LOCAL MARKET.

Thursday, July 24.

There was a large market for a Thursday; in fact, it was one of the best for this day of the week for some time back. There was a brisk demand for all of the produce offered and also for small fruits. Prices were firm, excepting for oats.

Grain—There were fully 25 loads of oats offered. There was a good demand at $1 53 to $1 57 per cwt. Most of the sales were made at $1 55 per cwt.

A couple of loads of wheat sold at 90c per bushel.

Hay and Straw—There was a good demand for the 16 loads of hay on the stand; sales were made at $11 to $12 per ton, mostly at the higher price; all the offerings were new hay. No straw offered.

Butter and Eggs—Butter was steady at 20c for crocks and 21c for pound rolls, in wholesale lots. Eggs are firm, at 16c to 16½c for crate lots, and 17c per dozen for basket lots; in the dairy hall they sold in small lots at 20c per dozen.

Vegetables and Roots—Old potatoes are selling at $1 15 per bag, not many being offered; new potatoes were in good demand and were slightly easier in price, at $1 25 to $1 50 per bu; cucumbers sold well at 50c to 60c per dozen; green peas were in good demand at 12½c to 15c per quart; beans, 5c per quart; cabbages, 50c per dozen; cauliflowers, 5c to 15c each; celery, 5c per dozen; lettuce, beets, onions, radishes and carrots, 20c to 25c per dozen bunches.

Poultry—The supply was small; probably the farmers are holding their stock for Saturday's market.

Fruits—Raspberries continue to be high in price—in fact, they are out of the reach of the ordinary purse; most people will have to fall back on plums, peaches and apples to replenish their stock; sales were made at 16c to 18c for red and 18c for black raspberries; cherries are scarce, the only ones offered being imported which sold at $1 35 to $1 50 per 12-quart basket; red currants sold at 7c to 9c per box; black currants, 10c per box.

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 24.—Oil opened and closed at $1 78.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., July 24.—Credit balances, $1 78.

LONDON.

London, July 24.—Petroleum, American refined, 6¾d; spirits, 7½d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, July 24.—Petroleum, 22 francs.

DAIRY MARKETS.

WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, July 24.—Offerings on the cheese board today were 2,400 boxes; highest bid, 10½c; no sales.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, July 24.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 21c to 23½c; dairies, 18½c to 22½c.

Cheese—Steady, 12c to 13½c.

NEW YORK.

New York, July 24.—Butter—Quiet and easier; receipts, 14,433 packages; street prices, creamery, common to extra, 20c to 24½c; western imitation creamery, firsts, 21½c to 22c.

Cheese—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 16,227 cases.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, July 24.—Cotton—Futures closed steady; July, 12.05c; August, 11.42c; September, 11.42c; October, 11.82c; November, 11.85c; December, 11.90c; January, 11.96c; February, 11.99c; March, 12.06c; April, 12.09c.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 13.10c; middling gulf, 13.35c.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, July 24.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3.35½c to 3.43½c; centrifugal, 96° test, 3.93½c; molasses sugar, 3.12½c to 3.18½c; refined steady. Molasses—Steady.

LONDON.

London, July 24.—Raw sugar—Muscovado, 9s 9d; centrifugal, 10s 9d; beet sugar, July, 9s 9d.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, July 25.—Ontario wheats are quoted slightly lower, but are still largely nominal. Manitoba wheats are steady. Other grains continue quiet. Prices are:

Wheat—Ontario steady; No. 2 white, 87½c to 88c; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, nominal; No. 1 northern, 97½c; No. 2 northern, 94½c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 60½c to 61c.

Barley—Nominal.

Oats—Ontario, No. 2 white, 44½c to 45c outside; Manitoba, No. 2 white, 44½c to 45c on track at elevators.

Peas—Nominal.

Rye—Nominal.

Flour—Ontario 90 per cent patents, $3 35 bid, $3 40 asked; Manitoba first patents, $5 to $5 [illegible]; seconds, $4 40 to $4 50; strong bakers, $4 20 to $4 30.

Millfeed—Bran, $17 to $17 50 outside; shorts about $20 outside.

Butter—Steady; good demand.

Cheese—Quiet.

Eggs—Steady; considerable shrinkage reported.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, July 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,500 head; market steady; beeves, $4 70 to $7 70; cows, $1 40 to $5 25; heifers, $2 40 to $5 40; calves, $5 50 to $7 25; good to prime steers, $5 75 to $7 30; poor to medium, $4 60 to $5 70; stockers and feeders, $2 75 to $5.

Hogs—Receipts, about 21,000 head; market steady; light, $6 05 to $6 40; mixed, $5 90 to $5 35; heavy, $5 50 to $6 25; rough, $5 50 to $5 85; pigs, $5 70 to $6 45; good to choice heavy, $6 15 to $6 75.

Sheep—Receipts, about 1,000 head; market 10c lower than yesterday's opening; natives, $3 50 to $5 85; westerns, $3 75 to $5 90; yearlings, $6 to $6 65; lambs, $5 50 to $7 35; westerns, $5 50 to $7 40.

TORONTO.

Toronto, July 25.—Trade active, prices steady; 123 loads in today, including 1,700 cattle, 2,420 sheep and lambs, 1,500 hogs and 248 calves. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt.	$5 25	@	$5 75
Export cattle, medium	5 00	@	5 25
Export bulls	4 25	@	4 50
Export cows	3 50	@	4 00
Butchers' cattle, choice	5 00	@	5 25
Butchers' cattle, medium	4 25	@	4 50
Butchers' cattle common	3 50	@	4 00
Butchers' cows	3 00	@	3 50
Butchers' bulls	3 25	@	3 50
Stockers, choice	3 25	@	3 40
Stockers, medium	2 75	@	3 00
Stockers, common	2 25	@	2 50
Stock bulls	2 00	@	2 25
Feeders, heavy	4 40	@	4 50
Feeders, short-keeps	4 50	@	4 75
Milch cows, choice, each	40 00	@	50 00
Milch cows, common, each	25 00	@	35 00
Springers, each	25 00	@	40 00
Export ewes, cwt.	4 25	@	4 50
Export bucks	3 50	@	3 75
Sheep, culls	3 00	@	3 50
Lambs, cwt	6 75	@	7 50
Calves, cwt	4 00	@	6 25
Hogs, selects, cwt., o ffcars	6 90	@	6 90
Hogs, fats and lights	6 65	@	6 65

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, July 24.—Canadian cattle are firmer, at 12c to 13c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9½c to 10c per lb.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, July 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; slow, prices unchanged. Veals—Receipts, 150 head; active and steady, $5 to $8 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,500 head; fairly active; pigs and Yorkers 10 lower, others steady; heavy, $6 20 to $6 60; mixed, $6 65 to $6 70; Yorkers, $6 70 to $6 75; pigs, $6 75 to $6 80; roughs, $5 25 to $5 65; stags, $4 to $4 50; dairies, $5 25 to $6 50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 400 head; active; sheep steady, lambs 10c higher; lambs, $5 to $8; yearlings, $6 to $6 50; wethers, $5 50 to $5 75; ewes, $4 50 to $5; sheep, mixed, $2 50 to $5 25.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, July 24.—Baled Hay—Quiet, at $14 to $15 for No. 1 timothy; No. 2, $12 50.

Baled Straw—$7 25 to $7 50 per ton, in car lots on track here.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, July 25.—Wheat—Spot quiet; No. 2 red western winter, 7s 1d. Futures [illegible] July, 7s 2d; September, 7s 3½d; December, 7s 5¼d.

Corn—Spot quiet and steady; hess dried [illegible] Futures firm; July, nominal; September, 4s 10¼d.

Flour—Winter patents dull, 27s.

Beef—Extra India mess steady, 97s 6d.

Pork—Prime mess western quiet, 81s 3d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 56s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 52s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, firm, 53s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, firm, 55s; do, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, steady, 51s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, steady, 46s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, firm, 49s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, steady, 38s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, firm, 44s; American refined, in pails, strong, 45s 3d.

Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, steady, 54s; do, colored, new, steady, 56s.

Tallow—Prime city dull, 30s 9d.

Turpentine Spirits—Quiet, 42s 6d.

Linseed Oil—Easy, 27s.

Petroleum—Steady, 6¾d.

Rosin—Common firm, 11s 6d.

STOCK MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, July 24.

	Morning. Ask.	Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Bid.
Illinois, pfd.	..	..	..	..
Canadian Pacific	177¾	177	177¾	177
St. Catharines	75	..	..	..
Rio Janeiro Tram.	46¼	..	46	..
Sao Paulo Tram.	116	117	..	115
Toronto Railway	102	..	..	..
Twin City Railway	95	93½	95	94¾
Winnipeg Railway	..	175	..	175
Niagara Navigation	120	..	..	..
Northern Nav.	..	..	..	..
St. L. & C. Nav.	..	125½	..	125½
Bell Telephone	135	131	135	131
General Electric	119	..	119¾	..
City Dairy, pfd.	97	..	..	..
City Dairy, com.	37	..	35	..
Dom. Coal, com.	57	..	55¾	55¼
Dom. Telegraph	119	..	..	..
Woods, com.	..	..	..	..
Mackay, com.	69¾	69	69½	..
Mackay, pfd.	68½	66	..	..
Mexican L. & P.	49	..	..	..
Nipissing Mines	10½	..	10½	..
N. S. Steel, com.	69	..	..	..
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	100	..	..	..
Toronto Electric	170	..	..	..
Dominion Bank	233½	231	..	..
Bank of Hamilton	205	..	..	..
Imperial Bank	220	218	220	218
Merchants' Bank	161	160	161	160
Metropolitan Bank	195	..	..	..
Molsons Bank	210	..	210	..
Bank of Montreal	250	248	250	248
Bank Nova Scotia	285	..	..	..
Bank of Ottawa	220	..	..	..
Royal Bank	..	..	..	..
Standard Bank	..	215	..	215
Sovereign Bank	117	113	117	113
Traders' Bank	137	..	137	..
Union Bank	140	..	140	..
Agricultural Loan	121	..	121	..
Canada Landed	123	..	123	..
Canada Permanent	120½	..	120½	..
Central Canada	160	..	160	..
Colonial Investment	70	..	..	..
Dominion Savings	71	..	..	..
Hamilton Provident	123	..	121	..
Landed Banking	121	..	..	..
London & Canada	105	..	..	..
National Trust	157	..	157	..
Ontario Loan	130	..	130	..
Toronto Gen. Trust	150	..	150	..
Mex. Electric, bds.	..	..	..	..
Rio, bonds	74¾	74½	74¾	74½
Sao Paulo, bonds	92½	..	92½	..

TORONTO.

Toronto, July 25. 12:45.

	Ask.	Bid.
C.P.R.	178	177¾
Mexican Tramway	..	..
Niagara St. C. & T.	..	..
Rio Janeiro	..	46¼
Sao Paulo Tramway	117½	116
Twin City	95	..
Winnipeg Railway	..	..
Niagara Navigation	..	..
Northern Navigation	..	100
St. L. & C. Navigation	..	125
Bell Telephone	..	..
Can. General Electric	..	119
City Dairy, pfd.	..	97
City Dairy, com.	..	35
Consumers' Gas	..	..
Dominion Coal, com.	..	57½
Dominion Steel, pfd.	..	..
Dominion Steel, com.	..	..
Lake of the Woods, com.	..	..
Mackay, com.	..	69
Mackay, pfd.	..	67
Mexican L. & P.	..	..
Nova Scotia Steel, com.	..	69
Ontario & Qu'Appelle Land	..	..
Toronto Electric Light	..	..
Bank of Commerce	..	..
Bank of Montreal	..	..
Imperial Bank	..	..
Merchants Bank	..	..
Metropolitan	..	..
Molsons Bank	..	..
Bank of Montreal	..	250
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	285
Ottawa	..	..
Royal Bank	..	..
Standard Bank	..	..
Union Bank	..	..
Agricultural Loan	..	..
Canada Landed	..	..
Canada Permanent	..	..
Central Canada	..	..
Colonial Investment	..	..
Dominion Savings	..	..
Hamilton Provident	..	..
Landed B. & L.	..	..
London & Canada L. & A.	..	..
National Trust	..	..
Ontario Loan and Deb.	..	..
Toronto Mortgage	..	..
Toronto Gen. Trusts	..	..
Mexican Power bonds	..	81½
Rio bonds	..	74½
Sao Paulo bonds	..	92½

Morning Sales: Twin City, 50 at 95¾, 10 at 95½; Dominion Steel, common, 25 at 22½; Dominion Coal, common, 9 at 55¼; Mexican L. and P., bonds, 5,000 at 82; Illinois Traction, 5 at 85¼; Sao Paulo, 15, 15, 5, 15 and 5 at 117, 20 and 25 at 116¾; Rio, 25 at 45¾; Rio bonds, 3,000, 5,000 and 5,000 at 74¾; Consumers' Gas, xd., 25 at 198; Canada Permanent, 5 at 120½; Traders' Bank, 10 and 10 at 130; Bank of Commerce, 4 at 170, 10 at 170; Dominion Bank, 1 at 233; Mackay, preferred, 25 at 67, 5 and 9 at 67; do, common, 20 at 69¾, 5 at 69¾.

NEW YORK.

New York, July 24.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	[illegible]	[illegible]	92¼	93¼
Amer. Locomotive	[illegible]	[illegible]	59¾	60
American Sugar	[illegible]	[illegible]	122¾	122¾
American Smelting	[illegible]	[illegible]	117¼	118⅜
Anaconda	[illegible]	[illegible]	57¾	58⅜
Atchison	[illegible]	[illegible]	93⅞	94¼
Atchison, pfd.	..	..	..	..
Baltimore & Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]	98⅜	98⅞
Brooklyn Transit	[illegible]	[illegible]	56¼	57⅜
Canadian Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	176½	177⅛
Col. Fuel & Iron	[illegible]	[illegible]	32	32¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]	35	35½
Rock Island	[illegible]	[illegible]	21⅞	22
St. Paul	[illegible]	[illegible]	134½	135⅞
Erie	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	25½
Erie, 1st, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	61	61½
Erie, 2nd, pfd.	..	..	..	..
Illinois Central	..	..	..	..
Louisville & Nash.	[illegible]	[illegible]	114⅞	114⅜
G. Northern, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	136⅛	136½
Northern Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	136⅛	136⅛
Missouri Pacific	..	..	..	..
Kansas & Texas	[illegible]	[illegible]	35⅜	36
Norfolk & Western	..	..	..	..
New York Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	113⅜	114
Pennsylvania	[illegible]	[illegible]	123⅜	123¾
Pacific Mail	[illegible]	[illegible]	30½	30⅜
People's Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]	91	91½
Reading	[illegible]	[illegible]	104½	105⅝
Southern Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	87⅞	90⅜
Southern Railway	[illegible]	[illegible]	19⅜	20
Twin City	..	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]	36¾	36⅞
U. S. Steel, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	100	100⅜
Union Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	144⅞	146¾
Western Union Tel.	[illegible]	..	..	..

MONTREAL.

Montreal, July 24.

	Morning. Ask.	Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Bid.
Bell Telephone	151	..	..	151
Canadian Pacific	177½	177	178	174¾
Detroit Railway, xd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dom. Coal, com.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dom. Steel, com.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dom. Steel, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Halifax Railway	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Havana, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Illinois, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woods, com.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woods, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Laurentide Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Laurentide Paper, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mackay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mackay, pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mexican L. & P.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minn. St. P. & S.S. M.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal Railway	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal Telegraph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal L. H. & P.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N. S. Steel, com.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogilvie, com.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. & O. Navigation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rio Janeiro	46	45¾	..	45¾
Toronto Railway	103	101¾	102½	101¾
Toledo Railway	..	..	..	..
Twin City Railway	95	94½	95	95¼
Bank B. N. A.	151	..	..	..
Bank of Commerce	170	..	170	..
East. Towns. Bank	163¾	..	..	..
Hochelaga Bank	..	..	..	..
Merchants' Bank	161	160	..	..
Montreal Bank	..	..	..	..
Molsons Bank	206	..	206	..
Bank of Montreal	248	..	..	246
Bank of Toronto	..	..	..	..
Bank N. Brunswick	282	..	..	..
Bank Nova Scotia	281	279	281	279
Royal Bank	218	..	..	..
Union Bank	140	..	..	..
Dom. Textile, com.	47	45	47	45
Dom. Textile, pfd.	80	..	80	..
Bell Telephone, bds.	105¾	..	..	..
Dom. Coal bonds	74¾	..	74¾	..
Halifax Ry., bonds	90	..	..	..
Havana, bonds	90	..	82¾	..
Woods, bonds	105	..	104	..
Mex. Electric, bds.	76	..	74¾	..
Mont. Street Ry., bds.	101	..	101¾	..
Price, bonds	104	..	..	..
R. & O., bonds	100	..	..	..
Rio, bonds	75	..	74¾	..
Textile bonds A	92	..	..	..
Textile bonds B	89	..	89	..
Textile bonds C	88	..	..	..
Textile bonds D	89	..	..	..
Winnipeg Elec. bds.	105	..	..	..

Afternoon Sales: Montreal Railway, 25 at 206½; Woods, common, 5 at 71; Tri-City, preferred, 25 at 85; Power, 65 at 95½; Detroit Railway, 100 at 68; Iron, common, 50 at 22½, 50 at 22; Bank of Commerce, 2 at 170; Bank of Montreal, 3 at 247¾; Mackay, 25 at 69¾.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, July 25. 12:30.

	Ask.	Bid.
Bell Telephone	..	151
Canadian Pacific	178½	178
Detroit Railway, xd.	69	68½
Dominion Coal, com.	57	56
Dominion Steel, com.	22¾	21¾
Dominion Steel, pfd.	51	50
Halifax Railway	100	..
Havana	..	..
Illinois	85	..
Lake of the Woods, pfd.	111	..
Laurentide Paper, com.	94	93
Laurentide Paper, pfd.	..	..
Mackay, com.	69¾	69
Mackay, pfd.	68	67
Mexican L. & P.	50	49
Minn., St. P. & S. S. M.	163	..
Montreal Street Railway, xd.	206	205
Montreal Telegraph Co.	..	..
Montreal L., H. & P.	95¾	95½
Nova Scotia Steel and Coal	69	68
Ogilvie Milling, com.	115	111
R. & O. Navigation	66	65½
Rio	45¾	45½
Toledo Railway	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	102	101¾
Twin City Electric Railway	95	94½
B. N. A. Bank	155	..
Eastern Township Bank	163½	160
Merchants' Bank	..	..
Bank of Montreal	248	..
New Brunswick Bank	275	..
Bank of Nova Scotia	282½	..
Quebec Bank	..	..
Royal Bank	217	..
Bank of Toronto	..	..
Union Bank	..	..
Dominion Textile, pfd.	80	..
Textile, com.	..	..
Dominion Cotton bonds	..	..
Halifax Tram bonds	..	..
Havana bonds	..	..
Mexican Electric bonds	76	..
Mexican L., H. & P. Bonds	..	..
Montreal St. Railway bonds	101	..
Nova Scotia Steel bonds	..	..
Scotia, cons.	..	..
Price bonds	..	..
Rio bonds	75	74¾
Textile bonds A	..	..
Textile bonds B	..	..
Textile bonds C	..	..
Winnipeg Electric bonds	..	..

Morning Sales: Montreal Railway, 5 at 206, 18 at 207½, 2 at 206; Twin City, 1 at 95, 25 at 95¼; Laurentide Paper, 25 at 93; Toronto Railway, 10 at 102; Power, 25 at 95½, 10 at 95⅝, 40 at 95½, 10 at 95⅜, 25 at 95¼, 100 at 95; Rio, 60 at 45¾, 50 at 45½, 50 at 45⅛; R. and O., 2 at 66; Mackay, preferred, 25 at 67¼, 5 at 68; Coal, common, 9 at 55¼; Illinois Traction, 5 at 85; Iron, common, 75 at 22⅛, 75 at 22, 25 at 22⅛, 50 at 22⅛; Rio, bonds, 1,000 at 74⅝; Merchants' Bank, 2 at 161½, 1 at 161; Detroit Railway 25 at 68¼; Scotia, common, 50 at 68; Iron, bonds, 1,000 at 74½.

DUFFERIN BY-ELECTION

Conservative Candidate McKeown Wins by Small Majority.

Orangeville, July 24.—McKeown won today the by-election for the Legislature for Dufferin. Woods, the Liberal candidate, was defeated by 100. The seat was rendered vacant by the death of F. W. Lewis, who defeated W. A. Wansborough in the elections of January, 1905, by a majority of 292.

FINE FOR THREE RIVERS

C. P. R. May Make It the Terminal for Its Steamers.

Montreal, July 24. — Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., today stated that C. P. R. officials are considering the advisability of making Three Rivers the St. Lawrence terminal for Empress steamships, instead of Quebec as at present. This is the first official confirmation obtained on the report which has been current to that effect. It is claimed that facilities at Quebec are not adequate and also that the labor problem there is always a difficulty.

WOULDN'T ASK FOR MERCY

Noted Woman Revolutionist Hanged at Moscow.

Moscow, July 25.—With the observance of the greatest privacy, Madame Fromkina, who in March last attempted to assassinate Gen. Rheinbol, the ex-prefect of police, and who in May made an attempt to murder the inspector of the political prison here, wounding him with a pistol which had been mysteriously smuggled into her cell, was hanged in this city at sunrise today. The authorities made every effort during the past fortnight to persuade the woman to plead for the mercy of the Emperor, but this she obstinately refused to do. Her parents interceded with the throne in her behalf, but their efforts were unavailing.

Madame Fromkina was not charged with actual murder, but accused of making several ineffectual attempts to kill officials. It is believed that her mind was unbalanced, and that she suffered from hysteria.

This is the first time a woman has been executed in Russia since Anna Benediotova was put to death at Cronstadt last October for complicity in a plot to blow up a public building.

SAILORS FIGHT.

Bosnia, July 25. — Fifteen men, including several officers, were wounded last night on board the Italian battleship Sardinia, during a fight between sailors of the north and south, following a quarrel.

Victoria's Great Fire Proves Boon to That City

Scores of Worthless Shacks Wiped Out—Loss Is $125,000.

Victoria, B. C., July 25.—A careful estimate of the losses caused by yesterday's fire place the total at about $125,000, with insurance of between $40,000 and $50,000.

Although fifty-seven buildings were destroyed, the greater number of these were practically worthless shacks, the destruction of which will prove a boon. It is estimated that some thirty families were burnt out, but no destitution has been caused as not a single application for assistance in the way of shelter or food was made to authorities last night, although Mayor Morley promptly issued a proclamation stating that the civic government was ready to respond to any call for help. A public meeting has been called for Friday night to discuss the situation.

W. K Bouser, M. P. P., of Vancouver, was today sworn in as attorney-general. Nomination has been set for August 22.

TAKING THE CONGO FROM LEOPOLD

Soon to Become a Colony of Belgian Government—Ending Atrocities.

Brussels, July 24.—The close of King Leopold's long struggle to stave off the annexation of Congo to Belgium, and to retain his personal sovereignty over this rich and extensive African state, is foreshadowed in the agreement reached on July 12 between the Belgian and the Congo Governments elaborating the terms upon which the Congo Free State shall pass into the possession of Belgium.

This transfer will mark an important epoch for Congo, as heretofore the entire conduct of affairs has been under the personal direction of King Leopold and a cabinet of Congo officers entirely separate from, and independent of, Belgium, whereas the new regime will make the Belgian Government responsible for the conduct of Congo affairs.

The proposed transfer comes at a time when Major Lemaire's charges of Congo atrocities are again directing attention to the past administration. Charges of this nature have heretofore aroused much resentment in Europe and America and the Congo administration has sought to meet them in part by the investigations of a commission, the report of which disclosed many serious abuses. Major Lemaire now renews the attack with a vehemence, and an authoritative status, which give added effect to his charges.

GIFTS TO PREMIER ON EXHIBITION

Magnificent Caskets Presented to Sir Wilfrid by British Cities.

Ottawa, July 24.—The testimonials and addresses presented to the Premier during his recent visit to England by the cities of London, Manchester and Bristol are on view in the window of a local goldsmith. Seldom have more beautiful specimens of the goldsmith's art been seen in Ottawa, while the coloring and artistic finish of the different addresses is a revelation of the high standard reached in England in this respect.

The City of London casket consists of a gold centerpiece surmounted by a globe, upon which is engraved the boundaries of the different British possessions. The upper half of the globe serves as a cover, the parchment being placed within, while two gold lions flank the base, which is faced by an enameled shield of the arms of the corporation of London. A splendidly illuminated address to the Premiers attending the conference accompanies this beautiful testimonial.

The Manchester offering is a silver epergne of exquisite workmanship in the form of a triple goblet, and bears the coat-of-arms of the great manufacturing center. It is accompanied by an address in old English lettering.

From Bristol corporation Sir Wilfrid received an oblong casket of gold, magnificently chased. The casket rests upon miniature gold copies of the prow of a ship of Cabot's time, emblematic of the historical fact that the discoverer sailed from Bristol upon his voyage to America. The casket bears the coat-of-arms of the city, and with it is the address on parchment presented to the Premier upon the occasion of the conferring of the city's freedom.

REPORTED DEAD; IS ALIVE

Warsaw, Ind., July 25.—Elijah Hays, a philanthropist, aged 90 years, whose death was announced last Sunday from a local pulpit, is still alive. At his home yesterday he walked to a window, fell and cut a severe gash in his head but last night was said to be much alive in spite of the obituary printed on Monday.

Monday morning an undertaker went to embalm the body, and found that Mr. Hays was alive, but in a comatose condition. The nonagenarian revived somewhat, and today was able to leave his bed unassisted. In 1887 Mr. Hays gave all his property, amounting to $100,000, to the Methodist Episcopal Foreign Missionary Society for use in the education of preachers at the Nicholas Lowe Institute at Mercedes, Argentine, South America. After this gift he received an annuity from the church In 1904, he turned over to the foreign missionary society of the Methodist Church $21,000, which he had saved out of this annuity.

THEATRICAL FOLK BACK

New York, July 24.—Charles Frohman and Fritzi Scheff were among the theatrical folks aboard the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, which arrived today. Mr. Frohman is back after eight months abroad He was accompanied by Handon Chambers, one of whose plays he will produce this fall. He also brought with him several plays of Henry Bernstein, which he will produce during the next two years. Mr. Frohman related his plans for the coming theatrical season.

Miss Scheff has been abroad since May and returns in excellent health. Another celebrity of the footlights was Miss Mary Creighton, who appeared in Mr. Chambers' play "Sir Anthony," last season. The advance guard of members of the English Opera Company, which is to play the London musical comedy, "The Dairy Maids," arrived today on the Oceanic.

HUGGER-MUGGER, SAYS LORD CURZON

Ex-Indian Viceroy Criticises Methods of the Colonial Office.

London, July 25.—Lord Curzon, Chancellor of Oxford University, speaking at a banquet given in his honor, after expressing the opinion that the trouble in India is only skin deep, strongly criticised what he described as Great Britain's "unscientific hugger-mugger methods of administering the empire."

He said that no country in the world had such a reserve of experience and authority in the art of civil government, and made such little use of it The colonial office, he said, was made up of permanent officials, many of whom had never set eyes on the colonies they administered, and he asked why there should not be an imperial council of some kind to assist in their administration.

THE COBALT STRIKE

Cobalt, July 24.—In addition to the dozen mines that last week consented to the demands of the strikers, there are five others on the list, namely: The Bonanza, Badger, Silver Nugget, Columbus and Cartwright.

There is ample evidence that the strike is petering out by the slim crowds that were gathered on the square every evening.

A new labor speaker was heard last night in the person of Robt. Kearns, who, it is said, is an experienced miner. He criticised the enormous expenditure of several of the leading mines in doing development work notably sinking shafts covering too much of an area for such small vein systems.

PHOTOGRAPHERS CONVENE.

Toronto, July 24.—The first convention in seven years of the Photographers' Association of Canada opened in Victoria Hall this morning with a large attendance, and President A. M. Cunningham, of Hamilton, in the chair. A resolution was passed favoring a less cost than at present for the copyrighting of pictures, and the amending of the act so as to allow of the mere statement of copyright and date attached thereto to be sufficient.