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London Money Market. LONGON MONEY MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 24—4 n.m.—Closing.—Consols, 1099-16 for money. 1099-16 for the account: Canadian Pacific, 584; Eric. 174; Eric. sec., 764; Illinois Central. 100; Mexican ordinary, 214; St. Paul common. 804; New York Central. 1014; Pennsylvania. 554; Heading, 63; Mexican Central new 4's, 784; bar silver, 31 7-16d per ounce; money, 4 to 1 per cent; open market discount for short bills, 15-16 to 1 per cent; open market discount for short and three months' bills, 15-16 to 1 per cent.

Toronto Stock Market.	
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Bank of Commerce	139	135
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New York Stock Exchange. Reported by Frank Butler, broker, Masonic Temple.

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Chicago Gas 694	694	69	69	1
Gen. Electric 325	33	321	321	1
L. and N 55	55	54	541	1
Manhattan1043	1017	1)41	1044	1
Missouri Pacific 241	243	24	241	1
Pacific Mail 287	303	283	293	1
Rock Island 741	744	739	734	1
Reading 133	13	131		1
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Tenn. Coal and Iron 83	331	321	774	1
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COMMERCIAL

Local Market.

(Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son. London, Wednesday, Feb. 26.
Wheat, per bu80c to 81
Oats, per bu23c to 24
Peas, per bu48c to 51
Barley, per bu 32c @ 35
Corn, per bu40c to 43
The delivery during the past week ha

been fair, with an active demand. Oats in good supply and demand at 72c to 73c per cental. The receipts of wheat are improving.

Prices not so firm, selling at \$1 30 to \$1 35 per cental. Very little corn offering; wanted at 70c

Peas-Receipts light; demand good at 80c Only a few loads of barley offered and

sold at 66c to 68c. Buckwheat- One load, offered and sold at 65c. Dressed hogs in fair supply at \$4 50 to

\$4.75; a few fancy hogs brought \$5.

Butter and eggs in fair supply and demand at quotations.

Hay and straw in good supply. Hay sells from \$13 to \$14 per ton, and straw at \$8 to

Quotations:			5
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Oats, per 100 lbs 72	to	73	c
Peas, per 100 lbs 80	to	85	6
Corn. per 100 lbs 10	to	75	-
Barley, per 100 lbs 65	to	70	
Rye, per 100 lbs 70	to	80	
Beans, bu 50	to	60	
sackwheat, per 100 lbs 60			
	to	65	
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag 80	to	1 00	q
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Turning per bu 15	to	20	100

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Eggs fresh, basket, per doz.... Eggs, fresh, store lots, per dos... Eggs, single dozen....per dos...

Butter, per lb. tubs or firkins.... Lard, per lb. Ducks, per pair.

Flour, Breakfast Cereals, Feed,

Salt, Land Plaster, Etc. 373 TALBOT STREET - PHONE 662 Toronto Grain Market.

Toronto, Feb. 26.-Wheat is rather firmer, in sympathy with the American markets. Red and white are held at 80c, north and west. Manitoba wheat is firm at 81c to 82c for No. 1 hard, North Bay; 78c for No. 2 hard, and 79c for No. 1 northern.

Flour-There is no improvement in the demand, but millers are firm, and ask \$3 75 for cars of straight roller. Toronto freights; Ontario patents are quoted at \$4.

Millfeed dull; shorts, west, are quoted at \$12 to \$12 50, and bran at \$11 to Barley is quiet, and prices are unchanged; No. 1 at 44c to 45c; No. 1 extra, 46c to 47c, and No. 2, 40c, out-

Buckwheat dull at 32c to 33c, outside, according to location. Rye dull at 47c to 48c for cars out-

Corn steady at 32c for mixed west, and 32 1-2c to 33c for yellow. Oats steadier at 22 1-2c for mixed, west, and 23 1-2c to 24c for white. Peas steady at 50c, North Bay.

Latest Montreal Markets. Montreal. Que. Feb. 26—2:30 p.m. GRAINS AND FLOUR.
—Manitoba, 294c to 30c; Ontario, 30c to

Feed Barley—38c to 39c. Buckwheat—39c to 40c. Buckwheat—39c to 40c.
Peas—61c.
Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$4 00; spring wheat patents, \$4 25; winter patents, \$4 40; straight roller, \$4 10.
Feed—Bran, \$14 to \$15; shorts, \$15 to \$16.
PROVISIONS,
Canadian short cut, clear, \$14 50 to \$15.
Hams—9c to 10c.
Lard—Pure, &c; compound, 64c.
CHEESE.
Cheese—Fall, 9c; summer, \$5c to \$4c.
Butter—Creamery, 21c to 211c.
Eggs—35c to 40c, strictly new laid.
Wednesday's Oil Markets.

Wednesday's Oil Markets. Petroles, Feb. 26.—Oil opened and closed at \$1 72 today.

American Produce Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Wheat was buoyant today on higher cables, heavy cash sales and Bradstreet's report on the visible supply, closing at an advance of 1½c to 1½c for May. Corn advanced ½c to ½c, and oats ½c. Provisions were weak. weak.
The leading futures closed as follows:
Wheat—No. 2 Feb., 65½c; May, 57½c to 67½c;

Ville, 671c.

Corn—No. 2 Feb., 291c; May, 31c; July, 312c
to 32c; Sept., 33c.

Oats—No. 2 Feb., 201c; May, 211c; July, 211c

to 21½c.

Mess pork—May, \$9 85; July, \$10 05.
Lard—Steady at \$5 50; July, \$5 65.
Short ribs—May, \$5 16; July, \$5 65.
Short ribs—May, \$5 16; July, \$5 25.
Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm; No. 2 spring wheat, 63½c to 65½c; No. 3 do, 63c to 65c; No. 2 red wheat, 67½c to 70c; No. 2 corn, 29c to 29½c; No. 2 oats, 20c to 20½c; No. 2 rye, 39c to 39½c; No. 3 barley, 36c to 39c; No. 1 flax, 90c to 90½c; prime timothy, \$3 60; mess pork, \$9 70 to \$9 80; lard, \$5 35 to \$5 37½; short ribs sides, \$5 to \$5 06; dry salted shoulders, \$4 75 to \$5; short clear sides, \$5 25 to \$5 37½.

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Flour-Receipts, 12,800 bbls; sales, 1,900 pack wheat—Receipts, 11,100; sales, 650,000 bu; opened weaker under disappointing cables, rallied on covering but again declined under realizing; May, 73 1-6c to 73½c; July, 72½e to 731-16c. Corn—Receipts, 4,900 bu; sales, 45,000 bu; quiet: July, 374c to 374c. Oats Receipts, 30,000 bu; sales, 10,000; dull;

May, 254c.

Beef - Quiet; family, \$11 to \$12.

Pork—Easy; mess, \$10 25 to \$10 75. Pork—Easy; mess, \$10 25 to \$10 75.

Lard—Easy.

Butter — Receipts, 5,652 packages; steady;
State dairy, 9½c to 19½c; state creamery, 13c to
19c; western creamery, 13½c to 22c; Elgins, 22c.

Cheese — Receipts, 1,319 packages; quiet;
State large, 6c to 10½c; small, 6c to 10¾c.

Eggs—Receipts, 10,346 packages; firm; easier:
State and Pennsylvania, 12c to 12½c; western,

zc.
Sugar—Firm.
Coffee—Quiet; No. 7, 134c.
Hops—Dull.
Lead—Firm.

Toledo, Feb. 26.—Wheat—Cash, 74½c; May, 75c; July, 70¾c. Corn—May, 31¼c. Oats—May, 22½c.

MILWAUKEE.
Milwaukee, Feb. 26.—Wheat, cash, 63½c; May,

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 26.—No. 1 white wheat, cash, 73½c; No. 2 red, cash, 74c; May, 75½c; July, 71½c.

BUFFALO.

Buffalo. Feb. 26.—Spring wheat—Light demand: No 1 hard, 74tc to 75c; No 1 northern, 72tc; No. 2 northern, 71tc. Winter wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, 78c to 75c; No. 1 white, 80c. Corn—Firm; good demand; light supply: No. 2 yellow, 334c; No. 3 yellow, 33c; No. 2 corn, 33c; No. 3 corn, 32tc to 32tc.
Oats—Firm; good demand; No. 2 white, 25tc; No. 3 white, 24tc to 24tc; No. 2 mixed, 23tc.

Chicago Exchange. Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,278.

CHICAGO Feb. 26. Open. Wheat—May 67t
July 67
Corn—May 309
July 31t
Oats—May 980
Pork—May 980 lard-May.... 5 47 Ribs-May.... 5 10 5 50 5 12 English Markets.

(Beerbohm's Report by Cable.)
London, Feb. 26—12:45 p.m.
Cargoes off coast—Wheat and corn, nothing Cargoes on passage—Wheat firmer with bet-Caryoes on passage—Wheat firmer with better inquiry, 3d higher: corn firm.

Country markets—English and French firm.

Liverpool. Feb. 26-12:45 p.m.

Wheat—Spot firm: demand poor; futures quiet; near and distant positions id higher.

Corn—Spot steady; futures quiet and unchanged.

changed. Bacon-Quiet; demand poor; Cumberland

Bacon—Quiet; demand poor; Cumberland cut. 28 to 30 lbs, 28s 6d.

Short ribs—28 lbs. 27s 6d: long clear light, 38 to 45 lbs. 27s 6d: long clear heavy, 55 lbs, 26s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs. 27s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs, 26s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs. 28s.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 18 lbs. 25s 6d.

Hams—Short cut. 14 to 16 lbs. 38s.

Tallow—Fine North American. 20s 9d.

Beef—Extra India mess. 71s 3d: prime mess.

Tallow—Fine North American, 203 9d. Beef—Extra India mess, 71s 3d; prime mess, Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 51s 3d; domedium, 46s 3d. Lard-Dull; prime western, 27s 3d; refined, n pails, 28s.

Cheese—Quiet: demand poor: finest Amerian white, 44s 6d; finest American colored, 44s

Rutter-Finest United States, 95s; good 60s. Turpentine spirits—2!s,
Rosin—Common, 4s 7-jd
Cottonseed oil—Liverpool refined, 17s,
Linseed oil—19-9d.
Retrigerator beef—Fore quarter, 3-jd; hind

ing powder-Hardwood, f.o. h. Livrpool, £7.

Hops—At London (Pacific coast), £2.

Liverpool, Feb. 26—4:15 p.m.

Wheat—Spot firm; demand roor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 8½d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted: No. 1 hard Manitoba. 5s 7½d; No. 1 California, 5s 9d; futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions ½d higher; closed steady, with March ½d lower and other months unchanged from yesterday's closing; business about equally distributed; Feb., 5s 7½d; March. 5s 7½d; April, 5s 8½d; May, 5s 8½d; June, 5s 8½d; July, 5s 8½d. orn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 3

ACorn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 3s id: futures opened quiet, unchanged; closed steady, with July unchanged and other months id lower from yesterday's closing; business about equally distributed; Feb.. 3s id; March, 3s id; April, 3s id; May, 3s id; June, 3s id; July, 3s id.
Flour—Dull, demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 6d.

Peas-Canadian. 4s 9d. Live Stock Markets.

TORONTO.

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Toronto, Feb. 25.—The live stock market was quiet today; buying fairly active; prices no better. Seven loads were taken for Montreal at \$2.90 to \$3 per cwt. Butchers' cattle sold at 3c to 3½c per lb; good to choice, 2c to 2½c; common to medium good cattle wanted; no export trade, except in a few bulls, at 2½c to 3c per lb. Light stockers quiet, at 2½c per lb; good feeders in demand, at 2½c to 3½c per lb.

Sheep not wanted; nominal, 2½c to 3c per lb. Lambs barely steady, at 3½c to 4½c per lb; some unsold.

unsold.

Hogs steady; offerings heavier; good bacons and stores, 4c per lb; sows, 3½c to 3½c per lb; other kinds down to 3½c per lb. Offerings of all stuff, 46 car loads.

CHICAGO. Chicago, Feb. 26.—Hogs—Receipts, 32,000; left over, 7,000. Market fairly active and 5c to 10c lower. Light, \$3 75 @ \$4 07 1-2; mixed, \$3 75 @ \$4; heavy, \$3 65 @ \$3 95; rough, \$3 65 @ \$3 70. Cattle—Receipts, 16,000. Market slow and weak to 10c to 15c lower than Mcnday. Beeves, \$3 15 @ \$4 55; cows and heifers, \$1 60 @ \$3 80; Texas steers, \$2 75 @ \$3 80; stockers and feeders, \$2 80 @ \$3 75.

Sheep-Receipts, 8,000. Market weak

to 10c lower.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

-Mr. Thos. E. Mara left on Monday for Montreal and the sast on a purchasing trip. east this afternoon. Ald. Armstrong will act as mayor.

-Miss Neva McQueen, of West Lorne, is the guest of Mrs. A. D. Huff, 69 Bruce street, South London. -Supt. Woollatt and Engineer DeGurse, of the L. E. and D. R., drove over the line of the proposed extension from St. Thomas

to Dutton yesterday. -At a meeting of the Senate of Toronto University, on Saturday last, Mr. F. T. Harrison, Phar.D., Government analyst of this city, was appointed examiner in pharmacy.

-There is no truth whatever in the report published first in St. Thomas that Messrs. Wortman & Ward are asking St. Thomas for terms re removing their works to that town.

-Citizens who wish to see the play of "Trilby" should attend tonight. This will probably be the farewell performance. The Grand Opera House should be again crowded.

-Mr. Hewlett, organist of the Dundas Center Church, will give an organ recital at the opening of the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, on March 9.

-The adjourned county treasurer's sale of lands was to have taken place at noon today, but no purchasers were present. Only one piece of land in Caradoc remains unsold. -Newspaper advertising has been

raised to such a point of importance that no man wishing to bring his business to the attention of the people can longer ignore it.—Chicago Record. -A benefit concert will be tendered

to Mr. Fred. Rossiter in the King Street Methodist Church tomorrow evening. The very best of talent will participate, and an excellent programme is assured.

-The large span, 85 feet in length, will be placed in position and connected with its attendance. The first race, two the end partitions of the new Kettle Creek miles (26 laps), was between George B. bridge at St. Thomas on Sunday. The work will be witnessed by Supt. Woollatt, Engineer DeGurse and several other railway men.

-Auctioneer Jones yesterday sold the stock of R. F. Lacey to E. M. Lacey, at 54 cents on the dollar. The stock amounted to \$3,052 55, and included books debts amounting to \$339 73. These latter were sold to the same party at 31 cents.

-Mrs. Coles, wife of Private Coles, who deserted from Wolseley Barracks, but returned recently, denies the allegation that her husband sold their furniture before he left. The furniture, Mrs. Coles says, belongs to her, and Mr. Coles made no attempt to sell it.

sible, even if it is necessary to issue lected.

-At the annual missionary meeting of the Fingal Presbyterian Church on Monday night, Rev. M. P. Talling, of this city, spoke on the history of missions; Rev. Robt. McIntyre, of St. Thomas, on the deplorable state of the heathen and the remedy of lifting them up, and Rev. Mr. Little, of Birr, on home mission work.

-The Toronto Star says: "The annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario will be held next Tuesday at London, the principal business being the election of officers. The present grand master, Mr. J. L. Hughes, has completed his three years' term of office and his successor will be appointed. It is probable that Mr. Wm. Lockhart, of Simcoe county, who, for three years has been deputy grand master, will be selected to fill the position." KNOX COLLEGE PROFESSORSHIPS.

At the coming meeting of the London Presbytery, nominations will be in order in respect of the two professorial vacancies in Knox College. It is understood that the Knox College. It is understood that the Heppinstraw, treasurer of Fordwich; name of Rev. John Somerville, D.D., of George Currie, auditor, of Newbridge, Owen Sound, will be among those before the Presbytery. Dr. Somerville is at present temporarily lecturing to the Knox students on Apologetics and Church History, and, we

importance. Dr. Somerville is full of energy and scholarship, a strong preacher, and al-together a creditable son of Canada.

HOTEL REGISTERS. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hedderich, Detroit, are at the Tecumseh.

Palmer's "Trilby" Company are at the Tecumseh. Joseph de Gurse, chief engineer, and Wm. Wollatt, superintendent of the

L. E. and D. R. R., were at the Tecumseh yesterday. R. Duperow, Toronto; W. F. Kay, Otterville; D. C. Strachan, Goderich, and George Munn, Bolton, are at the

Grigg. B. W. Yates, of the Detroit curling club, stopped over at the Tecumseh yesterday, and joined the club at Paris

today. Hugh Montgomery, Drayton; Thomas Galbraith. Port Hope; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burns, Tecumseh, Mnch.; Jabel Robinson, Middlemarch; Robert Currie, Wingham, and Wm. Waite, Londesboro, are at the Grigg. PRESENTATION TO MR. BLEUTH-NER.

The residence of Mr. John Shopland, King street, was the scene of a merry gathering last night of the members of the Memorial Church choir. The event of the evening was the presentation to the retiring organist, Mr. Waldemar Bleuthner, of a beautiful oak rocking chair. Miss Wilson read a kindly-worded address, in which Mr. Bleuthner's untiring energy, artistic merit, and affability were very highly spoken of. The address and the presentation, which was made by Mr. T. J. R. Crawford, left no doubt as to the high esteem in which Mr. Bleuthner is held by the choir members, with whom he has been associated for nearly four years. Mr. Bleuthner made a very appreciative reply. A short programme was afterwards carried out, solos being rendered by Mrs. ing rendered by Miss Wright, Miss Shopland, Mr. H. C. Simpson and John Doherty, and a recitation by Miss Wil- Evicted Tenants' Bill Rejected in the son. Mr. Simpson made an efficient chairman. The committee in charge of the ararngements consisted of Misses Shopland and Wilson and Messrs. Simpson and Crawford.

THAT OLD, OLD STORY.

Wm. Henry, though somewhat tender in years, had heard that old, old story about work so often told by tramps and vagrants in police courts, and when he faced Magistrate Parke today, he spun it off without a hitch. Henry was arrested at the corner of York and Richmond streets, where he had hailed several citizens as "pard" and asked for money "to get a night's lodging." He was very drunk at the time, and his appeals were fruitless. Henry claimed to be a resident of Toronto. He came here to get work at his trade, he said, but got drunk instead, and fell into a policeman's clutches. He will take a month's sojourn at the county jail, as he did not have a \$5 bill to buy himself out. Joshua NOW SHENANGO NO. 1 C. Inwood, of Hullett township, Huron county, was discharged. He had come -Mayor Little left on a business trip to the city to see a friend, and made the meeting too sociable. Mrs. Hennessy, a Chatham woman, came to London to see her two children, who are confined in one of the homes. She got a drop too much before she reached her destination. It was Mrs. Hennessy's first appearance in a year, and she was given another chance.

Merriment on Ice.

Manager Holman's Benefit Was a Big Success.

Skaters Throng Princess Rink-Three Good Races-Excellent Skating.

The Princess Rink was en fete last night. The crowd was huge; everybody had a good time; the ice was excellent; the races were spirited, and the band played on.

There must have been nearly 1,000 people in the big edifice, on and off skates. It was Manager A. D. Holman's benefit, tendered him by the directors of the Rink Company, and the splendid patronage was a strong proof of "Allie's" popularity. He had evidently got on the good side of J. Pluvius, too. for Monday's thaw was arrested and put in the cooler just in time to save the ice from its melting touch.

Manager Holman had three first-class special attractions, in the shape of genuine races. The merry skaters confined themselves to the center of the rink until the contests began, at 8:30, when the ice was cleared. Mr. Holman announced the events, and made a short speech, thanking the audience for MacLaren and Kent Campbell. It was neck and neck until the last lap, both taking the lead alternately. Campbell was slightly ahead, when the two collided at the last turn, enabling Mac-Laren to win. Campbell claimed a foul, but it was purely an accident, and the claim was not allowed. Time, 6 minutes, 40 seconds.

The half-mile backward race was an amusing novelty, and was easily won by Will Feadham, who ran away from his opponent, J. Hyndman. Time, 1:45. Four local celebrities entered in the three-mile race (39 laps)-George Crabb. Allan Leys, J. Coulson and A. Gentles. Crabb set the pace from the first, and it was too hot for his opponents Leys gave him a plucky chase, but -The London West Council met last could not overhaul him. The other two night, and decided that the collector were a lap behind the leader during must get in back taxes as fast as pos- most of the race. At the finish Crabb was a lap ahead of Leys, who led his distress warrants. About \$3,000 of 1894 opponents by a good distance. Gentles taxes and some of 1893's remain uncol- had a severe tumble, but went bravely

on. Fast time was made-9:49. The referee of the races was Mr. Ben Holman, the judge, Mr. S. H. Craig, and the timekeeper, Mr. Chas. and will live. Summers.

The Seventh Band tendered their services gratuitously, and added much to the enjoyment of a very pleasant event.

GRANGERS' MEETING. Twenty-First Annual Session of the Do-

minion Organization - Small Attendance of Delegates-Officers Present The 21st annual meeting of the Dominion Grange, Patrons of Husbandry,

was opened at the county buildings at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Dawson Kennedy, of Peterboro, master of the organization, was unable to attend on account of illness. Messrs.

Jabel Robinson, of Middlemarch; Henry Glendenning, of Manilla; George Fisher, of Burlington, are the executive members in attendance, besides Peter and Robert Wilkie, secretary, of Blenheim.

Besides the above there are about 35 delegates from all corners of the learn, with great personal acceptability to the young men themselves, a point of some until Friday evening.

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The first fruits of the early closing movement will be seen after April 1, when the grocers will close up their stores at 10 o'clock Saturday nights, and at 7 o'clock other nights, those

before holidays excepted. At a special general meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association last night the question was vigorously debated, and put to an open vote of the members. The verdict in favor of closing at the hours mentioned after April 1 was almost unanimous. The association includes nearly every grocer in the city. The action of the association will no doubt have an early closing influence on other branches of business. After the meeting refreshments were served to the members, and a pleasant programme rendered. a happy social finale. Mr. W. H. Mc-

THROWN OUT.

Cutcheon occupied the chair.

House of Commons by a Large Majority.

London, Feb. 26.—Mr. John Morley, Liberal, member for Montrose, formerly Chief Secretary for Ireland, speaking on the Evicted Tenants' Bill, said he could not understand how the bill could be resisted, and suggested that the Irish Church surplus fund be devoted to it. Continuing, Mr. Morley said that the Duke of Devonshire and other "Unionists" opposed his bill because it was compulsory, but declared they would support a voluntary bill. Therefore, they had changed its provisions, and now he would be disappointed if the Conservative leader, Mr. A. J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury, did not assent to its second

The second reading of the Evicted

Is in Trouble in the Ice About Ten Mile Off Erie, Pa.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 26.—Shenango No. 1, car ferry running between Port Dover, Canada, and Conneaut, Ohio, is fast contrivance. It was practically a pair in the ice about ten miles off Erie to the northeast. The ferry left Port Dover Monday

merning with a large cargo of emp-ty cars and freight. She has steam up, but is making no headway. Steps were taken last evening to reach the sold the contrivance for a good sum to ferry in case of greater danger, but Capt. Johnson of the life-saving station found the ice impassable either

for walking or hauling a boat. There are no tugs available here. The twin ferry Shenango No. 2 was only released from the ice a few days

IN RAILWAY CIRCLES.

ago.

General Manager Reeve and Chief Engineer Hobson, of the G. T. R., have left Montreal for the west on a tour of inspection. Receipts from traffic on the C. P. R.

for the week ending Feb. 21, \$298,000; for the same week last year, \$258,000; increase, \$40,000. It is reported that the M. C. R. has purchased the Leamington and St. Clair division. The branch was leased for a term of fifteen years in the first

place, and only about half the time has expired. Herb. Kerr, son of Mr. W. J. Kerr, formerly of Hamilton, who has been residing in St. Paul, Minn., for some time, has been appointed manager of the St. Paul branch of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. This is the largest specialty concern in the United

States, having over 200 branches.

Ex-President Harrison and Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmick, will be married on Easter Monday, April 6, by the Rev. John Wesley Brown, of St. Thomas's Protestant Episcopal Church, New York.

The Grace Street Baptist Church, of Richmond, Va., was destroyed by fire Tuesday, as was also the Richmond Female Seminary and Dr. J. W. Williams' residence. The church was completed two years ago and cost \$65,-

000. Total loss over \$100,000. At the Citadel, Quebec, Monday night, was discovered that Sergt. Percy Black had blown off the top of his head with a Martini-Henri rifle. general impression is that it was a case of suicide. Deceased was a native of Hamilton, Ont.

FINISHED HER FAST. Hornellsville, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Valentine Kurtz, of South Dansville, fir ished her fast yesterday, and though there was no time-piece in the room, at exactly 40 days from the time c mmencement of her fast asked for some broth and ate. She was strong

THE TEXT LEFT HIM.

One Sunday Dr. McGregor, of Lady Yester's, Edinburgh, was preaching in a country church, and John, the beadle, among other compliments he gave the minister in the session house, in a friendly way told him that he minded of him preaching his first sermon. "Well," said the doctor to John, you tell me the text I preached from I will give you a new hat." John scratched his head for a while in perplexity, and at last had to give in, saying, "Man. the thoct of the new hat has driven the text out of my head."

ME A SELECTION OF THE PERSON O A mother has seven children, all of whom are exceptionally bright. One of these, a 4-year-old boy, showed great reluctance to attend church, and was constantly in disgrace when there. His mother tried every means to induce him to sit still; in vain, until the little fellow said: "Mamma, there's just one way I can keep still in church." "What is that?" asked his mamma, eagerly. "Just let me take off my shoes and ue stockings, so I can wriggle my toes, and I'll keep as still as a mouse."

THE SMUGGLER'S INGENUITY.

A Sailorman's Novel Contrivance to Get Rum Ashore. (From the New York World.)

"You would be surprised at the amount of smuggling that is done by the crews of sailing vessels," said one of the customs inspectors over the Brooklyn docks. "Many rich cargoes come in here from India, South America and the West Indies, and the temptation to smuggle is too strong for the average sailor to resist. There is something fascinating about smuggling, which is the only way I can account for the fact that many an otherwise honest man doesn't scruple to defraud the Government whenever he gets the chance. Among sailors this feeling is almost universal. Indeed they seem to think that their calling gives them the privilege of bringing in a few things on every trip, and they are apt to make it very uncomfortable for the officer who attempts to enforce the law. The articles they smuggle consists mostly of liquors, fine silks, and such delicacies as preserved ginger, curacoa, etc.

"But let me tell you how I discovered one of the most ingenious schemes for smuggling that was ever devised. I was in the habit of visiting an oldfashioned saloon, and one day the proprietor asked me if I would sample some of his rum. It was fine old Damarara. I began to wonder where he got it, for he didn't keep it in stock all the time. Then I noticed that he got in a fresh supply every time a certain ship arrived.

"I thought I saw a good chance for a seizure, and kept a close watch on the saloon the next time the vessel came in. I hung around the place all night, but not a sign of smuggling could I see. There was no doubt, though, that it had taken place, for the next day the saloonkeeper was treating all hands to rum. The only suspicious thing I saw was that one of the sailors made frequent trips from the ship to the saloon. I was morally certain that he was doing the smuggling, but how he did it was a mystery, for I never saw him carrying anything. "One day when he was returning to the ship I drew him into conversation. He had been sampling some of his own rum and began skylarking. Tenants' Bill was rejected in the House of Commons by a vote of 271 I playfully hit him on the leg with my walking cane. There was a sharp metallic sound as the blow fell. The man's face whitened, and he sobered up in a moment. It was all plain enough to me then, and I knew that the wide trousers the man wore meant more than a mere peculiarity of dress. "There was no legal evidence against the man, as no rum was found in the of hollow tin trousers of the most ingenious design, by which he could carry gallons of liquor without fear of detection. He never attempted to work the scheme again, and some time afterwards he told me that he had a smuggler who plied his calling on the

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