MARKETS AND FINANCE

Thursday, Feb. 18.—Though not large, the supply of produce offered on central market this morning was ample to meet the demand. The meat market was well supplied, and prices were firm; pork was a little higher, dressed hogs advancing 25 cents per hundred. Trade on the grain market has improved, and prices are firm. No other changes occurred.

Standard prices at 8 a. m. were:

Dairy Produce.		
Creamery Butter	0 30 to	0 32
Dairy Butter	0 27 to	0 30
Cooking Butter	0 30 to	0 00
Cheese, new, per lb.	0 17 to	0 00
Cheese, old, per lb.	0 20 to	0 00
Eggs, dozen	0 30 to	0 00
Cold storage eggs	0 28 to	0 30
Poultry.		
Chickens, pair	0 80 to	1 50
Geese, pound	0 12 to	0 12
Geese	1 00 to	1 50
Turkeys, lb.	0 21 to	0 25
Ducks, pair	1 25 to	1 60
Fruits.		
Cooking	0 25 to	0 50
Snow apples	0 30 to	0 50
Greenings	0 10 to	0 15
Northern Spys, basket	0 40 to	0 60
Northern Spys, bush.	1 00 to	1 50
Vegetables, Etc.		
Carrots, basket	0 20 to	0 00
Lettuce, per bunch	0 03 to	0 05
Parsley, doz.	0 25 to	0 00
Beets, basket	0 20 to	0 00
Celery, doz.	0 30 to	0 50
Potatoes, bag	0 60 to	0 75
Potatoes, bush.	0 40 to	0 55
Potatoes, basket	0 20 to	0 25
Cabbage	0 02 to	0 04
Pumpkins	0 10 to	0 15
Hubbard squash, each	0 10 to	0 00
Parsnips, basket	0 20 to	0 20
Curley Kule, each	0 05 to	0 05
Turnips, white, basket	0 20 to	0 20
Turnips, yellow, bush.	0 30 to	0 30
Oyster Plant, bunch	0 05 to	0 05
Carrots, basket	0 20 to	0 00
Smoked Meats.		
Bacon, sides, lb.	0 16 to	0 17
Bacon, backs, lb.	0 17 to	0 18
Hams, lb.	0 15 to	0 17
Shoulders, lb.	0 11 to	11½
Lard	12¼ to	12½
Bologna, lb.	0 07 to	0 00
Pork sausage, lb.	0 08 to	0 00
Frankforts	0 08 to	0 00
Meats.		
Fair supply and demand. Pork higher.		
Beef, No. 1, cwt.	7 00 to	7 50
Beef, No. 2, cwt.	6 00 to	6 00
Live hogs	6 85 to	6 85
Dressed hogs	9 00 to	9 50
Mutton, per cwt.	6 00 to	7 00
Spring lambs	12 00 to	13 00
Veal, per cwt.	7 50 to	9 50
Fish.		
Good supply and demand, no change.		
Salmon Trout, 2 lbs.	0 25 to	0 25
White Fish, 2 lbs.	0 25 to	0 25
Herring, doz.	0 20 to	0 00
Halibut, lb.	0 20 to	0 00
Haddock, lb.	0 10 to	0 00
Pike, lb.	0 10 to	0 00
Cod, lb.	0 10 to	0 00
Flounders	0 10 to	0 10
Smoked Salmon	0 15 to	0 15
Lake Erie herring, lb.	0 10 to	0 00
Ciscoes, dozen	0 20 to	0 30
Finnan Haddie, lb.	0 10 to	0 00
Smelts, 2 lbs.	0 25 to	0 25
The Hide Market.		
Fair supply, demand small, prices steady.		
Wool, pound, washed	0 14 to	0 14
Wool, pound, unwashed	0 08 to	0 08
Calf skins, No. 1, lb.	0 15 to	0 00
Calf skins, No. 2, lb.	0 13 to	0 00
Calf skins, flat	0 00 to	12½
Calf skins, each	1 00 to	1 25
Horse hides, each	1 50 to	2 50
Hides, No. 1, per lb.	8½ to	8½
Hides, No. 2, per lb.	7½ to	7½
Hides, flat	0 07 to	7½
Sheep Skins	0 70 to	0 90
Grain Market.		
Receipts and deliveries fair, prices steady.		
Barley	0 52 to	0 56
Wheat, white, bush.	1 00 to	1 03
Do., red, bush.	1 00 to	1 00
Oats	0 45 to	0 49
Rye	0 68 to	0 68
Buckwheat	0 55 to	0 60
Chopped corn	1 40 to	1 40
Corn	0 75 to	0 80
Peas	0 80 to	0 86
Hay and Wood.		
Straw, per ton	7 00 to	8 00
Hay, per ton	12 00 to	14 00

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET.

The offerings of grain on the street to-day were fair. Wheat firm, with sales of 200 bushels of fall at $1.03 per bushel. Barley unchanged, with sales of 400 bushels at 56 to 60c. Oats steady, 300 bushels selling at 49 to 50c. Buckwheat wanted at 60c.

Hay in fair supply, with prices unchanged; 20 loads sold at $12 to $13.50 a ton for No. 1, and at $9 to $10 for mixed. Straw steady, two loads selling at $12 to $13 a ton.

Dressed hogs are steady at $9 to $9.25 for heavy, and at $9.50 for light.

Wheat, fall, bushel	$1 02	$1 03
Do., goose, busnel	0 95	0 00
Oats, bushel	0 49	0 50
Barley, bushel	0 56	0 60
Rye, bushel	0 69	0 70
Peas, bushel	0 90	0 00
Hay, per ton	12 00	13 50
Do., No. 2	9 00	10 00
Straw, per ton	12 00	13 00
Dressed hogs	9 00	9 50
Butter, dairy	0 23	0 27
Do., creamery	0 27	0 30
Eggs, new laid	0 30	0 32
Do., fresh	0 27	0 28
Chickens, dressed, lb	0 15	0 18
Fowl, lb.	0 12	0 13
Turkeys, lb.	0 22	0 25
Cabbage, per dozen	0 50	0 75
Celery, per dozen	0 50	0 75
Potatoes, bag	0 80	0 90
Onions, bag	0 85	0 90
Apples, barrel	3 50	5 00
Beef, hindquarters	3 50	10 00
Do., forequarters	6 00	7 50
Do., choice, carcase	8 00	9 00
Do., medium, carcase	5 50	7 00
Mutton, per cwt.	8 00	10 00
Veal, prime, per cwt.	8 50	11 00
Lamb, per cwt.	11 50	13 00

SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.69 per cwt., in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4.20 per cwt. in barrels. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots, 5c less.

OTHER MARKETS.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat—February $1.08 bid, July $1.08 1-2 bid, May $1.07 7-8 bid.

Oats—February 41 7-8c bid, May 44 3-8c sellers.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London.—London cables for cattle are steady, at 12 1-2 to 13 3-4c per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 10 5-8 to 10 7-8c per pound.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal—At the Canadian Live Stock Market this morning the offerings were 600 cattle, 100 sheep and lambs, 150 hogs and 150 calves. Owing to the stormy weather, trains were late in arriving, and in consequence some live stock had to be carried over for another market. There was a good attendance of buyers, and, as they all wanted some cattle, the demand was much better than was anticipated, and an active trade was done. The undertone to the market was strong, and especially for all the best grades, as the supply of such was rather limited, but prices showed no actual change as compared with Monday. Choice steers sold at 5 1-2c; good at 5 to 5 1-4c; fair at 4 1-2 to 4 3-4c, and lower grades at 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c; good cows at 3 1-2 to 4 1-2c; common cows at 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c, and bulls at 2 1-2 to 4 1-2c per pound.

Supplies of sheep and lambs were small, for which there was an active demand, and prices were very firm at the recent advance. Lambs sold at 5 1-2 to 6 1-2c, and sheep at 3 3-4 to 4c per lb.

There was an active demand for calves, and sales were made at from $3 to $10 each, as to size and quality. Very much stronger feeling developed in the market for hogs to-day, and prices advanced 22 to 25c per 100 pounds. The supply was small, for which there was an improved demand, and sales of selected lots were made at $7.50 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars.

COBALT MINING STOCKS

Otisse was the feature of the Toronto mining exchange yesterday, the trading being very heavy and the price well sustained. Sales during the day amounted to 28,000 shares, chiefly around 55 1-2.

The passing of the dividend on Silver Queen had a depressing effect, the stock itself dropping to 58, but rallying toward the close and showing strength. The market held firm, however, and although there was an absence of buying orders considerable inside trading was indulged in.

Temiskaming went to 159 1-2 and little Nipissing was strong at 40, reports from the mine being distinctly encouraging and confirming the reports of the richness of the vein recently struck.

Satisfying reports were presented to the shareholders of the Lucky Boys Gold Mines Co. at their annual meeting, the president, Mr. Tom McCamus, informing them that the mill and machinery were in complete working order; that men were now at work getting out ore, and that the crusher, which had a capacity of 100 tons per day, would be running in about six weeks' time.

TORONTO EXCHANGE.

Wednesday Morning Sales.

Otisse—200 at 55, 200 at 55, 500 at 55, 1,000 at 55, 200 at 55, 200 at 55, 200 at 55, 2,000 at 55, 1,000 at 55, 3,000 at 55 1-4, 200 at 55, 2,00 at 5 1-2, 1,000 at 55 1-2, 500 at 55 1-2, 500 at 55 1-2, 600 at 55 1-4, 500 at 55 1-4, 500 at 55 1-4, 500 at 55 1-4, 800 at 55 3-8, 500 at 55 3-8, 1,000 at 55 3-8, 500 at 55 3-8, 1,000 at 55 1-2, 1,000 at 55 1-2, 1,000 at 55 1-2.

Silver Bar—200 at 55, 500 at 55, 50 at 55, 200, 500 at 54.

Beaver—500 (30 days) at 29.

Silver Leaf—500 at 10 1-2.

Temiskaming—600 at 1.59, 100 at 1.59, 1,000 at 1.60, 100 at 1.60, 90 0at 1.60, 100 at 1.60, 50 at 1.60, 1,000 at 1.60, 50 at 1.59, 1,000 at 1.60, 100 at 1.60.

Green-Meehan—500 at 17, 500 at 17.

Silver Queen—100 at 65, 100 at 65, 500 at 63 1-2.

Trethewey—100 at 1.56, 200 at 1.57.

Peterson—500 at 30.

Rochester—5,000 at 20, 500 at 20, 500 at 20.

Right of Way—500 at 3.50.

Nancy Helen—200 at 60.

Scotia—100 at 61, 100 at 61, 500 at 60, 500 at 60.

Wednesday Afternoon Sales.

Otisse—50 at 55 1-2, 1,000 at 55 1-4.

Temiskaming—100 at 1.60, 900 at 1.59 7-8, 1,000 at 1.60, 100 at 1.60, 500 at 1.60.

Right of Way—100 at 3.50.

Scotia—100 at 60.

Silver Leaf—300 at 11, 200 at 11, 500 at 11.

Peterson—500 at 30, 100 at 31, 100 at 31.

McKinley—100 at 95.

Wednesday Mornig Sales.

Beaver—3,500 at 26 3-4, 200, 500 at 26 1-2, 500 at 26 5-8.

Chambers—275 at 76, 50 at 78.

City of Cobalt—100 at 87.

Central—500 at 48 1-2, 1,000 at 49 1-2, 100 at 48 1-2, 1,000 at 50, 500 at 50.

Lake—500 at 15 3-4, 100 at 15 1-2, 1,000 at 16.

Crown Reserve—500 at 3.00 (50 days), 100, 600, 400, 30 0at 2.89.

Gifford—500 at 20, 200 at 20.

La Rose—100 at 6.50.

Little Nipissing—500, 300 at 40.

McKinley—500, 100, 500, 200 at 93.

Nancy Helen—100 at 50.

Nipissing—10 at 9.85.

Nova Scotia—200 at 59 3-4, 1,000 at 59 1-2, 200 at 59 3-4, 500 at 59.

Otisse—500 at 54 3-4, 500 at 55.

Peterson Lake—500 at 30 1-2.

Rocheter—250 at 20, 500 at 20 1-4, 200 at 20, 500 at 20 1-4.

Silver Leaf—100 at 11 1-2, 1,000 at 11, 1,000 100 at 11 1-4.

Silver Bar—20, 500 at 52, 700 at 50.

Silver Queen—200, 300 at 65, 200 at 62, 500 at 63, 100 at 62, 500 at 63, 500 at 62 1-2, 300 at 62, 125 at 61, 500, 500 at 61 1-2, 300 at 61, 500, 500, 1,000, 1,000 at 62, 500 at 61, 500 at 61 1-2, 500 at 60, 500 at 61 1-2, 500 at 61 1-4, 500, 2,500, 1,000 at 58, 500 at 58 3-4, 1,000 at 61.

Temiskaming—100 at 1.59 1-4, 30, 100 at 1.59, 1,000, 1,000, 1,000 at 1.65 (60 days), 1,000, 500 at 1.58 1-2, 500 at 1.59, 1,0 at 1.59 1-4, 1,00 at 1.59.

Watts—200 at 39, 500 at 37, 300 at 38.

Wednesday Afternoon Sales.

Beaver—500, 200 at 26 1-2.

Chambers—200 at 77, 300 at 78, 500 at 77 1-2.

Central—2,000 at 50 1-2.

Crown Reserve—100 at 2.90 1-2, 100 at 2.90, 200 at 2.89.

Little Nipissing—1,000 at 40.

Gifford—500 at 20 3-4.

McKinley—100 at 95.

Nancy Helen—500 at 50.

Nova Scotia—1,000 at 58 1-2.

Otisse—250, 100 at 55, 1,000, 1,000 at 55 1-4, 500 at 55 1-2, 500 at 55 1-2, 500 at 55 1-4, 1,000 at 55, 500 at 5 1-4.

Peterson Lake—10 at 30 1-2, 700 at 30 1-4, 00 at 30 1-2, 1,000, 1,000 at 30 1-8, 300 at 30, 500 at 3 1-4, 50 at 30 1-4, 1,800 at 30, 500 at 30 1-4.

Rochester—1,000 at 20, 500 at 20.

Silver Queen—100 at 59, 500 at 61 1-2, 100 at 60, 500 at 60, 560 at 61, 100 at 61.

Temiskaming—500, 1,000, 1,000 at 1.59 1-2, 1,000 at 1.59 1-4, 100 at 1.59 1-2.

Trethewey—100 at 1.54, 100 at 1.55.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—Oil opened $1.78.

London, Feb. 18.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 3 per cent.

STEEL AND COAL.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—In a statement today, James Ross confirmed the report that an offer had been made to the Steel Company by the coal directors.

Mr. Plummer, president of the Steel Co., said: "There has been no formal consideration of the letter by the Steel Co., and there will be none until we have received the full text of the judgment of the Privy Council. It is impossible to consider any offer of settlement until we know what we have got and what we have not."

He also said that the Steel Co.'s bill of damages against the Coal Co., up to January 31, amounted to $3,901,663, as follows:

Extra cost of coal to January 31, 1909, $3,054,693.04.

Damages prior to November, 1906. $132,252.75.

Damages due to shutting down in November, 1906, $479,000.

Interest to January 31, 1909, $235,717.28.

Sales of Dominion Steel common stock since last Thursday have amounted to 77,705 shares. Including sales on the Toronto and Boston exchanges, the total is close to 90,000 shares. Steel stock was 20 the day before judgment, and sold at 39 to-day.

GRAND TRUNK R'Y. SYSTEM.

Traffic earnings from February 8th to 15th, 1909:

1909	$631,690
1908	556,693
Increase	$ 75,007

BOARD OF CONTROL

City Council a Failure, Alderman Who Knows It All—Mr. Barrow.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—After a residence here of 40 years, I consider I am fairly informed regarding the affairs of the city. I am more of the opinion than ever that our aldermanic board has been a failure, and a sad experience for the citizens of Hamilton in nearly all that time, and that the sooner the city is put under a board of commissioners the better it will be for the taxpayers of this city. I do not think anyone will dispute that this city is nearly bankrupt. Everyone knows that the taxes are nearly eaten up in paying interest on the debentures, and that there is no income left to pay the expenes of the Board of Works and the other boards, and but for the local improvement act, which makes people pay taxes for the second time in paying for the work done, no public works could be done, and the city would be on the down grade. Another matter that seems funny to me is that the ordinary man on the street when elected on the aldermanic board suddenly becomes able to give advice to the city lawyer, and thinks he can intelligently find fault with the city engineer and his profession, and can quite flippantly give his opinion on any subject he knows nothing about. Look at the absurdity of their actions regarding Engineer Barrow. See what they propose doing in face of the poverty of the city, and when the taxes are to be raised they have come to the conclusion that they want a man at $3,500 per annum. Now, for the information of the younger men in the council, I will give the history of Engineer Barrow, and then I would like to hear an intelligent reason for their present desire to change Mr. Barrow for a man at $3,500 per annum. Mr. Barrow was first appointed assistant engineer when Mr. Haskins was city engineer. At that time he was said to be one of the best in his profession in Canada. When Mr. Haskins died there were many applicants for the position, but Mr. Barrow got it, and again only a few years ago the position was vacant, and Mr. Barrow was again elected, so he has through his ability alone been several times appointed. If the angels had sense, and feared where angels fear to tread, they would be better men and give the city better service.

W. S. Lumgair.

TWO-DAY SALE.

Splendid Values Offered at the Slater Shoe Store.

A genuine two-day bargain boot and shoe sale is announced for Friday and Saturday by Mr. J. W. Bridgett, proprietor of the Slater shoe store, 26 King street west. Mr. Bridgett is making room for a mammoth stock of spring shoes, including, of course, the popular Slater variety, and to do this is selling regular $3.50 and $4 ladies' shoes for $2.65; and men's $4 and $5 shoes for $2.65. These shoes are made by skilled mechanics and will hold their shape, fit well and wear longer than many other makes. In buying at the Slater store the customer has the benefit of high-grade shoes at low prices, and full satisfaction is guaranteed. Included inthis remarkable offer are special prices for rubbers, and now is the time to buy. Mr. Bridgett' stock of Slater shoes is first class and the quality of the Slater is well known and appreciated by thousands of people in this city. If you want the best values, call at Slater's and you will be pleased.

HARVEY-WILSON.

The wedding of Mr. Horace F. Harvey, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harvey, and Alma Stewart Wilson, was solemnized at Christ's Church Cathedral on Wednesday, Feb. 17, by Rev. Canon Abbott. Miss Clystie Harvey, sister of groom, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Chas. Harvey, her brother, was groomsman. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a diamond brooch and to the groomsman a diamond stick pin. The bride was charmingly dressed in her travelling gown of royal blue. They leave to-night for London and points west.

HAD VALENTINE DINNER.

Knox Church Mission was the scene of a happy gathering last evening. Recently the young men's Bible class and the young ladies' Bible class had a membership contest, and the ladies won, so the young men gave a valentine dinner in their honor. Three large tables were spread with all the delicacies and about seventy young people sat down. A number of toasts were honored and speeches were made by Mr. W. J. Cunningham and the pastor, Rev. H. D. Cameron. Before the dinner the postman called and left valentines, which were distributed and which caused a great deal of mirth. The proceedings were varied by an excellent musical programme.

This evening the choir will give a parlor concert at the home of Mr. Hall, corner of Strachan and MacNab streets.

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	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
RAILROADS.				
Atchison	103	103.2	101.5	101.6
At. Coast	120	120	119	119
Brooklyn	71.5	71.6	70.4	70.4
Balt. & Ohio	109.4	109.6	108.6	109.1
Can. Pacific	173.6	173.6	172.5	173.1
Ches & Ohio	67.1	67.1	65.4	65.7
Col. Southern	65.2	65.2	61.4	63
Del & Hudson	175.6	175.6	175.6	175.6
Erie	30.5	30.5	30.1	30.1
Erie Firsts	46	46	46	46
Grt. Nor. pref.	143.6	143.6	142.3	142.4
Grt. West	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
Ills. Central	143	143	141.3	142
Louisville & N.	127.2	127.4	125.2	126
M. K. & T.	42.4	42.4	41	41.1
Nor. Pacific	140.3	140.3	139	139
N. Y. C.	128	128	126.1	126.1
Norfolk & W.	90.4	90.7	90	90.1
Penna	132.1	132.1	131	131.2
Reading	131.2	131.5	129.1	129.2
Rock Island	24.3	24.3	23.6	23.6
Sou. Pacific	118.4	118.4	117.2	117.4
Southern Ry.	25.6	25.6	25.2	25.3
St. Paul	147.1	147.1	144.6	145.1
Texas	34	34.1	33.4	33.6
Third Ave.	40.4	40.4	40	40
Twin City	106	106	105.4	106
Union Pac.	179.5	179.5	177.3	177.5
Wabash	18.2	18.3	18.2	18.3
INDUSTRIALS.				
Amal. Copper	74.4	74.5	73.3	73.5
Anaconda Cop.	44.6	44.6	44.2	44.2
Am. Car Fdy.	50.6	50.6	49.4	50.1
Am. Loco.	56	56	54.4	54.5
Am. Smelter	85.7	86.2	84.5	85
Col. Fuel	39.5	39.5	38	38.3
Distillers	37.4	37.4	36.6	36.6
Con. Gas	121.4	121.6	120.3	120.4
Lead	79.4	79.4	78.2	78.6
Westinghouse	82.4	82.4	80	80
Rep. Steel	23.6	23.6	23.4	23.5
Sloss Shef.	77.4	77.6	77.4	77.4
U. S. Steel	51.5	51.6	49.5	49.6
U. S. Steel pref.	113.4	113.4	112.1	112.6
Vir. Chem.	46.2	46.2	45.6	45.6
Am. Cot. Oil	52.4	53.6	52.4	53

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Stocks and Bonds

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Toronto Cobalt Stocks, reported by A. E. Carpenter, 102 King street east:

	Asked.	Bid.
City of Cobalt	88	85
Chambers Ferland	77½	77
Cobalt Central	51	50
Buffalo	3 75	2 50
Cobalt Lake	16¼	16
Coniagas	6 75	6 35
Crown Reserve	2 95	2 88
Foster	42	41
Green Meehan	18	14
Hudson Bay	300 00	250 00
Kerr Lake	8½	8
Little Nipissing	42	40½
McKin. Dar. Sav.	94½	93½
Nipissing	9 74	9 60
Nova Scotia	59½	58
Peterson Lake	30½	30¼
Silver Leaf	11¾	11
Silver Bar	55	49
Silver Queen	61	60
Temiskaming	1 60⅝	1 60½
Trethewey	1 55	1 54
Watts	40	39
La Rose	6 55	6 50
Amalgamated	11½	9
Beaver	27¾	27¼
Gifford	22	20¾
Elkhart	25	18
Nancy Helen	60	45
Otisse	55½	55¼
Right of Way	3 60	..
Rochester	22	21

Toronto Bank Stocks reported by A. E. Carpenter:—

	Asked.	Bid.
Bell Telephone	..	1 44
Can. Gen. Electric	1 12	1 10
Sao Paulo	1 60	1 58½
Toronto Ry.	..	1 19½
Twin City	1 06	1 05¼
Bank of Commerce	1 74	..
Dominion	2 45	..
Hamilton	..	2 01
Imperial	2 33	..
Merchants	1 64	1 63
Montreal	2 50	2 47
Ottawa	2 15	2 00
Standard	..	2 29
Traders	..	1 37
Nova Scotia	..	2 83
Union	1 35	..

Morning sales, Toronto Stock Exchange, reported for the Times by A. E. Carpenter, 102 King street east.

Rio— 125 at 97 1-4, 75 at 98 1-8, 52 at 97 1-2. Bonds, $10,000 at 93.

Twin City—35 at 107, 55 at 106 3-4, 15 at 106 1-4, 50 at 106, 25 at 105 3-4.

MacKay Common—135 at 73 1-2.

N. S. Steel—50 at 63 1-2, 75 at 63.

Mex. L. & P.—50 at 79 1-4.

Toronto Rails—25 at 120.

Cond. Life—54 at 275, 100 at 275 1-2.

Ogilvies—15 at 115 1-4, 25 at 115 1-2.

B. C. Packers—10 at 75 1-2.

Imperial Bank—25 at 233 1-2.

St. Lawrence—7 at 116.

Can. Perm.—25 at 157 3-4.

Sao Paulo—50 at 158 3-4, 50 at 158-1-4, 100 at 158 1-2.

La Rose—50 at 650.

Detroit— 16 at 61 1-2.

Bell 'Phone, —75 at 144.

Dominion Steel & Iron—10 at 37, 50 at 37 1-2, 25 at 37 1-4, 50 at 37, 120 at 36 3-4, at 36 1-2, 125 at 36 1-4, 80 at 36, 25 at 35 3-4, 50 at 35 7-8, 30 at 35 3-4, 250 at 35 1-2, 475 at 35 3-8, 550 at 35 1-4, 105 at 35, 250 at 34 3-4.

Dom. Steel Pfd.—35 at 100, 125 at 103, 75 at 103 1-4, 50 at 103 1-8, 25 at 102 3-4, 75 at 102 3-4, 50 at 104, 25 at 103, 75 at 103 1-4, 59 at 103 1-8, 25 at 102 3-4, 75 at 102 3-4, 50 at 104, 25 at 105 1-4, 25 at 105 3-8.

Bonds—$3,000 at 90, $30,000 at 90-1-2. $10,000 at 90 1-2.

ST. MARY'S LADIES.

St. Mary's Benevolent Society held its annual public meeting in St. Mary's parish hall, Park street north, yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance and much interest was taken in the proceedings. The reports presented showed the society to have done a great deal of good work during the year, and its affairs to have been well and carefully conducted.

His Lordship Bishop Dowling favored the ladies with an address. The officers are:

Mrs. Adams, President.
Mrs. Badeau, Treasurer.
Miss Walsh, Secretary.

SON OF ATKINSON CAME HERE TO-DAY.

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reference to an article which appeared on the front page of your paper on the 17th instant, referring to the arrest of William Atkinson, in which some statements are made which reflect unfairly on Mr. Ayers and his wife. Mr. Ayers' mother married Mr. Atkinson when Ayers was seven years of age, and they all have resided together ever since, but from the time that Ayers was nine years of age, he has supported himself. Ayers was married fourteen years ago, and from that time and for some time previously has supported Atkinson and his wife, Atkinson not having done any work whatever for the last nine or ten years. Mr. Ayers has six children, the oldest of whom is twelve years of age, and the youngest was born on the 5th of January last, and, since then, Mrs. Ayers has been in poor health. Atkinson has never got along with Mrs. Ayers, and for the last two or three years the situation has been getting more acute owing to Atkinson's failing faculties, he having frequently accused Mrs. Ayers of poisoning him and interfering with her in the management of the household and of her children. Atkinson constantly provoked quarrels with Mrs. Ayers and made the accusations of poisoning him to the neighbors generally.

Mrs. Ayers has consulted the Police Magistrate several times, and on Monday last, when she returned to the house, she was informed that Atkinson had secreted a knife and she had better not go near him. She has not been in good health, and the cares of her family have been so great that she has felt that it was impossible for her to put up with Atkinson any longer, and when she heard that he might do her bodily harm, she applied to the Magistrate for the warrant, which was granted.

Although Mr. Ayers has been under no legal obligation to support Atkinson or his wife, he has done so, and would have continued to do so, if Atkinson's behavior to Mrs. Ayers had not rendered it impossible for him to be longer an inmate of Ayers' home. Mr. Ayers feels that it is very unfair that after all he has done for Atkinson, he should be held up to the public as a monster of ingratitude, and we are asking you to publish this letter in an equally prominent place in your paper to the article complained of, in order that your readers may have the facts of the case placed before them. Yours truly,

Lazier & Lazier.

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ANOTHER STATEMENT.

Mr. Dougal Atkinson is the only son, and Mrs. John McClemont the only daughter of Mr. Atkinson in this city. They declare emphatically that they have provided for their father, and only last summer Mrs. McClemont did her utmost to persuade him to go and live with her. He simply refused to do so. She and her brother then arranged to have him cared for in an institution where he would receive the attentions his infirmities demand. He again positively refused, saying he would never leave the Ayers house until taken by force. Since then Mrs. McClemont has been burned out, and is not now in a position to give her father a home, even if he would go to her. But whatever becomes of him they are willing to pay all the cost—and have always been willing. They do not blame Mrs. Ayers for the stand she has taken.

Mr. Atkinson is only 68 years of age.

THE TEACHERS.

Annual Convention to be Held To-morrow and Saturday.

The Hamilton Teachers' Institute will hold its annual convention in the assembly hall of the Collegiate Institute to-morrow and Saturday. Sessions will be held at 9, 2 and 8 o'clock to-morrow, and at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The programme is as follows:

Friday morning:

9.00—Devotional exercises, Rev. R. Whiting, B. A.; minutes and routin business.

9.45—President's address.

10.15—Intermission.

10.30—Vocal solo, Miss M. Montgomery; address, "The Interpretation of the Printed Page," Prof. S. H. Clark.

Friday afternon:

2.00—Manual training, Mr. Wilcox.

2.30—The Element of Beauty in Poetry, Prof. S. H. Clark.

3.30—Selection by Collegiate Orchestra; social hour.

Friday evening:

Vocal solo, Miss Estelle Carey; chairman's address, Thos. Hobson, chairman Board of Education; recital, "Stephen Phillips' Ulysses," Prof. S. H. Clark, Chicago University.

Saturday morning:

9.00—Opening exercises, Rev. Beverley Ketchen; general business, election of officers, etc.

9.30—"The Religious Influence on Character of Nineteenth Century Literature," Rev. Beverley Ketchen.

10—The Provincial Teachers' Alliance, Mr. W. F. Moore, Principal of Dundas School.

10.30—The teaching of arithmetic, G. F. Armstrong, B. A.; piano solo, Walter Daw.

10.15—Address, Prof. A. T. DeLury, Toronto University.

RACE ON CASTORS.

What promises to be one of the most sensational roller skating races of the season will take place to-morrow night at Britannia Rink, in which Willie McMichael, the Ontario champion, will meet Jack Hamburg, a boy who is hailed by the experts as a coming champion. Hamburg defeated McMichael in one race. Both boys have been training hard, and they are in the pink of condition, and the race should be a good and fast one. There will be skating before and after the race.

PADEREWSKI SEATS.

Owing to the great demand for seats for the Paderewski concert at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday, Feb. 24, it has been decided to handle the plan in a manner which will aid the patrons in securing their seats with the least trouble. The plan for the $2.50 seats will be open from 9 to 10.30 Monday morning; the $2 seats from 10.30 till noon, and the $1.50 from noon on. This order will be maintained on the three days that the seats are for sale.

TORONTO MAN HAD A TIME.

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J. O'Reilly, K. C., appeared for him, and pleading guilty, asked for leniency, as his client promised to take the pledge for a year.

"Where did you get your liquor?" asked the court.

"A friend of mine from Toronto gave it to me," said John.

"Won't do. It was a friend from Dundas last time, but that is overworked," was the court's comment.

McBride sat down for a while and then asked to be allowed to go into the witness stand and, being sworn, said that a bartender at Merrigold's hotel served him yesterday, but he did not know the bartender.

"Mr. Merrigold will be prosecuted at once," said the court. McBride was allowed to go, the fine being suspended.

Terrence Scott, jun., was thirty-three years old yesterday. Terrence has a long record for sobriety, thirty-three years, in fact, but it was shattered yesterday on his natal day. Terry wrapped himself around a load of red-eye, and his wife hunted him up and started to take him home on the car. Terry did not like sitting quietly, and started to give an exhibition of the cake walk. His wife called him names, and Terry replied, and the passengers made a bolt for the door and clear air. "It's the first time your honor or Jedge Cahill ever had me here for being drunk," said Terry, and his wife sobbed that she was taking him home. "You are fined $3 each," announced "his honor." Mrs. Scott produced a bank book, showing $4 to her credit. From the regular place she produced $1 in coin of the realm, and she told the police she could get both fines together if she was out for half an hour. She made good and the pair are at liberty. Terrence says he will go on the temperance platform the next time he nears a birthday.

Charles Dobson, of Toronto, thought a postage stamp, because it carried the King's portrait, was a good enough passport to hake him 'ome. He found out his mistake when he reached this city on his way to embark at New York, and was arrested for vagrancy. He will be examined as to his sanity.

Charles Freeman, Bay street north, was sued by Mrs. Dalgleish for $3 wages, but the case was dismissed as the complainant owed that amount of board to Freeman.

HIBERNIANS.

New Degree Team Exemplified Work in Fine Style.

At the regular meeting of Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians, held in the C. M. B. A. hall on Tuesday evening, the newly organized degree team conferred major degrees on a large number of candidates. The work wes exemplified in a very able manner, and reflected great credit on Bro. M. Grace, who has spared no effects in training and preparing for the occasion. Following are the officers:

J. Nelligan, Ard-Righ.
F. J. Sullivan, Ollamh.
J. J. Twomey, Bard.
J. P. Nelson, Brehon.
M. Grace, Chief of Escorts.
E. Glavin, Sentinel.

D. Fallahee, J. Lynch, P. Lafferty, J. Doyle, J. Mulroney, F. Bonany, J. Keating and W. Walton, Guards.

After the ceremony lunch was served, and a social time spent, which lasted until the small hours of the morning. The programme was exceptionally good, and the large audience present showed thorough appreciation. It was as follows: Overture, piano and