DUNDAS, THE VALLEY CITY

A SKETCH OF HER BUSINESS MEN AND MANUFACTORIES.

At the Head of Navigation—The Officers of the Corporation—Early History of the Place—A List of Flourishing Industries that Turn Out Tools, Cotton and Woolens and Many Other Lines.

Since La Salle over two centuries ago gazed upon the glorious scenery of the Valley of Dundas, the advent of the white man and his new modes of life may have been the means of detracting from its primeval grandeur, but the hills of Ancaster and Flamboro, the ravine, the cascades and the whole valley are as picturesquely beautiful as ever. From the mountain top, or from one of its terraces, the visitor has a panorama before him the recollection of which time can never efface from his memory. The walled valley, in which nestles the town, the town itself, the terraced hills, and beyond the glimpses of Hamilton and the shining bosom of Burlington Bay, make up a picture as impressive as it is unique. In early times it was known as "Coote's Paradise," from the fact that Captain Coote of the King's Regiment devoted himself with great enthusiasm to hunting the ducks which abounded in the marshes at the lower end of the valley. It afterwards took its name from the road laid out by Governor Simcoe from Kingston to Toronto, and westward to Detroit. This road he named after Henry Dundas, Viscount Melville, who, while Simcoe was Governor, was Secretary-at-War in the Duke of Portland's Cabinet.

Ages and ages ago, geologists tell us, the waters from the upper lakes swept down the valley to Lake Ontario instead of discharging over the majestic precipice at Niagara. This was some time before the days of "John A." and this first conspiracy has never been directly attributed to him. In more modern times time and circumstances have worked many changes, and every change seemed to have an adverse influence. It was laid out in 1801 and being at the converging points of the roads to Waterloo and Guelph it soon became a place of considerable importance. After the shrewd Frenchman Peter Desjardins dug the canal through the marshes and around Burlington Heights a tremenous trade was done, particularly in stares and bolts, and it became the shipping port for the surrounding towns of Galt, Waterloo, Preston and others. Then commenced the rivalry between it and its younger sister Hamilton, and Dundas seemed to have the best of it. The opening of the Great Western Railway directed commerce into a new channel and Dundas gave up the fight. The iron horse supplanted the canal boat, and gradually the boats and barges disappeared and were seen on the waters no more. It is now chiefly associated in people's minds with the terrible accident on March 12, 1857, when the afternoon train from Toronto crashed through the drawbridge and plunged into the water forty feet below. Finding that the carrying trade was gone and that navigation could no longer be counted on as a factor in their prosperity, the people wisely settled down to manufacturing, and the town has ever since kept its proud position as one of the most important manufacturing centres of the land. Another doubtful advantage was the building of the steam tramway to Hamilton. It is certainly very convenient, and has helped to build up friendly relations between the two former antagonists, but in the very nature of things it draws to Hamilton a great deal of the commercial business that would otherwise be done in Dundas. But towns, like individuals, have to adapt themselves to changes in circumstances, and when one source of prosperity fails, have to turn their brains and industry into some more promising channel.

Great dissatisfaction at present exists with the express train service. It seems that owing to the alleged steepness of the grades express trains do not stop here, and passengers have to go to Hamilton to catch express trains either east or west. The high price of loading a car of grain in Dundas has had the effect of diverting the grain trade to other places. A proposition has been made lately to do away with the present G.T.R. station, run everything to Hamilton and work Dundas by a spur line along the canal bank to the centre of the town. By this arrangement they think the grain trade can be recovered and the people better accommodated generally. The matter is now being agitated, and negotiations are going on with the G. T. R. relative to it.

The town has a solid, well-to-do look, and contains many fine buildings. The surrounding heights are dotted with private residences, many of them being capacious and of elegant design. It is surrounded by an excellent agricultural country, has good water power, large factories and stable business houses, and though apparently not progressing much at present has all the elements to enable it to go forward when the next wave of prosperity rolls over the land.

It is lighted with gas, is headquarters of the West Elamboro Agricultural Society; the 77th battalion, in connection with which there is a brass band of provincial fame. It has all the societies and the facilities for amusements usually found in similar towns.

THE CORPORATION.

The affairs of the municipality appear to be run on systematic principles and the responsibility is divided among the various committees. The town hall is a splendid stone building, costing $10,000, which furnishes accommodation for all the departments of municipal work. The council board for the present year consists of the following: Henry Bickford, mayor; A. R. Wardell, reeve; M. S. Wilson, deputy-reeve; councillors: Geo. McDermott, W. Lawsy, W. C. Niblett, W. Lawson, W. G. Smythe, Alex. Bertram, Geo. Ball, Thos. Hickey, W. Graham, J. E. W. McFarlane, Jas. Dickson, and P. O'Connor. The officers are T. Wilson, clerk and treasurer; Geo. Bicknell, assessor; Geo. Coote, collector; C. Rose, chief constable; S. Johnson, market clerk; John Blundell, caretaker of Grove Cemetery and T. S. Bell, engineer under the Ditches and Watercourses Act. There is a wide-awake Local Board of Health and sanitary matters are sharply looked after.

The total assessed value last year was $993,735, and the population returned by the assessor 3991. The rate last year was 2 cents on the dollar and though this may seem somewhat high it is claimed that the valuation is low. The total indebtedness is about $64,000.

WATERWORKS.

The town has about $40,000 invested in waterworks. The water is collected from springs into a reservoir 200 feet above the canal, giving a pressure of 100 lbs., and 75 lbs. in the centre of the town. Forty hydrants are distributed through the town, and the system is year by year getting more extensively introduced into the houses. The rates vary from $7.50 to $15 per annum, according to circumstances. The system throughout is very effective and highly satisfactory.

SCHOOLS.

The school building consists of a magnificent two-story brick structure erected at a cost of $20,000, in which are twelve teaching rooms; nine of them are occupied by the Public School and three by the High School. The building is heated with steam, and is up to the times generally. The time does not seem far off, however, when Dundas will have to follow the example of many other places and erect a separate building for the High School. Among the schools of the Province that of Dundas stands high. J. D. Bisonette is principal of the High School and J. A. Hill of the Public School. The Board of Education is composed of the representative men of the town, and work harmoniously together in advancing the interests of education. H. Bertram is chairman of the Board.

There is also a R.C. Separate School Board, composed of eight members and A. S. Cain is chairman.

MANUFACTURES.

Dundas is essentially a manufacturing town and in some lines leads the Province. The cotton factory was the first started in Canada, and is still one of the largest, employing 400 hands. The works of John Bertram & Sons have no equal, and establishments like those of S. Lennard Sons & Bickford, Peter Bertram, J. C. Dixon & Bros., J. H. Bowman & Co. and the Gore Paper Mills are the backbone of a place and give it a reputation all over the Dominion. In addition to these mentioned there are minor industries, such as tanneries, carding mills, carriage factories, forging works and others.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Very few towns have such a well appointed Mechanics' Institute. In the library there are 5300 volumes, and the reading room is well supplied with newspapers and magazines. There are drawing classes in connection, for which there is a special room, and there are also separate rooms for chess, billiards and smoking. The membership is 200 at present and gradually increasing as the year progresses. The town gives an annual grant of $100 towards its support. The rooms occupied are over the postoffice and admirably adapted for the purpose. W. C. Niblet is President and W. Larery secretary, and the librarian is Miss Lucy Wright, whose acquaintance with general literature is only exceeded by her courtesy, and who conducts the institution in the most systematic and satisfactory manner.

CHURCHES.

Dundas can point triumphantly to its churches as an evidence of the high standard of religious and moral sentiment. All of them are substantial brick or stone buildings, and some of them are of very advanced architectural design. The Roman Catholic is brick with tower; the English church, stone with spire; the Methodist, brick with spire; the Presbyterian, brick, and the Baptist, brick. Revs. J. Keough is priest, F. L. Osler and Ed. A. Irving of the English church, J. Laing, D.D., pastor of the Presbyterian, L. E. Cleaver of the Methodist, and R. C. B. Hallam of the Baptist.

THE PRESS

is represented by The True Banner, published by Roy & Sommerville, and The Dundas Standard, published by W. J. Watson. The Banner is an 8-page paper and The Standard has 10 pages. Both are much above the average of newspapers published in the towns of the Province, and the stranger estimating the town by its newspapers comes to the conclusion that it is a place of even more importance than it is.

THE MAYOR.

Henry Bickford, the present Mayor of Dundas, is a member of the manufacturing firm of S. Lennard, Sons & Bickford. He is now serving the second term, showing that the citizens appreciate the manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office in the past. His business training, his executive ability and mastery of financial matters, eminently fit him for the head of an important corporation. He has been councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve before occupying the mayor's chair, and is a member of the School Board, and has been its chairman. In educational matters and in everything that concerns the welfare of the town he takes a deep interest, and never grudges time or money spent in any beneficial public enterprise. Mr. Bickford is no Dundasian by birth; was a resident of Toronto for twelve years and of Dundas for the past nine years and has completely identified himself with the business interests of the town.

T. WILSON

is Town Clerk and Treasurer, and a resident of the town since 1842. At one time he was largely in the manufacturing business and paid in wages from $1000 to $1200 a month. He served in the council for many years and was mayor for four years.

BUSINESS HOUSES.

John Bertram & Sons.

The present firm are now in their third year, the works having been previously in the manufacture of machine tools, woodworking and car and locomotive machinery for twenty years, all the members of the present firm being practical mechanics and identified with the growth of this class of machinery since its inception in Canada. In the last two years considerable improvement has been made in the plant and machinery by the introduction of labor-saving appliances in that time. They have also made a complete change in the designs and patterns of their products, having introduced a new line of engine lathes from 13 in. to 44 in. swing, of very heavy build and the latest modern style. They have also introduced new styles of iron planers of heavy construction, and with their new positive frictionless feed which they have patented, this style of planer is perfectly noiseless, and is pronounced by leading mechanics as the best made on the continent. They have also on hand vertical drills of new pattern and design. In tool makers' tools they are now making rolls up to ten feet long, plate planers and a line of punches and shears from 6in. up to 12 in., steel plate weighing from 2 tons up to 24 tons, the last size being for the Polson Iron Works and the heaviest machine of its class in Canada. Two new shapers of 16 in. and 24 in. stroke are among their latest designs. The manufactures of this comprise in addition, acme bolt cutters, pulley boring and turning machines, slotters, steam hammers 3 cwt., 7 cwt., 10 cwt. and 20 cwt., locomotive and car machinery, wood planers and matchers, moulding machines, mortisers, tenoners, &c. The works have a frontage on Hatt-street of 400 feet and form in the rear a hollow square. The whole property in addition to the above is ten acres; the buildings are mostly two stories, substantial and fitted up with heavy cranes and moulding shop appliances to turn out castings 12 tons weight, fire pumps and hose.

The Gore Paper Mills.

John Fisher & Son, proprietors, are built of stone and brick and have both steam and water power. They manufacture all kinds of wrapping paper, paper bags, and also newspaper. They make their own chemical pulp, and the ingredients used are chiefly wood, rags, rope, etc. 25 hands are engaged in these special lines, which find a market all over the Dominion. The Grand Trunk Railway runs through the works, and the railway embankments forms the dam, which gives a head of 35 feet. The proprietors are liberal-minded, energetic business men, and are never behind in anything that will advance the interests of the town.

Dundas Woolen Mills.

S. Lennard Sons & Bickford are the proprietors of a very fine factory 60x80 feet, 3-stories high, in which the chief articles manufactured are hosiery, caps, toques, sashes, etc. They have been established 10 years, and their goods have an excellent reputation all over the Dominion. They employ 100 hands, and their establishment is no mean contributor to the prosperity of Dundas. They have a dye-house in Hamilton, but intend moving the business here in the spring and consolidating it with their work.

J. C. Dixon & Bros.

manufacture worsted yarns of every description. Their goods are known all over the Dominion, and the name of their manufactures is sufficient guarantee of superior articles. The premises are stone and brick, fitted up with all the most improved machinery, and steam and water supply power as required. 30 to 40 hands are constantly employed. The firm commenced business in Hamilton in 1881, but moved here 4 years ago, and year by year the business is increasing.

Peter Bertram

is proprietor of the works for the manufacture of axes and edged tools. They were established in 1838, and though proprietorship has changed several times they have held a continuous reputation for turning out the very best articles in their line. The building is brick 44x168, 2-stories, and has both steam and water power. 15,000 dozen of axes are turned out annually, besides large numbers of broad and bench axes, adzes, picks, mattocks and crowbars. They also manufacture a highclass of steel axe suitable for lumbermen. When the present proprietor assumed control in 1887, he increased the capacity, and put in a great deal of new machinery of the most modern and improved kind. He also adopted the system of giving the workmen a share in the profits, under certain restrictions of course. During the ten months past something like $1100 has been paid in this way, amounting to about 10 per cent addition to their wages. Jas. Hanigan is manager of the works, and has a thorough knowledge of every detail of the business, his father being the one who started the works in 1838. 40 men are employed on an average.

J. H. Bowman & Co.

are the proprietors of another important industry, employing 50 men. They have a brick factory, the main building being 50x60 with finishing room 40x60 feet and a kiln constructed on the latest scientific principles. They manufacture sideboards, bedroom sets, centre tables, a very superior line of carved mantels, and all kinds of ordered hardwood house finishing. They have finished up some of the best houses in Hamilton. The factory is driven by steam power, and is equipped with the best machinery for the business. Their manufactures enjoy the highest reputation and meet with ready sale. Geo. Porteous is manager.

W. Larery

is a gentleman of well known mechanical ability and literary taste. He is secretary of the Mechanics' Institute, and devoted to its interests. He is engineer at the Dundas Cotton Mill, and has under his charge a pair of coupled Corliss engines of 500 horse power, with a driving wheel 20 feet in diameter, and 5 boilers. The engine house is large, clean and a model of neatness and system.

Wm. Cooper

runs a combination business of coal and ice, and does the principal trade. The coal yard is at the Grand Trunk Railway station, and coal is delivered to parties in quantities to suit. During the summer season ice is delivered daily, and arrangements can be made for the season's supply. He has also the Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph office and the office of the Canadian Express Co.

J. F. Smith

is an importer and dealer in British, German, American and Canadian shelf and heavy hardware, paints, oils, varnishes, etc. The premises are commodious and have all modern facilities for transacting the business. The stock is a most comprehensive one, and includes lamp goods, silverware, steel, manufacturers' and machinists' supplies. In steel a very large business is done. Mr. Smith is a direct importer and sells both wholesale and retail, and is ever alive to the requirements of the public.

H. W. Surerus

keeps a well assorted stock of boots and shoes of all kinds, also trunks, valises, etc. His goods are purchased direct from the best manufacturers in the Dominion and are guaranteed to be first-class in every respect. Ordered work is made up in the best style and warranted to fit.

W. Brinkworth

is a reliable watchmaker of 22 years standing, and doing all the repairing himself there is no botch work. He keeps a good assortment of watches, clocks, jewelry, spectacles, etc. and has earned a wide reputation both for the excellence of his work and the superior quality and moderate prices of his stock.

A. Forrest & Son

are wholesale and retail dealers in flour, oatmeal, chop feed, cornmeal, buckwheat flour, corn, oats and general feed. They are also agents for the Monkland Oatmeal Mills, Fergus. Their premises are conveniently fitted up for the large trade which they enjoy.

W. F. Campbell,

ham and bacon curer, is located in Campbell's Block, King-street. He has been in the business here over 20 years, and his sugar cured hams, bacon rolls and Glasgow beef hams are well and favorably known throughout the Dominion, and are considered unsurpassed. From Montreal to Winnipeg many of the best families stock their larders from this establishment. Many of the leading hotels will have no other cured meats on their tables. Dundas, being in the centre of a heavy grain producing county Mr. F. has the pick and choice of the best grain-fed hogs, and that is one reason of his success. After years of experiment he knows exactly the pickle that will suit the taste of his customers, and uniformly produces mild sugar cured hams, bacon and rolls.

Palmer & Hickey

are bricklayers and masons, and take contracts for all work in their line. They are an old established firm, and are widely known as first-class mechanics and reliable men.

Cain & Lang

have been in business 15 years, and keep a large stock of groceries, crockery, china and glassware. The combined attractions of varied stock and low prices draw a large patronage. Groceries are fresh and well sorted up, and his other lines will be found very complete.

Collins Hotel,

F. Collins, proprietor, is centrally located, and besides being commodious has lately been furnished, painted and decorated. It is steam heated, and has the other modern improvements, and is a popular and well patronized house.

Dundas Drug Company.

The above firm since starting about six years ago has built up one of the largest drug and stationery businesses in the country. They carry a large stock of drugs, chemicals, books and stationery and everything to be found in a first-class drug and stationery establishment. Their drugs and chemicals are of the best quality, the purest that can be bought. The manager, Mr. H. W. Ralph, is a thorough business man, obliging to his customers and seems to be the right man in the right place.

W. C. Niblet,

chemist and druggist, is proprietor of a business which was established 40 years ago by W. Elliot of Toronto. He keeps a full line of drugs and medicines, fancy goods and sundries. Dispensing is carefully attended to. A book and stationery department is an attractive feature of the store, and school books, school requisites and general stationery are always in good supply.

Mr. Niblet is something of a bird fancier, and in his collection has a specimen which is probably the only one in Canada. It is the great brown kingfisher, better known as the "laughing jackass," and commonly called the settler's clock. It was brought from Australia by Dr. Stutt of Lynden. It is something like a grey owl, but with a long beak. It is carnivorous and a mouse is its special dainty. In obedience to command it will entertain the visitor with the laugh which in its native land warns the settler that it is sunrise and time to prepare for the labors of the day.

Riley House,

J. Deary, proprietor, is centrally located on Main-street, and has all the accommodation to make it a leading commercial hotel. The sample rooms are ample, and the house throughout has all the home comforts which travelers so dearly prize. It has recently been decorated, and presents a good appearance, and the host is careful that guests receive all needful attention.

Grafton & Co.

This is a mammoth establishment, 36 years established, and has very few equals in the cities. The building is brick, 100x125, three stories high and fully occupied by the business. The interior is bright and cheerful, and the arrangement of the stock shows wonderful order and classification. Large archways give means of access from one division of the store to another, and customers can provide themselves with articles from the various departments without leaving the store. They import direct, do a considerable wholesale trade, and two business trips are made to Europe every year. The stock is composed of staple and fancy dry goods, including a beautiful selection of silks, satins and plushes, millinery, carpets, house furnishings, an immense stock of clothing, gents' furnishings, hats and caps, &c. The tailoring, millinery and dressmaking departments are kept up to a high standard, two cutters of established reputation being in the tailoring department, and accomplished artistes presiding over the millinery, mantle and dressmaking. A better conception of the magnitude of this business will be obtained by the knowledge that 100 hands are employed in the building. There are 30 departments and each department is presided over by a competent foreman.

J. Allan,

watchmaker and jeweler, keeps an attractive variety of watches, clocks and general jewelry. He is a practical man, understanding the business in all its branches, and makes a specialty of repairing. Parties requiring a timepiece can depend on his good judgment for a satisfactory article.

Peter Brady

is a dealer in stoves, tinware, sewing machines, etc. He has always an excellent stock to select from, and his prices are exceedingly moderate. Tinware of every description is manufactured in the best style and furnace work, eavestroughing and all kinds of jobbing receive prompt attention.

A. Chapman

is a dealer in flour and feed, and buys and sells farm produce. His premises are conveniently fitted up for the business, and a varied stock is kept. He has had a lengthy experience in the grain business, and since opening the store here the business has grown rapidly and still keeps extending, showing that he has the complete confidence of the public.

Jas. Webster

is in the flour, feed and grain business, and also buys wool and general farm produce. His stock of garden and field seeds is carefully selected by himself, and can always be depended on as represented. Mr. W. has been in the business 18 years, and the experience has made him an expert in anything pertaining to grain or seeds.

P. & R. Lang

have a fine store and keep a large and attractive stock of family groceries, confectionery, crockery and glassware. They have been long established, keep everything up to the times and do a large trade. Groceries are always fresh and include all the new and seasonable delicacies. The other departments contain a variety sufficient to satisfy the wants of all their customers.

W. Lawson

carries on a business of considerable importance in its line, and which keeps increasing at a satisfactory rate. He manufactures carriages and wagons, and having a blacksmith shop, a wood-working shop and a paint shop finishes the article complete. He also does horseshoeing and general blacksmithing of every kind.

J. Fisher

deals in pork and smoked hams, and keeps a stock which for extent is seldom seen in any town. He does his own curing, and his smoked meat has a high reputation. He also manufactures large quantities of sausages which have a ready sale.

Wm. Graham

carries on what is said to be the longest established grocery in town. Provisions, crockery and glassware are also leading lines. During the 43 years' existence of this business, it never presented so much activity and vigor as now. The best and most attractive goods are constantly being placed before the public, resulting in increased sales and mutual satisfaction.

C. H. Durrant

has a good shop with plate glass front, and is a large dealer in groceries, provisions, crockery, glassware, flour and feed. He was doing business in another stand, but to keep pace with the increase had to move to his present commodious premises. The grocery department comprises a choice line of general and staple groceries, veneral provisions and country produce, and he aims to keep the very best brands of teas and coffees. All the departments will be found well worthy the attention of intending purchasers.

Medical.

Dr. T. A. Bertram and Dr. J. Ross are two of the leading medical men and have a wide practice.

C. E. Green, L.D.S.,

is a graduate of the Ontario Dental College and has been practising here about a year. During that time he has obtained an excellent reputation as a skilful and scientific dentist. His office is supplied with modern apparatus, and dentistry in all its branches is practised on the most approved principles.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce,

is one of the important institutions of the place, and does an extensive banking business. Mr. Pangman is manager.

Miss Mary Campbell, Elm, writes: "After taking four bottles of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, I feel as if I were a new person. I have been troubled with Dyspepsia for a number of years, and tried many remedies, but of no avail, until I tried this celebrated Dyspeptic Cure." For all impurities of the Blood, Sick Headache, Liver and Kidney Complaints, Costiveness, etc., it is the best medicine known.

They are doing an immense business in men's spring suits and overcoats at the Army & Navy stores. Some of the nobblest goods will soon be sold out. Over a thousand styles of spring suits at any price you like. We notice some of the best people in Toronto are buying their clothing ready-made at the Army & Navy stores. The price is lower and the style just as good as custom clothing.

Another New Block.

The northeast corner of Yonge and Colborne-streets (Buntin, Reid & Co.'s stand), 34 ft. on Yonge, has been sold through Mr. A. W. Smith to Mr. R. F. Mackinnon for $65,000. The rear portion of the lot in Colborne-street has been sold to Mr. Nordheimer for $25,000. Mr. Mackinnon will put up a $50,000 block, the corner ground portion of which will likely be occupied by the Traders' Bank.

The Best Pills.—Mr. Wm. Vandervoort, Sydney Crossing, Ont., writes: "We have been using Parmelee's Pills, and find them by far the best pills we ever used." *For Delicate and Debilitated Constitutions* these Pills act like a charm. Taken in small doses, the effect is both a tonic and a stimulant, mildly exciting the secretions of the body, giving tone and vigor.

To Real Estate Men.

If you propose getting out a lithographic plan of your properties call at the Ontario Lithographing Co., World Building, for samples and prices. tf.

"Far From the Madding Crowd."

City Relief Officer Taylor is being overwhelmed with applications for railroad passes. The deaf, halt and blind, the able-bodied tramp and the disappointed immigrant all want apparently to get out of town now that the weather shows signs of breaking up. There were twenty applications yesterday, of which only three were granted.

A. M. Hamilton, Warkworth, writes: "For weeks I was troubled with a swelled ankle, which caused me much pain and annoyance. Mr. Maybee of this place recommended *Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil* for it. I tried it, and before one bottle was used I was cured. It is an article of great value."

The Sultan of Turkey with seven hundred wives is not half so happy as the man who buys his clothing at the Army & Navy stores. Seven hundred or seven thousand wives are not such a trouble to a man as a bad fitting suit. He can get away from his wives, but his suit sticks to him. No man should pass the Army & Navy stores when he wants a suit.

City Hall Small Talk.

Ex-Ald. George Evans and a host of West Enders waited on the Mayor yesterday to urge on him the great advantages which would accrue to the city from the purchase of the Bickford property for park purposes.

It is probable that Mayor Booth will be placed on the Executive Committee and Reeve Gowanlock on the Board of Works when Parkdale annexation becomes an accomplished fact.

Permits have been granted R. Tinning for the erection in Murray-street of a two story brick dwelling to cost $5000; to W. Crane for two three story brick stores in Spadina-avenue to cost $7000.

Mayor Booth of Parkdale refuses to sign the checks calling for the payment of the late grants of public moneys passed by Parkdale Council.

Your Children

Are constantly exposed to danger from Colds, Whooping Cough, Croup, and diseases peculiar to the throat and lungs. For such ailments, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, promptly administered, affords speedy relief and cure.

As a remedy for Whooping Cough, with which many of our children were afflicted, we used, during the past winter, with much satisfaction, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. For this affection, we consider this preparation the most efficacious of all the medicines which have come to our knowledge.—Mary Parkhurst, Preceptress, Home for Little Wanderers, Doncaster, Md.

My children have been peculiarly subject to attacks of Croup, and I failed to find any effective remedy until I commenced administering Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. This preparation relieves the difficulty of breathing and invariably cures the complaint.—David G. Starks, Chatham, Columbia Co., N. Y.

I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for many years, and have found it especially valuable in Whooping Cough. This medicine allays all irritation, prevents inflammation from extending to the lungs, and quickly subdues any tendency to Lung Complaint.—J. B. Wellington, Plainville, Mich.

I find no medicine so effective, for Croup and Whooping Cough, as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It was the means of saving the life of my little boy, only six months old, carrying him safely through the worst case of Whooping Cough I ever saw.—Jane Malone, Piney Flats, Tenn.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists. Price $1; six bottles, $5.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

THE AMERICAN BARLEY CENTRES QUOTE LOWER PRICES.

Toronto Stock Exchange—London Stocks and Bonds—Foreign Exchange—New York and Chicago Markets—European Cables.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 20.

Consols closed in London to-day at 97 7-16 for money and 97 9-16 for account.

Canadian Pacific is weaker in London at 48¾.

Oswego barley is quoted ½ cent lower than yesterday. No. 1 sold at 73c and No. 2 extra at 71c.

To-day's business on the local Stock Exchange was extremely dull. The morning transactions were 28 N. W. Land at 71½ and 30 and 40 Canada Permanent (20 per cent. paid) at 198½. In the afternoon—20 Canada Life at 146.

GOVERNMENT SCRIP FOR SALE.

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To-day's quotations are as follows:

BANKS.	12 M. Ask'd.	12 M. Bid.	2.30 P. M. Asked.	2.30 P. M. Bid.
Montreal	229¼	229	230	229½
Ontario	145	139¾	145	138
Molsons	113	111	...	111
Toronto	219	218	...	214
Merchants'	139	138	...	...
Commerce	120¾	120	120¾	120
Imperial	147	144	147	144
Dominion	229	227	229¾	227¼
Standard	158	152	158	151
Hamilton	...	141½	...	141
MISCELLANEOUS.				
British America	92	89¼	90¼	88½
Western Assurance	148¾	146¼	146¾	145¾
Canada Life	...	...	...	...
Confed. Life Association	...	...	...	...
Consumers' Gas	181	180	180¾	180
Dominion Telegraph	88¾	85	86½	85
Montreal Telegraph	...	...	...	...
Northwest Land Co.	73	71	71½	71
Can. Pacific Rail. Grant Bonds	...	108	...	...
LOAN COMPANIES.				
Canada Permanent	212	206	...	...
Freehold	...	168	...	...
Western Canada	...	165	...	...
Union	...	108	...	...
B. & Loan Association	107	103	...	...
Farmers' L. & Savings	...	108	...	...
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	149¼	148	...	...
People's Loan	...	114	...	...

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BETWEEN BANKS.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
New York Exchange	1-16	1-16	⅛ to ¼
Sixty days' sterling	9 9-16	9 11-16	9⅞ to 10
Demand do	10	10¼	10⅛ to 10¼

RATES FOR STERLING IN NEW YORK.

	Posted.	Actual.
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To-day's fluctuations in leading stocks on the New York stock market are as follows:

STOCKS.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Total Sales.
Can. Pacific	55½	55½	55	55¼	1000
Can. Southern	33¾	33¾	33¼	33¼	300
Del. & Hudson	135¾	136¼	135¾	136¼	1580
Del. & Lack.	137½	137½	137½	137½	2500
Erie	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾	200
Jer. Central	94¾	94¾	94¾	94¾	100
Kansas & Texas	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾	100
Lake Shore	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾	5700
Lou. & Nash.	59¾	60¼	59¾	60	5800
Mich. Cent.	88	88½	88	88½	300
Missouri Pacific	67¾	68¼	67¾	68¼	2300
N. & N. E.	43¾	44⅛	43¾	44	600
N. Y. Central	107	107	107	107	100
Northern Pacific	25¼	25½	25¼	25½	800
Northwest	104¾	104¾	104	104¾	1500
Oregon Trans.	31¾	32¼	31¾	32¼	4700
Reading	44½	45	44¾	44¾	2830
St. Paul	69¾	69¾	69	69¼	1140
Union Pacific	63¾	63¾	63¼	63¾	1800
Western Union	84¼	84¼	84¼	84¼	800

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

To-day's fluctuations in the Chicago grain and produce market are as follows:

		Opened.	Closed.	Highest.	Lowest.
Wheat	Mar.	91⅝	92⅜	94¾	91⅝
"	May	93¼	93¾	95⅞	93¼
"	June	91⅝	92¼	93¼	91⅛
"	July	85⅝	86	86⅞	85⅛
Corn	Mar.	34	33¾	34	33¾
"	April	34⅛	34⅜	34⅜	34⅛
"	May	35⅛	35⅛	35¼	35⅛
"	July	35⅝	35⅞	35⅞	35¾
Oats	Mar.	24¼	24¼	24¼	24¼
"	May	25⅜	25⅜	25⅜	25⅛
"	June	25⅜	25⅜	25⅜	25
"	July	25	24⅞	25	24⅞
Pork	Mar.	...	...	...	...
"	May	11.92½	12.22½	12.27½	11.92½
"	June	11.97½	12.27½	12.27½	11.97½
"	July	12.07½	12.35	12.40	12.07½
Lard	Mar.	6.80	6.85	6.85	6.80
"	May	6.87½	6.95	6.95	6.87½
"	June	6.95	7.00	7.00	6.95
"	July	6.97½	7.05	7.05	6.97½

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Grain and Produce.

There is no change to note. Barley is dull, but prices are unchanged. In fact no prices at all are quoted and holders seem perplexed to know what to do with what they have on hand.

On call to-day at the Board of Trade sellers offered No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat at $1.33 on the track; no bids. One car of hard wheat was offered by sample at $1.24, with $1.18 bid. No. 2 frosted wheat offered at 77c to arrive, Winnipeg inspection, with 74c bid. Hard wheat was offered at $1.30 on the track, with $1.20 bid.

On the local grain markets to-day 200 bushels of wheat sold at $1.07 to $1.08 for white; $1.08 to $1.09 for red; $1.09 to $1.12 for spring, and 87½c for goose. One thousand bushels of barley sold at 44c to 54c; 100 bushels of peas changed hands at 58c to 67c, and 200 bushels of oats sold at 37½c to 38c.

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LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—Wheat dull; demand poor; holders offer moderately. Corn easy; fair demand. Spring wheat, 8s; red winter, 7s 6d; No. 1 Cal., 7s 7½d; corn, 3s 11d; peas, 5s 7d; pork, 65s; lard, 35s 9d; bacon, short and long cleared, 33s 6d and 34s 6d; tallow, 25s; cheese, white and colored, 53s 6d.

BERNSHOM'S REPORT.

LONDON, March 20.—Floating cargoes—Wheat very dull and corn slow. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and corn very little demand. Mark Lane—Wheat weaker, American corn quieter. Danube corn quiet, flour weaker; good cargoes No. 1 Cal. wheat off coast, 37s was 37s 3d; No. 1 Australian wheat off coast, 38s was 38s 6d; No. 1 Chillian wheat off coast, 36s 3d was 36s 9d; present and following month, 38s was 38s 6d; ditto Walla Walla wheat off coast, 36s 3d was 36s 9d; present and following month, 36s 3d was 36s 6d. London—Good shipping No. 1 Cal. wheat, prompt sail, 36s to 36s 3d; ditto nearly due, 36s was 36s 6d. Liverpool—Spot wheat very flat; corn weaker.

There are so many cough medicines in the market that it is sometimes difficult to tell which to buy; but if we had a cough, a cold or any affection