FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

HAY WAS PLENTIFUL AND DEMAND BRISK

Twenty-Five Loads Offered at From $15 to $16 a Ton.

There was another small market this morning, with sales comparatively slow. About the only thing that was offered in any quantity was hay, and the demand for this was very brisk. There were some 25 loads in all, the majority of which sold at from $15 to $15 50. One sale was reported at $16, and there were a number of poorer loads that went for $14 50.

Oats remained at about the same figure, going from $1 20 to $1 25, the majority of the loads selling at about $1 23. Other grains were very scarce despite the strong demand for them.

It is expected that if the snow continues there will be a record market on Saturday, as all the farmers report that there is a splendid bottom on the roads to make sleighing. The last couple of weeks have been rather unfavorable for marketing, and as a result the markets have been small; but with the improved weather and the near approach of the holiday season, there can be little doubt that the markets will be very much larger for the next week or more.

The quotations for the day remain as follows:

Grain.

Wheat, per bu	$1 02	to	$1 05
Oats, per cwt	1 20	to	1 25
Corn, per cwt	1 35	to	1 40
Buckwheat, per cwt	1 25	to	1 30
Barley, per cwt	1 15	to	1 25
Peas, per cwt	1 15	to	1 35
Beans, per bu	1 25	to	1 65
Rye, per cwt	1 05	to	1 10

Hay and Straw.

Hay, per ton	14 00	to	15 50
Straw, per ton	7 00	to	8 00

Dairy Produce.

Butter, creamery, lb	26½	to	27½
Butter, rolls, lb	25	to	26
Butter, crock, lb	24	to	25
Eggs, crate, dozen	28	to	30
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	33	to	35
Honey, strained, lb	10	to	15
Honey, in comb	12	to	25

Poultry, Dressed.

Turkeys, per lb	16½	to	18
Ducks, spring, per lb	14	to	15
Old ducks, per lb	10	to	11
Old fowl, per lb	8	to	9
Chickens, per lb	12	to	14
Geese, per lb	10	to	11

Poultry, Alive.

Old fowl, per lb	7	to	8
Turkeys, per lb	12	to	14
Spring chicks, per lb	9	to	10
Ducks, per lb	9	to	9
Young fowl, per lb	9	to	11

Butchers' Meats.

Beef, by the carcase	5 50	to	7 50
Mutton, per cwt	7 00	to	8 00
Veal, per cwt	7 00	to	9 00
Spring lamb, per lb	10	to	11
Dressed hogs, per cwt	10 25	to	10 50

Live Stock.

Small pigs, per pair	5 50	to	5 50
Select hogs, per cwt	7 50	to	7 60
Fat sows, per cwt	5 00	to	6 00
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	3 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	5 50
Milch cows, each	20 00	to	55 00

Hides and Wool.

Lambskins, each	75	to	85
Wool, washed, per lb	20	to	22
Wool, unwashed, per lb	12	to	14
Hides, No. 1, lb	11	to	12
Hides, No. 2, lb	10	to	10
Hides, No. 3, lb	9	to	9
Calfskins, per lb	15	to	15
Sheepskins, each	75	to	1 40
Tallow, rough, lb	3	to	3
Tallow, rendered, lb	5½	to	5½

Vegetables.

Potatoes, per bag	55	to	65
Turnips, per bu	25	to	25
Celery, per dozen	30	to	40
Sage, per dozen	20	to	20
Lettuce, per dozen	20	to	20
Savory, per dozen	20	to	20
Cauliflowers, each	5	to	20
Cabbage, dozen (to size)	20	to	40
Red cabbage, dozen	40	to	40
Onions, per bu	1 10	to	1 25
Beets, per bu	40	to	45
Parsnips, per bu	50	to	50
Beans, per bu	1 20	to	1 50
Spinach, per bu	50	to	60
Mangels, bu, by the load	20	to	20
Carrots, bu, by the load	20	to	25
Pumpkins, each	5	to	20

Fruits.

Apples, per bag	40	to	90
Apples, per bu	20	to	50
Apples, per barrel	1 50	to	2 00
Quinces	25	to	40
Citrons, per dozen	50	to	1 00

LIVE STOCK.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—Although the receipts of cattle today were large, the demand abates none of the activity which has characterized this market of late. With the exception of some of the poorer qualities of rough cattle, for which there is poor demand, the market is firm and active for everything offering in the way of good to choice butcher cattle. Of the extra choice fancy Christmas cattle, not so many are offering as in some former years, but there are a few which sold at from $6 25 to $7. Choice loads of butcher cattle sold strong at $5 to $5 75, medium to common butchers steady to firm at $3 50 to $4 50. Lambs are quoted about 50c higher than last week, and sheep 10c higher. Hogs unchanged. The total run was 117 cars, with 2,400 head of cattle, 800 sheep and lambs, 150 hogs and 200 calves.

PRODUCE.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—Farmers' market prices today: Hay and straw—New hay, $17 to $21; clover and mixed hay, $10 to $16; straw, sheafed, $17; do, loose, $9 to $10; baled hay, No. 1 timothy, $14 50 to $15; No. 2 timothy, $13 to $14, in car lots on track at Toronto; baled straw, $9 to $9 50, according to quality. Potatoes—From 45c to 50c per bag, in car lots on track at Toronto, and 55c to 60c per bag in store; retail, 65c to 70c. Butter—Dairy, choice, lb, 28c to 30c; do, seconds, 26c to 27c. Eggs—New-laid, dozen, 45c to 50c; do, held, 30c to 35c.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE Chicago, Dec. 15

Wheat, Dec	113	113½	112⅝	112⅝
May	110⅞	111¼	110	110¾
July	100⅝	100¾	99⅝	99¾
Corn, Dec	61¼	62	61½	61¾
May	66	66	65⅝	65⅝
July	65⅝	65⅝	65⅛	65⅛
Oats, Dec	43¼	43¼	43	43⅛
May	44¼	44⅞	44⅝	44⅝
July	42⅝	42½	42⅛	42⅛
Pork Jan	21 75	21 90	21 75	21 90
May	21 45	21 67	21 40	21 67
Lard, Jan	12 80	12 82	12 80	12 82
Oct	11 80	11 92	11 75	11 92
Ribs, Jan	11 75	11 92	11 75	11 92
May	11 25	11 35	11 25	11 35

STOCKS.

By private wire to H. C. Becher, London, from Harris, Winthrop & Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—Wall street, 10 a.m.—Americans in London are firm, ¼ to ½ up.

It is reported that the switchmen at Butte, Mont., will return to work, and the Amalgamated mines will resume today.

Hearing on the Third Avenue reorganization plan before the public service committee today.

Final crop report today at 2 p.m.

Reading and Louisville dividend meetings today.

Principal savings banks so far are not disposed to follow the lead of the Bowery Bank in reducing deposit from 4½ to 4 per cent.

Copper stocks in London are heavy and lower.

Norfolk and Western earnings are now equivalent to over 10 per cent on common.

United States Steel reports a seasonable falling off in business, but orders continue in excess of capacity.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.	Asked.	Bid
Asbestos pref	92½	..
Packers A	85	75
Packrs B	85	76
Bell Telephone	..	146
Canadian General Electric	112	..
Candaian Salt	..	112
Canadian Pacific Ry	180½	..
City Dairy, Com	32	..
City Dairy, pref	100	99¾
Consumers Gas	..	205
Crow's Nest	78	76
Detroit United	..	65
Dominion Coal, com	92	91½
Dominion Steel, com	71½	..
Dominion Steel, pref	137¼	..
Dominion Telegraph	..	169
Electric Dev., pref	49	..
Intercolonial Coal, com	..	82½
Illinois, pref	..	92½
Lake of the Woods, com	..	133¾
Laurentide Paper com	..	121
Laurentide Paper pfd	128	120
Mackay, com	..	76
McKay, pfd	76½	76
Mexican L. & P.	..	68
Montreal Power	..	126¾
Niagara Navigation	136	..
Northern Navigation	120	119¾
N. S. Steel, com	..	82¼
Ogilvie Milling, com	140	..
Pearman	59	58¼
Penman, pref	..	80
Porto Rico Railway	36	..
Rio de Janeiro	..	90
R. & O. Navigation	99	..
Rogers, com	145	135¼
Rogers, pref	110	105
Sao Paulo	150½	150
Shredded Wheat, pref	..	99
St. L. & C. Navigation	119⅞	..
Toronto Electric	..	120
Toronto Railway	..	129¾
Tri City, pref	93	..
Twin City	..	111½
Winnipeg Railway	185	..
La Rose	495	490
Nipissing	11 00	10 75
Tretheway	147	..
Bank Commerce	194	193
Dominion Bank	242	..
Bank of Hamilton	206	205
Imperial Bank	227	..
Merchants Bank	..	165
Molsons Bank	..	200½
Bank of Montreal	..	250
Bank of Nova Scotia	277	..
Bank Ottawa	210	..
Royal Bank	..	224
Standard Bank	228	..
Bank Toronto	..	215
Traders Bank	148	147½
Union Bank	..	136½
Agricultural Loan	..	120
Canada Landed	..	153
Canada Permanent	..	160½
Central Canada	..	170
Dominion Savings	..	71½
Hamilton Provident	..	131
Huron & Erie	..	192
Huron & Erie 20 per cent	..	182
Landed Banking	..	130
London & Canada	..	111
National Trust	..	180
Ontario Loan	..	139
Ontario Loan 20 per cent	..	127½
Real Estate	..	104
Toronto Mortgage	..	127
Electric Development	..	83
Mexican Light and Power bonds	..	82
Rio de Janiero bonds	..	95
Sao Paulo	..	99½
C.P.R. Rights	..	9⅛

Morning Sales: Toronto Railway, 10 a 127, xd., 4, 5 and 3 at 125, 50, 15 and 5 at 125, 50 and 50 at 127, xd., 25 at 125¾, 5 at 125⅝; C. P. R., 10 at 179⅝, 1 at 180 ex. rights, 3, 1, 1, 1 and 3 at 10, 15 at 9¾, 5 and 5 at 9⅞; Electrical Development bonds, 1,000 at 83; Canada Permanent, 5 and 30 at 160½; Dominion Steel, 10 a 71½, 75, 50, 25, 50 and 25, 50 at 71⅝, 100, 2 and 50 at 71¾, 50 at 71⅞, 50 at 71½; Dominion Coal, xd., 25 at 92, 75 at 92, 1 at 92; Rio, bonds, 1,000 at 93, 1,000 at 93 and interest, 500 at 95 flat, 5,500 at 95 flat; Consumers' Gas, 4 at 205; Northern Navigation, 50 at 120, 20 at 120; La Rose, 20 at 4.90; Dominion Bank, 35 at 242, 21 at 242; Bank of Commerce, 150 at 193; London and Canada, 6 at 112; Ogilvie bonds A, 1,000 at 112½; Penmans, 50 at 58¼, 5 at 58⅛; Imperial Bank, 5 at 227, 1 at 226½; Sao Paulo, 10 at 150¼; Twin City, 1 a 112; Porto Rico, 25 at 46.

Ex-dividend: Agricultural Loan, 3 per cent; Dominion Coal, 1 per cent; Duluth-Superior Traction, 1 per cent; General Electric, 1¾ per cent; Canada Permanent 2 per cent; Toronto Railway, 1¾ per cent; Toronto Mortgage, 3 per cent; Bank of Nova Scotia, 3 per cent; Royal Bank 2½ per cent; Molsons Bank, 2½ per cent Twin City, preferred, 1¾ per cent; Landed Banking, 3 per cent.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—2 p.m.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	87¼	88	87	87⅞
Anaconda Copper	49⅜	..	..	..
American Sugar	123½	123½	123⅛	123⅛
Amer. Beet Sugar	47	..	..	..
Amer. Locomotive	61¼	..	..	..
American Foundry	72	72	71⅞	71⅞
American Refining	100⅝	101⅜	100⅝	101⅜
Amer. Cotton Oil	68½	..	..	..
Atchison, com	121¾	121¾	121⅝	121¾
Baltimore & Ohio	117¼	117½	117⅛	117½
Brooklyn Transit	79⅝	80¼	79⅝	80¼
Canadian Pacific	178¾	179⅜	178¾	179⅜
Chesapeake & Ohio	87½	87½	87⅜	87⅜
Consolidated Gas	150¾	..	..	..
Col. Fuel & Iron	52¼	52¼	51¾	52⅛
Chicago & N. W.	181	..	..	..
Distillers	37¼	37⅝	37¼	37⅜
Erie, com	34	..	..	..
Erie, pfd	50½	..	..	..
G. Northern, pfd	144½	144½	143⅞	143⅞
Illinois Central	147	..	..	..
Inter-Metropolitan	24	24⅛	23⅞	24⅛
Inter-Met., pfd	60⅜	61⅛	60⅜	61⅛
Kansas & Texas	49⅝	49¾	49½	49⅝
Louisville & Nash	153	154⅞	153	154¾
Missouri Pacific	72	72	71⅞	72
New York Central	123¾	123¾	123⅜	123½
Northern Pacific	146¾	..	..	..
Norfolk & Western	100	..	..	..
National Lead	87½	..	..	..
Pacific Mail	41	41	40	40
Pennsylvania	134⅝	135	134½	134¾
People's Gas	114½	..	..	..
Pressed Steel Car	51¾	51¾	51½	51½
Reading	169¼	170⅜	169⅜	169⅞
Republic Steel	46¼	..	..	..
Rock Island	43¾	44⅛	43¾	43⅞
Rock Island, pfd	91⅞	91⅞	91½	91½
Southern Railway	32⅜	32¾	32⅜	32¾
Southern Ry., pfd	75¼	75½	74¾	75¼
Southern Pacific	132	132⅝	131⅞	132½
St. Paul	156⅞	157¼	156¾	157¼
Texas Pacific	35½	..	..	..
Union Pacific	202⅜	202⅞	202⅛	202¾
Central Leather	46⅜	46½	46¼	46½
U. S. Rubber	52½	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	90⅛	91	90⅛	91
U. S. Steel, pfd	125¾	125¾	125	125¼
Wabash, com	21	21⅜	21	21⅜
Wabash pfd	57	58¼	57	58⅛
Western Union Tel	78⅛	..	..	..

MONTREAL, Dec. 15	Asked	Bid
Duluth Superior	67⅜	67⅛
Bell Telephone	149	145
Canadian Converters	45	43
Canadian Pacific	179½	179
Detroit Electric	65¼	65
Dominion Coal, com	91⅞	91½
Dominion Coal, pref	..	117
Dominion Steel, com	71¼	71¼
Dominion Steel, pfd	137	136½
Halifax Electric	..	121
Havanah Electric, pref	..	89½
Illinois Traction, pref	92¾	91¼
Lake of the Woods, com	133½	133
Lake of the Woods, pref	130	..
Laurentide Paper, com	131½	130
Laurentide Paper, pref	130	125
McKay Com	..	91
Mackay, pref	..	76
Minn. & St. Paul	..	..
Mt. L., H. & Power	130	129¾
Montreal Street Railway	215¼	215¼
Montreal Steel Works	99¾	..
Montreal Telegraph	120	145
Nor. Ohio T. & L.	26¼	26½
N. S. Steel & Coal	82½	82⅜
North Star	140	..
Ogilvie Milling pref	126	..
R. & O. Navigation	89¼	89¼
Rio de Janerio	90½	90
Toledo Electric	9	8
Toronto Railway	126	125⅞
Twin City	112½	111¼
Winnipeg	185	..
Windsor Hotel	120	..
Bank of Commerce	194	193
Merchants Bank	170	..
Molsons Bank	..	205
Bank Montreal	252	251
Bank Nova Scotia	279	278
Bank of Ottawa	210	..
Bank of Toronto	219	..
Union Bank	..	137
Rubber bonds	99	..
Porto Rico bonds	83½	82½
Dominion Textile, pref	104	103¾
Dominion Coal bonds	99¼	97½
Dominion Iron and Steel bonds	..	99¼
Laurentide Paper bonds	111	..
Montreal Light and Power bonds	99¼	..
Ogilvie Milling bonds	115	..
Sao Paulo Tramway	99½	..
Textile bonds A	..	96½
Textile bonds B	..	100
Textile bonds C	96	95
Winnipeg Electric bonds	104½	..
Penman, com	58½	58
Quebec, com	65	..
Quebec, pref	..	120
Rubber, com	94	94
Rubber, pref	118	115
Textile com	70⅞	70⅝

Morning sales: Pacific, 25, 25 at 179⅝, 100 at 179½, 50, 100, 25 at 179¼, 75 50, 25 at 179½; Asbestos, preferred, 50, 15 at 39; C. P. R. Rights, 25 at 9⅞, 30, 4, at 10, 6 at 10⅜, 3, 2, 3 at 10¼, 3 at 10⅛; Street Railway, 1 at 215, 25 at 215⅜, 15 at 215, 100 at 215¼, 25 at 215⅜, 15 at 215; Laurentide 50 at 131¼; Power, 8 at 129, 275 at 129½, 50, 91, 142, 100, 50, 110, 75 at 130, 25, 75, 175, 50, 25, 250 at 130⅛, 4 at 129½, 10 at 130¼; Shawinigan 25 at 101½, 100 at 100⅞; Rails, 1 at 125, 25 at 125¼, 10 at 125½; Halifax Railway, 25 at 121½; Telegraph, 25 at 147; Rio, 125 at 90¼; Penman, common, 100 at 58; Soo, common, 25 at 142, 25 at 141½, 60 at 141; Duluth Superior, 50 at 67⅜; Telephont, 6 at 147; Quebec, 25 at 68; Twin, 25 at 111¾; Iron, common, 75, 480 at 71¾, 250 at 71⅞; Halifax bonds, 1,000 at 100; Woods, 13 at 134; Rubber, common 75 at 94¾, 25 at 94¼, 25 at 94; Asbestos, preferred, 12½ at 90; Reserve, 10 at 460; Scotia, 25 at 82, 55 at 82¼, 125 at 82½; Coal, common, 50, 150 at 91½, 25 at 91⅝; Switch, 25 at 99¼; Texas, preferred, 25 at 103; Bank of Commerce 22 at 193; Merchants Bank, 10 at 170; Textile bonds, 500 at 95; Ogilvie bonds, 1,000 at 112¾; Iron bonds, 9,000 at 96, 1,000 at 95¾.

LIVE STOCK.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 250 head; dull; prime steers, $ to $8 25. Veals—Receipts, 50 head; active and 25c higher, $7 to $10. Hogs—Receipts 5,500 head; slow and a shade easier; mixed, $8 50 to $8 55; pigs, $8 to $8 20; roughs $7 75 to $7 90; dairies, $8 25 to $8 40. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 24,800 head; active and steady; lambs, $5 25 to $8 75; yearlings, $6 50 to $7 25; wethers, $5 25 to $5 75; ewes, $5 to $5 50; sheep, mixed, $ to $5 50; Canada lambs, $8 25 to $8 50 lambs closed slow and 10c lower.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Canadian cattle are fairly steady at 12½c to 13½c per lb refrigerator beef is weak, at 9c to 10c per lb.

DISINFECTING TELEPHONES

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Company, was seen by The Advertiser and stated that the company has regular inspectors, who visit the houses in which telephones are installed once or twice a year, and while they are there thoroughly clean and disinfect the mouthpieces with a special disinfectant.

Mouthpieces Replaced.

"All corroded mouthpieces are replaced," he said, "and if any subscribers have reason to believe that the mouthpieces of their 'phones are not in proper condition, they have only to report the matter to us, and they are given a new one. The inspectors always carry a number of new mouthpieces in their valises, and wherever they think it necessary to replace a mouthpiece they do so. The public telephones and pay stations are visited regularly and the parts washed with the disinfectant.

Numerous Devices.

On being asked, Mr. Baird stated that numerous devices have been invented for keeping 'phones disinfected, but that so far none of them have proven practicable on account of interfering with the transmission of the sound.

"We found that the only way to do the thing so that there was no trouble at all was to send our inspectors around and let them do it. This method is now used by all telephone companies."

Physicians state that cleaning once or twice a year is not sufficient to keep an ordinary house 'phone in a cleanly condition, with the average amount of use that it gets. Many house 'phones, they point out, are in constant use and must of necessity become corroded.

People Are Careless.

"Very few persons who have telephones take the trouble to clean the mouthpieces themselves," said one doctor. "While in places of business where desk 'phones or instruments of the other variety are in constant use every day by large numbers of different people, the 'phones are never cleaned, except on the visit perhaps of the regular telephone inspector. Some of the mouthpieces cannot help getting in a condition that is unhealthy, especially if they are in central parts of the city where a great deal of dust is constantly in the air."

EAST LONDON

KING STREET BIBLE CLASS.

The Bible Class of the King Street Presbyterian Church held an entertainment in the lecture-room of the church last evening, City Clerk Baker presiding. An address was delivered by Rev. James Rollins, the pastor, Miss Marie Dyer and Miss Mina Taylor rendered solos, and a sketch entitled "The Wife's Bonnet," led by Miss Jean Walker, was very amusing. Among those who took part in it were Misses Munn, Florence Scott Anderson and Warrick and Mr. Goodburne.

DEATH OF MRS. BRAY.

Mrs. Mary Bray, relict of the late Patrick Bray, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Michael Muckler, 654 York street, after an illness extending over a week. Mrs. Bray was 70 years old, and came to this country from Ireland many years ago. She settled in London forty years ago. Her husband died in 1872. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. M. Muckler and Mrs. Joseph Morris, and one son, Mr. John Bray, all of this city. The funeral will be held on Thursday from the residence of Mrs. Muckler, and interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

MOTHERS' CLUB.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chesley Avenue Mothers' Club will be held in the kindergarten of that school on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. Mrs. Carson will be present, and give a talk on "Christmas Thought and Presents."

A cordial invitation is extended to all the ladies in the district.

CHOIR ENTERTAINED.

The choir of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church was entertained by Miss Martha Payne at her home, 458 Hamilton road, the other evening. After an hour or two of music and games of various kinds, light refreshments were served. Before leaving, Mr. Reginald Hudson, the popular organist of the church, in a very neat speech, thanked Miss Payne, on behalf of the choir, for the very enjoyable evening spent in her home.

LATE JOHN FOLEY.

The remains of John Foley, the C. P. R. conductor, who was killed recently at Blind River, arrived in the city last night on the G. T. R. express from the east. The funeral will be held on Friday morning to St. Mary's Church and interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

CONCERT AT VICTORIA HOME.

Last evening the young people of the First Methodist Church Epworth League gave a concert at the Victoria Home for Incurables. The programme consisted of musical selections, readings and recitations, and was under the direction of Mr. Jack Evans.

WORST IS OVER

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Parker is a Burwell boy also. He, too, farms in summer, and sails in fall and winter. Both are courageous chaps, and would give a good account of themselves in any blow.

Worst Is Over.

According to the opinions of mariners here the worst is over. The vessel has endured the heavy storm of the past two days without breaking, and it is considered certain that she can endure the present storm.

If the sea runs down this morning sufficient for a tug to go out with safety, provisions will be taken out to the men.

They are in need of food, and this will be the first care of the people along the shore.

Official Speaks.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—General Superintendent James Oborne, of the C. P. R., who was in communication with Port Burwell late yesterday afternoon, made a statement to a reporter last night of a decidedly hopeful character.

"The Ashtabula," he said, "belongs to the Pennsylvania and Ontario Transportation Company, and plies between Ashtabula and Port Burwell, Ont. When she first struck on the sandbar, the vessel was almost 800 feet away from the dock, but the last report I received was to the effect that she had drifted shoreward fully 500 feet.

"I cannot think," said Mr. Oborne, "that the Ashtabula is seriously damaged, and with the moderation of the weather which is promised for Wednesday, there should be little difficulty experienced in getting the vessel off into deep water again. At any rate the captain refused to accept aid from the life-saving crew, who had come from Port Stanley to take them off the stranded craft, so he cannot consider the vessel to be in any real danger."

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

Bishop White's Departure.

Toronto World: Bishop White, who was recently inducted as head of the Anglican Church in Honan, China, left yesterday afternoon in company with Mrs. White for New York. A large number of friends had gathered at the station to bid them farewell. They will sail from New York today for England, where they will spend Christmas with their two boys, who are attending the C. M. S. School at Hermsfield, for the Children of Missionaries. The Bishop of Honan and his wife are expected to sail for China about the second week in January.

Personal Mention

Mr. Roy Bannatyne, who has been attending the College of Pharmacy in Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation in this city.

Mr. John Gillson, the well-known cattle buyer, of London Township, who is in St. Joseph's Hospital, having undergone a critical operation, is now doing nicely, and his early recovery is looked for.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Miller, of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, of this city.

Edmonton Bulletin: Mr. Arthur Uren, manager of the Pembina Hotel, Entwistle, has returned from a trip to Toronto, London and St. Marys.

Stratford Herald: Mrs. D. A. MacLachlan, who has spent about six weeks in a private hospital in London, has returned to her home on Water street, much improved in health.

Progressive Euchre Tonight.

There will be a progressive euchre evening at the Liberal Club rooms in Hyman Hall tonight. There was a large number of Liberals and their friends present last evening, and a much larger crowd is expected tonight. The executive will meet also, to arrange for the joint debates with the Young Liberal Clubs of Hamilton, Toronto and other places.

LOCAL DEATH RATE IS VERY LOW ONE

Dr. Hutchinson's Report Shows It To Be Only 12.8 in the Thousand.

FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS

Only 40 Died From This Disease, Against 51 the Year Previous—Board of Health Meeting.

At the last meeting of the board of health for 1909 held yesterday afternoon in the city hall, the annual report of Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, was submitted, and sent to the council.

The deaths for the year numbered 639, a decrease of 55, as compared with last year. The death rate, consequently, is 12.8 for London, a very low figure.

The number of deaths from tuberculosis was reduced from 51 to 40, due Dr. Hutchinson considered, to the stricter isolation that now prevailed, and a better knowledge of the disease by the public.

Cancer assumed first place as the cause of deaths, not only in London, but in the province. There were 49 deaths from this cause.

Pneumonia is second, with 45. He advised people to sleep with their windows open. Diphtheria caused two deaths and typhoid one. Three deaths were due to railway accidents, two died by poisoning and two suicided.

Disinfect the Phones.

Dr. Hutchinson advocated the frequent disinfection of public telephones, as it would prevent the spread of disease.

There were 66 authorized milk-dealers, and the regulations regarding milk, and the care of cows had been rigidly enforced during the year.

Secretary Baker made his annual report, showing that during the year 2 1-3 miles of sewer had been laid, and the condition of the Langarth street sewer had been investigated.

Carling's Creek had also been cleaned out. The backyard inspection had been carried out most thoroughly.

Garbage Disposal.

The question of a garbage disposal had been considered at considerable length, and as a result a bylaw would be submitted to the people in January. Careful examinations of the city water supply had been made during the year, and as a rule found satisfactory. Steps had been taken to prevent the Springbank ponds from pollution. He dealt with the complaints regarding the smallpox hospital, and as a result a new building had been erected, to cost $3,000.

During the year there had been 16 meetings, the attendance being as follows: Dr. Niven 12, John Graham 10, J. H. McMechan 10, R. A. Carrothers 8, Harry Clark 9, Mayor Stevely 6, W. J. Stevenson 2.

The Smallpox Hospital.

City Architect Nutter made a report on the progress of the smallpox hospital, and he advised the enforcement of the penalty clause in their contracts. A debate followed, in which Mr. R. A. Carrothers criticized the architect regarding the famous two steps. Mr. Carrothers said that the original plans did not show the steps. Dr. Niven insisted that they were shown in the originals.

After further discussion, Mr. Clark moved that the penalty clause be enforced. It was decided, however, to have Mr. Nutter make his report on the building, with recommendations as to what penalties he would impose, and then the board will take action.

"There are some of the contracts not up to the specifications," said Mr. Nutter. "I think they should be compelled to live up to the letter of their agreements."

Some progress certificates on the work were issued.

The Milk Reports.

Dr. Tamlyn advocated that the milk reports be published. This method would effectually weed out the unclean milk seller, and would make for the betterment of the milk supply generally.

This will be done.

The usual batch of accounts were passed.

Those present were Dr. Niven, chairman; R. A. Carrothers, Harry Clark, John Graham, Mayor Stevely, City Architect Nutter, Inspector McCallum, Dr. Hutchinson, M. H. O.; Dr. Tamlyn, Secretary Baker.

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