

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Special Chicago and Other Market Reports.

Stock Exchange, Montreal, Feb. 27.

Table of stock exchange prices in Montreal, Feb. 27. Columns include Stock, P. M., and Ask'd Bid.

Afternoon Sales—Com. Cable, 50 at 146 1/2. Mont. St. Ry., 25 at 187 1/2; 125 at 187 1/2.

Toronto Stocks.

Table of Toronto stock prices, Feb. 27. Columns include Stock, Price, and Bid.

Transactions—Commerce, 7, 20 at 137. Dominion, 8 at 270. Wm. Assurance, 50 at 148 1/2.

Liverpool Market.

Liverpool, Feb. 27, 12.45 p.m.—Wheat, spot, firm; demand poor; futures firm; near positions 1/4 higher.

Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 27, Market quiet. WHEAT—50c bid for white and red.

Montreal.

Montreal, Quebec, Feb. 27.—Market quiet and unchanged. Flour, 100 bushels, 12.00.

London Money Market.

London, Feb. 27, 4 p.m., closing.—Consols for money, 104 1/16.

The European Bourses.

London, Feb. 27.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 47 1/2 pips.

Money and Stocks in New York.

New York, Feb. 27.—The stock market opened firm; Atchafson, 4 1/2; Sugar, 9 1/2.

New York, Feb. 27.—Money on call, 1 1/2 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent.

New York, Feb. 27.—A firmer tone characterized the trading at the Stock Exchange to-day.

London, Feb. 27.—The allotment of the American loan has given general satisfaction here.

Chicago.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by C. R. Turner.

Table of Chicago market data including Opening, High, Low, and Closing prices for various commodities.

Special despatch to C. E. TURNER, Broker, Montreal Bank Building, from Kenneth, Hopkins & Co., Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 27.—Wheat lost 1/2c to-day on large offerings; cash was 47c to 48c higher.

Buffalo Barley Market.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The barley supply was further reduced to-day by 100 tons shipped eastward for consumption.

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Buffalo, N. Y., February 27.—Spring wheat—Limits easy; demand quiet.

New York.

New York, Feb. 27.—FLOUR—Receipts, 35,000 packages; exports, 10,000.

New York, Feb. 27.—WHEAT—Receipts, 110,000 bushels; exports, 40,000.

New York, Feb. 27.—COTTON—Dull; receipts, 3,000 bales; exports, 1,000.

New York, Feb. 27.—SUGAR—Receipts, 10,000 tons; exports, 5,000.

Bar Silver.

New York, Feb. 27.—Bar silver in London, unchanged, at 27 1/2 per cent.

Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 27.—Wheat, cash, 54 1/2c; No. 2, 55c.

Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Wheat, No. 2 red, 85c; No. 3 red, 84c.

LONDON MARKETS.

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LATEST CATTLE MARKETS.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 95 head; exports, 24.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTIONARY MOVEMENT.

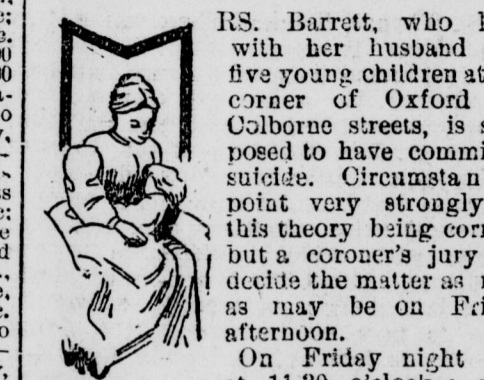
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PROBABLY A SUICIDE.

Sad Death by Slow Poison of a Young Mother.

SHE SAID IT WAS BY A MISTAKE.

Took Poison for Cough Medicine—Believed That Deceased Brooded Over Her Care, and in a Rash Moment Drank Chloride of Zinc—The Family Were in Poor Circumstances—An Inquest Ordered.



RS. Barrett, who lived with her husband and five young children at the corner of Oxford and Colborne streets, is supposed to have committed suicide.

IN PHYSICAL AND MENTAL PAIN.

until Tuesday night, when she died. While alive she talked but little, and, indeed, seemed inclined not to speak at all.

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MOWAT'S LITTLE SURPRISE.

WHILE NEARLY ALL THE MEMBERS WERE AT GUELPH.

Thinking There would be no Sitting of the House, the Speaker Takes His Place as Usual, in Order That a Rough Draft of the Estimates Might be Tabled—A Piece of Sharp Practice—Gallery Gossip.

Legislature Chambers, Toronto, Feb. 27.—[Special.]—This has been a day of surprises in the House.

In the first place it was thoroughly understood that there was to be no session in consequence of the great majority of the members having accepted the invitation of Hon. Mr. Dwyer to visit the Model Farm at Guelph.

Imagine the surprise then, when the Speaker, preceded by the sergeant-at-arms, marched into the chamber a little after three and proceeded to open in due form.

The object of this session became apparent. It was desired, in order to choke off debate and complaint that the estimates had not been laid on the table, to have it recorded in the Votes and Proceedings that they had been so laid.

The object of this is plain, and it remains to be seen what the members of the House who were absent at Guelph will say when they return and discover the piece of sharp practice of which they have been the victims.

Apart from the proceedings above referred to, which were quiet and still about the House to-day, and the few members who did not go to Guelph on the annual excursion were variously employed.

The dying woman hesitated for a long time, as though considering what reply to make. Then she said in a low voice, "Yes."

"What for?" was next asked. "I had a cough," she replied.

"Mrs. Barrett's hesitation in answering is believed to have been due to a struggle in her mind whether she should tell the truth or protect her husband and her children. The latter seemed to have gained the victory. The fact shows how deeply the poor woman must have grieved over the trouble which she believed to have brought upon her loved one.

The poison was a slow one in its effect. It caused an inflammation of the lungs, and an eating away of the lining of the stomach. Death did not result until the stomach had been perforated by the metallic fluid.

The suicide theory is that the deceased took the poison in a rash moment. It is alleged that her husband was not as kind and thoughtful of her as she believed he should be. Again, the family were in poor circumstances. Less than a year ago they came here from England, Mrs. Barrett having a sister here—Mrs. Bessley, of Maliland street, near Oxford. Mr. Barrett is an engineer, and he secured work at the Hellmuth Ladies' College, and later on was employed at McClary's. For some time he had been out of work, and the family received little from the City relief office.

At the time of the taking of the poison Mrs. Barrett was in the kitchen. The husband was awakened by his wife's cries, and on going to her assistance she told him what she had taken. He then hurried through the prevailing storm to Dr. Mitchell's office nearly a mile away, arriving at the hour named. He was naturally very much excited, and seemed particularly anxious that the matter should be kept quiet, making the request a couple of times that the doctor who had been called to the doctor's office he was the impression that she was aware his wife had attempted to end her life.

"If I had only been there," he said, "she would not have taken it." The remains were removed to Stephenson's undertaking rooms last evening. Deceased was 32 years of age, and is described by those who knew her as a "real little woman." She was of about medium size and rather slender. The body will be removed here this morning.

Coroner Flock summoned a jury, who viewed the body at the undertaker's at 5 o'clock last evening, and then adjourned to Friday afternoon at the Police Station, when a number of witnesses, including the husband, will be examined.

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No hen will lay an egg every day in the year. Even those that are non-sitters will not do it at seasons when they are moulting, and there is usually a rest of a day or two, if not longer, between the different hatches, when the natural time comes for the hen to sit, and after trying almost everything recommended by the various writers on poultry raising, I have now a new method, which I believe will cure me. I would not be without them for any money.

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