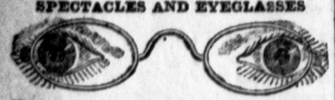
SPECTACLES AND EYEGLASSES



Were formerly manufactured all one size, and those requiring the aid of lenses were particularly fortunate if they succeeded in getting a pair to fit the face, even were the lenses correct, as in the above illustration. You will see people every day fitted with ready-made spectacles, which without doubt injure the vision by constantly straining the accommodative muscles of the eyes. Modern science and mechanics are within the past few years advanced so that those professionally learned in the art can adjust frames to fit the face and lenses to be perfectly corrected to the pupillary distances of the eyes. Prof. Wesley Cathcart has made a special study of the eye, or more particularly that feature of correcting and adjusting spectacles and eyeglasses to all kinds of ametropia, measuring the defects in the refraction of the eyes with the precision only acquired by this extensive practice and study of this specialty. He makes no charges for an examination of the eyes. A. S. Murray & Co.'s old stand, 180 Dundas street, JOHN BRODIE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS SINCE LAST ISSUE

TO ADVERTISERS.--All changes of advertisements must be handed in not later than 4 p.m. on the day previous to be sure of insertion. Advertisements and business notices must be arranged for in the counting-room.

Men's and Boys' Clothing--Oak Hall.
Ocean Tickets--F. S. Clarke.
Lolu, Tar and Tamarack.
Anchor Line Sailings.
Store to Let--Flock & Flock.
Notice--A. S. Abbott.
Folding Beds--London Furniture Co.
Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co.
"Tarbox" Self-Wringing Mop.
Lecture--"Y" Rooms.
Boy Wanted--McCormick & Co.
Situation Wanted--400 Queen's avenue.
Flour--A. M. Hamilton & Son.
London Municipal Notices.
Hardware--Hobbs Hardware Company.
Salesmen Wanted--428 Richmond street.
Servant Wanted--282 Piccadilly street.
Pup Lost--Dr. F. P. Drake.
Servant Wanted--270 Central avenue.
Services--St. James' Church.
Cook Wanted--Grigg House.
Funeral Notice--St. George's Society.
Man Wanted--B. J. Nash & Co.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

New York Cheese Markets Show a Further Decline.

Latest Financial News by Mail and Telegraph.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Nov. 18--12:30 p.m.--Consols, 93¾ for money, 94 for account; U. S. 4s, 124½; U. S. 4½s, 105¼; Erie seconds, 99; Erie, 19¾; Pacific Central, 50½; Reading, 13½; Canadian Pacific, 74½; New York Central, 101½; Illinois Central, 98; bank rate, 6 per cent.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18--1 p.m.--Stock market quiet, heavy to weak; American Express, 114; Canadian Pacific, 73½; Canada Southern, 46½; Delaware and Hudson, 130½; Delaware and Lackawanna, 128½; Lake Shore, 104; Michigan Central, 83¾; Northern Pacific, 20½, preferred, 59½; New York Central, 101½; St. Paul, 45¼, preferred, 103; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, --; Union Pacific, 45½; Western Union, 75¾.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Nov. 14.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal, ex-div.	217¾	217½
Ontario, ex-div.	113½	111½
Molsons	—	—
Toronto	220	210
Merchants', ex-div.	142½	138
Commerce, ex-div.	124½	124
Imperial, ex-div.	152	—
Dominion	228½	225
Standard, ex-div.	—	144
Hamilton, ex-div.	—	152
British America	112	107
Western Assurance	143½	138
Canada Life	—	—
Confederation Life Association	—	—
Northwest Land Company	70	69½
C. P. R. Grant Bonds	—	—
C. P. R. Stock	72	71
Farmers' Loan and Savings, ex-div.	—	120
London and Canada L. & A.	124	121
London and Ontario	—	114
Huron and Erie	—	160
Dominion Savings and Loan	86	80
Ontario Loan and Debenture	130	126½
Canadian Savings and Loan	—	—
London Loan	—	—

SALES--Commerce, ex-div., 25, 100 and 25 at 124; Northwest Land, 5, 100 and 25 at 69½; C. P. R. Stock, 25 at 73¾ (reported), 200 at 73.

COMMERCIAL.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

LONDON, Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Receipts to-day very light and demand steady; the result was a strong market. There is a good demand for oats, and prices went up 2c, but buyers are buying only what they are forced to. Wheat steady and price unchanged. Nothing done in other lines. Butter quiet, and has not recovered Saturday's shock. Eggs are still hold firm at 21c to 22c for the basket and 23c to 24c retail. General quotations:

GRAIN.

Wheat, per standard bush	[illegible]	to	$0 93
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	1 57
Wheat, Delhi, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	1 57
Wheat, Democrat, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	00
Wheat, Clawson, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	1 56
Wheat, red, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	1 55
Oats	[illegible]	to	1 00
Corn	[illegible]	to	1 00
Peas	[illegible]	to	1 24
Rye	[illegible]	to	1 10
Buckwheat	[illegible]	to	1 00
Beans, per bush	[illegible]	to	1 30
Barley, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	1 05

FLOUR AND FEED.

Patent roller flour, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	3 00
Roller flour, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	2 75
Stone flour, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	2 50
Buckwheat flour	[illegible]	to	2 50
Oatmeal, per 100 lbs	[illegible]	to	2 50
Oatmeal, standard	[illegible]	to	2 60
Oatmeal, granulated	[illegible]	to	2 80
Cornmeal	[illegible]	to	2 25

PROVISIONS.

Eggs, fresh	23	to	24
Eggs, basket	21	to	22
Eggs, store lots	18	to	20
Butter, pound rolls, basket	19	to	21
Butter, crock or large rolls	18	to	19
Butter, tub or firkin	14	to	16
Cheese	9	to	10
Lard		to	10
Turnips, per bag	25	to	25
Carrots, per bush	20	to	30
Potatoes, per bag	55	to	65
Parsnips, per bush	60	to	60
Onions, per bush	50	to	70
Apples, bag	80	to	1 00
Dressed hogs	[illegible]	to	5 50
Beef	[illegible]	to	6 00
Mutton, per lb	6	to	7
Lamb, per lb	8	to	9
Veal, per lb	5	to	6
Chickens, per pair	35	to	60
Ducks, per pair	50	to	70
Turkeys, each	[illegible]	to	2 00

FLOUR.

We call special attention to our family and Pastry Flour. Full Roller process. Ask for prices and say quality and we are satisfied you will buy.

A. M. HAMILTON & SON,
373 Talbot Street. Telephone, 662.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.

WHEAT--Dec., 92c; May, $1 00¾.
CORN--Dec., nominal; May, 57¾c.
OATS--Dec., nominal; May, 48c.
PORK--Jan., $11 25; May, $12 12½.
LARD--Jan., $6 20; May, $6 72½.
SHORT RIBS--Jan., $5 65; May, $6 12½.
The markets were slightly excited on the news from New York.

OSWEGO, Nov. 17.

WHEAT--Lower; white State at $1.
CORN--Unchanged; No. 2 yellow at 63c.
BARLEY--Market quiet; No. 2 Canada at 85c; No. 3 extra Canada at 88c; No. 2 Canada at 89c.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.

FLOUR--Unsettled; dull.
WHEAT--Receipts, 175,800 bu; exports, 58,--; futures, 161,000 bu spot; spot to 2½c higher; more active, and closing steady; No. 2 red, $1 00½, elevator; No. 1 northern, $1 06½ to $1 06¾; No. 1 hard, $1 08½ to $1 07; options were irregular, but closed ½c to 1½c over Saturday on improved financial news and fresher export demand; No. 2 red, Nov., $1 03½; Dec., $1 04¾; Jan., $1 05½; Feb., $1 03¾; March, $1 08.
RYE--Firm; quiet; 80c.
BARLEY--Dull; weak; No. 2 Milwaukee, 80c to 81c; ungraded western, 77c to 78c; Canada, No. 1, 95c to $1; No. 2, 90c to 91c.
BARLEY MALT--Quiet and unchanged.
CORN--Receipts, 144,550 bu; exports, 57,798 bu; sales, 1,120,000 bu futures; 108,000 bu spot; spot higher; unsettled and quiet, closing weak; ungraded mixed, 57½c to 59½c; options, opened ½c higher and strong; increasing speculation and through better money position and light receipts; Nov., 57½c; Dec., 58½c; Jan., 59½c; May, 59½c.
OATS--Receipts, 115,700 bu; sales, 330,000 bu futures; 124,000 bu spot; spot moderately active; ½c to 1c higher; options stronger and fairly active; Dec., 47½c; May, 48c; spot No. 2, 46½c to 46c; mixed western, 45c to 50c; white do, 50c to 56c.
SUGAR--Quiet; standard "A," 6 1-16c; cut-loaf, 6 11-16c; crushed, 6 11-16c; powdered, 6⅜c; granulated, 6½c.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17

LEADING FUTURES CLOSED:

WHEAT--Nov., 92c to 92½c; Dec., 93½c; May, $1 01.
CORN--Nov., 51c; Dec., 50¼c; May, 53c.
OATS--Nov., 42c; Dec., 42½c; May, 44½c.
MESS PORK--Dec., $10 30; Jan., $11 50; May, $12 30.
LARD--Dec., $6 02½; Jan., $6 25; May, $6 72½.
SHORT RIBS--Dec., $5 35; Jan., $5 65; May, $6 15.

CASH QUOTATIONS.

No. 2 spring and No. 2 red wheat, 92½c; No. 2 corn, 51½c; No. 2 oats, 42½c; No. 2 rye, 66½c; No. 2 barley, 78c; No. 1 flaxseed, 72c; No. 4 do, 56c to 70c; mess pork, $10 to $9 12½; lard, $6 05; short rib sides, $5 30 to $5 40; dry salted shoulders, $5 to $5 12½; short clear sides, $5 60 to $5 75.

Receipts--			
Flour, bbls	15,000	Wheat, bu	67,000
Corn, bu	192,000	Oats, bu	125,000
Rye, bu	8,000	Barley, bu	53,000
Shipments--			
Flour, bbls	18,000	Wheat, bu	39,000
Corn, bu	248,000	Oats, bu	315,000
Rye, bu	11,000	Barley, bu	153,000

DETROIT, Nov. 18.

WHEAT--No. 1 white, 94c cash; No. 2 red, 95c cash, 95½c Dec., 99½c May.

TOLEDO, Nov. 18.

WHEAT--93c cash, 95½c Dec., $1 00½ May.
CORN--53c cash, 52c Dec., 53c May.
OATS--46c cash and May.

Montreal Market.

MONTREAL, Nov. 18.

FLOUR--Receipts, 1,800 bbls; sales, reported 300 bbls. Market quiet and steady; prices unchanged. Quotations: Patents, winter, $5 25 to $5 75; spring, $5 50 to $6 00; straight roller, $4 75 to $4 80; extra, $4 40 to $4 50; superfine, $3 25 to $4 25; strong bakers, $5 50 to $5 50; Ontario bags, $1 50 to $2 25; city bags $5 50 to $5 60.

GRAIN--Wheat, No. 1 hard Manitoba, $1 18 to $1 18; corn, 70c to 70c; peas, 75c to 76c; oats, 41c to 44c; barley, 55c to 70c; rye, 68c to 73c.

MEAL--Oatmeal, $4 75 to $5 00; cornmeal, $3 10 to $3 20.

PROVISIONS--Pork, 16½c to 17c per lb., lard, 9c to 10c; bacon, 10c to 12c; hams, 12c to 13c; cheese, 8c to 10c; butter, townships, 16c to 19c; Morrisburg, 16c to 19c; Western, 12c to 15c; creamery, 18c to 22c; eggs, 18c to 20c.

Toronto Market.

TORONTO, Nov. 18.

WHEAT--Spring, No. 2, 93c to 94c; red winter, No. 2, 95c to 96c.
BARLEY--No. 1, 60c to 63c; No. 2, 58c to 59c; No. 3 extra, 53c to 53c.
PEAS--No. 2, 64c to 65c.
OATS--No. 2, 40c to 43c.
FLOUR--Extra, $4 10 to $4 15; straight roller, $4 30 to $4 35; superfine, $3 50 to $3 60; fine, $3 to $3 25.

Market quiet. Sales--No. 2 spring wheat outside at 92c; No. 2 red winter outside at 91c; No. 2 Manitoba hard to arrive at $1 08 to $1 09; No. 2 barley on track at 59c; peas outside at 58c to 58½c; oats, on track at 42c, and outside at 39½c to 40c.

English Markets.

Beerbohm's Report by Cable.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

Floating cargoes--Wheat steady; corn firm.
Arrivals--Corn, 2; sold, none; waiting orders, wheat, 2, corn, 2.
Cargoes on passage--Wheat steadier; corn firmer.
Weather in England rain.
Liverpool--Spot wheat and corn firmer; corn, 4s 9½d--½d dearer.
On passage to United Kingdom--Wheat 2,363,000 qrs.; corn, 409,000 qrs.: to continent--Wheat, 702,000 qrs.; corn, 90,000 qrs.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 18.

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

	Nov. 15.				Nov. 17.				Nov. 18.			
	S.	D.	S.	D.	S.	D.	S.	D.	S.	D.	S.	D.
Spring	7	7½	0	0	7	7½	0	0	7	7½	0	0
Red winter	7	5	0	0	7	5	0	0	7	5	0	0
No. 1 Cal	7	7	0	0	7	7	7	7½	7	7	7	7½
Corn	4	9½	0	0	4	9½	0	0	4	10	0	0
Peas, per c.	5	6	0	0	5	6	0	0	5	6	0	0
Pork	57	0	0	0	57	6	0	0	57	6	0	0
Lard	31	6	0	0	31	6	0	0	31	6	0	0
Bacon, s. c.	30	6	00	0	30	6	00	0	30	6	00	0
Bacon, l. c.	30	6	33	6	30	6	33	6	30	6	33	6
Tallow	25	3	00	0	25	0	00	0	25	0	00	0
Cheese, wh.	48	6	00	0	48	6	00	0	48	6	00	0
Cheese, col.	48	6	00	0	48	6	00	0	48	6	00	0

Wheat firm, demand poor, holders offer sparingly; corn firm, demand poor. Receipts of wheat for the past three days, 165,000 centals, including 53,000 centals American; corn same time, 36,000 centals American.

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 17.--Cattle--Offerings, 250 cars. Prices ruled steady to a trifle higher. Export cattle were in good supply and steady, at $4 10 to $4 70; medium to heavy fat butchers', $3 40 to $4 25; light to fair weight, but handy fat stock, $3 to $3 75; mixed butchers, fair to choice, $2 50 to $3 25; common, $1 75 to $2 40; stockers and feeders in plentiful supply, and ruled unchanged at $1 75 to $3 35; bulls, limited supply and a trifle higher; fat, $2 to $2 65; milch cows and springers quiet and generally $5 lower, except on top grades; calves, supply light and values higher, 5½c to 6½c for choice to best veals.

Sheep and Lambs--Sixty loads on sale. Top grades of sheep and lambs were in fairly active demand and sold a shade higher, but all common grades were dull and prices weak and irregular. Prices here were almost as high as the New York market, and eastern buyers could not take the stock at the figures. Sheep, choice to extra, $5 10 to $5 40; good to choice, $4 80 to $5 05; common to fair, $3 50 to $4 75; lambs, choice to extra, $6 to $6 25; good to choice, $5 75 to $5 95; common to fair, $4 80 to $5 70; Canadas, $6 to $6 35.

Hogs--Two hundred cars on sale. The market opened in a demoralized condition owing to the excessive supply, which included many pigs and other undesirable grades. Real good hogs were in fair demand, at about Saturday's prices; heavy, mixed and mediums, $3 70 to $3 80; Yorkers, $3 25 to $3 50.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.--Hogs--Estimated receipts, 37,000; quality fair; left over, 11,000; market weak, with prices favoring buyers. Sales ranged: $2 50 to $3 35 for pigs, $3 40 to $3 85 for light, $3 55 to $3 70 for rough packing, $3 50 to $3 90 for mixed, and $3 75 to $4 for heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle--Receipts, 15,000; quality fair; market active on local and shipping account. Quotations ranged: $4 70 to $5 20 for choice to fancy shipping steers, $4 to $4 65 for good to choice do, $3 to $3 70 for common to fair do, $2 80 to $3 20 for butchers' steers, $2 10 to $2 60 for stockers, $2 15 to $3 10 for Texans, $2 50 to $3 40 for westerns, $2 60 to $3 10 for feeders, $1 25 to $2 75 for cows, $1 50 to $3 25 for bulls, $3 to $5 50 for veal calves.

Sheep--Receipts, 7,000; quality fair; demand active, prices steady. Quotations ranged: $3 to $4 60 for westerns, $3 to $4 25 for Texans, $3 12 to $5 25 for natives, $4 to $5 50 for lambs.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Nov. 17.--About 400 head of butchers' cattle, 350 sheep and lambs and 10 calves offered at the East End abattoir to-day. There was not a really good beast among the herds offered to-day. None of the sales exceeded 4c per lb, and very few amounted to 3¾c, with common dry cows, rough oxen and the young stock at about 3c per lb; leaner beasts brought less than 2c per lb; 130 stockers sold for about 3c per lb, and this will probably wind up the cattle shipping trade for this season. Calves were scarce and generally of poor quality; prices are from $3 to $10 each. Mutton critters not plentiful and rather higher in price. A few of the best sheep were bought by shippers at about 3½c per lb. Lambs sold at from $2 50 to $4 50 each; 26 good lambs sold at $4 each. Fat hogs continue dull of sale at from 4½c to a little over 4½c per pound.

The Cheese Markets.

UTICA.

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 17.--The Board of Trade to-day decided to close the cheese market Dec. 8. Many of the factories have suspended operations, and others will shortly follow. The dairy men had hoped that the market would develop strenth toward the close of the season, but now they have given up any expectations of the kind. The market has been dull and inactive for several weeks, and to-day there was another decline of ½c. Transactions: Four lots, 400 boxes, at 8⅜c; 34 lots, 3,230 boxes, at 8½c; 13 lots, 1,084 boxes, at 8¾c; 3 lots, 300 boxes, at 8¾c; 15 lots, 1,100 boxes, at 9c; 2 lots, 209 boxes, at 9½c; 9 lots, 5:6 boxes, commission; total, 80 lots, 6,816 boxes; ruling price, 8½c; transactions same date last year aggregated 8,154 boxes, ruling price, 9c; extreme price, 9½c.

LITTLE FALLS.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Nov. 16.--There is nothing new in cheese here except that the prices are not quite so good as heretofore. Transactions: 2 lots at 8c; 17 lots at 8½c; 93 lots at 8½c; 1 lot private; 14 lots commission; Total, 5,166 boxes. There were 375 boxes of farm dairy cheese sold at 8½c to 9c, the ruling price being 9c.

Nine packages of farm dairy butter sold at 20c to 22½c, the most of it going at 22c.

Petrolea Oil Market.

PETROLEA, Nov. 18.--Oil to-day opened and closed at $1 35

LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

--Mr. H. M. Boddy, representing the Agnes Thompson Company, is in the city.

--Miss Ella Beattie, of the Cedars, Toronto, is visiting her uncle, W. H. Winnett, of this city.

--Mrs. Leys, wife of John Leys, ex-M.P.P. for Toronto, who has many friends here, is dangerously ill at her residence in that city.

--Mr. James S. Brierly, of the St. Thomas Journal, is in the city to-day attending the funeral of the late Mr. Josiah Blackburn.

--Owing to the damp weather the concert which was to have been given at Westminster rink last night by the Falcoln Guitar Club was postponed.

--The Water Commissioners' owl, which for the past week had been the chief attraction in the City Chamberlain's office, died of a broken heart this morning.

--Within a few minutes this morning City Clerk Abbott was called upon to register the deaths of four aged citizens. The entries were: Lorenzo Sharp, aged 87; Alexander Smith, aged 74; Mary Harris, aged 75, and Timothy Shea, aged 85.

--Dr. Jones, who was thrown out of his road-cart on King street the other day, is around again attending to business. His face is ornamented with a large piece of sticking-plaster, showing the place where he came into contact with the curbing.

--Conductor John Watters and Mr. J. Kelly have just arrived home from a two weeks' deer-shooting expedition in Muskoka. The party consisted of eight, who had a fine time camping in the wilds of the district. Eleven fine deer were captured.

--Chairman A. B. Powell, Mayor Taylor, Trustee Pritchard and Secretary Dale composed the London Trust last evening. It was decided to sell the baseball grounds on Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Secretary Dale was re-appointed for the ensuing term.

--In the case of the Queen vs. City of London at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, yesterday, Aylesworth, Q. C., for the private prosecutor, stated to the court that the Attorney-General had intimated that proceedings were to be stayed, and that in view of that the prosecutor did not now renew his application for a distringas. In the case of Foster vs. Village of London West, J. B. Clarke, Q. C., stated that the case had been settled. Struck off the list.

--The Parish Club of the Church of St. John the Evangelist held its regular meeting last evening. After routine business had been disposed of the report of the Managing Committee was read and adopted. The proposed programme for the season promises to supply an abundance of instruction and amusement for the members and embraces a varied selection of subjects. From the energy already displayed by this committee the members may anticipate a highly successful season, the programme of which will soon be placed in their hands. An interesting lecture upon iron as applied to the industrial arts was given by Mr. B. Green, and was listened to with marked attention. At its close the lecturer received the hearty congratulations of the members for his effort. The club meetings are now regularly held every Monday evening, and definite programmes will hereafter be presented on each occasion.

Funeral of the Late Josiah Blackburn.

The funeral of the late Josiah Blackburn took place this afternoon, the services being held in St. Paul's Cathedral. The coffin was imbedded among floral gifts. The Free Press employes and a delegation from St. George's Society, marched in a body to the church, which was filled with a large concourse of people. The solemn and beautiful funeral service of the Church of England was conducted by the Dean of Huron and Rev. R. Hicks. The following gentlemen were the pall-bearers: Hon. John Carling, Henry Mathewson, John K. Clare, A. S. Abbott, W. J. Reid, Dr. Sippi, M. G. Bremner, Judge Elliot, Richard Bayly, Dr. Fenwick, Dr. Brown, W. C. Furness and Geo. C. Gibbons. A large number of newspaper men and friends from all parts of the country were in attendance.

Successful "At Home."

Seldom or never has the lecture room of King Street Presbyterian Church presented so inviting an appearance as last evening, when the anniversary "At Home" of the Christian Endeavor Society of that church was held. The ceilings and walls of the room were neatly draped with red, white and blue bunting, while the platform, with its fine array of potted flowers, and mantel, sofa, easy chairs, etc., had the appearance of a cozy parlor. The programme was an excellent one, the various numbers being well executed. Rev. J. Tolmie, of Brantford, in an interesting address, extolled the power and influence of the Christian Endeavor Society. Refreshments were served by the young ladies of the church. The programme consisted of the following: Chorus, by the choir; instrumental solo, Miss Silk; duet, Misses Cole and Marriott; solos, Miss Mutch, Messrs. Mason and Morrison; dialogue, Misses Robertson and Hunter, Messrs. Begg, Black and Babcock; quartet, Misses Carson and Marriott, Messrs. Hutcheson and Allen; recitation, Miss Golding; instrumental duet, Miss Shelton and Mr. Hardy. Rev. Walter M. Roger officiated as chairman and congratulated the society on the success of their "At Home." The attendance was large and all present spent an enjoyable evening.

The Britannic's Great Record.

There is no parallel in the history of steam shipping to the record of some of the White Star Company's vessels. The Britannic, which recently made the run from Sandy Hook to Queenstown in 7 days, 6 hours and 55 minutes, is one of the most notable of the vessels of this line. Although this was her 318th transatlantic passage, she made her best record of 16.08 knots, or nearly 19 miles per hour. When it is remembered that this high speed is obtained in a ship over sixteen years old, with her original compound engines and boilers, on a small coal consumption, it will be seen that the Britannic has given results unattainable by the fastest ships of the present day, and actually increases in speed as she grows older. The magnificent performances of this vessel are attributed by many engineers to the shape of her hull. The extreme fineness of entrance, the absence of forefoot, the long and full midship section, and the graceful run aft are features more pronounced in the Britannic and Germanic than in other vessels. John Kitchen, who was for sixteen years in charge of the old Adriatic's engine-room and who was promoted to the White Star steamer Britannic's engines in August, 1886, has a record of which he is justly proud. He has made 154 round trips between Liverpool and New York, nearly a million nautical miles, without once disabling his engines.--[N. Y. Times.

The Imputations Denied.

Birchall, in his autobiography, published in the Mail, states that the law firm of Hellmuth & Ivey received sums of money amounting to £400 for his defense, and that they retained the same, less some $250 and a few witness fees, and did practically no work, the bulk of the work having been done by Messrs. Finkle & Co., of Woodstock, after they came into the case. He insinuates that he had been overcharged, or that the funds have not been properly accounted for. He further drafts an account in which such items at "whisky for cabman $5," "cigars $5," figure prominently, and alleges it to be a sample of what some lawyers charge. No name is mentioned in this attempt to caricature, but he makes it evident to whom he refers.

The ADVERTISER called yesterday on Mr. Hellmuth to hear what he had to say on the question.

"There is no truth in the statement," said that gentleman when the matter was broached, "and we have taken the necessary steps to vindicate ourselves."

"Do you intend taking action for libel against the Mail?"

"We have served the preliminary notice and will in due course issue a writ of libel."

"You pronounce Birchall's statements to be false, then?"

"Well, I suppose he wrote the autobiography. As a matter of fact we never rendered Birchall a bill of costs. We are not afraid to show a statement of our receipts and disbursements in connection with the case, and will do so in proper time."

After the Light Weights.

Early this morning Assistant Health Inspector Lutman and P. C. McGowan sallied out of the City Hall Arcade armed with a small pair of scales and authority to search for dishonest bakers who do not give the public full-weight bread. Although the officers secured several loaves, yet from the number of wagons stopped the citizens have reason to congratulate themselves on their bread suppliers. The first place visited was Mrs. Fitzgibbon's store on the corner of Ridout and York streets. There was but one pan of loaves in the store for sale, and this, amounting to about six loaves, was seized, being about eight ounces short. Mr. John Johnston was the next baker whose wares were subjected to the test. Over 50 loves were weighed, but none were found under weight. Messrs. Chalmers & Gilmore were not so fortunate. One of their wagons was intercepted on Wellington street and about 48 loaves which were under weight were appropriated, the average shortage being estimated at 1½ ounces. Five loaves were lifted from the wagon of Mr. James Ruddy of Wellington street, the vehicle being left near the Fair grounds. In an Adelaide street store 12 loaves of Mr. J. Taylor's bread were seized, and the same fate befell 4 loaves from the oven of O. Bridle, which were estimated as short about 1½ ounces each. The inspectors took dinner at 1 o'clock and started out again to continue their crusade.

Guilty and Not Guilty.

There was the usual lack of accommodation at the Police Court this morning, the witnesses, lawyers and other interested persons being jammed together on the benches, while many preferred to stand. A number of drunks were disposed of with the wonted regularity.

Annie Miller, a young colored woman, testified to the sanity of her husband Moses. He had been all right until last week, during which he had employed himself in committing depredations around his house, annoying the children, threatening his wife and doing other strange things. Dr. Smith thought the man was insane from the evidence he had heard. A cross-firing was indulged in between husband and wife, in which Moses claimed to have been harshly treated. He was committed by the Magistrate.

John Fitzpatrick vs. Michael O'Hearn, assault, was the next item of business. Fitzpatrick had splashed mud on the defendant while driving around a corner on Sunday night. O'Hearn became angry, followed him to the stables and took satisfaction in a little fistic exercise, in which Fitzgerald was more grieved in mind than body, and swore out an information. The case was dismissed by the Magistrate who thought both to blame.

Patrick Mulligan had managed to raise enough to pay his statute labor tax in the time previously allotted him by the Magistrate, and the charge against him was dismissed.

Philip Edwards, who was required to fill up a hole near Mr. T. Partridge's property, appeared to satisfy the court that he had complied. Mr. Partridge said he had returned the earth, but had taken it from another spot on the road. Edwards claimed that other corporation men were the guilty parties. He was allowed to go.

James Wyatt was caught trundling a wheelbarrow on the public sidewalk. He is a waterworks employe and said he had done the same thing for twelve years. The Magistrate cautioned him not to repeat the offence.

Four small boys named John Collins, Charles Baker, John Stevens and Alex. Stevens were the next to be weighed in the scale of justice. They were charged with stealing old iron and brass fixings from Mr. John Forrestal's oil refinery and selling the goods. Mr. Forrestal said he had sustained about $200 worth of damages, through these depredations, and had caught the boys in question in the act of handling a fixture which would have cost $15 to replace. The youthful defendants admitted selling 5 cents worth of stolen property. The Magistrate gave his opinion that those who bought the goods were more to blame than the boys who sold. On the promise of the respective mothers to keep a tighter rein on their offending children, he suspended sentence on them with an admonitory warning.

STILL THEY COME.

More Expressions of Opinion on How the City Should Be Governed.

1. Do you approve of the reduction of the number of wards to three?
2. Do you approve of the election of aldermen by the whole city instead of by wards?
3. Or do you approve of the affairs of the city being conducted by three or more commissioners, as in the case of the management of our waterworks?
4. Pending any change in the system, have you any name or names to suggest of those who would render good service to the city as alderman?

Tunis Griffith, Wortley road--At present the City Engineer runs the eighteen aldermen and the city to boot, but if a change could be effected to three commissioners it might be possible for them to run the city and the engineer also, and it undoubtedly would eventually prove an economical change. Besides, if there was any crookedness it would be easier to find out the "crooks" and bounce them, than in a large council. Pay them properly, and they would always be anxious to do their best so as to merit re-election each succeeding year.

Lewis Clark, No. 5 ward--Above all other changes, I prefer the commissioner system, with thoroughly honest and capable men such as Col. Lewis and John Marshall to fill the seats. But not being able to get this, then let us have three wards and nine aldermen. There are too many fingers in the pie at present.

John Ferguson, lumber merchant--Decidedly in favor of a paid commission. Do away with ward appropriations altogether.

W. J. Reid--I am very much in favor of appointing a commission to run the city's affairs. Appoint say four commissioners and the Mayor, all being paid for their work. Let them meet in the middle of the day. The city should be divided for the sake of carrying on the work into about four sections, each having a foreman responsible to the engineer and thus making him responsible to the commission. I always was a favor of such reform.

Maurice Scarrow--I am in favor of a commission if good men could be secured without salary. I do not think there is enough controllable expenditure, though, to permit of paying salaries for those who look after it.

J. B. Dignam--It's rather a nice thing, this present method of running affairs. I believe in letting as many as possible have a chance at the municipal pie. The more the merrier.

Wm. Weld--I am decidedly favorable to a reduction in the number of aldermen to nine and the wards to three, or better still that the wards be entirely abolished. A few paid commissioners would be best.

Wm. Coyne, Ward 6--Anything to improve the present poor management. Two aldermen for each ward would be quite enough, but we could do without any wards at all if the Council was made up entirely of business men.

Dr. Smith--The Water Commissioners have transacted their affairs in a manner consistent with the interests of the city, and I think the same form of legislation would be well applied to the civic business in the province of the City Council.

R. J. Young--I would approve of the civic business being conducted by commissioners, in preference to the present system. It might be done with two good men.

P. J. Pocock--I am in favor of having paid commissioners, and think two would be sufficient. They should have the power of controlling the expenditure of the several minor bodies--the police and Water Commissioners, the Hospital Trust, etc.

J. B. McKillop--Yes; I am in favor of abolishing the ward system altogether. It is expensive, because where one improvement is necessary the aldermen compromise and an equal amount is spent somewhere else to secure the representative alderman's support to the first and really needed improvement. A paid commission would fill the bill properly.

Birchall's Last Writings--His Ideas of Death.

In concluding the "book" on his life Birchall says:

So having come to the end of this book, which I trust has been a source of interest, and perhaps in places of slight amusement, and on the whole to me a terribly sorrowful experience to go through, I now continue to "set my house in order" to go on that journey--to the "bourne whence no traveler returns."

So unto Death I do commend my spirit,
And time which is in league with Death, that they
May hold in trust and see my kin inherit
All of me that is not clay;
Embalm my voice and keep it from decay,
Then I will not ask to stay.
Nay, rather start at once upon the way
Cheered by the faith that at our mortal birth
For some high reason beyond Reason's ken
We are put out to nurse on this strange earth
Until death comes to take us home again.

And to Mr. Wade I would say:

But though we two be severed quite
Your holy words will sound between
Our lives, like streams one hears at night,
Louder because it is not seen.

And now I say, Farewell! And in conclusion I beg to thank my good friends for their kindness to me. If this little work has done no good it cannot do any harm, and at any rate those who have read it may warn their children in time and season to beware of the follies and sin that led to the writing of this book and the untimely fate of the writer.

It is the man who gets up every time he is knocked down that makes his antagonist tired.

NAVIGATION NOTES.

Winter Trip Between Cleveland and Detroit--Steamers Arrived and Overdue.

It is reported that the Detroit and Cleveland Steam Navigation Company will endeavor to keep their steamers in service all winter. Every year the period during which navigation is suspended has been growing shorter, and the effort will be made to abolish it altogether. The steamers might easily have made regular trips last winter. It is said that they can plow their way through six-inch ice, and that a passage to Detroit could probably be kept open throughout the winter.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Nov. 18.--The Hamburg-American Line steamer Rugia, from Hamburg to New York, has put in here short of coal.

All the Canadian ocean steamers which were overdue have been reported.

BOSTON, Nov. 18.--The steamer Kansas, overdue from Liverpool, arrived this morning.

MONTREAL, Nov. 18.--The officers of the Corean, which arrived in port at an early hour yesterday morning report that they had terrific weather on the way over. Last Sunday the sea was very high and according to those on board had they not used 30 gallons of fish oil, they could never have weathered the storm. The oil saved the steamer. As soon as it reached the surface of the water there was tranquility around the steamer. Over 60 gallons were used in this wise during the voyage. The first officer is quite enthusiastic over the grand effect of the oil in quelling the troubled water, and thinks it an example that all steamers should emulate, especially at this time of the year.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Nov. 17.	At	From
Alaska	New York	Liverpool
Sarmatian	Father Point	Glasgow
Circassian	Cape Race	Liverpool
Amarynthia	Father Point	Glasgow
Brazilian	Cape Magdalen	London
Werra	Southampton	New York
La Normandie	New York	Havre
S. of Philadelphia	Glasgow	New York

A Hamilton Lady's Fatal Fall.

HAMILTON, Ont., Nov. 18.--Mrs. Smith, mother of Dr. Day Smith, who lives with her son at the corner of Victoria avenue and Main streets, while coming down stairs at her home last evening, tripped and fell to the bottom. She was rendered unconscious and sustained serious internal injuries, from which she died this morning. Mrs. Smith was unconscious from the time of the accident until death. She was 80 years of age and much respected.

London, Tuesday,

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