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TODAY'S MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

There are no New York or Chicago stock market reports today. Lincoln's birthday.

MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 12.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	137¾	137½
Canadian Pacific new	..	..
Duluth, common	18	17
Duluth, preferred	..	..
Winnipeg Electric	200	170
Montreal Street Railway	274¼	273
West India	62	..
Toronto Street Railway	115½	115
Halifax Street Railway	105	102
St. John Street Railway	150	115
Twin City Transit Railway	121	120¾
Twin City Railway, new	..	..
Richelieu and Ontario	103½	102
Commercial Cable	166½	163
Montreal Telegraph	164	158
Bell Telephone	168	160
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	53¾	53½
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	96	95½
Montreal Heat, Light & Power	88½	88¼
Nova Scotia Steel, common	113	112
Detroit Railway	89¾	89½
Laurentide Pulp, ex	95	..
Montreal Cotton	131	128
Dominion Cotton	53	50½
Canada Colored Cotton	..	54
Merchants Cotton	60	45
War Eagle	..	..
Payne	19½	19
Montreal Street Bonds	106	105
Republic	..	..
Virtue	10	5
North Star	..	..
National Salt, common	..	..
Dominion Coal, common	131	130
Dominion Coal, pref	116¼	115½
Int. Coal	99	75
B.C. P. A	..	98
Int. Coal, pref	..	..
Bankof Montreal	285	270
Ontario Bank	..	132
British North America	115	..
Molsons Bank	..	..
Bank of Toronto	..	..
Merchants Bank	172	170
Ogilvie Milling Co., pref	140	132
Ogilvie Bonds	120	116
Marconi	130	120
Windsor Hotel	..	..
Bank of National	..	..
Lake Wood Mfg. Co	180	169
Royal Bank	..	215
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	..
Eastern Townships	..	..
Quebec Bank	140	135
Union Bank	140	135
Bank of Commerce	..	..
Hochelaga	140	133½
Northwest Land	260	257
Northwest Land, pref	..	..
Imperial Bank	..	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	87½	87
Laurentide	..	..
Cable Coupon	..	..
Halifax Railway	..	..
Cable Registered	..	..
N. S. Steel Bonds	..	..
Toledo Bonds	35½	35¼

SALES: C. P. R., 75 at 137¾; Montreal Street Railway, 25 at 273; Payne, 1,000 at 19, 3,500 at 20, 5,000 at 19½, 7,000 at 20, 8,000 at 20, 5 at 20½; Detroit Street Railway, 50 at 89¾, 25 at 89½, 25 at 89⅝, 5 at 90; Twin City, 50 at 120⅞, 25 at 120¾, 25 at 121, 50 at 120⅞, 50 at 121, 125 at 120⅞; Marconi, 100 at 120; Toledo Railway, 25 at 35¼, 25 at 35½; Toronto Railway, 25 at 115; Power, 69 at 88½, 2 at 88, 95 at 88½, 2 at 89; Scotia, 25 at 111⅝, 150 at 112, 200 at 112⅜, 25 at 112½, 25 at 112⅝, 25 at 112¾, 50 at 112⅝, 100 at 112½; Dominion Iron, 25 at 53¼, 100 at 53¼, 5 at 54, 50 at 53½, 25 at 53⅝; Coal, common, 75 at 128¾; Montreal Cotton, 16 at 130; Molsons Bank, 11 at 214; Cable rights, 74 at 7, 88 at 7; Iron bonds, 5,000 at 87; Northwest Land, 500 at 259; Bank of Montreal, 10 at 280.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Feb. 11.

	Ask.	Off
Montreal	..	270
Ontario	136	135
Toronto	260	255½
Merchants	..	..
Commerce	164	163
Imperial	238	237
Dominion	248	246¾
Standard	..	252
Hamilton	232½	232
Nova Scotia	275	270
Ottawa	225	219
Traders	140	15⅛
British America	..	96
Western Assurance	..	96
Imperial Life	..	149
National Trust	140	139
Toronto General Trusts	165	..
Consumers Gas	215	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	80
Canada Northwest Land, Pref	..	20
Canada Northwest Land com	..	20
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	137⅞	13½
Can. Pac. Railway Stock, new	..	..
Canada Life	..	..
Toronto Electric Light	160	157½
General Electric	211	210¾
General Electric, pref	..	..
London Electric	..	..
Commercial Cable	166¾	..
Dominion Telegraph	..	117½
Bell Telephone	..	..
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	105½	104
Niagara Navigation	..	125
Northern Navigation	139½	139
St. Clair L. and C. Navigation	145	141½
Toronto Railway	116	115
Twin City Railway	121¼	121⅛
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	175
Sao Paulo Tramway	98	96½
Luxfer Prism, pref	..	..
Carter Crume	..	103½
Dunlop Tire, pref	106	104
W. A. Rogers, pref	104	103
Packers A	102	98½
Packers B	100	98
Dominion Steel, com	..	53¾
Dominion Steel, pref	..	..
Dominion Coal, com	..	129
Nova Scotia Steel, com	112½	111¾
Lake Superior, Com	8	7½
Virtue	..	..
North Star	..	..
Colored Cotton	..	..
Dominion Coal	..	..
Crow's Nest Coal	350	300
War Eagle	..	..
Republic	..	..
Payne Mining	20	19
Cariboo (McKinney)	..	..
Canada Salt	..	121
British Canadian L. and I.	80	70
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv.	108½	107
Canada Permanent	..	122
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	120
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	180
Imperial L. and Invest	..	..
Landed Banking and Loan	..	120
Lon. and Can. L. and A.	100	96½
Manitoba Loan	..	70
Toronto Mortgage	..	90
London Loan	120	114¼
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	121
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	..
Real Estate Loan and Deb	..	129
Cable Coup. Bonds	..	..
Cable Reg. Bonds	..	..
Dominion Steel Bonds	88	87
Nova Scotia Steel Bonds	111	110

SALES: Commerce, 10 at 163½; Imperial, 2 at 237¾; Ottawa, 23 at 220; Canadian General Electric, 150, 50, 40 and 60 at 211, 850 at 210¾, 80, 25 and 20 at 211¼, 50 at 211⅜, 10 and 50 at 211⅛, 70 at 211½; Niagara Navigation, 140 at 126; Northern Navigation, 30 and 25 at 139½; Carter Crume, 5 at 103; C. P. R., 25 at 137⅝, 100 at 137⅜; Consumers' Gas, 250 at 212; Dominion, 50 at 247; Twin City, 10 at 120¾, 50 at 121, 50 at 120⅞, 25 at 120, 85 at 120¾; St. Lawrence, 20 at 142; Sao Paulo, 125 at 97; Cable rights, 1 at 7¼; Toronto Mortgage, 21 at 90; Steel, 75 at 53½, 25 at 53⅜, 25 at 53¼, 50 preferred at 54½; Coal, 125 at 129, 125 at 129¼, 100 at 129⅛; Nova Scotia Steel, 50 at 112, 5 at 113¼, 12 at 112¼, 125 at 112¾, 100 at 112½, 50 at 112¼, 25 at 112¾; Payne, 2,000 at 19; War Eagle, 100 at 194½; Canada Permanent, 7 at 122½, 200 at 123, 100 at 123, 25 at 123.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Feb. 11.—Here and at Liverpool prices, while nominally unchanged, are weaker; Canadian cattle are quoted at 11c to 12c per lb, dressed weight; American cattle, 11c to 13c per lb; sheep steady, at 13c to 14c per lb; refrigerator beef is quoted at 8¾c to 9c per lb.

LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Feb. 12.—Wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern spring quiet, 6s 9½d; No. 2 red western winter steady, 6s 1½d; No. 1 California quiet, 6s 1l. Futures quiet; March, 6s 3¾d; May, 6s 2½d; July nominal.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new firm, 4s 6¾d; American mixed, old, no stock. Futures steady; March, 4s 5⅞d; May, 4s 3⅝d; July nominal.

Hams—Short cut, 16 to 24 lbs, dull, 50s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, quiet, 46s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet, 49s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, quiet, 38s; other grades unchanged.

Lard—Prime western and American refined quiet, 38s 6d.

HAY MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—Baled Hay—The supply of stock continues fair and about equal to the demand; No. 1 timothy is quoted at $9 50 per ton for car lots on the track here, and prices range considerably lower for poorer grades.

Baled Straw—The supply is liberal and the demand is only fair; cars on the track here are quoted at $5 to $5 50 per ton.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 red and white, 72c, middle freights; Manitoba, 84½c for No. 1 hard, via Port Huron or Owen Sound; No. 1 hard is quoted at 88c and No. 1 northern at 86½c to 87c, all rail, via North Bay, and ½c more grinding in transit. Flour—Steady, at $2 70 for 90 per cent patents for export, in buyers' bags, middle freights, and 15c to 20c more for choice brands. Millfeed—Steady, at $17 50 for cars of shorts and $16 50 for bran in bulk, middle freights. Barley—Steady, at 47½c for No. 3 extra and 44c for No. 3, middle freights. Rye—Steady, at 45c for Canada No. 3 mixed and 45½c for No. 3 yellow west. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 32c, middle freights. Peas—Steady; No. 2, 72c, high freights west. Butter—Easier; supply of choice is fair; creamery prints, 23c to 24c; solids, 20c to 21c; do, old, 18c to 19c; dairy pound rolls, 17c to 18c; large rolls, 16c to 17c. Eggs—Weaker; new-laid, 19c; cold storage, 16c; limed, 14c to 15c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; dull; good to prime steers, $4 40 to $5 50; poor to medium, $3 to $4 25; stockers and feeders, $2 25 to $4 50; cows, $1 40 to $4 40; heifers, $2 to $4 50; canners, $1 40 to $2 50; bulls, $2 to $4 25; calves, $3 50 to $7 50; Texas-fed steers, $3 50 to $4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 35,000; market opened 5c to 10c lower; mixed and butchers, $6 60 to $7; good to choice heavy, $6 80 to $7 05; rough heavy, $6 60 to $6 80; light, $6 30 to $6 55; bulk of sales at $6 50 to $6 75.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; sheep and lambs steady to strong; good to choice wethers, $4 75 to $5 50; fair to choice mixed, $3 50 to $4 75; native lambs, $4 50 to $6 50.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Thursday, Feb. 12.

Sun rises..7:21 a.m. Moon rises..6:53 p.m.
Sun sets...5:43 p.m. Moon sets....7:23 a.m.

Toronto, Feb. 11—8 p.m.

Unsettled, showery weather has prevailed today in Ontario and Quebec, while in other portions of Canada it has been fair. It has turned colder in the Territories and Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 51 below—14 below; Victoria, 30—38; Kamloops, 18—26; Qu'Appelle, 6—16; Winnipeg, 2—24; Port Arthur, 12—32; Parry Sound, 34—40; Toronto, 34—39; Ottawa, 32—40; Montreal, 20—40; Quebec, 22—40; Halifax, 18—42.

Thursday, Feb. 12—8 a.m.

Today—Unsettled, with light local rain or snow.

Friday—Northwesterly winds and a little colder.

Stations.	Temperatures. 8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	10	2	Fair
Winnipeg	—4	—14	Fair
Parry Sound	30	30	Cloudy
Toronto	36	34	Cloudy
Ottawa	32	32	Fair
Montreal	36	34	Cloudy
Quebec	32	32	Snow
Father Point	34	28	Rain

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather has turned moderately cold to the westward of Lake Superior, but is mild from Ontario eastward, and rain and sleet have fallen in all the provinces. The general outlook is very unsettled.

Local temperatures: Wednesday—Highest, 28°; lowest, 33.5°.

TALES OF LONDON TOWN

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brown have returned to Rodney from visiting friends in London.

—Dr. and Mrs. Melville Hueston have returned to their home in Detroit after a visit with the former's parents here.

—Chatham Daily News: Mr. McKittrick, of London, succeeds John Maguire in the local freight office of the C. P. R. here.

—The Forest City Male Quartet, which sang at the performance of "The Mail Girl," consists of Messrs. Clarke, Brener, Sharpe and Dowling.

—Chief Dispatcher Goodwin, of the Grand Trunk, is still confined to his house through illness. His duties are being performed by Mr. Crombie, the chief night dispatcher.

—James Moore, of North Dorchester, was arrested yesterday by Detective Ward on a charge of assaulting Fred Talbot, of the same township. Squire Lacey bailed him to appear on Saturday.

—At a special meeting of the St. Thomas City Council on Tuesday, a letter was read from W. W. Woollatt, general manager of the L. E. and D. R. R., in answer to a letter from Mayor Maxwell, stating that nothing had been decided upon in regard to the establishment of the L. E. and D. R. R. shops, and when any decision was arrived at the council would be notified.

—Miss Lillie Bowman, of Burwell street, was agreeably surprised the other evening when about 30 of her friends tendered her a surprise party. The time was passed pleasantly playing cards, games and with music. During the evening refreshments were served and after singing Auld Lang Syne, and wishing Miss Bowman a speedy recovery from her late illness the party broke up in the small hours of the morning.

LONDON CLEARING HOUSE.

The total clearings at the London Clearing House this week were $681,223, and the balances $112,800.

GROCOTT TAKEN TO KINGSTON.

Grocott, the china and glassware thief, was taken to Kingston last night in charge of the sheriff and deputy sheriff. His sentence was three years.

MISS MOORE RESIGNS.

Miss Katie Moore, organist of Sodality choir, St. Peter's Cathedral, has resigned, having accepted the position of organist at the Catholic Church, St. Marys.

HOW TO SUCCEED.

The former pastor of the First Congregational Church, Rev. J. W. Pedley, now of the Western Congregational Church, Toronto, is to lecture here in his old church on the 19th inst. His subject will be "How to Succeed."

MR. CARNEGIE'S PROMOTION.

The many London friends of Mr. Thomas Carnegie, of Frederick Stearns & Co., Detroit, Mich., will be pleased to learn of his promotion to represent the firm's interests at their New York City branch. He leaves for there about March 1.

ADDRESSED LAMBTON DOCTORS.

The Medical Association of Lambton met yesterday afternoon at Watford, and was attended by a large number of doctors from various parts of the country. Among those who addressed the meeting was Dr. J. B. Balfour, of this city.

TWO LAND GRANTS.

Mr. Ernest Fitzgerald, of this city, has received notice of the location of his grant of land in New Ontario. Both he and his father were veterans, and the former gets both grants, as his father is now dead. The farms are on the 2nd and 4th concessions of Bucke Township, Temiscamingue district.

INTERRED AT WOODLAND.

The funeral of the late Mr. Bert Smith took place this afternoon to Woodland Cemetery from the family residence, Dufferin avenue. The remains were removed to the Memorial Church previous to being conveyed to the cemetery. Rev. C. C. Owen conducted the services at the funeral, which a large number of friends of the young man attended.

LONDON-AYLMER LINE.

Mr. Wm. Warnock, trustee of the London, Aylmer and North Shore Electric Railway, has issued the prospectus of the company. The prospectus says that the line will be 50 miles long, extending from London to Port Burwell via Belmont and Aylmer. The roadbed will be laid out with not less than 70-pound rails. The rolling stock will consist of passenger cars approximating 50 feet in length, and a number of express and freight cars.

BIG COURT TOMORROW.

This morning's police court was not very large, the only cases being tried being those of two intoxes. One of these was discharged and the other was fined $3. Joseph Blaney came up, but the crown attorney, as well as the prisoner's counsel, were out of town, and the case was adjourned until tomorrow. There are a number of cases to be tried tomorrow. The impersonation cases are to come up and Bale, the man charged with fraud, will also be tried, besides several other remanded prisoners.

POLICEMAN'S TROUBLES.

One of the latest additions to the police force furnished some amusement for a large crowd on Richmond street, near the postoffice, between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning. A big goat belonging to a hotelkeeper wandered onto the street, and when the officer attempted to capture it the animal turned on him, causing a general mixup, in which the policeman was thrown to the ground. "Billy" was finally conquered and returned to his kraal.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of their wedding was an enjoyable event which occurred Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sutherland, of 180 Bruce street. More than 60 members and friends of the family shared in the pleasure of this joyous occasion. Games, songs and speeches made the evening pass very pleasantly. A number of handsome gifts were received by Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland. Seven of their children were with them on Tuesday, and four more are in the States.

CHRIST CHURCH "AT HOME."

A very pleasant at home was held last night in the lecture room of Christ Church, under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary and Literary Society. The room was tastefully decorated and the large number of young people present enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The rector conducted the opening services, and the programme, which was in charge of Mr. Charles Percy, organist, included a helpful missionary address by Mr. A. E. Welch. During the evening refreshments were served.

ROBERTS—LOGAN.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Logan, of Wyton, was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday, when their third daughter, Miss Minnie Logan, was wedded to Mr. Leslie Roberts, a prosperous young farmer of Denfield. A large number of friends were present from different towns and cities. Rev. G. Baker, of Thorndale, performed the ceremony, and Miss Nellie Bilyea, of Blanchford, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, while Mr. T. W. Harrison, of Detroit, cousin of the groom, was best man. The costumes were of white and blue silk. The decorations were of pink and white carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will reside in Denfield.

THE PORT SHOULD BOOM.

St. Thomas Times: With the additional steamers to be put on the route between Port Stanley and Conneaut, and the trolley line to run from London and St. Thomas to the lake front, the coming summer ought to see a great boom for the Port. There is no reason why Port Stanley should not be a coal depot of considerable magnitude. With the powerful influence of the Pere Marquette Railway behind the projected line of steamers, it is not unreasonable to expect that much of the coal imported from Ohio should find its distributing center at Port Stanley. All the district from Chatham to Tilsonburg, and the northward section, including St. Thomas, London, Stratford and farther north, could be supplied more conveniently from Port Stanley than any other point. Were the combination of coal carrying railroads broken, anthracite coal could also be brought to Port Stanley by boat and distributed there. All this would make "Port" a busy place for coal, while with the electric railway completed there would be a tremendous increase in the number of transient visitors during the summer.

Suit Against the Sleemans.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—An order has been made by the master in chambers directing George Sleeman, brewer, of Guelph, and Sarah Sleeman, his wife, to attend for examination in the suit brought by the Traders' Bank. It is claimed that the wife holds considerable property which really belongs to the husband.

Nationalists Released.

Dublin, Feb. 12.—Wiliam Duffy, Nationalist member of Parliament for South Galway, and three others who were imprisoned under the coercion act, were released this afternoon from Galway jail. Mr. Duffy, who is honorary secretary of the United Irish League, was sent on Nov. 18 to three months' imprisonment for conspiracy and incitement to commit crime.

The Northern Pacific Now.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 12.—Attorney C. E. Hamilton, of St. Paul, will reach Winnipeg today in connection with an important railway application on behalf of promoters who propose establishing a network of railways in the Province. This is the scheme which the Northern Pacific is said to be backing up.

PERE MARQUETTE WILL SPEND SIX MILLIONS

General Manager Carpenter Makes a Very Important Announcement.

An announcement of considerable importance in the railway world has been made at Detroit by General Manager Carpenter, of the Flint and Pere Marquette, which acquired possession of the Lake Erie and Detroit River line at the first of the year.

Mr. Carpenter says that the Pere Marquette will go into the improvement of the road on a very extensive scale during 1903. The total amount to be spent is $6,000,000, and not a small portion of this is to be paid out for new rolling stock. Sixty-five new locomotives have been purchased, and 5,000 freight cars are also under order. A considerable proportion of both the engines and cars are to be delivered this month, and the remainder as rapidly as the car and locomotive works can turn them out.

The ferry service of the company on the St. Clair River is also to be increased. The traffic at Port Huron and Sarnia is very heavy, and in order to relieve the ferry plying between those places some of the freight will be taken to Detroit, and placed in a new ferry to do service between there and Walkerville.

The lines in Ontario may be improved to some extent.

AN UNUSUAL ACTION

Toronto Firm Claims Londoners Entice Workmen Away.

Latter Offered Better Wages—Say Suit Is Ridiculous.

An action, the result of which will be awaited with interest, particularly by the working classes, has been begun in Toronto by the Macdonald Manufacturing Company. The defendants are the Canada Tin Plate and Decorating Company, who recently established a factory in this city.

The Macdonald Company are applying for an injunction restraining the Canada Company from enticing their men to desert their employment. The local concern does not deny having secured the services of a number of men from the Toronto company, but the manager, Mr. J. W. Thompson, says the men came to London simply because they were offered a better wage.

Mr. Thompson ridicules the idea of the Toronto company bringing the action. "This action is not entered because we are taking any of the Macdonald Company's men," he said to The Advertiser today. "It is brought more for the purpose of embarrassing us in our business, which has only recently been launched. The truth of the matter is that we have only brought four men from Toronto, although we might have had more. Others were anxious to come to London to work, but we got men from other places than Toronto. We did not entice men to come here either. We were approached by some, and when we offered them a better wage than they were getting they naturally came.

"The men we did bring to the city were not under any kind of a contract with the Macdonald Company. They had neither a verbal nor a written understanding with them, and therefore we considered we were entitled to take them if they wanted to come. Any man has a right to better himself. I would think, at every opportunity."

Several witnesses have already been examined in Toronto in connection with the suit, and Mr. Thompson and a number of others are to be examined Mr. R. K. Cowan, on Tuesday next.

TWEEN MEAL ABSTAINERS

Adopt a Red Button as a Badge and Take All in Sight.

The Manufacturers Are Unable to Meet the Demand.

London, Feb. 12.—A red button has been adopted as a badge by those who agree not to drink alcoholic beverages except at dinner. They were placed on the market today, and an eager crowd of retailers and hawkers besieged the manufacturers' premises in Houndsditch. The crowd was so great that the police had to form a line to regulate the traffic.

The manufacturers' supply was quickly exhausted, and the hawkers sold out their stocks almost as soon as they left the warehouse. Consequently it is difficult for the public to obtain them elsewhere. The manufacturer said that if he had had a thousand gross he could have disposed of all of them. He intends to continue manufacturing the buttons at high pressure.

One Minute Interviews.

High Constable McLoud—Mosa Sunday school has not got back their books yet. We have so far been unable to get a trace of the thieves who stole about $60 worth of good literature from the Sabbath school library there.

City Engineer Graydon—The bituminous macadam pavements now being initiated are not recommended by me. The initiating is being done upon the recommendation of No. 2 committee of last year. I think it's a good pavement, but the cost has to come down. The pavement on Talbot street will cost about 40 cents a foot for ten years.

Miss Mayou, lady superintendent, Victoria Hospital—Only six of the Wanstead patients are now at the hospital. These are all doing nicely. It will not be long before they will be able to leave. None of them are in a serious condition. Mrs. Stewart, of Oshkosh, is perhaps the most serious case we now have among them, and she is doing very well indeed.

Mr. James McDougall, secretary of the London Bowling and Rowing Club—Our annual meeting will be held on the second Friday in March, when plans for the coming season will be made. Bowling will be taken up with quite as much enthusiasm this year as it was last season. I think bowling is far ahead of curling.

The London Detective—We generally clean up things when we get started. Some of the worst crooks have been rounded up by the police of this city, even though we are not as strong, numerically, as they are in other cities.

Superintendent Costello, of the G. T. R.—Our yards here are well cleaned up now. The jam of freight was never serious at any time.

Dr. J. B. Balfour — Formaline has never been used in a case of blood-poisoning in London. It would not be difficult to kill the germs if there was no objection to killing the patient. Formaline is being tried in the United States as a cure for blood-poisoning, but it is in too experimental a stage to think of attempting its use here.

FIRE LOSSES LAST YEAR

London's Were Much Heavier Than in 1901.

Several Large Fires—Smaller Ones Were Particularly Numerous.

The report of the London Fire Department for the year ended Dec. 31 is being prepared by Chief Roe for presentation to the fire and light committee at its next meeting.

The report will contain much information of interest to citizens. Chief Roe said this morning that the fires in 1902 were more numerous than in the preceding year, and that the losses were much heavier. The start was very unfavorable, the Columbia Handle Works being destroyed early in the year, while there were a number of other heavy fires, including those at Stevely's, McLean's and Eacrett's. In each case the damage was great. The number of fires where the loss was small was also in excess of 1901, those involving a loss of $400 or $500 being particularly numerous.

The outlook for the present year is none too promising, the fire at McClary's happening early in January and involving a great loss.

MAY REVIVE RACE MEETING

Movement on Foot to Get Horsemen Together Again.

May Hold Meeting at Which Matter Will Be Decided.

A movement is on foot among local horsemen to revive the race meeting, which, up till last year, was held every summer in this city. The same men who had to do with the former race association are interested in the resuming of turf operations, and although nothing definite has been done it is taken almost for granted that the city will see some good races this year.

The Canadian circuit meets in the course of a week or so. The dates are assigned then, so that if London wishes to have good horses at the meeting, if there is one, a representative should be sent to endeavor to obtain dates. Otherwise there will be little chance of the local horsemen having as good a meeting as in former years. The past meets held here brought the best horses the country could produce, because they were held early, and trainers had a chance to try their horses before taking them to the big fall meetings. Now, as the meeting has been dropped for a year, it will be harder to get good dates. At least, this is what Mr. Dan Ferguson, who was actively connected with the club, thinks about it, and as he is an authority, it is very likely right.

"It was because the citizens were not patronizing the meeting that the club was closed up," said he to The Advertiser this morning. "The people from outside places attended the races far better than the citizens did, and although we were never in financial difficulties, the club had to struggle along. While we had fair attendance, it should have been better, and the officials were given very little encouragement. There should be enough enthusiastic horsemen in this city to support a few days' racing once a year. No meeting has been called yet, but I think there will be one shortly. I, myself, can't spare the time to take up the racing game again."

"THEY ARE BAD ONES"

Pair of Housebreakers Who Were Sent to Kingston.

Rounded Up by London Police—One Wanted in Toronto.

The chief of police has received information from Toronto concerning the two housebreakers, Fred White and John Gordon, who were sent to Kingston Penintentiary for three years for entering the residences of Mr. William Wilkey and Mr. William Battensby, of Quebec street, a week ago Sunday.

White and Gordon gave Detroit as their home, but both belong to Toronto. "They are two bad ones," say the Toronto police, in the letter to Chief Williams. White's correct name is Guinyon, but he is known also as George Brown. He was only released from the Central Prison in December, after serving three months for an offense committed at Berlin, and in that little time he has been in bad company, it is alleged, for the Toronto police have been looking for him on a charge of housebreaking.

Gordon's correct name is William Burnside, and he is a member of a bad gang of housebreakers who operated extensively in Toronto some years ago.

New Archbishop of Canterbury.

London, Feb. 12.—Dr. Randall Davidson was enthroned today as Archbishop of Canterbury (in succession to the late Dr. Frederick Temple), in Canterbury Cathedral, with much stately ceremonial. The cathedral was filled to its capacity with church dignitaries and civil, naval and military officials, in full robes or uniforms.

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PRESIDENT BAER MAKES HIS PLEA

Big Crowd Gathers to Hear His Address.

OFFERS INCREASE OF 5 PER CENT

He Says the United Mine Workers Have Created a Monster Monopoly.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12. — With the expectation of hearing George F. Baer, president of the Reading Company, make the closing argument against the demands of the miners, the largest crowd that has yet visited the United States circuit court room, was present when the coal strike commission opened its session yesterday. Many prominent men and women were among the throng.

President Baer said: In the development of the natural resources of the earth it is necessary for men to combine both their capital and their energy. Railroads, steamship lines, great steel plants and workshops of every kind can only be created by a combination of capital. We are apt to overlook the part these business corporations play in the distribution of wealth. Their stockholders are many, scattered far and wide, and the business is not owned—as many people suppose—by a few very rich men. A successful business, carried on in corporate form, distributes its profits among many, and, therefore, necessarily tends to a greater distribution of wealth. In general, no one denies the right of man to organize for any lawful purpose, but the right to organize, and the power of the organization when organized, must still be governed and controlled by the general law of the land under which our individual and property rights are protected. We concede to organized labor the same rights that we claim for organized capital. Each must keep within the law. There cannot be one law for citizens and corporations, and another for labor organizations. The lawlessness in the coal region was the direct result of mistaken theories as to the rights of the mine workers. It will not do to say that the leaders have not encouraged violence and crime. It is true, no doubt, that they did not advise it. They may at times have counseled against it, and expressed regrets for it; nevertheless, they are legally and morally responsible for the situation they created, and from which violence and crime necessarily resulted. The leaders intended to enforce their demands by the threatened destruction of the mines. They well know that if the pumping ceased the mines would be destroyed. They thought the operators would yield rather than see the ruin of the mines. The public is now suffering for want of an adequate supply of fuel. Think what the result would have been had the efforts of the union to drown out all our collieries been successful. Many good men have found fault with us for not making an agreement with the United Mine Workers of America. The demand made upon us was for a uniform scale of wages, covering the whole anthracite field. The conditions of employment are not always the same, and therefore a uniform scale of wages, applicable to the whole United States, would not be just. We could never see the wisdom of permitting the bituminous coal miners to inject themselves into the anthracite mining situation. We do not object to our employes joining labor organizations. This is their privilege. But we will not agree to turn over the management of our busines to a labor organization because some of our employes belong to it.

If Mr. Mitchell simply represented our own employes, and was acting exclusively for them, there could be no objection to dealing with him, but he represents an organization having for its object some Utopian scheme of uniformity in wages and conditions in the mining of coal all over the United States. Wages can only increase when each individual is left free to exert himself in his fullest capacity, thereby creating wealth which in turn gives new employment, creates demand for commodities, and demand for workment to produce them. Only in this way can the wage fund be increased.

If we are over-anxious about the effect of the mere possibilities of monopoly, what must be the measure of anxiety as to placing the control of the fuel of the country in one organization, and that, too, an organization without capital or responsibility?

We are not left to conjecture. The facts are before us. The United Mine Workers have created a monster monopoly. They did shut up the anthracite mines for more than five months. They taxed the bituminous miners and all laborers over whom organized labor had control, to support the strike. The owners of bituminous mines, some in self-defense, others in the hope of gain, contributed to the strike fund. All over the land, except in the districts that could be supplied by the great anhtracie coal companies, the poor, the honest workman and the well-to-do suffered for want of fuel.

The record shows that an honest effort was made to convince the United Mine Workers that their demands were unjust.

Mr. Baer gave a comprehensive account of the difficulties and expense entailed in the production of anthracite coal. Continuing, he said:

"The testimony clearly shows that the wages now paid are fair wages, that they compare most favorably with the general wages of the country, and that men willing to work honestly and exert themselves, earn annually sums in excess of the average.

"The demand for an eight-hour day is only another form of increasing the cost of production.

After reviewing the old "sliding scale" wage system, Mr. Baer presented this proposition:

"That the rate of wages now paid shall be the minimum basis for the next three years; that from the 1st of November to the 1st of April, 1903, all employes, other than contract miners, shall be paid an additional 5 per cent; that on and after April 1, 1903, for each 5 cents in excess of $4 50 per ton on the average price realized for white ash coal in the harbor in New York, on all sizes above pea, wages shall be advanced 1 per cent; the wages to rise or fall 1 per cent for each of the 5 cents increase or decrease in prices; but they shall never fall during the next three years below the present basis.

"The average price for each region to be ascertained by a competent accountant to be appointed by Judge Gray, chairman of the commission, or in case, for any reason, Judge Gray cannot act, then by one of the United States circuit judges holding court in the city of Philadelphia. The compensation of this accountant to be fixed by the judge making the appointment, and to be paid by the operators in proportion to the tonnage at each mine; each operator to submit a full statement each month to said accountant of all sales of white ash coal, and the prices realized thereon, free on board, New York, with the right of the accountant to have access to the books to verify the statement."

COMMISSION MAY BE APPOINTED

Sir Wilfrid Gives a Favorable Reply to Deputation.

BILL TO BE UP NEXT SESSION.

Discrimination and Excessive Charges for Freight-Carrying Complained Of.

Ottawa, Feb. 12. — It would be difficult to select a more representative deputation than that which met the Government this morning and asked for the early appointment of a commission of experts to regulate railway and express rates. The deputation, which was made up of manufacturers and merchants, farmers and fruit growers, submitted a formidable array of facts and succeeded in making out a very strong case. The following interests were represented:

Toronto Board of Trade—Hugh Blain, chairman of the transportation committee, and J. D. Allan, vice-president.

Manufacturers' Associations—Robert Munro, Montreal; J. O. Thorne and R. J. Young, Toronto.

Cattle Dealers' Association — John Dunn, Toronto.

Ontario Fruit Growers' Association—W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines, president; H. W. Dawson, Toronto; D. D. Wilson, Seaforth.

United Fruit Growers of the Niagara Peninsula—D. J. MacKinnon, Grimsby, president.

Farmers' Association—L. E. Annis, Scarboro; J. Lockie Wilson, Alexandria.

The ministers present were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. Wm. Paterson, Hon. A. G. Blair and Hon. W. S. Fielding.

The memorandum was in part as follows: The request for a