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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

Latest Market Quotations by Mail and Telegraph.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Feb. 28—12:30 p.m.—Consols, 98⅝ for money, 98⅝ for account; Mexican, 23¾; Mexican Central, 6⅝; St. Paul, 77¾; Erie, seconds, 102; Erie, 20¾; Pacific Central, 54¼; Reading, 13¾; Canadian Pacific, 85⅝; New York Central, 111½; Illinois Central, 101¼; Bank of England rate, 2½ per cent.; open market discount, 1⅞.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—1 p.m.—Stock market firm, strong; American Express, —; Atcheson, 31⅞; C. B. and Q., 94⅛; Canadian Pacific, —; Canada Southern, 54⅞; Delaware and Hudson, 128⅛; Delaware and Lackawanna, 145¾; L. N., 73⅞; Lake Shore, 126⅞; Michigan Central, —; Northern Pacific, 15⅞; Northern Pacific, preferred, 39; Northwestern, 111⅛; New York Central, —; R. I., 82¾; St. Paul, 76⅞; St. Paul, preferred, 122⅛; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, —; Union Pacific, 37⅞; Western Union, 95⅞.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Feb. 28.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	236	234
Ontario	125	122
Molsons	—	—
Toronto	259	258½
Merchants	169	164
Commerce	148½	147
Imperial	192	191
Dominion	281½	281
Standard	170	168½
Hamilton	168	165½
British America	128	126½
Western Assurance	171½	170½
Canada Life	—	616
Confederation Life	300	293
Consumers' Gas	194	193
Dominion Telegraph	—	105
Northwest Land Company	—	—
Canada Pacific Railway Bonds	83½	82½
Bell Telephone Company	—	—
Dominion Savings and Loan	—	130
Farmers Loan and Savings	—	120
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent.	—	140
Huron and Erie L. and S.	—	152
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent.	—	130½
London and Canada L. and A.	109	106
London Loan	—	120
London and Ontario	—	115
Ontario Loan and Debenture	105½	104

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.

	Ask.	Off
Bank of Montreal	236	232½
Ontario Bank	—	—
Banque du Peuple	115	112
Molsons Bank	—	—
Bank of Toronto	—	—
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	—	138
Banque Cartier	—	—
Merchants' Bank	169	166
Federal Bank	—	—
Union Bank	—	103
Bank of Commerce	—	—
Wabash	—	—
Wabash, preferred	—	—
Montreal Telegraph Co.	154½	153½
N. W. Land Company	—	—
Dominion Telegraph Co.	—	—
Rich. and Ont. Navigation Co.	76½	75½
City Passenger Railway	188	—
Montreal Gas Company	234	232½
C. P. R.	83½	82½
Canada Cotton Company	111	110
Montreal Cotton Company	155	151
Dominion Cotton Company	—	—
New Gas	139	137
Commercial Cable Company	182½	181
Bell Telephone Company	165	161½
Grand Trunk Ry., firsts	—	—
Duluth Railway, common	12½	11½
Duluth Railway, preferred	30	28

COMMERCIAL.

Local Market Quotations.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Business was quiet to-day in all lines. The receipts were very small. Wheat sales at $1 10 to $1 12; oats at $1; beans at $1 25 to $1 35. Dressed hogs at $8 to $8 25. Butter and eggs quiet and unchanged. Potatoes easier at $1 to $1 10. Hay sold from $8 to $9; light supply. General values as follows:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, 100 lbs	1 12	to	1 12
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	1 10	to	1 10
Wheat, spring per 100 lbs	1 10	to	1 12
Oats, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 02
Peas, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 05
Corn, per 100 lbs	95	to	1 00
Barley, per 100 lbs	90	to	90
Rye, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 05
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	80	to	90
Beans, per bu	1 25	to	1 35
PROVISIONS			
Eggs, fresh, single doz	24	to	28
Eggs, fresh, basket, per doz	22	to	24
Eggs, fresh, store lots, per doz	22	to	22
Eggs, packed, per doz	00	to	00
Butter, single rolls, per lb	25	to	28
Butter, per lb, baskets of 1 lb rolls	23	to	25
Butter per lb, large rolls or crocks	22	to	24
Butter, per lb, tubs or firkins	16	to	24
Lard per lb	12	to	15
Chickens per pair	60	to	70
Ducks	60	to	80
Turkeys, 12½c per lb each	00	to	0 00
HAY AND SEEDS.			
Hay, per ton	7 50	to	9 00
Clover seed, red, per bu	9 00	to	9 25
Clover seed, Alsike, per bu	7 00	to	8 00
Timothy seed, per bu	0 00	to	0 00
Hungarian seed, per bu	50	to	75
Millet seed, per bu	50	to	75
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag	80	to	1 00
Grapes, per lb	00	to	00
Radishes, per doz. bunches	30	to	50
Celery, per doz	30	to	50
Cabbages, per doz	99	to	1 00
Cauliflowers, per doz	5	to	50
Squashes, each	10	to	20
Pumpkins, each	1 00	to	1 10
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	to	1 00
Onions, per bu	40	to	50
Carrots, per bag	75	to	75
Beets, per bag	10	to	25
Turnips, per bu	75	to	75
Parsnips, per bag	37	to	38
Wool, per lb	6½	to	7
Tallow, rendered, per lb	4	to	4½
Tallow, rough, per lb			
MEATS, HIDES, ETC.			
Beef, quarters, per lb	5	to	6½
Mutton, quarters per lb	6	to	7
Veal, quarters, per lb	5	to	6
Lamb quarters, per lb	7	to	8
Dressed hogs, 200 lbs	8 00	to	8 25
Hides, No. 1, per lb	4	to	4
Hides, No. 2, per lb	3	to	3
Hides, No. 3, per lb	2	to	2
Calfskins, green, per lb	5	to	5
Sheepskins, each	50	to	100
Lambskins, each	00	to	00
Pelts, each	00	to	00

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Toronto Market.

TORONTO, Feb. 28.

FLOUR—Extra, $3 09 to $3 10; straight roller, $3 15 to $3 20.

WHEAT—White, 66c to 68c; spring, No. 2, 62c to 63c; red winter, 66c to 67c; goose, 60c to 61c; Manitoba hard, No. 1, 86c to 87c; Manitoba hard, No. 2, 83c to 84c; Manitoba hard, No. 3, 75c to 76c; frosted, No. 1, 72c to 72c.

PEAS—No. 2, 57c to 58c.

BARLEY—No. 1, 45c to 45c; No. 2, 40c to 40c; No. 3 extra, 36c to 39c; No. 3, 33c to 35c.

OATS—No. 2, 34c to 35c.

Market dull. Sales—White wheat outside at 66c to 66½c, and No. 2 hard at North Bay at 84c; No. 3 extra barley on the Northern at 35c; oats on spot at 34c to 35c, at North Bay at 36c, and outside at 30½c to 31c; peas outside at 56c.

Montreal Market.

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.

FLOUR—Receipts, 600 bbls. Flour market quiet, unchanged. The quotations are: Patents winter, $4 15 to $4 25; do, spring, $4 30 to $4 40; straight roller, $3 60 to $3 70; extra, $3 15 to $3 25; superfine, $2 75 to $2 85; strong bakers, $4 00 to $4 15; Ontario bags, $1 70 to $1 80.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2 hard Manitoba, 82c to 84c; corn, 63c to 65c; peas, 73c to 74c; oats, 33c to 34c; barley, 50c to 55c; rye, 60c to 62c.

MEAL—Oatmeal, $2 00 to $2 10; cornmeal $1 80 to $1 40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, $23 00 to $24 00; lard, 10c to 12½c; bacon, 11c to 12½c; hams, 13c to 14c; cheese, 11½c to 12c; butter townships, 21c to 23c; western, 18c to 20c; eggs, 26c to 28c.

English Markets.

Beerbohm's Report by Cable.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

Floating cargoes—Wheat steadily held; corn none.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat, not much inquiry; corn, there is demand for cargoes near by, but little for more distant delivery.

Mark Lane—Spot good mixed American corn 20s 9d, was 21s.

Weather in England fine.

Liverpool—Spot wheat quiet, corn cheaper to sell; No. 1 Cal. 6s 1d—½d cheaper; red winter 5s 7½d—1d cheaper; corn 4s 1½d—¾d cheaper.

On passage to United Kingdom—Wheat, 3,280,000 qrs.; corn, 483,000 qrs. To ontinent—Wheat, 713,000 qrs.; corn, 116,000 qrs.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 28.

The quotations for the last three market days are as follows:

	Feb. 25.		Feb. 27,		Feb. 28.	
	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.
Spring	6 4	6 5	6 4	6 5	6 4	6 5
Red Winter.	5 9	5 10	5 9	5 10	5 7½	5 8½
No. 1 Cal.	6 4	6 3	6 2	6 3	6 1½	6 2½
Corn, old	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Corn, new	4 2½	0 0	4 2½	0 0	4 2	0 0
Peas, perc.	5 3	0 0	5 3	0 0	5 3½	0 0
Pork	93 9	0 0	93 9	0 0	93 9	0 0
Lard	61 6	0 0	61 0	0 0	61 6	00 0
Bacon, hvy.	52 0	0 0	51 6	00 0	51 6	00 0
Bacon, light	53 0	0 0	52 6	00 0	52 6	00 0
Tallow	36 0	00 0	36 0	00 0	36 0	00 0
Cheese, wh.	56 0	00 0	56 0	00 0	56 0	00 0
Cheese, col.	56 0	00 0	56 0	00 0	56 0	00 0

Wheat dull, demand poor, holders offer freely; corn quiet, demand poor. Receipts of wheat for the past 3 days 184,000 centals, including 43,000 American; receipts of corn for the past 3 days 51,300 centals American. Weather fine.

British Grain Trade.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: The price of English wheat has not varied in most of the markets. The London quotations are up to the average. The sales of English wheat since the harvest have been 3,386,000 quarters, against 3,993,000 quarters for the corresponding period last year. Four and a half million quarters have heretofore been the average sales. The prices of foreign wheat have slightly appreciated. Australian is privately offering at 31s per five centals at Liverpool. One hundred and seventy-five thousand quarters have been shipped at this price. The remainder of the stock is held for is advance. The amount of wheat on passage to Great Britain on Feb. 25 was 2,500,000 quarters.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.

THE LEADING FUTURES CLOSED.

WHEAT—No. 2 Feb., 72½c; May, 75⅞c to 75⅞c; July, 74½c.

CORN—No. 2 Feb., 37⅞c; May, 42⅞c; July, 43⅝c to 43½c.

OATS—No. 2 Feb., 29½c; May, 32½c.

MESS PORK—May, $18 25.

LARD—New, $12 70; July, $11 65; Sept., $11 35.

SHORT RIBS—May, $10 05.

CASH QUOTATIONS.

No. 2 spring wheat, 72c to 72½c; No. 3 do, 62c to 65c; No. 2 red, 72c to 72½c; No. 2 corn, 39½c; No. 3, 36½c; No. 2 oats, 29½c to 30c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 33c to 34½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 32c to 33½c; No. 2 rye, 52c; No. 2 barley, 64c; mess pork, $18 10 to $18 20; lard, $12 62½ to $12 65; short ribs sides, $10 05; dry salted shoulders, $9 75 to $9 87½; short clear sides, $10 55 to $10 60.

Receipts—			
Flour	2,000	Wheat	108,000
Corn	151,000	Oats	248,000
Rye	5,000	Barley	74,000
Shipments—			
Flour	25,000	Wheat	32,000
Corn	90,000	Oats	111,000
Rye	8,000	Barley	39,000

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27.

WHEAT—Spring—The break in Chicago caused local buyers to withdraw orders, as they anticipated a heavy decline. Market closed dull; old No. 1 hard, 84⅞c; new, 80⅞c; No. 1northern, 81½c; Chicago, 80⅞c; Washburn, 76⅞c; new No. 1 northern Duluth, 76½c; No. 2, 74½c. Sales were: 1,300 bu No. 1 hard, 81½c; 700 bu do 81⅞c; 600 bu No. 1 northern Duluth, 77c; 13,000 bu do, 76⅞c; 5,000 bu do, 76⅞c. Winter wheat—Dull and lower for No. 2 red; sales, 1 car No. 1 white, 77c; 2 cars extra No. 2 white, 75c; 2 cars No. 2 red, 76c; No. 3 extra red, 75c asked.

CORN—Opened weaker; limited demand; closed steady: No. 2 yellow, 46⅞c; No. 3 yellow, 46½c; No. 4 yellow, 46c; No. 2 corn, 46½c; No. 3 corn, 46c; No. 4 corn, 45½c; inspection, 26 cars; sales 19 cars.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 39c to 39½c; No. 3 white, 38c; No. 2 mixed, 36c to 36½c; inspection, 23 cars; sales 13 cars.

BARLEY—Offerings light; demand fair; State, 68c to 75c; western, 53c to 72c; Michigan, 60c to 66c; Canada, 75c to 83c.

RYE—Dull; 60c to 62c for No. 2.

FLOUR—Quiet and weak.

MILLFEED—Quiet and weak.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.

FLOUR—Dull.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Firm.

PEAS—Quiet; Canada nominal.

WHEAT—Receipts, 1,100 bu; exports, 81,000 bu; sales, 3,820,000 bu futures; 34,000 bu spot; spots lower; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 77½c; No. 1 northern, 83⅞c; No. 1 hard, 87½c; No. 2 northern, 82⅞c; options lower, closing steady, ⅛c to ¼c under Saturday; No. 2 red, Feb. and March, 78⅞c; May, 79½c; June, 79⅞c; July, 80⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 63,000 bu; exports, 89,000 bu; sales, 320,000 bu futures, 50,000 bu spot; spots easier, closing steady; No. 2, 51⅞c to 52⅛c, elevator; No. 3, 49½c to 51c; No. 2 white, 52½c; options lower, closing weak; Feb. and March, 51⅞c; April, 51½c; May, 50c; July, 50⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 27,000 bu; exports, 1,000 bu; sales, 80,000 bu futures; 95,000 bu spot; options weaker; Feb. and March, 37½c; May, 37⅞c; spots lower; No. 2, 37⅞c to 38c; No. 2 white, 40½c to 41c; No. 2 Chicago, 38⅞c to 39c; No. 3, 37c; No. 3 white, 40c; mixed western, 38c to 39½c; white do and white State, 40c to 45½c.

EGGS—Lower; State and Pennsylvania, 19c; southern, 18c to 19c; western, fresh, 19c; duck, 34c to 37c.

COFFEE—Options opened steady; closed steady; sales, 26,000 bags, including March $17 60; April, $17 15; May, $16 95; spot Rio firmer; No. 7, 18½c to 18¾c.

SUGAR—Steady; standard "A," 4⅞c to 4 13-16c; confectioners' "A," 4⅛c to 4 11-16c; cut-loaf and crushed, 5⅛c to 5 7-16c; powdered, 4⅞c to 5 11-16c; granulated, 4⅞c to 4 15-16c.

U. S. Early Markets.

BUFFALO, Feb. 27.—The visible supply is 1,872,000 bu, and shows a decrease of but 36,000 bu during the week, and the amount in sight exceeds that shown on the corresponding date last year—305,000 bu.

At Buffalo—Stocks aggregate 578,000 bu, a decrease of 40,512 bu, but there is in store now 281,000 bu more than on the corresponding date last year. A fair percentage of this has, however, been sold for consumption, and will disappear from the records within a week or two. It is difficult to get the quantity of free barley here, but it is quite evident that there is very little choice grade stuff held here open for sale. The market is firm on light offerings, with fair inquiry. Quoted: No. 1 Canada, 83c; No. 2 extra, 79c to 81c; No. 2, 77c to 78c; No. 3 extra, 75c; No. 2 western, none offered; No. 3 extra do., 71c to 72c; sample, 53c to 65c; State, 68c to 75c; Michigan, 60c to 66c.

At Oswego—Small lots have gone out for consumption, but there is no trade and no shipments; nominal quotations for Canada, 71c to 79c.

At Albany—There is a little improvement in demand; Canada, 80c to 85c; State, 70c to 80c.

At New York—Stocks in store, 227,050 bu, a slight increase during the week. Of the quantity afloat reported last week there remains but 99,500 bu, and most of the store barley is held on account of maltsters. The market is firm; choice State and Western, 75c to 80c; Canada, 84c to 93c, to arrive.

At Milwaukee—Stocks in store, 206,000 bu, an increase during the week of 38,000 bu, but the stocks now here, as compared with the same date last year, are less by 43,000 bu. The market is quiet and slightly easier; spot No. 2 at 62c, and sales of sample lots at 40c to 59c.

At St. Louis—Stocks are down to 36,131 bu, being a decrease of about 5,000 bu as compared with last week, and nearly 50,000 bu less than the corresponding date last year. The market is firm and the demand is fair.

At Chicago—Very little barley in store; No. 2 barley, 64c; sales of No. 3, f. o. b., 42c to 63c; No. 4, f. o. b., sold at 37c to 48c.

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y.

EAST BUFFALO, Feb. 27.—Cattle—135 cars on sale; attendance of buyers only fair, and for anything but prime beeves values were off 10c to 15c from last Monday; the best export stock here sold at $5 50 to $5 75; good, $5 35 to $5 50; shippers, medium weights to fat fancy, $4 65 to $5 15; good butchers, about 12 cwt, sold at $4 65 to $4 75; fair, $3 50 to $4 25; for lighter grades; fat pony steers, $4 15 to $4 50; light half fats, $3 65 to $4; oxen, $2 75 to $4 75; cows and heifers, good to extra, $3 65 to $4 20; export bulls, $4 10 to $4 25; fat butchers, $3 50 to $4; sausage, $2 75 to $3 25. Stockers and feeders—10 cars on sale; fair to fancy stock steers, $2 75 to $3 65, and fair to choice stock heifers, $2 75 to $3 25; good to choice feeders, $3 75 to $4; yearlings, $2 50 to $3. There were 15 cars of milch cows and springers; the best stock sold fairly at last week's prices; common to fair, $18 to $28; good to choice early springers, $38 to $42; late do, $25 to $35; old rims and thin dairy cows, $16 to $20. Calves—150 head on sale; market active and 50c and 75c per cwt stronger; best, $8 50; good to choice at $7 to $8 and $8 25; heavy fed, $3 50 to $4 75.

Sheep and Lambs—About 50 cars on sale at the opening, including 5 cars of last week's stock, and later in the day 16 cars additional were yarded; early sales of sheep were steady and 10c higher, and lambs at 15c to 25c over the close of last week; at the close the market was steady, with the advance in prices fairly maintained; good to fancy wethers, $5 10 to $5 35, and $5 50 for prime Canadas; Canada sheep, $4 50 to $5; some fancy lambs sold at $6 65; choice 80 to 90 lbs at $6 25 to $6 40; fair to good, $5 to $6 25.

Hogs—Offerings were 70 cars, including a liberal number of good quality medium weights weighing 200 to 230 lbs, which were taken mostly by packers at $8 25 to $8 35; a deck or two on the fancy order brought $8 40, and a few small lots to countrymen after the close sold at a shade more: York men were taking a few loads of good 165 to 190 lb hogs at $8 to $8 10, and closely sorted, $8 15, while lighter weight Yorkers were draggy at $7 80 to $7 85; pigs slow at $7 75 for the best; roughs, $7 to $7 50; stags, $6 to $7.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—There were about 450 head of butchers' cattle, 50 calves and 20 sheep offered at the East End abattoir to-day. Prime beeves were rather scarce, and the prices of these were higher than on the last market, but common to pretty good beasts were more plentiful, and the butchers were in no hurry to buy, unless at a slight reduction from last week's prices. Four superior steers sold at 4½c per lb, and good beeves sold readily at 4¼c do; pretty good stock sold at about 4c; rough, half-fatted steers and dry cows sold at about 3½c, and lean old cows at about 3c per lb. There were more than the usual number of bulls offered to-day, and prices were from 3½c to 4c per lb. Most of the good calves were bought up before reaching the market, at from 7c to 11c per lb each. Common veals sold at from $4 to $6 each. McDuff Lamb bought two good calves for $19. Nearly all the sheep on the market to-day were brought on farmers' sleighs, and were of pretty good quality, selling at from $5 to $7 each. Fat hogs continues to bring about 7c per lb.

Petrolea Oil Market.

PETROLEA, Feb. 28.—Oil opened and closed at $1 18½.

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AN ENTERTAINING RUMOR,

But Evidently Little Truth in It—The C. P. R. and a Steamboat Line to Port Stanley.

A rumor has been pretty well circulated about the city to the effect that a C. P. R. engineer had been at Port Stanley on Saturday last getting information as to the condition of the harbor. In connection with this it was said that the C. P. R. intended placing a line of steamers on the route between Port Stanley and Cleveland, obtain running powers over the London and Port Stanley Railroad, and connect with their line at St. Thomas, also the Western Ontario extension by means of the "Y" at London.

The syndicate people, although admitting that the C. P. R. had been offered the same rate as the M. C. R., were not aware that anyone had been at Port Stanley looking over the ground.

A C. P. R. official when spoken to about the matter laughed, and said that there was no truth whatever in the talk about the company establishing a steamboat to the Port. "It is not likely," he added, "that the C. P. R. would go into competition with themselves by running steamers parallel with the railway."

Steamships Arrived.

Feb. 27.	At	From
Italia	Gibraltar	New York
Kaiser Wilhelm II.	New York	Genoa

IRREGULAR DELIVERY.

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LOCAL RAILWAY MATTERS.

The termination of the L. and P. S. R. lease to the Grand Trunk Railway might have been expected to create considerable confusion, an expectation which is being fulfilled.

Thus far the situation is as follows:

1. The Grand Trunk have restored the L. and P. S. R. to the city of London and the city's co-owners.

2. A new company, popularly known as the Cleveland Syndicate, have secured the lease of the L. and P. S. R. on certain conditions.

3. The City Council for 1893 is opposing the legislation now being promoted at Ottawa by the Cleveland Syndicate, on the ground that the bill before the House would give the syndicate a greater hold on the L. and P. S. R. and its belongings than was agreed to by the city—in other words, that the legislation would to a certain extent over-ride the lease.

4. The Michigan Central Railway gave notice of immediate withdrawal from London altogether; but countermanded the order 24 hours afterwards; then subsequently gave another notice of withdrawal. On Thursday, the syndicate and the M. C. R. will have a conference respecting freight running powers.

5. A new rumor credits the C. P. R. with taking a special interest in the L. and P. S. R.

It is to be hoped that the present anomalous condition of things will soon be cleared up, that citizens may know who's who and what's what, and take whatever steps are best to secure the largest amount of advantage to the city.

Meantime, turn on the light.

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—Misses Eliza Geoghegan and Hanna Hills, city, are visiting friends in Toronto.

—The ice is in good condition for to-night's carnival at the Queen's Avenue Rink.

—John S. Dewar, of this city, has been appointed returning officer for the South Middlesex election.

—A burning chimney at the residence of Wm. Richmond, Hamilton street, was attended to by the firemen this afternoon. No damage.

—County Constable John A. Graham received a telegram from St. Johns last night saying that a free fight was in progress among a crowd of young men of the city who were out there at a dance. Mr. Graham went out to the scene, but no arrests were made. Summonses may, however, be issued against the offenders.

—Robt. McIlvenna, a teamster for a local coal firm, was charged with obstructing the sidewalk by backing onto it while delivering coal to a Dundas street merchant. He was let off on suspended sentence. A young man charged with being disorderly in the Opera House last night was bound over to keep the peace for three months. One drunk was discharged.

A Great Lecture.

The lecture to be given in Dundas Center Methodist Church this evening by Mr. Samuel Dickie, leader of the Prohibition party in the United States, promises to be a most interesting discourse. All tickets purchased for Mrs. Lathrap's lecture are good for admission to-night.

The Recent Petition.

An expert has been examining the recent petition for more liquor licenses. The petition contains 1,660 signatures, not 2,000 as stated. The employes of the Carling B. and M. Company cover one page of the petition with their signatures, and those of Labatt's another. A large number of names on the petition do not appear in the city directory. In one page of 36 names only 23 are found in the directory, and three of these reside in London West. There are a large number of "repeaters" on the petition. One man, whose place of business is not 1,000 miles from the market, signs it seven times. Another signature appears three times, and scores appear twice. A copy of the petition was in every barroom in the city. The absence of the names of Dundas and Richmond street business men is noticeable. Of the professional men only one doctor and two lawyers require more drinking places than now exist. It is only fair to say that one of the two lawyers emphatically denies ever seeing the petition, let alone signing it. A gentleman to whom a copy of the petition was submitted said, "This is the rankest petition I ever saw—not one quarter of them are voters." Finally, the petition has been rigidly scrutinized by parties familiar with the voters' lists, and they confidently assert that not more than 550 of the 1,660 names are voters.

MR. KINGSMILL'S OPINION.

The M. C. R. Solicitor on the Port Stanley Difficulty—The Syndicate Acted Honorably—Freight Business Will be Continued.

Our Ottawa correspondent telegraphs: Mr. Kingsmill, solicitor to the M. C. R., arrived in the city this forenoon, and I interviewed him at the Rideau Club on the withdrawal of his company's trains from London.

"I have not heard officially of the change, but I would not be surprised if it were true. I can't tell the cause; but the change will be for purely business reasons. The report that the M. C. R. withdraws because of difficulties with the new syndicate you may set down as without foundation, as well as the story that our company has any interest whatsoever in the syndicate. I know that the syndicate offered very favorable terms to the M. C. R. and have been anxious to add to their traffic by co-operating with us. The syndicate have acted like thorough business men and our company has no quarrel with them. I think London has a very good bargain and may well aid the syndicate in making the new deal a complete success. I wanted the M. C. R. to take hold of the L. and P. S. R., but after examination the management did not think there was anything in it. Our lease is with the G. T. R., and it comes to an end when that company gives it up. What the future will be I can't now say, but we will continue to carry all traffic to and from London that is delivered to us."

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OUR WORLD'S FAIR LETTER.

New York is Said to be Satisfied.

A Statue in Butter—Goats from Asia Minor—How Many Can Get to the Grounds Each Hour—People from Ceylon—The First Locomotive—President Cleveland to Formally Open the Fair.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Though much has been said and more published that New York was greatly dissatisfied with the space allowed for its exhibits and would withdraw them from the fair, we were assured this morning that a very large majority of the exhibitors from that commonwealth will be on hand with exhibits that will do justice to its greatness and the proud position it holds in the sisterhood of States.

New York has had alloted to her 418,000 feet of surface out of a total of 3,000,000 feet. She was granted the most desirable site on the grounds, and has been given the most favorable positions in each of the exhibition buildings. The State has already appropriated $300,000, and this amount is likely so be followed by an additional sum of the same amount. New York will enter the gates on May 1, as a grand financial example to other States and the grumbling comes from but few.

Mrs. Caroline Brooks, of Flushing, L. I., has been commissioned by the Indiana board of lady managers to model a heroic statue, in butter, of one of the goddesses of mythology.

The secretary of the department of agriculture has received a letter from a gentleman in Idaho who wishes to exhibit 20 to 50 Angora goats. Arrangements will be made to give space to this rare exhibit. The goats were brought from India and Asia Minor.

The general manager of transportation has just completed a final estimate of the carrying capacity of the lines that will control the Jackson Park traffic. He has found that not more than 100,000 persons can be handled in one hour, but even that will make any serious blockade or inconvenience impossible. This estimate may be increased a little during good weather, when an extra force of excursion boats may be brought into service. It is estimated that the elevated railroad will be able to handle 20,000 persons per hour and the two cable roads 15,000 each, the balance going to the Illinois Central, Baltimore and Ohio and the steamers on the lake.

Ohio has progressed well with her pavilion. Missouri has received a lot of carved material for hers and begins work at once. Indiana and Michigan are driving their first nails, and Kentucky is still excavating for her subterranean exhibit. The representatives from all the States are actively at work, and as the time approaches for the opening of the great exposition, nothing is being left undone to make their exhibits and general display as fine as time and money will permit.

To offset the dirty Esquimaux, who brought a new variety of odors of various degrees of strength with them from Greenland's icy mountains, there arrived in the city yesterday 53 representatives of the people of the beautiful palm-crowned island of Ceylon.

The special car containing these Ceylonese artisans, who came to build a village at the fair grounds, was attached to a Great Western train as it rolled into the station three hours late. It was a strange picture made by these southern faces, with the big vari-colored turbans above them, thrust out of the windows of the car, smiling pleasant greetings to those who met them. Imagine a mulatto with just a suggestion of old gold shining through the duskier shade and you have the complexion of the Ceylonese. Their hair is long, thin, black and fine. The features of the face are delicate, refined and classically beautiful. All of the new-comers speak English well, some fluently and with perfect accent. They expressed their surprise at the magnitude of the country and the sights they had seen in choice language. They will build three courts, a central one and two minor ones, where a complete Ceylon exhibit will be placed.

Yesterday morning the first locomotive that ever entered Chicago was run by its own steam to Jackson Park, and will be the first engine installed in the department of transportation exhibits. The locomotive came to Chicago by water, and was the "pioneer" of the Chicago and Galena Railroad. The old engine is most interesting on account of its construction and history, and will no doubt attract much attention at the fair.

Pennsylvania's State Board has arranged for an excellent representation of its public school system, and, in addition, will have a special feature in the children's home. A school for the blind—some 20 or 30 children with their instructors—is to be sent to the exposition and will be in session at intervals, showing the methods of instruction and aptitude of the pupils taught in the schools.

New York's State Board is also preparing a great exhibit, following much the same lines as Massachusetts, but on a larger scale.

President-Elect Cleveland has already said informally that he will consider it an honor to be present at the opening of the fair and make a speech formally throwing the gates open to the people of all nations. He has also advised the committee having the matter in charge that he will receive them on March 6, and accept their invitation officially.

NOTES.

Miss Laura Hayes has been granted permission to sell reproductions of the last nail driven in the woman's building made as pencil and pencil holder.

The State of Kansas has been given the privilege to sell photographs and books relating to the national history exhibit.

J. J. Gibson, of Ann Arbor, Mich., will be permitted to take photographs of visitors on the ground.

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