SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. VIII NOVEMBER 19, 1905

Nehemiah's Prayer.—Neh. 1:1-11.

Commentary.—I. Nehemiah hears of the distress in Jerusalem (vs. 1-3). 1. the words of Nehemiah—Rather the narrative or record Son of Hachaliah—Probably of the tribe of Judah and of the royal family of David.—J. F. and B. "He was cupbearer to King Artaxerxes at Shushan, the capital. This title implied that Nehemiah was a councilor, statesman, courtier and favorite. For twelve years he was governor of Judeo, leading a great religious revival and rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. At the end of twelve years he went back to Persia, but after a time he again returned to Jerusalem and effected some reforms there. After Nehemiah, we read of no more governors appointed over Judea by the Persian kings; but their affairs seem to have been left to the management of the high priests. Nehemiah is the last historical book of the Old Testament." Month Chisleu — Ninth month, corresponding to the end of November and the beginning of December. The Hebrew months varied according to the moon. Twentieth year—Of the reign of Artaxerxes Longimanus, who reigned from B. C. 465 to 423. It was under this king that Ezra was granted letters to go to Jerusalem. 2. Hanani—His own brother, to whom he afterward gave the charge of the gates of Jerusalem to Shushan. I asked them —Respecting Jerusalem and its people. That had escaped —From captivity, Which were left—"The word 'left' points specifically to such as survived the persecutions to which the community at Jerusalem had been exposed from the time of Cyrus until the twentieth year of Artaxerxes Longimanus. Not all who escaped from exile survived the hardships of the restoration."—Terry.

3.— In the Province—Of Judea, now a province of the Persia empire. Great affliction and reproach — Their subjection to Persia forced itself on the Jews at every turn. The tribute imposed on them was a heavy burden to a poor people. Jewish recruits had doubtless be enforced into the Persian armies. The country was piliaged in open day, and many Jews were carried into slavery by nightly surprises, while the corpses of murdered men were often found on the road.—Geikie. Wall...down — The wall and houses had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar more than 140 years before (2 Kings xxv. 10), and their rubbish still lay in sight. They were partially rebuilt at one time (Ezra iv. 12.) The neighboring races, infuriated at the rejection of their friendly offers of assistance by Zerubbabel years before, and still more so by Ezra's recent act in sending back to their homes all the wives of non-Jewish races found in Jerusalem and Judea, had attacked Jerusalem and after fierce struggles had broken down the newly built walls and burned the gates (Neh ii. 11-15).—Stanley.

II. Nehemiah prays for help (vs. 4-11). 4. Wept—Perhaps now for the first time a deep, keen sense of his people's woes came over his soul.—Whedon. Mourned —Over the condition of his people, the desolation of the holy city, the reproach upon the name of God, and the sins which had brought them to this low estate, which had not yet been put away. Fast. Certain days.—From Chislen to Nisan, four months, until the king noticed his grief.—Clarke. Fasted —A token of the genuineness of his sorrow. Prayed—In earnest, protracted prayer that God would favor the purpose which he seems to have secretly formed of asking the royal permission to go to Jerusalem.—J. F. & B. "As the morning, as the people assembled four months. This proved his earnestness and his faith."

5. Speech thee—"The prayer of Nehemiah deserves critical study as a model of humble adoration, invocation, confession, application and confident appeal." —Terry. Covenant and mercy—Covenant refers to God's definite promises. Mercy refers to His loving character, which gives more than is pledged.—Hurlbut. 6. Ear.....attentive.....eyes open—Let thine ear hear our confession, and mercifully pardon. Let thine eye behold our sufferings and send speedy succor.—Clarke. Day and night—His grief was doubtless increased at the thought that all this evil existed in spite of Ezra's work. He withdrew from his court duties and spent a time in retirement in most sincere sorrow. His prayer was oft repeated in the course of these days of separation and mourning, at hours of the night as well as at the usual hours of daily prayer.—Lange. I and my father's house—Nehemiah had a clear sense of his identification with his people in sin as in misery. 7. Dealt corruptly in Neh. i. 7; ix. 10, 16; xiii. 18; Ezra ix. 1; II. Chron. xxxvi. 14-17. Commandments—"The moral precepts by which our lives should be regulated." Statutes—"What relates to the rites and ceremonies of the religion." Judgments —"The precepts of justice relative to our conduct to each other." Clarke.

8. If we trespass—This is not a quotation but a reference to the general [illegible] Lev. 26, 27; Deut. 28, 15-22, etc. Pel. Gen. The fact that God had in third his word of threatening was a proof that he would fulfil his word of promise. 9. Turn unto me—When we turn to God turns to us; when we turn to righteousness, he turns to mercy. Gray. Gather them—God had a place decided to be

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people; this promise had already been partly fulfilled.

10. My servants—Who will devote themselves to do thy will. And thy people—with whom thou hast made covenant. They are the descendants of those whom thou hast delivered from Egypt; "to whom thou hast given victories by Joshua, by Samson, by Deborah; and caused to overthrow the Assyrian army." All their history shows the great care God has given them, and now these are before thee. Do thou consider them and help them according to thy ways. 11. Who desire — True desires are: 1. Constant, not flashes. 2. Hearty strong and growing. 3. Include the favor of God and spiritaul grace. 4. Regard the means of salvation.—Gray. Prosper...thy servant—"He had in mind to ask of King Artaxerxes that he might go to Jerusalem and help his people. He asked definitely for exactly what he wanted." Grant him mercy—Nehemiah prayed that he might have favor in the sight of the king. "Nehemiah had decided that to remove the reproach of Jerusalem he must go there in person. That to do so he must obtain the king's permission. To get his permission he must be in special favor with him."—Rawlinson. King's cupbearer—An important officer, having charge of the wines of the royal household, standing by the king's side at meals, and sipping from the cup to prove that it was not poisoned. This was a position of high honor and trust.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

Prayer is the keynote of our lesson. The spirit of prayer is the life of the Christian.

I. Pray sympathetically. Nehemiah, the exiled Jew, was a favored servant of Artaxerxes in the splendid palace of the Persian city of Susa (v. 1). There he heard of the sad condition of God's people so many miles away (v. 2). Himself beyond any apparent possibility of suffering or want, his heart went out in longing to the remnant of the captivity in great affliction and approach (v. 2). For these he "wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed" (v. 4). He loved his people. He sought their good and not his own pleasure.

II. Pray reverently. "O Lord, God of heaven" (v. 5). 'Let thine ear now be attentive and thine eye open (v. 6). Nehemiah recognized the condescension of "Jehovah," the self-existent, immutable, everlasting "God of heaven," infinitely above him and sovereign over him in humbling himself to see and head the things done on earth.

III. Pray adoringly. 'That keepeth covenant and mercy" (v. 5). Nehemiah began with reverent praise. The great God, infinite in perfection, the "terrible" God, dreaded by foes and revered by friends, is righteous in judgments, faithful to His word, merciful and kind. Someone suggests that before we approach the throne in prayer we should always pause a little to reflect upon who and what God is.

IV. Pray perseveringly. "I beseech thee" (vs. 5, 8, 11).....'hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before Thee now, day and night" (v. 6). Always pray and never faint (Luke xviii. 1). It is the persevering prayer that is answered. There must be no faltering or wavering (James i. 6) if the answer would be sure. To dare to believe through discouragements, obstacles and persecutions perhaps for years without seeing the answer is to reap a sure reward.

V. Pray interceedingly. "Hear the prayer" (v. 6). We are of use to God as we know how to pray for men. Moses prayed for the people and the fire was quenched (Num. ii. 2). Job prayed for his friends and the overflow turned his own captivity (Job xlii. 10). Hezekiah prayed and the Lord saved the people by sending His angel to destroy 185,000 of their enemies (II. Kings xix. 15, 35). Ezra prayed and there was a return to national purity (Ezra x. 1-19).

VI. Pray humbly. 'We have sinned against Thee. (vs. 6, 7). Nehemiah followed the example of Daniel (Dan. ix. 5). He identified his people even in their sins.

VII. Pray on God's conditions. "Remember, I beseech Thee, the word.....if ye transgress, I will scatter.....but if ye turn.....will I gather" (vs. 8, 9). Every answer to prayer is conditional. There is always an "if" to the promises (John xiv. 13, 14). "In returning and rest shall ye be saved" (Isa. xxx. 15). "Return unto me and I will return unto you" (Mal. iii. 7).

VIII. Pray definitely. "Prosper thy servant.....and grant him mercy in the sight of this man" (v. 11). Nehemiah not only prays generally that God's mercy may be given to His people, but specifically that King Artaxerxes may be disposed to and let him go and build up the city of his fathers. God would be "inquired of.....to do it for" us (Ezek. xxxvi. 37). Jesus asked the blind man who came to Him, "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" (Mark x. 51). We get what we ask when we ask "according to His will" (I. John iii. 22). True prayer is always definite. "In everything, by prayer and supplication," we are to let our "requests be made known" (Phil. iv. 6).

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DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL.

Two Men Dead at Winnipeg, and One Dying.

Winnipeg, Nov. 6.—As a result of drinking what was supposedly wood alcohol, Chas. Innes and Peter Hill are dead and a man named Lafrance is dangerously ill.

On Sunday afternoon Innes and four half-breeds, Peter Hill, Lafrance, Joe Cook, the River and Pete McCombie, procured from a Main street drug store large bottles labelled "Whiskey," "Brandy," and "Alcohol and Sponge," [illegible] with [illegible] of water.

[illegible] the five appears to have been [illegible] Sunday afternoon, but on [illegible] morning Innes and Hill went [illegible] from their work ill, and they both [illegible] last evening from the effects of alcohol poisoning. Lafrance is in a critical [illegible], and his recovery is doubtful. [illegible] two did not indulge to any [illegible] and so escaped the poison. Innes [illegible] from Sarto Savings and Hill and [illegible] from Montreal.

It is announced that the Northern Pacific will sign a contract for a wage schedule, which will give the locomotive firemen an increase over the present rate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Henrik Ibsen, the Norwegian dramatist, is ill.

Thursday, Nov. 30, will be Thanksgiving Day in the United States.

The Government heard a deputation concerning the Healy Falls water power.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has decided to grant universal suffrage to Austria.

The British Government is considering the question of withdrawing its troops from China.

Contracts have been let for building a new general hospital at Niagara Falls, to cost about $17,000.

The Kingston election trial has been adjourned to Nov. 27, owing to the absence of missing witnesses.

The Lieutenant-Governor formally opened the Women's Hotel for Immigrants at Toronto.

The deaths far exceeded the births in Winnipeg during the past month. The figures were 230 and 180, respectively.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Ontario Power Company sent the first power over its lines to Lockport, N. Y.

A collision on the Midland Railway, near Belleville, resulted in derailing a freight engine and six cars. One car was burned.

Out of a whaling fleet of thirteen vessels that left San Francisco, eleven have been caught in the ice in the Arctic Ocean.

C. B. King, of Detroit, has been appointed manager of the London Street Railway, in succession to C. T. A. Carr, resigned.

North York Conservatives nominated Mr. Arch McCallum, of King township, to oppose Hon. A. B. Aylesworth for the Commons.

Premier Whitney says a council of active educationalists will certainly be papointed to advise the Minister of the department.

Thomas Sills, for thirty-one years chief car inspector and arbitrator for the Michigan Central at Niagara Falls, has resigned.

Jules Rosa, a young Italian, was sent to the Central Prison for one year yesterday for passing forged cheques on London jewelers.

The Farmers' National Bank of Kingfisher, Oklahoma Territory, has been closed by direction of the Comptroller of the Currency.

At Beelville assizes the Grand Jury returned no bill on the indictment of Mrs. Susan Diamond for the murder of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Diamond, of Queensboro.

The Delaware and Hudson Railway officials deny the report from Scranton that the company is to be amalgamated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Charles J. Devlin, the coal miner operator, who recently underwent bankruptcy, with liabilities of $4,000,000, died at a hospital in Chicago, as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

The Tillsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Railway has been leased to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and will after November 15 be operated as part of district No. 2 of the Ontario division.

A wildcat that got loose in a G. T. R. baggage car between Owen Sound and Stratford made things lively for the people in the car. The door was opened and the animal allowed to escape to the woods.

One of the Canadian Pacific Railway's new steamers is to be named the Empress of Ireland. A high official of the C. P. R. on being reminded that Ireland never had an empress replied: "Is that so?. Well, then, we will give her one."

Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney-General; Hon. Dr. Reaume and Mr. Samuel Heakes, Provincial Architect, visited Osgoode Hall yesterday. An extension of the Judges' quarters is contemplated.

All records for the early close of navigation on Lake Manitoba were broken this year, and the lake is now frozen over solidly. Two steamers are caught out in the water, one mile and a half from shore. It is expected they will be totally wrecked in the spring.

The Paris Council of Ministers to-day approved the new treaty of commerce between Russia and France and submitted it to the Chambers for ratification.

A fire which broke out in Mauch Chunk early to-day got beyond control. The American Hotel, the leading hotel in Mauch Chunk, as well as the court house, is in flames and will be a total loss, while surrounding property cannot be saved. Fire now under control.

The exchanges of communications going on between the powers have reached a stage where a joint naval demonstration against Turkey as practically assured unless the Sultan promptly accepts the plan of the powers for financial reforms in Macedonia.

The Dominion Government has not this year extended the season for taking whitefish and salmon trout for the usual ten days, and as a result the close season commenced yesterday and will continue throughout the month of November.

State Senator George E. Green, of Binghampton, N. Y., indicted with Geo. A. Beavers, in connection with the postal frauds to-day appeared in the criminal court at Washington, and gave $10,000 bail for his appearance for trial. No date has been set for the trial.

Wheat deliveries along the C. P. R. system indicate that the estimates of the grain crop made early in the fall will be far surpassed. Already deliveries exceed 25,000,000 bushels, as compared with 11,536,000 at the same period of last year.

The receipt of the Toronto Railway Company still continue to grow. The earnings for the last month, subject to minor adjustments, reached a total of $[illegible], as against $[illegible] for the [illegible], thus showing an increase of $28,041.49 for last month.

Millard & Forouson have issued a writ on behalf of the widow and infant children of the late Cyrus O. Rockwood, the bicyclist who was killed by a Toronto street car that jumped the tracks at McCaul and Queen streets, for $20,000 damages against the Toronto Railway Company.

The Toronto Typographical Union, by an almost unanimous vote yesterday, endorsed the eight-hour day movement and determined to contribute a 50 cent capita weekly tax to the general strike fund. In this way about $450 a week will be raised by the Toronto union alone.

While William Marshall, head miller in the Green Flour Mills, Greenwood, near Brougham, was lying in wait with a loaded shot gun to use on the youth of that village who were out on Hallowe'en pranks, the gun discharged, taking effect in Marshall's foot. It was found necessary to amputate some of his toes.

There is widespread interest in a report that a $5,000,000 company for the manufacture of railway rolling stock will shortly command the labor of 2,000 hands in Toronto, but there does not seem to be any one who knows much about the plan, although the necessity for some sort of concern to provide the railways with cars is fully realized.

TOOK CASE FROM JURY.

Not Sufficient Evidence to Convict Alex. Wills.

St. Thomas report: The Rodney murder trial came to a sudden conclusion this morning. The crown closed its case with the evidence of the eleven-year-old Bessie Cole, who, like her father, saw Willis passing their place about 7 o'clock the morning of the murder.

C. St. Clair Leitch, for the prisoner, argued that there was no evidence connecting Willis with the crime, and his Lordship, Judge Anglin, agreeing, he ordered the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. Willis was then discharged.

The prosecting attorney, Mr. Lynch-Staunton, urged that the evidence adduced warranted the case going to the jury, but his Lordship thought otherwise. In his mind there was nothing to connect the prisoner with the crime and he took the responsibility upon himself of directing the jury to find the prisoner not guilty. In dismissing the prisoner his Lordship admonished him that this should be a lesson to him not to loiter about hotels and to cease his drinking habits.

Willis has been stripped of practically all he possessed in conducting his defence. Accompanied by his wife and family he returned to the farm in Aldborough, which is now no longer his.

P. D. HAMEL ARRESTED.

Charged With Robbing Railway Telegraphers.

Montreal, Nov. 6.—Philippe D. Hamel, of Blue Bonnets, who was until lately assistant general secretary-treasurer of Division No. 7, Order of Railway Telegraphers, which is made up of C. P. R. employees, was arested in Montreal to-day on a charge of having stolen $8,000, the property of the order. He resigned in September, and it is charged that he neglected and refused to hand over the books and records belonging to the ordero fin January, 1902. He had been suspected ever since he resigned.

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GUILTY OF MURDER.

Slayer of Hoben Convicted at the Assizes.

Toronto report: "Guilty of murder" was the verdict returned by a jury against Charles De Marco, Italian, who was tried before Justice McMahon, in the Criminal Assizes yesterday on the charge of stabbing to death John J. Hoban, in front of Ghonna's hotel, at Edward and Chestnut streets, on September 4. The jury was out for four hours. After they had been out about two hours they returned and asked whether they had the power to render a verdict of manslaughter. His Lordship informed them that they had. It afterwards developed that one juryman stood solid for two hours for a verdict of manslaughter, but he finally agreed wiht the other eleven.

FROM GIRLHOOD TO WOMANHOOD

Mothers Should Watch the Development of Their Daughters—Interesting Experiences of Misses Borman and Mills.

Every mother possesses information which is of vital interest to her young daughter.

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Girls' over-sensitiveness and modesty often puzzle their mothers and baffle physicians, as they so often withhold their confidence from their mothers and conceal the symptoms which ought to be told to their physician at this critical period.

When a girl's thoughts become sluggish, with headache, dizziness or a disposition to sleep, pains in back or lower limbs, eyes dim, desire for solitude; when she is a mystery to herself and friends, her mother should come to her aid, and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will at this time prepare the system for the coming change, and start the menstrual period in a young girl's life without pain or irregularities.

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Miss Mills has written the two following letters to Mrs. Pinkham, which will be read with interest:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— (First Letter.)

"I am but fifteen years of age, and depressed, have dizzy spells, chills, headache and backache, and as I have heard that you can give helpful advice to girls in my condition, I am writing you."—Myrtle Mills, Oquawka, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— (Second Letter.)

"It is with the feeling of utmost gratitude that I write to you to tell you what your valuable medicine has done for me. When I wrote you in regard to my condition I had consulted several doctors, but they failed to understand my case and I did not receive any benefit from their treatment. I followed your advice, and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am now healthy and well, and all the distressing symptoms which I had at that time have disappeared."—Myrtle Mills, Oquawka, Ill.

Miss Matilda Borman writes Mrs. Pinkham as follows:

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THE MARKETS.

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were moderate. Wheat is unchanged, 200 bushels of fall selling at 78c, and 100 bushels of goose at 72c. Barley firm, 1,000 bushels selling at 54 to 55c. Oats a trifle firmer, with sales of 300 bushels at 37½ to 38½c.

Dairy produce in moderate supply, with prices generally firm. The best butter sold at 23 to 25c per lb., and new laid eggs at 28 to 30c per dozen. Poultry easy.

Hay in moderate supply, with sales of 25 loads at $10 to $12 a ton for timothy and at $8 to $9 for mixed. Straw sold at $8 a ton for loose.

Dressed hogs are easier, with quotations at $7.75 to $8, the latter for light weights.

Wheat, white, bushel	$ 0 78	$ 0 00
Do., red, bushel	0 78	0 00
Do., spring, bushel	0 75	0 00
Do., goose, bushel	0 72	0 00
Oats, bushel	37½	38½
Barley	0 54	0 55
Peas, bushel	0 71	0 73
Hay, timothy, ton	10 00	12 00
Do., mixed, ton	8 00	9 00
Straw, per ton	13 00	13 50
Seeds—		
Alsike, No. 1, bushel	5 50	6 25
Do., No. 2	4 75	5 25
Do., No. 3, bushel	4 00	4 75
Red, choice, No. 1, bushel	6 25	7 00
Timothy, bushel	1 50	2 00
Dressed hogs	7 75	8 00
Apples, per bbl.	1 25	2 50
Eggs, per dozen	0 28	0 30
Butter, dairy	0 23	0 25
Do., creamery	0 26	0 28
Chickens, per lb.	0 08	0 10
Fowl, per lb.	0 06	0 07
Turkeys, per lb.	0 12	0 14
Ducks, per lb.	0 09	0 10
Cabbage, per dozen	0 40	0 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 65	0 85
Celery, per dozen	0 30	0 35
Onions, per bag	1 00	1 25
Beef, hindquarters	7 00	8 00
Do., forequarters	4 00	5 00
Do., choice, carcase	6 50	7 00
Do., medium, carcase	5 50	6 00
Mutton, per cwt.	6 50	8 00
Veal, per cwt.	8 00	9 50
Lambs, spring	9 00	10 00

British Apple Market.

Woodall & Co. cabled Eben James: 30,000 barrels selling: market active; prices very firm.

The Cheese Markets.

Belleville.—To-day we boarded 2,995 white and 315 colored cheese; about 2,000 sold at 11⅞c, 400 at 11 15-16c; balance refused 11 13-16c, but selling on kerb at 11⅞c.

Brockville.—To-day 5,000 boxes registered; two-thirds colored; all sold at 12c.

Cowansville.—To-day 5,000 boxes offered 967 boxes butter, 9 factories offered 315 boxes cheese. Sales butter—Burnett, 50 boxes at 23c.

Leading Wheat Markets.

	Dec.	May.	July.
New York	95⅞	95⅞	—
Detroit	90¾	93¼	—
St. Louis	85½	89	—
Duluth	83⅝	87⅝	—
Minneapolis	84¼	88⅛	—

British Cattle Markets.

London, Nov. 3.—Cattle are quoted at 9½ to 11½c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 8¾ to 8⅞c per lb.

Bradstreet's on Trade.

Montreal—The colder weather here has given considerable impetus to the movement of heavy lines. The outlook for the spring trade continues bright. The demands for Christmas and general fancy lines is now brisk. Wholesale groceries are moving fairly well. The hardware business continues fairly active and the iron and steel trade is busy. Values of all metals hold firm. Pig iron is advancing. City collections show improvement, anl country remittances are generally fair to good. Values here hold steady. Prices of farm products hold up well and deliveries are generally large.

Toronto—Trade has been showing a rather quieter tone lately in most lines of winter goods, retailers having pretty well laid in stocks. But the arrival of cold weather has resulted in a better movement of retail dry goods lines, and re-orders are coming to the wholesalers. Woollens continue to hold very firm with active buying on the advancing market. The trade in Christmas goods promises to be heavy. A good normal trade is moving in groceries. As a result of the Ontario tomato pack it is announced buyers will receive ninety per cent. of their orders. Hardware trade is not so active but there is a big rush in holiday goods. Values of commodities generally hold steady to firm.

Quebec—Trade is much about the same as the preceding week. Activity is noticed in seasonable lines. Retail stocks are moving well. Country remittances are still slow. Flour and general feed is advancing in price.

Winnipeg—There is a good tone to trade generally. While colder weather has lessened the movement in some lines, there has been a much better movement in retail dry goods and wholesalers find a good sorting trade springing up. A good volume of business is being done in groceries and hardware is fairly active, although not so generally so as a week or two ago. The Hardware Association has put a new price list into effect in which prices show an upward tendency.

Victoria and Vancouver—Wholesale trade shows a slightly quieter tone, the season's business now being fairly well over. There is a good tone to retail trade, however, and industrial activity continues general. There does not seem to be so much money in circulation and it is firmer in price. The outlook for future trade continues bight.

Hamilton—Trade conditions here continue satisfactory. There is a fair movement in wholesale lines. There is a brisk business in fancy and Christmas goods generally. The outlook for spring trade continues bright. Collections are good.

London—Country trade has shown some improvement during the past week and there is a better movement to retail stocks of winter goods. Receipts of country produce are fair and prices are steady to firm. Collections are generally good and local industries continue active.

Ottawa—Colder weather has given a brisker tone to wholesale and retail trade. The advance trade in holiday goods promises a big season's business. Country trade is improving and collections are better.

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