THE WEEK IN REAL ESTATE.

THE BUILDING SEASON OPENED—$100,000 FOR IT THIS WEEK.

Fair Activity in Property—A Question Which Owners of Central Buildings Are Talking Over—The Mimico Manufacturing Syndicate Make an Announcement.

Business in local realty has not been specially active this week. A few brokers report good sales but the greater number have been devoting their attention to office work. The important fact developing this week is that spring has come, with it the commencement of building operations. Building permits issued at City Hall for the week show a total for buildings to go under construction of over $100,000. Inside property will from now out be watched with keener interest, as the locations of future important buildings are made known.

What Will the End Be?

The agreement between the Cawthra and McGee estates as to ground rentals in Yonge-street, noted last Saturday, has caused a good deal of comment. The McGee estate brought weighty evidence to show that it was impossible to pay the proposed rental and have a margin out of the buildings as they stood. They say that in order to clear themselves additional buildings will have to be erected at the rear of the lots. This case moves a prominent broker to remark that the steady advance of ground rents of down town property will in a few years drive all the small buildings off the leading thoroughfares. "It will come to confiscation of the present buildings," he said. "Owners of buildings cannot possibly pay the rents and make anything for themselves at present rentals, and the only way out of the dilemma is the erection of lofty structures." History is repeating itself. Some years ago a case of actual confiscation took place. A man named Coghill owned a building in King-street, west of York. When the time came for the renewal of the lease the arbitrators fixed it at a considerable advance. Mr. Coghill did not think business would warrant him in putting up a bigger building, and he saw plainly he could make nothing out of the old one at the new rental rate. The transaction ended with Coghill throwing up his building and leaving town.

The Interesting Coterie.

For the past fortnight the insiders in the Mimico scheme have been keeping the outsiders on the edge. About two weeks ago the announcement regarding the opening of the stock book was revoked owing to a "difference of opinion" among the interested parties. Since then the meetings behind the plate glass window on Toronto-street have been frequent and the sessions long. Many an outsider has dropped around the corner to glance in at the window, but gestures without voice were their only recompense. No matter how much the parties lurked around those voiceless gestures and the ambiguous features of the acting manager yells all they could get to satisfy their hungry eyes. The restless feeling which has pervaded the outsiders is dispelled by the announcement which appears in this issue. The company are advertising the opening of their stock book and setting forth the advantages of the enterprise.

The World is Winning.

At the beginning of this year The World commenced a weekly review of the local real estate market. The volume of business done and the number of people interested warranted some notice being taken of the dealings. Stock markets, on which less business is done, have secured columns every day; in the newspapers for forty years, and it was concluded that a local market in which thousands of people are interested merited the attention which has been bestowed upon it. The review has proved a very interesting feature, and hundreds of investors who look in vain in other papers for real estate news find it in The World, and the Saturday circulation correspondingly benefited. The dailies have been slow to recognize it, but it is getting out among them. Finding its way into the hands of so many people has been transferring their advertisements to the columns of The World. The Globe for Saturday last has printed more than any other paper, and many as all this is getting to be the favorite form.

A Favorable Showing.

The annual report of the Toronto Real Estate Investment Company shows that the affairs of the company are making good progress. This company has large holdings of real estate in Toronto, situated mostly in the leading thoroughfares, and it is a fact worth noting that the earnings on a capital of $400,000 was $76,000. It gives proof of the value of central estate. Out of the $76,000, $40,000 has been transferred to the rest account and $24,000 appropriated for dividend.

A Hundred Thousand for Buildings.

The following building permits have been issued during the week: To J. T. Cabe for a brick stable at 107 Manning-avenue to cost $700; to R. J. McLean for a four-story brick-fronted house in Lombard-street, near Victoria, to cost $13,000; to Charles Steinel for a pair of three-story brick stores in King-street to cost $9000. Charles Moss, 4-story brick store at 129 King-street east, $10,000; R. McMullen, two pair of two-story and attic brick dwellings, southwest corner Markham and Harbord-streets, $10,000; Saunders & McBurney, four attached two-story and mansard brick dwellings in George-street, one pair of two-story and mansard brick dwellings in Mutual-street and six attached two-story and attic brick dwellings corner Shuter and Mutual-streets, total cost $60,000.

Transfers During the Week.

George A. Case: 171 feet in Bloor-street west, corner lot, at $148 a foot; 3 stores in King-street at $23,000, 150 feet in Huron-street at $50 a foot and 100 feet in St. Helen's-avenue at $3500.

George Faulkner's syndicate has bought the Turner property, Mimico, consisting of 28 acres, at $10.0 an acre. George Faulkner also reports the sale of an irregular lot, corner of King-street and Wilson-avenue, Parkdale, at $6500.

Genereux & Lloyd: Two houses on Markham-street at $4600, 50 feet in Symington-avenue at $800, 20 feet in Wychwood-park at $40, and 40 feet in Helena-avenue at $550.

Jackson & James: 100 feet in Pleasant-avenue at $22 a foot and 100 feet in Weston.

H. H. Bennett: 1300 feet in Mimico at $5 a foot.

A. Stuttaford, agent for E. J. Clark: 300 feet in Danforth-road at $14 and 250 feet in Reed-avenue at $9.

J. J. & S. A. McIntyre: Exchange of 150 feet in Eglinton Park for a house on Thurley-avenue at $4100.

Barrett, Turner & Co.: 75 feet in Ossington-avenue at $30 a foot; 2 houses in Borden-street at $4000 and 2 houses in Concord-street at $3000.

Lasher & Flynn: 3 houses in Brock avenue at $5100; exchange of 800 feet in Little York for house in Lappin-avenue at $8000.

A. Willis: 60 feet in Main-street at $16 a foot.

Rogers & Hall: 100 feet in Davenport-road, city, at $65 a foot.

J. Curry: 1000 feet at Mimico at $8 a foot.

Campbell & Mossman: 150 feet in Glenrose-avenue at $4000, 140 feet in Ellsworth-avenue at $1400 and two houses in West Toronto at $5000.

Out in the Cold.

Over 600 National Cash Registers won their way last month into the hearts of as many leading business merchants. Just fancy, you merchants who are keeping a keen eye after the dollars, over 17,000 of these machines in use in all classes of business, and still you are out in the cold, and hanging on to your business methods that have been buried a hundred years ago! Open your eyes! Keep pace with the times! Lead your business, don't have it lead you! It costs nothing to get information and investigate this system, and it will certainly repay you—it has done so for others and why not you? Just think it over, study it, give it careful attention, then when you decide you are put in business for the fun of it, drop a card to J. A. Banfield & Co., 67 Yonge-street, Toronto, and they will be only too pleased to give you all information.

Death on the Track.

BURKETON, March 21.—Farmer George Murphy was cut in pieces by a C.P.R. train last night.

TRAMPS AND THEIR WAYS.

A Careful and Practical Study of the Knights of the Road.

The Rector of Rettendon has been discoursing for the entertainment of audiences at the Chelmsford Museum on the subject of "Tramps," to which he has devoted a careful study, not in books, but in the highways and byways of his neighborhood. Essex is not quite so fruitful in samples of the genus as Kent, where Charles Dickens once met that immortal tramp who could tell you the workhouse where on Christmas Day you might count on "as jolly a blow-out of beef and taters as ever passed your breast bone." There are seasons when the pedestrian tourist on the Kentish highways, may expect to be asked for alms by nearly every other passenger he meets, but at most times of the year you may wander far between the soft, undulating country about Saffron Walden and the commanding hills of Laindon and Danbury—for with such landscape beauty is Essex, in spite of ignorant detractors, richly endowed—without suffering any very serious annoyance from the too familiar plaintive appeal of the professional beggar who is always making for somewhere in quest of the job that he never finds. Nevertheless, Mr. Webster has found opportunities even in this favored corner of our island of observing closely the habits and customs of those whom he calls "the knights and ladies of the honorable order of cadgers."

A slight incident drew his attention to this subject. Coming to crossroads on a long walk one day, he was undecided which turn to take, until a tramp came along and was observed carefully to study a moss-grown post, and choose his road. A subsequent examination of the post revealed certain marks, which were rude semblances of a Greek letter, marked on posts and gates by tramps for the guidance of their fellows. These signs are made, it seems, with a sharpened nail, specimens of which the lecturer was able to produce. They served as a chisel, a tobacco-stopper, a latch-lifter, and so on. The largest class of those Knights of the Road who affect the Essex lanes and highways is, we are assured, recruited from the ranks of broken-down clergyman and schoolmasters. You can always tell them. A rusty alpaca coat, cuffs very frayed, odd glove—one kid, one cotton—form the attire of the clergyman tramps, who pulls off his hat in an obsequious manner, and always has a very large family. The equipment for a life on the road is generally an old tin cocoa box, lined with pink paper, with a small piece of looking glass in she lid, and filled with needles "that won't prick," pencils and ink "that won't mark," and other commodities of the sort wherewith Antolycus was wont to fill his pack, the whole "rig-out" costing about half a crown.

Various races have curious modes of greeting. Englishmen still shake hands, Indians rub noses, but when tramps meet they always sits down and take off their boots. If two knights "pall up," one takes the "patter" and the other the "line" or "link." On the way from place to place the various signs—good or bad, on posts and gates—are examined, and the two then know exactly how to conduct themselves—what they will get here and what they will not get there. A carefully arranged and expressive "snivel" is regarded as their most valuable acquirement. The "religious snivel" and the "lost a relative snivel" are also good. It is a curious fact that the eight best-known signs used by tramps are nearly all Greek and mathematical symbols, one being especially remarkable—the Greek "theta," which, being the first letter of "thous," is put on the gates of religious people's houses.

Other signs mean, "Will buy if you have got what th y want," "A good feed," "No good," "A certainty," "Spoilt," "Prison," "Very dangerous," and so forth. The slight acquaintance displayed with mathematics and the Greek alphabet confirms Mr. Webster's belief that broken-down clergymen and school masters, helpless victims probably of the terrible drink craze, form a considerable item in the ranks of the Essex "Knights of the Road;" but the ways and devices of the Essex cadgers and "Cursitors" still retain the common features of English roguery and mendicancy as depicted in old Harman's "Caveat" and "Fraternity of Vagabonds," which saw the light in the days when Shakespeare was a schoolboy and the Bohemian "snapper up of unconsidered trifles" had not yet made complaint that "gallows and knock are too powerful on our high ways."

ODDS AND ENDS OF HUMOR.

Matilda Greenfield—I cayn't do yo' washin' no mo' arfter to-day, ma'am, kase I'se gwine ter be mahied.

Mrs. Mildly—Indeed, Matilda, I am really very glad of it on your account. But I hope you have given the matter careful consideration, Matilda, and that you fully realize the importance of the step you are about to take."

Matilda—'Deed I does, ma'am, 'deed I does; kase I been mahied fo' times already, 'an I realizes jess how cat'ful a puson has ter be 'bout dis marryin' business.

Officer (to Court)—I arrested this man for sweeping paper and rubbish into the street.

Prisoner—Your Honor, isn't that a rather sweeping charge?

The Court—Yes, too sweeping; that is to say, too much sweeping. Ten dollars fine.

She—Now, John, I don't think you ought to go out to-night. This is the fourth night you have been out this week.

He—Business, you know dear, and then it will give you a chance to finish your magazine article on "How to Keep a Husband at Home."

New Reporter (wringing the rain out of his whiskers)—This is a tough night night out, I can tell you.

City Editor—What's the matter with your report of Mrs. Pocketbook's reception?

New Reporter—Why, what's the matter with it?

City Editor—You don't begin, "Despite the inclemency of the weather."

Mable—Did you hear that Bessie Willis, was married yesterday to Tom Guzzler?

Maud—Really! I thought she would be the last person to marry him.

Mabel—Well, she was, wasn't she?

Customer in bookstore. Have you "The Children in the Abbey?"

New Clerk—No; their mother took 'em to the circus.

A dealer in curios reports a large falling off in Indian scalps, and a rise in price from $5 to $25. From this it appears that an Indian's scalp is worth considerably more than the Indian, which, after all, is very proper.

An Error in the Bible.

A printer's error has been detected in the last issue of the Bible from the Cambridge Press. In Isaiah, xlviii., 13, the word "foundation" is begun with an "r" instead of an "f." The mistake was discovered by a young son of the Rev. Dr. H. Alder, who has received the standing reward of a guinea offered or the detection of such an error.

A Truth Tellin' Boy.

Neighbor—What did your mother say, Johnnie, when you told her I was very sick?

Johnnie—O, she said she guessed you'd come around all right, 'cause the good generally die young.—Exchange.

The Cunard Line.

Mr. A. F. Webster, city passenger agent of this popular steamship line, reports that the staterooms are filling up rapidly for May and June. The ocean travel, although it will not be as heavy as last season, will by no means be light. The Cunard Line has just completed its 50 years of existence. The company has the distinction of never having lost the life of a passenger.

Streetsville Junction—The Pacific Hotel.

This well-known hostelry is one of the first-class houses on the C.P.R. line. Mr. Farrell, the proprietor, is known by all the traveling public and has the reputation of thoroughly understanding his business.

STOCKS AND PRODUCE.

The Local Market Featureless—The Weekly Review of Trade—In the Live Stock Market.

FRIDAY EVENING, March 21.

There were no new features in the stock market this morning, business being quiet except in Northwest Land and Canada Permanent and Lon. & Can. loan stocks which were active and traded in to some extent. The feeling generally was firmer, and prices, where a change occurred, were enhanced. Montreal ruled ¼, Ontario ¼ and Commerce ¼ stronger, but there were no transactions in bank stocks. British America moved up 2 being offered at 108, with 104 bid; Western Assurance was wanted at 140, Northwest Land opened firm at 83 and there were several transactions. Sellers of London & Can. conceded ¾ and a number of shares changed hands at 120. There was also a little activity in Canada Permanent (new) at 197. Canada Landed Credit was ½ weaker. At the afternoon trade was extraordinarily quiet and no transactions whatever were recorded.

Transactions—Forenoon: 20, 83, 50, 20 Northwest Land Company at 82¾; 40 Canada Permanent (new) at 82¾; 200 London & Canada at 120.

The Montreal stock market was almost featureless.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Prices About Maintained—Sheep Lower and Hogs Advance.

FRIDAY EVENING, March 21.

At Montreal to-day trade was rather slow, with prices of cattle sheep, and hogs about the same; a few of the best cattle sold at 4¾c, with pretty good steers at 4c to 4¼. At the Toronto Western Cattle Market Tuesday's prices were well maintained, with offerings below the demand. The total marketings were only 17 cars, including about 60 sheep and 100 hogs. There were a few choice cattle on sale, but the offerings were principally fair to medium.

CATTLE—Picked lots of choice butchers' realized 4¼c to 4½c; the general average for fairly choice was 3¾c to 4c; common dry cows, rough steers and hinds sold at 3c to 3¼c, and some lean beasts sold as low as 2½c to 3c. Four carloads were sent forward to Montreal. Some of the transactions were: 22 head averaging 1075 at 4½c; 16 averaging 1100 at $42 each; 4 averaging 950 at $30 each or 3¼c per lb.; 20 averaging 1034 at $41 each; 8 averaging 1075 at $42 each; 21 averaging 1000 lb. at 4c per lb.; 15 averaging 1000 lb. at $39 each; 22 averaging 1040 lbs. at $33; 11 averaging 1100 lbs. at $46.50 each; 15 averaging 1050 lbs. at $39 each; 10 averaging 980 lbs. at $36 each.

CALVES—Veal is scarce and firmer, only four were brought in and sold at $5 to $6.

Sales were made of 4 at $7, 2 weighing 145 lbs. at $5.25, and 5 averaging 195 lbs. at $7 for the lot.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—There was less activity than for some days past and two or three bunches were left over. Mixed bunches fring $5.25 to $6, and sheep $6 to $6.50. A few spring lambs sold at $6 apiece. Sales were made of a bunch of 17 (mixed) averaging 145 lbs. at $5.25, another bunch of 11 sheep averaging 140 lbs. realized $6.25; a number of small lots were sold at $5.50 to $5.75.

HOGS—There was a further advance in the price of hogs. It is generally admitted that the supply of light hogs in this country at the present time is largely in excess of last year, but heavy porkers are scarce. Notwithstanding the plethora, however, prices are firm with the tendency upward. The lowest price paid for light fat to-day was 4¾c, and one carload for delivery Tuesday to be weighed off car was purchased at 5c per lb. All the sales made to-day were in small lots, the offering being considerably below the demand.

HORSES—With the approach of spring the horse trade appears to be looking up again from the dullness and depression which as existed throughout the winter, and the improvement chronicled this week is expected to continue.

THE WEEKLY REVIEW.

An Improved Feeling with Increasing Demand in All Lines.

FRIDAY EVENING, March 21.

Trade during the week has shown a decided improvement over last week, spring orders coming in freely. Everything points to an excellent season's business. There has been a diminution in the number of assignments. The large sales of bankrupt stocks this week were well attended, the bidding was brisk and the prices realized high.

GROCERIES — Coffees are stronger—Rios particularly, and the latter are higher. Javas have also moved up ¼ and are now firm at an advance. Sugars have continued very strong but no further advance is reported on yellows, which still sell at 5¾c up, according to grade, the former being the lowest figure. Both the English and the New York markets are reported strong in raw sugars. Fruits have been strong with prices firmer in view of advances in foreign markets. Prunes continue firm, selling at 5c to 5½c in sacks and 6½c to 8½c in cases. There is nothing new of special interest to report in teas. There is a good enquiry for lower grades which bring firm prices. The cheese market continues quiet and steady.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS—The soft weather is beginning as usual to weaken the egg market and prices have commenced to decline, with every probability of a further drop ere long. Quotations now are 13c to 14c for strictly fresh, there not being any improvement in any other variety, as retailers do not care to handle any more than they can help in the face of a probable further drop. Some small lots of limed have been cleared at 8c to 11c, but in view of the continued heavy receipts of fresh eggs, they are utterly neglected. There is nothing of interest to note in butter. There was a fairly large jobbing trade done during the week. The feeling is easy on the lower grades, but the choice stock maintains previous quotations. A good deal of firmness has been developed in provisions, owing in part to a rally from the low prices which have ruled for some time and partly to the advance in other markets, but quotations are about the same. Long clear bacon in ton lots sells at 7¾c to 7¾c and case lots at 7¾c to 7¾c. Bellies and backs rule at 10½c to 11c and rolls at 9c. Hams, mess pork and lard, unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS, ETC.—There is very little doing in hides and skins at present, the demand being slow and receipts small and mostly of an inferior sort. Sales of cured are quoted at 4¾c, No. 1 green 4c, lower grades at 2c to 3c. The best green calfskins are still worth 6c, with limited offerings. Sheepskins are still worth $1.25 to $1.50. Tallow is worth 5c. There is no change in wool with little volume.

GRAIN AND FLOUR—The principal trading of the week has been in oats, of which a considerable quantity has changed hands at 29½c to 30c on track for mixed and 31c for white. Peas are quiet with an easier feeling at 65c. In wheat there is nothing new to note, although the market is firm with light business. White is worth 82c to 83c on track, and red 80c, with spring at about the same figure. The barley market has been quiet at 43c to 44c on track. Altogether there are more signs of life in the market, however, and before long business will be stirring again after its winter sluggishness. Business continues remarkably dull in flour without quotable change.

LEATHER—Trade is still quiet but prices remain firm.

HARDWARE—Prices are being maintained on the other side, but dealers here are of the opinion that there will be a reaction before long and are consequently chary about buying. Business is consequently quiet, but in a few weeks greater activity is expected to be developed, and a larger trade is looked forward to. An advance of 10c. is chronicled on the price of nails, occasioned by the advance in raw materials. There is a fair enquiry for lumbermen's supplies, and contractors are also buying more extensively. There is a tendency here toward easier prices.

Alas, how changed! The rosy cheek is pallid as the dead,
And from the eyes that were so bright the happy light has fled.
Life has no joy for her to-day; grown old before her prime,
She waits in hopeless suffering for that swift, coming time
When death shall set her free
From pour, sick woman's misery.
But if she knew what wonderful cures Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has effected in worse cases than hers she would clutch at the chance of recovering lost health as drowning men catch at straws, and she might be saved.

TIPS FOR INVENTORS.

THE OPENING OF A NEW COUNTRY FOR INVENTIVE PIONEERS.

Name Your Avenue to Success—Vast Fields of Improvement in Almost Every Industry, Invention and Trade.

In looking over the broad field of industry the intelligent observer is struck with two things: First, the high degree of pecuniary reward which has been attained by those inventors who have gone to work to supply something that the world needed; and second, the great number of lines in which there is still opportunity for inventors to achieve success.

Electrical Inventions.

There is a big demand all over the country for an insulating material for wires which would be light, cheap, easily handled and not readily altered or attacked by heat, cold, dampness, acids, alkalies, coal gas or sewer gas, and which would also resist abrasion.

One of the greatest if not the very greatest of all electrical problems is to produce a primary battery which shall use ordinary coal as one of its electrodes; oxidizing this perfectly to carbonic acid, without the production of heat—and all at a cost which will render such production of electrical current a commercial rival with the present method of using the coal in a furnace to produce steam with which to run an engine by which to turn a "dynamo" which shall evolve the current.

Can you make a better filament for the incandescent electric light than those which you see? Or can you even make as good a one? If so, you can practically dictate your own terms for the sale of your patent.

Marine Inventions Needed.

Can you make a better feathering paddle-wheel than those which are in use? If so, do not hide your light under a bushel.

Jet propulsion of vessels is being tried, but there is plenty of room at the top in this line, and there is cash at the top for those who get there.

Any one who looks at the cumbersome methods employed in dredging out our harbors (and even hey are far in advance of those used in other countries) will admit on sight that there is need of better.

In Railway Lines.

As our timber supply is getting less and less, there is more and more need of a good iron or steel railway tie.

A power brake which will put the friction where it belongs, on the rails instead of on the threads of the wheels, ought to be well received.

A stationary indicator which will show what will be the next stopping place and will skip those at which the train does not stop is loudly called for by the travelling public, and railroad official and employees would be prejudiced in its favor.

In Motive Lines.

If you can produce a small powerful motor for balloons, you will find a purchaser in short order.

Can you get up a good device which will automatically and instantly stop the engine and all moving parts connected therewith in case anyone gets caught in the machinery?

Power users will herald the day which gives them a good automatic stoker for their boilers.

The smoke consumer which will save fuel and lessen the smoke nuisance in those cities where soft coal is burned is yet in the future; and if it will do what is desired of it and will in addition, be applicable to locomotives, there will be in it what the boys on the street call "big money."

There is plenty of room for improvements in gas-engines, particularly in the very small and the very large sizes.

A problem which is worth working at is the production of a mechanical substitute for the fly-wheel on ordinary steam-engines or other motors, particularly those running at slow speed. This problem has been practically solved in pumping machinery by the use of hydraulic auxiliary cylinders, which absorb power and give it out again.

In General.

Are you able to invent an ink distributing roller for printing presses superior to those now employed?

Although hundreds of brick machines have been produced, and brick machines are demanded by manufacturers, there is none which has been very generally adopted.

Some day somebody will produce a system of glazing without putty, and will receive the thanks of all of us and the dollars of many of us.

Metallurgists want a cheap process for extracting silver from very low-grade ores in paying quantities. Also a good way of recovering the tin from scrap tinned-iron should pay.

Is flexible glass too chimerical for American inventive genius?

A process which the water of great rivers may be purified more rapidly than by filtering beds should command attention and a high price.

That dread disease, pulmonary consumption and that other equally fell destroyer, cancer, have never been subdued by specifics, and whoever produces medicaments which will cure them will deserve well of his fellow-men and should reap a fortune.

No one seems to have been able, as yet, to preserve egg fresh and sweet for a long time, as fruits are kept. Some one will manage it some day and reap a reward therefor.

Match-making needs a little improvement. Can you get up a fuse which will not blow out and which will not smell like a drug-store on fire?—N. Y. World.

Embalmed Cats from Egypt.

A consignment of nineteen and one-half tons of embalmed cats from Beni Hassan, Central Egypt, has just reached Liverpool. In this parcel there are remains of about one hundred and eighty thousand cats. They were discovered by an Egyptian fellah employed in husbandry, who fell into a pit which, on further examination, proved to be a large subterranean cave completely filled with cats, every one of which had been separately embalmed and dressed in cloth, after the manner of Egyptian mummies, all being separately laid out in rows. Specimens of these have been taken by Mr. Moore, the curator of the Liverpool Museum, where they can be seen. The remainder are about to be employed as manure. The Rev. H. H. Higgins and Mr. Moore fix the date of their interment at 2,000 years before Christ.

Changeable Weather.

Maine man (finishing a story)—"Yes, sir, I killed that bear with nothin' but this little jackknife. Guess you never herd a tussle with a bear, did you?" New York Liar—"Oh, yes. I was out fishing one day on Staten Island, when a big bear made a rush for me and knocked the pole out of my hand, leaving me without even that means of defence. Well, sir, I grabbed that bear, threw him down, and held him there until he froze to death." Maine man (gasping)—"I might 'a' done that many a time myself, but the weather don't change so quick as it does here."—New York Weekly.

The Latest Trade Troubles.

The Bengough Business College, the proprietor of which recently made an assignment, was offered for sale at public auction yesterday, but did not sell. The trustee is endeavoring to secure 8 to 10 per cent. dividend for the creditors, but it is doubtful if even this sum can be realized.

It is expected that a dividend of 20 cents on the dollar will be paid on the liabilities of Loden & Henderson, Little Current, who recently assigned.

Griffin & Co., drygoods and boots and shoes, Dunnville, have effected a compromise.

Assignments reported yesterday: C. W. Butler & Co., boots and shoes, Carlton Place, and P. Murphy, boots and shoes, Westport.

THE DELEGATION FELT SORE.

Londoners Who Could Not Do Business Because It Was Not Arranged "With a Member of the Government."

At 3½ o'clock yesterday afternoon a highly-disappointed delegation filed out of the ladies' gallery of the Assembly Chamber. It came from London and consisted of John Marshall, E. R. Cameron, T. Alexander, T. Herbert Marsh and Ald. Taylor. They had come down on the understanding that the bill relating to the amalgamation of London and London South would be up, as it was generally expected it would be. But Mr. Mowat refused to let the motion go on, though it had been tacitly arranged, taking refuge behind the plea that it had not been arranged "with a member of the Government."

Mr. Morin formally asked if the Government had decided on a mode of celebrating, during 1892, the centennial of the opening of the first Parliament of Upper Canada at Niagara. If not, is it the intention of the Government to take the matter into consideration. Mr. Mowat as formally answered that the Government had not decided, but would take it into consideration.

The next point was the motion of Mr. Garson, "That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when the Government should seriously consider the advisability of furnishing school books free to the pupils of the common schools in the province." Mr. Garson made a moderate speech in support of his motion in favor of the province furnishing free text books, going much further in his speech than in his motion and advocating the furnishing of text books absolutely free.

The Minister of Education instanced cases where a scheme of this kind is found to work very well, and said he would be prepared—but not this session—to submit a scheme whereby incorporated cities, towns and villages may adopt such a system. He was not, however, prepared to pledge the Government to the furnishing of such books free.

Mr. Meredith pointed out that the plan proposed would involve the expenditure of just a tithe of the interest on the assets of the Province, as estimated by the Commissioner of Crown Lands. He, however, agreed with the Minister of Education to a certain extent that it was a question for the school sections rather than the Province, though he quite agreed with the mover of the resolution that it was a subject that might well be taken into consideration.

The motion was withdrawn.

In reply to Mr. Balfour's motion for an address for copies of all memorials or petitions addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor in council since the late partial destruction of the university building, for or against the maintenance of a residence in connection with that institution, Mr. Ross suggested that it be amended to read so as to include any petitions addressed to any member of the Government, and with this understanding the motion passed.

The rest of the time of the House up till the hour of adjournment was occupied in discussing the regulation of the dog and sheep question, a burning question in the rural districts, but of no great urban consequence. The House sat after the usual hour, there being no evening session, to prorogue after a number of bills to amend the Municipal Act to the Municipal Council had all might be considered in connection with the Government bill to the same purport.

Coming Auction Sales.

Messrs. Charles M. Henderson & Co. announce a number of important auction sales to be found in another column. Parties furnishing would do well to note the list.

Is It a Big Job?

West End public school trustees are excited at the proposal of the Sites and Building Committee to purchase for $16,000, or $65 a foot, a lot in Churchill and Lakeview-avenues from Mr. Ricard Wilcox. Architect Jennison of The World yesterday he had the refusal of this lot two weeks ago at $45 a foot, with 2 0 commission for himself if he made a sale. He and the local trustees, Messrs. McSpadden and McCracken, are anxious to find out what is the cause of the sudden rise in value?

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

CURE

Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

SICK

Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

ACHE

is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or purge, but by their gentle action please all who use them. In vials at 25 cents; five for $1. Sold by druggists everywhere, or sent by mail.

CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

HEY & CO., BUSINESS BROKERS 65 Yonge-street, Toronto, have for sale amongst other business chances the following:

AGRICULTURAL WORKS, FOUNDRY AND blacksmi h shops, all fitted up in good shape in the county of Durham.

BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS IN A LARGE manufacturing town, stock about $5000.

DRUG BUSINESS IN TORONTO.

MEDICAL PRACTICE AND RESIDENCE IN a good town.

GROCERY BUSINESS IN TORONTO, STOCK about $700.

BAKERY BUSINESS IN TORONTO.

BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS IN TORONTO —stock about $3500.

GENERAL BUSINESS IN A FINE FARMING section of Ontario, stock about $600.

BOOK, STATIONERY AND FANCY GOODS business.

BLACKSMITH AND CARRIAGE BUSINESS

PARTNERSHIP WANTED IN A COMMISsion business in Toronto.

PARTNERSHIP WANTED IN PRINTING and newspaper business in country town.

PARTNER WANTED IN A FURNITURE, manufacturing and building business.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS OF ABOVE or if you wish to sell, exchange or buy a business, address

HEY & CO., 65 YONGE-ST.

A MOST DESIRABLE LOCATION FOR a doctor or druggist—3-story solid brick house, northeast corner of Church and Charles-streets. Apply Frank Cayley, 65 King-street east.

FOR SALE—A SMALL PAYING BUSINESS stock—$2300; would take a good modern brick house and assume a mortgage, or central property as a market price. Box 6, World Office.

GOOD SECOND HAND WAGON FOR SALE. 266 Avenue-road.

TO FARMERS—GRAINS FOR SALE EVERY day at the Dominion brewery, Queen-street east, Toronto.

SIGNS PAINTED FROM 25c. UPWARDS. E. S. Collins, corner Bay and Wellington.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

BONNICK & DUKE, ESTATE, Financial and Insurance Agents, 40 Victoria-street. Telephone 2440.

ELGIN-AVENUE—A SNAP; VALUABLE lot on north side. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

UNIVERSITY-STREET—40 FEET 6 INCHES frontage; a bargain. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

BROOKLYN-AVENUE—35 FEET, ONLY $33. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

WALMER-ROAD—BEAUTIFUL BUILDING lot, near Bloor. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

CHARLES-STREET—VALUABLE LOT ON north side. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

SHAFTESBURY-AVENUE—A GOOD INVESTment, pair houses, paying 9 per cent. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

ELMER-AVENUE — 8-ROOMED, SEMI-DETached house, brick foundation. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

CLINTON-STREET — NOS. 63, 65 and 67, brick-cased, stone foundation all round, solidly built, well rented, a good investment. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

ROSEDALE—ROXBOROUGH-ST., CHOICE lot, a bargain. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

DEER PARK — HEATH-STREET, TWO very choice corner lots. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

DE LISLE-AVENUE—SOUTH SIDE, NICE level lot, only $20; north side, desirable corner lot. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

MARLBORO-CRESCENT — GOOD LEVEL lots on both sides from $30 up. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

PLEASANT-AVENUE—100x113 TO A LANE; cheap. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

NORTH TORONTO—DESIRABLE BUILDing lots from $8 up, on easy terms. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

NORTH TORONTO—YONGE-STREET, COR. lot, central, only $35 per foot.

SMITH-AVENUE—LARGE BLOCK, ONLY $15 for double frontage, lots any size to suit purchasers. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

EGLINTON-AVENUE—NORTH SIDE, NEAR Yonge, 200 feet, a bargain. Bonnick & Duke, 40 Victoria-street.

HIGGINS & CO'S. LIST:

$1600—LISGAR-ST., SOLID BRICK semi-detached, 6 rooms, bath, w.c., etc.

$2000—CLASSIC-PLACE, 6 ROOMS, bath, w.c., etc., papered throughout.

$2800—McDONNELL-AVE., SOLID brick, semi-detached, 9 rooms, modern.

$3000—MANNING-AVE, JUST NORTH of College-street, 7 rooms, bath, etc., lot 25x133 feet to lane.

$3000—HOMEWOOD-AVE., SEMI-detached, 8 rooms and lot.

$3500—HAZLETON-AVE., 10 ROOMS, bath, etc., good lot.

$4000—EUCLID-AVE., DETACHED solid brick, 9 rooms, bath, furnace, etc.

$4200—CLASSIC-AVE., SOLID BRICK 8 rooms, modern.

$4500—ROSE HILL-AVENUE, SOLID brick, detached, 10 rooms, bath, etc., lot 35x150 to lane.

$5000—BROCKTON-ROAD, DETACHED solid brick, 10 rooms, bath, furnace, etc.

$4000—HENRY-STREET, SEMI-DETached, 7 rooms, bath, etc.

$6000—BEAUL-ST., DETACHED solid brick, modern.

$5750—SPADINA-AVE., SOLID BRICK, 10 rooms, bath, furnace, etc.

$7000—LORNE-AVE., SOLID BRICK 12 rooms, modern, coach house lot 50x100 feet.

$10000—SPADINA-AVENUE, DETACHED solid brick, 13 rooms, hot water heating, modern, lot 94x100 feet; solid brick stable and coach house.

$11000—BEVERLEY-ST., SEMI-DETACHED solid brick, 12 rooms, modern, lot 50x150 feet to lane.

CHADWICK-AVENUE, NORTH SIDE—$15

BLOOR-AVENUE, JUST SOUTH OF BLOOR—$25.

BLOOR-STREET, SOUTH SIDE, BETWEEN Shaw and Crawford-streets—$75.

DAVENPORT-ROAD, S.E. CORNER HAMILTON-AVENUE—$4.

BLOOR-STREET, NORTH SIDE, NEAR Ossington-avenue—$100.

BLOOR-STREET, S.E. CORNER EUCLID avenue—$125.

SPADINA-ROAD, N.W. CORNER CASTLEfield-avenue, fine trees—$100.

EUCLID-AVENUE, FIRST LOTS NORTH OF College-street—$60 to suit buyer; terms.

BLOOR-STREET, WEST SIDE, NORTH OF Kingsmill-street—$17.50.

BLOOR-STREET, WEST OF JANE-STREET—$16.

BLOOR-STREET, CORNER KEELE-STREET—$35.

COOPER-AVENUE, EAST SIDE—$23.

ELM-AVENUE, ROSEDALE—100x150 FEET—$30.

DAVENPORT-ROAD, W.T.J., CLOSE TO Avenue—$22.

FRANKLIN-AVENUE, W.T.J., NORTH SIDE—$10.

ST. GEORGE-STREET, SOUTH OF LOWTHER avenue—$110.

WALMER-ROAD, 50x150 FEET—$100.

WE HAVE VACANT LAND AND HOUSES in all parts of the city and will be pleased to give particulars to intending purchasers.

HIGGINS & CO., REAL ESTATE AND financial agents, 9 Adelaide-street east. Telephone 1261.

BONANZA IN HOTEL—CENTRAL JUNCTION vacant corner; Mimico lands; magnificent block, brick, city; stores; farms; farms; farms. East Toronto; bargains; will exchange. G. F. Moore & Co., 13 Victoria-street.

Henry M. Stanley,

perhaps the foremost living man in pluck, endurance and achievement, has just completed successfully his last and greatest undertaking, the rescue of Emin. The story of his adventures and discoveries, "In Darkest Africa," will be published shortly by Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons. It will be a thrilling and instructive narrative. Stanley is entitled to the fruit of his labors, and this the Anglo-Saxon sense of justice will secure to him by purchasing

"In Darkest Africa"

*the only book in which he will have a personal interest. Intelligent and well-meaning people will