined, pending an investigation of the charges brought in connection with his recent duel with Gen. Smirnoff.

Gen. Stoessel, who is serving his sentence in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, is engaged in writing his memoirs.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

Man and Woman Found Dead Side by Side in the Woods.

Williamsport, Pa., March 27. — The discovery in the woods near here of the bodies of Frank Roberts and Mrs. Gustine Brizet disclosed a double tragedy. The murder and suicide, for such the crime is officially decided to be, occurred Sunday, when Roberts and Mrs. Brizet were seen to leave the woman's house together. When found both had bullet-holes in their heads and close by the hand of Roberts lay a revolver with two chambers empty. Roberts, it is thought, killed the woman and then shot himself.

Both were French. Roberts is known to have a wife living in the old country. He was 30 years old, Mrs. Brizet was 24.

She is survived by her husband and two children. Mr. Brizet has been in Belgium for some time, but is expected home any day. This prospective coming of the woman's husband is believed to have driven the pair to suicide.

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Choose from a table of New Dress Fabrics. Tomorrow (Saturday), at ..... 39c per yard
Every yard worth 50c.

Resilda Panama

A fine weave panama, with new bright resida finish. Colors—Black, navy, copenhagen and reseda. Regular 50c, special, per yard 39c

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One piece only (50 yards), all wool, 42-inch panama, regular 50c quality. Friday and Saturday 39c

All Wool Cashmere

Two shades only, cardinal and pink, 42 inches wide. Regular 50c, special, per yard 39c

Priestley's Cravenette, 79c Instead of $1.25

Priestley's Cravenette, in two shades of fawn, full 60 inches wide (stamped selvage). This is our regular $1 25 quality. Extra special Saturday morning at, per yard 79c

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Both lines made of fine white Victoria lawns, with tucks and deep hem at bottom. Regular 25c qualities. Special Saturday sale price .... 19c each

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Pictorial Review Patterns for May now in stock.

Cream Flannelette
12½c Cloth. Saturday Sale Price 10c

Five pieces Saxony Flannelette, 31 inches wide, Comes in cream only, a splendid shilling quality. Sale price 10c

Fine English Prints
12½c Qualities for 8½c Yard

These special English Prints come in light grounds only. Full 32 inches wide, and fine quality English cloths.

New Wash Neckwear for Spring

Ten dozen White Wash Collars, that are worth up to 25c each. Sale price Saturday .... 10c each

35c Corset Embroidery, Saturday, Price 25c Yard

Five cartons each of fine cambric and Swiss Corset Embroideries, that would sell regularly at 35c and 40c a yard. Very special at 25c

NEW EMBROIDERY, BEADINGS, STRAPPINGS, FRONTINGS AND FINE SWISS AND CAMBRIC EMBROIDERY AND INSERTIONS, IN STOCK FOR SATURDAY.

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Strange Disappearance in 1899 B. E. Dancey Was Never Located

A. O. U. W. Asks That Malahide Man Be Declared Dead.

The Toronto Telegram has the following story:

When Benjamin E. Dancey shut himself in his room one night in April, 1899, he disappeared as totally from the ken of those who knew him as though he had never been.

He was staying at the Mansion House, Aylmer, at the time, and had left word to be called early to catch the train which leaves for the east at about 7 in the morning.

When Frank H. Trim, the landlord, knocked on the door he got no response. Benjamin E. Dancey had disappeared.

Since then, in the nine years that have elapsed, his whereabouts have been wrapped in mystery.

Dead or Alive.

A. G. F. Lawrence, for the Ancient Order of United Workmen, in which the missing man was insured, has asked the courts to direct whether Mr. Dancey is to be presumed to be dead.

Benamin E. Dancey, if he is alive today, is 69 years of age. A family of five grown-up sons are left to speculate on the fate of their father. Edward E. Dancey and Leon E. Dancey are still living on farms in Malahide Township, which they inherited from their grandfather, Dr. Dancey. John H. Dancey has taken his grandfather's profession and is practicing medicine at Capac, Mich. Two other sons, Thomas E. Dancey and Cameron H. Dancey, are on farms in Elgin County. To the latter two is left the insurance to the amount of $2,000.

The mother of these young men died in 1890.

Second Marriage.

Of the old man's second marriage, his son, Thomas E. Dancey, says:

"My father and Ellen Moore, whom he married about ten years ago, I have been informed, were married somewhat hastily, and as near as I have been able to ascertain, the marriage took place at the village of Belmont, in thte county of Middlesex, at the hotel, they arriving there about midnight and procuring a minister to perform the ceremony at once.

"The said Ellen Moore, before her marriage to my father, was a spinster, and was and is still possessed of considerable means. After her marriage she still continued to reside at her own home."

The son states that he understands she helped her husband financially to the extent of a few hundred dollars, and that they had a quarrel over money matters as a result of which they parted. About a year before the old man disappeared he had said that he thought he would get a divorce and go away from his wife.

Seen in Cleveland.

Once after he had disappeared a rumor came that he had been seen working in a livery stable in Cleveland. Diligent inquiry among the stables failed to reveal that any one by the name of Dancey had worked there.

It is stated that the old man was accustomed to leave the farm from time to time before his final disappearance, and that at such times he would work at farms under an assumed name, not wanting the farmers to know who he really was. This introduces a further element of doubt into the matter, as Mr. Dancey may still be finding shelter in some farm house on the countryside.

Doubtless the invention of the noiseless fire-arm that is announced will be indorsed by the Assassins' Union.