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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

Latest Market Reports by Mail and Telegraph.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Dec. 13—12:30 p.m.—Consols, 98 1-16 for money, 98 3-16 for account; Mexican, 15; Mexican Central, 5⅝; St. Paul, 64; Erie, 15¾; Erie, seconds, 78¼; Pacific Central, 51⅝; Reading, 10⅝; Canadian Pacific, 76⅝; New York Central, 10⅝; Illinois Central, 96½; Bank of England rate, 3 per cent.; open market discount, 2¼ to 2⅜.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—1 p.m.—Stock market dull but firm.

Atchison	19¾	C., B. & Q.	78¾
Can. Southern	54	Can. Pacific	74½
Del. & Hudson	133	L. & N.	50½
Lake Shore	—	D. & L.	—
Nor. Pacific	—	Nor. Pacific, pref.	—
Northwestern	104	Mich. Central	—
Rhode Island	68½	N. Y. C.	102½
St. Paul	67½	St. Paul, pref.	—
Union Pac.	21½	Western Union	88¾

Toronto Stock Market

TORONTO, Dec. 13.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	225	219
Ontario	125	119
Molsons	—	—
Toronto	245	241
Merchants	156	152
Commerce	136½	135¾
Imperial	180	178½
Dominion	272	271
Standard	165	163
Hamilton	165	162
British America	120	117½
Western Assurance	—	—
Canada Life	—	621
Confederation Life	360½	—
Consumers Gas	188	186
Dominion Telegraph	110	108
Northwest Land Company	78	—
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	74½	73½
Commercial Cable Company	138	137½
Bell Telephone Company	140½	138½
Dominion Savings and Loan	90	85
Farmers' Loan and Savings	—	—
Farmers L. and S., 20 per cent.	—	—
Huron and Erie L. and S.	159	—
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent.	—	—
London and Canada, L. and A.	128	127
London Loan	110	—
London and Ontario	120	—
Ontario Loan and Debenture	—	—

SALES—Commerce, 40 and 10 at 136¾; Imperial, 5 at 179; Dominion, 20 and 25 at 271; British America, 3 at 118½; Consumers' Gas, 5 at 186; London & Canada L. & A., 120 at 127½.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.

	Ask.	Off.
C. P. R.	74½	73¾
Duluth Railway, common	6½	5½
Duluth Railway, preferred	—	—
Grand Trunk Ry., firsts	—	—
Grand Trunk Ry., seconds	—	—
Commercial Cable Company	138	137
Wabash	—	—
Wabash, preferred	—	—
Montreal Telegraph Co.	146	145
Rich. and Ont. Navigation	75	74½
Montreal Street Railway	164½	162½
Montreal Gas Company	182½	180½
Bell Telephone Company	140	137
Royal Electric	140	135
Bank of Montreal	225	220
Ontario Bank	130	115
Banque du Peuple	—	159
Molsons Bank	—	239½
Bank of Toronto	—	—
Banque Cartier	155	152
Merchants' Bank	—	130
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	140	—
Union Bank	—	—
Bank of Commerce	136½	135½
N. W. Land Company	—	—
Montreal Cotton Company	122	116
Canada Colored Cotton Co.	—	—
Dominion Cotton Company	115	108

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COMMERCIAL.

Local Market Quotations.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.
Wednesday, Dec. 13.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

Receipts of grain have been only moderate this week. Prices, as a rule, did not vary much since last week. The bulk of receipts were wheat, and the price paid was from 93c to 98c.

Oats fell off during the week and at the close was 90c to 91c.

Peas sold at 90c, and some lots of extra good quality brought 91c to 92c.

Corn quiet at 94c to 95c.

Very fine lots of barley offered; the price was 99c down to 85c, and from 80c to 82c for feeding samples.

The demand for hand-picked beans was good, and prices lower; sales at $1 to $1 10 per bu.

Butter found ready sale at 20c to 22c for pound rolls, and about 20c for best quality of crock.

Eggs were easier during the latter part of the week, selling at 18c to 20c by the basket.

The meat market was very dull, and little or no change occurred in values. Dressed hogs were not very plentiful, and, the demand being steady, values were firm at $5 50 to $6 25.

In poultry and turkeys the supply was large and prices low. Chickens sold at 35c to 50c per pair; turkeys at 7c to 8c per lb.

Hides, skins and tallow dull, and no change in prices occurred.

The supply of apples was light and prices higher, $1 to $1 50 per bag for all kinds of choice winter sorts.

Potatoes steady and not very many offering; 70c per bag was the price some days and 65c others.

Other kinds of vegetables unchanged.

Hay dull and lower towards the close of the week; $7 to $8 50 was the value of common to ordinary, and closed to-day dull at $8 for the best.

Quotations as follows:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, 100 lbs	$ 93	to	98
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	93	to	95
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs	95	to	1 00
Oats, per 100 lbs	90	to	91
Peas, per 100 lbs	90	to	93
Corn, per 100 lbs	95	to	96
Barley, per 100 lbs	80	to	99
Rye, per 100 lbs	80	to	90
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	90	to	95
Beans, per bu	1 00	to	1 10
PROVISIONS.			
Eggs fresh, single doz	22	to	24
Eggs, fresh, basket, per doz	20	to	22
Eggs, fresh, store lots, per doz	17	to	17
Butter, single rolls, per lb	23	to	25
Butter, per lb, 1 lb rolls, baskets	20	to	22
Butter, per lb, large rolls or crocks	20	to	20
Butter, per lb, tub or firkins	20	to	20
Lard, per lb	13	to	15
Chickens, per pair	40	to	50
Ducks	60	to	80
Turkeys, 9c per lb, each	60	to	1 75
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag	1 00	to	1 50
Cauliflowers, per dozen	1 00	to	1 50
Tomatoes, per bu	50	to	75
Potatoes, per bag	70	to	80
Grapes, per lb	3	to	5
Cabbages, per doz	25	to	45
Citrons, per doz	50	to	75
Celery, per doz	25	to	55
Squashes, per doz	35	to	1 00
Pumpkins, per doz	50	to	1 00
Onions, per bu	80	to	80
Carrots, per bu	25	to	50
Beets, per dozen bunches	25	to	25
Turnips, per bu	20	to	20
Parsnips, per bu	50	to	50
Radishes, per doz bunches	25	to	30
HAY AND SEEDS.			
Hay, per ton	7 50	to	8 50
Straw, per load	2 50	to	3 50
Clover seed, red, per bu	0 0	to	0 00
Clover seed, Alsike, per bu	0 0	to	0 00
Timothy seed, per bu	1 50	to	1 50
Hungarian seed, per bu	0 00	to	00
Millet seed, per bu	00	to	00
MEAT, HIDES, ETC.			
Beef, carcass, per lb	4	to	6
Mutton, quarters, per lb	6	to	7
Veal, quarters, per lb	5	to	6
Lamb, quarters, per lb	7	to	8
Dressed hogs, 100 lb	5 50	to	6 25
Hides, No. 1, per lb	3	to	0
Hides, No. 2, per lb	2	to	0
Hides, No. 3, per lb	1	to	0
Calfskins, green, per lb	4	to	0
Calfskins, dry, each	10	to	25
Sheepskins, each	40	to	65
Lambskins, each	00	to	05
Pelts, each	00	to	00
Wool, per lb	17	to	18
Tallow, rendered, per lb	5	to	6
Tallow, rough, per lb	2	to	3

Montreal Produce Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.

FLOUR—Receipts, 1,100 bbls; market quiet and unchanged. Quotations: Patents winter $3 50 to $3 70; do spring, $3 60 to $3 80; straight roller, $3 00 to $3 10; extra, $2 65 to $2 75; superfine, $2 45 to $2 65; strong bakers, $3 40 to $3 50; Ontario bags, $1 35 to $1 55.

GRAIN—Wheat No. 2 Manitoba hard, 66c to 68c; corn, 53c to 55c; peas, 67c to 68c; oats, 37c to 38c; barley, 50c to 55c; rye, 50c to 53c.

MEAL—Oatmeal, $2 00 to $2 10; cornmeal, $1 20 to $1 30.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, $17 00 to $18 00; lard, 10c to 12c; bacon, 11½c to 12½c; hams, 11c to 13c; cheese, 10½c to 11½c; butter, townships, 20c to 22c; western, 13c to 20c; eggs, 16c to 18c.

Toronto Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 13.

FLOUR—Straight roller, $2 75 to $2 85; extra $2 60 to $2 75.

WHEAT—White, 57c to 57c; spring, No. 2, 58c to 58c; red winter, 56c to 56c; goose, 56c to 56c; Manitoba hard, No. 1, 73c to 73c; Manitoba hard, No. 2, 71c to 71c; Manitoba hard No. 3, 66c to 66c.

PEAS—No. 2, 51c to 51c.

FEED—No. 2, 36c to 36c.

BARLEY—No. 1, 40c to 41c.

OATS—No. 2, 28½c to 29½c.

Market dull and unsettled. Sales—Oats on track at 32½c to 33½c; peas outside at 51c to 51½c; No. 1 barley outside at 40c.

English Markets.

Beerbohm's report by cable.

LONDON, Dec. 13.

Floating cargoes—Wheat steadily held; corn none.

Cargoes on passage — Wheat quiet, but steady; corn quiet.

Mark Lane — English wheat very slow; foreign steady; corn quiet; flour steady.

French country markets firm.

Liverpool—Spot wheat quiet, but steady; corn steady, with a fair demand; corn, 4s 2½d—½d cheaper; peas, 5s 1d—unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13.

The quotations for the past three market days are as follows:

	Dec. 11.		Dec. 12.		Dec. 13.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Spring	5 7	5 8	5 7	5 8	5 8	5 9
Red Winter	5 2½	5 3½	5 2½	5.3½	5 3	5 4
No. 1 Cal.	5 5	5 6	5 7	5 6	5 7	5 7
Corn, new	4 2½	0 0	4 2½	0 0	4 2½	0 0
Peas, per c.	5 2	0 0	5 1	0 0	5 1	0 0
Pork (new)	85 0	0 0	85 0	0 0	85 0	0 0
Lard	49 6	0 0	49 6	0 0	49 0	0 0
Bacon, h'vy.	47 0	0 0	46 6	0 0	45 6	0 0
Bacon light	47 6	0 0	47 0	0 0	46 0	0 0
Tallow	28 0	0 0	28 0	0 0	28 0	0 0
Cheese, wh.	55 0	0 0	55 0	0 0	55 0	0 0
Cheese, col.	55 0	0 0	55 0	0 0	55 0	0 0

Wheat steady, demand poor, holders offer moderately; corn quiet, demand moderate.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.

THE LEADING FUTURES CLOSED.

WHEAT—Dec., 61½c; May, 67½c.
CORN—Dec., 33½c; Jan., 35½c; May, 40½c.
OATS—Dec., 28½c; Jan., 28¾c; May, 31½c.
MESS PORK—Jan., $12 55; May, $12 72½.
LARD—Jan., $7 85; May, $7 60.
SHORT RIBS—Jan., $6 52½; May, $6 62½.

CASH QUOTATIONS:

Flour dull and neglected; prices unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 61½c to 62c; No. 3 spring wheat, 60c to 63c; No. 2 red, 61½c to 62c; No. 2 corn, 34½c; No. 2 oats, 28½c; No. 2 rye, 45½c to 46c; No. 2 barley, 53c to 54c; mess pork, $12 75 to $12 87½; lard, $8 07½; short ribs sides, $6 50 to $6 60; dry salted shoulders, $6 25 to $6 50; short clear sides, $7 25 to $7 50.

Receipts—			
Flour	16,000	Wheat	149,000
Corn	349,000	Oats	393,000
Rye	6,000	Barley	165,000
Shipments—			
Flour	19,000	Wheat	12,000
Corn	134,000	Oats	185,000
Rye	4,000	Barley	39,000

TOLEDO, Dec. 13.

WHEAT—67½c cash; 68½c May.
CORN—Dull; 37c cash; 40c asked May.
OATS—30½c cash; 32c May.

DETROIT, Dec. 13.

WHEAT—Closes: No. 1 white, 66½c bid cash; No. 2 red, 61½c bid cash; 62½c Jan.; 67½c bid May.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—Closing.

WHEAT—Dec., 61½c; May, 67½c.
CORN—Jan., 35½c; May, 40½c.
OATS—Dec, 31c
PORK—Jan., $12 45; May, $12 62.
LARD—Jan., $7 85; May, $7 60.
SHORT RIBS—Jan., $6 47; May, $6 55.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

FLOUR—Easier.
RYE—Dull; western, 50c to 57c.
BARLEY—Steady; No. 2 Milwaukee, 61c to 62c; western, 56c to 61c; two-rowed state, 62c to 64c; western, 65c to 85c; two-rowed do, 70c to 75c; six rowed do 85c to 89c.
WHEAT—Receipts, 3,000 bu; exports, 71,000 bu; sales, 1,565,000 bu futures, 216,000 bu spot; spots steady; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 67½c to 67½c; afloat, 68½c to 68½c; f. o. b., 68½c to 68½c; ungraded red, 63c to 68c; No. 1 northern, 70c; options firm; No. 2 red, Jan., 68½c; March, 70½c; May, 72½c; Dec., 67½c.
CORN—Receipts, 73,000 bu; exports, 127,000 bu; sales, 680,000 bu futures, 102,000 bu spot; spots firm; No. 2, 45½c, elevator; 46c to 46½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 45c to 45½c; options firm; Dec., 44½c, Jan., 44½c; March, 45½c; May, 46c.
OATS—Receipts, 77,000 bu; exports, 4,000 bu; sales, 220,000 bu futures, 30,000 bu spot; spots dull; No. 2, 33½c; No. 2 white, 35½c to 35½c; No. 2 Chicago, 34½c; No. 3, 33c; No. 3 white, 35½c; mixed western, 34c to 35c; white do and white state, 36c to 40c; options lower; Dec., 33½c; Jan., 33½c; Feb., 34½c; May, 34½c. No. 2 white, Jan., 35½c; Feb., 36½c.
EGGS—Quiet; State and Pennsylvania, 24½c to 27c; western fresh, 24½c to 26c.
TALLOW—Firm; city, 4½c; sale 50 hhds; country, 4½c to 5½c.
COFFEE—Options steady; sales, 7,000 bags, including Dec., $17 05 to $17 10; Jan., $16 70 to $16 75; Feb., $16 45; March, $16 15 to $16 20; May, $15 60 to $15 65; spot firm, 18½c.
SUGAR—Steady; Standard "A," 4 3-16c to 4½c; confectioners "A," 4½c to 4 5-16c; cut-loaf and crushed, 5c to 5 3-16c; powdered, 4 9-16c to 4½c; granulated, 4 3-16c to 4½c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 13.

WHEAT—Closes: 59½c bid cash; 61c bid May.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 14.

WHEAT—Spring wheat—Only a few cars sold. Market closed: 2 cars No. 1 hard, 72½c; 2 cars No. 1 northern, 71½c. Winter wheat—Easier; but there was no demand at decline; offerings light: No. 2 red offered at 64½c; No. 1 white, 65c; closing steady: No. 1 white, 65c; No. 2 red, 64½c; No. 3 extra red, 63 to 63½c asked; the only sale, 1 car mixed white and red, at 63½c.

CORN—Quiet and easy, with offerings light; No. 2 yellow, in store, was offered at 42c to 42½c; No. 2 corn, 41c to 41½c; No. 3 corn, 40½c to 40¾c; outside price for choice old No. 2 yellow, on track, 42c; No. 3 yellow, 41½c; No. 2 corn, 40½c to 41c; No. 3 corn, 40c to 40½c, according to color; closing firmer for store offerings; No. 2 yellow, 42c to 42½c; No. 2 corn, 41c to 41½c; No. 3 corn, 40½c to 41½c; track corn easy.

OATS—Demand light; prices were steady; No. 2 white, 35c on track, 31½c in store; No. 3 white, 33½c in store; no mixed in market; closing easier on track; No. 2 white, 33½c asked.

BARLEY—Quoted: fancy western, 66c to 67c; choice, 64c; lower grades, 48c to 55c, according to sample; State, 65c to 72c.

RYE—Nothing doing here; No. 1, 56c; No. 2, 55c asked, in store.

FLOUR—Dull; unchanged.

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 13.—Cattle—There were 9 loads of sale cattle on offer to day. Market dull and slow. Good to choice, 300 to 350 pound steers sold at $4 15 to $4 30, and light to medium steers, $3 65 to $4; old cows and mixed stock, $2 20 to $2 75.

Hogs—Offerings 35 cars; market bad and lower. Yorkers were in only fair demand, and the local trade limited. Good to choice Yorkers at $4 35 to $4 40, and the general range of sales was at the same prices. Pigs sold as a rule in with good hogs, and all were not closed out.

Sheep and lambs—Offerings 16 loads natives and 8 loads of Canada lambs. The market was simply stagnant, only a light butcher trade prevailed. Sales at very weak to 10c lower prices than yesterday. The weather was more favorable to trade, but eastern reports were unfavorable, and Canada lambs are quoted common to extra, $4 40 to $4 60; culls and common, $3 50 to $4 25.

TORONTO.

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—The receipts of live stock at the western yards yesterday were 25 carloads. The demand for cattle was good, especially choice qualities, and some Christmas stock sold at 4½c to 4¾c per lb. Medium cattle unchanged at 3½c to 3¾c, and common 2½c to 3c. Milch cows are lower, with sales at $22 to $40 each. Calves—Firm at $2 50 to $8 per head, according to quality. Sheep—Firm at $3 25 to $4 50 each, and lambs sold at $2 25 to $3 25 each, or from 3½c to 3½c per lb. Hogs—Unchanged; the best, weighed off cars, sold at $5 10; fed and watered, $4 75; stores, $4 50, and rough, $4 25.

Christmas Novelties

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

—High Constable Scram is laid up with the grip.

—The salutation of Londoners: "Ah, choo, kerchoo!"

—Mr. J. B. McKillop is in Duart, at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill.

—A sitting of the First Division Court for the county of Middlesex will be held in the court house on Dec. 15.

—Peter Glen was out yesterday for the first time in six weeks. He had a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs.

—David Morrice, assistant superintendent of the G. T. R., Toronto, formerly of this city, is a sufferer from la grippe.

—Mr. G. N. Weekes addressed a large gathering in the Kensington Mission Tuesday night on the subject of prohibition.

—Judge Robinson, of Sarnia, presided at a session of the Ninth Division Court this morning. The cases were unimportant.

—The grand jurors for the approaching Winter Assizes will be chosen to-day by Crown Attorney Magee and Sheriff Cameron.

—Samuel Woods, M.A., late principal of the London Collegiate Institute, lies very ill in Seattle, W. T. His recovery is not expected.

—A well-known insurance agent libeled this splendid wintry weather by walking down town this morning with a straw hat on. A thaw may now be expected.

—The band of the Frank Tucker Comedy Campany paraded the streets at noon yesterday. The company are placing meritorious performances on the boards of the opera house at prices that all can afford.

—Richard McKay was brought before Judge E. Elliott yesterday charged with having stolen a pair of gaiters from a car on the Grand Trunk about a week ago. McKay was found guilty and sentenced to one month in the county jail.

—The funeral of the late Dennis Connors, sen., took place from the family residence yesterday morning to St. Peter's Cathedral and was largely attended. Deceased was a respected resident of the city and was the father of Dennis Connor, the well-known baseball player, and Joseph Connor, of the London foundry.

—Ald. Josh. Garratt has a gang of men at work on the site of the proposed cold storage building on the C. P. R. property at the corner of Mount Pleasant and George streets. The work will be of brick and stone. This is the property on which the council promised J. W. Wood, of Ingersoll, exemption from taxes for ten years.

—Mr. W. T. Strong received a telegram Tuesday from Port Arthur, stating that Mrs. Strong's brother, Chas. W. Hamilton, had died suddenly, aged about 26 years. Deceased formerly lived here, but has been a merchant in Port Arthur for six years. He at one time attended the First Congregational Sunday school in this city.

—A number of the leading artists of Canada, members of the Canadian Artists' Association, intend giving the citizens of London a chance to see some choice paintings, some of which were shown at the World's Fair. They will be on view for one week commencing Friday, Dec. 15, at E. N. Hunt's art gallery, 190 Dundas street.

—The famous Canadian Jubilee Singers, the best troupe in Canada, for five years singing to crowded houses in Great Britain, and one year in the United States, will give one of their excellent concerts in the London West Methodist Church this evening under the auspices of the London West Epworth League of Christian Endeavor.

—Mr. David Millar, formerly of this city, but for the past three years with the Boynton Furnace Company in New York city, is about to sever his connection there in order to take a responsible position at an advanced salary with the Utica firm of Hart & Crouse, who are about to open a branch of their business in New York. Mr. Mackay, another London boy, is to be manager of the branch. Our boys can hold their own with the Americans every time.

—The adjourned sessions were to have opened yesterday at the court house, but on an application of the defendant in the only case to be heard an adjournment was made to Dec. 21. The case is an appeal of A. H. Wesley, of Glencoe, who was convicted on May last of practicing medicine without being registered. It was on the information of W. J. McKeenor, of Chatham, that the conviction was secured.

—John Bouye was charged at the Police Court yesterday with not supporting his wife. He was arrested in Brantford, where he has been operating a billiard saloon, by Detective Rider. Bouye, it appears, married a widow several years ago who had at that time a family of six children. This brood has since had two additions. Bouye says that he was quite willing to support these latter. An adjournment was made until to-morrow in order to allow the parties if possible to arrive at an amicable settlement.

—The Young Ladies' Missionary Circle of the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church held a very successful bazar in Wesley Hall Tuesday afternoon and evening. The hall was tastefully decorated. Several tables were artistically arranged, on which were displayed many useful and fancy articles, dressed dolls for sale, etc., all being the work of the young ladies of the circle. Refreshments were served during the evening and a choice programme rendered. A number of beautiful articles still remain unsold and the young ladies have decided to continue the bazar this afternoon and evening.

—At Osgoode Hall Tuesday in the case of Haight vs. Wortman & Ward Manufacturing Company, Hellmuth (London) for the defendants, moved to set aside the verdict and judgment for the plaintiffs for $250 in an action tried before Falconbridge, J., and a jury at London, and to dismiss the action or for a new trial. Action under the workmen's compensation for injuries act to recover damages for injuries received by the plaintiff while in the defendants' employment and working at a circular saw, owing, as alleged, to the defective condition of the saw. E. R. Cameron (London), for the plaintiff, contra. Judgment reserved.

—At the annual meeting of Hackett L. O. B. L., No. 805, held in Duffield Block on Dec. 12, the following officers were elected and installed for the coming year: W. M., R. D. A. Hillier; D. M., Thos. Patterson; chaplain, R. A. Smith; recording secretary, S. Young; financial secretary, David Patterson; treasurer, Joseph Simmons; D. of C., Frank Brodison; lecturer, Joseph Murray; deputy lecturer, Robert Howe; committees, Charles Hall, Robert Lewis, Wm. Howe, John Johnston, D. Westman; doctor, A. R. Pingel; auditors, R. A. Smith, Wm. Brodison, Thos. Patterson; trustees, R. A. Smith, R. J. Wood.

—The women's meeting in Somerset Hall Tuesday afternoon was large in attendance and of an enthusiastic temperament. A goodly number of the women voters were present, which was looked upon as an encouraging sign of the times. Mrs. Childs took charge of the devotional exercises, and gave a short Bible reading. Four new members were nominated and five were received into full membership of the W. C. T. U. The president, Mrs. Thornley, introduced Mr. Volney B. Cushing, of Bangor, Maine, who in a most scholarly and convincing manner, deposed a number of arguments so often brought forward by the anti-prohibitionists, and dealing largely with the oft-repeated cry against the abuse of "personal liberty." Miss Gilmour delighted the audience with two most appropriate selections.

Brought to London.

Rev. F. W. Terry, the most famous of Canadian cricketer, arrived in the city yesterday in company with two mounted police. Soon after assuming his missionary duties at Red Deer, N. W. T., he had a relapse of his former malady of insanity. He does not suffer from the mania, but from inability to think. His friends thought the London Asylum the best place for him as he was here before and will be among kind friends.

The Joseph Abbott Estate.

The affairs of the late Joseph Abbott, late traveler for the Hobbs Hardware Company, have been wound up at the Surrogate Court before Judge William Elliot. In the settlement between the widow and administrator, Hudson G. Abbott, carriage merchant and father of deceased, there was a claim by the latter of $75 for his late son's board before the marriage and another of $27. The first claim was struck out by the judge, and in the second case it was found that credit had been omitted, and that item was also ruled out. The estate amounted to $3 535 13, including $3,000 insurance. The disbursements reached $319 85 and the administrator's commission $80, leaving a balance to the credit of the estate of $3,135 28. J. B. McKillop for Mrs. Joseph Abbott, E. H. Johnston for the administrator.

The Workingman's Friend.

"You should hear Michael J. Fanning when he is in the city," said Mr. Cushing, the temperance advocate, as he was about to leave for the east yesterday. "He is an Irishman—interesting, witty and versatile. I remember a little episode that happened at a meeting in Wisconsin at which we were both taking part. A man in the back of the hall dissented from something Mr. Fanning had said by crying 'Rats!' 'There,' remarked the speaker with amazing quickness, 'is some Chinaman calling for his supper.'" A reception will be tendered by the workingmen of London to Mr. Fanning on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association building. An enjoyable evening is expected. Mr. Fanning, who is a man of unbounded vitality and great intellectual resources, will deliver an address. He is a strong prohibitionist.

New Teachers Appointed.

The appointment of two new teachers, and the transferring of a couple more, occasioned a special meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday afternoon. The additions were to the staff of the Collegiate Institute, and were a result of Inspector Seath's recommendation. Dr. Campbell said that the citizens were objecting to any increased expenditure upon the institution, and wanted to know whether the new masters were indispensable. Mr. Frank Love asserted that some of the present teachers, being underpaid, were liable to resign, and thought that the service of one additional teacher, with increased salaries to some of those already in harness, would be the best solution of the difficulty. Principal Merchant said that some of the rooms were already so crowded that satisfactory work was impossible. Mr. C. B. Edwards, principal of the St. George's school, and Mr. G. B. Newman, of Dutton, were accordingly appointed. Messrs. Reynolds and Bryant were transferred—the former from King street school to St. George's school, and the latter from the county of Middlesex to King street school. Mr. Bryant's salary was made $600 to begin with and Mr. Reynolds' $800.

Home Again.

Mr. John Law, the veteran mechanical expert, has returned from Newark, N. J., where for a considerable time he has been visiting his brother-in-law, ex-Ald. Cryer, of this city. Mr. Law says that the Cryer family have prospered exceedingly since they left their Canadian home. Mr. Fred J. Cryer, ex-school trustee, practices his profession as a barrister in New York City, but spends a great deal of his time as overseer of two Methodist mission stations in Newark. Albert Cryer is also a successful business man in partnership with his father and Wm. McKay, a former Londoner, son-in-law to Mr. Cryer, is now partner in a large iron-working establishment. Though their business interests are in New York City chiefly, the Cryer family live in Newark. It only takes 20 minutes, by train, to go between the places, and there is a train either way every ten minutes. Newark now has 208,000 inhabitants.

An East Lambton Dismissal.

Mr. Thomas Forbes, of Bosanquet, who was in the city this week, told a story of what he regards as persecution for his religious belief as a result of the recent campaign in East Lambton. He said: "I live in Bosanquet, about ten miles from Forest, and for several years I have been a deputy returning officer at the municipal elections. Until the recent contest I have always supported Mr. McCallum. Last Monday the township council of Bosanquet met, and I was unavoidably absent. Still Mr. Dougal McIntyre moved and Mr. David Brand seconded that I be reappointed deputy returning officer. Mr. McCallum proposed, as an amendment, that Mr. Rufus Russell be selected. This was seconded by Mr. Thos. Parkinson, and prevailed upon the casting vote of Mr. Thomas Parkinson. I do not know how others will view this decision, but in the absence of all evidence to the contrary, I contend that my dismissal is the result of religious intolerance. The man who has obtained my place is a Conservative Protestant, who, up till the recent election, had always opposed Mr. McCallum, but in that contest he aided him. I was the only Catholic employe of the township, but that should not have militated against me, seeing that those who aided in my deposition had nothing to say against the manner in which I performed my duties. I do not regret the loss of the office; but I have good reasons to object to the spirit in which it has been taken from me."

Return of Exhibits from Chicago.

Canadian exhibitors at the World's Columbian Exposition are naturally anxious for the early return of their goods. Since the closing of the fair on Oct. 31, the Canadian staff has been at work preparing the goods for return. That process required waiting for the return of the empty cases, which had been stored by the Exposition Company in a special warehouse, the packing of the goods under the supervision of the customs inspectors, and finally obtaining cars and loading the goods. This work, on account of the multitude of details, and the inadequacy of the customs service, has necessarily been slow. The enormous quantity of goods to be handled, and which it required several months to bring in, could not be got out in a week. Exhibitors must, therefore, exercise some patience. Up to Saturday last less than 100 cars of foreign exhibits have been shipped out of Jackson Park, and of this quantity Canada sent about one-fourth; so that the Canadian exhibits are being pushed forward at least as rapidly as those of any other country. It is hoped that all the Canadian goods will be shipped before Christmas. The official awards of the exposition will not be ready for delivery for some months yet, probably not until next June, when they will be given to the successful exhibitors without charge.

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A LIFE FOR A CENT.

Terrible Sentence to Be Imposed on a Wild Young Man.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 13.—In the United States District Court to-day a jury found G. W. De France, 19 years old, guilty of robbing a mail carrier. Judge Dundy has said he would sentence him for life in the penitentiary. De France was a cowboy and had his head turned by sensational stories. The carrier he robbed was but a boy. One cent was all the young robber realized.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Lord Charles Beresford, formerly a lord of the British Admiralty, is suffering with influenza.

Rev. Michael Tierney, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, New Britain, Conn., has been appointed bishop of Hartford, Conn., diocese, to succeed Bishop McMahon, deceased.

Food for the Millions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—There were stored in the elevators of Chicago yesterday more than 21,000,000 bushels of wheat, an amount unprecedented in warehouse records.

Thirty Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The steamer Oceanic brings news that the Japanese steamer Matsuyemarec struck on the rocks while bound for Shonohara, Nov. 15, and foundered. Thirty passengers were drowned.

Using Canceled Stamps.

COLDWATER, Dec. 13.—Mr. L. G. Plowman, painter, of this place, was brought before W. H. Manning, J.P., on complaint of Mr. Henderson, assistant postoffice inspector, Barrie division, charged with having used postage stamps that had been used before in payment of postage. He pleaded guilty and was fined $20 and costs.

Frozen in the Thames.

CHATHAM, Dec. 13.—The steam barge United Lumberman, with two consorts, all loaded with lumber for Chatham, are frozen in Lake St. Clair, a short distance from the mouth of the Thames River. Unless they can be got to a place of safety they stand a good chance of being cut to pieces before spring. The vessels are owned by S. Fraser, of Amherstburg.

Two Girls Burned to Death.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 12.—At Daleville, Dale county, last night, P. Beckham's house was burned to the ground and his two daughters, Laura, aged 18, and Lizzie, aged 10, were cremated alive. All were thought to be safely out, when Laura recollected that Lizzie was still in the burning building and rushed back. Getting Lizzie in her arms she emerged with her from the burning building. As she reached the porch the balcony over it fell on the two. Only two piercing shrieks were heard and all was over. Their bodies were burned almost to ashes.

Ready to Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Advices from Honolulu to Dec. 5, state that in the event of an attack upon the Provisional Government without the consent of Congress, the citizens will occupy the executive building and premises and defend them to the utmost. They will probably muster 1,200 rifles. Many are sharp-shooters. They have three Maxim guns and two Gatlings besides the Government batteries. Resistance will be made from behind entrenchments. They have no doubt of being able to hold the situation against any organized force now in this harbor.

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