FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

HAY WAS FEATURE OF MARKET TODAY

Prices Ranged All the Way From $11 to $12.50 Per Ton According to Quality.

POULTRY PRICES SAME

Turkeys and Geese Scarce—Large Offering of Dressed Pork Expected on Wednesday.

The farmers are taking advantage of the good roads and good sleighing to bring in loads of hay, about 18 of these being brought in today. The quality of the timothy offered was fairly good, and the demand was brisk. The prices quoted were $11 per ton for some of the inferior loads, while the better loads brought $12 to $12.50 per ton.

Oats were not much in evidence, about six loads being all that were brought in. The price did not go any higher than $1.02 per cwt, while the majority of the loads sold at $1 per cwt. The demand for good oats is exceedingly brisk, but the supply lately has been comparatively small.

There was no wheat on the market today, probably owing to the low price which prevails at present. The demand for wheat is not extra strong, and this no doubt accounts for the price.

Poultry Prices.

Poultry prices are the same as Saturday, with no indications of a change in either direction. Turkeys have been pretty well cleaned up, while geese are also very scarce. Ducks and chickens are fairly plentiful, and the demand is fair.

A good market is expected in dressed hogs tomorrow. The present price is higher than it has been for some time, and the good roads should enable the farmers to bring in large loads of this meat.

Butter and egg prices are unchanged.

Quotations:

Grain Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt	$1 00	to	$1 05
Oats, per cwt	1 00	to	1 02
Grain, Per Bushel.			
New wheat, per bu	85	to	85
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	11 00	to	12 50
Straw, per ton	6 00	to	6 50
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, store lots, lb	22	to	24
Butter, creamery, lb	28	to	30
Butter, fancy, retail, lb	25	to	27
Butter, choice dairy, lb, wholesale	24	to	25
Eggs, crate, wholesale	30	to	32
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	38	to	40
Eggs, basket, dozen	25	to	28
Honey, strained, per lb	11	to	12
Honey, sections, dozen	1 50	to	2 00
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb, retail	22	to	24
Turkeys, lb, wholesale	20	to	21
Chickens, per pair	1 00	to	1 50
Chickens, lb, wholesale	13	to	15
Chickens, lb, retail	15	to	15
Old fowl, per lb	10	to	11
Ducks, per pair	1 25	to	1 75
Ducks, lb, wholesale	15	to	15
Ducks, lb, retail	15	to	16
Geese, lb, wholesale	13	to	14
Geese, lb, retail	15	to	15
Poultry, Alive.			
Ducks per lb	10	to	12
Chickens, per pair	90	to	1 25
Old fowl, per lb	9	to	9
Chickens, per lb	10	to	11
Butchers' Meats.			
Beef, by the carcase	9 00	to	10 00
Mutton, per cwt	9 00	to	9 50
Yearling lambs, per lb	11	to	13
Dressed hogs, per cwt	9 00	to	9 25
Veal, per cwt	10 00	to	12 00
Pork, forequarters, lb	11	to	12
Pork, hindquarters, lb	12	to	12½
Live Stock.			
Select hogs, per cwt	6 50	to	6 50
Fat sows, per cwt	4 25	to	4 50
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	6 00
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Small pigs, per pair	5 00	to	10 00
Hides and Wools.			
Lambskins, each	30	to	33
Wool, washed, per lb	19	to	20
Wool, unwashed, per lb	11	to	12
Hides, No. 1, per lb	8	to	8
Hides, No. 2, per lb	7	to	7
Hides, No. 3, per lb	6	to	6
Calfskins, per lb	10	to	12
Tallow, rough, per lb	3½	to	3½
Tallow, rendered, per lb	5	to	5½
Sheepskins, each	45	to	65
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, per bag	65	to	70
Lettuce, per dozen	20	to	20
Celery, dozen bunches	30	to	50
Carrots, per bu	35	to	35
Red cabbage, dozen	40	to	40
Cabbage, dozen, to size	30	to	40
Beets, per bu	40	to	40
Turnips, per bu	35	to	40
Peppers, per dozen	5	to	10
Squash, each	5	to	10
Cauliflowers, each	5	to	10
Egg-fruit, each	5	to	20
Sage, dozen bunches	20	to	20
Parsley, dozen bunches	10	to	10
Pumpkins, each	10	to	10
Mushrooms, per quart	15	to	15
Sweet potatoes, retail, lb	5	to	6
Parsnips, per bu	45	to	45
Fruits.			
Apples, per bu	1 00	to	1 50
Apples, per barrel	5 00	to	6 00
Cranberries, per quart	12½	to	15

HAY

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Baled hay—No. 1 timothy, $11 50 to $12; inferior, $10 50 to $11, on track here. Baled straw—$6 50 to $7, on track here.

POTATOES.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Potatoes—Wholesale quotations range from 85c to 90c per bag, and 70c to 75c per bag is being charged on car lots.

PRODUCE.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Quotations are unchanged in the grain market today, as follows: Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, 85c to 86c outside, according to location. Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, 98½c; No. 2 northern, 96c; No. 3 northern, 93½c; winter storage at Goderich, 1c extra. Oats—Canada western, No. 2, 38½c; No. 3, 36½c, at lake ports, for immediate shipment; Ontario No. 2 white, 32c to 32½c outside; No. 3 white, 31c to 31½c outside, 34c to 35c on track at Toronto. Corn—American new No. 3 yellow, 52½c, at Toronto. Peas—No. 2, 75c to 79c. Rye—No. 2, 58c to 60c. Barley—55c to 58c outside for malting, and 48c to 49c for feed. Buckwheat—47c, at shipping points. Manitoba flour—Listed quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5 40; second patents, $4 90; strong bakers, $4 70. Ontario flour—Winter flour, 90 per cent patents, $3 55, at the seaboard. Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $19 per ton; shorts, $21, on track at Toronto; Ontario bran, $20; shorts, $22, on track at Toronto.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Butter steady; receipts, 4,278; creamery specials, 31c; extras, 29½c to 30c; third to first, 23c to 28½c; creamery held, third to special, 23c to 30c; state dairy, common to finest, 21c to 29c; process, second to special, 20c to 25c; imitation creamery, first, 23c to 24c; factory held, 23c; do., current make, 21c to 23c. Cheese easy; receipts, 1,218; whole milk, September quality, specials, 15¾c to 17¼c; do., fancy, 15½c; do., choice, 14¾c to 15¼c; do., October, quality fine, 14c to 14¼c; do., current make, common to fair, 12c to 13c; do., frosted or very poor, 11c. Eggs easy; receipts 5,987; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery, fancy, 48c to 50c; do., gathered white, 40c to 48c; do., hennery, brown fancy, 40c to 41c; do., gathered brown, 37c to 39c; fresh gathered extra first, 35c to 36c; do., first, 33c to 34c; do., seconds, 28c to 32c; refrigerator, special marks fancy in local storage, 25c to 25½c; do., first, 24c to 24½c; do., second, 22½c to 23½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Flour was quiet and unchanged. Rye flour quiet. Rye dull. Barley steady. Wheat—Lack of important developments over the holiday resulted in a quiet and featureless wheat market. Early prices sagged off later under heavy Russian shipments and local professional selling. No. 1, $1 02 to $1 02 5-16. Corn—Futures market was without transactions. Raw sugar steady; Muscovado, 3.36c; centrifugal, 3.96c; molasses, 3.41c; refined sugar quiet. Hops—Firm; Pacific coast, 1910, 18c to 20c; 1909, 12c to 15c.

[Special to H. C. Becher.]

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.

Wheat closed:

May 94⅛

December 90

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	$ 96½	96½	95⅝	95⅞
July	93½	93½	92⅞	93
Corn—				
May	48⅜	48⅜	47¾	47⅞
July	49⅜	49⅜	48⅝	48¾
Oats—				
May	34⅜	34⅜	34	34⅛

BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—Spring Wheat—No. 1 northern, carloads of winter wheat, $1 13; No. 2 red, 95c; No. 2 white, 93c, through billed. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 50¼c; No. 3 yellow, 49c; No. 4 yellow, 47¼c; sample yellow, 45½c to 46½c, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3 white, 35½c; No. 4 white, 34c; clipped, 35¾c through billed.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 35,000; market strong to shade higher; beeves, $6 65 to $7 30; steers, Texas, $3 20 to $5 35; western steers, $4 to $5 90; stockers and feeders, $3 40 to $5 80; cows and heifers, $2 50 to $6 25; calves, $7 25 to $9 50. Hogs—Receipts 1,500; market 5 cents higher; light, $7 80 to $8; mixed, $7 65 to $8; heavy, $7 to $8; good to choice heavy, $7 75 to $8; pigs, $7 25 to $8 05; bulk of sales, $7 80 to $7 95. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 10,000; market 5 to 10 cents higher; native, $2 50 to $4 35; western, $2 75 to $4 30; yearlings, $4 75 to $5 80; lambs, native, $4 25 to $6 50; western, $4 75 to $6 40.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(Wall street, noon)—The selling movement gathered volume in the second hour, and caused further declines in the active list. The same group of speculators who were recently credited with much activity for the long account were today prominent for their operations on the other side. The closing of a local state bank of minor importance contributed to the predominant resentment. General Electric made a further decline to 151 on light offerings. Exceptions to the downward tendency were Consolidated Gas and Western Maryland, but the movement in these issues were attributed to pool manipulation. Bonds were irregular.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(Noon—Money on call steady at 3⅜ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4½ to 5 per cent. Exchanges, $203,047,047. Balances, $6,274,761.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.

	Asked.	Bid.
Asbestos, com.	14	10
Asbestos, pfd.	49½	..
Black Lake, com.	..	16½
Bell Telephone	143	141
B. C. Packers, A.	..	83
B. C. Packers, B.	..	89½
Canadian Converters	40½	39½
Canadian Pacific	192½	192¾
Canada Cement, pfd.	87⅛	87
Crown Reserve	271	269
Detroit Electric	69⅞	69⅝
Dom. Coal, pfd.	115	108
Dom. Steel, com.	60⅞	60¾
Dom. Steel, pfd.	102¾	..
Halifax Electric	..	129¼
Havana Electric	94¼	92
Illinois Traction, pfd.	91	90
Inter. Coal and Coke	75	62
Lake of Woods, com.	141	137
Lake of Woods, pfd.	125	..
Laurentide Paper	175	165
MacWay, com.	..	89
Mexican L. and P.	86	85½
B. C. Packers, com.	30½	..
Minn. and St. Paul	141	130½
Montreal L. and P.	138⅞	137⅞
oMntreal Street	219⅞	219
Montreal Steel	164	163½
Northern Ohio	39½	..
N. S. Steel and Coal	88	85½
N. S. Steel, pfd.	122	118
Ogilvie Mill, com.	125¼	124
Ogilvie Mill, pfd.	125	..
Ottawa Power	..	129
Penman, com.	60	59½
Penman, pfd.	85	83
Quebec, com.	59½	59
R. and O. Navigation	91	90½
Rio de Janeiro	102¼	101⅝
Rubber, com.	..	93
Shawinigan	108	107
St. John Electric	..	100
Textile, com.	62½	61¼
Toledo Electric	8	..
Toronto Electric	124	122
Tri City, pfd.	95½	90½
Twin City	111	107¾
West India Electric	100	115
Windsor Hotel	155	115
Canada Cement	23¾	23½
Bank of Commerce	215	..
Eastern Townships Bank	170	167
Merchants Bank	187	185
Molsons Bank	..	205
Bank of Montreal	245	244
Bank of New Brunswick	270¾	265
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	283
Royal Bank	243	242
Traders Bank	144¾	141
Union Bank	149	147½
Dom. ot'lto, pfd.	71½	70
Dom. Textile, pfd.	..	98¼
Montreal Cotton	..	128
Bell Telephone bonds	102	101½
Black Lake	77	..
Converters	90	..
Dom. Coal	97½	96
Dom. Cotton	101	100
Dom. I. and S.	96	95
Halifax Tram	..	100
Keewatin Mill	..	102
Laurentide Paper	..	108
Mexican E. L. Co.	86½	..
Mexican L. and P.	96	..
Ogilvie Milling	113½	..
Ogilvie (R.)	113½	..
Porto Rico	86	84¾
iRo de anJeiro	98	96
Rubber	..	96½
Sao Paulo	100	..
Textile, Series A.	98	95½
Textile, Series B	100	99
Textile, Series C.	97	95
West India	..	90
Winnipeg Electric	..	104
Quebec bonds	85¼	85
Car	105	104
Windsor Hotel	..	96
Canada Power	..	91½

Morning sales—Bank of Ottawa, 39 at 210; Cement bonds, 600 at 97½; Textile (A) bonds, 500 at 97½; Dom. Cotton bonds, 12,900 at 101; Iron bonds, 1,000 at 96; Power, 50 at 128; Street Railway, 25 at 219¼, 93 at 219; Soo, com., 25 at 130⅝, 17 at 131; Northern Ohio, 5 at 39½; Quebec, 100 at 59¾, 10 at 60; Detroit, 825 at 70, 25 at 69⅞, 100 at 69¾; Pacific, 10 at 193; Ottawa, 50 at 130; Switch, 25 at 164; Woods, 50 at 135½, 50 at 136, 75 at 136½, 75 at 137; Reserve, 70 at 269, 490 at 270; Scotia, 70 at 85½; Cement, com., 100 at 23¾, 20 at 23⅞, 150 at 23¾, 50 at 23⅝, 75 at 23; Penman, 5 at 60; Woods, pfd., 10 at 124; Iron, pfd., 50 at 102¾, 20 at 104, 200 at 102½; Illinois, 15 at 90; Sao Paulo, pfd., 7 at 122; Canada Cement, pfd., 25 at 87; Ogilvie, pfd., 5 at 125.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.

	Asked.	Bid.
B. C. Packers, A.	87	84
B. C. Packers, B.	93	90
B. C. Packers, com.	39	..
Bell Telephone	..	140
General Electric	96	95¼
Canadian Salt	..	100
Canadian Pacific	..	192¼
City Dairy, com.	36⅞	36½
City Dairy, pfd.	100	..
Consumers Gas	..	198
Crow's Nest	77	..
Detroit United	70¼	69¾
Dom. Steel, pfd.	..	102½
Dom. Telegraph	..	109
Electric Development, pfd.	65	..
MacKay, com.	92	90
MacKay, pfd.	75½	..
Mexican L. and P.	..	85
Mexico Tramway	122	..
Niagara Navigation	..	124
Northern Navigation	116¾	116¼
N. S. Steel, com.	..	85¼
Penman, com.	60	59
Penman, pfd.	85	83
Porto Rico	52	49½
Rio Janeiro Tram	102	101⅝
R. and O. Navigation	92½	..
Rogers, pfd.	..	106¼
Sao Paulo Tram	..	147½
Shredded Wheat, com.	51	..
St. L. and C. Navigation	110	..
Toronto Electric Light	120	..
Toronto Railway	124	122½
Twin City	108½	..
Winnipeg Railway	190	..
Amal. Asbestos	14	..
Black Lake, com.	16	..
Black Lake, pfd.	52	..
F. N. Burt, com.	105	104
Canada Cement, com.	24	..
Canada Cement, pfd.	87	86½
Dom. Steel Corporation	61	60
Duluth Superior	78¼	77½
London Electric	..	10
Maple Leaf, com.	51	48
Maple Leaf, pfd.	96	94
Monterey	..	128½
Pacific Burt, com.	..	43
Pacific Burt, pfd.	..	93
Quebec L. and P.	..	59½
Union Trust	175	165
Black Lake bonds	78	..
Canadian Northern	..	98¾
P. O. B.	..	85
Quebec bonds	..	85
Crown Reserve	271	260
La Rose	475	450
Nipissing Mines	1100	1090
Trethewey	120	117
Bank of Commerce	215	..
Dominion Bank	232½	..
Bank of Hamilton	205	204
Imperial Bank	..	223½
Bank of Montreal	..	246
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	281
Bank of Ottawa	..	210
Royal Bank	..	241
Standard Bank	..	221½
Bank of Toronto	..	214
Traders Bank	143	141
Union Bank	150	..
Agricultural Loan	..	137
Canada Landed	..	149
Canada Permanent	158½	..
Central Canada	..	191
Colonial Investment	..	67
Dom. Savings	..	72
Hamilton Provident	..	128
Huron and Erie	..	197
Huron and Erie, 20 p.c.	..	187
Landed Banking	..	130
London and Canadian	110	107
Ontario Loan	..	152
Ontario Loan, 20 p.c.	..	142
Real Estate	101	..
Toronto Trusts	..	170
Toronto Mortgage	..	130
Great Western	..	125
Electric Development	81½	..
Laurentide Paper	..	108
Mexican Electric	..	86¼
Mexican L. and P.	90	..
Rio Janeiro	..	78½
Sao Paulo	100	..

Morning Sales: Cement, 10 at 24; Dominion Steel, preferred, 50 at 102⅞, 5 at 103¼; Pacific Burt, preferred, 10 at 92¾; Northern Navigation, 30 at 116½; Penmans, 25 at 60; Rio, 8 and 5 at 101¾, 25, 25, 20, 5 and 25 at 101½, 15 at 101⅝; Crown Reserve, 500 at 2.73, 100 at 2.75; Maple Leaf, preferred, 2 at 94¾; Duluth-Superior, 5, 20 and 25 at 78; Trethewey, 200 at 118½; Ottawa Bank, 10 at 210; Bank of Commerce, 2 at 214⅞; Traders' Bank, 10 at 141, 15 at 141; City aDiry, 25 and 10 at 36¾; Twin City, 25 at 108½. Ex-dividend: Great West Permanent Loan, 4½ per cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	62¾	62½	61½	61⅝
Anaconda Copper	38½	..	..	..
American Sugar	114	..	..	..
Amer. Beet Sugar	43¾	43¾	43¾	43¾
Amer. Locomotive	36½	36½	36¼	36¼
American Foundry	49½	49½	49	49
American Smelters	73¼	73¼	72¾	72¾
Atchison, com.	100¼	100½	99¾	100
Baltimore & Ohio	104⅛	..	..	..
Brooklyn Transit	75½	75¼	74¼	74⅞
Canadian Pacific	192¼	..	..	..
Central Leather	31⅞	31⅞	31¼	31⅜
Chesapeake & Ohio	80	80	79⅝	79¾
Consolidated Gas	135	135¼	134½	135¼
Col. & Southern	37	..	..	..
Del. & Hudson	163	..	..	..
Distillers	32	..	..	..
Erie, com.	27⅞	27⅞	27	27
General Electric	155	155	151	152
G. Northern, pfd.	122¼	122¼	122	122
Inter-Metropolitan	19½	19½	19¼	19¼
Inter-Met., pfd.	53¼	53¼	53	53¼
Kansas Southern	32½	32½	31¾	32½
Kansas & Texas	32⅛	32⅛	31⅞	31⅞
Louisville & Nash.	143¼	..	..	..
Lehigh Valley	179⅛	179⅛	178¾	179¾
New York Central	110¼	110¼	109¾	110⅛
Northern Pacific	115¼	115¼	115	115¼
Norfolk & Western	98⅝	98⅝	99½	99½
Pacific Mail	28¼	28¼	27	27
Pennsylvania	128	128½	127⅞	128½
People's Gas	105⅝	..	..	..
Pressed Steel Car	30	..	..	..
Railway Spring	31¼	..	..	..
Reading	149⅞	149⅞	148	148⅝
Republic Steel	30¼	30¼	30	30
Rock Island	29	..	..	..
Southern Railway	26⅛	26⅛	25¾	26
Southern Ry., pfd.	60⅞	61	60⅞	61
Southern Pacific	115	115	113⅞	114⅛
St. Paul	122	122¾	121½	122¾
Union Pacific	169⅞	169⅞	168¼	168¾
Utah Copper	44½	44¾	44½	44¾
U. S. Rubber	34	34¼	33⅝	34¼
U. S. Steel	72¼	72¼	71⅛	71½
U. S. Steel, pfd.	116¾	116¾	116⅝	116⅝
Virginia Chemical	61½	..	..	..
Wabash, pfd.	32	..	..	..
Western Union Tel.	73	..	..	..
Westinghouse	66½	..	..	..

LIVE STOCK.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 550 head; very active and barely steady; prime steers, $6 50 to $6 75; springers, $5 75 to $6 25; butchers, $4 85 to $5 50; heifers, $4 25 to $6; cows, $2 75 to $5 25; bulls, $3 75 to $5 25; stockers and feeders, $4 25 to $5 25; stock heifers, $3 75 to $5 25; fresh cows and springers steady, $30 to $36. Veals—Receipts, 150 head; active and 50c lower, $6 75 to $10 50. Hogs—Receipts, 3600 head; active and steady to 5c higher; heavy and mixed, $8 25; Yorkers, $8 20 to $8 40; pigs, $8 40 to $8 50; roughs, $7 15 to $7 35; stags, $5 75 to $6 50; dairies, $8 10 to $8 40. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2900 haed; sheep and handy lambs active, wethers 10c lower, heavy lambs slow and steady; heavy lambs, $5 to $5 75; handy lambs, $5 to $6 90; yearlings, $4 75 to $5 25; wethers, $4 to $4 15; ewes, $3 50 to $3 75; sheep, mixed, $2 to $4.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS

Two Couples Made Happy by Rev. L. C. McRoberts.

Two quiet weddings were celebrated yesterday at the Hill Street Methodist parsonage by Rev. L. C. McRoberts, when Mr. Harry Perse Rose and Miss Elizabeth May Cake, both of this city, were united in marriage. They were attended by Miss Edna Degra and Mr. William Billens. After a short honeymoon, the young couple will reside near Petrolea, where Mr. Rose has purchased a store.

The other was that of Mr. Frank J. Yawman and Miss Elsie Davies, formerly of London, but now of Buffalo, were married. They were attended by Gordon F. Marsh and Gertrude E. Hall. They will reside in Buffalo.

Personal Mention

Miss Irene Ross, of the McClary Manufacturing Company, Toronto, is spending Christmas week at her home in London.

Mr. Ralph Skinner, of Chicago, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Skinner, 350 Eva street, this city.

Dr. Ainley Thompson, of South London has returned from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, where he spent two weeks on a visit to his father.

COBALT.

Buy Beaver, Little Nipissing, Hargreaves, Green-Meehan, Gould Consolidated.

THOMAS RAYCRAFT,
ROOM 1, LONDON LOAN BLOCK.
Phones 2995 and 1736.

LOCAL ITEMS

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rowell, of Winnipeg, Man., recently of London, are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Rodwell, 540 English street, and Mr. and Mrs. Cole, of the Molsons Bank, this city.

—Mrs. Arthur Smith, a bride of three months, died somewhat suddenly this morning of Bright's disease, at her home in Detroit. Mrs. Smith, formerly Miss Edith Evans, was the daughter of Mr. John Evans, contractor, corner St. James' street and Thorndon avenue, asd had a wide circle of friends in London who will sympathize with the bereaved family.

Turkeys for Employees.

J. Gammage & Sons, florists, presented their employees with fine turkeys for Christmas.

Fortieth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carter yesterday celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. Members of the family from Chicago, Detroit, Toronto and other places were present. Mr. Carter was presented with a purse of gold and Mrs. Carter with a diamond ring. A number of friends tendered congratulations.

A Generous Act.

The Christmas offerings of St. James' Anglican Church, South London, were given by the rector, Dean Davis, to the curate, Rev. Mr. Clark. The congregation responded most liberally, nearly $80 being handed to him. The dean also dispensed a great deal for charity during the Christmas season from his private purse.

Death of Mr. Atkinson.

Many citizens and residents of this district, particularly of Ailsa Craig, will remember Mr. W. K. Atkinson, at one time well known as "Northern Sparks," and later as city editor of The London Advertiser. News has been received in this city from Montreal, Que., that a brother of his, Mr. Marshal B. Atkinson, died recently. The deceased was a resident of California, but was on a visit to relatives in Montreal, when he was taken with a fatal attack of pneumonia, dying at Kingston, Ont. He was born in Toronto in 1853.

AGNEW---MILLS

Popular Young Couple Happily Wedded in London.

Miss Edna Mills, daughter of Mrs. Samuel Mills, of 411 King street, was quietly married at her mother's residence, this afternoon to Mr. William Donald Agnew, formerly of the Grand Trunk freight offices of this city, but who has resided in Vancouver for the past year.

The bride was given away by her cousin, Rev. W. J. Doherty, of Hensall, and was supported by her sister, Miss Sadie. The groom was assisted by Mr. George Fisher, of this city. Rev. John Agnew, of Dorchester, a brother of the groom, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Dr. Ross, of this city.

Miss Mills wore a pretty white gown of satin, veiled with white ninon, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridemaid's dress was of pink silk.

Mr. and Mrs. Agnew left after the ceremony for Toronto, Niagara Falls, and other points, and will return to this city in a couple of weeks. They will leave later for Vancouver, where they will take up their residence.

LOCAL POLICE COURT WAS BADLY CROWDED

It Looks as Though a New Building Will Soon Be a Necessity.

The crowded condition of the police court this morning suggested the question, whether a new police building will not soon be necessary. There was a heavy lineup of drunks and disorderlies that filled the prisoners' cage and crowded two sides of the courtroom with the overflow. The inclosure reserved for the general public was so crowded that many would-be visitors to the after-holiday court, were refused admission by the constable stationed at the door. Mayor Beattie presided at the court.

Robert Andrews, Indian lister, only just released after a 21-day sentence, was found to have been intoxicated again, and fined $10 or another 21 days.

James Murphy, chronic dipsomaniac, was fined $3 or 10 days. The court has several times considered sending Murphy to the inebriate farm at Guelph, and if he comes up again, he will probably go down for a thorough course of treatment for alcoholism.

John Twitchem and Douglas McConnell were fined $2 or five days each, Twitchem for intoxication, and McConnell for abusive language, and interference with an officer who was arresting Twitchem.

James Connelly, charged with being drunk, and alleged to have beaten his wife while under the influence of intoxicants, was bound over to keep the peace for a period of twelve months.

Samuel Crockett, of West London, whose name appears on the prohibitory list, was fined $5 or 15 days.

Richard Johnston, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was remanded until Jan. 4.

Timothy Cessman, also drunk and disorderly, was fined $3 or 10 days.

The majority of other cases were charges of intoxication and minor forms of disorderly conduct. In appreciation of the Christmas season, they were nearly all discharged or allowed to go without being sentenced by Magistrate Beattie.

INGERSOLL.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, Dec. 27.—Len Thompson, of the Merchants Bank, Rodney, was in town for Christmas.

W. J. Norfolk spent the holiday in town.

Special and appropriate Christmas services were conducted in the different churches on Sunday.

The Roney Boys gave a special sacred concert in the Baptist Church on Sunday after the evening service. On Saturday afternoon they were driven around town and shown through the principal industries and Alexandra Hospital. They kindly sang for the patients, who appreciated it very much.

The fellow employees of Mr. Jack Dales, expert machinist, in the Morrow Screw Works, surprised him at his home on Friday evening by presenting to him a handsome secretary accompanied by an appreciative address. The recipient made an appropriate reply. Refreshments were served and the evening was spent very pleasantly in a social way.

Thomas Dales was very pleasantly surprised last Saturday afternoon at the screw works, when his fellow-workers presented a handsome gold tie pin to him as an indication of their goodwill toward him. Wm. Roddy handed the gift to Mr. Dales, accompanied by an address.

EAST NISSOURI FARMER HANGED HIMSELF IN BARN

Albert Baker Said to Have Suicided Because of Bank Failure.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Dec. 27.—Albert Baker, a well-to-do farmer of East Nissouri, was found by his wife hanging in his barn last night. He was quite dead when discovered. The only reason that can be given for the rash deed is that Baker had money in the Farmers' Bank, and feared he was going to lose it.

During the evening Baker took part in Christmas celebrations with his wife and children. Suddenly he left them apparently in the best of spirits, saying he would go to the barn and do up some chores. After he had been gone some time his wife sent one of the little boys out to give him a message. The lad returned saying he could not find his father. Another older boy went out and he came in and said he could not see his father, but that there was a man standing in the centre of the barn. Mrs. Baker went out and found it was her husband. His feet were only four inches off the floor.

MAYOR IS FINANCING A NEW CITY HALL!

Says It Would Only Mean About Five Cents On Every $1,000 of Assessment.

Mayor Beattie is enthusiastic for a new city hall, and has issued a statement, in which he states that a new hall, such as he would have built here would cost the taxpayer who is assessed for $1,000, just 5 1-6 cents a year for thirty years.

His figures were verified, he declared, by City Auditor Jewell.

"The taxpayer assessed for $1,000 would pay 5 1-6 cents a year for thirty years for the building," he stated. "It is arrived at in this way: We would get $100,000 for the present hall, $18,000 for the police station, which, with the $75,000 raised by debentures would give us $193,000 with which to build the hall. The structure would cost $125,000, leaving the sum of $68,000 to purchase the land, and other possible contingencies.

"To properly consider the question, we should find out what the ratepayers would have to pay. The yearly interest on $75,000 at 4½ per cent, would be $3,187 50. The sinking fund would amount to $1,452 85; a total of $4,640 35 to be raised every year.

The Financing.

"To meet that they would have the following: Assessment on the city hall (with improvements), which now pays no taxes, $100,000; business tax on same, 60 per cent of the above, $60,000; assessment on police station, 75 per cent of present value, $13,500; a total of $173,500. Of course we would have to deduct from that amount the assessed value of the land, where we would build our new hall, say 75 per cent of $50,000, amounting to $37,500. This would make the total assessment we would receive $173,500 as given above, and we would exempt $37,500, leaving a balance in our favor of $136,000. At 23½ mills on the dollar our present rate, this would yield a revenue of $3,196.

"The interest and sinking fund we would have to raise amounts to $4,640 35, as given above, while we would receive in revenue $3,196, making $1,444 35 we would have to raise annually out of the tax rate. I have figured this out with the auditor, and it amounts to but 5 1-6 cents for every $1,000 assessment. That certainly is not much."

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Hiscox Explains His Position.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In your issue of Dec. 22, in giving an account of the nominations, and also referring to the method of qualifying, you said: "It will be necessary for all candidates for the hospital trust, the water commission and the council, to qualify with City Clerk Baker before 9 o'clock Friday night. If they do not their names will be left off the ballot paper."

I did not qualify, but my name is still on the ballot paper. I must, I am told, go to the people. I had no intention of being a candidate at the nomination, but, as you see, I was misled by the item referred to. It has been urged by the press for years that public offices should seek the man, and not the man seek the office. Now, the people, who nearly all know me, have the chance of electing one who will do fair by all. Thanking you for the trouble of inserting this, I remain, yours truly, GEO. T. HISCOX.

London, Dec. 2.

WEGNER VS. WEGNER

Local Lawyer Is Going To Chicago To Secure Evidence.

Mr. E. W. Scatcherd, of this city, who is acting for the defence in the alimony action brought by Mrs. Carl P. Wegner against her husband, a Talbot street merchant, leaves tonight for Racine, Wisconsin, where he will take evidence concerning the case from several witnesses who could not be brought to this city.

Mr. W. C. Coo, also of this city, has been appointed commissioner to record the evidence.

MAGNIFICENT INCREASE

Remarkable Success of a London Manufacturer.

One of the most noteworthy items of news in which all our readers will be interested is the wonderful success gained by S. F.