FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

MARKET WAS VERY LIGHT HAY DEMAND WAS STRONG

Many Fodder Buyers Are Looked For on the Square Tomorrow.

There was a very small market this morning, due no doubt to the very cold weather, which made it anything but pleasant travelling, and to the fact that the light snow which fell during the night has drifted very badly in some places, wholly obscuring the road and making travel very difficult.

There was a strong demand for hay today, but comparatively little was offered. One load sold for $16, and some of poorer quality for a somewhat lower figure. It is expected that there will be a very strong demand tomorrow, as there are a large number of purchasers anxiously waiting to get their supply, and the amounts offered in the past few days have not nearly supplied the general demand.

Oats also were somewhat scarce today, but despite that fact were, if anything, somewhat easier in price. $1 25 to $1 27 was the ruling price for full-sized loads, though some few bag lots sold at a slightly higher figure.

Other than hay and oats there was nothing offered on the morning's market.

Other quotations remain as follows:

Grain.			
Wheat, per bu	$1 08	to	$1 10
Oats, per bu	1 25	to	1 27
Corn, per cwt	1 23	to	1 40
Buckwheat, per cwt	1 25	to	1 30
Barley, per cwt	1 10	to	1 15
Peas, per cwt	1 15	to	1 15
Beans, per bu	1 65	to	2 00
Rye, per cwt	1 05	to	1 10
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	14 00	to	16 00
Straw, per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Dairy Produce			
Butter, creamery, lb	26	to	28
Butter, rolls, per lb	25	to	26
Butter, crocks, lb	24	to	25
Eggs, crate, dozen	29	to	31
Eggs, fresh-laid, doz	31	to	34
Honey, strained, lb	10	to	12
Honey, in comb	12	to	15
Poultry, Dressed			
Turkeys, per lb	18	to	20
Ducks, spring, per lb	14	to	15
Old ducks, per lb	10	to	11
Old fowl, per lb	12	to	12
Chickens, per lb	14	to	16
Geese, per lb	12	to	14
Poultry, Alive.			
Old fowl, per lb	8	to	9
Turkeys, per lb	15	to	15
Ducks, per lb	10	to	12
Young fowl, per lb	10	to	11
Butchers' Meats			
Beef, by the carcass	6 00	to	8 50
Mutton, per cwt	7 00	to	10 00
Veal, per cwt	9 00	to	10 00
Spring lamb, per lb	13	to	14
Dressed hogs, per cwt	11 25	to	11 50
Live Stock.			
Small pigs, per pair	6 50	to	10 00
Select hogs, per cwt	8 40	to	8 40
Fat sows, per cwt	5 00	to	6 00
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	5 50
Milch cows, each	30 00	to	40 00
Hides and Wool.			
Lambskins, each	75	to	1 10
Wool, washed, per lb	20	to	22
Wool, unwashed, per lb	10	to	10
Hides, No. 1, per lb	9	to	9
Hides, No. 2, per lb	8	to	8
Hides, No. 3, per lb	7	to	7
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, per bag	50	to	65
Turnips, per bag	25	to	25
Celery, per doz	30	to	40
Lettuce, per doz	40	to	40
Sage, per doz	20	to	20
Savory, per doz	20	to	20
Cabbage, doz (to size)	30	to	40
Red cabbage, doz	40	to	40
Onions, per bu	1 10	to	1 25
Beets, per bu	40	to	45
Parsnips, per bu	50	to	50
Beans, per bu	1 20	to	1 50
Mangels, per bu (to the load)	20	to	20
Carrots, per bu (to the load)	30	to	40
Fruits.			
Apples, per bbl	1 50	to	2 00
Apples, per bu	30	to	50
Apples, per bag	50	to	1 00

LIVE STOCK

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—With over 1400 head of cattle offering in today's market, prices at the close were practically unchanged from yesterday's high levels. Owing, perhaps, to the high prices asked by drovers at the opening, there was not quite the snap to trade as in yesterday's market, but for any actual easing off from the recent high level marks, there were no signs in sight. All classes of cattle, in fact, are in sharp demand, either for export or for local killing, and practically everything was cleared off early. Dealers have ceased speculating as to the cause or causes of the steadily rising prices, and now unhesitatingly attribute existing market prices to an actual scarcity of cattle in the country. That the shortage is felt on both sides of the national boundary line is shown by this fact, that the big Chicago packing house buyers here are picking up all our heaviest cattle for their export requirements, reserving their own home supplies as much as possible for home consumption. Local butcher buyers, therefore, find themselves competing with the export buyers for the same class of cattle as were formerly exclusively available for the local trade. While these conditions last there is but little chance for a return to lower prices. Today's run was 75 cars, with 1400 head of cattle, 346 sheep and lambs, 300 hogs and 187 calves. Prevailing prices today were: Extra choice picked butchers, $5 85 to $6; choice butcher loads, $5 50 to $5 75; common to medium butchers, $4 75 to $5 25; cows, $3 75 to $4 80; bulls, $4 to $5; export cattle, $6 to $6 25. Lambs—Market steady to firm at $7 25 to $7 75. Sheep—Market steady at $4 50 to $5 25; bucks and culls, $3 50 to $4. Hogs—Market firm and 15c higher than last week, at $8 40 f. o. b., and $8 65 to $8 75 fed and watered.

EAST BUFFALO, Feb. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; steady; prime steers, $6 65 to $6 75. Veals—Receipts, 15 head; active and 15c higher, $6 to $10 75. Hogs—Receipts, 1300 head; active and 10c to 20c higher; heavy and mixed, $9 75 to $9 80; Yorkers, $9 60 to $9 90; pigs, $9 60 to $9 65; roughs, $8 85 to $9 10; stags, $7 50 to $8; dairies, $9 60 to $9 75. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2400 head; active; sheep steady, lambs 5c lower; lambs, $6 25 to $9 10.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 15,000; market strong to 10c higher; beeves, $4 75 to $8; Texas steers, $4 50 to $5 60; western steers, $4 50 to $6 25; stockers and feeders, $3 50 to $5 75; cows and heifers, $2 50 to $6 15; calves, $7 25 to $9 90. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 25,000; market 10c higher; light, $9 10 to $9 50; mixed, $9 45 to $9 60; heavy, $9 20 ot $9 60; good to choice heavy, $9 35 to $9 60; pigs, $8 35 to $9 35; bulk of sales at $9 45 to $9 55. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 14,000; market strong; natives, $4 75 to $7 65; westerns, $5 to $7 50; yearlings, $7 70 ot $8 60; lambs, natives, $7 50 to $9 20; westerns, $7 50 to $9 30.

EAST BUFFALO, N.Y., Feb. 23.—Cattle—Steady; prime steers, $6 65 to $7. Veals—Receipts, 100 head; active and 25c higher, $6 to $11. Hogs—Receipts, 800; active; pigs steady, others 5c to 10c higher; heavy and mixed, $9 80 to $9 90; Yorkers, $9 60 to $9 90; pigs, $9 60 to $9 65; roughs, $9 to $9 15; dairies, $9 60 to $9 80. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2600 head; active; wethers 5c, lambs 15c higher; lambs, $6 25 to $9 25; yearlings, $8 to $8 50; wethers, $7 to $7 40; ewes, $6 25 to $6 75; sheep, mixed, $3 50 to $6 75.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Cotton—Futures opened easy; February, 13.95c bid; March, 13.95c; May, 14.04c; July, 13.88c; August, 13.39c; September, 12.72c; October, 12.35c; November, 12.15c bid; December, 12.18c.

STOCKS.

TORONTO Feb. 23.	Asked.	Bid
Asbestos com	..	33
Asbestos pref	98	95
Black Lake	23¼	23½
Black Lake, pref	..	65
Packers A	77	..
Packers B	..	74
Bell Telephone	148	146½
Canadian General Electric	..	119
Canadian Salt	..	112
City Dairy, Com	30	29
City Dairy, pref	..	96½
Consumers Gas	..	28
Crow's Nest	..	76
Detroit United	..	63
Dominion Coal, com	83½	83¼
Dominion Steel, com	70¼	70¼
Dominion Telegraph	..	108
Electric Dev., pref	..	56
Illinois pref	..	91½
Lake of the Woods, com	..	150¼
Laurentide Paper, com	..	130
Laurentide Paper, pref	..	130
Mackay, com	90	89⅝
Mckay, pfd	77	..
Mexican L. & P.	75	73
Mexican Tramway	..	128¼
M. St. P. & S. S. M.	..	142¼
Niagara Navigation	135	..
Northern Navigation	108	..
N. S. Steel, com	83	82½
Peaman	64	..
Penman, pref	88	..
Porto Rico Railway	39	..
Rio de Janeiro	95	94½
R. & O. Navigation	86	..
Rogers, com	180	178
Rogers, pref	110	108
Sao Paulo	150¼	150
Shredded Wheat	52	..
Shredded Wheat, pref	100¼	..
St. L. & C. Navigation	119	..
Toronto Electric	..	122½
Toronto Railway	..	124¼
Tri City, pref	93	91
Twin City	114¼	114
Winnipeg	180	..
La Rose	..	450
Nipissing	..	1020
North Star	12	..
Trethewey	142	..
Bank Commerce	..	200½
Dominion Bank	244	241
Imperial Bank	235	234
Merchants Bank	..	174
Molsons Bank	..	207½
Bank of Montreal	..	252
Bank of Nova Scotia	283¼	..
Royal Bank	242	..
Standard Bank	..	231
Traders	..	145
Union Bank	..	138¼
Agricultural Loan	..	120
Canada Landed	..	160
Central Canada	175	..
Colonial Investment	..	68
Dominion Savings	75	71½
Hamilton Provident	130	128½
Huron & Erie	200	194
Huron & Erie 20 per cent	..	162
London & Canada	112	..
National Trust	198	194
Ontario Loan	150	143
Ontario Loan 20 per cent	..	127½
Real Estate	..	10
Toronto General Trusts	173	165
Toronto Mortgage	..	131
Dominion Iron and Steel bonds	..	96½
Electric Development	88	83½
Mexican L. & P.	86¾	..
Rio de Janeiro	..	95
Sao Paulo	101	100½
Porto Rico Railway	..	83½

Morning Sales: Rio, 25 at 94⅞, 25, 25 and 25 at 94¾, 10 and 10 at 94⅞, 25 and 25 at 95⅝, 25 at 95; Twin City, 25, 25 and 25 at 114¼, 100 at 114; Asbestos, preferred, 5 and 5 at 97½; Soo, 50 at 143; Dominion Steel, preferred, 3 and 2 at 156; do, bonds, 400 at 96½; Rogers, 15 at 179, 1 and 4 at 178½; Consumers' Gas, 2 at 206; Black Lake, 25 and 25 at 23¾, 25, 25 and 3 at 23¾; do, preferred, 10 at 65; do, bonds, 1000 at 85½, 3000 at 85; N. S. Steel, 50 and 50 at 83, 7, 6 and 50 at 82⅞, 25 and 25 at 82½; F. N. Burt, 25 and 2 at 77; do, preferred, 10 and 2 at 98; Toronto Ry., 100 at 1.40½, 400 and 100 at 1.40; Penmans, preferred, 100 at 87¾; Mackay, 25 and 25 at 89¾; La Rose, 50 at 4.50; Sao Paulo, 20, 50 and 50 at 150, 50 and 50 at 150; Dominion Bank, 3 at 242; Imperial Bank, 2 at 243; Bell Telephone, 10 at 147¾, 1 at 147¾, 2 at 147⅝; General Electric, 50 at 119, 25 at 120; Canada Landed, 50 at 159, 50 and 50 at 150½; Dominion Coal, 25 at 83⅞, 5 at 83¾, 25 at 83¼; Imperial Bank, 25 and 25 at 234; Union Bank, 4 and 2 at 162⅝.

MONTREAL, Feb. 23.

	Ask.	Bid.
Bell Telephone	148	..
Can. Converters	46	44
Canadian Pacific	181	180½
New Pacific	176	171½
Detroit Electric Ry	64	63½
Dom. Coal com	83½	83¼
Dom. I. & Steel com	70½	70⅜
Dom. I. & Steel pfd	135½	135¼
Halifax Electric Ry	124	..
Illinois Traction pfd	92	91¾
Lake of Woods com	150¼	150
Laurentide Paper pfd	132	129¾
Mackay pfd	76½	75½
Mexican L. & Power	..	73¼
Minn. & St. Paul	142½	142
Mt. L., H. & Power	134	133⅝
Montreal Street Railway	224½	224
Montreal Steel Works pfd	120	109
Montreal Telegraph	152¼	149
N. S. Steel & Coal	82¾	82⅝
N. S. Steel & Coal pfd	145	135
Ogilvie Milling com	142⅛	142
R. & O. Nav. Co	..	85
Rio Janiero	94¾	94⅜
Toronto Electric Ry	..	124
Twin City	115	114
Windsor Hotel	120	..
Eastern Township Bank	164	160
Merchants' Bank	179	176
Molsons Bank	209½	207

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RODUCE.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE	Chicago, Feb. 23			
Wheat May	114⅛	114⅝	113⅞	113⅞
July	105¾	105¾	104¼	104¼
Corn May	66¼	66¼	65½	65⅝
July	67⅛	67⅛	66⅝	66⅝
Oats May	47¼	47⅛	46¾	46¾
July	44⅛	44⅛	43¼	43¼
Pork May	23 90	23 92	23 85	23 85
July	23 80	23 90	23 80	23 82
Lard May	12 85	12 90	12 85	12 87
July	12 90	12 90	12 87	12 87
Ribs May	12 55	12 57	12 55	12 57
July	12 50	12 55	12 50	12 55

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—The grain markets are dull but firm today, and there is a good tone to business generally. Trading is not on very broad lines, however. Western wheat and oats are firm. Ontario wheat—No. 2 mixed winter, $1 06 to $1 07; No. 2 white, $1 07 to $1 08 outside. Manitoba wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern, $1 13; No. 2 northern, $1 11, on track at lake ports, for early February shipment; No. 1 northern, $1 18; No. 2 northern, $1 16, all-rail. Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 74½c; new No. 3 yellow, 71c to 71½c; kiln-dried No. 2 yellow, 73½c; Canadian corn, 66c to 67c. Oats—Canadian western, No. 2, 43c; No. 3, 42c, on track at lake ports; No. 2 western, 46c, February shipment, all-rail; No. 2 white, 39c outside; No. 3 white, 37c outside, 41c to 42c on track at Toronto. Barley—No. 2, 55c to 56c; No. 3 extra, 53c to 54c; No. 3, 48c to 49c; feed barley, 47c outside; Manitoba No. 3, 57c; No. 4, 53c, on track at lake ports. Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto: First patents, $5 70; second patents, $5 20; strong bakers, $5; 90 per cent patents, Glasgow freights, 29s. Ontario flour—Winter wheat patents, for export, $4 20 to $4 25, in buyers' sacks, outside. Peas—New No. 2, 84c to 85c. Rye—No. 2, 67c ot 68c outside. Buckwheat—No. 2, 52c to 53c outside. Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $22 50 to $23 per ton; shorts, $23 50 to $24, on track at Toronto; Ontarlo bran, $23; shorts, $24, on track at Toronto.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23.—Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stock; futures steady: March, 8s ¾d; May, 7s 10¾d; July, 7s 9⅝d. Corn—Spot quiet; new American mixed, northern, 5s 5¾d; old American mixed, 5s 8½d; futures dull; March, 5s 5⅝d. Peas—Canadian steady, 7s 7d. Flour—Winter patents quiet, 33s.

HAY.

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—Trade in baled products is quiet, and the market is inclined to be easy at present quotations. Receipts of loose hay have been large, and demands from local sources are light. Quotations in car lots on track at Toronto are as follows: Hay—No. 1 timothy, $13 50 to $14; inferior, $11 to $12. Straw—Selling mostly at $7 50 per ton.

POTATOES.

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—Potatoes—Offerings are plentiful, and the market is still low, even with a good, steady demand for local consumption. Quotations are unToronto, and at 55c to 60c per bag out of store.

FATHER GETS LETTERS FROM MRS. STEWART

Had Been Posted in China Some Months Ago.

Mr. John Dunkin, of 219 Wortley road, has just received some letters and cards from his daughter, the late Mrs. J. L. Stewart, who died when within five days' journey of Chen Tu, the scene of her missionary labors. The first letter, dated Dec. 5, tells of their trip from Shanghai to Han Kow, where the party with which Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were travelling took house boat for Ichang on the Yang Tse River. The letter is full of interesting little intimate details of the journey, among the incidents mentioned being a visit to the bank to draw 1,400 taels for the expenses of the journey. This was all delivered in silver and weighed 30 pounds. The letter spoke of a slight illness that left Mrs. Stewart very weak, but that did not seem to be of an serious nature. Letters dated Dec. 9, and 21, tell of the life in the house boat, and of the relief of the cosy life on the boats after the rush of the preceding months. A final letter from Mr. Stewart dated Kuei Fu Jan. 15, told of the opening of the Christmas boxes on the house boat, and of the delight of the Christmas celebration even in the foreign land. The letter closes with the statement that Mrs. Stewart is quite well, and there seems to have been no premonition of her untimely death.

EAST LONDON

LOCAL ASSOCIATION DID NOT SEND DELEGATE

St. John's Ambulance Corps Invited to Attend a Big Conference in Ottawa.

Mr. Harold Boulton, of London, Eng., a prominent member of St. John's Ambulance Association, who travels about the world at his own expense in the interests of the first aid brigades, is now in Ottawa, where a conference is being held this afternoon with the militia department in order that a plan of co-operation may be worked out.

Mr. Boulton notified Mr. William Loveday, of 707 Elias street, the secretary of the local corps, which was the first organized in Canada, and asked that a representative be sent to the capital to attend a conference to consolidate all Canadian organizations on a national basis under the Governor-General.

A meeting of the local corps was held yesterday afternoon, when it was decided that the funds were not sufficient to warrant the members in sending a delegate.

The officers and members of St. John's Association desire to make it a civilian organization first, but will adopt some plan of co-operation with the militia department, whereby, in time of war, any number of members could be called upon to serve, but of their own volition.

During the South African war over 2,000 members of the association from England enlisted of their own accord, and assisted the Government materially.

It is expected that Mr. Boulton will come to this city shortly to address the local corps.

POLES IN A FIGHT ON OTTAWAY AVENUE

Made a Quick Getaway When Police Hove in Sight.

About 11 o'clock last night a call came to the police station that a fight was in progress in a house occupied by some Poles on Ottaway avenue, near William street. Sergt. Monaghan and several officers went down in the patrol, but when they arrived all was quiet, as someone had, it is stated, told the fighters that the police were coming. Two bottles of whisky and a barrel of beer are said to have been the cause of the trouble. No summonses have been issued.

AGED PEOPLE ENTERTAINED.

Several members of the Epworth League of Askin Street Methodist Church gave an entertainment at the Aged People's Home last evening, which was very much enjoyed by the inmates. Among those who took part were Misses Baker, Cave, Shannan and Fitchett, and Mr. Graves. Miss West was the pianist.

DEATH OF MICHAEL CLARK.

Michael Clark, a patient at Victoria Home for Incurables on Dundas street, east, passed away this morning following a stroke of paralysis. He was in his eightieth year, and had been at the home for the past two years, coming to this city from Sarnia.

As far as is known he has no relatives, and Rev. Father Tobin, assistant rector of St. Mary's Church, has made the funeral arrangements. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning and interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. THOMPSON.

Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, wife of Mr. Leonard Thompson, Knollwood Park, died yesterday afternoon after an illness extending over some time. Mrs. Thompson was in her 24th year and was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shand, of West Toronto, and besides her husband and parents is survived by two small children and one brother. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CEMENT CONVENTION.

Ald. Henry Pocock and John C. Doidge left this morning for Chicago to attend the cement workers' convention. While in Chicago Ald. Pocock will endeavor to bring as many of the exhibitors os possible to the cement show in London this spring. He will also visit the fire halls there to inspect the apparatus, particularly the fire hose.

LATE MRS. BOGUE.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Bogue was held this afternon from her residence, 980 Dame street, to Oakland Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Dewey, of Empress Avenue Church, West London.

CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE.

The deciding games of the City Hockey League will be played this evening in the Jubilee Rink, when the Bank of Toronto team meets the Western Medicals, and the Acadians clash with St. John's A. C. The Meds. have yet to lose a game, and will land the pennant unless something unforeseen occurs.

The winners of the league will challenge the intermediate O. H. A. team to play a series for the championship of London.

EAST END NOTES.

A bus ride party was held last evening by a number of East Enders, in honor of Miss Maude Law, of Harrietsville, who is visiting with Miss Velma Hayes, of Adelaide street. Following a trip around the city the party were entertained at the residence of Mr. D. H. Gillies, King street east. Miss Law and Miss Hayes were in The Advertiser European trip contest last summer.

WANT INSTITUTIONS FOR CONSUMPTIVES

Executive of Association Places the Petition Before Premier Whitney.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The executive of the Municipal Association for the Betterment of Consumptives met the Premier this morning and presented petitions from city and county councils praying for the erection of institutions for the care of indigent consumptives. The petitions were from the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London, Peterboro, and from the county councils of Addington, Brant, Bruce, Carlton, Durham, Dundas, Dufferin, Elgin, Grey, Grenville, Glengarry, Huron, Halton, Haldimand, Lincoln, Lambton, Lennox, Leeds, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ontario, Perth, Stormont, Victoria, Wellington, Waterloo.

The executive of the association comprises: Dr. Lockhart, ex-warden of Waterloo, chairman; J. A. Hacking, ex-warden of Perth, secretary; Robert Agnew, ex-warden of Grey; S. Fleet, reeve, Ingersoll; Mr. Milne, Blyth; Dr. Gunn, Clinton; A. W. Talbot, reeve, Beaverton; Dr. Hamilton, Cornwall; J. R. McNeillie, county treasurer, Victoria County, Lindsay.

LATE LOCAL NEWS

Liberal Euchre.

A progressive euchre match will be held in the Liberal Club rooms tonight. A number of prizes will be given and a good turnout is looked for. All are invited.

A Wages Case.

Richard Evans, of this city, laid an information before Squire Chittick this morning against George Metcalfe, of London Township, a former employer, to recover the balance of wages claimed to be due him. The case will come up for hearing on Saturday.

Annual Festival.

The members of the Dundas Centre Methodist Sunday school held their annual festival in the schoolroom of the church last night, and spent a most delightful time. Rev. Dr. Manning presided, and after a sumptuous supper had been done justice to, a splendid programme was rendered and was greatly appreciated.

Little Girl Dead.

Bessie Woolston, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woolston, died at the home of her parents, 117 Clarence street, this morning, after an illness of about three weeks. Deceased was four years of age, and besides her parents is survived by one brother. The funeral will be held to Woodland Cemetery.

Estimable Lady Dead.

Miss Isobel Bremner, eldest daughter of the late William Bremner, died at her home, 575 Dundas street, this morning after a long illness. Miss Bremner is survived by three brothers, Robert, Ronald and Malcolm; G. Bremner, of this city, and two sisters, Misses Jessie and Margaret. The funeral, which will be of a private nature, will be held on Saturday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The Great Seton Coming.

Ernest Thompson Seton, the great Canadian naturalist and writer, will deliver two lectures at the Auditorium on March 17. The surplus proceeds are to be devoted by the Teachers' Association toward founding a museum in London. Mr. Seton's two lectures will be his most famous ones—"The Personality of Wild Animals" and "Wild Animals I Have Met."

Dog Catcher Named.

Mr. G. Benjamin Blackstock was officially named as dog catcher today, and tomorrow he will go on duty as dog snatcher for London. He has his outfit ready, and the net furnished by the city is now ready also. Inspector McCallum made the announcement of the appointment today, and declared that Blackstock was the only man in sight for the place. However, he will have to "cut out" the lassoo, as that will not be tolerated. He will have to be as gentle with the vagrant dogs as possible. Else there will be trouble.

W. C. CARON MAY BE NEW COLLECTOR

It Is Said He Will Succeed Granville Haight in Aylmer.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Aylmer, Feb. 23.—There are many applicants for the position of customs collector here, made vacant by the death of Granville Haight, but it is understood that Mr. W. D. Caron will be the man named. Mr. Caron is an applicant for the place, and it is understood that his chances are the best Mr. Caron has been a citizen of Aylmer for many years, and was formerly mayor here.

PORT STANLEY HARBOR.

Port Stanley, Feb. 22. — At the meeting of the Liberal Association, held last night, the matter of harbor improvements was taken up. There was a fairly large attendance, and the matter was dicussed, not so much from a party viewpoint, but as a matter of urgent necessity. The facts were shown that the present dockage facilities were far from being inadequate; further, the entrance into the harbor, especially while the south or southeast winds, prevail, is a most dangerous one. Upon motion by Messrs. S. Eveland and Randall, Messrs. Shephard and Cornall were appointed to interview Mr. W. Ruthfall and solicit his assistance in urging these harbor improvements.

COBALT STOCK.

Special to The Advertiser from Edward Cronyn & Co., Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Beaver 32½, Chambers 37¼, Crown Reserve 370, Cobalt Lake 18¼, Coniagas 560, Foster 24, Green Meehan 9, Kerr Lake 930, La Rose 450, Little Nipissing 30¼, Nipissing 10¼, Otisse 9, Rochester 19, Nova Scotia 38, Silver Leaf 10, Temiskaming 53½, Trethewey 40.

AN INFURIATED NEGRO FATALLY WOUNDS TWO

Terrific Battle Aboard Train Between Desperado and College Men.

New York, Feb. 23.—Harrison Higbee and Leslie A. Lord, two young Yale graduates and socially prominent in North Jersey, were wantonly shot down and probably fatally wounded today by an infuriated negro in the smoking car of a Jersey Central train in which they were riding to their homes in Newark.

Accompanying Highbee and Lord were Gale Young, of New York, and his cousin Roger Young, of Newark. Soon after the train left Jersey City the desperado, who was accompanied by another man of his race and a mulatto woman, accused the four young college men of making remarks about women. Lord was going to reply, but Higbee told him to keep quiet.

"Don't you tell me to keep quiet," yelled the negro, as he leaped to his feet and drew a revolver. "I'll quiet you," and he opened fire on the four young men. The first bullet went through Lord's stomach, and he dropped to the floor. The second plowed into Higbee's chest, and then Gale Young leaped for the negro. But he continued shooting, the shots causing a panic in the car, and passengers stampeded for the doors or hid under seats.

Stuck to His Man.

Gale Young went down under a blow on the head but Roger held on to the man, who emptied his pistol and who was so powerful that he dragged Roger Young with him to the platform. Young held on, however, and when the negro leaped from the train while it was making twenty miles an hour, Roger Young went with him. In striking the embankment Young's grip on the negro was broken and the desperado disappeared in the darkness. His companions also leaped from the train and got away.

When the train was stopped the wounded men were taken to a hospital in Jersey City, where it was said they would probably die. Roger Young was found back on the track a half mile badly stunned but not seriously hurt.

BLAZE AT COBALT

Smithers' Saloon and DeWolf's Dwelling Burned Tuesday.

Cobalt, Feb. 23. — Just before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon fire broke out in Frank Smithers' gymnasium, restaurant and beer saloon, Lang street, supposedly through an overheated stovepipe. The brigade was quickly on hand, but owing to some new compound being used in the fire engine, it foamed and several minutes were lost before the water was turned on with a good pressure. Meantime the Right of Way mine hose was connected up, and between the two the fire was confined to Smithers' establishment, which is a complete loss. The furniture and equipment were very good, and the estimated loss is $3,000 or more, although the greater portion of the stock and fixtures on the ground floor were removed.

Gurney DeWolf's blacksmith shop, which adjoined Smithers' place, was saved, although considerably damaged. Practically all DeWolf's furniture was saved. His loss will be several hundred dollars, and it is a hard blow, on account of Mr. DeWolf losing everything last July in the big conflagration.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Grand Chapter in Fifty-Second Annual Convention at Toronto.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada assembled in the Masonic Temple today, when the 52nd annual convention was held. M. E. Comp. George Moore, of Hamilton, grand first principal, presiding. Records and the reports of the several committees were received. All give evidence of the abundant growth and enlarged measure of prosperity that has attended the capitular craft. The growth of the order has been larger than in any previous year, when 1,074 new members were enrolled, making the total enrollment 14,103, as against a total of 13,023 in the previous year. These are some of the outstanding features of the report of the condition of Masonry submitted by R. Ex. Comp. Aubrey White, and emphasized in the address. The benevolent account also grew during the past year, the Grand Chapter allocating $950, while the subordinate chapters expended $1,937 on benevolent purposes. This is regarded as a most substantial basis for the 146 chapters and the 13 new chapters under dispensations.

The finances of the Grand Chapter are in a most flourishing condition. The assets, as shown by the report of the grand treasurer, M. E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, represent a value of $32,783, to which is added a further investment of $2,000 this year. There are practically no liabilities. The revenue for the year was $13,132, and disbursements $7,014, leaving a cash balance of $6,117. After the reception of the grand representatives and the routine business, the following officers were re-elected by acclamation for the ensuing year:

Grand Z.—M. E. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton.

Grand H.—R. E. Comp. Fred W. Harcourt, Toronto.

Grand J.—R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia.

Grand Scribe E.—R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto.

Grand Treasurer—M. E. Comp. Hon. Wm. Gibson, Beamsville.

Personal Mention

Mr. Ernie Whitesides, of Aylmer, is a visitor in this city.

Mrs. C. James, London, is the guest of Miss Mamie Wilson, Lucan.

Mrs. C. M. Judge, of Thamesford, is the guest of Mrs. W. K. Hume, 762 Queen's avenue.

Misses Annie and Esther Howard, formerly of London Township, now of Portage la Prairie, Man., are home on a visit to friends.

Mrs. F. G. McKay and daughter wish to thank their many friends for numerous acts of kindness and messages of sympathy, which they received in their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Geo. W. Kennedy will receive for the first time since her marriage on Tuesday afternoon and evening, March 1, at 326 St. George street.

Mr. and Mrs. Rechnitzer and Master Ejnar left Tuesday afternoon for New York, from where they sail on Thursday by North German Lloyd steamer George Washington, for Germany. They intend visiting the principal cities on the continent and to return via England.

CHURCH "NEVER IN TIME."

London, Feb. 23—"There is one thing that the Church of England has never been," said the Bishop of London in a sermon at St. Paul's. "It has never been in time. It is 50 years too late."

OFFICER GETS TWO BY USING HIS GUN

A Hamilton Constable Captures Brothers Suspected of Several Burglaries.

Hamilton, Feb. 23.—Thomas and Arthur Hetherington were arrested about 12 o'clock last night at the point of a revolver by Constable Wallace, who heard them in a cobbler's store in the east end of the city. He heard the men and waited for their appearance. One man got away but the officer grappled with the other two and aided by a threatening revolver captured the Hetherington brothers. It is suspected that they also entered two other stores last evening. They were remanded at the police court this morning.

A COOL ENGINEER

Cleverly Averts a Wreck When Car Coupling Broke.

New York, Feb. 23.—Engineer John Cody's presence of mind probably averted what might have been a serious accident to a crowded ten-car passenger train on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Tuesday.

The New York express, from Stamford to this city, was running fifty miles an hour just west of Mount Vernon, on the electric division, when the coupling between the electric engines and the first car parted.

The freed engine leaped 100 feet ahead of the cars, which were following at high speed.

Cody cool-headedly diminished the engine's speed little by little, letting the train overtake him until the first platform touched the engine's with a barely perceptible impact.

Then Cody applied the brakes and stopped the train.

FOSTER ON THE STAND

Witness in His Own Behalf in Action Against Globe Editor.

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Toronto, Feb. 23. — The examination in chief of Hon. George E. Foster in connection with his suit against Dr. Macdonald, editor of the Globe, was continued this morning. Mr. Foster made a good witness on his own behalf. He answered questions clearly, and in detail. He laid considerable emphasis on the fact that he was not a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and therefore had a right to borrow from that organization, if he could, and also that the Union Trust Company had a perfect right legally and in any other way to borrow money from the Foresters. There was nothing in his agreement with the Union Trust Company, he said, to prevent his entering into any other business or enterprise he wished to enter.

Mr. Foster explained an apparent omission from the book of records of meetings of the directors of the Union Trust Company in respect to meetings said to have been held. In regard to these it was shown that a supposed formal meeting had not been a meeting of that nature, and that any business transacted had been entered in the record of the next formal meeting. Mr. Foster was proceeding to explain the Kamloops land deal when court adjourned for lunch.

MADRIZ WANTS PEACE

Nicaraguan President Makes Overtures to End the War.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Overtures for Peace which President Madriz of Nicaragua is said to have suggested in the h