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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

New York, Nov. 7—Close.—Shortly after the opening a vigorous raid was made upon Steel, preferred, carrying it down to yesterday's low level. It served, however, to demonstrate that the urgent liquidation of Thursday and Friday had been completed, and that the stock was not being pressed for sale. Covering by shorts brought about a short rally, and after the publication of the bank statement a further upward movement took place, in which the rest of the market sympathized, closing prices being about the highest of the day. The railroad stocks were at no time under pressure, and in some departments, notably Erie and Pennsylvania, there was buying of an excellent character. The bank statement might be described as negatively good—that is to say, that although the showing was by no means satisfactory, it was somewhat better than had been expected. Yesterday predictions were freely made that the surplus would be almost eliminated. There is, however, nearly $5,400,000 left. The loss in cash was about what was expected, but the decrease of some $11,400,000 in loans came in the nature of a pleasant surprise. This is probably due to the calling of loans by banks, and their substitution with trust companies. The old objection was raised that the deposits were smaller than the loans, but, as has been pointed out before, this is not as serious a feature as many people believe it to be, for the reason that many banks have now a larger surplus and capital than at any time in their history. The loaning of this capital and surplus is an entirely legitimate operation. As to the nature of the market, although sentiment is more cheerful, no one believes for a minute that anything like a bull market can take place. Money is not sufficiently plentiful, and there is a decided lack of confidence. We do not look for much relaxation in the money market until after the end of the year.

MONTREAL.

	Montreal, Nov. 7. Ask.	Off
Canadian Pacific	118½	111½
Montreal Street Railway	200	198¾
Toronto Street Railway	96⅞	95¾
Halifax Street Railway	89	88½
St. John Street Ry	110	110
Twin City Transit Railway	87½	87
Richelieu and Ontario	79	78½
Commercial Cable	..	150
Montreal Telegraph	..	156
Bell Telephone	160	140
Dominion Iron and St el, com	76¾	..
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	75¾	75⅞
Nova Scotia Steel, common, xd	73½	72
Detroit Railway	65	64¾
Montreal Cotton	..	110
Dominion Cotton	33	30
Canada Colored Cotton	..	41½
Montreal Street Bonds	105	101¼
Montreal Street Bonds, new	187	..
Dominion Coal, common	75	73¾
Dominion Coal, preferred	112¼	109
Nova Scotia, pref	110	..
Molsons Bank	108	..
Bank of Toronto	..	215
Bank of Montreal	..	250
Ogilvie Flour	125	..
Ogilvie Bonds	115	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	50	49½
Colored Cotton	98	..
Laurentide	100	..
Toledo Bonds	23	22½

SALES: C. P. R., 100 at 118, 25 at 118¼; Power, 25 at 75¼, 205 at 75½, 25 at 75¼, 150 at 75, 1 at 77, 23 at 75½, 50 at 75½, 45 at 75½, 125 at 75, 100 at 75⅝; Detroit Railway, 25 at 64½, 25 at 64⅝, 25 at 64⅞; R. and O., 100 at 78½; Scotia, 50 at 73½; Iron, common, 35 at 7, 10 at 7¼, 100 and 25 at 7, 25 at 6⅞; Toronto Railway, 35 at 96; Coal, 50 at 73, 25 at 73½; Toledo Railway, 25 at 22¼, 25 at 22½; Switch, common, 6 at 62; Scotia, preferred, 50 at 110; Twin City, 50 at 86½, 25 at 88¾, 125 at 87; Coal, preferred, 52 at 119; Halifax Railway, 13 at 90; Bell Telephone, 9 at 147; Bank of Toronto, 2 at 220; Bank of Commerce, 3 at 152; Merchants' Bank, 30 at 157, 1,000 at 50, 3,000 at 49¾, 5,000 at 49, 2,000 at 49½; Montreal Railway bonds, 200 at 102⅛.

TORONTO.

	Toronto, Nov. 7. Ask.	Off
Ontario	..	127½
Toronto	228	..
Commerce	..	152½
Imperial	224	..
Dominion	224	218½
Standard	250	..
Hamilton	216	211
Nova Scotia	270	261
Ottawa	220	..
Traders	..	132
British America	..	93
Imperial Life	..	149
Western Assurance	96	92
National Trust	140	..
Consumers Gas	208	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	98
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	118¼	118
Soo, com	55	53
Soo, pref	115	111
Toronto Electric Light	..	128⅝
General Electric	145	..
General Electric, pref	..	106
London Electric	106	..
Commercial Cable	..	150
Dominion Telegraph	..	112
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	79	78
Niagara Navigation	120	119½
Northern Navigation	87	85
St. L. and C. Navigation	110	..
Toronto Railway	96⅛	96
Twin City Railway	86⅞	86½
Winnipeg St. Rai way	..	175
Sao Paulo Tramway	85¼	85
Dominio Steel. com	..	6
Dominion Coal, com	73½	72¾
Nova Scotia Steel, com	74	72⅞
Canada Salt	..	117
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
Dominion Steel Bonds	51	49½
N. S. Steel Bonds	110	107

SALES: Commerce, 1 at 152½; Imperial, 11 at 220; Dominion, 20 at 218⅞; R. and O., 5 at 78; Northern Navigation, 10 at 84, 10 at 84½, 25 at 84⅝, 85 at 84⅞, 40, 21, 20 and 35 at 45, 10 and 5 at 44¾, 10 at 45⅛, 20 at 45¼; C. P. R., 50, 25, 100 and 100 at 118¼; Toronto Railway, 100 at 228, 50 at 228¾; Toronto Railway, 27 at 95¾, 50 at 96; Twin City, 50 at 86½, 25 at 86¾, 150 at 86⅞; Sao Paulo, 3 at 84½, 5 at 84¼, 10 at 85; Coal, 25 at 72½; Nova Scotia Steel, 25 and 25 at 73; Dominion Steel bonds, 1,000 and 3,000 at 51, 1,000 at 50½, 7,000 at 50.

Note.—On and after Dec. 1, the quotation lots of all listed stocks shall be 25 shares, with the exception of those of banks, loan companies and mining companies, in which quotation lots shall remain as at present.

NEW YORK.

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

New York, Nov. 7.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	36	36¾	35½	36¾
American Sugar Co	115¼	115¾	115	115¾
American Locomotive	12½	..	..	..
American Foundry	19	19¼	19	19¼
American Refining	42	42⅞	42	42⅞
Atcheson, com	65	65¼	64¾	65¼
Atcheson Pfd	89¾	90	89¾	90
B. & O	75¾	76	75¾	75¾
Brooklyn Tran	35⅜	35¾	35⅛	35¾
C. P. R	118	118⅛	118	118⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	30	30⅜	30	30⅜
Chic. Great Western	15	15	14⅞	15
Chicago and Alton	28⅜	28½	28¼	28½
Col. Fuel and Iron	28¼	28¼	27¾	28¼
Erie	26¼	27⅝	26¼	27⅝
Erie Pfd	66¼	67⅛	66¼	67⅛
Illinois Central	130⅛	130⅝	130¼	130¼
Louisville and Nashville	99¾	100¼	99¾	100¼
Manhattan	136	136⅞	136	136½
Metropolitan St. Ry	109¼	109¼	109	109
Mexican Central	8½	9½	8½	9¼
M. P	89⅞	89¾	89	9¼
N. Y. Central	117⅛	118	117⅛	118¼
Ont. and West	20	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	117⅜	117¾	116⅞	117¼
People's Gas	94	..	..	..
Reading	44⅜	44⅝	44	44⅝
Republic I. and S	6⅞	..	..	..
Rock Island	24	24½	23¾	24¼
Southern Railway	17⅞	18	17¾	18
Southern Railway, pref.	73½	73½	73	73
Southern Pacific	41⅝	42	41⅝	42
St. Paul	138¼	138¾	138	138¾
Texas	23	23	22½	22¾
Twin City	86	..	..	..
Tennessee Coal & Iron	26¾	27	26¾	27
Union Pacific	71⅝	72¼	71½	7 ¼
U. S. Steel, com	11	11⅜	10⅞	11⅛
U. S. Steel, pref	53¼	53⅞	52	53⅞
Wabash, com	19	19⅜	18¼	18¾
Wabash, pref	32¼	32¾	32½	32¾
Western Union Tel	82⅞	83	82⅞	82
Wisconsin Central	15⅝	..	..	..

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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Chicago, Nov. 7

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—Dec	78¾	78¾	78¼	78¼
May	78¾	78⅞	78½	78½
Corn—Dec	44½	44½	44¼	44¼
May	43¾	43¾	43⅝	43⅝
Oats—Dec	35¾	35¾	35¼	35¼
May	36⅞	36⅞	..	..
Pork—Jan	12 02	12 05	11 90	11 90
May	12 15	12 15	12 02	12 02
Lard—Jan	6 77	6 82	6 77	6 80
May	6 75	6 80	6 75	6 77
S.Ribs—Jan	6 27	6 27	6 20	6 20
May	6 37	6 37	6 32	6 32

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LOCAL MARKET.

London, Saturday, Nov. 7.

The market was not so well attended as last Saturday, but it was a fairly representative one for this season of the year. The supply of produce was chiefly of the small lines. Prices of all descriptions of produce were unchanged; if anything, they were a shade firmer. Sale were quite brisk, and on the whole the market could be considered a satisfactory one for the farmers.

Grain—There were quite a few loads of oats offered, which sold at 85c to 87c per cental. Wheat sold at $1 30 per cental.

Hay and Straw—Hay was sparingly supplied today; there were only 10 loads offered; the demand was brisk, at $8 50 to $9 per ton. Straw was scarce, at $8 per load, or by the ton at $5.

Butter and Eggs—The offerings of butter and eggs were the largest for some time back; for choice butter in crocks there was a good demand, at 19c to 20c per pound; for pound rolls 20c to 22c was asked. There was an advance in the price of eggs, which sold at 20c to 22c per dozen wholesale, and 23c per dozen retail.

Fruits—There was a large supply of apples, and prices ranged from $1 50 to $1 75 per barrel for hand picked, and $1 per barrel for windfalls; by the bag from 50c to 75c was obtained. Grapes were quite plentiful, at 30c to 35c per basket. Pears sold at $1 per bushel. Citrons, 60c to $1 25 per dozen

Poultry—The offerings today of various kinds were large, and the demand was good; turkeys, dressed, 10½c to 12c per pound wholesale, and 13c retail; alive, 10c per pound was secured; dressed ducks sold at 70c to $1 per pair; by the pound 7c to 7½c was paid for large lots; alive, 60c per pair seemed to be the ruling price; chickens, dressed, sold at 60c to 75c per pair; alive, 45c to 60c, or 7c per pound; geese sold at 7c to 7½c per pound, or about 70c to 85c each.

Dressed Hogs—There were 40 or 50 carcases on sale; the demand was brisk, and higher prices prevailed, at $7 60 to $7 80 per 100 pounds; most of them sold at $7 75

Live Hogs—The price for Monday will be only $5 10 per 100 pounds, a drop of 5c from last Monday's price; Toronto papers predict lower prices; Buffalo and Chicago markets were firmer on Friday; small pigs were a slow sale at $4 50 to $7 per pair.

Butchers' Meats—There was a large supply and the quality was very good; sales were fair, at $5 to $6 per 100 pounds for beef and $5 to $6 for mutton; lamb and veal sold at $7 to $8 per 100 pounds.

Vegetables and Roots—Potatoes were in large supply, selling at 75c to 85c per bag; most of them sold at 80c. Onions are scarce, and sold at $1 per bushel. Turnips sell at 30c per bag. Parsnips, 45c to 50c per bag. Celery, 30c to 40c per dozen.

Honey is dull, at 9c to 10c per pound for strained, and 11c to 12½c for that in the comb.

Wheat	$1 30	@	$1 30
Oats, new	85	@	87
Rye	95	@	1 00
Barley	80	@	90
Buckwheat	90	@	1 10
Peas	1 40	@	1 50

GRAIN, PER BUSHEL.

Wheat	78	@	78
Oats, new	28½	@	30
Corn	60	@	65
Rye	53	@	56
Barley	38	@	44
Buckwheat	50	@	56
Peas	84	@	91

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, store lots, per lb	18	@	19
Butter, crock	19	@	20
Butter, rolls	20	@	22
Butter, creamery	21	@	23
Eggs, store lots, doz	19	@	20
Eggs, basket lots	19	@	20
Honey, strained, lb	9	@	10
Honey, in comb	11	@	12½

FRUITS.

Apples, choice, per bbl	1 50	@	1 75
Apples, No. 2, per bbl	1 00	@	1 00
Apples, per bag	50	@	75
Apples, per bu	30	@	40
Pears, per bu	1 00	@	1 00

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bag	75	@	85
Onions, per bag	1 25	@	1 40
Onions, per bu	1 00	@	1 00
Turnips, per bag	30	@	35
Parsnips, per bag	45	@	50
Carrots, per bag	40	@	45
Cabbages, per doz	25	@	40
Celery, per doz	30	@	40
Sage and savory, doz	20	@	20
Peppers, per doz	10	@	15
Squash, per doz	40	@	80
Pumpkins, each	10	@	15
Cauliflowers, per doz	1 00	@	1 50

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, per ton	7 00	@	9 00
Straw, per ton	5 00	@	5 00
Straw, per load	2 50	@	3 00

BUTCHERS' MEATS.

Pork, per cwt	7 75	@	7 80
Beef, per cwt	5 00	@	6 00
Veal, per cwt	7 00	@	7 50
Lamb, per cwt	7 00	@	8 00
Lamb, quarter, per lb	9	@	10
Export cattle, per cwt	3 90	@	4 50
Butchers' cattle, cwt	3 25	@	3 60
Cows, each	40 00	@	40 00

HIDES AND SKINS.

Wool, washed	16	@	17
Wool, unwashed	8	@	9
Hides, No. 1	7	@	7
Hides, No. 2	6	@	6
Hides, No. 3	5	@	5
Tallow, rendered, lb	4½	@	4½
Tallow, rough, lb	3	@	3
Lambskins, each	50	@	50
Spring chickens, pair	50	@	75
Ducks, pair	75	@	1 00

LIVE POULTRY.

Chickens, per pair	50	@	60
Ducks, per pair	60	@	75
Turkeys, per lb	9	@	10
Geese, each	70	@	80

DRESSED POULTRY.

Chickens, per lb	7	@	8
Chickens, per pair	60	@	80
Ducks, per lb	8	@	9
Ducks, per pair	75	@	1 00
Turkeys, per lb	10½	@	12
Geese, each	70	@	90
Geese, per lb	7	@	7½

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs, per cwt	5 10	@	5 10
Pigs, per pair	5 00	@	7 00
Sows, per cwt	3 50	@	3 60

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Nov. 6.—Live cattle steady, at 10c to 11¾c per lb for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 9½c to 11c per lb; sheep steady, 10½c to 12c per lb; lambs, 13c, dressed weight.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Nov. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 400 head; dull and easier; prime steers, $5 25 to $5 50; shipping, $4 50 to $5; butchers, $3 60 to $4 75; heifers, $3 25 to $4; cows, $2 25 to $3 50; bulls, $2 50 to $4; stockers and feeders, $2 50 to $3 75. Veals—Receipts, 325 head; steady, $5 50 to $8.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,700 head; fairly active, 5c to 10c lower; heavy, $5 30 to $5 35; mixed, $5 25 to $5 30; Yorkers, $5 20 to $5 25; pigs, $5 to $5 10; roughs, $4 50 to $4 65; stags, $3 50 to $4.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 4,800 head; active; sheep firm; lambs 15c to 20c higher; lambs, $4 25 to $5 70; yearlings and wethers, $3 75 to $4; ewes, $3 25 to $3 35; sheep, mixed, $1 50 to $3 60.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; steady; good to prime steers, $5 to $5 50; poor to medium, $4 50 to $4 75; stockers and feeders, $2 to $4 15; cows, $1 to $3 70; heifers, $4; canners, $1 to $2 25; bulls, $1 75 to $4 20; calves, $2 to $7 25.

Hogs—Receipts today, 11,000; stronger; mixed and butchers, $4 65 to $5 25; good to choice heavy, $4 85 to $5 10; rough heavy, $4 40 to $4 80; light, $4 75 to $5 20; bulk of sales at $4 70 to $5.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; sheep firm, lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $3 40 to $3 85; fair to choice mixed, $2 80 to $3 30; native lambs, $3 50 to $5 75.

DAIRY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 6.—Butter steady; receipts, 3,683 pkgs; renovated, extras, 17½c; do, firsts, 16½c to 17c. Cheese quiet and unchanged; receipts, 4,497 boxes. Eggs strong; unchanged; receipts, 8,144 cases.

OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 6.—The cheese board met today for the last time this year; 1,400 boxes were boarded; 1,100 were white and 300 colored; all sold; white at 10c; colored at 10¼c.

PERTH.

Perth, Ont., Nov. 6.—There were about 2,000 boxes white cheese brought into the Perth cheese market today; none sold, salesmen holding for higher prices. Buyers present: Russell, Webster and Ferguson

NAPANEE.

Napanee, Ont., Nov. 6.—At the cheese board this afternoon 1,315 boxes were boarded, of which 620 were white and 1,195 colored; sales, 540 white and 100 colored at 10¼c. Buyers present: Alexander, Thompson, Vanluven, Bissell and McKinnon

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Butter easy; creameries, 15c to 21c; dairies, 14c to 18½c. Cheese easy, 10c to 11c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 7.—Butter firm and unchanged; receipts, 4,715 pkgs. Cheese quiet and unchanged; receipts, 5,535 boxes. Eggs strong; receipts, 4,904 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy selected, 32c to 33c; do, fancy, 29c to 30c; do, firsts, 27c to 28c; do, seconds, 24c to 25c; western, firsts, 27c to 28c; do, seconds, 24c to 26c; Kentucky and Tennessee, firsts, 26c to 27c; do, seconds, 23c to 25c; do, fresh-gathered, thirds, 21c to 23c; dirties, fresh, 18c to 20c; checks, 13c to 17c; refrigerators, 20c to 22c; do, dirties, 17c to 19c.

HAY MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 6.—Baled hay is coming forward freely, and car lots on track here are quoted unchanged at $9 per ton.

Baled straw is quoted unchanged, at $5 per ton for car lots on track here.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Nov. 7.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 2d; No. 1 northern spring, no stock. Futures quiet; Dec., 6s 5½d; March, 6s 5¼d; May, 6s 3⅞d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, 4s 1½d. Futures dull; Dec., 4s 1⅞d; Jan., 4s 3⅞d.

Peas—Canadian quiet, 5s 8d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter quiet, 8s 3d.

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast quiet, £5 to £6 5s.

Beef—Firm; extra India mess, 67s 6d.

Pork—Steady; prime mess western, 80s.

Hams—Firm; short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 54s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 56s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, firm, 57s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, firm, 55s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, firm, 54s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, firm, 49s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, strong, 53s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, strong, 35s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, steady, 36s; American refined, in pails, firm, 38s.

Butter—Nominal.

Cheese—Quiet; American finest white, 53s; do, colored, 54s.

Tallow—Prime city quiet, 22s 6d.

Turpentine Spirits—Quiet, 43s 6d.

Rosin—Common firm, 6s 10½d.

Petroleum—Refined, 7¾d.

Linseed Oil—Dull, 19s.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Nov. 7.—Wheat—Firm, at 78c for No. 2 red and white, middle freights; Manitoba, 96c for No. 1 hard, 86c for No. 1 northern and 82½c for No. 2 northern, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Firm, at $3 10 bid and $3 15 asked for 90 per cent patents in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, $4 55 to $4 75 for cars of Hungarian patents, $4 25 to $4 45 for second patents, and $4 15 to $4 35 for strong bakers, bags included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $17 for cars of shorts and $13 50 for bran in bulk, east and middle freights; Manitoba millfeed $20 for cars of shorts and $18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—Steady, at 45c for No. 1, 43c to 44c for No. 2, 40c to 41c for No. 3 extra, and 39c for No. 3 for feed, middle freights. Buckwheat—Steady, at 40c for No. 2, middle freights. Rye—Steady, at 50c to 51c for No. 2, middle freights. Corn—Quiet; American is quoted at 54c for No. 2 yellow, 53½c for No. 2 mixed or No. 3 yellow, and 52½c for No. 3 mixed, in car lots on the track at Toronto. Oats—Steady, at 29c for No. 2 white, high freights north and west, and 29½c middle freights; No. 1 white at 30½c to 31c, and No. 2 white at 30c to 30½c east. Oatmeal—Steady, at $3 60 for cars of bags, and $3 80 for barrels on the track at Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots. Peas—Quiet, at 61c for No. 2, high freights north and west, 63c east and 62c middle freights. Butter and eggs—Steady. Dressed hogs—Cars, $6 75 to $7; farmers' lots here, $7 to $7 50 for heavy.

NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 7—Noon.—Flour—Receipts, 35,051 bbls; sales, 5,700 pkgs; dull but steady. Rye flour—Dull. Wheat—Receipts, 105,300 bu; sales, 400,000 bu; wheat opened easier, but soon rallied on further covering by December shorts; Dec., 86c to 86⅝c; May, 82 9-16c to 82¾c. Rye—Quiet. Corn—Receipts, 22,050 bu; sales, 40,000; corn was quiet and barely steady, being influenced by the return of fine weather west; Dec., 51c; May, 49¾c. Oats—Receipts, 51,000 bu. Lead—Quiet. Wool—Firm. Hops—Quiet.

CITY ENGINEER THREATENED WITH LOSS OF HIS SCALP

Only Way He Can Save It Is by Having Talbot Street Pavement Attended To.

The city engineer was threatened with the loss of his scalp this morning—and all because he cannot please every person in pavement matters.

A ratepayer came into the office before noon, not armed with another petition regarding King street, but to register a kick against the failure of the engineer to have the Talbot street pavement cleaned. The dust on the roadway, he said, was rolling up and down the street in clouds, and he claimed that, unless kept swept and cleaned it was worse for dirt and dust that before the pavement was laid. It appears that traffic on the street has increased many times since the pavement was laid, and the mud from dirt roads is carried on to it in tons.

Engineer Graydon says the pavement was scraped Friday, but that as the brooms are broken it was not swept. As soon as the brooms are repaired or replaced, the pavement as well as that on York street, will be swept and kept clean.

Ald. Cooper, who was in the engineer's office when the Talbot street resident made his threat, promised to see that a new steel broom was purchased by the board of works, overdraft or no overdraft.

DAY LABOR IS CHEAP.

Engineer Rust, of Toronto, has just made his annual report, some points of which are of interest to Londoners. He says:

"During the year 47 cement concrete sidewalks were constructed by day labor, for 18 of which the city engineer's tenders were accepted. Ten were done by order of council without tenders being asked for, and the remaining 19 were contracts previously awarded to Stamsen & Blome, the American firm of contractors who tendered on sidewalks early in the year, and which contracts were afterwards given to the city engineer to be constructed by day labor. The walks constructed by day labor aggregate 4.373 miles, which is entirely a new record for day labor work. In comparing the cost of these works, we have taken the lowest local contractor's tender as a basis for comparison on those walks for which tenders were called, as the tenders of Stamsen & Blome were thrown out by the council. On only four do we show a slight loss, aggregating $43 33, while on the remaining thirty-three walks compared, we show a gain of $3,355 42, or a net saving of $3,312 29 on walks constructed by day labor."

He also adds: "Tar macadam is becoming popular, being dustless, dry, smooth and never slippery. Its wearing qualities remain for time to disclose. One pavement of this kind was constructed in 1900 and one in 1901, while during 1902 six were constructed and two contracts let were not completed and were carried over to 1903 to complete."

COAL AND WOOD MEN MAY BE HARD HIT BY G. T. R.

Rates Are To Be Increased All Round, 'Tis Said, But Coal Man Will Suffer Most.

The statement is made that very shortly all freight rates in and out of London, as well as in other places in Ontario, will be raised.

Shippers, of course, do not take kindly to the increase, but the railroads excuse the increase by the assertion that everything—labor, material, etc.—have gone away up, and that the increase in freight rates is only the natural consequence of the increase in the cost of maintaining the railways.

A certain class of shippers in London, who, it is said, are particularly affected, are the coal and wood men, and they are seeking to know what they can do to ease up the increase.

The London, Huron and Bruce being a subsidized road, a certain rate on cordwood was enjoyed by shippers, both the people of London and the farmers on the line enjoying the benefits.

Now, however, it is said the Grand Trunk contemplates an increase, and the coal and wood men have employed a solicitor to look up the old agreement with the Great Western Railway and see if the Grand Trunk has power to increase the rates on cordwood on the London, Huron and Bruce.

One story is to the effect that the G. T. R. may charge what it sees fit from Hyde Park to London, as the L., H. and B. only runs as far as Hyde Park, the G. T. R. forming the connection into London.

So far the solicitor for the coal and wood men has failed to unearth the old agreement between the city and the G. W. R.

EPIDEMIC NOW ON THE WANE; CONTAGIOUS CASES ARE FEWER

The M. H. O., Nevertheless, Says City Should Make Ready for Another Outbreak.

There have been but two cases of scarlet fever, and none of diphtheria reported to the medical health officer during the past nine or ten days, and as conditions are growing better at the hospital it is his opinion that diseases are dying out in the city. Nevertheless, Dr. Hutchinson thinks increased accommodation for contagious patients should be at once provided.

The city should always be prepared, he says, and should not plead, as did the colored man, whose roof needed shingling. Asked why he did not shingle it, he remarked: "Well, when it's raining you can't get up to do it, and when it's not raining the roof doesn't need it."

The doctor's idea is that the city should in time of peace prepare for war, and, when there is no contagious epidemic abroad, make ready for the appearance of one, which is bound to come sooner or later. The Wonderland scheme still remains the same—nothing doing.

THE SCHOOLS AND DISEASE.

The Advertiser received the following spread of contagious diseases in the city:

"It is reported that students in whose homes are cases of scarlet fever or diphtheria are attending St. George's school; also that the sanitary conveniences of this school are in a desperate condition, and it is stated that the drains are blocked, so that waste matter cannot be carried away. If this report is true there is no wonder that sickness is spreading and that some people are keeping their children home on that account. If it is true that children from infected families are attending school, those whose duty it is to look after such matters should be brought to time without any further delay."

Medical Health Officer Hutchinson was asked if the statements made in in the letter were true, and he declared the writer of the letter to be misinformed. Work has been going on at the school to improve its sanitary condition, but Dr. Hutchinson states that he has visited the school three times within eight or ten days and found nothing to warrant an assertion that the health of the pupils was in danger. Regarding children from infected families attending the school, the doctor says that this is not likely, as the principal and teachers know what families are afflicted with the disease and are well aware of what to do in case a pupil from an infected home puts in an appearance.

Secretary McElheran is also emphatic in his assertions that the school is not a danger to the public health, and he says that the average attendance at the school for October was much better than the average attendance at some schools of which no complaint was made.

NOTES.

Friday the members of the board of works visited Victoria Park and drove the stake where the bandstand will in future be located. The stake is further north and more in the center of the park than where the bandstand now stands.

Ex-Mayor Mills, of Ingersoll, was a visitor at the city hall today. He is interested in the Silica-Barytic Company, which is laying artificial stone pavement in London this season.

City Engineer Barrow, of Hamilton, has been honored by appointment as third vice-president of the American Society of Municipal Improvement, the society whose annual convention he attended at Indianapolis the other week.

An old agreement in the city hall shows that the city paid $7 a ton for its coal in 1881, and but $5 23 in 1890.

City Solicitor Meredith has not as yet given his opinion regarding the King street pavement tenders.

Assessment Commissioner Grant has reported to City Clerk Edwards that the petition for a cement curb and gutter on the north side of Becher street from the Ridgeway to King street, is sufficiently signed, as is also the petition for a cement walk on south Blackfrairs street, from Albion street to Wilson avenue.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mrs. W. B. Carrothers, of Nissouri Township, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Archie Black, of this city.

—Miss Margaret McCoy will be at home, the first and fourth Tuesday of each month at 512 Dufferin avenue.

—Master Jack Challis, of All Saints Church, Toronto, will sing at both services of the First Methodist Church tomorrow.

—A sale of farm stock and implements is to be held at Mr. George Wadsworth's, lot 18, con. 3, Caradoc township, on Monday, Nov. 16. Mr. A. M. Hunt will conduct it.

—The management of Victoria Hospital would be grateful for any toys which charitably-disposed Londoners would be good enough to send to the hospital for the children in the contagious wards to play with.

—Mr. Archibald Carrothers, of Westminster Township, who has been visiting in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, is so well pleased with the country that he is thinking of selling his farm and going there to reside permanently.

—It is understood that a movement is on foot to bring the Pittsburg Orchestra to London again this fall. Those interested in the project are said to be the London Male Chorus, the First Methodist Church choir and the Women's Morning Music Club.

—The special services held in the Richmond Street Methodist Church during the past three weeks came to a successful close on Friday night. The labors of Miss B. Mossip and Rev. S. Salton have been fruitful in spiritual results. About 30 persons were received into the church on probation at the closing meeting. Miss Mossip was presented with a well-filled purse of money.

—Friday's Sarnia Observer says: The heavy snow fall today occasioned the street railway compauy no little inconvenience. The company managed to keep the tracks open although the cars were running somewhat behind time.

CHOIR WILL GO TO ST. MARYS.

The St. Andrew's Church choir goes to St. Marys next Thursday night to give a concert at Knox Presbyterian Church. The programme will include Mr. Wheeler's cantata, "Hagar," as well as miscellaneous selections by individual members.

BANKERS' LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

The London Bankers' League was organized at the Tecumseh House, when a number of the representatives from the various banks and loan companies were in attendance. It is probable that several teams will be entered and that a good season's sport will be enjoyed. A rink will be secured and a schedule drafted very soon. The officers were elected as follows: President, G. B. Gerrard; vice-president, M. E. Holden; secretary, V. E. Kerrigan; treasurer, J. S. Barker. The executive committee will be composed of the following: Messrs. Hammond, O'Grady, Bowman, McArthur. The patrons will be the managers of the different banks and loan companies.

PRESIDENT WAS HERE.

President Everett, of the London Street Railway Company, came over from Cleveland yesterday to look over the system. He spent the greater part of the day in careful investigation and at the conclusion of his examination expressed himself as well pleased with the working of the road.

CAUGHT IN A CAVE-IN.

A small cave-in on Richmond street, where the gas company are putting down pipes, caused a little excitement yesterday afternoon. The diggers have reached Maple street and about this place the excavations are somewhat deep. Yesterday one of the men while working in the bottom was almost completely covered with earth by the side falling in.