# THE UP GRADE AGAIN.

*THE MONTREAL TELEGRAPH STOCK RECOVERS ITSELF AND GOES UP.*

**Wheat is Firmer and Barley is Unchanged—The Exchanges are Quiet this Holiday Week—Financial and Produce Quotations.**

THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 27.

Wheat is stronger to-day. The market has recovered 2 cents of the 5 cent drop yesterday and the feeling here is firmer in consequence, although the Chicago markets do not always exert a sympathetic influence on the market here. As a result of the drop some dealers in Toronto who had faith in the Chicago bears are to-day poorer by various amounts.

The Montreal Telegraph Company stock is recovering itself as rapidly as it declined. The announcement of the intention of Mr. Wiman to pay the 8 per cent. dividend under protest is the reason for the return of confidence. There is considerable speculation among brokers here whether or not Mr. Wiman was really short, and the agitation profited him. There is little question that the 8 per cent. dividend being paid the protest will come to nothing. And so the scare is over for this year and money has been lost and made on it.

The local stock exchange was firm but inactive, with transactions totalling 116 shares. In the forenoon British America was quoted at 95 and 91; Western Assurance, 145 and 144; Consumers' Gas, 183½ asked; Dom. Tel., 81; Montreal Tel., 86; N. W. Land, 65 and 63½; Canada Permanent, 203 and 197; Freehold, 165 asked; Union, 131 asked; Canada Landed Credit, 115 asked; B. and L. Assn., 104½ and 103½; Imperial S. and Invest., 116; Farmers' L. and Savings, 118 and 116; Lon. and Can. L. & A., 145 and 144; National Invest., 100 asked; People's Loan, 110; Real Estate Loan and Deb. Co., 35; The Land Security Co., 250; Manitoba Loan, 98 asked; Dom. Savings and Loan, 91 asked; Ont. Loan and Deb., 125 and 120; British Canada L. and Invest., 106. In the afternoon—British America, 95 and 92; Western Assurance, 145 and 144; Consumers' Gas, 183½ asked; N. W. Land, 64½ and 64.

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To-day's bank stock quotations are as follows:

| STOCKS. | 12 M. Ask'd. | 12 M. Bid. | 2.30 P. M. Asked. | 2.30 P. M. Bid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 224 | 223¼ | 224½ | 223½ |
| Ontario | 126½ | 125 | 125½ | 125 |
| Molsons | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Toronto | 210 | 208 | ... | 208 |
| Merchants' | 135¼ | 134 | 135¼ | 134 |
| Commerce | 117¼ | 117 | 117¼ | 117 |
| Imperial | 139 | 138¼ | ... | 138¼ |
| Dominion | ... | 215¼ | 216¼ | 215¼ |
| Standard | 133 | 132 | 133 | 131½ |
| Hamilton | ... | 138 | ... | 136 |

Transactions: In the forenoon, 3 Ontario at 125; 30 Western Assurance at 144½; 6, 6 N. W. Land at 64; 2 Canada Landed Credit at 112; 2 Farmers' L. and Savings at 117. In the afternoon, 7 Toronto at 209½; 20 Commerce at 117; 20 Western Assurance at 144½; 20 N. W. Land at 64.

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—11.40 a.m.—Montreal, 224 and 223½, sales 50 at 223. 75 at 223½; Ontario, 125 and 125; People's, 102½ and 102; Molsons, 165 and 152½; Toronto, 208; Merchants', 135½ and 134½; Commerce, 117½ and 116½; Imperial, 136; Mon. Tel., 87 and 86; Richelieu, 56 and 55; Passenger, 159 and 158; Gas, 184½ and 182½; C. P. R., 52½ and 52.

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2.35 p.m.—Montreal, 224½ and 223, sales 3 at 223½, 50 at 224, 3 at 223½, 25 at 224½, 25 at 224½; Ontario, 128 and 125; People's, 102½ and 102, sales 10 at 102½; Molsons, 165 and 152½; Toronto, 208, sales 4 at 209½, 4 at 209½; Jacques, 98 and 93; Merchants', 135 and 134½; Union, 97 and 92; Commerce, 118 and 116½; Imperial, 136; Mon. Tel., 89 and 88½, sales 25 at 87½, 200 at 88½, 175 at 88½ and 175 at 88; Richelieu, 56½ and 55½; Passenger, 190 and 180; Gas, 195 and 194½, sales 75 at 194½, 25 at 194½; C. P. R., 53 and 52.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

To-day's fluctuations in leading stocks on the New York stock market are as follows:

| STOCKS. | Opening. | High-est. | Low-est | Closing. | Total Sales. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Can. Pacific | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Can. Southern | 54 | 54 | 53¾ | 53¾ | 2100 |
| Del. & Hudson | 131¾ | 131¾ | 129¾ | 129¾ | 1900 |
| Del. & Lack. | 149¾ | 149¾ | 149¾ | 149¾ | 24300 |
| Erie | 27¾ | 27¾ | 27¾ | 27¾ | 14000 |
| Pac. Central | 94½ | 94½ | 94 | 94½ | 600 |
| Kansas & Texas | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Lake Shore | 101 | 101 | 103½ | 101 | 22600 |
| Lou. & Nash | 57¾ | 57¾ | 56¾ | 56¾ | 1900 |
| Mich. Cent. | 88¾ | 88¾ | 88 | 88¼ | 700 |
| Missouri Pacific | 74¾ | 74¾ | 74 | 74¾ | 8100 |
| N. J. & N. E. | 42¾ | 43 | 42 | 42 | 13900 |
| N. Y. Central | 108¾ | 109¼ | 107¾ | 107¾ | 28.0 |
| Northern Pacific | 25¾ | 25¾ | 25¾ | 25¾ | 100 |
| Northwest | 108¾ | 108¾ | 108 | 108¾ | 900 |
| Oregon Trans. | 30¾ | 30¾ | 30¾ | 30¾ | 280 |
| Reading | 49¼ | 49¼ | 48¾ | 48¾ | 2600 |
| St. Paul | 63¾ | 63¾ | 63 | 63¼ | 1800 |
| Union Pacific | 64¼ | 64¼ | 63¾ | 63¾ | 1000 |
| Western Union | 84¾ | 84¾ | 84¼ | 83¾ | 810 |

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LONDON BONDS AND STOCKS.

London quotations are cabled to-day as follows: 12.20 p.m.—Consols, 97 3-16 money and 97 5-16 account; U. S. 4's, 129½; U. S. 4½'s, 110½; Erie, 28½; Erie 2nds, 100½; Can. Pac., 53½; Ill. Cen., 117½; N. Y. C., 111. 4 p.m.—Consols, 97 15-16 money and 97 account; U. S. 4's, 129½; U. S. 4½'s, 110½; Erie, 28½; N. Y. C., 110½.

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| BETWEEN BANKS. | Buyers. | Sellers. | Counter. |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York Exchange | Par. | 1-32 pm | ¼ to ½ |
| Sixty days' sterling | 9 15 16 | 9 - 16 | 9⅝ to 9¾ |
| Demand do | 9⅞ | 10 | 10¼ to 10⅜ |

RATES FOR STERLING IN NEW YORK.

| | Posted. | Actual. |
|---|---|---|
| Sixty days | 4.85 | 4.84¼ |
| Demand | 4.89¼ | 4.88½ to 4.88¾ |
| Bank of England rate | 5 pc. | |

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BERRYHOLM'S REPORT.

Beerbohm reports to-day as follows: Floating cargoes—Wheat and corn inactive. Cargoes on passage—wheat and corn hardly any demand. Good cargoes—No. 1 Cal. wheat off coast, 39s. 6d. was 39s. 9d.; ditto Australian off coast, 40s. was 40s. 3d.; present and following months 40s. 9d was 41s.; ditto Walla Walla off coast, 38s. 9d; present and following month 39s. was 39s. 3d. London—good shipping No. 1 Cal. wheat, prompt sail 38s. 9d. was 39s.; ditto nearly due 38s. 6d. was 38s. 9d. Liverpool spot wheat and corn very quiet. On passage to United Kingdom—wheat, 2,416,000 qrs.; corn, 216,000 qrs. To continent—wheat, 458,000 qrs.; corn, 63,000 qrs. India shipments wheat past week to United Kingdom, 83,000 qrs.; to continent, 37,000 qrs.

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LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool reports: Spring wheat, 8s 1d; red winter, 8s; No. 1 Cal., 7s 9½d; corn, 4s 5½d; peas, 5s 11d; pork, 80s; lard, 44s 1d; bacon, 42s 6d; tallow, 33s 6d; cheese, 55s; wheat dull, demand poor; corn quiet.

OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

Oswego reports: Barley quiet; No. 1 Can., 52 and 53; No. 2 extra Canada, 50 and 51.

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

To-day's fluctuations in the Chicago grain and produce market are as follows:

| | | Opened. | Closed. | Highest. | Lowest. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | Dec | 97¼ | 99½ | 99¼ | 97¼ |
| " | Jan | 97¾ | 99¾ | 99¾ | 97¾ |
| " | Feb | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " | May | 101 | 103 | 103 | 100¼ |
| Corn | Dec | 33¾ | 33¾ | 33 | 33 |
| " | Jan | 34 | 34 | 34 | 33 |
| " | May | 37 | 38¼ | 38 | 37 |
| Oats | Dec | 25¼ | 25¼ | 25¼ | 25¼ |
| " | Jan | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| " | Feb | 25¼ | 25¼ | 25¼ | 25¼ |
| " | May | 25¾ | 25¾ | 29 | 25¾ |
| Pork | Dec | 13.00 | 12.95 | 13.00 | 12.95 |
| " | Jan | 12.92½ | 12.97½ | 13.02½ | 12.90 |
| " | Feb | 13.05 | 13.05 | 13.10 | 13.05 |
| " | May | 13.25 | 13.32½ | 13.42½ | 13.25 |
| Lard | Dec | 6.82 | 6.85 | 6.85 | 6.82 |
| " | Jan | 7.02½ | 7.02½ | 7.02½ | 7.10 |
| " | Feb | 7.10 | 7.12½ | 7.15 | 7.10 |
| " | May | 7.30 | 7.32½ | 7.35 | 7.30 |

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**Business Troubles.**

The following business embarrassments are reported: Ballantyne & Boyd, tailors, Atwood, assigned; Donald McNab, general store, Beaverton, assigned; Thomas Menzies, books and stationery, Peterboro, assigned; George Buck, boots and shoes, Whitby, assigned; J. D. Bruneau, tailor, Valleyfield, assigned; Jacob Hurwitch, lumber and commission merchant, Montreal, assigned.

How to Cure Headache.—Some people suffer untold misery day after day with Headache. There is rest neither day nor night until the nerves are all unstrung. The cause is generally a disordered stomach, and a cure can be effected by using Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, containing Mandrake and Dandelion. Mr. Finlay Wark, Lysander, P. Q., writes: "I find Parmelee's Pills a first-class article for Bilious Headache."

*CANADIAN NOTES.*

The river opposite Montreal is rising rapidly.

Barrie Collegiate Institute fees are to be increased.

A literary society has started at Hornby with some sixty members.

A St. Catharines amateur society proposes to bring out "The Mikado."

Ottawa branch of the Y. M. C. A. will form a checker and chess club.

Inspector Cotton of the Northwest Mounted Police at Regina is in Ottawa.

Kingston has recently added a number of new alarm boxes to its fire service.

The cash in hand in the treasury of the Town of Acton on Dec. 15 was $3,05.

The subscriptions towards the Stratford hospital now amount to $6000.

A species of eczema, which attacks horses in the feet, is epidemic in Quebec.

The anthracite coal mines in the Rocky Mountains are now being worked.

A number of snow slides have already come down the mountains at Field, B. C.

Colchester (N. S.) has filed a petition for the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act.

During the past week seven deaths from diphtheria were registered in Montreal.

Premier and Mrs. Mercier are in New York. They will return to Montreal about Jan. 6.

Belleville's Chief of Police is looking up a lot of delinquents who have not paid their fines.

A 15-year-old boy named Gagnon, while going to midnight mass in Montreal, dropped dead.

The winner of the gold medal at the Provincial Normal School was Miss Kate Bowman of Hamilton.

The Tache toboggan slide at the capital was finally opened on Wednesday by the Governor-General.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has registered the plan of one of its surveyed routes through Windsor.

Amherst (N. S.) claims to have more plate glass store fronts than any town of its size in the Maritime Provinces.

The Quebec Harbor Commissioners have under discussion a scheme for the erection of grain elevators at that port.

A man named Mummery had his feet badly crushed in the Michigan Central Railway shops at St. Thomas on Wednesday.

The Blenheim Town Council has passed through the first two stages a bylaw to raise $10,000 for the erection of a town hall.

The Vancouver Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is prosecuting butchers and others for cramming turkeys and geese.

Lady Stanley of Preston has sent a check to the lady managers of the bazaar now being held in Quebec by the Sisters of Charity.

Niagara Falls Centre (Ont.) station on the Michigan Central Railway has been made a flag station and great complaints are being made.

The stone piers for the new bridge over the Moira River at Hastings have been completed, but the iron work will probably not be put up till spring.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company have completed their line as far as Fredericton Junction, N. B., and will have an office open in St. John this week.

The Portsmouth School Board have a row on its hands owing to their head teacher having received notice that his services were no longer required, without the knowledge or sanction of the board.

A public meeting of the children of all the branches of the Ministering Children's League of Ottawa will be held in the Ottawa City Hall to-day. The Governor-General and His Lordship Bishop Lewis will deliver addresses.

Annie Jones, who eloped from Utica, N. Y., recently with Walter Smith, a clerk, was arrested by a private detective yesterday at an hotel on Chaboillez square, Montreal, and was sent home, her companion in guilt being left behind.

Four thousand boys' overcoats still to select from at the Army & Navy stores. Boys' nap overcoats with cape one fifty, two dollars, and so on. You really waste your time if you go anywhere else for boys' clothing. The Army & Navy are away ahead in style and quality, and the prices are lower than the lowest.

# MUSIC SANS THE DRAMA.

*WHAT THE CANADIAN SOCIETY TALKED ABOUT YESTERDAY.*

**'The Advantages of the Study of Harmony'—The Tonic Sol Fa System—The New Officers of the Organization—At "The Messiah."**

The second day's session of the Musical Convention opened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. President St. John Hyttenrauch in the chair. The proceedings were not of an animated nature, opening with a discussion on the advisability of making an alteration in the examinations for admission to the society. It was decided to defer this subject until next meeting. There was, however, a strong feeling in favor of allowing any teachers of music to become members without examination.

**The Study of Harmony.**

Mr. Arthur E. Fisher, Musical Bachelor, read an essay on "The advantages of the study of harmony." For a number of years it had been conceded by the musical profession that this study was very useful to those who purposed adopting the profession of music teaching. A belief existed that the study of harmony was very difficult, and another deterrent was the fear that it would entrench upon the hours for piano practice. The parents of pupils also wanted something more for their money than was to be derived from the study of harmony. Study, the essayist believed, of whatever kind elevated the mind. He would prefer to listen to the playing of a student of harmony rather than to that of one without a knowledge of the science of music. At our concerts there was to be heard vastly too much "claptrap." The reason for this was that the performers had given too much attention to technique to the exclusion of theoretical study.

Another advantage derivable from the study of harmony was that it enabled the student to detect typographical errors. False notes were not infrequently played because this power to detect errors was lacking. Of course the notion that everyone who studied harmony would be able to compose must be dismissed. Science could not impart a faculty the Creator had withheld.

The essayist believed that both musical critics and clergymen could study harmony to advantage.

This last opinion Mr. Angelo Read strongly endorsed, especially with regard to clergymen. He characterized harmony as the arithmetic of music.

Miss E. Mellish, Mus. Bac., said that a knowledge of harmony enabled one to enjoy music by merely reading it. She was severe on the methods of critics in that they confined their critiques exclusively to the performer and ignored the merits or demerits of the selection played.

Here a general discussion took place, which finally branched off into the question of newspaper criticism. One gentleman objected that while well known performers received what might be termed almost a "slobbering" criticism, others who were unknown were merely mentioned.

In reply to this, Mr. R. S. Ambrose said that the newspapers were not supposed to give criticisms. They were merely notices.

Musicians never banish their art for any great length of time, and yesterday was no exception to the general rule. Miss Hillary sang Shubert's "Der Linden Baum" with great expression. Miss Elwell, A.R.A.M., played a number of piano selections from Bach and Chopin.

**The Tonic-Sol-Fa System.**

The discussion of the day was on the "Transition from tonic-sol-fa to staff notation." This, with the election of officers, took up the greater part of the afternoon session.

Mr. A. Thom. Cringan, who introduced this subject, said that two years ago he gave an exposition of the tonic-sol-fa system. Many were disposed to regard it as an innovation and wished to oppose its introduction into the public schools of the Province; others thought it possessed some good points and were induced to look into its methods. The value of the system as an interpreter of the staff was unnecessary. The staff is the universal notation. Mr. Cringan thought the pupils should be trained to sing from the established notation. The system he advocated had stood the test of over 40 years and was now the recognized system of teaching music in the English public schools. In our own country there had also been an increase in the number of schools which have adopted the system. It had been adopted in the public schools of Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, London, St. Thomas, Stratford, Ingersoll and other minor towns. Of two publications, one authorized by the Department contains exercises in staff notation only; the other begins with the tonic-sol-fa notation and ends with the staff. The authorized series has been in use four years, while the tonic-sol-fa and staff series was only issued a year ago, but for every one of the authorized series issued in four years the publishers have sent out ten of the others.

**Backed by Evidence.**

Mr. Cringan then announced that he had brought a class of little girls from the Orphans' Home. Not one of them possessed any knowledge of the staff notation and the lesson he gave them was their first introduction to the established notation. He wished to show that their previous training tended to explain the technicalities of the staff.

After he had given some illustrations of his method Mr. S. H. Preston, who is a strong advocate of the staff notation system, made a class of little girls from St. Michael's Separate School go through a number of vocal exercises on the system he advocates. He explained that they received their first musical instruction only three months ago (Mr. Cringan's class had been under instruction fifteen months), and Mr. Preston thought this sufficiently proved his theory that the staff notation could be taught without the preliminary tonic-sol-fa system.

Mr. Fred Foot, Goderich, and Mr. F. H. Torrington took part in the discussion. The latter thought neither system should be discouraged, but all the good possible should be derived from both.

There was an amusing promptitude in the way the chairman shut down on the discussion at the appointed time in order to continue the more agreeable program of music. It was as follows:

Piano selection. "Leider aus alter Zeit," Op. 30...*Kullak*
a. "Joy and Sorrow," No. 1.
b. "The Three Students," No. 3.
Miss Maud Harris.

Songs.....a. "I seek for thee in every flower."....*Gans*
b. "Thou 'rt like unto a flower."....*Palm*
Miss Campbell.

Piano Selections.....a. Bouree;
b. Melody; ... ...(*F. J. Hatton.*)
c. Minuet.
Mrs. Moore.

Clarionet Solo.....President St. John Hyttenrauch.

**The New Officers.**

This is the result of the election of officers:

President—Edward Fisher, Toronto.
Vice-President—H. Guest Collins.
Secretary—J. W. F. Harrison.
Assistant-Secretary—Mrs. N. G. Bigelow, Mus. Bac.
Treasurer—Arthur Fisher.
Representatives—St. Thomas, J. H. Jones; London, G. B. Sippi; St. Catharines, A. M. Reed; Toronto, Theodore Martens; Hamilton, R.A. Ambrose; Belleville, Dr. Crozier; Brantford, Dr. Garratt; Kingston, W. Carey; Ottawa, Dingley Brown; Stratford, Mrs. R. Smith.
Executive Committee—Dr. Sippi, A.M. Read, Mrs. Dick, F. H. Torrington.

The conference adjourned at 6 o'clock to meet this morning at the University.

All the members of the society attended "The Messiah" concert last night.

Don't be without Jelly of Cucumber and Roses if you want a beautiful complexion and freedom from chapped hands or lips. Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

*CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.*

The steamer Belgravia, from Bombay for New York, has been in collision in the Suez Canal with the steamer Amana, from Liverpool for Bombay.

The British bark Wm. K. Chapman, Capt. Smith from Hamburg, Dec. 14, for New York, was sunk off North Foreland yesterday by a collision with the British steamer Bedlormie.

**The Light of Home.**

A cheerful, healthy woman is the light of home, but through over-exertion in her efforts to minister to the happiness of the household, her health is often impaired, or weakness, or displacement brought on, making life miserable, and clouding an otherwise happy home with gloom. The thoughtful and tender husband, in such cases, should be intelligent enough to perceive the cause of such gloom and suffering, relieve the faithful wife from drudgery, and furnish her with that best of friends to women, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, now recognized and used in thousands of homes as a certain cure for all those delicate affections peculiar to the female sex. "Favorite Prescription" is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, *under a positive guarantee* from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. This guarantee has been printed on the bottle-wrapper, and faithfully carried out for many years.

*CHATS ABOUT CHARITY.*

**Prof. Goldwin Smith's Society and the Anti-Poverty Men Come Together.**

In the cosy parlor of Secretary J. E. Pells of the St. George's Society, in Louisa-street, these members of the committee of Associated Charities met yesterday: Professor Goldwin Smith in the chair, Rev. Hugh Johnston, Rev. A. Gilray, ex-Ald. Steiner, Mr. Swan, Mr. Keith, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Sydere.

The chief object of the meeting was the reception of a deputation from the Anti-Poverty Society, who sought an interview to officially state their views on poverty and charity. The personnel of the deputation was: Lieut. Robert Cartwright, Mr. R. W. Douglas and Mr. Best. The latter took no part in the discussion.

Before the deputation was heard the following was discussed and carried on the motion of Rev. Hugh Johnston and Rev. A. Gilray:

That this conference requests the chairman of the Associated Charities and the secretary to wait upon Hon. A. S. Hardy, Provincial Secretary, and to convey to him the opinion of this conference that the act providing for the relief of the poor in the different counties and cities of the Province, which is now merely permissive, should be made compulsory, as a measure of justice to this city and the other municipalities that have already carried the act into operation.

Lieut. Cartwright then gave a clear, temperate address on the objects and aims of the Anti-Poverty Society. These have been repeatedly of late brought before the public, and yesterday there was some little difficulty in the speakers confining their remarks to the question of charity. There was more of theory than practical suggestion in the addresses. "The result of charity is to cause occasions of charity. If you spend $1,000,000 in the relief of distress there is just as much necessity for another $1,000,000. Charity does not and can not prevent poverty. Nothing but bona fide employment for the people will do this. And this employment must be such as will not compete with other workers.

A half-acre vacant lot has capacities in it for food, clothes and necessaries for one family. The Legislature should not allow of vacant holdings; they should all be cultivated and wealth added to the community. The city should insist that food of some kind be raised on all vacant lots.

Mr. W. R. Douglas expatiated on the fearful amount of poverty in a rich city like Toronto. This arose from the wrong laws which are in operation. These laws must be reformed. Distribution of charity is only tinkering with the evil, in fact perpetuating it. With each increase of population one portion is by law endowed with power to impoverish the other.

The Chairman said the existence of poverty in the midst of great wealth was undeniable. Distress ensued, and the associated charities sought the best means of alleviating such suffering. The only suggestion of Lieutenant Cartwright was the cultivation of city lands; Mr. Douglas' address was full of theory, but there was nothing practical with which that conference could deal.

Lieut. Cartwright suggested other two means by which the Associated Charities might aid the Anti-Poverty Society: the improvement of tenement houses, and the advocacy of the $600 exemption on dwellings.

Rev. Hugh Johnston did not attach much importance to the theories advanced. The principles of the gospel would cure much of poverty by promoting industry, sobriety and the general uplifting of the poor.

After further discussion and the answering of many questions, this resolution carried:

That this conference has listened with satisfaction to the addresses of the deputation from the Anti-Poverty Society, and will gladly receive from the society at any time practical suggestions for the relief of distress.

The best of feeling prevailed at the meeting, the ladies being especially interested in the tales of pauperization caused by indiscriminate alms-giving.

Mr. George Tolen, druggist, Gravenhurst, Ont., writes: "My customers who have used Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure say that it has done them more good than anything they have ever used." It has indeed a wonderful influence in purifying the blood and curing diseases of the Digestive Organs, the Liver, Kidneys, and all disorders of the system.

**Ayer's Canadian Almanac Out**

which has been an annual and welcome visitor since 1852, comes to us this year as a handsomely-bound volume containing copies not only of various editions in English, but also in nine foreign languages. In addition to these there are specimen pages of the pamphlets issued by the company in eleven other tongues, thus making the book the most comprehensive polyglot we have ever seen. While the primary design of the almanac is to advertise Dr. Ayer's Standard Medicines—Sarsaparilla, Cherry Pectoral, Pills, Hair Vigor, and Ague Cure—it commends itself to every reader by reason of the fulness and accuracy of its astronomical and other valuable information as well as by its funny items which show that jokes can be spicy without being vulgar. All the druggists are supplied with Ayer's Almanacs, in their familiar form, and are happy to give them to customers. The issue this year will probably not fall much short of fourteen million copies.

Under the heading of "Cause Celebre" the Messrs. Ayer give an account of the proceedings carried on against them at Ottawa by the Dominion authorities, and which ended in triumphantly exonerating them from all the charges of defrauding the revenue. The Ayer Co., being thus cleared of the charges, they intimate their intention of resuming the publication of their Canadian Almanac. It is accordingly out for 1889. In a long business intercourse with Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., The World has found them honorable, reliable and generous.

There are so many cough medicines in the market that it is sometimes difficult to tell which to buy; but if we had a cough, cold or any affliction of the throat or lungs, we would try Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. Those who have used it think it is far ahead of all other preparations recommended for such complaints. The little folks like it as it is as pleasant as syrup.

**The W.C.T.U.**

The District Executive of the W.C.T.U. held their regular meeting at 273 Yonge-street yesterday afternoon. Mrs. McDonald, the President, was in the chair. Miss Tilley, superintendent of the headquarters department, reported that they had already collected $1812 towards the building fund. Mrs. Carlyle stated that Mrs. Adams, the widow of a policeman, had been appointed police matron, her duties to begin on Jan. 2, 1889.

Two superintendents of departments were appointed, Mrs. Leroy Hooker to preside over Sabbath observances and Miss MacGregor superintendent of narcotics. On Tuesday, Jan. 8, will be a day of prayer at Shaftesbury Hall, and Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Shortreed and Mrs. J. Spence were named a committee to make the arrangements.

The Horse—noblest of the brute creation—when suffering from a cut, abrasion, or sore, derives as much benefit as his master in a like predicament, from the healing, soothing action of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Lameness, swelling of the neck, stiffness of the joints, throat and lungs are relieved by it.

The Scientific American referred to in another column is the very best publication in this country for those interested in science, engineering, mechanics, inventions, etc. A copy of The Scientific American may be seen at the office of this paper, where subscriptions will be received.

—Caswell, Massey & Co's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Pepsin and Quinine, is recognized as the best preparation known. Prescribed by the leading physicians. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

*UNITED STATES NEWS.*

Wednesday's gale reached a velocity of 46 miles an hour in Chicago.

It has been decided to open the mid-winter carnival in Albany Jan. 29.

W. C. Kaye, a wholesale boot and shoe dealer of Louisville, Ky., has assigned. Liabilities, $150,000.

The storm of Wednesday prevailed in Iowa, Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas and Dakota.

Charlie Hopkins, son of Ben. Hopkins of the Fidelity Bank, Cincinnati, was arrested last night for negotiating forged checks.

Chicago packers claim that they have been discriminated against by the western railroads in the adjustment of a rate that is to go into effect on Jan. 1.

The office of The Tacoma, W.T., Ledger was burned by incendiaries last night. Loss, $5000. The paper has been making a vigorous fight against gamblers and disreputable persons.

An open switch on the Montana Central Railroad yesterday caused an engine and one coach to be derailed. Fireman Moore was killed and Deputy Sheriff Edward Lathrop badly burned.

5 Clarence-street, Toronto, Dec. 3, '88.

Messrs. Fulford & Co., Brockville:

Gentlemen,—I notice in your circulars that you are always happy to hear from those whom your medicines have benefited. I wish here to testify to the unequaled healing powers of your Nasal Balm. I have been troubled for three years by what the doctors call post nasal catarrh and have tried everything in the city that could be obtained, in the shape of catarrh cures, and found no permanent relief from any of them, till a friend one day advised me to try your Nasal Balm, and I find that even one bottle has done me more good than all the medicines put together that I have persecuted myself with before. I was very much troubled with spitting and hawking, especially in the morning, so much so that my throat was continually in a raw condition, but I am now beginning to know what it is to be able to speak freely. I shall not fail to recommend it to any of my friends suffering from a like disease.

Yours faithfully,
T. D. D. LLOYD.

34 Daly-street,
Ottawa, May 3, 1887.

I am pleased to state that the Nasal Balm has already relieved my catarrh to a very great extent. I have not used one bottle, but the nauseous droppings from the head into the throat have almost ceased. I breathe easy now, get better sleep, and altogether feel and appreciate the wonderful virtue of the "Balm." Its merits cannot possibly be exaggerated for catarrhal troubles, as a CURE I believe it to be GENUINE. Yours, &c.,
JAMES G. TENNENT.

W. H. GABEL, Berve, Ont., says:—I feel it my duty to write to you, and report the result of my using Nasal Balm. I have been a severe sufferer from that loathsome disease, catarrh, and tried several remedies, but got no relief till I purchased a bottle of Nasal Balm. I used it according to directions and it has completely cured me. I take great pleasure in recommending it to all suffering from catarrh who come into my shop.

MR. THOMAS ROCHE, Rochefort, Ont., says: I have suffered severely from catarrh, and never got any relief until I used Nasal Balm. I never thought I could find so sure a cure. It is a pity all afflicted with catarrh do not know of and use this wonderful medicine.

Sudbury, Ont., May 5th, 1888.

Messrs. Fulford & Co.:

Gents,—I may state that I have been affected with catarrh for seven or eight years, and it was attended by consequent symptoms such as foul breath, such as dropping into the throat, hawking and spitting, partial deafness, ringing in the ears, and sickening pain in the head, difficulty over either eye. I have used powders and douches, but all to no effect, the only result arising from the use of such was temporary relief, followed by the usual symptoms in a more aggravated form. The results arising from the use of Nasal Balm are: sweet breath, stoppage of the dropping into the throat (consequently less hawking and spitting), clearness of hearing, and not once since I began its use have I had pain in the head. In fact it is my opinion that a careful and persistent use of the "Balm" will effect a cure in the worst case of catarrh. Yours truly,
ALEX. BURNS.

Brockville, Feb. 20, '87.

Messrs. Fulford & Co.:

Gents,—For many yrs. I was troubled with a severe case of catarrh, and was seldom free from catarrhal headache. I tried many remedies, but without avail. I procured a bottle of Nasal Balm, and in less than a week my headaches had disappeared, together with all other symptoms of catarrh. I believe Nasal Balm is a boon to all sufferers from this terrible malady. Yours, &c.,
GORDON A. STARK,
Agent C. P. Railway.

REV. FATHER PRUD'HOMME, P.P., St. Ann's, Ottawa, writes: My Catarrh is cured, thanks to Nasal Balm. I recommend it to all my friends.

HOW CATARRH IS CURED

READ THE EVIDENCE.

CAUTION. The reputation achieved by NASAL BALM from its wonderful curative properties has induced certain unscrupulous parties to place imitations on sale closely resembling the style of our package, and with names similar in sound. Beware of a preparations styled Nasal Cream, Nasal Balsam, etc. Ask for NASAL BALM and see that you get it.

If you cannot obtain Nasal Balm from your dealer it will be sent post paid on receipt of price—50 cents and $1—by addressing FULFORD & CO., Brockville, Ont.

Send for our pamphlet "GEMS OF WISDOM." 636G

*INVESTIGATING AN INSPECTOR.*

**Hearing of Evidence on the Charges Against A. Thompson of Welland Co.**

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 27.—The investigation into the charges against License Inspector Archibald Thompson, Jr., of the county of Welland, preferred by the leaders of the Law and Order League of this place, of neglect of duty and of not being a fit person for the office, was begun here to-day before Provincial Inspector Thomas Botham and Chief Officer of the Canada Temperance Act J. W. Manning. Several witnesses were examined, but their evidence was mainly from hearsay, and the investigation was adjourned until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has no equal for destroying worms in children and adults. See that you get the genuine when purchasing.

**A Battle With an Eagle.**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 27.—Fred. B. Hubbard, a druggist, had a battle with an eagle last night and after a severe struggle captured it. He was walking at the West End when suddenly he was almost knocked down by the huge bird, which lighted on his shoulder and buried its talons in his flesh. He grabbed the bird, which then fastened its great beak in his hand, inflicting a severe wound. After a lively tussle the bird was made to break its hold and was thrown to the ground. In in instant it jumped up and fastened the beak in the fleshy part of Hubbard's leg just above the knee. Hubbard managed to get a firm grip on the wings of the bird and thus held it a prisoner. He has three wounds, but has the satisfaction of having captured a live eagle.

A poor fellow arrested on suspicion of having stolen a fur cap, he said he had bought it at the Army & Navy stores for two dollars, but the Colonel said it was impossible for such a cap to be sold for less than seven, and would have committed the man for stealing had the man's statements not been proved. We advise our readers to be very careful about telling how much