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Commerce and Finance.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, March 19.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	230	227
Ontario	84	83
Molsons	..	..
Toronto	231	228½
Merchants	175	171
Commerce	127¾	127¼
Imperial	183	182
Dominion	233	232
Standard	168½	167
Hamilton	158	156
British America	119	118
Western Assurance	160	158½
Canada Life	..	..
Confederation Life	..	..
Consumers' Gas	204½	202
Dominion Telegraph	126	124
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	50	..
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	52	50
Commercial Cable Company, xd	164½	164
Commercial Registered Bonds	97	96½
Bell Telephone Company	161	159½
Commercial Cable Coupon Bonds	98½	97½
Montreal Street Railway	227	226
Montreal Street Railway (new)	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	70½	70¼
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	..
Farmers' Loan and Savings	99	..
Farmers' L. and S., 20 per cent	70	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	158
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	148
London and Canada L. and A.	90	..
London Loan	..	100
London and Ontario	100	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	119

SALES—1 p.m.—Western Assurance, 50 at 158¾; Com. Cable, 50, 75, 50, 25, 50, 25, 75, 25, 25, 125, 100, 50, 25 at 164; Bell Tel., 25 at 160; Toronto Ry., 25, 25 at 71, 50, 25 at 70¾, 25 at 70¾. 11¼5 p.m.—Western Assurance, 10 at 158¾; Com. Cable, 10 at 164¼, 50 at 164. Bell Tel., 5 at 160, 1 at 159.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, March 19.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific, x-d	51½	50
Duluth, common	4	..
Duluth, preferred	10	7
Commercial Cable, xd	165	164½
Wabash, common	..	..
Wabash, preferred	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	170	166½
Richelieu and Ontario	90	85
Montreal Street Railway	226¾	226½
Montreal Street Railway, new	189½	189¼
Montreal Gas Company	194	193½
Bell Telephone	162	159½
Royal Electric, x-d	140	137
Toronto Railway	71½	70¾
Bank of Montreal	231	227½
Ontario Bank	84	83
Banque du Peuple	..	..
Molsons Bank	..	..
Bank of Toronto	..	228
Merchants Bank	175	172
Merchants Bank of Halifax	175	167
Quebec Bank	..	120
Union Bank	..	100
Bank of Commerce	130	126
Northwest Land	50	41
Montreal Cotton Company	124	117½
Canada Colored Cotton	..	..
Dominion Cotton	80	74½
Postal Telegraph	98	96

SALES—Com. Cable, 25 at 164; Mont. St. Ry, 25 at 226¼, 150 at 225¾, 175 at 226, 100 at 226¼, 25 at 225¾, 50 at 226, 50 at 226½; do, new, 25 at 189¾; Mont. Gas, 50 at 194, 25 at 193½; Royal Electric, 10 at 139½; Toronto Ry, 25 at 70¾, 25 at 70½, 25 at 70¾, 375 at 71, 75 at 70¾.

New York Stock Market.

Reported by Frank Butler, broker, Masonic Temple.

	Open.	Hign.	March 19. Low.	Close.
Atchison Ry	12	12	11½	12
C. B. and Q.	77½	78¼	77½	77½
C. and N. W.	109½	110½	108¾	108¾
Chicago Gas	79½	80½	79½	79½
Gen. Electric	34½	34½	34	34½
L. and N.	49½	49½	49½	49½
Manhattan	86	89½	86½	88½
Missouri Pacific	18¼	18½	18	18½
Pacific Mail	27½	27½	27¼	27¼
Rock Island	69½	69½	68¾	68¾
Reading	23½	24	23¾	23¾
St. Paul	78¼	78½	77½	77½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	28	28	27½	27½
Wabash	14½	..	..	..
Western Union, xd	84½	85	83½	83½
Distillery Trust	13	13	12½	12½
Leather Trust	59½	59½	58½	58½
Sugar Trust	114	115½	114	114½
Tobacco Trust	76½	77	76½	76½

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Grain Market.

Toronto, March 19.—Wheat—Offerings are fair and the market steady, at 73c for red and 74c for white west, with buyers quoting 1c less; spring wheat is quoted outside at 70c, and goose is quoted at 60c bid, with 63c asked, middle freights; Manitoba wheat is dull and easy, at 82½c for No. 1 hard and 80½c for No. 2 hard, Midland.

Flour—Quiet and unchanged; cars of straight roller are quoted at $3 65 to $3 70 west.

Millfeed—In fair demand and steady, at $9 for shorts and $8 50 for bran west.

Barley—Steady, at 31c for No. 1 outside; 32c to 33c for No. 1 extra; 27c to 28c for No. 2; 24c for No. 3 extra, and 20c to 21c for feed.

Buckwheat—Steady, at 25c outside.

Rye—Steady, at 32c, middle freights.

Corn—Steady; 2 cars of yellow sold west today at 24c.

Oats—In fair demand for export, and the market is steady, with sales of several fine carloads west today at 17c and 17½c for white north and west.

Peas—Steady, with sales on the C. P. R. west today at 39c, and on the G. T. R. north and west at 38c.

Seeds—Dull and steady.

Baled Hay—Unchanged, at $8 to $10 for cars here.

Baled Straw—Steady, at $5 to $5 50.

Latest Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Que., March 19.

GRAINS AND FLOUR.

Oats—In store, No. 2 white, 22½c to 22¾c.
Peas—47c to 46½c.
Feed barley—30c.
Corn—35c to 36c.
Buckwheat—32½c.
Flour — Strong bakers, $4 25 to $4 50; spring wheat patents, $4 60 to $4 80; winter do., $4 30 to $4 50; straight roller, $3 90 to $4 10.
Feed—Bran, $12; shorts, $13.

PROVISIONS.

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Ham—9½c to 10½c.
Bacon—9c to 10c.
Lard—Pure, 5½c to 6c; compound, 4½c.

PRODUCE.

Butter—Creamery, 20c; roll dairy, 12c to 13c.
Eggs—New laid, 11½c to 12c; Montreal limed, 9c to 9½c, western, 7½c to 8c.

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American Produce Market.

BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 19.—Spring wheat—Quiet; No. 1 hard, 84½c to 85½c; No. 1 northern, 81½c to 82½c. Winter wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, 90c; No. 1 white, 91c.

Corn—Firm; No. 2 yellow, 28c; No. 3 yellow, 27½c; No. 4 yellow, 27c; No. 2 corn, 27½c; No. 3 corn, 27c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 21½c; No. 3 white, 20c; No. 4 white, 19c; No. 3 mixed, 18c on track; No. 2 white, 1½c in store.

TOLEDO.

Toledo, March 19.—Wheat— Cash, 94½c; May, 96c; July, 76½c.

Corn—May, 24½c; July, 26c.

Oats—May, 18c.

DETROIT.

Detroit, March 19.—Wheat—No. 1 white 90c; No. 2 red cash, 91c; May, 92½c; July, 76½c.

MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, March 19.— Wheat, cash, 73½c; May, 74½c.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 19.—Opening—Wheat, May, 74½c; July, 73½c. Corn, May, 24½c; July, 25½c; Sept., 27½c. Oats, May, 17½c. Pork, May, $8 95; July, $9 05. Ribs, May, and July, $4 90.

NEW YORK.

New York, March 19.

Flour—Receipts, 13,376 bbls; sales 1,800 packages; state and western quiet and barely steady; southern flour, quiet.

Rye Flour—Steady; sales 100 bbls.

Wheat—Receipts, 1,850; sales, 435,000 bu; opened firmer on strong cables and war news, but later eased off on fine crop prospects; May, 80½c to 80 7-16c; July, 78½c to 78¾c; Sept., 76c to 76½c.

Rye—Steady.

Corn—Receipts, 41,925 bu; sales, 65,000 bu; firmer on higher cables and rain west; May, 30½c to 30¾c; July, 31½c.

Oats—Receipts, 93,600; dull but steady.

Butter—Receipts, 2,303 packages; steady; state dairy, 12c to 18c; state creamery, 13c to 18½c; western creamery, 13c to 19c; imitation creamery, 10c to 15½c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 7c to 11½c.

Cheese—Receipts, 1,796 packages; steady; state large, 9c to 12½c; state small, 9c to 12½c; part skims, 5c to 7½c.

Eggs—Receipts, 13,230 packages; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10½c to 11c; western, 10½c; southern, 10c to 10½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; refined, quiet.

Petroleum—Quiet.

Coffee—Weak and nominal.

Hops—Steady; state common to choice, 1895 crop, 3c to 5½c; 1896 crop, 6c to 11c; Pacific coast 1895 crop, 3c to 5½c; 1896 crop, 8c to 13c.

Lead—Steady; bullion price $3.30; exchange price, $3 40 to $3 45.

Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,278.

CHICAGO, March 19.

	Open.	Hign.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	74½	75¾	73½	75
July	73½	73½	72½	73
Corn—May	24½	25¼	24½	25¼
July	25¾	26¼	25¾	26½
Oats—May	17½	17¾	17½	17¾
July	18¼	18¾	18	18¼
Pork—May	8 95	8 97	8 82	8 92
July	9 02	9 07	8 92	9 05
Lard—May	4 30	4 32	4 27	4 30
July	4 40	4 42	4 37	4 37
Ribs—May	4 90	4 90	4 80	4 85
July	4 90	4 90	4 82	4 87

Puts, 74¾; calls, 75¾.

English Markets.

Liverpool, March 19—4:15 p.m.

Wheat—Spot steady; demand moderate No. 2 red spring, 6s 3½d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 3½d; futures opened steady, with near and distant positions ½d higher; closed quiet, with near and distant positions ¼d higher; business about equally distributed; March, 6s 2d; May, 6s 3½d; July, 6s 3½d.

Corn—Spot firm; American mixed new, 2s 8d; futures opened firm, with near and distant postions, ½d higher; closed steady, with April ½d higher and other months ½d higher; business about equally distributed: March, 2s 7½d; April, 2s 9½d; May, 2s 9½d; June, 2s 9½d; July, 2s 10½d.

Flour—Steady; demand moderate; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d.

Peas—Canadian, 4s 3d.

Live Stock Market.

TORONTO HOG MARKET.

Toronto, March 19.—Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; singers, 5⅛c; thick, fat and light, $4 50, off cars.

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Topics of Today.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, makes the important announcement that the Dominion Government has made arrangements for the cold storage of butter and other perishable food products, which will be shipped weekly on steamships running between Montreal and Avonmouth, London and Liverpool. This will be a great boon to the farmers of Canada.

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Harry Abbott, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., has resigned. His successor will be chosen from among the leading superintendents on the system.

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Gen. Neal Dow, the veteran temperance advocate, was entertained to a banquet at Boston last night, in celebration of the 92nd anniversary of his birth.

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The proposal by the Countess of Aberdeen for commemorating the diamond jubilee of the Queen by founding the Victorian Order of Nurses is taking practical form. At a largely attended conference in Ottawa on Thursday the honorary secretary briefly outlined the needs particularly of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and said that an order of Victorian nurses could give the physicians there valuable aid, and would give needed help where doctors could not be obtained. The existing training hospitals could be used, and cottage homes for the residences of the nurses in the country could also be used as emergency hospitals. By co-operating with existing hospitals at five or six centers, and by the founding of six or eight cottage homes for nurses, subordinate and tributary to the hospitals of each of these training centers, the whole of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories could be covered. The nurses would then be able to reach their patients without loss of time or much expense. Each of these cottage homes would cost about $1,000. These homes might be named after those who gave $1,000 each. The wealthy donors who would give larger sums might have their names commemorated in the training hospitals.

Around the City

—Rev. Dr. Sanderson has been ill for some time. At his advanced age sickness goes hard with him.

—The Board of Trade council met this afternoon to nominate officers and complete arrangements for the annual meeting.

—The prayer meeting at the Convalescent Home last night was conducted by Rev. M. P. Talling and the members and adherents of St. James' Presbyterian Church.

—Arrangments have been completed for the celebration of St. George's Day by St. George's Society. A banquet will be given at the Tecumseh House on Friday evening, April 23, and the annual church parade will be held on Sunday, April 25.

—With regard to the enforcement of the proposed bylaw, by which a fee of $100 is imposed on the sale of cigarettes, local tobacconists say they will fight it if there is any fighting to be done. The action will be taken by them, if at all, and not by the tobacco companies.

—A man under the influence of liquor created considerable excitement at the Bernard House the other day. He got into an altercation with the porter, and threw at him a pewter pitcher, which stood on the bar. The missile failed to reach the mark, but struck a large plate glass mirror at the rear of the bar, breaking it. The glass was replaced this morning.

—Court Crumlin, No. 358, C. O. F., held their annual concert at Crumlin last night before a good audience. An interesting programme was rendered, consisting of the chairman's address, by E. T. Essery; solo, Miss Etta McDonald; recitation, Miss McLaren; solo, Mr. J. C. Lockhart; selections on the graphophone, Mr. Lockhart; song, Miss McDonald; reading, Mr. W. J. Element; song, Mr. Lockhart; song, Mr. Galpin.

—One of the most important sales of works of art which has been held for many years in this city, takes place at J. W. Jones' auction rooms on Thursday evening next. The pictures are by eminent English and Canadian artists, and will be on view in O. B. Graves' art store from tomorrow at 6 p.m. till Tuesday. A catalogue of these oil paintings and water colors—itself a work of art—has been printed at The Advertiser job rooms, and may be had at Mr. Graves' store or at Mr. Jones' rooms.

—A correspondent writes: "Strangers coming to our city, and Londoners who have been absent for a few years, cannot but be struck with the vastly improved condition of things in this, the model city of Western Ontario, but there is one point in which we are still behind, and that is in having our streets plunged in darkness when the almanac says we should have moonlight. London should be up to date in all things, and not only so for appearances' sake, but from economical grounds, as one serious accident would probably involve the city in a lawsuit costing more than the light for many years. Such a state of affairs does not exist in any other first-class city on the continent."

—The Golden Link Mission Band of the King Street Presbyterian Church gave an entertainment last evening. The basement of the church was completely filled, and an excellent programme was given. A special feature of the entertainment was the graphophone, operated by Mr. Lockhart. Old and young were delighted with the selections given. The graphophone is a splendid entertainer, as it gives a variety more easily than can be had in any other way. Sixteen girls of the band went through the dairymaid's drill, with credit to themselves and to Mr. Geo. Duncan, who prepared them for it. Solos were given by Miss Frances Mutch and Mr. Ernest Adams; There was also a quartet by Misses Nicol and McLean and the Messrs. Saunders; with a recitation by Daisy Wichman and Winnie Forsyth. The chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. Thos. Wilson.

—In Robinson vs. Dun, at Osgoode Hall, W. Nesbitt and R. McKay, for R. G. Dun & Co., the defendants, appealed from judgment of Boyd, C. (28 O. R., 21), in favor of the plaintiff in action of libel tried with a jury at London. The defendants sent the statement complained of to a few subscribers, on their personal application. The plaintiff, R. S. Robinson, was a trader in Stratford, and the information on which the statement complained of was founded, in reality related to another person of the same surname as plaintiff. The statement was that the plaintiff "is said to have a very easy way of swearing in court; and, locally, the fullest confidence is not felt in him." The Chancellor held that the publishing of the information was a matter of qualified privilege, but that the want of reasonable care in collecting the information was evidence of malice, which destroyed the privilege. Gibbons, Q.C., for plaintiff, opposed appeal. Reserved.

Talked to the Government.

Delegation From the London Loan Companies Interview Mr. Hardy's Cabinet.

Well Received, and Due Consideration of Their Requests Promised.

The following gentlemen, representing the loan companies of this city, waited on the Ontario Government yesterday and urged certain amendments to Mr. Gibson's bill regarding loan companies: Messrs. G. A. Somerville and P. McKenzie, from the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Company; J. W. Jones and M. H. Rowland, Canadian; W. F. Bullen and A. O. Jeffery, Ontario; T. H. Purdom and Mr. Reid, Dominion; M. J. Kent and Mr. Gibbons, London Loan Company.

They urged upon the Government a number of considerations which had already been referred to by the Toronto companies. The bill, as it stands, proposes among other things to deprive the companies of the privilege of loaning their stock, and this was strongly opposed by the delegation. They further urged upon the Government the advisability of bringing in two bills, one for the permanent loan companies, and another for the terminating building societies, instead of making both subject to the provisions of the same bill, as at present. From the reception which they met with, the delegates hope for consideration from the Government.

THE CITY HALL.

Writ Served on Ald. Parnell — School Board Meeting—Building Permits.

Ald. Parnell has been served with the writ of George McNeill, claiming damages for alleged slander contained in some remarks made by the aldermen regarding Mr. McNeill's canceled contract for city relief wood. The suit will, of course, be defended.

No. 1 committee of the School Board will meet tonight to take up the question of estimates. A meeting of the full board will be held subsequently to appoint representatives to the civic jubilee committee. The South London Baptists are also desirous of securing the use of the Wortley road school for Sabbath school purposes, pending the erection of their new building.

The corporation pay roll this week amounts to $119.

Young & Smith, of South London, have taken out a permit to erect a two-story brick residence on Elmwood avenue, between Edward street and the Wharncliffe; cost, $1,800. E. Tibbs, 910 Dundas street, will erect a new brick kitchen at his Dundas street residence, and the London Drug Company a new front to their premises on Dundas, west of Talbot.

The Board of Works will meet tonight.

CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING.

Walter Rowell in Custody for the Theft of Crowell Swartz's Mare.

Walter Rowell, the young man who drove away with a cream-colored mare belonging to Crowell Swartz, a hotelkeeper, of Masonville, on Sept. 1, was yesterday afternoon arrested at the horse sale on Carling street by Constable Corsant. Rowell is said to be a confirmed tramp and idler, lounging around wherever he can secure enough to eat, and a place to sleep. He had been around Swartz's place for some time, and when he became weary of working for his board he took the horse and rig. His intention was to drive to Sarnia, but orders sent out by the county police authorities prevented him getting beyond Plympton township, a few miles this side of Sarnia. He then forsook the outfit and fled by other means. When he returned to the city his arrest followed. Rowell will come up before Squire J. B. Smyth at the court house on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Stealing horses is becoming so common of late that the crown authorities are bent upon punishment sufficiently severe to guarantee its discontinuance.

FIGHTING EXTRADITION.

Latest Phase of Mrs. Olive Sternaman's Case.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 19.—Wallace Thayer, attorney for Mrs. Olive Sternaman, who is confined in the Erie county jail on a charge of murdering her husband, and whom the Canadian authorities are endeavoring to extradite, procured from Justice Lambert in special term an order appointing A. T. Thompson, barrister, of Cayuga, Ont., commissioner to take testimony of important witnesses in the case for use in the action brought by Mrs. Sternaman against the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the recovery of $1,000 on a policy of insurance on her husband's life.

All that a true soldier wants to know is that he understood his orders.

Wants the Money Now

Customs Officer Minhinnick and the O'Hearn Peaches.

A New Way to Collect Duties on London Imports.

A case which the public will watch with particular interest came up at the First Division Court this morning, before Judge Mackenzie, of Sarnia. The action is an unusual one, and before the case is settled there will likely be some odd developments. The action is brought by W. B. Minhinnick, a customs house officer, against John O'Hearn, to recover $82. R. M. C. Toothe appeared for the plaintiff, and Frank Love, for the defendant. After Mr. Minhinnick had been sworn, Mr. Love made the objection, in which he was sustained by the judge, that no particulars, such as dates and amounts, appeared upon the summons, as the statute required. The case was adjourned until next week, and the plaintiff given five days to file particulars. The summons reads: "The plaintiff claims of the defendant the sum of $82, moneys paid by the plaintiff for the use of the defendant, or which he is liable to pay for his use, on or about the 27th day of September, 1895, with interest thereon from the said date. The said moneys represent the duty upon certain peaches imported from the United States by the defendant into Canada."

F. T. C. Richardson brought an action against Woodbine Lodge, A. O. U. W., for $5, the balance of an account for a supper, at which he was caterer. It appears that sixteen dozen of ale were consumed at the supper. The account was $20—25 cents a head being charged for the 80 gentlemen present. Richardson put in a claim for $1 for the use of glasses. This was refused by the lodge, who tendered in full of account, the $4 remaining as a balance. Judgment was given for the amount tendered by the lodge. Winnett, for plaintiff; Hellmuth, for defendants.

THREE OF A KIND

Johnstons' Day at the Police Court—A Drayman Taxed.

It is not often that three of a kind, the same name and unrelated, ornament the dock at the Carling street Police Court. On the blotter, "Johnston" occurred three times. Johnston No. 1, drunk, was discharged. Johnston No. 2, was accused by Geo. Stanley of theft, but the charge fell through, as the young man was entirely innocent. Johnston No. 3 has entirely forgotten the days when he toddled around in innocent childhood in petticoats, and played in the mud with his white "pinny." He has been on a prolonged drunk, and acknowledged it. "Where do you work?" asked the police magistrate. "In the East End," said Johnston smiling. "Well, I remand you for a week to sober up," was the magistrate's consoling response. "Ah, pshaw," exclaimed Johnston, and sat down.

Alfred Hall, a drayman, came up before Magistrate Parke for the fourth time, charged with leaving his horse and cray unprotected on the stand, and sauntering around on the station platform. Sergt. Jenkins swore to the information.

"Is that true?" asked the magistrate.

"No," said Hall, "it is not."

"Well, I think it is," put in the magistrate as he took up his pen.

"I can get twenty men to prove that it isn't," continued Hall.

"One dollar," sang out the magistrate, and Hall paid up without hesitation. He was warned that the next time he came up it would be more serious.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

TECUMSEH HOUSE.

W. B. Sillar, Nottingham, England.
J. W. Holden, Manchester England.
F. E. Mills, New York.
H. E. Bydwell, Montreal.
Charles L. Bailey, Toronto.
John D. Noble, Petrolea.
G. Hermann Myers, New York.
A. R. Treadery, Cleveland.

GRIGG HOUSE.

Fred J. Argalf, Three Rivers, Que.
A. M. Ellis, Ingersoll.
E. S. Munroe, H. C. Tugwill, C. W. Gregory, Harry P. Flint, Toronto.
W. E. Ramsay, Oshawa.
J. Cote, Ottawa.
C. L. Papot, Kincardine.

CITY HOTEL.

D. S. J. Denwood, Toronto.
T. McKitrick, and Dr. Campben, Petrolea.
J. S. Leighton, Toronto.
M. De Laplante, Toronto.
J. D. McCosh, Lucan.
P. Dell and R. E. Jackson, Seaforth.
T. Paterson, Stratford.

ALLEGED PLOT

By Greeks in Constantinople to Raise a Revolt.

London, March 19.—A special dispatch from Galatz, Roumania, says it is announced in Greek circles that a plot is being hatched among the Greeks at Constantinople, where there are 30,000 well-armed Greeks living, to revolt against the Government.

It is added that there are few Turkish troops now at Constantinople, except the Sultan's body guard, and that it would be impossible to hurriedly recall troops from the Greek frontier in the event of a revolt at Constantinople. A large body of Greeks which recently left Galatz, ostensibly for Greece, is now said to be really destined for Constantinople.

Berlin, March 19.—According to a dispatch received here from Larissa, the Turkish consuls in Thessaly, having pointed out to the Turkish Government the threatening attitude of the Greeks, have been authorized by the Porte, if they consider it advisable, to vacate their posts and return to Constantinople.

PEACEFUL MISSION.

The Papal Delegate to Canada Starts Tomorrow.

London, March 19.—Monsignor Merry Del Val, the papal delegate to Canada, sails for New York tomorrow on board the Cunard Line steamship Aurania. In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press today Mgr. Del Val said: "My mission is one of peace. I have no intention to do anything but remove the controversy by finding a modus vivendi agreeable to all, and based on right and justice."

Fighting Expected.

Greek Gunboats Withdrawn From Crete.

An All Night Session of the Cabinet at Athens—Collision on the Frontier of Thessaly Looked For.

Athens, March 19.—3 a.m.—The Greek Government has decided to recall the gunboats Alpheios and Pinios from Cretan waters.

The Cabinet was in session until 2 a.m. It is officially stated that only 1,500 out of the 65,000 army reserve men called out have failed to respond, thus setting at rest the stories circulated of wholesale failure to answer the call to arms.

The Greek warship Nanarchos Miaulis has arrived at the Piraeus, having on board twelve prisoners who were captured during a recent attack which the Turks made upon Monodendri, near Platania.

Three emissaries of the Turkish legation at Athens have been arrested in the camp of Col. Vassos.

An engagemeent is expected today at Menexe, on the frontier of Thessaly, in consequence of reinforcing the Turkish garrison there.

Sparks From the Wire.

Mr. J. W. Bell, M.P., was re-elected grand master of the Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario East.

The Conservatives of East Simcoe met at Orillia and nominated Mr. Miscampbell, their sitting member, as their candidate for the Legislature.

Governor-General Lord Aberdeen will shortly announce a date for the closing of the national India famine fund, which has now reached about $130,000.

Hon. Sidney Fisher announces that the Government has made final arrangements for the cold storage of butter and other perishable food products which will be shipped weekly on steamships running between Montreal and Avonmouth, London and Liverpool.

The Quebec Saturday Budget says: "Mary Delval, aged 20, speaking French and English well," is how the Chronicle names and describes the coming papal delegate to Canada. But we think it right to warn Canadian bachelors that Leo XIII.'s private secretary is not a lady.

BOTH TO HANG.

The Murderers of Pearl Bryan Both to be Hanged.

Frankfort, Ky., March 19.—Jackson and Walling will both hang. The Governor has just ordered the troops on to Newport. He told the Associated Press representative that he would announce his decison this afternoon, and also told by a nod that the decision would mean that both must hang.

A BETTING EXPERIMENT.

Every Man Who Lays a Wager on a Horse Should Read This.

The thought of getung money without work is so generally attractive, and betting on a horse-race seems such an easy way of accomplishing it, that thousands of readers study the morning papers for "tips" on races—in other words, for advice as to the best horse on which to bet.

The New York morning dailies devote more attention to this feature and spend more money in the effort to get "reliable tips" than the papers of any other American city, for there are more race-tracks near New York, and presumably, more of those people who recklessly part with their money.

These papers employ reporters who spend nearly all their time at the race-tracks, or in the company of grooms, jockeys, trainers and horse-owners. These reporters know the pedigree of every horse "on the turf." They keep, from year to year, books of careful memoranda, in which is recorded the performance of each animal; and from this wide experience and this store of information they compile their "tips," or advice to bettors It may be supposed then that these turf reporters are able to show their readers with much certainty how to "pick a winner."

But, oddly enough the turf reporters do not agree! The horses named as "probable winners" by the eight New York morning papers of any given date are never the same.

The New York Evening Sun, at the opening of the racing season last spring, began a systematic study of "tips," with a view of finding out how much they were to be relied upon. The plan adopted was this:

A series of tables were made, one for each of the eight morning papers which printed "tips." In each table were set down every day the names of the horses selected by the corresponding paper as "probable winners" in that day's races. Every evening, when the races were finished, an entry was made on each table of the gain or loss a reader would have sustained if he had bet fifteen dollars on each horse advocated by the paper which that table represented.

These tables were accurately kept for three months. When the racing season ended and the sheets were balanced, an interesting discovery came to light.

It is not necessary to name here the papers from which the "tips" were taken. They may be called The Star, The Galaxy, The Probe, The Dial, The Messenger, The Augur, The Morning Trumpet and The Daily Drool. But every one of these names represents an actual paper, and everything here related is fact.

The Evening Sun found that if a reader had bet fifteen dollars every day for three months on each horse advocated by The Star, he would have lost nine hundred and thirty-three dollars. By following the advice of The Galaxy he would have lost seven hundred and fifty-one dollars; by The Probe, five hundred and ninety-seven dollars; The Dial, five hundred and ninety-one dollars; The Messenger, four hundred and forty-two dollars; The Augur, four hundred and ninety-six dollars; The Morning Trumpet, seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars, and The Daily Drool one hundred and eighty-three dollars.

Could the folly of betting be more clearly demonstrated? Not a single paper was able to give such advice as would save a reader from loss who followed that advice. Leaving morals out of the question and looking at betting from the selfishly practical point of view, what inducements does it offer?

If the turf reporters who have studied horses for years and know every animal, and who haunt the track by day, and herd with jockeys and stable-boys at night, for the sake of getting the most reliable information—if these men are unable to "pick winners," what is likely to be the fate of the inexperienced young clerk or salesman who risks his hard-earned money in the attempt to get something for nothing?

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TALKING IN THEIR SLEEP.

"You think I am dead,"
The apple tree said,
"Because I have never a leaf to show,
Because I stoop
And my branches droop,
And the dull grey mosses over me grow!
But I'm alive in trunk and shoot;
The winds of next May
I feel away
But I pity the withered grass at my root."

"You think I am dead,"
The quick grass said,
"Because I have parted with stem and blade;
But under the ground,
I am safe and sound,
With the snow's thick blanket over me laid,
I'm all alive and ready to shoot,
Should the spring of the year
Come dancing here;
But I pit ythe flower without branch or root."

"You think I am dead,"
A soft voice said,
"Because not a branch or root I own,
I never have died,
But close I hide,
In a plump seed that the wind has sown,
Patient I wait through the long winter hours;
You will see me again—
I shall laugh at you then,
Out of the eyes of a hundred flowers."

—Edith M. Thomas.

A New Dairy Breed.

Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein breeders, as well as the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss and Simmenthaler people, will have to look to their laurels, for a new dairy light appears in the east, this time in the form of the buffalo of India. The India buffalo, it will be understood, is the genuine article, and not the American bison to which we are accustomed in this country. According to the Sydney Stock and Station Journal, these animals, while not rivaling other dairy breeds in milk production, greatly surpasses them in butter-making capacity and in the total solids which the milk contains. The dairy experts of India declare that their buffalo is the best butter-producing animal in the world. By actual experiment eleven pounds of buffalo milk were required to produce a pound of butter, while seventeen pounds of cow milk were necessary for the production of the same amount. The buffalo in an India test was in milk 459 days, yielding 6669 pounds of milk; English-bred cows were in milk 471 days, yielding 5024. An analysis of the milk made at Poona, India, showed the English cow's milk to contain 3.7 per cent. of butter fat, against 7.9 for the buffalo. The total solids were 12.8 per cent. for the cow and 17.95 for the buffalo. If these analyses are a correct index to the normal production of the India buffalo, the breed will be an excellent one for dairy crossing, and some enterprising breeder in this country should import a few good ones and see whether the average cow in this country which produces 125 pounds a year cannot be graded up.—Coleman's Rural World.

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