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TO-DAY'S MARKETS

RECORD-BREAKING ACTIVITY.

The financial expert of the New York
Telegraph says this week:

"I have carefully inquired into the recent speculative activity in Canada. I learn that the prominent exchanges in Montreal and Toronto have been recently somewhat busily engaged in record-breaking. We here know comparatively little of the securities traded in in those exchanges, but we have watched with a good deal of amazement the rapid and apparently sustained advance in Dominion Coal and Dominion Iron and Steel. I learn that the foundation of this movement is thought to be meritorious, and that the plans now under consideration with reference to those two properties are being carefully, matured, having as their end the improvement of both. High figures are talked of for these two securities if the preparatives the securities is the preventive of the securities are talked of for these two securities is the preventive of the securities of the securities are talked of for these two securities is the preventive of the securities are talked of for these two securities is the preventive of the securities are talked of for these two securities is the preventive of the securities are talked of for these two securities are talked of for these two securities is the preventive of the securities are talked of for these two securities is the securities are talked of for these two securities and securities and securities and securities and High figures are talked of for these two securities, if the prosperity of the steel industry continues for another twelvemonth, and those interested claim that the advance up to this point has not been purely speculative. In regard to Canadian Pacific, it has been my opinion for some time that compared with the price of similar stocks in our country the price has been too low. The news I hear concerning this property is very good, and the outlook for the next few months' business most excellent.

STOCK BOARD TIPS. [Special to Haight & Freese Co., 13 New York, April 16.—Stock market situation improving with settlement of Louisville and Nashville deal. J. P. Morgan and Common will be closing. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 1 rorthern spring 6s 3%4d; No. 1 California 6s 4%d. Futures steady; May, 6s %: July, 18 Morgan and Common will be closing. Masonic Temple, F. P. Rae, Mgr.1 Louisville and Nashville deal. J. P. Morgan and Company will determine disposition of L. and N., and that house is wery bullish on outlook. The Atchisons, Southern Pacific, Illinois Central, Monon, and the Steels will advance. Buy the Readings and Erie firsts, American Cotton Oil, Colorado Fuel and Iron, Tennessee Coal and Iron.

Statistically, P. St. 11%d. Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 5s 6½d; do, old, 5s 6¾d. Futures quiet; May nominal; July, 5s ¾d; Oct., §s. Peas—Canadian firm, 6s 10d. Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, firsts, American Cotton Oil, Colorado Fuel and Iron, Tennessee Coal and Iron.

New York, April 16.-The elimination L. and N, and its future position, and of official assurances that it will not be taken ever in any manner or form by any other company, and the placing of control of this company's property in the hands of the J. P. Morgan Company will have a favorable influence upon the general market. A disturbing element has been removed, and the price movement will now be governed by legitimate conditions and developments affecting individual of all actions regarding the control of developments affecting individual Sentiment has taken a more bullish turn, and we look for the an-nouncement of something out of the ordinary within the next ten days that will give a decided higher price power to the market.

11 a.m.-New York opened up, all stocks, to a greater or less extent, feeling the bullishness of London Stocks are a buy on all reactions, and the course of a week or ten days will show some startling value increases down the line.

The stocks which will benefit to the

#### greatest extent are Union Pacific, M. and P. and the coalers. MONTREAL STOCKS. MONTREAL, April 16. Ask.

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St. John Street Railway	115
Twin City Transit Railway 121	1203
Richelieu and Ontario	115
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Montreal Telegraph	100
Ball Telephone	
Bell Telephone	67 5
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Nova Scotia Steel, common, xd.115	1113
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Montreal Cotton	122
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Heat and Light.... Deminion Coal.... TORONTO STOCKS.

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Montreal Gas.
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Can. Pacific Railway Stock. 189%
Toronto Electric Light. 145
Ganerai Electric. 224
London Electric Light.
Commercial Cable. 158%
Cable Coup. Bonds. 95
Cable Reg. Bonds. 95
Dominion Telegraph. 115% 

inion Telegraph.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

BUFFALO, April 16.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, 78%c; No. 2 northern, 76%c. Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 34c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 68c; No. 2 yellow, 67%c; No. 2 corn, 67%c, on track. Oats—No. 2 white, 49%c; No. 3 white, 48%c, on track. DETROIT, Mich., April 16.—Wheat—No. 1 white, cash, 82%c; No. 2 red, cash, April and May, 81%c; July, 78c.

NEW YORK April 16.—Flour—Receipts

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

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ENGLISH MARKETS.		MARK	ETS.	

LIVERPOOL, April 16-Closing.

Hams-Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, firm.

Cheese—Firm: American finest white, 53s; American finest colored, 54s.
Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, spot firm,

Tallow-Prime city firm, 29s 6d.
Turpentine spirits-Strong, 32s 3d.
Rosin-Common firm, 4s 1½d.
Petroleum-Refined steady, 7½d.
Linseed oil-Firm, 31s.

# JOHN GIBBONS KNOWN TO BE A BAD MAN

Pleaded Guilty to Throwing Stones and Is Remanded for a Week.

Four big rocks made an ominous exhibit in an assault case at this morning's police court, and Martin Moran, as a result of coming in contact with one, had a bad-looking eye, that will

require some nursing. Late last night John Gibbons, whom the chief said ill-treated his wife before she left him, went to Mr. Moran's place, on Grey street, where his housekeeper was visiting, and demanded admittance, which was denied him. He was then very drunk. This angered Gibbons, and he began throwing large stones and broke several windows, besides injuring seriously Martin Moran. A little child was asleep in the damaged room at the time the stones were flying, and several rocks were produced which were found on the bed, any one of which would have been heavy enough to kill the little one. Gibbons pleaded guilty. He is well known to the police as being a worthless character, having been up for abuse and non-support of his wife several times. At the suggestion of J. B. McKillop, the prisoner was remanded

for a week. James Springer, who has been on one of his usual sprees, went down for 20 days because he was not possessed of \$5, and Wm. Clark, a well-known vagrant, will get free board for two months.

John Anderson, for driving a team over a sidewalk in East London, was assessed \$1. This is intended as a warning to others. Another case against Thomas Boyd was dismissed.

It is no unusual thing for a vessel plying between Japan and London to carry 1,000,000 fans of all kinds as a single item of its cargo. The famous Lowther Arcade, in the Strand, London's great toy market, is

to be abandoned to make room for a new bank building. The British navy has decided to build a new class of warships, a little stronger than the destroyer type, to be used for scouting purposes.

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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

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Today—Fair and mild.
Thursday—Fair and mild, but a few light, scattered showers likely. WEATHER NOTES. Fine, mild weather prevails throughout Canada, with no immediate prospect of any pronounced change.

# LATE LOCAL ITEMS

-Workmen are engaged today at the police station, which is to be entirely

remodeled. -Judge Edward Elliott, Capt. Robson and City Auditor Jewell are continuing the auditing of criminal justice accounts.

-Mrs. R. D. Millar, Elmwood avenue, South London, returned today from Florida, where she has been spending the winter with her son, Mr. Marvin -The water commissioners have op-

ened tenders for the new hydraulic pumps, but have not awarded the contract. The tenders were well within PREMIER IN STRATHROY.

Premier Ross passed through the city last night en route to Strathroy, where he will remain till tomorrow

JURORS SELECTED. The selection of jurors for the county by Judge Edward Elliott, Squire J. B. Smyth and J. B. McKillop, assistant clerk of the peace.

and Saturday. A decision will be reached in a day or two.

BROKE THIGH WHILE BOWLING. Mr. L. Paladino has returned from Cleveland, where he visited his brother. Mr. Joe Paladino. The latter, who is treasurer of the Lyceum Theater in that city, is suffering from a fracture of the thigh, sustained in a bowling alley.

DEATH OF JAMES MARSH.

An old resident of London township has passed away in the person of James Marsh, who died today after a long illness, at his residence on con. 5. He was 82 years of age. Five sons comprise the surviving family; Robert, who is turnkey at the jail; William and John, of South London; James, of Detroit, and Joseph, of Aldboro. Mrs. Marsh died some years ago.

# PREACHER BESIEGED IN THE EARLY DAYS

Marriages Were Not So Numerous in 1832, But Ministers Were Scarce.

Mr. Verschoyle Cronyn gave a most interesting address last night before the Middlesex Historical Society, using as material many of his own early memories and the records of the life of his father, Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, who came to London in 1832. That was the year of the cholera, and, as many had gone to the woods to escape the 400 people here at that time. Those remain, and he was besieged by lov- usual. ing couples who were anxious to be married. Many had lived together as man and wife, there having been no minister in the neighborhood to unite them more ceremoniously. Mr. Cronyn, marriages and often uniting the parents and baptizing their children. Many personal reminiscences were given by Mr. Cronyn, which added

greatly to the interest and historical value of his address. Mr. Cronyn called attention to a misleading statement in "Annals of the Colonial Church," a work published in Quebec many years ago, to the effect that the Hon, and Rev. Dr. Stewart had preached in London to a congregation of 250 on July 28, 1822, whereas the service referred to took place in the barn of the late Wm. Geary, on lot 15. con. 5. London township, and Mr. Cronyn read a letter just received from Mr. Freeman Talbot, of South Qu'Appelle, now in his 92nd year, who settled in the township of London in 1818,

in 1826, was the first building ever erected on London town site. The extension of railways into the Scotch Highlands is gravely declared to have been the cause of the depopulation of the district.

confirming this, and that Peter Mc-

Gregor's shanty, erected on King street

SPECIAL CUT-PRICE SALE Of Ladies' Umbrellas now en and ADKINS, THE JEWELER, MARTINGE LICENSES ISSUED.

# RECRUITING FOR SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES AT THE BARRACKS

Thirty or More Men Have Been Sarnia; Richard M. Benson, Thomas A. Manes, Parkhill, and Ernest J. Rob-Accepted for the New Contingent.

The work of recruiting went slowly on this morning at Wolseley Barracks. Only one more applicant offered himself and was accepted this morning. Whether or not Wolseley Barracks men will be permitted to go has not yet jection and he was therefore accepted. been determined. One of the regulars took French leave last night, and will no doubt try to enlist at some other point. The number of recruits accepted now is about 30, several who were accepted having learned that they cannot go. The list below contains the names of all who have passed the required examination, with the exception of the riding, and will in all probability be sworn in this evening: John H. Melmer, Gilbert Bounser, George Bedggood, Edgar Nelles and Stewart Kip-

erts, city; Joseph Heart, George Wharton, James Weir, Irwin Moore, Rowland Burr, Henry Caldwell, Wm. Corrick, Harold Wilson, Chas. Corrington, Henry Parker, Chas. Boyer, Wm. Eagleden, Joseph Blaney, Wm. White-ley, George Twitchell, Thomas Fountain, John McEwen, Charles Pannell, Albert Fair, of this city, and Gordon

Meers, of Parkhill. John H. Melmer is the only man who is married. His wife had no ob-Edgar Nelles is the eldest son of Secretary J. A. Nelles, of the Western Fair Association, and George Bedggood is the assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

George Hearst, of Hamilton, got as far as Halifax with the last contingent and was then sent back. It was rumored this afternoon that Col. Peters, D.O.C., had telegraphed to Ottawa for permission to allow married men to go in the detachment. All the men passed will be sworn in this afternoon, and when that ceremony is completed, it is said that the depen, city; George Heart, Hamilton; tachment will immediately leave for George Duguid, John Box, Frank Orr, Ottawa.

#### LACROSSE IS ON STILL HUNT IN A TANGLE. FOR POINTERS

Peterboro Deputation "See the Explanation of Trouble From Wheels Go Round." Toronto Viewpoint.

Have Bought a Waterworks System and Seek Information as to Operating It.

A deputation of town officials from Peterboro are in the city today acquiring some information about the municipal operation of waterworks plants. In the party are Mayor T. H. S. Denne, Water Commissioner W. H. Hill, Town Solicitor E. H. D. Hall, Town Clerk S. R. Armstrong, and Waterworks Superintendent H. Henderson. Peterboro has just acquired its waterworks system, paying \$250,000 therefor, and before adopting rules and bylaws for operating it, a tour is being made in order that the experience of other municipalities might be utilized. The deputation was taken to Springbank this morning by Secretary Ellwood, and shown over the plant. They left at 2:30 p.m. for Windsor, court in June was made this morning and they will also visit Brantford and

Brockville before going home. A member of the deputation, speaking to The Advertiser, said that the visitors had been favorably impressed with London's system, and that they The officers of the 7th Regiment are discussing the advisability of holding bi-weekly rife received by the local board of dially received by the local board of dially received by the local board of the kick. Failing to get a redisweekly riffe practices, on Wednesday water commissioners, and every courtisbution of the teams, these three detactions and been extended, and they declared themselves out, but that did not sired to express their appreciation of the way they had been treated.

The plans for the completion of the upper story of Victoria Hospital will be completed in time for the letting of tenders at next Tuesday's meeting of the trust.

Wm. Nicholls has taken out a permit for the erection of a one and a half story brick cottage at the corner of Blackfriars and the Wharncliffe high-

Ald. Winnett is acting mayor for the week, while the chief magistrate is absent at the horse show in Boston.

# SPRINGBANK HAS GREATLY IMPROVED

Beauty of Riverside Park Increasing-New Equipment at Pumping House.

The waterworks grounds at Springbenk have assumed their spring garb, the district committee, which they will and are looking very attractive. The not be, they cannot make any interlawns have been raked over and cleaned up. Posts, drinking fountains, lampposts, pipes and other ironwork have construct the senior series the exbeen given a coat of paint and look penses of this second, gathering must

bright and new. The concrete upon the dam suffered less from the spring freshets this year than last; and it is unlikely that the dam will have to be repaired this year. At present the water in the river is very low, but the putting on of the flashboards about the middle of May contagion, there were not more than will raise the river level several feet and make good boating. If the weather who were here begged Mr. Cronyn to keeps dry and warm the boards may be put on a week or two sooner than

It is expected that the new hydraulic pumps, to replace the present antiquated machinery, will not be installed before the fall. These new pumps will be of the most modern pattern, and it therefore, toured the district, guided will not take so much water to operalong the blazed paths by a man named ate them as the old ones. The level of Robert Parkinson, performing many the river, therefore, can be kept higher in summer than is the case with the present pumps.

# Cursory Comment.

The Russian Minister of the Interior, after being shot by a student, was taken to the Hospital Maximilianovsk. No wonder he died.

Ald. Winnett is probably asking himself why he ever thought of running for mayor, since the present chief magistrate lets him act so frequently.

It is only natural that the tenders received by the water commissioners should be well within the estimates.

Paine & Akers are the proprietors of a big Cleveland hotel. They probably cater to a long-suffering public. The curlers last night skipped no opportunity to make the evening a pleas-

While the curlers at the smoker last night had to content themselves with

ant one for their guests.

Meeting of City Baseball League to Consider Grounds Difficulty-Sporting News.

LACROSSE.

LOOKS LIKE A MIX-UP. Toronto Globe: The lacrosse situation yesterday for the senior C. L. A. was a case of sober second thoughts. At Monday night's meeting of the senior committee Shelburne was represented by P. Kelly, but that was not a genuine representation, as there is no chance of a senior team in Shelburne this year and Kelly himself is expected to play with London. In all probability it was just a manufactured vote for London's purposes. Mount Forest and Fergus withdrew early in the proceedings, and after much caucusing and lobbying, two districts, as named vesterday, were voted for by the majority. This arrangement put the "big" four-Tecumseh, Brantford, St. Catharines and Orangeville-in one group, leaving Paris, Woodstock, Stratford and London in the second district. This arrangement did not last log. St. Catharines had been trading votes with London, and when the Forest City was side-tracked produce the desired effect. The other five set to work to arrange a schedule

for themselves, leaving St. Catharines, London and Paris to flock by themselves as intermediates or juniors. The five clubs worked till 3 o'clock yesterday morning without being able to make a schedule that was mutually satisfactory. Then they made another leaving Woodstock and

Stratford by themselves.

When St. Catharines found out yesterday that their delegate had withdrawn the club from the senior series there was a busy time, and another St. Catharines man was immediately disbe made out of the remains. He didn't sultation. A day or two will bring further developments in the line of an effort to reconstruct the series, so that 500 points at 18-inch balk line, 1 shot St. Catharines will be in. London will in balk, and a side bet of \$500 for each also want to get back. The London, St. Catharines and

Paris combination also made out a schedule, but it is not worth printing, as they are not in the senior series, and until they are grouped together by mediate or other schedule so far as the C. L. A. is concerned. If another meeting is held to re-

be met by the bolters, said the other clubs on Monday night.

# BASEBALL.

CITY LEAGUE MEETING. There should be a full representation at the meeting at the Tecumseh House tonight of the City League managers. The question of securing grounds must be settled without delay, as the players require to fit themselves for the opening of the season, and cannot do so before proper practice grounds are secured. Get together, gentlemen, and arrive at some amicable conclusion.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY. It is settled that Charley Campau will again head the Binghamton bunch. Rochester was after him, but he will remain in the New York State League. The Count has certainly proven a success

The Count has certainly proven a success
as a manager.

Donovan's decimated team does not seem to have a chance to even make a bid for a respectable berth. It is lacking in class, and there is little prospect of Pat's players developing into stars. The infield is weak, the outfield is far from the ritchers. infield is weak, the outfield is far from strong, the pitchers are mediocre, and the catchers are not more than ordinary. There is no batting strength, individual or collective, and some of the highlytouted minor leaguers do not exhibit baseball intelligence of a high order. Pat's patience and precept may work wonders in a month or two, but he has a bad summer before him in a managerial way.—Sporting News.

Probably the largest man playing an infield position on any professional team Probably the largest man playing an infield position on any professional team is Simeon Murch, second baseman on the Lynn, Mass., team. He stands 6 feet 4 inches in height, and weighs 220 pounds. He is said to be a very fast fielder and a heavy hitter. Although he is only 20 years old, this is the fifth year he has played baseball.

Manager E. G. Barrow wants two experienced pitchers and a hard-hitting first baseman for his Toronto team. Good salary to right men.

BOWLING.

BOWLING EXECUTIVE MEETING. The executive of the Ontario Bowlnight in Toronto and practically selected Niagara-on-the-Lake as the place

The much mooted question of whist and ping-pong, instead of their favorite game, it was noticed that the smoke curled all evening.

Views of the members that a change in the rules of running the jock be recommended for a trial at the next doors of the vault, as the flames from the barrels were so close that it was

"Homen shouldn't vote on prohibition"
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bank or other obstruction be made from 12 to 18 inches in length, then, providing the jock is driven over the bank, the end is counted as dead, otherwise the jock remains in the ditch

as it rests. This proposition did not appeal very favorably to the meeting. The majority were opposed to any change in the rule, being of the opinion that none was needed. It was finally decided to appoint a committee composed of Messrs. Q. D. McCulloch, D. Carlyle, R. Hargraft, W. R. Cameron, C. Swabey and F. O. Cayley to secure all information possible pertaining to the rules prevailing in Scotland, Australia and other places where the game is played, and will report at the annual

CURLING.

WILL MEET IN NIAGARA. Niagara-on-the-Lake was practically decided upon as the place to hold the annual tournament, at the meeting of the Ontario Curling Association in Toronto last night. An effort will be made to induce some of the Scotch curlers to visit Canada next winter.

BILLIARDS.

SCHAEFER HAS ARRIVED. New York, April 16.-Jacob Schaefer, the world's billiard champion, has arpatched to Toronto to look over the rived from Paris, where he has been scene of the wreck and see what could giving exhibitions at the Grand Acad-Upon his arrival here he immeget much satisfaction here, and was diately pasted a forfeit of \$250, to bind referred to Brantford for further con- his match with Maurice Vignaux, scheduled to begin May 2. The play will be for the world's championship,

# STATEMENT OF BOER LEADERS' ATTITUDE

Said to Have Been Laid Before British Cabi-

net-More Guesswork. London, April 16 .- After the cabinet meeting, Lord Salisbury, the premier, had an audience of King Edward at Buckingham Palace, and stayed to lunch with his majesty. The latter af-

erwards went to Sandringham. Later it was asserted that the comnunication from Lord Milner, considered at the cabinet meeting, contained the first clear statement of the attitude of the Boer leaders, who, hitherto, had not agreed on the peace terms

they would accept. The St. James Gazette predicts an early public announcement of the progress of the peace negotiations. The paper says there is little doubt that if the British and Boers arrived at an understanding on the main points of the proposals, peace wil lensue, the banishment proclamation will be withdrawn, and minor points, like re-stocking the farms, will be referred to a board composed of British and Boer representatives.

# HOT TIME IN ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK

31,000,000 Silver Dollars in Danger of Being Melted.

New York, April 16 .- Thirty-one million dollars in silver bullion in the assay office at No. 30 Wall street has been in danger of being melted by a fire which burned in one of the basement rooms for two hours. None but the employes knew of the fire, and they finally overcame it without assistance. Next door to the assay office is the sub-treasury, where the government ing Association held their meeting last usually has from \$100,000,000 to \$200,-000,000 stored. In some way fire in the silver smelting room was communicated to hold the annual tournament, pro- to a barrel of lard mixture used in vided dates in August could be se- the smelting process. There were twenty - three barrels of mixture in the room and like a to run or not to run the jock was flash they were enveloped in a sheet taken up. It was maved and seconded that in view of bringing out the views of the members that a change vault of the room would be melted.

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impossible for any one to approach for the back boundary of the ditch a near enough to shut them. Fifty emdrilled for such an emergency, quickly at work, despite the dense All the windows and scuttles were

closed to prevent giving the alarm to the public, and, when after two hours' work the last vestige of the fire had disappeared, windows opened at the rear were used to carry out the smoke. THE TARIFF MAY

BE BROADENED

Duties May Be Placed on Various

Commodities. Holland's Queen Is Alarmingly III-Consultation of Her Physicians

Held - People Gravely

Concerned. TARIFF MAY BE BROADENED. London, April 16 .- Despite all efforts to minimize the importance of the revival of registration duties on grain and flour, it is evident that a new departure has been made in the direc-tion of a revenue tariff. The duties may be small and bakers may be unable to raise the price of the loaf, but Cobdenism has been struck at a most vital point. If small duties can be placed on foodstuffs they can also be levied on many commodities for revenue purposes. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach has reluctantly opened the way

for the transformation of the entire

tariff system. ILLNESS OF HOLLAND'S QUEEN. The Hague, April 15.-Queen Wilhelmina is seriously ill. There was a consultation last night of her physicians, Drs. Roessingh, Pot, and Albertsberg. The people are gravely concerned over her majesty's filness. It is believed that this attack is a repetition of her last indisposition. Prince Henry should have visited Ymuiden today, but did not leave the castle at Hoot Loo. The dinner and garden party for his birthday next Saturday have been countermanded. A dispatch from Hoot Loo this evening states that Queen Wilhelmina is suffering from a catarrhal affection, accompanied by high temperature. QUEEN'S CONDITION VERY SERI-

OUS. London, April 16.-A special dispatch from Amsterdam says: "Queen Wilhelmina's condition is hourly growing

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