COLLINGWOOD—TORONTO LINE.

Mr. Booth Thinks His Road is Safe Enough, No Matter Whether the Proposed Road is Built or Not.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Mr. J. R. Booth, who is practically the owner of the Parry Sound Railroad, when asked as to the probable effect of the proposed Toronto-Collingwood line on the business of his railway, said he had not given the matter much thought, but he was convinced that the grain trade of the O., A. & P. S. would not be affected in the least, even if the Collingwood-Toronto line were to be pushed forward immediately. The scheme might possibly be the means of diminishing slightly the trade on the lake steamers plying between Port Arthur and Buffalo, as it would be a faster method of transporting grain. If the grain handled on the proposed route were shipped across Lake Ontario from Toronto it would, of course, increase the trade at Buffalo. If shipped down the Grand Trunk to Montreal it would not interfere with the O., A. & P. S. business, as last year the grain trade on the latter road did not affect Grand Trunk traffic in the slightest. According to Mr. Booth's opinion, there is enough grain to be handled from Western Canada to keep at least four railway companies busy. The Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound has its grain traffic firmly established, and next year the amount handled will be reckoned in the millions of bushels. Incidentally, Mr. Booth discussed the rumor that the proposed James Bay Railway, if built, would secure a connection with the O., A. & P. S. He said that no proposition had ever been made to him in the matter.

FRENCH RIGHTS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Lobster Packing is Not One of the Rights, According to Hon. A. B. Morine.

New York, Jan. 9.—A despatch to The Herald from St. John's, Nfld., says: "Reporters have interviewed Government officials and other public men on the subject of the French rights along the treaty shore of this island. The Hon. A. B. Morine, agent for Newfoundland during the visit of the Royal Commissioners, Sir John Bramston and Sir James Erskine, says: 'The treaties do not justify the French carrying on lobster packing. Our case does not depend on the distinction between crustacea and fish. The question of the sovereignty of the soil is involved. The treaties cede the French the right to catch fish and dry them on the land, as in 1713. The treaty of that year said the French should not erect any building besides stages made of boards and the huts necessary for the usual drying of fish. The declaration of the treaty of Versailles, in 1783, said the French could build only their scaffolds, by which was meant fish flakes for drying purposes.

"Lobsters were not tinned in 1713 or 1783. The tinning industry requires permanent buildings and factories on the shore. Lobsters are not dried, but boiled, and their packing is an industry attached to the soil, not to the fishery treaty shore. If there is any value whatever in such treaties they should be rigidly enforced. These fishing stations on the treaty coast do not exceed seven, and none are profitable, apart from the lobster trade."

UNION SCALE OF WAGES.

Typographical Union Wait Upon the Premier and Want the Scale Put in Printing Contracts.

Hon. A. S. Hardy yesterday listened to a deputation representing the Typographical Union, in reference to the printing contract. They asked that the clause providing for the union scale of wages be not overlooked in granting the contract, and urged that speculation be discouraged.

Mr. Hardy replied that the clause would be considered.

The experts have had a hard job with the tenders, but finished their work at 3.50 o'clock yesterday, figuring to present the tender lowest all round. The figures were sent up to Hon. Mr. Harcourt, who gave them no consideration yesterday. When he does so he will make recommendations to the Government, who will decide on the acceptance of the tender.

Man and Horses Killed.

Halifax, Jan. 9.—Captain Nicholson Curry of Avondale, 55 years of age, brother of Rufus and Fred Curry of Windsor, was killed at the railway crossing just outside of Windsor about 6 o'clock this evening. He was driving across the track on his way home when his wagon was struck by an engine of the express train and knocked to splinters. Mr. Curry was instantly killed, also the horses. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and three children.

ATTO
DRY GOODS ONLY

SEMI-ANNUAL SALE

The following offers constitute to-day's specials to be added to the already interesting lists published in connection with our great sale:

Handkerchiefs—

A special purchase of 200 dozen—gentlemen's fine linen cambric—tape and veined borders, for 90c per half dozen.

Wool Blankets—

Thirty-five pairs, slightly soiled, being otherwise sound and warrantable.

6 lbs. marked $4.25, now $3.
7 to 9 lbs., marked $5, $5.50, $6, now $4.
9 to 11 lbs., marked $7.50, $8.50, $10, now $6.
11 lbs. marked $10 to $12, now $8.

Silk Gauzes—

The balance of the season's great importations, to be cleared at fifty cents per yard.

These were from 60c to $1.75 and include Tinsels, Tissues, Gauzes, Gismonda, Crinkled, Mousseline de Soie, in lace and embroidered effects, gilded nets.

Linen Damasks—

Odd quantities, slightly damaged and soiled lines, that we will include in linen sale now on.

Table Cloths and Table Napkins, in all sizes, slightly damaged, clearing at reductions of 1-3 to 1-2 off regular prices. Odd lines in 2x2 1-2 size, $3.50, were $5.50; slightly soiled, 2x3 size, $3.25, were $5.

Mail Orders—

for any line mentioned in special semi-annual sale lists are given prompt and accurate attention.

JOHN CATTO & SON,
King-street—Opposite the Postoffice.

The Robert SIMPSON Co. Limited

TORONTO, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1899.

Large Selling in White Goods. If you've seen our White Goods display you'll easily understand our leadership. Quality in material, skill in workmanship, taste in style—these conditions we insist on. That price is right goes without saying. We're satisfied that you should make any test and comparison you like. Some specimen lines :—

Ladies' Skirt, pointed flounce of embroidery, two widths of insertion above flounce 4.50

Ladies' Chemise, good cotton, Swiss embroidery down front and trimmed with Swiss embroidery on neck and sleeves, six rows of tucks of two in each row in front..... .66

Ladies' Chemise, fine nainsook, yoke of insertion and ribbon, neck, sleeves and yoke trimmed with lace 1.75

Ladies' Gown, fine quality American cotton, square yoke of insertion with wide frill of embroidery around yoke and on cuffs..... 2.25

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Gown, Empire style, front trimmed with embroidery and insertion 3.50

Extra Quality Cambric Drawers, deep frill of embroidery, with insertion heading and tucks..... 1.00

Ladies' Drawers, fine cambric, deep pointed frill of lawn edged with deep embroidery..... 1.85

WHITE QUILTS.

75 only Extra Fine Crochet Quilts, soft finish, in extremely rich and neat patterns, these quilts are manufactured from good round even yarns and will give exceptionally good wear, size 11-4, or double bed size, special, a quilt 1.15

107 only Extra Heavy Crochet Quilts, very fine, soft finish, in new and handsome Marseilles patterns, size 11-4, or double bed size, a bargain at, a quilt 1.55

TOWELS.

20 x 40 in. Bleached Linen Huckaback Towels, special fine make and superior soft finish, ready for use, with fringed ends and red border, at, per pair ..... .20

21 x 45 Linen Huckaback Towels, with white or colored borders, hemmed or fringed ends, per pair ..... .30

20 x 36 Hemmed Huck Towels, extra heavy weight, washed and ready for use, pair..... .30

20 x 42 All Pure Linen Huck Towels, with knotted fringe and fancy colored borders, pair..... .40

22 x 42 Hemstitched Linen Huck Towels, with damask border, special, pair ..... .50

20 x 44 English-made Turkish Bath Towel, cream with red stripes and fringed ends, good heavy make and soft finish, per pair..... .25

27 x 45, per pair ..... .30

Muslin Section. The White Goods Sale is the only reason for such values as these :—

45-inch Victoria Lawn, fine close weave, firm quality, regular price 20c, Wednesday 12½

40-inch Victoria Lawn, considered extra good value at 7½c, sale price 5

100 pieces Sanitary Diaper Cloth, width 18 inches, in packages of 10 yards, Wednesday, package..... .60

48-inch White Silk Organdie Muslin, very desirable quality, for evening wear, good value for 50c, Wednesday ..... .35

Dress Goods and Dressmaking. You can buy the materials you want for a dress here, and you do not need to go out of the store to have it made up. You'll be interested in a visit to our Dressmaking Department, and Wednesday will be a good day to come down town with prices for dress goods like the following :—

44-in. Black French Fancy Dress Goods, with silk raised effect, choice material, regular price $1 per yard, yard ..... .65

54-in. Covert Cloth, all wool, in old colorings, will make a stylish tailor-made costume or bicycle suit, regular price $1 per yard, Wednesday, per yard ..... .50

42-in. High-Class Colored Dress Goods, in camel hair raised effect, goods that sold at 60c per yard, Wednesday ..... .35

42-in. All Wool Vigoreaux Suiting, in colorings of green, brown, blue and grey, regular 45c per yard, Wednesday, per yard ..... .29

44-in. Silk and Wool Colored Raised Effects, in diamond and bucle designs, in all new and choice colorings, regular price 75c and 85c per yard, yard ..... .50

Ribbons at Half-price. These will be on sale at the Centre Counter, Main Aisle :—

2,000 yards Fancy Ribbons, including checks, plaids, stripes and bayadere effects, in silk and satin, also plain colors and black, in wide double-faced satin ribbon, our regular prices 15c, 18c, 20c and 25c, Wednesday, all one price ..... .10

Some Splendid Fur Offerings.

We want to practically close our Fur business for this season before stock-taking, and have decided to mark our entire stock of Furs and Fur-lined Garments at prices that will move them quickly and make room for spring goods. These items will go on sale to-morrow morning at these prices :—

1 only Astrachan Cape, 27 inches long, full sweep, best German dye, lined black satin, regular $26.50, for .. 16.50

2 Ladies' Raccoon Coats, good, dark, full fur, 36 in. long, high storm collar, lined quilted farmers' satin, regular $42.50, for..... 30.00

Also 2 same, 30 in. long, regular $38.50, for .. 28.50

1 only Electric Seal Cape, 25 inches long, high storm collar, full sweep, lined brown satin, regular $35.00, for..... 17.50

5 Children's Shaped Lambskin Robes, head and tails, lined with white felt, regular $3.50, for.. 2.98

4 White Lambskin Robes, 30 x 33 inches, lined with white felt, regular $3.50, for..... 2.65

11 only Ladies' Fur-lined Capes, in plain and fancy Brocha coverings, in black, blue, brown, cardinal and crimson, and in black and gold and black and green, hamster and squirrel linings, with Thibet collar and trimmings, regular $20, $22.50, $25. Wednesday.. 15.00

2 only Persian and Alaska Sable Caperines, 12 inches deep, with yoke and outside collar Persian lamb, collar faced, and 4-inch frill of sable around skirt, regular $25.00, for 20.00

1 Child's Iceland Lamb Jacket, 27 inches long, high storm collar, lined quilted satin, regular $10, for 7.98

1 only Iceland Ruff, shaped, 2 heads and 8 tails, regular $3.25, for..... 2.25

7 only Iceland Tam o'Shanters, nice large curl, colored satin linings, regular $2.50, for..... .98

7 Astrachan Visites, 12-inch front, 5-inch back, high storm collar, lined black satin, regular $5.50 for 3.25

11 Alaska Sable Ruffs, shaped, with 2 heads and six tails, regular $7.50, for..... 5.75

8 only Alaska Sable Ruffs, shaped, full fur, 8 tails, regular $8.75, for..... 7.50

1 only Alaska Sable Caperine, No. 1 quality, 8 in. back, 13 in. front, with 8 tails, high storm collar, lined brown satin, regular $27.50, for 19.50

3 only Mink Ruffs, good dark Canadian fur, 26 in. long, heads slightly damaged, regular $3, for.. .98

1 pair Ladies' Raccoon Mitts, lined with lambskin lining, cuffs lined with brown satin, regular $3.25, for..... 1.25

5 Ladies' Raccoon Muffs, down bed, lined brown satin, regular $3.50, for 1.75

1 Child's White Rabbit Jacket, lined with blue sateen, regular $7.50, for 1.95

1 only Astrachan and Thibet Caperine, 12 inches deep, cape yoke of Astrachan with 5-inch frill of Thibet, high storm collar lined with quilted satin, regular $15.00, for 10.50

4 Ladies' Astrachan Jackets, best German dyed skins, 36 inches long, high storm collar, lined black satin, regular $25.00, for 16.75

6 only Ladies' Black Astrachan Jackets, 26 and 36-inch lengths, made of best Leipsig dyed skins, rich glossy curl, high storm collar, lined throughout with extra quality black satin, regular $32.50, for..... 22.00

Snap in Comforters.

Elderdown Comforters, covered with fancy printed English Sateen, fancy stitched and thoroughly downproof, with or without frill all round, only 14 in all, regular price $5, Wednesday morning, each..... 2.50

Bargains in Corsets.

Ladies' Corsets, made of coutille, white ground with black figure, whalebone filled, lace and ribbon trimmed, regular $1.50 value, for ..... .79

Feather Collars.

Hackle Feather Collar, in black, very full ..... .35

Hackle Feather Collar, in black, with four tails, very comfortable style, regular $1.50, for..... .95

Lad'es' Ostrich Feather Collar, in pearl grey or black, regular $1.50, $2 and $3, for 1.00

Extra in Lace Curtains. Our buyer for this department, now in the European markets, has picked up a special lot of lace curtains—quality all right and new designs—that go on sale for quick January selling at surprising prices. Think of a good curtain for fifty cents :—

Nottingham Lace Curtains, in handsome designs, 2¾ yards long, 37 in. wide, taped edges, in very effective patterns, cream only, special ..... .50

Nottingham Lace Curtains, in white or ecru, 2¾ and 3 yards long, 37 and 42 in. wide, in handsome floral effects, with taped edges, special ..... .65

A special line of 7 patterns, in 3 and 3½ yards long, 45 to 53 in. wide, in handsome designs, very effective goods, goods regularly sold at from 90c to $1.25, special..... .75

White, Ivory and Cream Nottingham Lace Curtains, in assorted lengths, 2¾ and 4 yards long, 53 in. wide, in handsome floral patterns, taped edges and stylish patterns, special ..... .98

Two Surprises A lady can in Jackets. save money worth while if she'll take advantage of bargains like the following from our Cloak section :—

22 only Misses' Wool Eskimo Cloth Jackets, high storm collar, some trimmed with straps of cloth and silk passementerie buttons, others trimmed with stitching and pearl buttons, regular $5 and $6.50, Wednesday 2.95

12 only Ladies' Beaver Cloth Jackets, made of extra quality of all wool Eskimo, new French sleeve, trimmed with straps of self, lined throughout with good taffeta silk, our latest importation for this season, regular value $16.50, Wednesday..... 10.50

Dollar Silks For 50c. One of the opportunities of the year. Some of these silks have sold as high as a dollar and a quarter :—

475 yards 21-in. French Novelty Silks, broches, bayadere stripes, etc., including the very latest colorings as now worn, silks that have been selling at $1 and $1.25, magnificent quality, on sale Wednesday at one all-round price to clear, per yard. .50

Bargains in Men's Shirts. "Say that these are very extra" is the comment of the chief of the Men's Furnishings, as he hands the two following items to the Advertising Department, and said chief is usually careful in his words. They're snaps all right :—

Men's Full Dress White Shirts, two manufacturers' lines, in which sizes are broken, open front, some have attached cuffs, others wrist bands only, regular price was $1 and $1.25 each, sizes, 14, 14½, 16, 16½, 17, 17½, Wednesday price, each..... .50

Men's Pure Wool Fancy Stripe Shirts and Drawers, shirts double-breast, regular price 50c each, Wednesday's price, each ..... .25

Men's Boots Wednesday. Where one dollar will give you a good pair of winter boots—keep your feet dry and save you a heap of trouble :—

95 Men's Casco Calf Lace and Elastic Side Boots, extension soles, coin toes, whole foxed, size 6 to 10, regular price $1.50, Wednesday, special 1.00

Millinery Clearing Prices.

Table of Hats—Colored felts, some with ribbon bands, sailors and fedoras, as well as shaped hats, assorted styles and colors, former prices 50c, 75c, $1, clearing price..... .25

Another table contains Extra Fine Felts, in black and colored, in sailors, fedoras and shaped hats, our regular prices for these were 75c, $1 and $1.50, clearing prices ..... .50

1,000 Fancy Wings and Quills, almost every color, regular 25c, 35c and 50c, clearing price ..... .10

Clothing Wednesday. You want warm weather-protecting clothing if you'd keep grip away. See these opportunities for Wednesday :—

Men's Fine All-wool Harris' 18-oz. Frieze Blisters, in black, brown and grey, heavy fancy check wool tweed lining, large storm collar, tab for throat, belt on back, warranted fast colors, all sizes from 36 to 46, an extra fine heavy warm coat, special 7.50

41 Men's Fine All-wool Imported Scotch and Canadian Tweed Suits, in a variety of neat patterns, in mixtures, small checks and overplaid, fashionable colors, in single and double breasted style, best of farmer satin, superior trimmings, warranted fast colors and perfect fit, this is a broken lot, in sizes from 36 to 44, and were marked to sell from $6 to $10, to clear Wednesday 4.75

Men's Fine All-wool Canadian Tweed Pants, winter weight, in black and grey stripe, some with hair-line of red, good strong pocket and trimmings, cut and made in prevailing fashion, special Wednesday 1.25

Cyrano De Bergerac. This popular play now running in New York with Richard Mansfield as Cyrano and Margaret Anglin as Roxane is the hit of the theatrical season :—

On Wednesday we put on sale 250 copies of the book of the play, paper binding, at, per copy ..... .10

Furniture Extras.

10 only Handsome Sideboards, solid oak quarter cut, brass trimmings, elegantly carved, large British plate mirrors, regular value $35 to $45, choice Wednesday 28.00

6 only Sets Oak Diners, 5 small and 1 arm, very choice designs, solid leather seats, regular $22.50, special Wednesday 13.50

Watches, Jewelry and Silverware. When we straighten up these stocks after the holiday rush we find items like these, which we know are first-class value at regular prices—but there are only a few of them—we shall have no more the same, and so to sell them all on one day—Wednesday—we make a deep cut :—

MAIN FLOOR.

10 Gents' Gun Metal Swiss Watches, 16 size, open face, stem winder and setter, good movement, each 2.00

40 Sets Sterling Silver and Rolled Gold Cuff Links, assorted dumb bell, enamelled and other designs, pair..... .40

BASEMENT—SILVERWARE DEPT.

Sterling Silver Handled Toilet and Desk Requisites, consisting of manicure tools, button hooks, darners, seals, blotters, erasers, etc each ..... .50

25 Brass 5 O'Clock Tea Kettles, suspended from black iron stand, complete with spirit heater, each 2.65

CUTLERY DEPARTMENT.

Carved Wood Handled Bread Knives, with large size Sheffield Steel Blades, each ..... .15

40 dozen Teaspoons, solid white metal, can never tarnish, two sizes, dozen ..... .35

Flowers for the Sick. Do you know for what little money you may buy here choice roses, carnations and violets? Everything bright and cheerful in the home is on the side of health. Try these flowers :—

Choice Roses, fresh every day, best quality, $1 dozen, second quality, each 5

Carnations, extra choice and fragrant, dozen ..... .35

Violets, single and double, dozen ..... .15

Lily of the Valley, dozen..... .50

Narcissus and Hyacinths, very fragrant, dozen ..... .50

Tulips, large yellow flower, for dozen ..... .50

Special display Palms, 50c up.

Pure Nourishing Food. Is it not safer to coax the appetite with a variety of wholesome, toothsome food than to coerce it with stimulant? Here are selections from our Grocery Department bill of fare :—

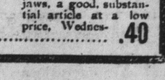
Tomato Catsup, quart bottle, 20c per bottle.
Tomato Soup, 3-lb. tin, 15c tin.
Pure Maple Syrup, 10-lb. tin, $1 per tin.
Canned Salmon, 10c per tin.
5-lb. Tin Pure Lard, 25c.
Fresh Fruit Cake, from our own bakery, 10c per lb.
Cocoanut Sponge Cakes, from our own bakery, 8c dozen.
Snow Drops, from our own bakery, 8c dozen.
Jelly Rolls, from our own bakery, 8c each.
Wine Cake, from our own bakery, 8c each.

Drug Dept. It does not so much matter Economy. what you pay for prescriptions and medicines when you go to the druggist only once in three months; it counts up though when you make two or three visits a week. The hundreds patronizing our drug department every day procure the very best drugs and medicines obtainable and pay about half the ordinary prices :—

Quinine Pills, 2 gr., gelatine coated, 25c for 100.
Syr. White Pine and Tar, per bottle, 15c.
Pure Clear Fresh Cod Liver Oil, per 16-oz. bottle, 25c.
Antipyrine, per oz., 50c.
Headache and Neuralgia Cathets, 6 in a box, 10c.
Dr. Slocum's Coltsfoot Expectorant, 20c.
Emulsion Cod Liver Oil, large size, 50c.
Compound Syrup Hypophosphites, 16-oz. bottles, 50c.
Pure Cough Drops, black, English, menthal or horehound, 3-oz. box, 5c.
Scott's Emulsion, large 65c, small 35c.
Dr. Chase's Syrup Linseed and Turpentine, 15c.
Linseed Meal, 2 lbs. for 5c.
Humphreys' Specific, No. 77 (and the other numbers), 20c.

Hardware Dept. Here you find snow shovels—much wanted now. Wednesday will be a great day for snow shovels in this department. Items for indoor use and exercise are not overlooked :—

288 Steel Snow Shovels, japanned black, good and strong, regular 25c, Wednesday..... .19



Carpenters' Oil Stones, good quality, assorted sizes, regular 35c line, Wednesday... .27

72 Amateur Vises, a handy article for small work, 1 in. jaws, opens 1⅛ in. The jaws, screw and lever made of good quality steel, Wednesday..... .15

Clamp Vise, with anvil, 1½ in. jaws, opens 1⅝ in., can be used with clamp or screws, a regular 35c line, Wednesday.... .25

Sawfilers' Vise, 9½ in. jaws, a good, substantial article at a low price, Wednesday..... .40

The Robert SIMPSON Co. Limited
TORONTO.

W. A. MURRAY & CO.

SPECIAL SALE FOR
WEDNESDAY

In the Linen Section—Main Floor.
OF SEVERAL "SAMPLE LOTS" OF

Fancy Linens, Towels, Table Cloths, Table Napkins, White and Colored Quilts, etc., etc.

At One-Half the Regular Prices.

This offering comprises several sets of manufacturer's samples, together with some odd lines selected from our regular stock, all to go on sale Wednesday at half the usual prices to effect an absolute clearance. The lot includes—

Tray Cloths, Sideboard Scarfs, 5 o'clock Tea Cloths, Pillow Shams, White Linen Table Cloths, Table Napkins, Doylies, Counterpanes, etc., etc.

W. A. MURRAY & CO., 17 to 27 King Street East—10 to 16 Colborne Street—TORONTO.

STOCK MARKETS OF A WEEK

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Electric, 160½ and 159½; Montreal Telegraph, xd., 172½ and 170; Halifax H. & L., 20 and 25; Bell Telephone, xd., 173 and 171½; Dom. Coal, 95 and 93; pr., 115 and 113; Montreal Cotton, 16 Oasked; C. Col. Cotton, 75 and 68; Dom. Cotton, 106½ and 107½; War Eagle, xd., 316 and 315. Banks—Montreal, 255 and 247½; Ontario, 114½ offered; Molsons, 204 and 202; Toronto, 250 asked; Jacques Cartier, 110½ offered; Merchants' (Halifax), 180 offered; Eastern Townships, 155 offered; Quebec, 123 offered; National, 96 and 90; Union, 110½ offered; Commerce, 145½ offered; Ville Marie, 100 and 90; Hochelaga, 165 and 162½. Windsor Hotel, 100 offered; Northwest Land, pr., 56¼ and 55; do., com., 16 and 15; Land Grant bonds, 110 offered; Cable, coup and reg bonds, 103 offered; H. & L. bonds, 88 and 84; Col. Cotton bonds, 100 offered.

Morning sales: C. P. R., 100 at 86, 400 at 85¾; Cable, 50 at 184; Montreal Railway, 25 at 294½; Toronto Railway, 530 at 108½; Montreal Gas, 25 at 211½, 125 at 211¾, 100 at 212, 475 at 212¼, 100 at 212¾, 100 at 212⅝, 225 at 212¾, 50 at 212⅝, 25 at 212¾; Royal Electric, 50 at 160; Montreal Telegraph, 125 at 171; Hal. H. & L., 25 at 27; Montreal Cotton, 26 at 155; War Eagle, 500 at 317, 3500 at 318, 1000 at 318½, 1000 at 319, 5,000 at 320, 500 at 319, 500 at 317½, 500 at 317, 1500 at 317, 1500 at 315; Montreal Bank, 47 at 250; Merchants', 1 at 180; Halifax Railway bonds, 1000 at 107; Co. Col. Cotton bonds, 1000 at 100¾.

Afternoon sales: C. P. R., 25 at 85¾, 10 at 86; Richelieu, 55 at 102¾, Montreal Railway, new, 50 at 291¾; Halifax Railway, 25 at 128; Toronto Railway, 280 at 108¾, 100 at 108¼; Montreal Gas, 275 at 212¾; Royal Electric, 75 at 160; Montreal Cotton, 4 at 155; War Eagle, 3500 at 313, 500 at 313½, 11500 at 314, 1500 at 315; Jacques Cartier, 24 at 110½; Hochelaga, 2 at 161; N. W. L., pr., 25 at 55.

London Stock Market.

	Jan. 7. Close.	Jan. 9. Close.
Consols, money	110¼	110 9-16
Consols, account	110 11-16	110¾
Canadian Pacific	87¾	87¾
New York Central	126¼	126¾
Illinois Central	117¾	118
St. Paul	124½	125¼
Erie	14½	14⅞
Reading	10¾	11¼
Pennsylvania Central	63	63
Louisville & Nashville	65¾	66⅝
Union Pacific, com.	43¾	44
Union Pacific, pr.	75	75¾
Northern Pacific, pr.	78½	79¾

Cotton Market.

New York, Jan. 9.—Cotton—Spot closed firm at an advance of 1-16c; middling Uplands, 3c; middling Gulf, 6¼c. Sales, 2100 bales.

New York Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co., 12 King-street east, received the following despatch to-day from New York :

There was a large accumulation of buying orders over Sunday in the hands of commission houses, and they were executed in competition with large purchases to cover shorts. The only new feature in the general situation was the significance attached to the favorable bank statement issued on Saturday. In the railway list speculation broke out with violence in the Atchison issues, which advanced about 4 per cent. for both the common and the preferred stock. The upward movement was prominent in S. J. The grangers, coalers, N.P.'s, the leading trunk line stocks and other standard issues made gains of 1 per cent. and over. Many of the less active railroad shares advanced materially. In the industrial list a drive against the shorts resulted in a rise of over 2 per cent. in Sugar. Tobacco sold off over 2 per cent., but there were generally sharp improvements in the industrial group. The market closed active and strong at slight reactions from the highest prices.

Weakness in Paris.

New York, Jan. 9.—The Commercial Advertiser's financial cable from London says: On the markets here to-day business was limited and the tone ragged, owing to weakness in Paris. The sole feature was Americans, which opened under parity and were dull until large buying of Atchison issues lifted the list. New York came in as a heavy buyer of Atchisons in moderate amount, causing a boom at the close. In the street, the market was very excited. It is supposed that the movement was a bear squeeze. Spanish fours were 45¾; £10,000 gold was taken for some place not known. The Cape arrival of £200,000 was taken at 77s 10½d for a destination not disclosed, but it is understood that the Lazards took it for the United States.

Failures by Branches of Business.

R. G. Dun & Co. say: Canadian failures in 1898 have been 509, or 28 per cent. fewer in number than in 1897, or in either of the three previous years. The amount of liabilities was $4,336,000, or 31 per cent. less than in 1897, or in either of the three previous years. The decrease of liabilities was about 42 per cent. in Ontario and 23 per cent., but little less than the average decrease, in Quebec, while in New Brunswick and in British Columbia some increase appears. The decrease in manufacturing failures is considerable in number, but far more striking in amount, being 39 per cent., compared with 1897, 61 per cent. compared with 1896, and 62 per cent. compared with either 1895 or 1894. The decrease in trading failures is relatively smaller, as might be expected, in amount of liabilities 23 per cent. compared with last year, 53 per cent. compared with 1896 or 1894, and 24 per cent. compared with 1895. The classification by branches of business exhibits a large increase in machinery, much outweighing the decrease in iron, while in the woollen manufacture the decrease is very large, and heavy also in leather and clothing, while the lumber class shows but a small gain from last year, though large compared with 1896. Of trading classes, groceries show a large increase, but general stores a greater decrease. The de-

crease in drygoods is very heavy, and in most of the other classes, excepting hats and furs, there appears a satisfactory gain.

The following statement gives the year's failures by classes of business :

Manufacturers.	1898. Number.	Liabilities.	1897. Number.	Liabilities.
		$		$
Iron, foundries and nails..	8	298,400	13	324,725
Machinery and tools	22	192,672	8	66,818
Wool, carpets, knit goods..	3	6,233	14	391,535
Cotton, lace and hosiery ...	1	4,500	1	250
Lumber, carpenters, etc..	88	525,014	54	588,443
Clothing and millinery....	65	148,926	91	240,279
Hats, gloves and furs....	2	10,213	3	21,483
Chemicals, drugs, paints..	4	(-35,050	3	150,885
Printing and engraving..	10	63,669	20	100,159
Milling and bakers.....	15	83,564	29	177,591
Leather, shoes, harness..	29	222,808	44	424,518
Liquors and tobacco.....	3	60,014	4	61,871
Glass, earthenware, brick	5	18,505	10	81,383
All other.....	98	552,548	165	1,118,741
Total Manufacturing ..	303	2,329,063	459	3,539,135

Traders.	1898. Number.	Liabilities.	1897. Number.	Liabilities.
		$		$
General stores	258	1,661,024	341	2,901,202
Gro., meats, fish....	173	1,781,250	238	968,964
Hotels and restaur's	46	153,830	79	383,099
Liquors and tobacco	30	220,727	37	103,971
Clothing and furn'gs	63	568,969	91	619,707
D. G. and carpets ..	94	1,198,514	129	2,108,940
Shoes and rubbers..	60	370,488	76	470,117
Furn., and Crockery	19	74,403	27	142,988
Harness and stores	34	396,649	46	696,918
Drugs and paints....	27	73,256	29	80,485
Jewellery and clocks	19	83,977	28	137,388
Books and papers ..	10	35,661	23	167,992
Hats, furs and gloves	20	212,980	15	114,710
All other.....	111	720,722	133	1,413,527
Total trading	964	$7,412,240	1315	$9,931,806
Transp., and brok'r's	33	180,000	35	566,557
Total commercial	1300	$9,821,323	1809	$14,157,498

Mr. Watts-Dunton's Novel.

The important novel recently published by Mr. Theodore Watts-Dunton has had a great success in England, having already reached its tenth edition. A Canadian edition of this work, which bears the name of its hero, "Aylwin," was issued yesterday by Mr. George N. Morang, and the rapid sale of it points to a second being shortly required. Theodore Watts-Dunton is a well-known literature and critic. He is the housemate of the poet Swinburne, and was the intimate friend of Rossetti. The novel is the fruit of many years of study. It is a "vivid and enthralling love story, full of movement and life and vigor," says The Chronicle. The Daily News says: "It is a glittering picture of the life of the time . . . The book is amazing in its variety and power. . . . Sinn Lovell is one of the most finished studies of its type and kind in all romantic literature."

Young Liberals Club.

There was but a small attendance last evening at the weekly meeting of the Young Liberals. The president presided. The following members were nominated to fill vacancies on the Executive: Messrs. T. Murray, T. M. Cunnell and C. Carrey. General business was transacted, but the subject of the evening, First Vice-President McLaughlin's resolution re the deepening of the St. Lawrence, and the air line railway between Toronto and Collingwood, was adjourned until next Monday night, when it is hoped a better attendance may be secured.

L. O. L. 585 Officers.

The annual election of officers of L.O.L. 585 for the year 1899 was held last night, and resulted as follows: W. M., W. Cox; D.M., H. McWhirter; chaplain, G. Virgin; recording secretary, J. H. Brooks; financial secretary, W. H. Ward; treasurer, J. Swaim; D.O.C., R. Eveleigh; committee, W. Stevenson, J. Lunnie, J. Poulton, Chas. H. Carey and J. Bryce; inside tyler, T. Buckley; outside tyler, J. W. Hutchens; physician, Dr. Watson; scrutineers, Bro. E. Bell and W. McCausland.

The Bridge Is a Go.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 9.—A Washington special says: "This time the railway bridge over the Detroit River is a go." Both Senator McMillan and Congressman Corliss have declared that they would not try to get the bridge bill through until the railroads came to an agreement for the equal and mutual enjoyment of the structure. The railroads have now agreed.

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