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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, May 5—Noon.—There has been very little activity in the market during the forenoon session, and the indications are that dullness will continue through the day. The tone has been good on the whole. The only activity in the market was in the first few minutes of trading, after which the market assumed a sagging tendency. There was a better tone a little later, and the market since has been narrow and steady. Pennsylvania sold ex-dividend, and it has lacked in strength throughout the day. The pressure on the stock was noticeable. The dissolution of the second steel syndicate gave a heavy tone to the 5 per cent bonds. Amalgamated Copper, preferred, and Union Pacific have been two firm stocks. Realty, preferred, has been firm. Rock Island, preferred, was very strong during the entire session. Sentiment seems to be favorable, but the market is too narrow for any real development.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 5.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	117¾	117⅝
Winnipeg Electric	200	160
Montreal Street Railway	212½	209¼
West India	75	45
Toronto Railway	102¼	101¾
Halifax Street Railway	100	92½
St. John Railway	120	100
Twin City Transit Railway	94	93¾
Richelieu and Ontario	87½	87¼
Bell Telephone	145½	144⅞
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	10½	10⅜
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	33	30¾
Montreal Heat, Light	74	73¾
Nova Scotia Steel, common	77	76⅞
Detroit Railway	62⅛	62⅝
Montreal Cotton	125	105
Canada Colored Cotton	40	33
Montreal Street Bonds	..	102
New Street	210	205
Dominion Coal, common	65¾	65⅜
Dominion Coal, preferred	110	..
Int. Coal	100	75
Mackay, com	25	23⅝
Mackay, pref	68¾	67¾
Bank of Montreal	250	248
Molsons Bank	205	200
Merchants	..	160
Ogilvie Flour	120	115
Ogilvie Bonds	115	..
Union Bank	135	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	68	67½
Cable Coup. Bonds	95	90
Toledo Railway	21	19½

SALES: C. P. R., 50 at 117⅝, 50 at 117½; Montreal Railway, 2 at 208, 35 new at 204⅝; Twin City, 100 at 94, 5 at 93¾, 130 at 94; Toronto Railway, 80 at 101¾; Coal, common, 50 at 65¼; Iron bonds, 18,000 at 67⅛, 3,000 at 67¼, 4,000 at 67½, 10,000 at 67½; Iron, common, 100 at 10¼, 5 at 10½; Scotia, 25 at 76⅝, 25 at 76½; Iron, preferred, 25 at 29; R. and O., 75 at 87, 63 at 87, 75 at 87¼, 43 at 87½, 100 at 87¼; Coal, preferred, 60 at 110; Bell Telephone, 25 at 143½; Mackay, common, 10 at 24¼; Union Bank, 10 at 132; Bank of Montreal, 4 at 249½.

WILLIAM ABBOTT,
Bond, Grain and Stock Broker.

Correspondent W. F. Dever & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago. Stocks bought and sold on margin and for cash. 113 Masonic Temple. Long distance phone 1,113.

TORONTO.

Toronto, May 5.

	Ask.	Off
Ontario	..	128¼
Toronto	..	229
Merchants	..	160
Commerce	..	154
Imperial	..	218
Dominion	227½	226½
Hamilton	210	209
Traders	139½	137½
Soo, com	63	62½
Soo, pref	121	118⅛
British America	100	..
Western Assurance	80	..
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers Gas	206½	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	100
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	117¾	117¼
General Electric	148¼	147½
Toronto Electric Light	135½	134½
London Electric	100	..
Dominion Telegraph	..	120
Bell Telephone	..	145⅝
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	..	87¼
Niagara Navigation	120	119
St. L. and C. Navigation	..	90
Toronto Street Railway	103	101¾
Twin City Railway, new	94¼	93½
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	160
Sao Paulo Tramway	99	98¾
Dominion Steel, com	10⅜	10¼
Dominion Coal, com	66	65
Nova Scotia Steel	77¼	76½
Mackay, common	25	23¼
Mckay, preferred	69	67½
Canada Salt	115	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I	..	80
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv	107	105
Canada Permanent	122¼	121½
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119½
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	120
Huron & Erie L. & S. Co.	..	180
Landed Banking and Loan	..	120
Lon. and Can. L. and A.	92	..
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	90
London Loan	120	..
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	122
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	67¼	67
Nova Scotia Steel Bonds	..	106

SALES: Toronto Electric Light, 25 and 20 at 134¾, 25 at 134⅝; Bell Telephone, 25 at 143½, 25 at 243¾, 25 at 144¼, 50, 5 and 52 at 143⅜; Canada Permanent, 50 and 23 at 122; Canadian General Electric, 25 at 147, 25 at 148½, 25 at 148⅛, 25 at 148¼; Niagara Navigation, 10 and 15 at 120; Dominion Steel, 100 at 10¼, 6 preferred at 63; Steel bonds, 3,000 and 4,000 at 67, 3,000 at 67¼; Twin City, 50 at 95, 50, 15, 25 and 50 at 94; Toronto Railway, 10 at 103; Sao Paulo, 10 at 99¼, 25 at 99.

NEW YORK.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

New York, May 5.

	Open	High.	Low	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	47½	48¼	47½	48
American Sugar Co.	127⅞	127⅞	127¾	127⅞
American Foundry	17½	..	..	..
Atcheson, com	72⅝	72⅝	72½	72⅝
Atcheson Pfd	92⅞	93	92⅞	93
B & O.	79	79¼	79	79¼
Brooklyn Tran	46⅛	46½	46⅛	46⅛
C. P. R.	117⅝	..	..	..
Chic. Great Western	15⅝	16	15⅝	16
Chicago & Alton	37½		..	
Consolidated Gas	209¼	209½	209¼	209½
Delaware and Hudson	157	157½	157	157½
Erie	24½	..	..	..
Erie Pfd	63⅝	63⅝	63⅜	63⅜
Edison Gen. Electric	157	..	..	..
Illinois Central	130	..	..	..
Metropolitan St. Ry.	110¾	110¾	110⅛	110½
Mexican Central	7¾	7¾	7⅝	7¾
M. P.	92¼	92¼	92	92⅜
N. Y. Central	115	115¾	115	115⅝

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Norfolk and W.	57	..	..	..
Ont. and West	21½	..	..	..
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	27		..	..
Pennsylvania	114⅞	115⅛	114⅛	114⅜
People's Gas	97	97¼	97	97⅛
Reading	43½	43⅞	43½	43⅝
Republic I. and S.	42	42	41⅜	41⅞
Rock Island	22⅛	22¼	22½	22¾
Southern Railway	20⅞	21	20⅞	21
Southern Pacific	47⅞	47⅞	47½	47⅝
St. Paul	143⅜	143⅜	143⅛	143⅛
Twin City	91			..
Union Pacific	84⅞	85⅛	84⅞	85
U. S. Rubber	17⅞	17⅞	17⅜	17⅝
U. S. Steel, com	10⅛	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, pref.	55⅝	55⅝	55⅛	55½
Wabash, pref	37¾	..	..	..
Wisconsin Central	17⅞	..	..	..
Wisconsin Central pref.	40	..	..	..

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Thursday, May 5.

There was a slim attendance at the market this morning. The farmers have commenced their spring work in earnest. After all the talk that has been indulged in, it would not be surprising it the weather is favorable to the crops coming on as rapidly as last year. Last season the growth was slow until the latter part of the month of May.

Grain—A couple of loads of oats was all that was offered in this line; prices went higher, at $1 04 and $1 05 per cwt.

Hay and Straw—Three loads of hay was the extent of the offerings in this line; sales were made at $9 50 to $11 per ton.

Butter and Eggs—The supply of butter was small; sales were slow, at 13c to 15c for crocks and 15c to 16c for pound rolls. Eggs were in good demand, and most of the lots offered sold at 14c per dozen wholesale and 15c to 16c retail.

Apples—Most of the offerings were of inferior quality; sales were brisk for choice stock, at $2 to $2 25 per barrel; by the bag 65c to 75c were most frequently paid.

Vegetables and Roots—There were quite a number of bags of potatoes on sale; prices ranged at $1 20 to $1 25 per bag; seed potatoes sold at 90c to $1 50 per bag; some of the dealers are of the opinion that as soon as the wants of the American buyers are satisfied, prices will settle down again, coupled with the fact that green stuff will be coming in more freely. Rhubarb was lower in price, at 50c to 60c per dozen; onions, lettuce and radishes, 30c to 40c per dozen; spinach, 25c per peck.

Dressed Hogs—About 20 carcases offered, which sold mostly at $6 60 and $6 75 per cwt.

Live Hogs—The price for Monday will be $4 80 per cwt, instea of $4 90, as previously stated.

Butchers' Meats—The supply was fairly large; beef sold at $7 to $7 50 for fair stuff, an $6 for inferior; veal was fairly brisk at $5 to $7 per cwt; lambs, $4 50 to $5 50 each.

Maple trees were offered at 25c to 50c each; pears, 50c each; apple trees, 35c each; spruce, 10c to 25c each.

Tomato, cabbage and celery plantse sold at 15c per box, or two boxes for 25c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, May 5.—Wheat—The millers are firmer at 92c for No. 2 red and white; Manitoba, 92c for No. 1 hard, 91c for No. 1 northern, 87c for No. 2 northern, and 84c for No. 3 northern, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Steady, at $3 60 bid for cars of 90 per cent patents in buyers bags, west; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, $5 for cars of Hungarian patents, $4 70 for second patents and $4 60 for strong bakers, bags included, Toronto freights. Barley—Dull, at 42c for No. 2, 41c for No. 3 extra and 42¾c for No. 3, west. Buckwheat—Quiet, at 48c to 49c for No. 2, west. Rye—Steady, at 59c to 60c for No. 2, west. Corn—Steady, at 41c for cars of mixed and 42c for yellow, west; American is steady, at 58c for No. 2 yellow, 57c for No. 3 yellow, and 56c for No. 3 mixed, in car lots on the track at Toronto. Oats—Firm, at 32c for No. 1 white and 31c for No. 2 white, east; No. 2 white are quoted at 30½c, middle freights. Rolled oats—Steady, at $4 50 for cars of bags and $4 75 for barrels on the track at Toronto; 25c more for broken lots here and 40c more outside. Peas—Steady, at 66c for No. 2 white. Butter—Dull and easy, with liberal offerings. Eggs—Steady, 14c to 14½c for new-laid.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, Masonic Temple, for The Advertiser.

Chicago, May 5.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	89¼	90½	89½	89⅜
July	84⅜	86⅝	84⅜	85¾
Sept.	79¾	80½	79¾	80
Corn—May	46½	47	46½	46⅞
July	48½	48⅞	48⅜	48½
Sept.	47⅞	48½	47⅞	48¼
Oats—May	40⅞	41¾	40⅞	41¼
July	38⅞	39⅛	38⅛	38⅞
Pork—May	11 72	11 72	11 65	11 65
July	11 87	12 00	11 87	11 90
Lard—May	6 57	6 62	6 57	6 57
July	6 72	6 77	6 70	6 70
Ribs—May	6 30	....	....	....
July	6 50	6 57	6 50	6 50

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, May 4.—Baled Hay—Hay is coming forward freely, while the demand is quiet; car lots on track here are quoted easier in tone, at $9 per ton.

Baled Straw—Not many cars are coming forward, and the demand is active, owing to the absence of a sufficient quantity of farmers' lots; the market is quoted firm at $5 50 per ton for car lots on the track here.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, May 5.—Flour—Receipts, 5,877 bbls; sales, 3,200 pkgs; flour was quiet but steady with [illegible]. Rye flour—Inactive. Wheat—Receipts, 2,000; sales, 800,000 bu; wheat, after opening at about last night's prices, ruled firm on the firm cash situation, rains in the spring wheat seeding districts, covering and with the southwest; July, 89½c to 90c; September, 83⅛c to 83½c. Rye—Steady. Corn—Receipts, 2,150 bu; sales, 25,000 bu; corn ruled firm on covering and with wheat; May, 56⅛c; July, 53½c. Oats—Receipts, 27,000 bu. Sugar—Raw firm; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 23-32c; refined firm; crushed, $5 50; powdered, $4 90; granulated, $4 80. Coffee—Quiet. Lead—Quiet. Wool—Firm. Hops—Steady.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 4.—About 900 head of butchers' cattle, 2,000 calves, 60 milch cows, and 80 sheep and lambs were offered for sale at the east end abattoir today. The butchers were present in large numbers, but trade in cattle was very small and the prices paid lower than at last week's markets. Prime beeves sold at 4½c to a little over 4¾c per lb, and a few choice animals were held for more; good mediums, 4c to 4¼c; ordinary mediums, about 3¾c, and the common stock at 2½c to 3½c per lb; two large fat bulls that weighed over a ton each, were sold for shipment to Britain at 4c per lb; milch cows sold at from $25 to $60 each, and a very fine milker was held at $70; a lot of 8 good calves sold at $10 each, and the other calves sold at from $1 50 to $8. Sheep sold at from 3½c to 4¾c per lb; spring lambs at from $3 to $4 50 each. The market is glutted with hogs, and prices dropped to about 5c per lb for good lots. The fire yesterday which burned the railway sheds, landing platform and nine stock cars that were in on the track, caused considerable delay in unloading the live stock here today.

TORONTO.

Toronto, May 5.—There were 107 loads in today so far; there are a few more loads to come in yet; deliveries included 1,562 cattle, 2,049 hogs, 25 sheep and lambs and 477 calves. Export cattle are steady at Tuesday's quotations, or a little firmer; butchers' cattle are selling well, and are 10c to 15c higher; good milch cows are selling well. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt.	$4 60	@	$5 00
Export cattle, medium	4 50	@	4 60
Export bulls	3 70	@	4 00
Export cows	3 75	@	4 00
Butchers' cattle, choice	4 40	@	4 60
Butchers' cattle, medium	4 00	@	4 30
Butchers' cattle, common	3 75	@	4 00
Feeders, short-keep	4 40	@	4 70
Feeders, medium	4 25	@	4 40
Stockers	3 25	@	3 75
Milch cows, each	30 00	@	55 00
Export ewes, cwt	4 00	@	4 25
Export ewes, light	4 25	@	4 75
Export bucks	3 25	@	3 75
Butchers' sheep	3 50	@	4 40

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Lambs, grain-fed	5 50	@	6 25
Lambs, barnyard	4 50	@	5 50
Spring lambs, each	2 50	@	5 50
Calves, cwt	3 50	@	5 25
Calves, each	2 00	@	10 00
Hogs, singers, cwt, off cars	5 10	@	5 10
Hogs, fats and lights, off cars	4 85	@	4 85

CHICAGO.

Chicago, May 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; market steady; good to prime steers, $5 to $5 70, poor to medium, $3 90 to $4 85; stockers and feeders, $3 to $4 40; cows, $1 50 to $4 75; heifers, $2 25 to $4 75; canners, $1 50 to $2 60; bulls, $2 to $4 10; calves, $2 50 to $5; Texas-fed steers, $4 to $4 60.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; market steady to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, $4 70 to $4 85; good to choice heavy, $4 75 to $4 90; rough heavy, $4 60 to $4 75; light, $4 60 to $4 75; bulk of sales at $4 70 to $4 80.

Sheep—Receipts, 9,000; market steady; good to choice wethers, $4 75 to $5 40; fair to choice mixed, $3 50 to $4 60; native lambs, clipped, $4 25 to $5.75.

OIL MARKETS.

LONDON.

London, May 4.—Petroleum, American refined, 6 11-16d; spirits, 9d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, May 4.—Petroleum, 19 francs 75 centimes.

BREMEN.

Bremen, May 4.—Petroleum, 6 marks 35 pfennings.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 4.—Oil opened and closed at $1 62.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., May 4.—Credit balances, $1 62; certificates, no bid; shipments, 71,747 barrels.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, May 4.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 08½; southwest, $1 01; May, $1 01; July, $1 04.

BEAN MARKETS.

DETROIT.

Detroit, May 4.—Beans—Spot and May, $1 80; October, $1 50.

DAIRY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, May 4.—Butter—Easier and unchanged; receipts, 5,592 pkgs. Cheese—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 9,509 boxes.

STIRLING.

Stirling, Ont., May 4.—On the cheese board today 465 white and 247 colored cheese were boarded. Sales: Hodgson, 310 at 7c; balance refused at 6¾c.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., May 4.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 14c to 23c; dairies, 13½c to 21c. Cheese—Easy, 8½c to 10½c.

SECOND ENGINEER HAS RESIGNED

Another Vacancy On Fire Department—Victoria Hospital Benefits by Regulations.

The changes in the personnel of the fire department continue. Today the rumor was going the rounds at the city hall that Second Engineer Thompson, of the central station, who has been Engineer Allen's assistant on the steam fire engine, had tendered his resignation. It is said that the resignation will not take effect until June 1, and probably not until a month from that date. Already one of the firemen is being trained to fill Mr. Thompson's place, this fireman having had some experience as a stationary engineer, and it is said the chief inclines to the opinion that he will fill the bill.

Yesterday afternoon Chairman Matthews of No. 3 committee, and Chief Clark, purchased a fine black horse, 16.1 hands high, and weighing about 1,300 pounds, for the fire department. The purchase was agreed upon, however, on the understanding that the animal pass the examination of the city's veterinary surgeon. The price paid was $228, the money being paid to Mr. Abe O'Neil.

Ald. Biggar, chairman of the Hamilton finance committee, was in the city Tuesday. It is not known whether the Hamilton alderman's business in London was of a public or private nature.

The Provincial Government has passed an order in council granting the request of the Hospital Association that hospitals charging $3 50 and less shall receive the Government allowance. Previously only those hospitals whose rates were $3 and less would get the grant. The secretary of the association has notified the different hospitals throughout the Province of the new regulation, and urging that they avail themselves of the opportunity and raise the rates from $2 80 to $3 50. The new provision will mean an additional revenue of $60,000 to the hospital.

It is understood ti will mean about $900 per year to Victoria Hospital. The change will go into effect on June 1.

A regular meeting of the board of works will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. The board have completed their survey of the city, and many matters in the way of street repairs will be discussed. Chairman Wyatt told a reporter that the board would be compelled to keep close to the wind in its expenditures this year, or they would be compelled to close the year with an overdraft. No extensive repairs of any description will be done, as the council cut the board's appropriation this year to such a meager figure that much work that should be performed will of necessity have to be left over till 1905.

Something which savors of a scandal is looming up in the Ottawa city council. For several months the question of admitting the Canadian Telephone Company to the city has been under discussion, and recently, when a vote was taken, only six supported the new company. On Monday night, however, the number grew to ten, and what is now being discussed are the influences exerted to bring about the sudden change of opinion. Some rather nasty rumors are in circulation, and Mayor Ellis is contemplating asking the city council to investigate.

Nothing has been heard from the Canadian Telegraph and Telephone Company regarding its application for a charter here for a couple of months, and there is some talk around the city hall of bringing the telephone matter up at once and settling it right away.

Impotency of Building Permit System Is Shown

Permit Taken for Place Long Since Occupied—I. B. S. Request Refused.

Applicants still continue to buttonhole the mayor, the members of the water commission and the aldermen regarding the position of assistant secretary of the water commission made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Frank Coles. The applicants are nearly all young Conservatives, though not a few middle-aged men, also members of the same party, are apparently head over heels in love with the job. While not much is being said on the subject by the commissioners, it is understood that it is as good as settled that Mr. William Forristal, a son of Alderman Forristal, is slated for the position, if he is willing to accept the salary the water commissioners are ready to pay. Mr. Coles was drawing $600 per annum, but it is proposed to start a new beginner at $500 per year. The position is one of not little responsibility, as the assistant secretary of the water commission handles many thousands of dollars of civic money, and the commissioners are very anxious to secure a good man for the place. Mr. Forristal is looked upon as just the person the city is looking for, but whether he will accept the salary the city wishes to pay is another matter.

Yesterday a building permit was taken out for a block of three-story brick stores on Dundas street, between Waterloo and Wellington. Mr. G. E. Hotson took out the permit, and underneath the entry in the city engineer's book is a memo to the effect that the stores have been occupied for some time. This amply illustrates the impotency of London's building permit system. At present the taking out of a building permit is a mere farce, and as in this case it frequently occurs that the building is erected and occupied before the permit is asked of the city engineer. Of course, there is no penalty attached to the building permit regulations, and as a matter of fact, when a man asks a permit he merely states that the building is to be a brick or frame, as the case may be, and this lets him out.

At the city council meeting of two weeks ago, the Irish Benevolent Society asked for the free use of the city hall for a banquet on the evening of May 9. The Irishmen also asked for the use of the council chamber, but as a resolution had been adopted by the council some time previously, to the effect that in future the use of the chamber would be given to no person nor organization except the civic bodies, the request of the Irishmen was denied. The reason for the council passing this resolution was that certain organizations had had the use of the chamber, and had disfigured the table and desk-tops, and had otherwise abused the furniture. The Irishmen, however, explained that they only wanted to use the chamber as a waiting-room for their distinguished guests, and did not intend to use it as a place to store the viands used in the banquet. The mayor's argument was, however, that he had refused other people, and that he could not see his way clear to go back on the resolution passed by the council. Some of the aldermen proposed holding a special meeting of the council and going over the mayor's head in the matter, but today the executive of the I. B. S. held a meeting and it was decided to press the demand no further. It is understood that all the other rooms and offices of the city hall will be placed at the disposal of the Irishmen.

BRIDGE BUILDING IN MIDDLESEX

Several New Structures To Be Erected Soon—All of a Substantial Character.

A large number of county bridges will be built in Middlesex during the summer. County Engineer Talbot is hard at work on the specifications at present, and the tenders will be called for early in June. The work is extensive, but it is expected that it will all be completed before the fall.

The largest and most important bridge to be constructed is the one between Brooke and Metcalf Townships over the Sydenham River. It will have a considerable span, and will be constructed of cement and iron. The cost will be between four and five thousand dollars. This bridge has long been needed, as its predecessor has done many years' service on a much-traveled thoroughfare.

Another bridge is to be constructed between these two townships over Hardy's Creek, which will cost $1,500.

A number of other smaller bridges, five in number, are to be put up at different points throughout the county.

The county engineer was asked this morning if the building of bridges throughout the county would continue much longer, and his reply was that as all of the new bridges were of cement and iron it would be many years before they would have to be replaced. All of the wooden bridges throughout the county will be replaced in time, and after that there will be a long lapse of years, when the county will be required to expend very little on new structures. Middlesex will then have as fine bridges as any country in Canada.

The new small bridges that have been constructed present a very neat appearance. The floors are of steel girders, over which is placed a bed of cement, and an iron railing is placed along the sides. They are a great improvement over the old wooden structures.

DEATH WAS DUE TO A SPLINTER

The Sad Case of Mr. Edwin H. Zavitz, of Poplar Hill—Died in Hospital.

A splinter, which he ran in his hand while at work, caused the death of Mr. Edwin H. Zavitz, which occurred at 7 o'clock this morning at Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Zavitz conducted a carpentering business at Poplar Hill and while engaged at work there he received a slight scratch in his hand. Shortly afterwards it commenced to swell alarmingly, and he was removed to Victoria Hospital. Blood poisoning of a very serious nature had set in, and although the physicians did everything possible, all hope was given up yesterday.

Mr. Zavitz was 67 years of age, and being in the prime of life was hale and hearty. No man was more respected in that section of the country. He was born in Bertie, Ontario, but for many years had lived at Poplar Hill. He was a staunch Liberal, and a member of the Society of Friends. His wife died some time ago, and he is survived by two sons, Llewellyn, of Marlette, Mich., and Newton, of Coldstream.

The funeral will be held on Saturday to the cemetery of the Society of Friends.

A QUICK RUN.

Number Three Express on the Grand Trunk, due here from Suspension Bridge at 11 a.m., made a fast run yesterday from Paris to London. The distance—48 miles—was made in 53 minutes, which included stops at Woodstock and Ingersoll, and also the taking of water at the first-named place. Each stop means a loss of from three to five minutes, which, with the time lost taking water, means that the actual running time of the train was much better than a mile a minute.

New Passenger Equipment On the Middle Division

Grand Trunk to Replace Cars at an Early Date—Other Improvements.

There are persistent rumors in local Grand Trunk circles to the effect that the passenger equipment of the middle division is to see vast changes during the coming summer. It has been stated on good authority that one of the first moves of the company will be to secure two new locomotives for use on the International and the Eastern Flyer—the fastest trains in the service. The engines will have a steam capacity of 210 pounds, and will contain many improvements over those which have been in use since the fast trains were established. They will not, however, be of the "900" class—such as are used east of Toronto—as the bridges on the west end, between London and Windsor, are not strong enough for the bigger engines. A number of the bridges are being strengthened, but all of them will not be in shape when the engines are ready.

Despite the severe storms which prevailed on the middle division of the road during the past winter, it is stated that the mileage of the engines was not far behind that of previous winters. An official who was here the other day made the statement that in one month the mileage of the engines was less than 2,000 miles below that of the record month.

It was stated this morning that it would not be long before the passenger coaches on the middle division would be replaced by cars of more elaborate and modern construction. In all there are 400 passenger cars on this division, and many of them have been used for as long as 20 years. Frequently they have been repainted and made to look anew, but as far as construction goes, they are far behind the times. The modern passenger coach is a very different type to those at present used on the accommodations and local trains. Gradually the vestibule car will be placed in the service, and the old ones placed on other lines.

The International Limited, which leaves London at 7:40 p.m., will be re-equipped with new cars at an early date. Three years ago new vestibule cars, fitted up with electrical appliances, were placed on this train, and even now it is regarded by the average traveler as a thoroughly up-to-date train. New appliances and styles in care have come to the gront of late, and the Grand Trunk decided that their most important train should be equipped as well as any other in America, although it is doubtful if there is a better equipped train than the International Limited on the continent at present.

AT McMASTER CONVOCATION

Rev. Thos. S. Johnson, of this City, Gets Degree of D. D.

The conferring of degrees and presentation of diplomas took place last evening at McMaster University, Toronto, the convocation oration being delivered by President Rush Rhees, D.D., L.L.D., of the University of Rochester, and a farewell address to the graduating classes by Prof. Wilson Smith.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Rev. Thomas S. Johnson, of London, Ont., and Rev. Malcolm MacVicar, of Richmond, Va., and that of Doctor of Laws on Samuel J. McKee, of Brandon, Man., and A. L. McCrimmon, of Woodstock, Ont.

GOT OFF WITH A WARNING

Youth Who Disturbed a Church Was Pulled Up in Court.

At the police court this morning John Arscott was charged by Charles Parker with assault, in which actual bodily harm resulted. The case was adjourned for a day.

Thomas Cowan and Harry Hatch, charged with disorderly conduct, were also bailed until tomorrow.

A young fellow who had been talking in a church pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and was let go. The magistrate, however, severely warned him, only suspending sentence because the boy's mother would have suffered from a fine more than the boy himself, and because the church official prosecuting accepted the boy's apology. He promised to behave himself in future.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis sail for England on the steamer Lake Champlain Sunday.

—Mrs. William Russell, of this city, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Matthews, in Alvinston.

—The horse show at Montreal this year will not have any horses from this city, as no Londoners have decided to exhibit.

—Mr. William McCreary, M. P., of Lisgar, Man., who died suddenly in Ottawa yesterday, was a member of Norwood Camp, Woodmen of the World, Winnipeg.

—The annual spring show of horses was held at Glencoe yesterday. The fine weather enabled a large number of the farmers from the surrounding country to attend.

SOLOIST APPOINTED.

Miss Edna Mortimore has been appointed soprano soloist at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, to succeed Miss Myra Pickard.

BICYCLE WAS STOLEN.

Innis Carling, 677 Talbot street, notified the police department this morning that during the night his bicycle was stolen from his veranda. It was a wine-colored "Don."

MR. CRONYN HAS RECOVERED.

It will be gratifying news to many to learn that the condition of Mr. Verschoyle Cronyn, vice-chancellor of the Diocese of Huron, has improved much in the last few days and that he is now able to walk about the house.

ADVANCED CLASS CLOSING.

Messrs. Dayton & McCormick closed their advanced class at the Palace Dancing Academy last evening. Over 150 members were present, and enjoyed a delightful programme. The class has been a great success this season, the membership reaching nearly 200. The summer advanced term will open at Springbank next week.

TOOK HIGH DEGREE.

Mr. Dougald McBain, of the twelfth concession of Yarmouth, received word yesterday that his son, Dr. Dougald McBain, had taken the degrees of L. R. C. P. and M. R. C. S. at London, England, where he has been practicing in the hospitals for the past eight months. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his success.

RUBBISH CAUGHT FIRE.

A pile of rubbish in the rear of aCllard's drug store caught fire this afternoon, and three firemen were detailed by Chief Clark to put out the blaze. This was accomplished with the aid of two chemical extinguishers, and no damage was done.

NEW G. T. R. STATIONS.

The work on the new G. T. R. stations at Glencoe and Beachville is progressing nicely, and in the course of a few weeks, with favorable weather, both depots will be completed. They are larger than those destroyed by fire during the winter, and will also contain a number of improvements.

ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

For the third time Charles Bush, of London Township, is in jail on a serious charge. He came before Squire Lacey yesterday and was remanded a week on a charge of beating his brother, breaking into his father's house and threatening to kill both of them.

MAY SNOW STORM.

The Toronto Globe of May 4, 1854 says: Winter has recommenced. A fresh layer of snow has fallen, and the temperature yesterday was as cold and raw as if December had come again. Just the day for rheumatic twitches. Spring postponed till 20th of June, if not to a later date. The ice at Carouge is firm as ever it was. Carriages were crossing it all day yesterday.

FARM AND STOCK SOLD.

Mr. Wm. A. Piper's farm and farm effects were sold yesterday afternoon at public auction by A. M. Hunt, auctioneer. The farm of 50 acres, was sold to Mr. John Thomas, of Westminster, for the sum of $2,130. Good prices were paid for the stock and implements. There was a large crowd present, although it is a very busy time with farmers.

ON THE BISLEY TEAM.

Capt. McCrimmon, of the Seventh Regiment, received his official appointment to the Canadian Bisley team this morning. This is the second time he has been on the team; he will leave here about the middle of June. Lieut. Dineen, of the First Hussars, is the only other London man on the team.

DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE.

Mrs. Ernest Smith, of this city, attended the annual meeting of the Daughters of the Empire held in Toronto yesterday. A large number of loyal women assembled from all over Ontario, other parts of Canada being also represented by delegates in town. The president and officers were all reelected by acclamation as follows: President, Mrs. S. Nordheimer; first vice-president, Mrs. MacMahon; second vice-president, Mrs. H. S. Strathy; third vice-president, Mrs. J. I. Davidson; honorary secretary, Mrs. R. E. A. Laud; honorary treasurer, Mrs. John Bruce; standard bearer, Miss Bessie McDonald.

STREET RAILWAY APPEAL.

In Griffith vs. London Street Railway Company, in court of appeal, Toronto, I. F. Hellmuth, K.C., and C. H. Ivey (London), for defendants, appealed from judgment of Boyd, C., in action tried at London with a jury, on Sept. 29, 1903. The jury found in favor of plaintiff, with $362 damages, for injuries to himself and his milk wagon, the result of a collision with a trolley car of the defendants, at the intersection of Kent and Richmond streets, in the city of London. The jury found that the defendants' car was running at an excessive rate of speed, and that defendants' servants were negligent in not slowing the car at the street intersection, and this approximately caused the damages alleged by the plaintiff. J. C. Judd (London) and W. R. Meredith (London), for plaintiff, opposed appeal. Not finished.

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HAS BEEN A BIG SALE.

The concert to be given tonight at the Auditorium by the London Male Chorus promises to be a splendid success, both financially and artistically. The seats have been bought up rapidly, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon there was every indication that the Auditorium would be filled to the doors. As to the work of the chorus, much is promised. The organization has been preparing for some time under the direction of Mr. A. D. Jordan, and it has in readiness a programme of unusual excellence. The chorus is to be assisted by a string quartet from Toronto; Miss Scarlet, a mezzo-soprano, of this city, and Mr. Charles Percy, also of London.

HAD A BAD MEMORY.

The chief of police received a communication today from a Thamesford firm asking for assistance in locating two bandboxes containing some drygoods and millinery articles. On April 25 a young lady employed by them came here from Dorchester with the two bandboxes, and having to wait here for some time decided to leave the boxes in a boot and shoe store, she thinks.

When it came train time and she went to look for the articles, she forgot the store she had left them in and had to go back to Thamesford emptyhanded. Now the firm are endeavoring to find out who has the bandboxes. The London firm probably do not know to whom the goods belong or would have notified the losers.

DR. FISCHER LEAVING.

Dr. Wm. Fischer, who for two years has been head house surgeon of St. Joseph's Hospital, has resigned, and Dr. McMillan, a graduate of the London Medical College, has been appointed in his stead. Dr. Babb, the assistant house surgeon, is also about to leave the institution, but his successor has not yet been named. Dr. Fischer will begin the practice of medicine in his old home town, Waterloo. While in London, as a student, and as head surgeon at St. Joseph's, he has made many friends, all of whom will be glad to hear of his assured success as a private practitioner.

WORK ON COVE RANGES

Satisfies Military Authorities—They Will Also Assist.

Col. Weatherby, engineer of the militia department, was here on Wednesday, and, accompanied by Col. Peters, Col. Little and Capt. Moore, visited the cove ranges. He expressed himself as delighted with the property and its condition, considering the flood that had been suffered this year. The work was progressing to his satisfaction.

The colonel said the department's staff would at once render assistance to complete the work of building shooting stations and otherwise improving the ranges, as well as completely making good the losses sustained by the flood.

MR. ROSS AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, May 5.—Premier Ross of Ontario, who is in the city, had a conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning. The politicians say that Mr. Ross' future course will be determined by the interview.

Auditorium, Tonight.

Mr. Henry S. Saunders will be heard in two cello solos at London Male Chorus concert tonight.

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