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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

Latest Market Reports by Mail and Telegraph.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Dec. 11—12:30 p.m. — Consols, 97⅞ for money, 98 1-16 for account; Mexican, 15; Mexican Central, 55¾; St. Paul, 65¾; Erie, 15½; Erie seconds, 77½. Pacific Central, 51¼; Reading, 19⅞; Canadian Pacific, 76½; New York Central, 105⅞; Illinois Central, 95½; Bank of England rate, 3 per cent.; open market discount, 2⅞ to 2¾.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—1 p.m.—Stock market weak.

Atchison	19¼	C., B. & Q.	78⅞
Can. Southern	—	Can. Pacific	—
Del. & Hudson	133¼	L. & N.	50
Lake Shore	126⅝	D. & L.	165
Nor. Pacific	6¼	Nor. Pacific, pref.	21⅞
Northwestern	104	Mich. Central	101⅝
Rhode Island	67⅝	N. Y. C.	101⅞
St. Paul	63	St. Paul, pref.	—
Union Pac.	20⅞	Western Union	88⅞
American Ex.	113		

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.

	Ask.	Off.
C. P. R.	73¾	73½
Duluth Railway, common	6⅝	6¼
Duluth Railway, preferred	17	15
Grand Trunk Ry., firsts	—	—
Grand Trunk Ry., seconds	—	—
Commercial Cable Company	138¼	137⅞
Wabash	—	—
Wabash, preferred	—	—
Montreal Telegraph Co.	146	145
Rich. and Ont. Navigation	74	73½
Montreal Street Railway	165	164
Montreal Gas Company	183	181½
Bell Telephone Company	142	140
Bank of Montreal	225	221½
Ontario Bank	—	115
Banque du Peuple	130	118
Molsons Bank	—	150
Bank of Toronto	—	239½
Banque Cartier	125	117
Merchants' Bank	155	153
Merchants' Bank of Halifax	140	132
Union Bank	—	—
Bank of Commerce	136½	135½
N. W. Land Company	—	—
Montreal Cotton Company	122½	115
Canada Colored Cotton Co.	7½	—
Dominion Cotton Company	115	168

SALES—Com. Cable, 3 at 139, 25 at 138; Montreal, 9 at 223.

Toronto Stock Market

TORONTO, Dec. 11.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	223	221
Ontario	124	118½
Molsons	—	—
Toronto	245	241½
Merchants	155½	152½
Commerce	136½	135⅞
Imperial	180	178⅞
Dominion	274	271½
Standard	165	163
Hamilton	165	163
British America	120	117½
Western Assurance	153	152
Canada Life	—	621
Confederation Life	301	—
Consumers Gas	187	186
Dominion Telegraph	109	108
Northwest Land Company	—	—
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	74	72
Commercial Cable Company	138½	138
Bell Telephone Company	140½	140
Dominion Savings and Loan	94	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.	129	127
London Loan	110	—
London and Ontario	120	—
Ontario Loan and Debenture	135	—

SALES—Commerce, 7 at 136½; Dominion, 100 at 272; Hamilton, 12 at 163¾; Dominion Telegraph, 8 at 108½.

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COMMERCIAL.

Local Market Quotations.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

Monday, Dec. 11.

There has been very little business done on this market to-day. The only receipt of any consequence was hay, which was alone to be seen on the square. The following quotations are based on latest transactions:

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	92
Peas, per 100 lbs	80	to	83
Corn, per 100 lbs	95	to	95
Barley, per 100 lbs	80	to	90
Rye, per 100 lbs	90	to	90
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs	90	to	90
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	22	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	66	to	1 70
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag	60	to	1 00
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
Carrot, 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	20	to	25
Sheepskins, each	40	to	65
Lambskins, each	00	to	00
Pelts, each	00	to	00
Wool, per lb	17	to	18
Tallow, rendered, per lb	5	to	5
Tallow, rough, per lb	2	to	3

English Markets.

Beerbohm's report by cable.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Floating cargoes—Wheat firm; corn none.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat firm, but not active; corn firm.

Mark Lane — English wheat very slow; foreign quiet, but steady; corn weak; flour quiet, but steady; spot good Danube corn 20s 6d, was 21s 9d; prompt 19s 3d, was 19s 3d; do good mixed American corn 20s 6d, was 20s 9d; straight Minn. flour 15s 6d, was 15s 6d.

French country markets generally dearer.

Weather in England unsettled.

Liverpool — Spot wheat turn dearer; corn steady.

On passage to United Kingdom — Wheat, 3,013,000 qrs; corn, 462,000 qrs. To Continent—Wheat, 1,132,000 qrs; corn, 292,000 qrs.

Indian shipments of wheat for the past week to United Kingdom, 876,000 qrs; to continent, 5,000.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11.

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

	Dec. 8.			Dec. 9.			Dec. 11.		
	s.	D.	s. D.	s.	D.	s. D.	s.	D.	s. D.
Spring	5	7	5 9	5	7	5 8	5	7	5 8
Red Winter	5	2½	5 3½	5	2½	5 3½	5	2½	5 3½
No. 1 Cal.	5	6	5 7	5	6	5 7	5	6	5 7
Corn, new	4	2¾	0 0	4	2½	0 0	4	2½	0 0
Peas, per c.	5	2	0 0	5	2	0 0	5	2	0 0
Pork (new)	87	6	0 0	87	6	0 0	85	0	0 0
Lard	49	6	0 0	49	6	0 0	49	6	0 0
Bacon, h'vy.	47	0	0 0	47	0	0 0	47	0	0 0
Bacon light	47	6	0 0	47	6	0 0	47	6	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 firm, demand poor, holders offer moderately; corn firm, demand moderate.

Montreal Produce Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.

FLOUR—Receipts, 3,000 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 70 to $2 90; superfine, $2 50 to $2 70; 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, 56c to 58c.

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

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, $18 00 to $19 00; lard, 10c to 12c; bacon, 11½c to 12½c; hams, 11c to 13c; cheese, 10½c to 11½c; butter, townships, 20c to 22c; western, 18c to 20c; eggs, 16c to 18c.

Toronto Street Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—The receipts of grain on the street market Saturday were fair; barley and peas were firmer; other grains were steady.

Wheat, white, per bush	$ 60	to	$ 00
Wheat, spring, per bush	00	to	00
Wheat, red winter, per bush	58	to	00
Wheat, goose, per bush	57	to	00
Barley, per bush	48	to	48
Oats, per bush	33½	to	34
Peas	57	to	57
Hay	$ 00	to	$ 00
Eggs, per dozen	22	to	22
Butter, per pound	15	to	23
Dressed hogs	6 25	to	6 30
Potatoes, per bag	50	to	60

Toronto Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.

FLOUR—Straight roller, $2 75 to $2 85; extra $2 50 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, 72c to 72c; Manitoba hard, No. 2, 69c to 69c; 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 29c

Market quiet. Sales—Red and white wheat outside at 56c; peas outside at 51c.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11—Closing.

WHEAT—Dec., 63½c; May, 69c to 69½c.
CORN—Jan., 36½c; May, 40½c.
OATS—Dec, 31½c to 31½c.
PORK—Jan., $12 75; May, $12 87.
LARD—Jan., $7 02; May, $7 75.
SHORT RIBS—Jan., $6 70; May, $6 70.

TOLEDO, Dec. 11.

WHEAT—63c cash and Dec.; 69c asked May.
CORN—37½c cash; 40½c May.
OATS—30½c nominal cash.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 11.

WHEAT—Closes: 59½c cash; 61½c May.

DETROIT, Dec. 11.

WHEAT—Closes: No. 1 white, 61½c bid cash; No. 2 red, 62⅞c cash; 63½c Jan.; 68½c asked May.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 11.

WHEAT—Spring wheat—Dull, at the closing in the decline; in Chicago sellers was asking 72½c for No. 1 hard, and 71½c for No. 1 northern. Sales were: 600 bu No. 1 northern, 70½c; 3,000 bu do, 70⅝c; 10,000 bu do, 71½c. Winter wheat—Better demand, closing quiet; No. 1 white, 66½c; No. 2 red, 65½c asked. Sales were: 4 cars No. 2 red, 65½c; 5 cars No. 3 extra red, 63½c; 1 car mixed winter, 64½c; 1 car do, 65c; 1 car n.o.g., 64c; 1 car No. 2 extra white, 65½c; 1 car No. 3 white, 62c.

CORN—Quiet, closed steady; easier for store lots. Sales were: 20,000 bu No. 2 yellow, 42c; 1,000 bu do, 42½c; 2,700 bu No. 2 corn, 41c; 500 bu, 41c; 5,000 bu No. 3 corn, 40½c; 1 car do, 40⅝c, in store; 2 cars No. 2 yellow, 42c; 2 cars No. 3 yellow, 41c; 2 cars do, 41⅝c on track.

OATS—Firm; No. 1 white, clipped, sold at 36c; 6 cars No. 2 white, 35c, on track; 4 cars No. 3 white, 34c, on track.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 48c to 67c.

RYE—Dull; No. 1, 57c; No. 2, 55c asked.

FLOUR—Dull and easy.

MILLFEED—Firm; good demand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

FLOUR—Dull.
RYE—Dull; western, 59c to 57c.
BARLEY—Steady.
PEAS—Canada, 70c.
WHEAT—Receipts, 37,000 bu; exports, 32,000 bu; sales, 860,000 bu futures, 53,000 bu spot; spots dull; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 67⅞c to 68c; No. 1 northern, 72½c to 73c; options steady; No. 2 red, Jan., 68⅞c; March, 71½c; May, 73⅞c; Dec., 67½c.
CORN — Receipts, 31,000 bu; exports, 123,000 bu; sales, 295,000 bu futures, 155,000 bu spot; spots firmer; No. 2, 45½c, elevator; options steady; Dec., 45c; Jan., 44½c; May, 46½c.
OATS—Receipts, 31,000 bu; sales, 140,000 bu futures, 89,000 bu spot; spots dull; No. 2, 33½c to 33¾c; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 2 Chicago, 34½c; No. 3, 33c; No. 3 white, 34c; mixed western, 34c to 35½c; white do and white state, 36c to 40½c; options quiet; Dec., 33⅝c; Jan., 34½c; Feb., 34½c; May, 35½c; No. 2 white, Jan., 36⅝c.
EGGS—Steady; State and Pennsylvania, 24½c to 27c; western fresh, 24½c to 26c.
COFFEE—Options steady, sales, 6,000 bags, including Dec., $16 75 to $16 85; Jan., $16 55; Feb., $16 30; March, $15 95 to $16 05; May, $15 55.
SUGAR—Standard "A" 4 3-16c to 4⅛c; confectioners "A," 4⅛c to 4 5-16c; cut-loaf and crushed, 5c to 5 3-16c; powdered, 4 9-16c to 4⅝c; granulated, 4 3-16c to 4⅛c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.

THE LEADING FUTURES CLOSED.

WHEAT—Dec., 62½c; May, 68½c.
CORN—Dec., 35½c; Jan., 36c; May, 40½c.
OATS—Dec., 28⅝c; Jan., 28c; May, 31c.
MESS PORK—Jan., $12 75; May, $12 85.
LARD—Jan., $7 07½; May, $7 77½.
SHORT RIBS—Jan., $6 70; May, $6 75.

CASH QUOTATIONS:

No. 2 spring wheat, 62½c to 63c; No. 3 spring wheat, 60c to 61c; No. 2 red, 62½c to 63c; No. 2 corn, 35½c; No. 2 oats, 28½c; No. 2 rye, 46c; No. 2 barley, 53c to 54c; mess pork $12 87½ to $13 12½; lard, $8 30; short ribs sides, $6 80 to $7; dry salted shoulders, $6 25 to $6 50; short clear sides, $7 25 to $7 50.

Receipts—			
Flour	10,000	Wheat	174,000
Corn	232,000	Oats	198,000
Rye	15,000	Barley	51,000
Shipments—			
Flour	9,000	Wheat	7,000
Corn	69,000	Oats	143,000
Rye	16,000	Barley	19,700

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts of sale stock were 200 cars. Market opened with a weaker tone all around, but salesmen were quite firm on good grades of fat cattle and choice heavy steers, and these did not suffer much of a decline. Common and thin, half fat stock, scalawag lots, and particularly cow and heifer stock was very slow and fully 15c to 25c lower. There was a fairly good showing of good to choice cattle on sale, and with a good demand from outside butchers and country order buyers for the holiday trades, these sold well up to last week. As there was a competition for them, between the outside buyers and exporters, who were also looking for good cattle this week, the top price received was $5 for a few head of fancy Christmas steers, while $5 to $5 50 was paid for choice 1,500 pound beeves and $4 40 to $4 90 for light to good heavy shipping steers.

Hogs—Receipts 150 cars. The market opened slow for all grades and 5c to 10c lower. There was only a fair demand, and the order trade was also none too brisk, which, together with the heavy receipts and lower advices from Chicago, caused a slow, draggy trade. Yorkers opened at $5 40 to $5 45, mostly $5 45, and good mixed medioms and heavy, $5 40 to $5 50, the outside price only for good to choice heavy; mixed packers, $5 40 to $5 45; a few choice sold early at $5 50. Pigs were in only fair demand at $5 50. A few lots of local butchers', closely selected, went at a shade more.

Sheep and Lambs—Offerings were 130 cars—the heaviest run of the season. The market ruled dull and fully 15c lower for sheep of good quality, and 25c off for common to fair grades, while lambs were fully 25c lower for all kinds—in some instances more. Reports from the east were unfavorable and the attendance of feeder-buyers was rather light. The best native lambs only brought $4 35 to $4 50, and had to be very choice at these figures; fair to good lots sold at $3 50 to $4 25; good to choice 90 to 110 lb mixed ewes and wethers ranged from $3 to $3 25, and fair to good $2 50 to $3 85. There were several loads of choice wethers suitable for the export trade on offer, but the demand for these was very limited and prices lower, ranging from $4 25 to $4 75, as to quality and weight. The supply of Canada lambs was heavy—all of 25 cars; sales generally ranged at $4 50 to $4 65.

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Of Christmas gifts for her liege lord
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—Street cars are on wheels again.

—The Frank Tucker Company band paraded the streets yesterday.

—Brigadier Holland and wife, of this city, conducted the Salvation Army services in St. Thomas on Sunday.

—Rev. Dr. Griffin preached twice in this city Sunday on behalf of the superannuation fund of the Methodist Church.

—Mr. Daniel Lester will be incapacitated from his duties as tax collector for some days. He injured one of his legs in a fall.

—Mrs. R. D. Kilgour, of London, is very ill at the residence of her father, Mr. T. S. Edwards, St. George street.—[St. Thomas Times.

—Judge Edward Elliott, of this city, presided at the Petrolea Division Court recently, and was presented with an address from the local bar by George Monerief, Q. C.

—John T. Gibbons has been in jail for a few days past. It was on account of being unable to find sureties to keep the peace, but Gibbons was brought before Judge Wm. Elliot yesterday and bound over for a year.

—Donald McKellar, a molder living on the Pipe Line road, has received very serious internal injuries as a result of being crushed between a farmer's sleigh and a telegraph pole. It is probable that he will recover.

—Miss Nora Clench, who is visiting her friend Miss Cummings, in Hamilton, is more seriously ill than either she or her friends imagined some days ago. She is threatened with pneumonia, and Dr. Cummings has issued peremptory orders for the cancellation of her concert engagements.

—Mr. Wm. Wilson, of the North ward, was called to London last week to attend the funeral of his father. Mr. John Wilson, clerk of the township of Fullarton, also accompanied his brother to London. The deceased was 80 years of age, and had spent over 70 years of his life in the Forest City.—[Mitchell Recorder.

—Mr. Thos. Puddicombe is visiting London this week. He brought home with him about 100 pounds of gold ore on his last trip to Sudbury, and has taken it to London to have it assayed, and if it turns out fairly well they have struck a real bonanza.—[New Hamburg Independent.

—Alonzo Hall, the Lambeth hotel-keeper who was charged before Squire Smyth with allowing gambling on his premises, appeared again on Saturday, as judgment was then to be given. As the case is a rather difficult one to settle, judgment was again reserved for a week.

—Coroner Flock, of this city, has gone to Kerwood to hold an inquest on the bodies of Frank Taylor and Mrs. James Wilson, who were killed at that place by the Erie express on Sunday afternoon. On account of the prevalent grip it was impossible to secure the services of the coroner of Strathroy.

—Alexander Bonsor, who died at his residence, 193 Oxford street, Sunday, was a well-known personage. He was 57 years old, and had lived all his life in the city. His father, John Bonsor, still living, served in the Upper Canada rebellion, 1837. The deceased was an active member of the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church. He worked for Col. Lewis for 33 years. He was a member of Eureka Lodge, I. O. O. F.

—Mr. J. R. Sanderson, manager of the Mason & Risch Company, has a violin on exhibition at his warerooms, Richmond street, which was made by Stradivarus at Cremona, Italy, in 1678, just 215 years ago. It is valued at $1,000, and Mr. Sanderson is corresponding with a gentleman in the National Park Bank, New York, relative to its purchase. This violin has been tested by many celebrated violinists, among them being Franz Wilczeck, Herr Jacobsen and Remenyi.

—Alexander Bealton was charged in the Police Court yesterday by his half-brother, William Bealton, with stealing a suit of clothes. The accusation could not be proven, and a judgment of "not guilty" was registered. While under the influence of liquor Thomas Robinson ran away with a teapot from W. J. Reid's establishment. He pleaded guilty and was released on suspended sentence. George Underwood also became the worse of liquor. He went to his sister's house and knocked the door in. For this little diversion he was taxed $5 or twenty days.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. Eccles, formerly of this city, were buried in the old English Church Cemetery, St. Thomas, yesterday afternoon. The double funeral took place from Trinity Church. Rev. Canon Hill conducted the funeral service. The pallbearers were: For Mr. Eccles—Judge Ermatinger, T. Futcher, W. Armstrong, C. Norsworthy, J. McCausland and J. McLean. For Mrs. Eccles—Ald. D. Ferguson, J. Farley, J. H. Still, J. Baird, C. Roe and W. E. Leonard. Mr. John Labatt was among the old friends of deceased who were present.

Down on Bonuses.

Ratepayers Razzle-Dazzle the Council.

That Body, They Say, Is Extravagant and Improvident.

Eighteen Prominent Real Estate Owners Join the New Association—All the Bonuses Except that to the Grand Trunk To Be Tabooed.

A largely attended meeting of the London Real Estate Property Owners' Association was held in the council chamber of the Board of Trade last evening. The object of the society is stated to be the "advancement and discussion of matters having especial reference to municipal affairs and management;" criticism of "the taxation and expenditure; to prevent any unnecessary increase of the city debt; and to aid in the promotion of every matter that will tend to the maintenance of public order and the prosperity of the citizens generally."

Mr. Geo. T. Hiscox occupied the chair. The names of those who joined the association are: Messrs. Edmund Meredith, E. R. T. J. McDonough, W. D. Buckle, John B. Murphy, E. R. Cameron, William Scarrow, J. M. Parsons, George T. Hiscox, D. W. Blackwell, W. H. Hoskin, William Kenny, John Christie, William Hayman, A. W. Spry, John Drumgole, W. J. Craig, J. C. Judd, Edward McGarvey and John Campbell.

Besides these there were also present: Messrs. John Ramsay, Stephen O'Meara, A. P. Sainsbury, D. S. Sainsbury, William Kenny, John Sussex, J. G. Pritchard, R. Pritchard, John Ramsey, J. Burridge, L. Adams.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, George T. Hiscox; vice-president, John Christie; secretary, W. D. Buckle; treasurer, Wm. Scarrow.

The executive committee is to consist of four members from each ward. Partial appointments were made in every ward but No. 1, in which an extra name was subscribed. No. 1, Messrs. John Campbell, Edmund Meredith, W. J. Craig, J. M. Parsons, Wm. Kenny. No. 2, Stephen O'Meara, A. W. Spry. No. 3, W. H. Hoskin. No. 4, John Christie, John Drumgole. No. 5, J. B. Murphy, Wm. Hayman, D. W. Blackwell. No. 6, George Pritchard.

The auditors are George Pritchard and John Drumgole.

Mr. John Campbell was asked to speak upon the bonus question. As they were all aware, he said, the object of the society was to prevent any rash expenditures of money upon bonuses. At present several of these had been mooted by the council. There seemed to be a perfect epidemic for expenditure of large sums of money, the greater majority of which the large ratepayers were not prepared to countenance. It was simply absurd, for instance, to think of expending $200,000 on waterworks. To speak of erecting a new hospital at a probable cost of $100,000 was equally ridiculous. If the hospital accommodation at present was inadequate an addition good enough for all practical purposes could be erected for a few thousand dollars. The system of granting bonuses was wrong in principle. "Bounses are the confoundest fraud in existence," asserted Mr. Campbell with vehemence. This matter would never be set right until the Government enacted a law making the acceptance of a bonus a crime.

Mr. J. M. Parsons said that he had traveled from one end of the Dominion to the other, and could affirm that there was no prettier or better situated city in Canada than London. He had been asked to speak on the electric light question. If the forefathers of those present had known that the building of the London and Port Stanley Railway would have landed the city into an expenditure of nearly a million of money without any appreciable returns, they would have hesitated at commencing operations. Taxpayers of the present day should profit by the experience. A long and earnest consideration should be given to the question of an electric light works. As long as the proposition was presented under the present conditions he would vote against it. The annual outlay on an electric light plant had not been satisfactorily stated. After a great deal of figuring he had arrived at the conclusion that this consideration would total up $14,500, not taking into account insurance, wear and tear and incidentals. At present the cost of the lights was $22,560, leaving a balance of $8,060 in favor of ownership. Turning to the water main question, Mr. Parsons said that he did not think the city would grow rapidly enough during the next ten years to warrant any such outlay. There was no necessity for the adoption of such a proposal, anyhow. The present supply was entirely adequate to existing and expected demands. Too much waste was going on. For instance, if the Grand Trunk Railway Company's use of water was subject to the test of meter, not half the amount they were using (or rather wasting) would be consumed.

Mr. Edmund Meredith remarked that he had joined the association purely from a selfish motive. He found that while the taxes upon his property had been increasing the property was decreasing in value. He thought it high time that property owners were banding together to prevent unnecessary expenditures of money. At present the city's debt totaled $1,500,000. The assessment on the city property was $14,000,000. Two millions of this amount was a mortgage. And now the citizens were to be asked to add $600,000 to the debt. The debt under which the city staggered was enormous, and its position was indeed alarming. He was entirely against the proposition of building an additional water main. There was then this electric light business, in connection with which the mayor and several members of the council had gone to Chicago. "And you bet they are having a high old time," observed the speaker. "The idea of these men going to Chicago to inspect an electric light plant! None of them know anything about electric lights. They have told us so. Even the city engineer has admitted his ignorance. And these are the men who ask us to spend $66,000 on an electric light plant on their judgment." If this investment were so beneficial, he asked, why were not other cities in the Dominion going into such expenditures? Why was London going to do what other cities did not do? He did not believe that London had the smartest council in Canada.

Mr. George T. Hiscox was opposed to expending $50,000 on a new hospital. If the present building were not large enough a comparatively inexpensive addition could be built. It had been said that the building was not good enough. If, as had been rumored, nearly all the patients were paupers, he thought that if he was a pauper, and had such a roof over his head, he would be playing in big luck. He had nothing against the present council except that it was too extravagant. There were some men in it who had no more right there than he would have in the pulpit. They did not do their duty.

Mr. William Scarrow said that at times irresponsible people got into a council who had no reason to exercise economy. They had no interest in keeping down expenditure. But the larger number of aldermen were anxious to do their duty, and he thought that the majority of these would be glad to see such an association as that formed during the evening in operation. They would be better able to sound the ratepayers on public questions.

Mr. Stephen O'Meara said during the course of his speech: "We have a lot of duffers down there at the City Hall as employes, who sneaked in at $500 a year. After being there a few years they resign, and their services are said to be indispensable. Their salaries are then raised to $1,000. They are thus made gentlemen."

Mr. D. W. Blackwell thought that the idea which some might get from the discussion of the evening would be that the association was dead against all the bonus bylaws. He believed that it would be a calamity to the city if the Grand Trunk bonus of $100,000 was not voted. He would rather have his assessment doubled than see this bylaw defeated.

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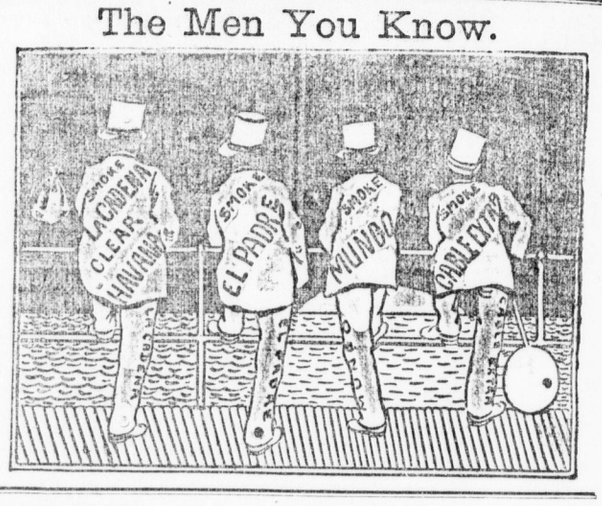

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