MARKETS AND FINANCE

Saturday, March 6.—No startling changes occurred on Central Market this morning, supply and demand being about equal. Potatoes are plentiful, and prices are down, some selling as low as 50 cents a bag. The butchers' row was well stocked, and prices were steady. Dressed hogs sold at $9 to $9.25 per hundred and live hogs at $6.65 to $6.75. The grain market was tranquil, wheat being steady at $1.03 and other prices unchanged. A fair amount of apples were offered. No change took place in the price of green stuffs and vegetables.

Standard prices at 8 a. m. were:

Dairy Produce.

Creamery Butter	0 30	to	0 32
Dairy Butter	0 27	to	0 30
Cooking Butter	0 20	to	0 00
Cheese, new, per lb.	0 17	to	0 00
Cheese, old, per lb.	0 30	to	0 32
Eggs, dozen	0 30	to	0 00
Storage Eggs	0 28	to	0 28

Poultry.

Chickens, pair	0 80	to	1 50
Geese, pound	0 12	to	0 13
Geese	1 00	to	1 50
Turkeys, lb.	0 21	to	0 25
Ducks, pair	1 25	to	1 60

Fruits.

Cooking	0 25	to	0 50
Snow apples	0 30	to	0 50
Greenings	0 10	to	0 15
Northern Spys, basket	0 40	to	0 60
Northern Spys, bush.	1 00	to	1 50

Vegetables, Etc.

Carrots, basket	0 20	to	0 00
Lettuce, per bunch	0 03	to	0 05
Parsley, doz.	0 25	to	0 00
Beets, basket	0 20	to	0 00
Celery, doz.	0 30	to	0 50
Potatoes, bag	0 60	to	0 75
Potatoes, bush.	0 40	to	0 55
Potatoes, basket	0 20	to	0 25
Cabbage	0 02	to	0 04
Pumpkins	0 10	to	0 15
Hubbard squash, each	0 10	to	0 00
Parsnips, basket	0 20	to	0 20
Curley Kale, each	0 05	to	0 05
Turnips, white, basket	0 20	to	0 25
Turnips, yellow, bush.	0 30	to	0 30
Oyster Plant, bunch	0 05	to	0 05
Carrots, basket	0 20	to	0 00

Smoked Meats.

Bacon, sides, lb.	0 16	to	0 17
Bacon, backs, lb.	0 17	to	0 18
Hams, lb.	0 15	to	0 17
Shoulders, lb.	0 11	to	11½
Lard	12¼	to	12½
Bologna, lb.	0 07	to	0 00
Pork sausage, lb.	0 08	to	0 00
Frankforts	0 08	to	0 09

Meats.

Fair supply and demand. Pork higher.

Beef, No. 1, cwt.	7 00	to	7 50
Beef, No. 2, cwt.	4 00	to	6 00
Live hogs	6 25	to	6 75
Dressed hogs	909	to	9 25
Mutton, per cwt.	6 00	to	7 00
Spring lambs	12 00	to	13 00
Veal, per cwt.	7 50	to	9 50

Fish.

Good supply and demand, no change.

Salmon Trout, 2 lbs.	0 25	to	0 25
White Fish, 2 lbs.	0 25	to	0 25
Herring, doz.	0 50	to	0 50
Halibut, lb.	0 20	to	0 00
Haddock, lb.	0 10	to	0 00
Pike, lb.	0 10	to	0 06
Cod, lb.	0 10	to	0 00
Flounders	0 10	to	0 10
Smoked Salmon	0 15	to	0 15
Lake Erie herring, lb.	0 10	to	0 00
Finnan Haddie, lb.	0 10	to	0 00
Smelts, 2 lbs.	0 25	to	0 25

The Hide Market.

Fair supply, demand small, prices steady.

Wool, pound, washed	0 14	to	0 14
Wool, pound, unwashed	0 08	to	0 08
Calf skins, No. 1, lb.	0 15	to	0 00
Calf skins, No. 2, lb.	0 13	to	0 00
Calf skins, flat	0 00	to	12½
Calf skins, each	1 00	to	1 25
Horse hides, each	1 50	to	2 50
Hides, No. 1, per lb.	8½	to	8½
Hides, No. 2, per lb.	7½	to	7½
Hides, flat	0 07	to	7½
Sheep Skins	0 70	to	0 90

Grain Market.

Receipts and deliveries fair, prices steady.

Barley	0 52	to	0 56
Wheat, white, bush.	1 03	to	1 03
Do., red, bush	1 03	to	1 03
Oats	0 47	to	48½
Rye	0 68	to	0 68
Buckwheat	0 55	to	0 58
Chopped corn	1 35	to	1 40
Corn	0 73	to	0 80
Peas	0 80	to	0 85

Hay and Wood.

Straw, per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Hay, per ton	12 00	to	14 00

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET.

The offerings of grain to-day were nil, owing to the snow blockade on country roads. Prices are nominal at quotations. Hay dull, with receipts of only eight or ten loads, which sold at $12 to $13.50 a ton for No. 1. Straw is nominal at $12 to $13 a ton for bundled.

Dressed hogs are steady at $9.25 for heavy, and at $9.50 to $9.60 for light.

Wheat, fall, bushel	$ 1 07		$ 0 00
Do., goose, bushel	1 02		0 00
Oats, bushel	0 49		0 50
Barley, bushel	0 60		0 62
Rye, bushel	0 69		0 70
Peas, bushel	0 91		0 92
Buckwheat, bushel	0 60		0 61
Hay, per ton	12 00		13 50
Do., No. 2	9 00		10 00
Straw, per ton	12 00		13 00
Dressed hogs	9 25		9 60
Butter, dairy	0 18		0 25
Do., creamery	0 25		0 29
Eggs, new laid	0 30		0 00
Do., fresh	0 26		0 27
Chickens, dressed, lb.	0 16		0 18
Fowl, lb.	0 12		0 13
Turkeys, lb.	0 23		0 26
Cabbage, per dozen	0 40		0 60
Celery, per dozen	0 40		0 60
Potatoes, bag	0 75		0 85
Onions, bag	0 75		0 85
Apples, barrel	4 00		5 00
Beef, hindquarters	8 50		10 00
Do., forequarters	6 00		7 50
Do., choice, carcase	8 00		8 75
Do., medium, carcase	5 50		7 00
Mutton, per cwt.	8 00		10 00
Veal, prime, per cwt.	8 50		11 00
Lamb, per cwt.	12 00		13 00

SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.60 per cwt., in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4.20 per cwt., in barrels. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots 5c less. In 100-lb. bags prices are 5c less.

OTHER MARKETS

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET.

Sugar—Raw strong; fair refining 3.30c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.80c; molasses sugar, 3.05c; refined steady.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat—March $1.10 3-4 bid, July $1.14 3-8 bid, May $1.13 bid.

Oats—March 42 1-2c bid, May 44 1-2c bid.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London.—London cables for cattle are steady, at 13 1-4 to 14c per poudn, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 10 to 10 1-4c per pound.

He—I love you; will you marry me? She—This is so sudden; you must give me time to think it over. He—A girl of your age can't afford to waste much time.

COBALT MINING STOCKS

TORONTO EXCHANGE.

Friday Morning Sales.

Temiskaming—100 at 1.47, 500 at 1.46, 1500 at 1.46 1-2, 500 at 1.46, 50 at 1.47, 100 at 1.46 1-2, 100 at 1.46.

Little Nipissing—100 at 36.

McKinley—100 at 90.

Chambers—100 at 81, 100 at 80.

Scotia—1000 at 48, 400 at 48, 1000 (60 days) at 50, 500 at 49, 500 at 49, 1000 (60 days) at 50.

Beaver—500 at 21, 400 at 21, 200 at 20 1-2, 500 at 20.

Friday Afternoon Sales.

Temiskaming—500 at 1.47, 2000 at 1.48, 400 at 1.48, 100 at 1.48.

Trethewey—250 at 1.50.

Scotia—1000 (60 days) at 50 1-2, 1000 at 48.

STANDARD EXCHANGE.

Friday Morning Sales.

Amalgamated—500 at 15, 500 at 15, 500 at 15, 500 at 15, 500 at 15 1-8, 500 at 15 1-8, 125 at 14, 500 at 15, 500 at 14 3-4, 500 at 15, 100 at 15, 500 at 14 3-4, 500 at 14 3-4.

City of Cobalt, new—500 at 80 1-2 cash, 500 at 82 3-8 cash, 500 at 80.

Cobalt Lake—100 at 13 1-2.

Crown Reserve—10 days delivery—100 at 2.88.

Beaver Consolidated—500 at 21 3-4, 300 at 21 1-2, 1000 at 21 3-4, 500 at 21, 500 at 21 1-4, 200 at 21, 700 at 21 3-4, 500 at 21 1-2, 500 at 21, 500 at 21, 1000 at 20 3-4, 500 at 20 3-4, 500 at 20 3-4, 500 at 21, 500 at 20 1-2, 1000 at 21 1-2, 500 at 20 1-2, 500 at 20 1-2, 500 at 20 3-4, 500 at 20 1-4, 500 at 20, 500 at 20 1-4, 400 at 20 3-4, 500 at 20 1-4, 500 at 20, 500 at 20 1-4, 400 at 20 3-4, 300 at 21, 500 at 20 1-8, 500 at 20 1-8, 500 at 20 1-8, 500 at 20 1-4, 500 at 20, 500 at 20, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 7-8, 500 at 19 7-8, 500 at 20, 500 at 19 7-8, 1500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-4 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 20, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-4; buyers 30 days, 500 at 21.

Chambers-Ferland—100 at 80.

Foster—500 at 37.

Gifford—300 at 20, 200 at 20.

Green-Meehan—500 at 15.

Little Nipissing—100 at 35, 100 at 34, 200 at 34 3-4, 400 at 34, 500 at 34 1-4, 500 at 34 1-4, 200 at 34.

Nova Scotia—300 at 47 1-2, 300 at 47, 500 at 47 1-2, 100 at 47, 50 at 47, 200 at 47.

Otisse—500 at 55 1-8, 100 at 55, 30 days delivery, 500 at 53.

Peterson Lake—10 at 25 1-4, 200 at 25, 200 at 25, 1000 at 24 1-2, 1000 at 24 1-2, 500 at 24 1-2, 400 at 24 3-4, 200 at 25, 500 at 24 1-2, 50 at 24 5-8, 50 at 24 5-8, 500 at 24 5-8.

Rochester—50 at 22, 200 at 20, 100 at 20.

Silver Leaf—500 at 13.

Temiskaming—200 at 1.45 1-2, 100 at 1.45 1-2, 500 at 1.45, 100 at 1.45, 100 at 1.44 1-2, 500 at 1.45, 100 at 1.44 3-4, 1000 at 1.46, 100 at 1.45 1-2, 25 at 1.45, 100 at 1.44 3-4, 50 at 1.45 1-2. Buyers 60 days, 1000 at 1.52.

Trethewey—10 0at 1.55.

Friday Afternoon Sales.

Cobalt Lake—500 at 14 3-4, 400 at 14 1-2, 500 at 14 3-4.

Temiskaming—1000 at 1.45 1-4, 500 at 1.45 1-2, 2000 at 1.45 1-2, 200 at 1.45 1-2, 1000 at 1.45 3-4, 500 at 1.45 1-2, 100 at 1.46, 500 at 1.47, 1000 at 1.47, 2000 at 1.47, 1000 at 1.47 1-2, 500 at 1.48, 500 at 1.48, 500 at 1.47, 100 at 1.48, 100 at 1.47, 200 at 1.48.

City of Cobalt, new—100 at 81, 500 at 79, 50 at 79.

Foster—200 at 36, 500 at 37, 500 at 36, 500 at 35.

Beaver Consolidated—1500 at 19 1-2, 1000 at 19 1-2, 500 at 19 1-2, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 1-2, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 5-8, 500 at 19 5-8, 1000 at 19 3-8, 500 at 19 1-2, 500 at 19 7-8, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 20, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-8, 500 at 20, 500 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-4, 1000 at 19 1-2, 50 at 19 3-4, 500 at 19 3-4. Buyers 60 days, 1000 at 21.

Green Meehan—100 at 15, 150 at 15, 100 at 15.

Nipissing—20 at 9.37 1-2.

Nova Scotia—500 at 47, 300 at 47, 500 at 46 1-2, 500 at 46 1-4, 500 at 46 1-2, 1,000 at 47 3-4, 500 at 47, 500 at 48, 1000 at 47 1-2.

Peterson Lake—500 at 24 1-2, 500 at 24 1-2, 500 at 24 3-4.

Silver Leaf—500 at 13.

Silver Bar—100 at 50, 250 at 51.

Amalgamated—500 at 14 5-8, 500 at 14 5-8, 500 at 14 3-4, 200 at 14 3-4, 500 at 14 3-4.

Trethewey—100 at 1.54.

Little Nipissing—500 at 34, 500 at 33, 100 at 33.

NOTES.

The Toronto mining issues were dull yesterday, the market continuing sluggish in sympathy with New York trading. Nearly all the Cobalts showed slight signs of improvement. Temiskaming, however, brightened up somewhat on rumors that dividends would be announced soon. During the day it sold from 14 1-2 up to 148. A block of stock thrown upon the market brought Nova Scotia from its low figure of 46 1-4 to 48. After the closing of the boards 47 was bid for 5,000 shares. Thethewey has been holding its own at 153 1-2 and 154. Very little is being offered. La Rose and Nipissing remain strong.

In the case of Nova Scotia, it is said that a recent report that the mine was to be closed down, and which has been since officially denied, was responsible for the low selling of the stock. In February it opened at 63, falling to 48 1-2 on the 27th of the same month.

The market closed yesterday with a stronger tendency than had been shown during the earlier part of the day.

CANADIAN BANK PROFITS.

Toronto Saturday Night: A shareholder in several of our banks, after looking over a list of annual reports, said to the writer: "It is all nonsense to assume that the net profits of Canadian banks are as small as these reports indicate. Many of the banks whose headquarters are in Toronto make profits of at least 25 per cent. on their capital in a single year. Comparatively speaking, our banks hold a small proportion of their reserves in cash. They have access to the large money markets across the border, and but a limited amount of their resources are idle. Even those banks that do not lend out any or but a limited amount of their surpluses in the shape of "call" loans, manage to accumulate large profits. The interest allowed on time deposits being only 3 per cent., while discount rates range from 5 1-2 to 7 per cent., the profits must necessarily be large. Of the total amount of money on deposit in Canadian banks, which is unusually large, from 25 to 30 per cent. of it does not bear any interest whatever. The profits on such deposits are therefore 3 per cent. in excess of the profits on time or savings account deposits. The large bank reserves must also be reckoned with. Many of the old banks have "rest" funds euqal to the amount of paid-up capital; and a profit of, say, 10 per cent. on this combined amount is equivalent to a equal to the amount of paid-up capital; In some cases the "rest" is even more than 100 per cent. of paid-up capital, in which case a profit of 10 per cent. on the capital resources of such a bank means much more than 20 per cent. on the actual paid-up capital of the bank. Then there is the note circulation, which practically costs the bank nothing, not to say anything of the collections, exchange, etc. It is no wonder that bank charters are so valuable.

FAILURES FOR FEBRUARY.

Dun's preliminary report of commercial failures in the United States during the month of February shows 1,105 in number and $16,734,813 in amount of liabilities, which compares with 1,621 similar suspensions for $27,064,571 in the corresponding month last year. Manufacturing failures numbered 231 and involved $8,161,384, while in February, 1908, there were 393 defaults in this division, with liabilities of $12,011,375. In the trading class 841 failures this year compare with 1,170, and the amount of defaulted indebtedness was $6,410,597 against $8,672,143 last year. There were 33 other commercial failures, including real estate, brokerage, etc., involving $2,162,832, which contrast sharply with the 58 similar defaults for $6,381,053 reported in the same month a year ago. While much improvement is to be expected in comparing the failure statement for February with the corresponding month in 1908, when the effects of the panic were strikingly in evidence, this month's returns also indicate a wholesome growth toward more normal conditions in the business world. Although liabilities were about $2,700,000 larger than in January, it is necessary to eliminate two failures of exceptional size from the February report in order to obtain an instructive view of the commercial situation as reflected by the failure returns. Thus, two large suspensions provided about $7,000,000 of the month's total liabilities, leaving only about $9,600,000 for the remaining 1,081 failures, or an average of approximately $8,900. Improvement is also shown in the number of failures, the total for February being 866 less than in January, while in only one month of the preceding six was the total smaller, the difference in comparison with September, the month referred to, being only 79.

NEW YORK STOCKS

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RAILROADS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	103.6	104.1	103.5	103.6
Brooklyn	72.2	72.4	71.7	71.7
Balt. & Ohio	107.2	107.6	107.2	107.4
Can. Pacific	167.6	167.6	167.2	167.2
Ches. & Ohio	65.1	66	65.1	65.2
Col. Southern	63.4	63.4	63.4	63.4
Erie	25.2	25.6	25.2	25.6
Grt. Nor. pref.	140.1	141	139.7	140.2
Grt. West	6.6	7	6.5	6.5
Ills. Central	141	141	141	141
Louisville & N.	128.4	128.4	128.4	128.4
M. K. & T.	39.5	41.5	39.5	40.5
Nor. Pacific	136.3	136.7	136.2	136.3
N. Y. C.	123.3	123.6	123.1	123.1
Norfolk & W.	86.6	87.6	86.6	87.4
Penna.	129	129.4	129.	129.3
Reading	123.6	124.3	123.3	123.4
Rock Island	22.7	23.3	22.7	22.7
Sou. Pacific	117.2	117.6	117.1	117.1
Southern Ry.	24.4	24.4	24.3	24.3
St. Paul	142.4	142.7	142	142
Texas	31.7	32	31.7	32
Third Ave.	39	39	39	39
Twin City	106	106	106	106
Union Pac.	175.2	175.6	174.5	174.5

INDUSTRIALS.

Amal. Copper	68.4	69.1	68.1	68.1
Anaconda Cop.	41.2	41.6	40.7	40.7
Am. Car. Fdy.	49.7	49.7	49.2	49.3
Am. Loco	51.6	52	51.4	51.5
Am. Smelter	82.6	83.2	82.2	83
Col. Fuel	33	33	32.2	32.4
Distillers	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4
Con. Gas	128.2	128.2	127.4	127.4
Lead	75.4	75.4	75.2	75.2
Utah Cop.	40.4	40.7	40.3	40.7
Westinghouse	78	78	78	78
Rep. Steel	19.4	19.4	19.4	19.4
Sloss Shef.	71.4	72.7	71.4	72.4
U. S. Steel	44.7	45.3	44.6	45
U. S. Steel, pref.	111.1	111.2	111	111.2
Vir. Chem.	42.6	42.6	42.6	42.6
Am. Cot. Oil	52.6	53	52.6	53

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Mr. Judson, successor to Rev. Thos. Bone, missionary on he Welland Canal, will address the men's meeting to-morrow. An offering will be taken up for the work he represents. All men cordially invited.

Young Men's Bible Study Club at 3 p. m. has always a hearty welcome for visitors.

Religious Work Committee meeting at 8 to-night.

Regular meeting of the board of directors Thursday evening next.

Mr. J. H. Crocker, secretary of the Brantford Y. M. C. A., will speak to the cabinet on Monday evening.

The farmer's gym exhibition, March 18th, promises to be a great success. Enquiries are coming in from all parts of the country for tickets.

JUNIOR NOTES.

Bible Class at 10 a. m. open to all boys whether members of the association or not. Special business for the band at the next meeting.

The boys' meeting will be held Sunday in the boys' parlors at 4.15. All invited.

Harriers meeting to-night at 8.30 sharp. Election of officers.

The minstrel concert will be held thursday and Friday evenings of next week. This one promises to be the best yet.

The newsboys held their evening in the gymnasium last night and it was a decided success. The reserve seats were taken long before the evening came. The newsboys managed the whole show themselves and are proud of their success.

EAST HAMILTON NOTES.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Church, will speak at the 4.15 meeting. All men invited.

—Rev. M. J. Bieber will preach the second in the Lenten series in the English Lutheran Church to-morrow evening.

Pastor Philpott will begin a series of sermons on, "The Second Coming of Christ," to-morrow morning in the Gospel Tabernacle.

When a girl wins a breach of promise suit and wants the money she generally has to marry her lawyer.

AUSTRALIA.

Interesting Address by Lyman Lee at Hamilton Association.

The attendance at the general meeting of the Hamilton Scientific Association was fair last night. Mr. H. B. Witton, sen., acted as chairman, and Mr. J. Miller, of Jordan, was received as a member.

The feature of the evening was a lecture about Australia. After outlining the geographical position, Mr. Lee told of the dimensions, physical features, etc. One disadvantage is the lack of inlets, which he characterized as arteries of communication. The population, together with that of Tasmania, exclusive of the aborigines, is 3,712,000. The country is a large plateau, the east coast being rocky and the interior largely composed of arid land. He outlined the various positions of the rivers and said they were subject to great irregularities of volume, many of them disappearing in the sandy wastes. The climate is hot and dry, but is healthy, while the interior is subject to drought, but snow storms in June, July and August are frequent. In dealing with the products Mr. Lee said Australia had produced $1,350,000,000 of gold, and, although the quantity of this product is decreasing, the great trade in wool is increasing. The trees and bushes have but scanty foliage, and famous among them is the eucalyptus. All of the twenty-four species of palm, with the exception of the cocoanut palm, are peculiar to Australia.

In dealing with the animal life, he said horses, cattle and sheep had been introduced from Great Britain. There are many reptiles, the largest being the alligator. Of the sixty varieties of snakes many are venomous.

The natives are of the Australian negro stock, and are conceded to be about the lowest grade of people in the world, and number about 31,000, exclusive of those in the unexplored regions, but are rapidly dying out. The women are regarded as slaves and are frightfully treated. Mr. Lee then gave a descriptive outline of Australia from the time of its discovery to the present day, England gaining possession in 1660, when Cook took charge. Australia is thriving, as there are at present 35,000 miles of railway and 35,000 miles of telegraph. Large quantities of wool are shipped to Great Britain every year. Australia was for a time considered good for nothing except as a convict colony, about 70,000 having been shipped there and about the same number to the adjacent island of Tasmania. The debt of the country is large, being $500,000,000. This he contrasted with Canada's debt of $200,000,000. Mr. Lee also said the conditions were very favorable to the workingman, as everything, with the exception of clothing, is cheap.

SPORTING NEWS

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former. There was a large crowd present, and the excitement ran high all through the race. Weir went to the front on the first turn, and gradually drew away from his opponent, winning by half a lap. The time announced was 2.50, which is remarkably fast, considering Weir's condition. The officials were: Judges, for Weir, D. Hamburg; for Duffy, Willie McMichael; timer, W. Condon; clerk of the course, L. McMaster.

SHORT ENDS

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

In the pool tournament at the H. B. and A. C. last night J. McVeil won from W. Lynch in a very close game by four balls.

New Haven, Conn., March 6.—In a ten-mile race in the Second Regiment Armory here last night, Johnny Hayes, the Olympic champion, was beaten by three laps by Robert Hallen and Michael Spring, of Brooklyn, who ran in relays of five miles. The time was 39 mins. 46 1-5 sec.

Toronto, March 6.—A good crowd witnessed the skating races at Broadview Rink last night. Fred Robson got off flying in the quarter-mile race and was never headed. O. B. Smith, the western flyer, fell when just on Robson's heels. The one mile and three mile events were won by Bush with ridiculous ease. He leaves for his home in Edmonton in a day or two.

WILL MEET IM APRIL.

Warden Gage announced this morning that a special meeting of the County Council would not be called before the middle of April, when the appropriations for the different roads of the townships will come up for discussion. There is some likelihood that the grand jury's presentment concerning the question of the House of Refuge will occupy the attention of the councillors.

ASSIZE COURT.

At the Assizes yesterday afternoon Justice Latchford gave judgment in the action of Reid vs. Robertson Manufacturing Company. William Reid sued the defendant for wages and for wrongful dismissal. After hearing the evidence his Lordship decided that the plaintiff was entitled to a reasonable sum for his services as secretary of the company, at the rate of $100 a month. His Lordship would not consider the damages for wrongful dismissal.

The court stands adjourned until Monday morning.

MEADOWS WILL FIGHT.

Buffalo, March 7.—The verdict of guilty against Herold G. Meadows in criminal term yesterday by no means marks the end of this famous case. A new trial will be asked for next Tuesday. If this and other motions are denied, as they probably will be, an appeal will be taken and the case fought to a finish in the higher courts. So confident is Meadows that the verdict returned by the jury will not stand that he regarded it as nothing more than one of the disagreeable incidents through which he must pass before he can be finally freed from the charge of stealing William E. Silverthorne's $72,000.

Over Alps in Balloon.

Oscar Erbsloeh, the German aeronaut, who won the international balloon race at St. Louis in 1907, has completed a remarkable balloon trip across the Alps aboard the Berlin. The conditions under which the voyage was made were of unusual severity, the thermometer averaging 12 below zero, Fahrenheit. Erbsloeh was in the air for thirty hours, and reached a maximum altitude of about 18,000 feet.

There isn't anything much more misleading than the prefix Hon.

CHURCHES TO-MORROW

Special Services and Special Music.

Miss Mabel Cline, of Erskine Church choir, will sing at Knox Church Mission at the morning service to-morrow.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in St. John Presbyterian Church to-morrow at the morning service.

At Unity Church, Main street, near Walnut, to-morrow evening, the subject of address will be "Powers That Prey." Devotional meeting of the Y. P. R. Union at 3.30 p. m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning service in Central. Dr. Lyle will preach. Mr. Sedgewick will preach in the evening, subject, "If Not Christ, Who?"

In the German Lutheran Church Rev. H. Reube will preach in the forenoon on "Sanctification," and in the evening on "Peter's Fall." The Jugendverein will meet next Thursday evening at Miss Liest's home, 523 King street west.

St. James' Presbyterian Chunrch will occupy its new building to-morrow for the first time. Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Toronto, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Special music by the choir, under Mr. John Porter. Miss Sellars will sing at both services. Special collections for building fund.

Y.M.C.A. BOYS.

Their Night in the Gym. a Great Success.

Newsboys' night in the local Y. M. C. A. gymnasium was a success. Between two and three hundred of the boys' friends gathered to enjoy the programme put on entirely by the boys. One of the most pleasing numbers on the programme was the dumb bell drill, conducted by Mr. Ed Stirling, the newsboys' physical director. The two basketball games were well contested. The first resulted in a victory for the Shamrocks over the Quicksteps. The second game was won by the Actives over the Crescents. Mr. J. Dearness acted as referee. The silver cups presented to the boys for competition will be presented at the annual Bible study banquet.

SOCIAL HOUR

Held by the Reorganized Wesley Church Choir.

The re-organized choir of Wesley Methodist Church, under the direction of Mr. J. H. Summers, held a most satisfactory practice last evening, and everything points to a successful future. With the accession of two young soprano singers, Miss Ethel Lawrey and Miss Ethel Jerome, who will alternate in the solo work, together with Miss Bertha Carey, of whose excellent work there needs be little said, and Mr. Charles Williams, occupying the baritone position, some commendable singing may be expected.

Mr. Summers, who is the tenor soloist and choirmaster, is enthusiastic.

Pictures of the quintette appear elsewhere in this issue. A. C. McMillan, the organist, contributes in no small measure, to the brightness of the musical services.

After the practice last evening a social hour was spent, during which light refreshments were served. Mr. Ernest Kent is the able and efficient secretary.

Miss Lawry and Miss Jerome will be the soloists at the Sunday services.

Missouri Language.

We are rural folk out in Missouri. Of the State's population—outside the three great cities pushed to the State's very boundary lines—less than 8 per cent. are dwellers in towns of 4,000 inhabitants. We are inclined to speak an archaic language.

Missourians say school "takes up" — some once said school "takes in." "I couldn't get to go" and "that's all the far the lesson goes" I have heard in Missouri. The good Missouri housewife whose hot biscuits—hot biscuits are delightfully Missourian—were praised replied: "They are not as nice as common." "I wouldn't choose any" is to be heard in Missouri, though this expression, as others that I quote, is not altogether confined here.

"Pack" is yet used by some Missourians in the sense of "carry," as "let me pack that for you." "Carry" is used in Tennessee for "escort" or "conduct," while "tote" is wholly Virginian. But even "pack" and "carry" are of classic parentage.

I have heard in Missouri and in other States an expression that may be dialect or slang, but which to me at least always suggests a smile. Speaking of visiting delegates, a good woman said: "I can eat 'em but I can't sleep 'em."

Missourians worthy of the name pronounce the name of their State without the hissing sound of the "S." They remember that the name Missouri comes by way of the Latins from the language of the Indians and not by way of the dictionary from the language of the snake. It is Mizzoury, not Missouri, the school teacher's dictionary notwithstanding. And the English language is nowhere spoken with more purity than in this good State of Missouri. As or the Missouri dialect—there is none.

But, you say, there is one expression that is peculiarly Missourian, colloquial, provincial, of you please. You Missourians say "you all." Yes, true. All we Missourians say "you all." But so do all who get their English from the seventeenth century direct and uncorrupted—not Missourians alone. In an apostlic benediction which you may hear each Sabbath, if you will, or read in the King James version of the English Bible, it is said: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." —Walter Williams in the Kansas City Star.

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Possibly.

"Uncle Bruno, why is it that your people increase so much faster than the white people do?"

"Deed I dunno, boss