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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 4—Noon.—Opening prices this morning on the stock market reflected a little hysteria on the part of traders, and heavy advances were scored by nearly every stock on the list. It was a reaction from the excessive depression which prevailed during Saturday, when traders went to the other extreme in selling stocks. As might have been expected, it did not take long for the market to get over this undue excitement and to sober up considerably. Towards the end of the first hour it weakened, and has been heavy ever since. It is getting remarkably dull, and it is not at all likely that it will run away during the afternoon. The railroad stocks are behaving very well. The bond market is very quiet. Sales to noon were 322,000 shares.

Consols closed in London ⅛ to ¼ higher.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 4.

	Ask	Off.
Canadian Pacific	117⅝	117¼
Winnipeg Electric	215	..
Montreal Street Railway	..	207½
Toronto Railway	99	98½
Halifax Street Railway	95	88
Twin City Transit Railway	89¾	89¼
Richelieu and Ontario	81	80
Dominion Cotton	..	44
Colored Cotton	..	..
Laurentide Pulp	100	..
Toledo Bonds	21½	21
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Bonds	125	118

SALES: C. P. R., 155 at 118, 15 at 117¾, 325 at 117½; Power, 25 at 76, 25 at 75⅞, 25 at 75¼, 75 at 75⅛, 50 at 75, 8 at 75½, 100 at 75¾, 50 at 75, 22 at 75, 25 at 75; Iron, common, 10 at 10¼, 25 at 9½; Bank of Montreal, 15 at 248¾, 2 at 249; Bank of British North America, 5 at 126; Toledo Railway, 25 at 22½, 250 at 22, 25 at 21¾, 25 at 21; Coal, common, 10 at 72, 15 at 71½, 50 at 71¾, 50 at 71; Twin City, 220 at 90, 125 at 89¾, 50 at 89½, 15 at 90, 100 at 89½, 8 at 90; Toronto Railway, 8 at 99½, 25 at 99; Ogilvie, preferred, 25 at 119; Scotia, 25 at 81½, 7 at 81, 25 at 80¾, 25 at 80½; Iron, preferred, 75 at 26; Montreal Railway, 15 at 210, 10 at 208; Detroit Railway, 25 at 66, 25 at 65¾; Hochelaga Bank, 9 at 131½; Switch, preferred, 25 at 90, 22 at 90; Cable, 25 at 161; R. and O., 50 at 89.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 4.

	Ask	Off
Montreal	..	249
Ontario	..	125
Toronto	228	..
Commerce	156	151
Imperial	214	212
Dominion	226	..
Hamilton	210	..
Standard	235	..
Nova Scotia	270	..
Ottawa	215	..
Traders	..	130
British America	..	97
Western Assurance	..	97
Imperial Life	..	149
National Trust	140	..
Consumers Gas	..	207
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	98
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	117¾	117½
Sao. pref	118	115
Sao. com	58	55
Toronto Electric Light	..	133
General Electric	..	140¾
London Electric	105	..
Commercial Cable	166	164
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	85	79
Niagara Navigation	..	119
Northern Navigation	83	..
St. L. and C. Navigation	..	112
Toronto Street Railway	101	99
Twin City Railway, new	90	89
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	170
Sao Paulo Tramway	89	88
Dominion Steel, com	..	10
Dominion Coal, com	74	71¼
Canada Salt	117	..
Crow's Nest Coal	650	..
British Canadian L. and I	..	80
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv.	..	100
Canada Permanent	..	120
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest.	70	..
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron and Erie L. and S. Co.	..	178
Landed Banking and Loan	..	118½
Lon. and Can. L. and A.	..	90
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	85
London Loan	120	..
Ontario Loan and Deb.	..	121
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	54	..
N. S. Steel Bonds	109	107

SALES: Bank of Montreal, 3 at 248¾; Bank of Commerce, 33 at 152½, 8 at 152; Imperial Bank, 5 at 214; Dominion Bank, 34 at 226; Canadian General Electric, 5 at 140½, 20 at 41; Coal, 15 at 71¾; C. P. R., 225 at 118¼, 10 at 118¾, 1,100 at 118, 3 at 118¾; Toronto Railway, 10 at 99½; Western Assurance, 100 at 98; Cable, 50 at 164, 175 at 164⅞, 50 at 165; Sao Paulo, 105 at 88¾, 16 at 88¾; Nova Scotia Steel, 25 at 81¼, 10 at 81, 25 at 80⅞; Canada Permanent, 350 at 120; Twin City, 100 at 90, 25 at 90¼, 25 at 90, 25 at 89⅞, 10 at 90¼.

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LOCAL MARKET.

London, Monday, Jan. 4.

The cold weather, coupled with the fact that quite a number of the farmers are electioneering and endeavoring to place their favorites at the head of the polls, resulted in the supply of commodities for this day of the week not being up to the standard.

There was no grain of any kind offered today.

Three loads of hay sold at $8 to $8 50 per ton. There should be a good demand during the next couple of days.

A carload of live hogs was purchased by Mr. D. McIntyre, for which he paid $5 per 100 pounds for choice hogs.

NEW YORK.

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

New York, Jan. 4.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	48½	49¼	47¾	48¼
American Sugar Co.	125¼	126⅝	125⅞	124½
American Locomotive	17¼	17½	17	17
American Foundry	19⅞	19⅞	19	19
American Refining	48	49¾	48	48¼
Atchison, com	68⅛	68⅝	67	67⅞
Atchison Pfd	89⅝	89⅞	89⅛	89⅛
B. & O.	79	79	77⅞	77⅞
Brooklyn Tran	49⅝	50¼	48½	48¾
C. P. R.	117½	117⅞	117¼	117⅜
Chesapeake & Ohio	33⅛	33⅛	32¼	32⅝
Chic. Great Western	15½	15½	15⅛	15⅛
Chicago and Alton	34¼	34½	34	34
Col. Fuel and Iron	30	30	29	29
Erie	28¼	28⅞	27⅞	28
Erie Pfd	68	68	67¼	67½
Illinois Central	130¼	130¼	129¾	129¾
Kan. and Tex, com	17	17⅛	17	17
Kan. and Tex, pref	38¼	..	..	..
Louisville and Nashville	107½	108¼	106¾	107
Manhattan	143¼	143½	141½	141¾
Metropolitan St. Ry	122½	122½	121	121
Mexican Central	10¾	10⅞	9⅞	9⅞
M. P.	91½	92⅝	90⅝	91⅞
N Y Cent al	118½	118⅝	118	118⅝
Norfolk and W	57½	57½	56¾	57
Ont. and West	22	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	117¾	118⅛	117⅛	117⅝
People's Gas	97⅛	97⅞	96	96½
Reading	44¾	44¾	43⅝	44⅛
Rock Island	23½	23⅞	23⅛	22¾
Southern Railway	20	20⅛	20	20
Southern Ry. Pfd	78	..	..	..
Southern Pacific	48¼	48⅝	47⅛	47⅛
St. Paul	143¼	144¾	142¾	143½
Texas	25½	25¾	24¾	24¾
Tennessee Coal & Iron	36¾	37⅛	36	36
Union Pacific	76⅞	79½	76¼	78¼
U. S. Leather, pref	76	76	75⅛	75⅛
U. S. Steel, com	11⅞	12	11	11⅞
U. S. Steel, pref	55¾	56¾	55⅞	56⅝
Wabash, com	19¾	19¾	19⅛	19⅛

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Wabash, pref	26¾	27	25¼	26
Wisconsin Central	16⅝	16⅝	16¼	16½

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Jan. 2.—Live cattle steady, at 11c to 12c per lb for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 10¼c to 11¼c per lb; refrigerator beef, 9¾c to 10c; sheep, 11c to 12c per lb; lambs, 13c, dressed weight.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, Jan. 4.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	87	87½	85¾	85¾
July	81½	82⅛	81¼	81⅜
Corn—May	47	47½	46¼	46¾
July	46¼	46½	45⅞	46¼
Oats—May	38¼	38⅞	38¼	38½
July	35⅞	36	35½	35½
Pork—Jan	13 07	13 30	13 00	13 27
May	13 57	13 52	13 35	13 67
Lard—Jan	6 90	6 95	6 87	6 90
May	7 17	7 22	7 12	7 17
S.Ribs—Jan	6 50	6 57	6 50	6 50
May	6 82	6 90	6 77	6 80

HAY MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Baled Hay—Steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $8 50 per ton.

Baled Straw—Unchanged; cars on the track here are quoted at $6 25 per ton.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Wheat—The offerings are light; there has been a better inquiry in the week; prices are higher, at 79c to 80c for No. 2 red and white asked, east or west; goose is steady, at 70c for No. 2 east; spring steady, at 72c for No. 2 east; Manitoba wheat was advanced 3c by holders on Saturday, owing to the increased inquiries for export; No. 1 hard is quoted at 92c to 93c; No. 1 northern at 90c and No. 2 northern at 87c, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—In better demand and firmer; local exporters are bidding $3 05 for cars of 90 per cent patents in their bags, east or middle freights; choice brands are held 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba flour is firmer at $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 $14 50 to $15 for bran in bulk, east or middle freights; Manitoba millfeed is steady, at $20 for cars of shorts and $18 for bran, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—Steady, at 41c for No. 2, 39c for No. 3 extra, and 37c for No. 3, east or middle freights. Buckwheat—Firm, at 46½c bid for No. 2, east or west. Rye—Steady, at 52c for No. 2, east or west. Corn—Steady; Canadian new yellow is quoted at 44c and mixed at 43c in car lots on the track, Toronto; American new is quoted at 51c for No. 2 yellow and 50c for No. 3 mixed, on the track at Toronto. Oats—In better demand and firmer; No. 1 white are quoted at 30c east; No. 2 white are quoted at 29c to 29½c, low freights to New York. Rolled oats—Steady, at $3 50 for cars of bags and $3 70 for barrels on the track at Toronto, and 25c more for broken lots. Peas—Steady, at 61½c to 62c for No. 2 west. Butter—The offerings of choice dairies are light; there is a good demand for the best quality, and the market is firm; fine creamery also is in good demand and firm; low and medium grades are slow; creamery prints, 21c to 22c; solids, 20c to 21c; dairy pound rolls, choice, 16c to 18c; large rolls, 15½c to 17c; tubs, good to choice, 16c to 18c; medium, 14c to 15c; poor, 10c to 12c. Eggs—The receipts of strictly fresh-gathered are light; there is a good demand, and the market is firm, at 26c; ordinary fresh-gathered are quoted at 24c, and cold storage and limed at 22c to 23c. Live hogs—Steady, at $5 15 for selects and $4 90 for heavy and light weights. Dressed hogs—Steady; cars on the track here are quoted at $6 40 per cwt; farmers' lots, delivered at Toronto, are quoted at $6 75 to $7 25.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, Jan. 4.—Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 2½d. Futures quiet; March, 6s 5¼d; May, 6s 5d; July nominal.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 4s 2d; American mixed, old, 4s 4d. Futures steady; March, 4s ¾d; May, 4s 1½d.

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

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £6 to £7.

Beef—Quiet; extra India mess, 62s 6d.

Pork—Prime mess western easy, 72s 6d.

Hams—Quiet; short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 47s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, weak, 37s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet, 34s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, strong, 36s 6d; American refined, in pails, strong, 37s.

Butter—Nominal.

Cheese—Steady; American finest white, 52s; do, colored, 54s.

Tallow—Prime city steady, 24s 6d.

Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 43s 9d.

Rosin—Common firm; 7s 3d.

Petroleum—Refined firm, 7¾d.

Linseed Oil—Dull, 18s 3d.

The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 35,500 quarters from Atlantic ports, and 63,100 from other ports. The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 16,700 quarters.

Stocks of breadstuffs and provisions in Liverpool: Flour, 65,000 sacks; wheat, 1,709,000 centals; corn, 654,000 centals; lard 5,400 tierces of prime western steam and 1,220 tons of other kinds.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 4—Noon.—Flour—Receipts, 67,479 bbls; sales, 4,500 pkgs; flour was quiet but strongly held, and nominally a shade higher; Minnesota patents, $4 55 to $4 75; Minnesota bakers, $3 70 to $3 85; winter patents, $4 to $4 25; winter straights, $4 to $4 15; winter extras, $3 15 to $3 40; winter low grades, $2 85 to $3 20. Rye flour—Firm; fair to good, $3 25 to $3 40; choice to fancy, $3 45 to $3 60. Wheat—Receipts, 88,725 bu; sales, 1,500,000 bu; wheat opened very irregular and somewhat lower than Saturday's curb on better news from the far east, but rallied again on covering; May, 88⅛c to 90⅛c; July, 85⅞c to 86½c. Rye—Firm; state and Jersey, 56c to 58c; No. 2 western, 63c, nominal, f.o.b. afloat. Corn—Receipts, 112,875 bu; sales, 20,000 bu; corn opened easier with wheat on the better war talk, but also rallied later; May, 52¼c to 52¾c. Oats—Receipts, 120,000 bu; track, white state, 42c to 45½c; track, white western, 42c to 45½c. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining, 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3½c; molasses sugar, 2¾c; refined quiet; crushed, $5 05; powdered, $4 55; granulated, $4 45. Coffee—Firm; No. 7 Rio, 7¼c. Lead—Firm, $4 37½. Wool—Firm; domestic fleece, 28c to 32c. Hops—Firm; state, common to choice, 1903 crop, 28c to 37c; 1902 crop, 22c to 28c; olds, 8c to 12c; Pacific coast, 1903 crop, 25c to 32c; 1902 crop, 22c to 26c; olds, 8c to 12c.

VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE LARGE

Ratepayers Did Not Rush to the Polls—Protests Entered With City Clerk Edwards.

The indications of last week pointed to a mayoralty contest of much interest, with a large vote, today, but the cold weather appears to have utterly spoiled all the indications.

When the polls opened this morning there were not knots of men huddled round outside, for the thermometer registered a degree or so below zero, and a bitter wind also added to the discomfiture of the day.

The voting places were in most cases open the better part of an hour before the electors began to put in an appearance, and when the voters did begin to arrive they came straggling along, or two every five or ten minutes. This state of affairs was maintained till noon, when a rush for an hour or so was experienced.

From reports received at the city hall till 1 o'clock, everything pointed to the vote not reaching over two-thirds of the names on the list. As a sample of the way in which the vote was coming in, the case of the booth at the city hall might be cited. In that division there are 131 names on the list, but by 1 o'clock only 29 votes had been polled. In one subdivision in No. 4 ward where there are over 200 names on the list, only 42 votes had been registered. Similar reports were received from all parts of the city.

As the day wore on, City Clerk Edwards had quite a few callers, many of them being persons whose names do not appear on the lists, but who imagine they have a right to vote. And some of them had a right to vote, but their names had been left off through clerical errors. One man whose brother's name had been left off the lists was very wrath for a while. Finally, another man came in and raised an objection that was lively. As it happened each voter was of a different stripe of politics, and they left the office laughing, and declaring that it was all right, as they had been "paired" off. In mostly all cases, the names had been left off the list through errors in the assessment, caused mainly by people changing their places of residence and by transfers of property. Consequently one man who owns several thousand dollars' worth of real estate was left without a vote, because of a business change, and the city clerk was powerless to help him. The moral in all such cases is for every voter to see positively that his name is on the list. There are thusands of names to be copied and dealt with each year, and it is a very easy matter for mistakes to creep in.

Reports as to the result of the fight for the mayoralty differed greatly. Some of the candidates who had gone the rounds of the city and visited most of the subdivisions, were of the opinion that it would be close. Others, strong friends of Mr. Beck, claimed that he would have not less than 500 majority, and from that up to 800. One man was boasting that Mr. Beck would do many things to Ald. Campbell, and offered to back up his assertions with a bet. An elector who thought a little better of Ald. Campbell's chances, got into an argument with him, and the result was a bet of $25 even that Mr. Beck would not have 500 majority. Several other bets at even money that the doctor would win were also made.

From the appearances of the Beck rigs on the streets, and the manner in which the polling booths were manned, it appeared as if the Conservatives regarded the election of Mr. Beck as a matter of the utmost importance to the Conservative party. All the "faithful" were in harness and were working with true parliamentary vim. If the vote proves to be a small one, it will not be the fault of the Conservative Club, for the machine has been in full swing all day. Despite all these efforts, many people could not be induced to go to the polls, the women voters being especially averse to leaving their family hearth even in a brougham or other covered carriage.

So far as known there was no trouble of any kind, and quietness prevailed on all sides. The bars of all the hotels and saloons were closed, as is the law on election days.

TOTAL WAS $219,740 51

nland Revenue Collections For the Past Six Months.

October Led, With December Second – Last Month's Figures.

The returns of the inland revenue department show that during the half year ended Dec. 31, October saw the heaviest month's business at the port of London. December was the next heaviest. Throughout the half year, however, the receipts have not differed very much. The total amount received for the period named, $219,740 51. The receipts for each month being:

July	$ 36,771 43
August	34,637 47
September	37,252 78
October	38,274 76
November	35,009 25
December	37,793 82
Total	$219,740 51

The December returns were as follows:

Spirits, ex-warehouse	$ 7,877 64
Malt, ex-warehouse	6,083 21
Tobacco, ex-warehouse	1,398 14
Raw leaf, ex-warehouse	5,957 07
Cigars, ex-factory	11,450 46
Cigars, ex-warehouse	5,037 06
Other revenue	24
Total	$37,793 82

ENTERTAINMENT AT TEMPO

Presbyterian Sunday School Carry Out a Good Programme.

The annual Christmas entertainment in connection with Tempo Presbyterian Church Sabbath school was given on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, and was a complete success. The church was well filled with the parents and friends of the children, and the programme given was considered the best of the many good ones given by the members of this Sabbath school.

The programme consisted of choruses by the school; solos by Miss Leyden Janes, Master Willie McIntyre and Messrs. William Finch and J. D. Bannatyne; recitations by Stanley McPherson, Clifford McPherson, Carl Law, John Gowanlocke, Willie McIntyre, Harry McIntyre, William Letchford, Lillian Janes, Sarah Willows, Lottie Piper and Amelia Dangerfield; and several dialogues by the children and members of the Bible class.

Special mention might be made of the dialogue entitled "The Country Cousin," in which the different characters were admirably portrayed, and those taking part in it received well-merited praise. Excellent music was rendered by Messrs. Walker and McAlpine on the violin and Messrs. Cole and Swindle on the harmonica.

The Christmas tree was well loaded with presents, each child receiving a prize and a sack of candy. Mr. Samuel Grant made an excellent Santa Claus, while Rev. R. McIntyre occupied the chair in his usual efficient manner.

A Queer Trade.

The "hot pepper" seller of Mexico is a merchant who derives his livelihood from the fact that the Mexican must have his peppers, whatever else he may deny himself. They are brought to his door by the countryman, or he may go to the market place and find them spread out for sale on matting. The market man, while dressed inexpensively as far as his bodily garb is concerned, wears in nearly every instance an elaborate head covering. Some of these Mexicans own hats that cost as much as the rest of their wardrobe. The pride of the white man in his Panama is not to be compared with that of the Mexican in his sombrero. It is a racial characteristic which finds its counterpart in the apron of the Portuguese onion seller. Her occupation may be lowly, but her apron might be that of a woman of high degree—plush-edged with fur is not uncommon.—Everybody's Magazine.

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BURKE WON BOTH EVENTS

Knockout in Hotel Discussed in Police Court.

More Costs and Trouble Anent Mr. Fox's Vicious Dog.

A barroom fight was responsible for an hour of the time given up to citizens' troubles in this morning's police court. The Ontario House was the scene of the fight, the time was the night before Christmas, and the participants were Thomas Cahill and Elias Burke. The former pleaded not guilty and the latter said he fought because he had to. Though Burke proved by witnesses that it was the other fellow who started the fight, and also, though it was shown that at the end of the fight Cahill was lying on his back, knocked out by Burke, Cahill was head and shoulders taller than his victorious opponent. The magistrate believed the story of Defendant Burke and his witnesses against the lone testimony of Cahill, and fined the latter $2. Burke was discharged.

Philip Fox was not present when his name was called. He was charged a week ago with having a vicious dog, and the dog had been ordered killed. This had been done, and Fox thought that was enough. The case was adjourned until today. His father was present and was told to get his son.

When Philip Fox arrived the magistrate informed him that court matters were to have precedence over trade and all other business. He ordered Fox to pay the doctor's bill of the complainant who had been bitten by the dog, and also to pay the costs of the court or $2 60.

"Dote" Webb was charged by Geo Kelly with using grossly insulting language towards Miss Katie Bagner, but Webb said he never used such words as were charged. The complainants were not present and the case was enlarged until tomorrow.

Albert C. Dennis, who was charged a week ago with stealing a watch from Henry Ashton, appeared to say that he had not succeeded in securing possession of the watch. The story of its having been borrowed by a friend of the son of defendant seemed very queer to the magistrate, especially since it was said that the boy could not be found. After some hesitation on the part of the defense, it was agreed to give the name of the boy to the police in order that they might trace him. This ought to be very easy. The boy's name as far as Mr. Dennis knew was "Jimmie Jones." One more week will be given the defense to get Jimmie and the watch, and then explain how it came into their possession.

The gambling case was to have come up, but the young man charged with keeping a gaming house was reported to be laid up with diphtheria, so that all the cases were adjourned for another week at least.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Miss McNee, of London, is visiting at her home on Park Row, Woodstock.

—Miss Mabel Comiskey, of this city, is visiting with her parents in Ingersoll.

—Alfred Meek, of London, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. H. Farr, at Port Stanley.

—Thomas Sumner and wife, of London, are visitors with the family of M. L. Emmons, on Wall street, Port Huron.

—Misses Mae and Gertie Baer, of Woodstock, are the guests of the Misses Quick, 505 Central avenue, this city.

—Miss Whyte and Miss Beattie, of Windsor, are spending a few days in London, the guests of their uncle, Major Beattie.

—Misses Evelyn and Neta Wennesheimer and Daisy Richmond, who have been spending the vacation with relatives in the city, returned to Toronto last evening.

TWO NEW POLICEMEN.

Messrs. Elmslie and Torrance are the latest additions to London's police force.

PRESENTED WITH A CLOCK.

In recognition of the services he rendered to the Ladies' Aid of the Colborne Street Methodist Church, Ald. Wyatt was on Saturday evening presented with a handsome marble clock. He has been very active in helping the affairs of the church generally. Although taken by surprise he replied suitably.

A PICTORIAL "SCOOP."

The London Advertiser was the only Canadian daily to print a picture of the Iroquois Theater on Thursday, the day after the Chicago fire.

DEATH OF MRS. McCALLUM.

The death is reported of Mrs. McCallum, wife of Mr. Lloyd McCallum, of York street. Mrs. McCallum, who was only 20 years of age, had been married only three months. Death was due to diabetes. The funeral was held to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. S. Salton, of the First Methodist Church.

LONDON FIRMS AFFECTED.

In the assignment Saturday of F. A. Carpenter & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, Hamilton, the McClary Manufacturing Company and C. E. Santo, agent of the Wilcox Manufacturing Company, this city, are interested. Particulars will be bulletined by financial agencies tomorrow.

INVITATIONS FOR BALL.

The Lotus Club are busy preparing for their annual ball, Jan. 22, which will be an elaborate affair. Invitations are being sent out now and the ball promises to eclipse any previous social function in London.

MRS. McKILLOP AT PICTON.

The Picton (Ont.) Gazette of a recent date says: "Mrs. McKillop (nee Roblyn), of London, sang in the First Methodist Church on Sunday evening last. The solos were 'The Ninety and Nine,' and 'I'm a Pilgrim,' by Ashford. All who heard were more than delighted with her artistic singing. It was a rare musical treat and greatly enjoyed by all present."

HORTONS CONFIDENT.

The Hortons are confident of making a good showing when they meet the Woodstock Juniors tomorrow night. They will hold their final practice tonight. This is the first game in the O. H. A. The Hortons appear in green and white sweaters, and green stockings. Woodstock has a fast seven, and the game will be a close one, if hockey talk can be relied upon. The referee for the match will be Mr. R. A. Williams, of Ingersoll.

FANNY McGARVEY'S TRIAL IS TO TAKE PLACE HERE NEXT WEEK

Slayer of Patrick Upton to Come Up at the Winter Assizes—Few Criminal Cases.

SAID a member of the county constabulary today, when talking to a number of friends at the court house:

"I had to go to a place about twenty-five miles from London to get a man who had been committing a number of burglaries in the district, I arrived there all right and caught the man, who had been locked in a room. Just before going in to get him, I reached for my handcuffs and found that I had not brought them. I knew the man was a bad one, and knew that it would be difficult to get him to the pail, unless he was well-shackled. I was going to telegraph to the nearest place for my handcuffs, and took out my notebook to write the dispatch. Then an idea struck me. There was a heavy elastic band about the book and I thought that if I had several of these wound about my own and the prisoner's wrist I would be able to manage for a time at least. I secured several more and wound them firmly around the fellow's wrist. He pulled at it at first and gave me the laugh for a few minutes, but he soon realized that I had the grip on him and came along without a struggle."

The first assize court of the new year will commence on Monday next before Mr. Justice Britton. There will be quite a number of cases, it is expected, and all of them will be tried by a jury. At this court it is necessary for the sheriff to make a general jail delivery—that is, to furnish the judge with the names of all prisoners confined in the jail, with evidence that there is sufficient justification for their incarceration. There will be but two criminal cases, if no more transpire in the meantime. The most important one will be that in which Fanny McGarvey will be tried for the murder of her uncle, Patrick Upton. It is expected that this will occupy about two days. If the woman is acquitted on the ground of insanity, she will be confined to an asylum for life. The only other case is that of George Corneil, who is charged with the theft of a watch. The civil list will not be given out until Thursday afternoon.

Services were conducted in the county jail Sunday by Mr. Fred Matthews and by the Salvation Army.

RAILROADS ARE HAVING TROUBLE OWING TO COLD AND SNOWSTORMS

Difficulty Experienced On Lines East and North of London—Trains Hours Late.

THE railways have had their full share of troubles as a result of the zero weather, and the snowstorms which have been prevalent in many sections during the past three or four days. Passenger trains are running hours late. As for freight, no attempt is made to get them over the road in anything like average time. To do so would be absolutely useless.

The Grand Trunk is experiencing the greatest difficulty on the northern and eastern lines. So far as the main line between London and the Tunnel is concerned, the road very seldom has any trouble, and the same applies to the old main line between the city and Windsor. East of London snowstorms have been frequent and severe, and in some cases trains have been stalled, partly owing to the "beautiful" and partly owing to the steam going down because of the heavy strain. This was the case east of Woodstock on Saturday. Between Hamilton and the Bridge snow has been heavy, and passenger as well as freight trains have been delayed more or less.

Trains from the east were from three to five hours late today. Number 7 express, due at 3:30 a. m. from the Bridge, did not arrive until 7:15, and No. 3 was three hours late, arriving at 2 o'clock. No. 1 express, via Stratford, did not reach the city until 4 o'clock, five hours behind time. On the London, Huron and Bruce branch the train from Kincardine did not arrive until 1:30—four hours late—and the up-train was not making very good time. Heavy snow has fallen at different points along the line. Besides the snow in the east, the trains also are delayed more or less by the lateness of connections from across the line and east of Toronto.

Once a train is late in weather as cold as has been the rule the past few days, it is impossible for it to make up lost time, and it is only with the greatest difficulty that it will manage to run in the time allotted it.

WILL BE A LARGE CLASS

Short Course of Instruction Commences at the Barracks.

Twenty-One Non-Coms. and Men Taking Advantage of It.

The special short course of instruction, which commences at Wolseley Barracks today, will be attended by twenty-one non-commissioned officers and men. Three of the party are from the Seventy-seventh (Wentworth) Regiment, but the balance come from the various corps in the London military district. The Thirty-second (Bruce) Regiment, being the most strongly represented. The short course will include:

Twenty-first (Windsor) Regiment — Sergt. Gasco, Bugler Trembly, and Privates Piette and Taylor.

Twenty-sixth (Middlesex) Regiment —Corporal French.

Twenty-eighth (Perth) Regiment — Bugler Simmons.

Twenty-ninth (Waterloo) Regiment—Color-Sergt. Knill. Corporal McBain, and Privates Pressing and Schafer.

Thirtieth (Wellington) Regiment — Sergts. Clarke and Richardson.

Thirty-second (Bruce) Regiment — Sergts. Coffey, Howe and Robertson, Corporals McBurney and Underwood.

Thirty-third (Huron) Regiment—Corporal Elliott.

Seventy-seventh (Wentworth) Regiment—Sergts. Shaverand, Cortwell and Corporal Springstead.

A STRENUOUS MEETING

A Tariff Reform Gathering Ends in a Free Fight.

London, Jan. 4.—At a meeting at Newton Abbey on Saturday night in connection with the Middevan election, and under the auspices of the Tariff Reform League, the proceedings were most uproarious. The crowd of 3,000 persons refused to listen to the chairman or the speakers, among the latter being Barlow Cumberland, of the Toronto board of trade. A series of free fights culminated in the storming of the platform, some of the occupants of which were pitched headlong off it. Several persons were injured.

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BRITISH HAVE TROUBLES

Russians Assume Antagonistic Attitude Giving Passports.

Young Canadian Rider Returns From the Land of the Czar.

A young man whose name has often been seen among the list of famous jockeys has just returned from Russia to his home at Lucan. His name is Fred Wilson, and his father, James Wilson, is the Grand Trunk watchman at Lucan. Two of his sisters reside in this city.

Wilson began his career as a rider many years ago, when a very small boy, at Lucan, which is a center for good horseflesh. Some years ago he was seen by George Pepper, of Toronto, and given a chance to distinguish himself, which the people around Lucan predicted he would surely do. After riding for some years he found himself under contract to W. K. Vanderbilt, with good mounts and a good salary. An elder brother, Harry, had also met with success in the business and was with the well-known stable of John A. Drake.

On the advice of many of his friends young Wilson decided to go to Russia, and for the past year he has been riding on the colors of Prince Luborneski, a Russian nobleman. His time has been about equally divided between St. Petersburg, Warsaw and Moscow, and he has had good races to his credit.

When he arrived in Budapest a year ago he was with a companion from New York. They there found themselves confronted by the passport difficulty. Everybody in Russia must have a ticket to show if he merely wanted to turn around. Mr. Wilson's American friend declared his nationality, and he was given his passport, with scarcely any trouble. It was not the case with Wilson, who had stated that he was a Canadian. There was much dilly-dallying, and it was two and a half weeks before the certificate was received, and he was able to proceed on his journey.

Then at every place he stopped the antagonistic attitude of the Russian towards British subjects was shown. On arriving in a place he would be forced to hand his passport to an official ,and he would be forced to pay so many roubles before he could again secure it. Almost every Englishman was treated in the same way, and

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