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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, March 31—Noon.—There has been a general reactionary tendency manifested in the stock market today, although the average declines have been limited to fractions. None of the active stocks of yesterday are particularly aggressive, and St. Paul is inclined to dullness as compared with half a dozen other stocks. Union Pacific has sold down rather easily, although there was no particular pressure. Southern Pacific sympathized with it. Steel, preferred, has been one of the strongest stocks, and the most active on the list. Traders seem to think that the full dividend will be declared, but our information is to the effect that it will be reduced to 5 per cent. Atchison developed an easier tone early in the trading, but it is comparatively active. Both Copper and Missouri Pacific, which showed animation yesterday, are very dull and easy in tone. The opening market was strong, but there was no excitement and the best prices of the day were recorded soon after the opening. Sales to noon were 259,900 shares.

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MONTREAL.

	Montreal, March 31. Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	115¼	114¾
Winnipeg Electric	200	140
Montreal Street Railway	310	206
Toronto Railway	101	100
Halifax Street Railway	90	88
Twin City Transit Railway	92½	91⅞
Montreal Telegraph	164	155
Bell Telephone	138	137
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	9	8¾
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	28	..
Montreal Heat, Light	72¼	71¼
Nova Scotia Steel, common, xd	77¼	76
Detroit Railway	65	64¼
Montreal Cotton	102	..
Dominion Cotton	38	..
Street Bonds	106	103
Dominion Coal, common	60	59¾
Dominion Coal, pref	..	108
Int. Coal	160	75
Scotia, preferred	119	116
Ottawa	211	..
Molsons Bank	205	199
Merchants'	..	152
Ogilvie Flour	175	150
Ogilvie Flour	122	115
Ogilvie Bonds	112	..
Quebec Bank	..	117½
Union Bank	134	130
Commerce	..	150
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	..	57
Colored Cotton	..	95
Nova Scotia Steel Bonds	107½	110⅝
Toledo Railway	21¼	20

SALES: C. P. R., 25 at 115; Montreal Railway, 25 at 207; Toronto Railway, 10 at 100½, 25 at 100¼, 33 at 100; Twin City, 125 at 91¾; Montreal Cotton, 5 at 107; Merchants' Bank, 2 at 155; Bell Telephone, 43 at 137, 42 at 137¼; Coal, preferred, 80 at 109, 25 at 109, 16 at 109; Iron Bonds, 2,000 at 57½; Bank of Commerce, 1 at 151; Bank of Montreal, 2 at 246.

WILLIAM ABBOTT,

Bond, Grain and Stock Broker.

Corespondent W. F. Dever & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago. Stocks bought and sold on margin and for cash. 113 Masonic Temple. Long distance 'phone 1,113.

NEW YORK.

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

	New York, Mar. 31. Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	49¾	49¾	48⅞	49
American Sugar Co.	128	128¼	127⅛	127⅞
American Locomotive	21⅝	21¾	21⅝	21¾
American Refining	49	49¼	49	49¼
Atcheson, com	72½	72⅝	71⅞	71⅞
Atcheson, pref	91½	91⅝	90¾	91⅝
B. & O	80	80⅝	79½	79¾
Brooklyn Tran	44	44	43½	43⅝
C. P. R	115¼	115¼	115⅛	115⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	32¾	33¼	32¾	33
Chic. Great Western	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Chicago & Alton	38⅞	..	..	..
Col. Fuel and Iron	28	..	..	..
Consolidated Gas	198	198	197¼	197½
Delaware and Hudson	153	..	..	..
Erie	26½	26¾	26	26¼
Erie pfd	64½	64½	63⅝	63¾
Edison Gen. Electric	164¼	..	..	..
Illinois Central	130	130¼	130	130¼
Kan. and Tex, pref	39¼	39¼	38¾	38¾
Louisville and Nashville	108	108¼	107¾	108¼
Manhattan	143	143	142⅞	142⅞
Metropolitan St. Ry	112	112	111⅛	111⅛
Mexican Central	9⅞	10	9¾	9¾
M. P	93¼	93½	92¾	93
N. Y Central	116¾	..	..	..
Norfolk and W	58¾	..	..	..
Ont. and West	21¼	21¼	21¼	21⅛
Pacific Mail S. S. Co	27	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	118¼	118¾	117⅞	118
People's Gas	99	99⅝	98	98¾
Reading	45	45⅝	44⅞	44⅞
Rock Island	23	23	22¾	22¾
Southern Railway	22¼	22¼	21⅞	22¼
Southern Ry, Pfd	83¾	84	83½	84
Southern Pacific	49¾	50⅛	49⅝	49⅞
St. Paul	144¾	145¼	144	144¼
Texas	24⅞	24⅞	24⅛	24⅛
Tennessee Coal & Iron	39	39¼	38½	38⅞
Union Pacific	85½	86⅛	84⅞	85½
Union Pacific, pref	92¼	..	..	..
U. S. Leather	6⅞	7	6⅞	7
U. S. Leather, pref	78	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, com	11¼	11½	11¼	11⅛
U. S. Steel, pref	58¾	59¼	58⅝	59
Wabash, com	19⅝	..	..	..
Wabash, pref	37¼	37¼	37⅛	37⅛

SALES: Bank of Toronto, 4 at 255; Traders' Bank, 30 at 137; Canada Northwest Land, preferred, 3,625 at 100; Toronto Electric Light, 25 at 130, 4 at 130; R. and O., 5 at 83¾; Sao Paulo, 10 at 91¼, 5 at 92, 3 at 92½, 100 at 93, 10 at 92½, 5 at 92¾; C. P. R., 100 at 115⅝; Bank of Commerce, 7 at 152; Dominion Bank, 20 at 224½; Twin City, 20 at 92, 25 at 92; Coal, 25 at 59¾, 25 at 59⅞, 50 at 60⅛, 50 at 59⅞, 5 at 60; Nova Scotia Steel, 25 at 77½, 25 at 77½; Bell Telephone, 25 at 137, 25 at 136¾.

TORONTO.

	Toronto, March. 31 Ask.	Off
Ontario		125
Toronto	226	224¼
Commerce	153	151½
Imperial	219	218
Dominion	228	224⅝
Hamilton	210	208
Nova Scotia	270	..
Traders	137	136
Sao. com	62	61
Sao. pref	120	119
British America	100	..
Western Assurance	80	79
Imperial Life		149
Consumers Gas	206½	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land		94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	100	99½
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	115½	115
Toronto Electric Light	..	130

General Electric	113	..
London Electric	100	..
Commercial Cable	..	175
Dominion Telegraph	..	114
Bell Telephone	137	136¾
Niagara Navigation	..	115
N. L. and C. Navigation	102	..
Twin City Railway, new	92½	91½
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	160
Sao Paulo Tramway	93¼	92¼
Dominion Steel, com	9¼	8½
Dominion Coal, com	60	59¾
Nova Scotia Steel	77	77½
Canada Salt	1.5	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
British Canadian L. and I	..	80
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv	104	102
Canada Permanent	122	121
Canada Savings and Loan	..	110
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	119
Huron & Erie L. & S. Co	..	179
Manitoba Loan	95	..
Toronto Mortgage	..	91½
London Loan	120	..
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	121½
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	57½	57
Nova Scotia Steel	..	105

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H. C. BECHER,
Bond and Stock Broker, 412 Richmond St.

LOCAL MARKET.

London, Thursday, March 31.

The rain spoiled what promised to be a good market. As it was, there was a very small crowd at today's session. Sales were brisk and prices were again a trifle higher.

No grain of any kind had been offered up to 11 o'clock.

Several loads of hay sold at $8 to $8 75 per ton.

Butter and Eggs—Butter was in fair supply and prices ranged from 16c to 17c for crocks and 18c to 19c for pound rolls. Eggs were in good demand and prices were higher, at 20c to 22c per dozen wholesale, and 23c retail.

Potatoes and apples were wanted, but none were offered up to 11 o'clock.

Poultry—A few lots of turkeys sold at 17c per lb wholesale; chickens brought 90c to $1 10 per pair for the few lots offered.

Vegetables were unchanged in price; the supply was smaller than it usually is for this day of the week.

Maple Syrup—A large lot was shipped in from Arkona, and sold at $1 25 per gallon; the demand was brisk.

Dressed Hogs—About 40 carcases offered today; sales at the opening of the market were made at $7 per cwt, but later on prices dropped to $6 75 per cwt.

Butchers' Meats—There was a fairly large supply; sales were slow and prices a trifle easier; beef sold at $5 50 to $7 per cwt; veal, choice, $7; inferior, $5 to $5 50; mutton, $5 to $7.

HOUSES TO LET—HOUSES AND LOTS for sale on monthly installments. See list at Scarrow's Wallpaper store, 233 Dundas street. 6ltf

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, March 31.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	96	96⅝	95⅝	96⅞
July	87¾	88¾	87⅛	87⅞
Sept	82¼	82⅝	81½	81⅞
Corn—May	55	56¼	55⅞	56⅛
July	53⅛	52⅝	52⅞	53⅛
Sept	52	52⅝	51⅞	52
Oats—May	41⅞	42½	41¾	41⅞
July	39¾	39¾	39¼	29⅞
Sept	33¼	33¼	32⅞	33
Pork—May	12 85	13 15	12 85	13 15
July	13 05	13 87	13 05	13 35
Lard—May	6 90	7 00	6 90	6 97
July	7 02	7 15	7 02	7 15
Ribs—May	6 77	6 90	6 77	6 90
July	6 95	7 07	6 95	7 07

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, March 31.—Butchers' cattle are selling fairly well; export cattle are a slow trade; good milch cows are selling well, and medium or common are rather slow. Quotations:

Export cattle, choice, cwt	$4 50	@	$4 80
Export cattle, medium	4 25	@	4 50
Export cows	3 00	@	3 50
Export bulls	3 40	@	3 50
Butchers' cattle, choice	4 00	@	4 40
Butchers' cattle, medium	3 75	@	4 00
Butchers' cattle, common	3 00	@	3 50
Feeders, short-keep	4 25	@	4 50
Feeders, medium	3 50	@	4 00
Stockers	2 50	@	3 25
Milch cows, each	30 00	@	55 00
Heavy ewes, cwt	3 50	@	4 00
Light sheep	4 00	@	4 50

EASTER EXAMS AT COLLEGIATE

Continued from page 3.

Browne, Harold Ellis, Stuart Fisher, Wm. McCallum.

Class V.—Wm. Davidson, E. Shuttleworth, Wm. Thompson, Chas. Granger, L. Hendry, Kenneth MacLean, Seymour Ross, R. Forsythe, Harold Tanny, Lloyd Moffatt, James Overend, John Stewart.

Class V.—E. Sage, Wm. Brener, F. McLaughlin Kenneth Stone, Harold Wood, Percy Bowman, Albert Herrick, Harold Tanton, Dan McInnis, Walter Harding, Walter Nixon.

Class VI.—Fred Reed, Harold Widdowson, F. Bowen, Jas. Crawford, W. Ramsey.

FORM IA.

Class I.—Muriel Boyle, Jack Althouse, Grace Gilbert, Hazel Brownlee, Stuart Hudson, Marjorie Nash, Harold Wilkie, Thornton McBride, Doris Liddicoatt, Frank Dennison, Ethel Teasdall, Donna Wheeler, Charles Ivey, James Carmichale, Norman Marr, Hughena Young, Frank Gahan, Jean McCrimmon, Llewellyn O'Neil, Clifford Whitehead, Russel Spry, Grace Edwards, Mildred Anthistle, Harry Kettie, Jessie Mitchell, Alice Moore.

Class II.—Kenneth Gunn, Edna Pratt, John Jamieson, Adrian Macdonald, William Beech.

Class III.—Ethel Pinch, Arthur Duncan, Vesta Vail, Carrie Leech, Gilbert Chisholm.

Unclasisfied—Bessie Callandar, Arthur Johnstone.

FORM IB.

Class I.—Elfleda Smith, Lillian Nixon, Howard Break, Anna Kennedy, Willie Cox, Clifford Martin, Rupert Doupe, Frank Mortimer, Norman Wilson, Lebert Jones, Murray Eastwood, Stewart Brown.

Class II.—Bertha Busby, Percy Graham, George Angus, Wemyss Chisholm, Rose Self, Ethel Wilson, Donald Hamilton, Irene Stockwell, Robert Mitchell, Harold Hyttenrauch, Harry Ralph, Douglas Aiken.

Class III.—Lilias Strong, William Anderson, Hedwedge Girard, James Moffatt, Will Fleming and John Brennan.

Class IV.—Frank Hodges.

FORM IC.

Class I.—Thomas Tanton, May Darch, Dell Page, Gladys Barrat, Gordon Weir, Charles Clark, Elva Watterworth, Ambia Going, William Thompson, Ella Campbell.

Class II.—Thomas Cheasley, Elliott Ballantyne, Libbie Miller, Winnifred Sanborne, Blanche Moore, Tom Rowat, Edmund Penny, Hazel Edison, Wilmer Nelles, Robert Kingsmill, Fred Shortill, Fred Wright.

Class III.—Florence Stevely, Jack Ferguson, Edna Rumians, John Wilson, William B. Henderson, Kelso Creighton, Irene Edy, Dora Miner, Lorne Wood, Elva Rogers.

Class IV.—Stanley Houston.

FORM ID.

Class I.—Maud Avery, David Crombie, Wm. Taylor, Ray Moore, Chas. Blizard.

Class II.—Vivian Reeve, Ewen Rogers, A. M. McPherson, Ethel Dodd, Ray Cannom, Jas. Bryan, Vernon Davis, George Braund, Edna Green, Lena Dunn (equal), Robt. Morrow, Edward Housen.

Class III.—Hazel Douglass, Thomas Pethick, Annie Barrell, Warnock Spence, Mabel, MacRobert, Leonard Sage, Geo. Gunn.

Class IV.—Cyril Coughlin, Berta Cassidy, Minnie Mara, Reginald Hardman (equal), Bell McLachlan, Muriel Elliott, Pearl Bland, Millie Flawn, Sarah Sherlock, Eva Wildern.

Unclassified — Walter Graham, Melville Park, Ethel Bradford, Nellie Miller.

FORM IE.

Class I.—S. Cochrane.

Class II.—H. Snell, H. Pope, E. Brunton, S. Wyatt, M. Seccombe, E. Vanstone, S. Meredith.

Class III.—E. Glen, F. Brill, T. Purdom, F. Brickenden, V. Macdonald, W. Kettlewell, G. Thompson, H. Fair, E. Ferguson.

Class IV.—N. Moon, H. Lawson, D. Whitter, S. Ellis, L. Butler, D. Robinson, C. Allan, H. Willis, G. Tytler, T. McInnes.

Class V.—M. Hodgins, M. Moffatt, W. Ashplant, G. Platt.

Unclassified — I. Snibert, V. Sanborn.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

FORM A.

Class I.—Mabel Hardie, Alice Hardie, Florence Weekes, Mamie Weekes, Ethel Fitzgerald, Meda Gould, Isabella McKitterick, Frances Nugent, Alice Wilson, Leda Fortner.

Class II.—Ina McLoud, Lucy Singleton, Margaret McLarty, Gertrude Reed, Hazel Collins, Olive McNeill.

Class III.—Laura Barton, Bessie Chambers, Willie McKeown, Ethel Rymill, Mary McIntyre, Luella Baillie, Irene Foster, Ethel Russell, Lizzie Newcombe, Maude Carrothers, Mary Fitzgerald, Florence Harter.

Class V.—Veda Cousins, Myrtle Glass, Pearl Mahoney, Kathleen Marshall, Edith Stilson, Ada Jackson.

FORM B.

Class I.—Harry Roblin, John McElheran, Ernie Robinson.

Class II.—Harold Rennie, Joseph Foulds, Chester Guest, Merton Weir, Clifford Reed, Rennie Gray, Clarence Donaghy, Harold Callard, Norman Yelland, Leo Reilly, Reggie McKenzie, Willie Scott, Robert Milliken, Willie Robson.

Class III.—Frank Garceau, Harold Gillean, Leron Taylor, Willie Gough, Dave Miller, Albert Taschereau, Willie Armstrong, Stuart Scott, Fred Elliott, Victor Pudney, Charlie Rutter.

Unclassified — Hartford Short, Eddie Sproule.

FORM C.

Class I.—Geo. D. McKeown, Elsie Hoare, St. Morris R. Fitzgerald, E. Shotwell.

Class II.—E. McConnel, J. Cameron, M. Woodard, W. Blackwell, S. Flannigan, M. Horwood, C. Mahony, O. Laird, S. Gleeson, J. Sing.

Class III.—L. Darch, M. Walton, P. Stoneman, C. Nuttycombe, John McCell.

Class IV.—S. Sutherland, J. Chantler, W. Stroyan, C. Hawkin, W. Smyth, A. Mallock.

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WROTE A WARM LETTER

City Engineer Protests Against Street Railway Service.

No Answer Yet Received to Engineer's Previous Letter.

The only thing new in street railway matters is that Engineer Graydon today wrote Manager Carr a rather warm letter regarding the service being put on by the company. There have been many complaints registered with the city engineer the past few days, and he has written Mr. Carr to the effect that the service must be improved at once. One citizen told the engineer today that he was compelled to wait betwen 15 and 20 minutes last night for a belt line car, and it is said that something went wrong on the Hamilton road line between 7 and 8 last night, and there were no cars south for over half an hour.

Mr. Carr has not as yet answered the engineer's last letter, regarding the payment of the cost of removing the ice on the Dundas street pavement.

It is said that the costs to the company in the recent lawsuit with the city will foot up to over $2,000, the company being compelled to pay the city's as well as their own costs, excepting, of course, the counsels' fees.

Yesterday the cost of entertaining the London deputation in Toronto was given. Now a citizen wants to know what it cost to send the London alderman and the engineer to Hamilton and Toronto. The amount was $125.

Four-inch alarm gongs, connected with the gong in the central fire station, are being placed in all the firemen's houses, so that they will be awakened with the first sound of the big gong for a fire.

Auditor Jewell has returned from Walkerville, where he went over the books of the Pere Marquette, so as to determine the percentage on the overplus earnings London is entitled to under the company's lease of the L. and P. S. R.

The mayor of Walkerville, accompanied by two of the aldermen, were in London today looking at pavements. They went over Dundas and Richmond streets to see the asphalt, and also took a look at the Warren bitulithic pavements on York and Talbot streets.

Lawrence Nichols has taken out a building permit for a story and a half brick veneer dwelling on Elmwood avenue, South London.

Order Easter eggs at the Olympia.

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RIVER RISING---WEST LONDONERS ARE ANTICIPATING ANOTHER FLOOD

Residents of Lower Section Getting Anxious—Effect of Flood On House Rents.

If present indications count for anything, the Thames River is about to go on another rampage, and if the water reaches anything like the height it attained on Saturday last, West London will be in for another soaking—at least the south portion of West London, which suffered so greatly during the recent flood.

With the rather warm rain of this morning, and the consequent filling up of all the creeks that serve as feeders to the river, both branches of the Thames have steadily risen since 5 o'clock, and at noon 5 feet 6 inches of water were going over the Springbank dam. Thus the river is exactly 5 feet lower than at the time it reached its greatest height on Saturday morning last.

Today the stream is much wider than at any time since Sunday morning, and the water is slowly lapping its way upward on either bank. At the boathouse on the north side of Dundas street bridge, the water is but three feet from the lower door. All along the banks, cakes of ice which had been deposited by the recent flood are being floated out into the current as the water rises around them, as are also logs and timbers which strewed the bank. As yet no general flow of ice from the north has made its appearance, but this is looked for by tonight or tomorrow if the rain does not cease.

Already the people of the lower districts of West London are beginning to furtively scan the river. In the southern section of the village not a carpet is down in a house, and in fact, in a great many homes the floors are not yet dry, and the results of the flood of Saturday have not as yet been fully overcome. After all their hard work of the past four days striving to make their houses habitable once again, the people fear that they have not seen the end of their troubles, and that they are in for another wetting and exile from their homes.

The people realize fully that the breakwater on the south end affords no protection now. They complain bitterly that the city has made no move worthy of being termed a determined effort, to repair the breakwater, and today the holes made in it in order to allow the water to flow out some days ago, are wide open. At the foot of Wilson avenue, at the sluice, there is a bad break, and only two men with a team were working upon it. At the foot of Wyatt street, where the big washout occurred on Douglas avenue, the large hole has not been repaired, and West Londoners say that at their present rate it will take the corporation laborers a month to fill in the break. It is thought that a rise of three or four feet in the river will see the water backing into West London again.

It appears that many West Londoners who live in the lowest and most exposed sections of the suburb are anxious to move into the city, or further north in West London, on to high ground, but they find it impossible to secure houses. To a reporter a West Londoner said that the flood had caused a great demand in the city proper for houses, and that the men who had houses to rent were taking advantage of the situation and were tacking on as high as $2 a month, because they knew the people who had suffered by the flood were ready to pay anything to get away before they were again caught in the water.

The sidewalks of West London have not yet been cleaned of the mud which has covered them since their immersion, and today the walking along Dundas, Wyatt and other streets, was most disagreeable, and dangerous as well, for the boards were very slippery.

There are a few houses vacant in West London now, certain families having pulled up stakes and moved into the city. The yards of many places are also full of cakes of ice, etc.—mementoes of the flood. All the hollows contain miniature lakes, too, though the lake in the ball park still remains one of rather decent proportions.

Yesterday one of the corporation men measured a cake of ice, and, it is said, that it was 3 feet 6 inches thick—one of the heaviest floaters that has so far been found in the village.

This morning several flocks of wild ducks hovered over the river, principally in the vicinity of the Saunby dam.

FORCE AT THE GRAND TRUNK CAR WORKS TO BE SLIGHTLY REDUCED

Twenty Men Only To Be Laid Off—Staff at Round House Will Not Be Affected.

The move in the line of retrenchment recently decided upon by the management of the Grand Trunk has reached this city.

This morning Mr. Thomas Treleaven, master car builder at the East London shops, received word from Montreal to make an immediate reduction in the working force of which he is the head. The order did not state what number of men were to be laid off, but simply notified Mr. Treleaven to reduce the pay roll of the shops until it reached a certain figure.

There are slightly over 400 men employed at the shops, and as there is generally more work waiting than can be done by the staff, it is not expected that any very considerable reduction would be made.

Mr. Treleaven said this afternoon that the effect of the order from Montreal would be scarcely noticeable, as it meant the discharge of not more than twenty men. With the several departments, the reduction would be hardly noticeable, as no one department in particular is to suffer.

The order goes into effect tonight, when the men not required will receive their notices.

The staff at the Grand Trunk roundhouse will not be reduced. The locomotive foreman said today that both in the roundhouse and in the fitting shop the force was so small now that to further reduce it would mean that the necessary work could not be turned out.

The business men of the city will be particularly interested in knowing that the reduction of the railway staff here will be so small.

FISHING FOR GUDGEONS

Clumsy Bait Presented to the Simple-Minded.

Told They Can Reach St. Louis for a One-Dollar Bill.

A story was heard this morning which if it be true only serves to show that a great many people have still a great deal to learn.

It is said that lately a man went around London South and made a door-to-door canvass of the streets asking if the occupants had in their possession any American one-dollar bills of a certain issue. When he discovered they had in an oily manner he would explain to them that they were of great value—that the authorities of the St. Louis Fair had offered to give any one who possessed them free passage to the exposition. Some people jumped at this and were given a little printed ticket which stated that they could go to the fair for nothing. On inquiry being made it was found that the tickets were worth three cents a thousand.

It is supposed that the scheme originated from an advertisement that appeared in several newspapers not long ago, which stated that American dollars would be accepted in payment of tickets. The fakir put a different construction upon it, stating that one American dollar of the right kind was good for a free trip.

TOMORROW'S POSTAL SERVICE.

There will be but one postal delivery tomorrow—that in the forenoon. The wicket at the postoffice will be open from 8 to 10 a.m., and 6 to 7 p.m., and the lobby all day. Mails will be dispatched from the office as usual all day.

FAKE COLLECTOR AT WORK

Soliciting Money for Relief of Flood Sufferers.

Warm-Hearted Farmers Have Been Fleeced by the Imposter.

The Advertiser this morning received word that fakirs, alleging to have been appointed to collect relief money to help the sufferers of the West London flood, had been operating west of this city.

A farmer named Woodhull, residing near Kilbourne, was among those who were taken in by a pitiful story of the sufferings of the people in West London, and he contributed a couple of dollars towards the revenue of some smooth flimflammer.

A description of the man who is operating was not forthcoming, but the tale that he told was heard. He must have started on the trail Tuesday or earlier, because he visited Kilworth, on that day, and "did" several people in the vicinity. He said that the West Londoners were in a terrible state of destitution, and that he had been commissioned to go among the farming community, "who were always so ready to help the suffering." He asked for money, but would not refuse to take bedding or clothes. He told that the people were huddled together in their houses with no fuel and scarcely anything to eat. Children were going around with scarcely any clothing, and the houses were in a terrible condition. He told so plaintive a story that many were moved by it, and he went away thanking them for "their kindly Christian spirit."

The high constable was notified this morning, and the constables throughout the country are requested to be on the lookout for this man. Farmers should show the fellow a bulldog instead of a well-filled sock.

$5,000 ITEM FOR A NORTH END FIRE HALL HAS TO GO, 'TIS SAID

No. 3 Committee's Estimates a Shock to Aldermen—Chief Clark Starts Reformation.

The estimates of No. 3 committee, which were presented last night, have given the members of the other committees a shock, and it is likely that some great paring will take place at the council meeting Monday night. One of the aldermen—he is not a member of No. 3, by the way—stated today that at least two items of No. 3's estimates will be struck out—that of $3,000 for a new fire hall in the north end, and the $2,500 item for the repairing of the market house. As far as fire hall estimates are concerned, there will be no paring, but the alderman quoted thinks it is up to the council to throw out the market and fire hall proposals. So far every civic body is asking for more money this year than last, and the increase in the taxes which ensue as a result of the increase in the assessment has been exceeded several times over. To those who have observed the current of events closely it would appear now, as it appeared some time ago, that it will be necessary to increase the tax rate in order to meet the expense. The knives are being sharpened, however, and a large amount of cutting is in store for some estimates. It is not a foregone conclusion that the market house appropriation will be struck out, as it is said the committee were promised that this amount would be placed in the estimates this year if they would consent to hand over their surplus to the council in order to save that body as a whole from the stigma of a deficit.

Vital statistics registered with City Clerk Edwards show that during the month of March, heart disease played a great part in causing deaths in London. Of the 67 deaths recorded, 8 were from heart disease, 1 from grip, 5 from pneumonia, 1 from diphtheria, and about a dozen from old age, the other deaths resulting from a variety of causes. The list includes quite a few infants, and not a few people, mostly men, between the ages of 20 and 30. The greatest age recorded was 84. Of the 67 deaths, 20 of them were of persons between the ages of 60 and 80, and 5 or 6 were between 50 and 60. The following table shows the births, marriages and deaths for January, February and March:

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
January	73	23	59
February	85	20	48
March	67	28	67

From the above, it is seen that the death rate for March, though not as great as for February, greatly exceeds that of January. As compared with February, the deaths fell off 11, the births decreased 18, and the marriages increased 8. The birth registrations for March includes one of a baby born on Feb. 29. Consequently this baby, being of the leap year variety, will have a birthday but once in four years.

Chief Clark has begun his duties well. His first act in the way of reformation has been to issue an order that in future no fire horses are to be exercised in wagons. The men must now ride the animals up and down the street, and must not go further than Richmond street on the west and Clarence street on the east, so that the men and horses will be on the ground instantly should an alarm be sounded. Chief Clark thinks that the men will be given first-class exercise riding the horses, and when called to a fire the latter will not have to be unhooked from an exercise wagon, as formerly, but can be driven under the harness in the hall without delay. It is said the men will be allowed saddles at first, but as they grow accustomed to riding, they will be compelled to ride bareback, so that even the time lost in removing a saddle may be done away with. The new chief has also provided the fire wagons with light, strong ropes, so that at a fire the firemen can run upstairs, or climb a ladder to a window where they intend to throw a stream of water, throw the rope down, have it secured to a line of hose, and then pull the hose up, instead of carrying the hose up the stairs as formerly, or even up the ladder. Already men are at work equipping the doors of the stalls in the central station with springs, in order that they will open automatically when the alarm sounds. The aldermen are saying nothing, but they appear greatly pleased with the new chief thus far.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Search for the body of the late Duncan McMartin continued today. His friends and relatives eagerly hunted along the banks, but met with no success.

—Mr. A. T. Freed, formerly editor of the Hamilton Spectator, who has been attending the Scottish Rite reunion, made a call on The Advertiser before leaving for his home in Hamilton.

—The junior Y. M. C. A. basketball team start on their tour tomorrow morning. Secretary A. S. Hopper will spend the holiday in Toronto, in conference with Y. M. C. A. men there.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler, one of the oldest residents of this district, died this morning at the Aged People's Home. She is survived by one son, Charles, of Lexington, Mich., and one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Precious, of Goderich.

—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Engineer Simmie reported that 5 feet 9 inches of water was going over the dam, and that the river was then rising very rapidly. The probabilities for tomorrow say mild with rain, so that the chances for a flood appear very great.

THE CLEARING HOUSE.

London Clearing House business for the week ending March 31 was $686,571; for the month of March $3,565,954.

ON HIS WAY TO SPAIN.

Mr. Robert Scott, of San Jose, Cal., and formerly of this city, was in the city this week visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. C. N. Harris, 50 Elmwood avenue. He will sail next Wednesday from New York for Europe, and expects to be in Spain for about a year. He has a contract to build several quicksilver furnaces at the mines in Grenada.

SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION

The 9-year-old son of Mrs. Toohey fell on the ice in front of his home, 345 William street, the other day, and sustained a concussion of the brain. He was unconscious for over a day, but is now on the road to recovery.

F. C. B. C. CLOSING HOP.

The members of the F. C. B. C. Glee Club entertained a large number of guests at their closing dance of the season at the Palace Dancing Academy Tuesday evening. A popular programme was rendered, and a most enjoyable evening spent by all present. The following committee had charge of the affair: J. A. Wilson, C. Carmichael, P. T. Clark, H. J. Stephens.

TWO MORE CIVIL CASES.

The total number of civil cases now entered for the assizes, which begin on Tuesday, is now seven. Two more were entered late yesterday, as follows: Nicheis vs. Corporation of Newbury; a claim is made by the plaintiff for $2,000 damages for injuries received on property of the defendants. Blackburn & Cox for plaintiff, Meredith & Fisher for defendants. London and Western Trusts Company vs. Jones, dower by widow. Meredith, Judd & Elliott for plaintiffs; R. K. Cowan for defendant.

CHARGED WITH STEALING.

Chief of Police Wilson, of Strathroy, came to the county jail this morning with Frank Lawrence, a photographer, who claims Chicago as his home. He was charged with stealing a suit of clothes and other articles from Jas. Sutherland, a farmer residing about twelve miles from Strathroy. Magistrate Noble sent Wilson for trial at the next general sessions of the peace.

DEATH OF MRS. E. MENZIE.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Menzie occurred last night at the residence of her daughter, 446 Nelson street. She was 76 years of age, and was born in Scotland. She moved to this country when a bride, settling in Galt. Twelve years ago she came to London. About six weeks ago her son died, and this shock proved too much for her. Her husband was the late Alexander Menzie, and she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. George Bellamy and Miss Maggie. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Order Easter eggs at the Olympia.

30 Days of Grace For Payment Of Renewal Premiums....

DURING WHICH THE POLICY CONTINUES TO BE IN FULL FORCE.

We make this announcement because a certain life company has refused to pay the insurance on the life of a Policyholder who died during the 30 days of grace when the premium was unpaid.

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