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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, March 8—Noon.—While the market has been comparatively narrow during the forenoon session, the tone has been relatively a good one, and the net results have been generally satisfactory. The high prices of the first hour have not been maintained in every case, but prices above yesterday's closing in a number of issues. There is not much activity, trading being even less than yesterday. The traction stocks were very strong and Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Manhattan had an advance of a point. Part of this was lost, however, some of the buying of the tractions was good, and there was asemblance of activity and much bullish gossip. There was an early advance in Wabash, preferred, due, possibly, to the announcement that a large block of that stock had been taken over by the Missouri Pacific, in addition to its former holdings. There was some activity in Southern Railway, and buying was said to be for good interests. Sugar was comparatively dull. London did very little, but a selling movement developed in Pennsylvania, which was attributed to a rumor that the company would issue $20,000,000 car trust certificates in the immediate future. This rumor could not be verified. Sales to noon were 150,000 shares.

TORONTO

	Toronto, March. 8 Ask.	Off
Montreal	...	246
Ontario	—	125
Toronto	..	225¼
Commerce	152	156
Imperial	..	212
Dominion	..	222
Standard	..	223
Hamilton	210	206
Nova Scotia	250	..
Ottawa	275	..
Traders	..	136
Soo, pref	121	117½
Soo, com	60	56
British America	100	..
Western Assurance	85	75
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers Gas	209	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	97
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	111	110⅝
Toronto Electric Light	..	130
General Electric	140	..
London Electric	100	..
Commercial Cable	189½	187
Dominion Telegraph	..	117
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	80	79¾
Niagara Navigation	..	110
Northern Navigation	80	..
St. L. and C. Navigation	108	100
Toronto Street Railway	99	96¾
Twin City Railway, new	88	87⅞
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	160
Sao Paulo Tramway	90	89¾
Dominion Steel, com	8½	7⅞
Dominion Coal, com	54⅝	54⅜
Nova Scotia Steel	75	71
Canada Salt	117	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I.	..	85
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv	104	102½
Canada Permanent	..	121
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest.	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron & Erie L. & S. Co.	..	178
Landed Banking and Loan	..	119
Manitoba Loan	90	88½
Toronto Mortgage	..	87
Ontario Loan and Deb	120	..
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	53	52
N. S. Steel Bonds	..	102¼

SALES: R. and O., 5 at 79½; Bell Telephone rights, 1 at 2, 175 at 2⅛, 54 at 2¼, 10 at 2¼, 10 at 2¼; Twin City, 25 at 88, 5 at 88, 5 at 88½; C. P. R., 25 at 111¾; National Trust, 1 at 137½; Toronto Electric Light, 25 at 130; Canada Permanent, 180 at 121, 9 at 121, 1 at 121; Dominion Steel bonds, 1,000 at 52½, 2,000 at 52¼; Coal, 50 at 53⅛, 50 at 53, 100 at 53, 50 at 54¼, 50 at 54⅜, 50 at 54½, 50 at 54⅜, 50 at 54½.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, Mar. 8. Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	111	110½
Winnipeg Electric	200	150
Montreal Street Railway	205	200
Toronto Railway	97¾	97
Halifax Railway	87¼	86¼
Twin City	88	87¾
Richelieu & Ontario	80½	79½
Commercial Cable	189	187½
Montreal Telegraph	159	158½
Bell Telephone	140	131
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	8¼	8
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	28	24
Montreal H. L. and P.	73	70
Nova Scotia Steel, com	74	72
Detroit Railway	62½	61¾
Dominion Cotton	40	34½
Montreal Cotton	111½	107
War Eagle	10	..
Montreal Street Bonds	104	102
Dominion Coal, com	54¾	54½
Bank of Ottawa	211	..
Montreal Street Bonds, new	200	196
Molsons Bank	207½	200
Merchants	..	152
Nova Scotia	..	160
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Flour	120	118
Ogilvie Bonds	112	..
Soo, pref	118	..
Nova Scotia	117	210
Trinidad Railway	75⅛	..
Northwest Land	..	120
Switch, com	50	20
Dominion I. and S. Bonds	..	52⅝
Canada Colored Cotton	98	..
Nova Scotia Steel	..	100
Toledo Railway	21	18¾

SALES: C. P. R., 100 at 110¾; Commercial Cable, 25 at 150; Twin City, 9 at 96½; Bell Telephone, 10 at 33; Coal, 110 at 53½, 150 at 53¾, 50 at 53⅞; Telephone rights, 3 at 2⅛, 70 at 2, 75 at 2⅛, 78 at 2¼, 43 at 2¼; Toronto Railway, 20 at 97¼; Ogilvie, preferred, 39 at 116; Iron bonds, 9,000 at 52½; Molsons Bank, 269 at 202½; Bank of Montreal, 9 at 218.

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NEW YORK.

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

	New York, March 8 Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Amal. Copper	46⅞	46⅞	46¼	46¼
American Sugar Co.	125	125	124	124
American Locomotive	22¼	22⅝	22⅛	22½
American Foundry	19½	..	..	..
Atchison, com	65¼	65⅞	65¼	65¼
B. & O.	75¼	75¼	74⅝	74¾
Brooklyn Tran	40½	41¾	40½	41⅝
C. P. R.	110⅞	110⅞	110¾	110¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	30	30	29¾	29¾
Col. Fuel and Iron	28¾	29	28¼	28
Consolidated Gas	199	..	..	..
Delaware and Hudson	154½	155	154	154
Erie	22⅞	23¼	22¾	22¾
Erie Pfd	62⅞	62¾	62⅝	62⅝
Edison Gen. Electric	161	154½	161	161½
Kan. and Tex, com	16	16¼	16	16
Kan. and Tex, pref	37	37	36¼	36¼
Louisville and Nashville	103⅛	103¾	102¾	102¾
Manhattan	143¼	144½	143¾	143¾
Metropolitan St. Ry	114	115	114	114½
Mexican Central	16⅞	17⅛	16¾	16¾
M. P.	85⅞	88⅝	87¾	87¾
N. Y. Central	114½	114½	114⅛	114⅛
Norfolk and W	55¾	55¾	55½	55½
Ont. and West	20⅛	20⅛	20	20
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	26⅛	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	113⅞	113¾	112¼	113
People's Gas	98¼	98¼	97⅝	97¾
Reading	40½	40¾	40¼	40½
Republic I. and S.	7⅞	7⅞	7½	7½
Rock Island	20⅞	20⅞	20½	20½
Southern Railway	19⅞	19¼	19¼	19¼
Southern Ry, Pfd	82	82¾	81¾	81¾
Southern Pacific	43⅞	43⅞	43¼	43¼
St. Paul	139½	139⅞	139¼	139¼
Texas	22⅞	..	..	..
Union Pacific	73⅞	74	73⅝	73¾
U. S. Leather, pref	78¼	78⅛	78¼	78½
U. S. Steel, com	10⅞	11	10⅝	10¾
U. S. Steel, pref	55⅞	56¼	55⅝	55¾
Wabash, pref	34	34¼	33⅞	33⅞

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

MONTREAL

Montreal, March 7.—About 760 head of cattle, 400 calves and 150 sheep were offered for sale at the east end abattoir today. The wet weather did not prevent a fair trade being done, but prices had a downward tendency. Prime beeves sold at from 4½c to 5c per lb; good mediums about 4¼c; ordinary mediums at 3½c to 4c, and the common stock at 2½c to 3½c per lb; a large number of calves were sold at the stock yards this morning, leaving only young veals, which sold at from $1 50 to $3 each; sheep sold at 3¼c to 3½c per lb; lambs at about 4½c per lb; good lots of fat hogs sold at about 5½c per lb; there were about a dozen ordinary milch cows on the market, but there seemed to be little demand for them; prices ranged from $30 to $45 each.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 8.—There were 50 loads in today, including 669 cattle, 1,381 hogs, 484 sheep and lambs and 67 calves. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt.	$4 65	@	$4 85
Export cattle, medium	4 40	@	4 60
Export cows	3 25	@	3 75
Export bulls	3 75	@	4 00
Butchers' cattle, choice	4 25	@	4 40
Butchers' cattle, medium	3 75	@	4 00
Butchers' cattle, common	2 75	@	3 00
Feeders, short-keep	4 25	@	4 50
Feeders, medium	3 75	@	4 00
Stockers	2 50	@	3 25
Milch cows, each	30 00	@	55 00
Export ewes, cwt	3 75	@	4 25
Export bucks	3 00	@	3 50
Butchers' sheep, mixed	3 50	@	4 00
Grain-fed lambs	5 25	@	5 75
Barnyard lambs	4 50	@	5 00
Calves, each	2 00	@	12 00
Calves, cwt	4 50	@	6 50
Hogs, singers, off cars	5 12½		
Hogs, fats and lights, off cars	4 87½		

Export cattle and butchers' cattle are selling fairly well; milch cows rather slow, unless for choice milkers, which are a fair trade.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., March 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; market steady; good to prime steers, $5 to $5 85; poor to medium, $3 40 to $4 80; stockers and feeders, $2 50 to $4 15; cows, $1 50 to $4; heifers, $2 25 to $4 50; canners, $1 50 to $2 50; bulls, $2 to $4; calves, $3 to $6 50; Texas-fed steers, $4 to $4 65.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; market steady; mixed and butchers, $5 25 to $5 65; good to choice heavy, $5 55 to $5 70; rough heavy, $5 25 to $5 50; light, $4 70 to $5 50; bulk of sales, $5 25 to $5 55.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market steady; good to choice wethers, $4 25 to $4 75; fair to choice mixed, $3 50 to $4 25; western sheep, $3 50 to $5 25; native lambs, $4 75 to $5 85.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, March 7.—Canadian cattle are unchanged, at 11c to 12c per lb; refrigerator beef is 8½c to 9c per lb; sheep firmer at 12c to 13c per lb.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

	Chicago, March 8 Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	93½	94⅛	91¾	91¾
July	89⅞	90⅛	87¾	88
Sept	86¼	85½	82¼	83½
Corn—May	51	55¼	53½	53¾
July	52	54⅞	51	51¼
Sept	51¼	51⅞	50	50¼
Oats—May	42¼	43¼	41	41¾
July	39¾	40⅛	39¼	39¼
Pork—May	13 95	14 12	13 77	13 87
July	14 10	14 32	13 97	14 05
Lard—May	7 35	7 40	7 27	7 32
July	7 55	7 55	7 42	7 47
Ribs—May	7 25	7 25	7 15	7 17
July	7 35	7 37	7 25	7 30

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 7.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 14; southwest, $1 08; May, $1 10.

OIL MARKETS.

LONDON.

Lnodon, March 7.—Petroleum, American refined, 7½d; spirits, 9¼d.

PITTSBURG.

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Pittsburg, Pa., March 8.—Oil opened at $1 74.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., March 7.—Credit balances, $1 74; certificates, no bid; shipments, 138,505 barrels.

DAIRY MARKETS.

ELGIN.

Elgin, Ill., March 7.—Butter—Weak, at 24½c; this is a decline of 1½c, compared with last week's prices; sales for the week were 427,300 lbs.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 7.—Butter—Weaker; creameries, 14c to 22½c; dairies, 13½c to 21c. Cheese—Firm, 10½c to 11½c.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 7.—Butter—Unsettled; receipts, 8,476 pkgs; creamery, extras, per lb, 24c; do, firsts, 21c to 23c; do, thirds, 15c to 16c; do, held, extras, 21c; do, firsts, 17c to 20c; do, seconds, 15c to 16c; do, thirds, 14c to 14½c; state dairy, tubs, firm, 20c to 21c; do, seconds, 16c to 18c; do, thirds, 14c to 15c; western imitation creamery, extras, 19c; do, firsts, 17c to 18c; do, seconds, 14½c to 15½c; do, extras, 17c; do, firsts, 13c to 16c; do, seconds, 14c to 14½c; do, thirds, 12c to 13c; western factory, current make, firsts, 15½c; do, seconds, 14½c to 15c; do, thirds, 12½c to 13½c; do, held, 13c to 15c; packing stock, current make, firsts, 14½c; do, seconds, 13½c to 14c; do, thirds, 12½c to 13c; do, held, 13c to 15c; rolls, fresh, 13c to 15c. Cheese—Steady; receipts, 2,967 boxes; state full cream, fall made, small fancy, 12c; do, choice, 11c to 11½c; do, late made, small, good to prime, 10¾c; do, common to fair, 9¼c to 10¼c; do, fall made, large fancy, 12c; do, choice, 11c to 11½c; do, late made, large, good to prime, 10¾c; do, common to fair, 9¼c to 10¼c; do, light skims, choice, 8c; do, prime, 6½c to 6¾c; do, part skims, prime, 6c to 6¼c; do, good, 5½c to 5¾c; do, common to fair, 3c to 5c; do, full skims, 1½c to 2c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

London, Tuesday, March 8.

Today's market was dull and uninteresting, from the fact that there was very little produce offered, as with the except of hay, oats and wheat, the offerings in various lines were extremely light. There was not enough small stuff offered to warrant a change in prices. For hay and oats prices were decidedly firmer and the demand brisk.

Grain—About 20 loads of oats sold higher, at 96c to 99c per cwt. Wheat was easier, at $1 55 per cwt, or 93c per bushel.

Hay and Straw—The 20 loads of hay that were offered sold like hot cakes, and prices were higher, at $8 50 to $9 75 per ton. One load of straw sold at $5 per ton.

One load of potatoes went at $1 per bag wholesale, and $1 10 retail.

Apples were higher, at $1 25 to $1 75 per barrel.

Butter, eggs and other small stuff sold as on Saturday.

About a dozen dressed hogs was the extent of the offerings; sales were made at $7 to $7 50 per cwt.

BEAN MARKET.

DETROIT.

Detroit, March 7.—Beans—Cash and March, $1 80 asked; April, $1 77; May, $1 76.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 8.—Flour—Receipts, 36,804 bbls; sales, 3,200 pkgs; flour was steady but quiet; winter straights, $4 90 to $5 10. Buckwheat flour—Nominal. Rye flour—Quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 16,375 bu; sales, 820,000 bu; wheat this morning opened steady on cables and rain in the southwest; later it rallied on covering and strength or northwest markets; May, 98⅝c to 99½c; July, 95½c to 96⅛c; September, 87½c to 88 1-16c. Rye—Quiet; No. 2 western, 84c, to arrive. Corn—Receipts, 61,275 bu; sales, 25,000 bu; corn was steady to firm on cables and buying by commission houses at Chicago; May, 59½c to 59¾c; July, 57¼c to 57½c. Oats—Receipts, 72,000 bu. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 2 5-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 7-16c; molasses sugar, 2 11-16c; refined firm. Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 6⅝c. Lead—Firm. Wool—Firm. Hops—Firm.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, March 8.—Wheat—Spot quiet; No. 1 California, 7s 3d. Futures easy; March, nominal; May, 6s 7½d; July, 6s 6⅞d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, quiet, 4s ¾d; do, old, steady, 4s 6½d. Futures firm; March 4s ¾d; May, 4s 3⅝d.

Peas—Canadian steady, 6s 7d.

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

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £6 15s to £7 15s.

Beef—Firm; extra India mess, 67s 6d.

Pork—Steady; prime mess western, 67s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet, 46s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, dull, 37s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, steady, 38s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, quiet, 38s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, quiet, 38s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, quiet, 38s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, 43s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet, 34s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, dull, 36s 9d; American refined, in pails, quiet, 36s 9d.

Butter—Good United States quiet, 74s.

Cheese—Quiet; American finest white, 48s; American finest colored, 50s 6d.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 8.—Wheat—Steady, at 95c to 98c for No. 2 red and white, middle freights; Manitoba, $1 06 for No. 1 hard, $1 04 for No. 1 northern, $1 for No. 2 northern and 97c for No. 3 northern, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Steady; cars of 90 per cent patents, in buyers' bags, $3 75 bid and $4 asked, middle freights or east; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, $5 30 for cars of Hungarian patents, $5 for second patents, and $4 90 for strong bakers, bags included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $15 50 for cars of shorts and $16 for bran, in bulk, middle freights or east; Manitoba, $21 for cars of shorts and $20 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—Steady, at 45c for No. 2, 44c for No. 3 extra, and 43c for No. 3, middle freights. Buckwheat—Firm; No. 2, middle freights, 52c. Rye—Firm, at 57c bid west for No. 2. Corn—Easier, at 37c for cars of Canada mixed, and yellow at 38c west; American is steady, at 54c for No. 2 yellow, 53c for No. 3 yellow, and 52c for No. 3 mixed in car lots on the track at Toronto. Oats—Steady, at 34c for No. 1 white and 34½c for No. 2 white west; No. 2 white is quoted at 34½c middle freights. Rolled oats—Steady, at $4 50 for cars of bags and $4 75 for barrels on the track, Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots here, and 40c more outside. Peas—Steady, at 65c for No. 2, west; choice milling peas are quoted at 70c west or east. Butter—Unchanged and steady. Eggs—Easier, at 23c to 24c for new-laid. Dressed hogs—Steady; cars here, $6 50 for selects and $6 25 for heavy weights.

CAME NEAR BEING KILLED

Mr. Frank M. Clark Caught by a Descending Elevator.

Saved by the Promptness of His Assistant Frank Hornsby.

A fatal elevator accident was narrowly averted yesterday at the cigar factory of John McNee & Sons, when Frank M. Clark had his head caught. Mr. Clark is the foreman at this factory, and went to the elevator shaft to look down. He did not notice that the elevator above him was descending, and before he could get away it caught him on the back of the neck.

The assistant foreman, Mr. Frank Hornsby, however, realized the man's danger at once and stopped the elevator just in time to save Mr. Clark from what would have been certain death.

Dr. Drake was summoned and found that Mr. Clark had sustained no serious injuries. The back of his neck had been bruised considerably, and gave him some pain, the front of his face was also hurt, his nose and lips being crushed, though no bones were broken.

Mr. Clark had to be removed to his home at 183 Clarence street where he will be obliged to remain for a few days at least.

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Opening New Store.

The New York Millinery Store, 204½ Dundas street, will hold their opening on March 10, 11 and 12. They intend making a specialty of ready-to-wear and suit hats. They cordially invite the public to inspect their display. 48-u

PROMOTION AT BARRACKS.

Private Harry Millie, of No. 1 Company, R. C. R., has been raised to the rank of sergeant and will be connected with the orderly room. Sergt. Millie has been acting as orderly room sergeant for some months. He is specially well qualified for the duties.

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IF ALDERMAN COOPER IS WILLING THE LETTERS WILL BE PRODUCED

Matters Are Becoming Decidedly Interesting in Local Paving Circles—The Latest Turn.

Ald. Cooper's failure to make an explanation regarding the letters which he admits he wrote to the Barber Company, does not meet with the approval of the citizens of London, and nothing short of a full explanation will satisfy them.

A reporter asked Mr. Cassels, the Barber agent, today, if he had any objection to allowing the letters to appear in print.

"Certainly not, if Mr. Cooper is willing," said Mr. Cassels. "There is nothing in them to injure the Barber Company."

"Will you make a charge against Ald. Cooper," was next asked.

"Not much," was the reply. "But if anybody desires to dispute that we have a number of important letters from Ald. Cooper, we will produce the letters without delay. If Ald. Cooper challenges me to produce the letters I will produce them. It all rests with himself, unless action is taken against us by anyone. We have nothing to lose by giving the letters out for publication."

The aldermen are roiled at the school board because of the latter putting in estimates which exceed the sum asked from the council last year. The aldermen have it figured out that the school board's action will result in the tax rate being increased a quarter of a mill this year. This year the school board had to meet a deficit of nearly $4,000; the salaries of the teachers increase automatically $1,500 this year; and the board have made increases in the salaries of teachers, which will net $1,000 this year. This means an increase over last year of between $6,000 and $7,000, but the increase in assessment this year will bring the board in a few more thousands than last year and will tend to keep the school board's late rate down a little. Last year the rate was 5.65, but the aldermen figure it out that it will have to be 5.9 this year. This is an increase of exactly one-quarter of a mill, and the aldermen say that there is no way to meet it, as the city's estimates can be cut no lower, except by raising the rate. Of course, the trustees figure out that the estimates, leaving out the deficit of nearly $4,000 from last year, are but a couple of thousand more than a year ago. As a matter of fact, however, the proper way to gauge school expenditure is by the rate, and the school board's rate this year is a quarter of a mill higher than a year ago.

Mayor Beck today left for Toronto, and Ald. Judd is acting mayor. Assessment Commissioner Grant is also in Toronto attending the meetings of the assessment committee of the Legislature.

WARNING TO PRACTICAL "JOKERS"; LET FIRE-ALARM BOXES ALONE

John Hooper, Who Sent in False Alarm, Goes to the Central For One Year.

A lesson to those inclined to send in a false fire alarm was given in this morning's police court, when young John Hooper was sentenced to one year in Central Prison for such an offense.

Hooper had already pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, but claimed that he had not rung in the alarm as he had been charged with doing. The offense occurred at the hour of 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning, Feb. 28, the box being No. 61, located on the east side of Clarence street about 30 feet south of the Grand Trunk tracks.

The evidence of Acting Chief Aitken, of P. C.'s John Taylor and Harry Greene, and Watchman Neil McDougall, went to show that a person was seen to cross the tracks a few minutes before the fire brigade came down the street, and that the man was drunk; also that the prisoner had come back to the fire station on the hose cart, and when questioned as to blood marks on his hands could give no reason for their presence.

The evidence was circumstantial but very strong, no other person having been seen in the neighborhood for some time except himself. Hooper's own statement was that he had been there at the time; that he was drunk, and all that his story differed in from that of the others was that he had not sent in the alarm. He admitted he had not seen any one around at the time, and the time he would have been there was the same as that that the alarm was received. His explanation of the blood-marks was that he had cut his hand in the afternoon previous to going out, when he got drunk.

The magistrate was of the opinion that the blood on his hand was the same as that found on the glass. Glass had to be broken in the fire-alarm box before the door could be opened permitting the pulling of the handle that started the alarm. On the broken glass also blood-marks were found.

In cross-questioning the prisoner, Acting Crown Attorney McKillop brought out some interesting information. The prisoner had been up to the attorney's office on the morning of Feb. 27, in company with a man who asked about "Texas" Burdell. The companion of Hooper claimed his name was Ward and that he came from Toronto, was a friend of "Texas" and wanted to see him.

The prisoner denied ever seeing the man before; he also denied knowing his name or where he worked.

The acting crown attorney gave Hooper plain warning that he wanted the truth from him, and that if he did not get it, and he found proof of it, he would have him up again for perjury.

The prisoner, however, stuck to his story, and denied knowing that the name of the man with him was Alex. McCready, or that he worked at Watson's box factory, or that he boarded at the Boswell House. Hooper swore he had never seen him before nor since.

The magistrate said that though the evidence was circumstantial, it convinced him that Hooper was the man who sent in the false alarm. He therefore found him guilty. On the charge of being drunk and disorderly he fined him $10 or 21 days.

The other offense he pointed out was a most serious one. Accidents had happened in this and other cities by the haste required on the part of firemen in responding to a fire alarm, and it was shown that it was considered a serious offense by the penalty being made so heavy. A magistrate had the power to impose imprisonment of five years for the crime. If the prisoner had had a good character, the magistrate said he would have been inclined to deal leniently with him. Hooper, however, had been up several times and had been leniently dealt with. He had been loafing for a long time, doing nothing but drink.

The magistrate therefore imposed a comparatively severe sentence, and gave Hooper twelve months in the Central Prison.

OUTSIDER WILL BE MADE CHIEF OF THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

The Aldermen Have Practically Agreed Upon the Late Chief Roe's Successor.

If all goes well there will be a new fire chief in London after the next meeting of the city council. Already there have been great doings amongst the members of No. 3 committee, as well as amongst all committees of the council, and there has been no end of wire-pulling for the position. A couple of Brantford firemen, it is understood, have been in this city during the past week, and have been recommended by prominent local friends, as well as wined and dined. Already several other applicants have made their way to London, looked over the ground, have interviewed the aldermen, and have ridden away. The aldermen have not been asleep, either, for trips have been made to various cities, and possible candidates for the position have been interviewed. The mayor, too, has had an eye peeled for a new chief, and now the climax has almost been reached.

As was expected, the man who is running three or four lengths ahead for the position is one who never put in an application for it. He is known to be a good man, was recommended to Mayor Beck, and is said to be a 100 to 1 shot for the position. This man lives in Hamilton, and for some years has been an officer of the Hamilton fire brigade. Today a deputation, composed of Chairman Matthews, of No. 3 committee, Ald. Garratt and City Engineer Graydon, left for Hamilton, to look over the market house there, and while in that city Ald. Matthews will have a chat with the man whom the city of London is anxious to have for fire chief. Around the city hall here, it is said that the Londoners struck a snag when they went chief hunting, because the salary paid the late Chief Roe was too small. Some of the local aldermen thought $1,000 or $1,100, the amount paid Chief Roe, would be a colossal sum for a fire chief beginning his duties in London, but they almost had nervous prostration when Hamilton and Toronto men laughed at such a salary, and refused to consider it. Consequently, in city hall circles here it is said the city fathers are making arrangements to engage a new chief at a salary of $1,200 or $1,300 a year, with an annual increase of $100 up to $1,500. And even at these figures good men are not falling over themselves in their hurry to come to London. It is probable that Mayor Beck will run down to Hamilton tonight, and that a new chief will be engaged before Saturday, so that when the matter comes up at the next council meeting the whole affair will be cut and dried.

General Manager Leonard, of the Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Company, has written a letter to this city to say that he will be here about the 11th of March. This means that a meeting will be held with Mr. Leonard, and it is just possible that something may be done toward granting a franchise to either of the rival companies within the next few weeks.

City fathers are keping an eye peeled for a communication from the Pere Marquette looking for an extension of the lease of the London and Port Stanley Railway. Latterly there has been a deal of talk about the Pere Marquette establishing divisional offices in London, though such statements have been contradicted by General Manager Woollatt. Nevertheless, Messrs. H. F. M. Moeller, general passenger agent; A. Patriarche, general traffic manager, and T. Marshall, Canadian passenger and freight agent, of the Pere Marquette, were in the city yesterday, looking over things here with a view to making some improvements in the road, and those who are supposed to know say that the Pere Marquette would like to secure an extension of the lease of the London and Port Stanley Railway, which they acquired from the Walkers. The city is sitting tight and saying nothing.

AN OPERATOR'S SAD TALE

Charged With Stealing—Sequel to Indulging in Drink.

Young Man Charged With Snatching Girl's Handkerchiefs.

A sad tale of what intemperance brings a man to was told in this morning's police court. Charles Murray, for fourteen years a telegraph operator and able to make good money, was arraigned on the charge of the theft of an overcoat, in the pocket of which was a cap and about 65 cents in silver. The coat was taken from a nail in the Canadian Express Company's office at the G. T. R. depot, and another was left in its place. The coat belonged to Alfred Short, an employe of the company.

The case was strong against Murray, the only question being as to his sobriety. The complainant and Officers Down and Regan agreed that he had been drinking, but knew what he was doing, while the prisoner claimed he was so intoxicated that he did not know.

The magistrate found him guilty, and pointed out that drunkenness was no excuse for crime. The man's previous character, however, will be looked into and he was given a week's remand.

Frank Legg, a young man who has been before the court on more than one occasion was arraigned on a charge of snatching a handkerchief away from a girl he was walking along the street with, the handkerchief containing money. He pleaded not guilty to stealing and asked for an adjournment of his case until Thursday. He was allowed to go on bail, $200 in his own recognizance, and $100 in his mother's.

E. R. Richards, of the Oriental Hotel, was fined $20 and costs for a breach of the liquor license.

THE NEW SENIOR JUDGE

Talbot Macbeth, K.C., Gets the Appointment.

One of the Best Known Members of Ontario Bar—Born in London.

The announcement came from Ottawa this morning that at a meeting of the Dominion Cabinet, held on Monday, the appointment of Mr. Talbot Macbeth, K.C., of this city, as senior judge of the county court of Middlesex, was made.

Mr. Macbeth succeeds Judge William Elliot, who was recently retired, under the age limit fixed by the statute. Since the retirement of Judge Elliot there have been repeated rumors to the effect that Mr. Macbeth was to secure the position, but nothing definite regarding the vacancy came until this morning.

Mr. Macbeth is one of the best-known members of the legal fraternity in the west, having been called to the bar in November, 1877, and he will be congratulated by his friends on his selection as senior judge. In that capacity the work of the surrogate court for the county will also devolve upon him. He will commence his duties at an early date. Mr. Macbeth is a native of this city, and with the exception of four years spent in the University of Toronto and a year studying law in that city, he has been a resident of London. Of late years he has been the senior member of the firm of Macbeth & Macpherson.

HAVE REACHED BRUCEFIELD

Work of Opening L., H. and B. Branch Very Slow.

Not a Train Is Moving Yet North of Palmerston.

The work of opening up the London, Huron and Bruce branch of the Grand Trunk is one of the hardest propositions that the road has ever had to confront. Owing to the ice and snow having formed on the rails from two inches to a foot in depth, the track has to be cleared with picks and shovels, hence the slow progress being made.

At noon today the gang of men employed had only reached Brucefield, 43 miles north of London, but they expected before the day was past to get as far as Clinton. Officials, however, will not express an opinion as to when the entire line will be opened. The road is open from Clinton to Blyth, and with everything favorable Wingham may be reached inside of 24 hours.

North of Palmerston, traffic is still at a standstill.

The first train out of London on the L., H. and B., left the city yesterday, and carried a large number of passengers as far north as Brucefield. It also took a large quantity of mail that had collected here during the ten days that have elapsed since the line was blocked.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Flo McDougall, of this city, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. McDougall, Stratford.

—George Maker, of 729 King street, is able to sit up after four week's illness with rheumatic fever.

—G. Bruce Smith, of this city, is in Aylmer assisting the Presbyterians with their anniversary services.

—The Port Talbot fishery is being moved to Port Stanley, and all operations will be directed from the latter place.

—Mr. John Warwick and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Wesley O'Brien, left this morning for Red Deer, Alberta.

—Miss Annie Lawrence left via the G. T. R., today, en route via the Pretorian, Allan Line, to Liverpool. F. B.