esus Heals the Nobleman's Son .- John

4: 43-54-Commentary .- 1. Jesus received as rophet (vs. 43-45.) 43. After two days -The two days mentioned in verse 40, which he had spent in Samaria. He then arried out his original plan (v. 3.) falilee-The centre of life and activity n Palestine at that time. It contained hree millions of people. There was a arge foreign population and the Jews were more ready to receive the gospel han in the south. 44. His own country This proverb was repeated later when to was at Nazareth (Mark 6, 4; Luke 4, 4): then Nazareth was "his own coun-"To what country does he now re-when he speaks of "his own counry?" Various explanations have been uggested: 1. That having first gained ecognition in Judea he will now return o his own people, where he is not over sopular, and endeavor to reach them. 2. Whedon. says, "From foreign Samaria, where he was honored. Jesus departs to ds own country, where he was without wonor." 3. That Jesus regarded Jerusaem and Judea as his country, it being place of his birth, the place of his Father's house and kingdom, and the entre; of the Jewish world. Jesus had not been enthusiastically received in Fudea (John 3, 25; 4, 1, 2) and now decides to labor in Galilee until later, ides to labor in Galilee until later, sppeal to them. This may be the cor

sect explanation.

45. Into Galilee—The country of Galiee. He had accomplished his journey
rom Judea. Received him—This does
not mean that none rejected him, but
where he went he was welcomed. His irst miracle there, nearly a year before, was still in their memory, and it was memory, and it was only a few weeks after that when those ame countrymen met him at the Passiver, and there witnessed other miracles and a display of his authority in cleansng the temple

II. The nobleman's request (vs. 46, 17.) 46. Again into Cana—Where his lisciples witnessed the first display of his power (John 2, 7-11), and where their faith in him as the Messiah was confirmed. Very likely he was again intertained in the home of Nathaniel. A certain nobleman—Literally, "one be-onging to the king." Herod Antopas was king at this time and this man was probably some high officer of Herod's Some think he was Chuza, Hervife, Joanna, ministered to Jesus (Luke 3; 3.) The miraculous healing of the centurion's servant (Matt. 8; 5 and Luke 7; 1), but must not be consounded with it. Son was sick—Very vels. Capernaum—A city on the rthwest coast of the Sea of Galilee. on after this Jesus made Capernaum ais home. 47. When he heard-Probably through the reports of those who had been at the Passover, if he had not ne besought him, when as a man in authority, some would think he might have ordered his attendance. The greatest men, when they come to God, must become beggars. Point of death—This would show the urgency in the case, the would show the digency in the cast, with the teason why Jesus should go in person. 'Times of sorrow and deepest need lead Times of sorrow and deepest need lead as to Christ. When no earthly power an aid us, we turn to the One who has all power and love. Many a one has gone to Christ from a sense of want and conscious helplessness. It would seem that a certain shock is needed to bring

ontact with reality."
The nobleman's faith (vs. 48-50). 18. Except ye see-Not only did they temand miracles, but miracles performs d in a striking manner.—Bib. Mus. How totally unlike the Samaritans, from whom our Lord had so lately come who embraced the divinity of His teachings without demanding wonders. This nobleman came purely absorbed in his tying son, anxious for the bodily miracle, but thoughtless of the divine claims of the Saviour of sinners. It is this sel. His word of promise. We receive what of the Saviour of sinners. It is this sellishness of spirit that Jesus now rebukes. The words of this verse are, as It were, an ejaculation, a thinking aloud of Jesus. He sees that to awaken this man he must more than heal his son; must so heal him as to arouse the

reflection, and then may come faith.—Whedon. 49. Come down, This discussion of faith was as loss of time to him. He cannot stop to answer the rebuke. to, argue the case or to defend his character. It is his son alone that fills his thoughts. But his earnestness shows a belief in Christ's power which will soon cause him to acknowledge his child's Saviour as divine. 50.—Go thy way—This would be a great test to the man's faith, but he was ready for it. Thy son liveth—The healing is granted, but without its being necessary for Jesus to leave Cana. Until now the father had believed on th now the lather and believed on the testimony of others. Now His faith is to rest on a better support—on the personal contact which he has just had with the Lord himself.—Godet. The man believed—This is an instance of the power of Jesus to convince the mind: soothe doubts: to confirm faith, to meet our desires.—Barnes. Had our Lord gone with him, as he wished, his unbelief could not have been fully removed. God Mways bestows His gifts in that way in which his glory is best promated and our eternal interest is secured.—Clarke. The word. spoken—Before this he believed in Christ's power to heal, now he

ness, with the prospect of lengthene

52.—Then enquired he—His faith was rewarded. He had believed the word, and received its fulfilment. It was his delight to consider the works of God, and to note the beauty and harmony be-tween His word and His work. At the tween His word and His work. At the seventh hour—Definite time, definite work. This was either one o'clock p. m., according to the Jewish reckoning, or seven o'clock p. m., according to the Roman reckoning. 53. The father knew—Everything was clear to his understanding. It was while he was beseeching the Saviour that his prayer was answered, though at the time he knew it not. Men can tell more of what they have experienced than they can claim by faith. Himself. Whole house—Believed in the divine claims of Jesus. This is the earliest mention of "household faith." The mother, the sisters, brothers, servants—the entire family—had sharservants—the entire family—had shar ed in the anxiety, and now accepted the claims of the Messiah. Faith is graciously contagious.—Pulpit Com. 54. Second miracle—Not the second miracle Jesus had wrought (chap. 3. 2; v. 45),

human with the divine. God always honors the faith of every man. The nobleman from Capernaum whose son was sick is an illustration of the steps of faith which lead to perfect victory. He,

1 Believed Christ could. "When he

heard .... he went unto him and be sought him" (v. 47). He who could turn water into wine (John 2: 9), and drive the buyers and sellers out of the temple (John 2: 15), and work other "miracles" (John 3: 2), could surely heal his boy. Faith cometh by hearing (Rom. 10: 17). To know what Jesus has done for others is an encouragement to believe he will an encouragement to believe he will do the same for us. II. Believed Christ's word. "The

man believed the word that Jesus had spoken" (v. 50). Notice, I. The noble man did not trust his son in what he had done. He had done much; given his son all attention; used all skill, taken the long journey; found Jesus out; flung himself before him; but not in these did he believe. In the matter of salvation men are apt to grasp at what they do. Consciousness of having complied with every condition, of having obeyed every direction, will encourage faith in God; but faith in our prayer, our honesty, our effort, is not the faith that brings blessing.

2. He did not trust to his own feeling. How he felt had nothing to do with it. George Muller says:

"Faith is confidence that God will do what he has declared in his holy word. what he has declared in his holy word. It is reliance on God's word, through assurance that he will act truth-y. It is based altogether on his character. Faith is not an impres s; 3.) The miraculous healing of the centurion's servant (Matt. 8; 5 and Luke 7; 1), but must not be consolunded with it. Son was sick—Very sick with a fever (v. 52.) Disease and death come alike to high and low. There is misery in places as well as in lovels. Caparnum A sixty and lower of the lower of cause God has spoken, and not be-cause we have impressions, feelings or emotions."

III. Believed Christ did. "He went

his way" (v. 50), A beautiful illustration of walking by faith (2 Cor. 5: 7). "Our actions demonstrate our faith surely and strikingly. Hanging had been at the Passover, if he had not simself witnessed the miracles there. Japernaum was not more than twenty niles from Cana, and the news would quickly spread that Jesus was again to Galilee. Went unto .... become to Galilee. In more than the doubt his come to Galilee. Went unto .... become to Galilee. In more than twenty and strikingly. Hanging uneasily around a person who has made us a promise, may be unwell the miracles there. ion for his son; he spared no pains to get help for him. We also see his great espect to our Lord; he came himself, when he might have sent a servant; and he besought him, when as a mental servant. reprehensions, 'Except ye see signs and wonders yet will not believe'."

IV. Believed and obeyed. "Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way...he went his way" (v. 50). Obedience is the condition of confidence (I. John 3, 22. Arthur T. Pierson says: "In thirty years of ministry I never met a case of spirspirit of disobedience and doubt, if only the spirit of complaining." "Faith com

eth...by the word of God" (Rom. 10, 17). Carrie Judd Montgomery says: "Faith is the eye that gazes on Jesus, the hand that leans on Him. The secret is in knowing God speaks, and in doing and we are able to claim His will, and stand with unwavering confidence upon His word of promise. We receive what God, we take the kingdom by force (Matt. 11, 12). This is no earthly force, but entirely heavenly. We do not force heaven

"The steps of faith Fall on the seeming void, and find

The rock/beneath The roektoeneath.

V. Believed and led others. "Himself believed, and his whole house" (v. 53). Andrew Murray says: "There is a prevalent opinion that sickness is better than health for true piety. In the life of Christ and in His work we see no token of this. Health obtained direct from less greatened to the control of the control esus consciously as a gift of redeeming ove, is a wonderful spiritual blessing, bearing in the body the mark of the hand of Jesus."

A. C. M.

### CANADIANS UNDISCOURAGED.

Writer Says This is Only Bull Point

in Present Situation. London, Feb. 10.—The Mail publishes a letter from Canada stating that things there are rotten and financial condi-tions chaotic. The letter says it is ex-pected that the country's deentures lieved in Christ's power to heal, now he believes in His word and acts accordingly.

IV. The nobleman's faith rewarded (vs. /51.54): 51. Going down—From Cana to Capernaum. Met him—"While the father was descending the hillsides with trust and peace, they were ascending them with glad news." Thy son his glad news." Thy son his meant when He used the same words are words as the same words.

#### CAN'T DINE ALONE.

Women Have No Right to Do It In N. Y. Hotels.

New York, Feb. 10.-In the twelfth district municipal court to-day Judge Spielburger and a jury decided in favor of the Hoffman House in the suit brought by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch to recover \$500 damages because of the refusal of the management to serve her and a woman friend with dinner because they were without escort on the roof garden one night last summer. It is reported that Mrs. Blatch may take the case to a higher court. Mrs. Blatch, who is promine

aims of the Messian.

Set ontagious.—Pulpit Com. 54. Second miracle—Not the second miracle esus had wrought (chap. 3. 2; v. 45), but the second in Galilee.

Practical Applications.

Faith is the link which unites the second with the divine. God always orroborated by her friend, Mrs. Graham, who was with her at the firm She contended that the rule forbidding the serving of meals to women without a male escort was an unjust discrimination against her sex and that she had suffered great humiliation and inconvenience by the action of the hotel management

The jury decided without leaving heir chairs in favor of the Hoffman House, much to the chagrin of the fair plaintiff and her friends, who were heard urging her to appeal the case to the higher courts as they swept out of

#### BRUTE'S LIGHT SENTENCE. He Flogged Little Gir! With Cruel Instrument.

Toronto despatch: Fifteen days in jail was the lenient sentence given by Police Magistrate Denison yesterday to Bertram Catley, of 12 Regent street, who had been found guilty of an assault upon May Bartlett, an undersized, pale-looking child of fourteen years of each

child of fourteen years of age.

The circumstances of the case were of such a peculiar nature as to cause comment upon the length of the sentence. It appears that Catley boarded with the mother of the girl, a Mrs. Bartlett, who is an Englishwoman, and who has another daughter of twelve years of age another daughter of twelve years of age. He had been arrested for a flogging which he gave the girl on Saturday last, and the instrument with which he had inflicted the torture looked as if it might have been a cat-o'-nine-tails or a Rus-sian knout. It was a strap cut into strips and fitted into a handle, an instrument which could only have been deliberately made and after consider able trouble.

It was this peculiar point that struck nost of the spectators in the Police Court on hearing the evidence. The girl had been apparently cruelly flogged, for when she had been taken from the home of her mother, and given over to the Children's Aid Society's shelter on Simple of the construct the nurses there found black coe street the nurses there found black

# TRIES TO AID WIFE

Workman Freezes to Death Walking Home.

Saranac N. Y., Lake, Feb. 10.-Braving an Adirondack blizzard and a temperature 30 degrees below zero, a workman employed at Paul Smith's started last Saturday night to walk eight miles to his home in Derrick, where his wife lay seriously ill.

Word was received here last night that the man was found frozen to death by a searching party that started out upon Friends of the man had warned him that it was suicidal to attempt the journey under the terrible conditions that prevailed, but he answered that he must spend Sunday comforting his ill wife. He succumbed before he had cov--

#### FELL INTO SCALDING WATER. Employe of London Factory Suffers Terrible Injuries.

London despatch: Walter Guymer, 5 Adelaide street, was sever 715 Adelaide street, was severely scalded from his waist down, in an His word of promise. We receive what we desire because we desire only His will. We make sure of His will, and then, by a violence of faith which pleases (God, we take the kingdom by force (Matt. 11, 12). This is no earthly force, but entirely heavenly. We do not force because what accident that happened at the Bolt Works this afternon. Young Guymer is 16 years old, and is employed at odd jobs about the place. In the building are a number of large vats full of water, which are used tirely heavenly. We do not force heaven to comply with our requirements, but the heavenly force dwells within us, and times these become almost boiling. They are usually covered, but it seems that energizes us to comply with God's requirements. Lack of faith hinders God and grieves Him, but strong faith accepts His gifts and uses them for his glory. As Whittier said:

"The stars of his

### DIED A JOLLY DEATH.

### Joke Proved Fatal to a Girl, Who

Expired Laughing. New York, Feb. 10.—Hearty laughing caused the sudden death yesterday afternoon of Lena Dulitz, twenty years old, in her home, No. 85 Manhattar mie, Williamsburg. The girl had always a habit of laughing heartily, and while she was seated at the dinner table one of her relatives told a story which provoked a laugh, in which the which prove girl joined.

moment later Miss Dulitz gasped and fell from her chair. She was pro-nounced dead on the arrival of Ambu-lance Surgeon Reilly from St. Catherine's Hospital.

### STOLE INFECTED RABBITS.

Thief Raided Doctor's Laboratory at St. Louis.

New York, Feb. 10.—The Herald has received the following despatch from St. Louis: Fearful retribution awaits the misguided wretch whose hunger or cupidity moved him to raid the laboratory of Dr. Nathaniel Allison. Incidentally the entire neighborhood of the Martha Parsons Hospital, with which the doctor is connected, is in a state of unrest. Dr. Allison was experimenting in the inter-Allison was experimenting in the interest of science upon twelve rabbits, each of which he had inoculated with germs of a contagious disease, and they were being carefully watched during the per-iod of incubation. Yesterday afternoon Dr. Allison went to the cage to see how the various diseases were progressing, when he was horrified to learn that his netients were missing.

patients were missing.

Realizing what might result if the rabbits were used as food, he notified the police, and sent a general alarm through-out the neighborhood. Groceries and butcher shops were notified that the dis-eases ranged from smallpox to measles, and all have declared that no rabbits will be purchased unless each be accom-panied by a clean bill of health.

## THE BURTON LAW

#### Treaty Wanted to Canserve Niagara Falls.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Persistent eforts are to be made in Congress to prevent the re-enactment of what is known' as the Burton law passed in 1906, governing the disposition of the waters of Niagara Falls. The object of that enactment was to conserve the waters of the Falls against the encroschment of

commercial enterprise.

The question of signing of a treaty regarding the disposition of all the waterways between the two countries, has been pending between the U.S., and Great Britain for a long time. Some time this month Ambassador James Bryce, of Great Britain, is going to Ottawa for a consulation with the Candidan and the C adian authorities, but whether or not this will develop into active steps to-wards the formation of a treaty on the general subject is not stated. The Un-ited States wants a treaty prepared and ratified at this session of congress if possible .At the same time it is de sirable that this shall be accomplished in the matter. All this should be done before June of next year when the pre-sent Burton law expires by limitation. A failure to reach an understanding in the form of a treaty between the two countries at an early date will ne-cesitate the passage of some form of legislation extending the present law a resort to which is bitterly opposed some New York interests.

### BEATEN BY SON.

AN AGED WOMAN DIED OF HER INJURIES.

vestigation Held In Nova Scotia Village at Instance of Pastor Reveals a Terrible Story-Given One Year and a Half.

A Halifax despatch: An investigation held to-day at Ohio, a village about seven miles from Yarmouth, disclosed a shocking state of affairs. Three weeks ago an aged woman named Caroline Hilton complained to the stipendiary magistrate that she had been beaten by her son Ebenezer, who used an axe handle as the implement of punishment. He was immediately apprehended and on trial was found guilty and sentenced to a year and a half in the common jail.

On Friday last the woman died, and half and Savydays, pastor of the Bortist.

Rev. Mr. Saunders, pastor of the Baptist Church at Ohio, refused to bury her until an inquest had been held. Ac-cordingly Coroner A. M. Perrin, M. D., was summoned and held an

to-day.

Three witnesses were examined, the wife of Ebenezer Hilton, his daughter and the husband of the latter. The evidence showed that the son had beaten his mother into insensibility, had dragged her over the frozen and kicked her. It was thermore brought out that he had threatened to take her life. The evidence established the fact that the woman had never revived after her terrible or

The jury found that death had been caused by the beating received at the hands of her son, together with subneglect, and recommended that the Attorney-General should im mediately take the matter up.

### MAY USE ANOTHER'S BRAIN.

Sir Oliver Lodge's Views of Condi tions After Death.

London, Feb. 10.-Sil Oliver, Lodge, lecturing before the Ruskin Society of Birmingham on the connection between the psychical and physical, contended the science of the immaterial might be as valid as the science of the material. It might be as possible, he said, for one mind to use another brain as for an author to use another

man's desk.

Speculating regarding the condition of the individual after death, Sir Oliver contended he might still exist in ether without his surroundings being altogether different. Science taught nothing more surely about the universe than the continuity of existence. There was no break in continuous conscious was no break in continuous, conscious identity. Genuine character, personality, memory and the culture of the affections and tastes were continued, while the terrestrial possessions of pain and disabilities were mostly taken away. The powers and faculties might be enlarged and insight acquired.

#### ENCOURAGING THE EMPEROR. Dowager Empress Urging China's

Sovereign to Rule. Pekin, Feb. 10.-The Emperor and the Dowager Empress of China to-day held their annual reception to the members of the diplomatic corps in Pekin.

It is reported here that the Dowager
Empress recently has been encouraging
the Emperor to become interested and

participate in affairs of state.

A customs agreement with regard to
Manchuria has been concluded between China and Russia, and China has notified Japan that she to-day opened sta-tions for the collection of customs on the western Manchurian frontier, and that similar statio s on the e eastern



Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the City Mar ket on Wednesday and Thursday, as reported by the railways, were 46 carloads, composed of 764 cattle, 131 hogs and

composed of 764 cattle, 131 hogs and about 60 calves. There was little change in the quality of cattle offered, a few good and the bulk unfinished. Owing to light receipts on account of the stormy weather, trade was good at firm prices, but no extraordinary quota-

tions were reported.

Exporters—None were offered.

Butchers—Choice picked lots of butchers were quoted at \$5 to \$5.25; loads of good sold at \$4.75 to \$5.10 per cwt.; medium, \$4.40 to \$4.60; common, \$4 to \$4.30; cows. \$3 to \$4 per cwt.; campers

\$4.30; cows, \$3 to \$4 per cwt.; canners \$2 to \$2.50. Feeders and Stockers—Only one small lot of 10 stockers was reported, that weighed 700 pounds each, and sold at

\$3 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers—About 15 milkers and springers, all told, sold at \$30 to \$50 each. Veal Calves—Veal calves sold at \$4 to \$6.50 per cwt. The market was firm, and choice new milk-fed calves are worth \$7 per cwt. Sheep and

Sheep and Lambs—Export ewes, \$4 to \$4.50; rams, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per cwt. Hogs—There were only 131 hogs on the market for the two days, although the evening papers reported 349. Mr. Harris reported prices unchanged at \$5.15 per cwt. for selects, fed and wat-

#### Farmers' Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were nil, owing to the heavy fall of snow. Prices are purely nominal.

Hay very dull, the only receipts being two loads, which sold at \$22 a ton. Straw

is nominal, at \$14.00 to \$15.00 a ton.
Dressed hogs in limited offer and higher at \$8.00 and \$8.50

Do., red, bushel ... \$ 0 97 \$ 0 98 Do., spring, bushel ... 0 95 0 00 0 98 0 72 0 00 22 00 0 00 15 00 Do., clover, ton ... 16 00 Straw, per ton ... 14 50 Alsike, No. 1, bushel ...

Do., No. 2
Do., red clover
Dressed hogs
Eggs, new laid, dozen
Do., storage
Butter, dairy
Do. creamery 7 75 8 25 10 25 0 35 0 00 Do., creamery .... 0 30 0 32 Geese, dressed, lb. ... Chickens, per lb. . . . . 0 12 Ducks, dressed, lb. . . . 0 11 1 00 Cabbage, per dozen Onions, per bag ... Beef, hindquarters ... Do., forequarters Do., choice, carcase Do., medium, carcase 6 25 Mutton, per cwt.

Veal, prime, per cwt. ... Lamb, per cwt. ... . 10 00 Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.50 in barrels, and No. 1 golden \$4.10 in barrels. These roads to increase their equipments to No. 1 golden \$4.10 in barrels. These prices are for delivery; car lots 5c less.

### Groceries.

Montreal granulated, in barrels, \$4.50; than above

opened steady at unchanged prices. The market closed quiet and net unchanged. were reported of 5,500 bags, Cluding March at \$6.10, May at \$6.20, July at \$6.30 and November at \$6.50. Spot steady; No. 7 Rio, 61-4c; No. 4 Santos, 81-8c; Cordova, 93-4 to 13c.

Seeds.

The markets are steady, but, owing to the condition of the country roads, there not much improvement. Following are the prices paid at outside points: Alsike, No. 1, \$8.50; fancy lots, a little higher; No. 2, \$7.50 to \$8; No. 3, \$6.75 to \$7.10. Samples mixed

with timothy, trefoil or wheat, 3c to 5c per lb.
Red clover—Firmer; No. 1 cleaned \$10.25 to \$10.50; ordinary lots, mixed with weeds, from \$7.50 to \$9.50, according to quality.

### Hides, Tallow, Etc.

Hide prices are advanced a cent a pound, owing to purely local reasons. The markets on the other side are shifting and uncertain, but buyers are paying an advanced price here. Calfskins kips and horsehides participate in the

Ruling prices are: Inspected steers and cows, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; No. 3, 4c; do. country hides, 4c to 41-2c; calfskins, 8c to 9c; veal kips, 7c; lambskins, 70c to 80c; horsehides, No. 1, \$2.25; No. 2,

Horse hair-25c to 26c. Tallow-Rendered, 5c to 6c.

### WooL

The deliveries of wool on the local market are so light that quotations are unchanged. The trade, in fact, is practically in a state of suspense. In the Am erican market several varieties of wool have been reduced in price, although the change in the average of all domestic grades is less than half a cent.

Quotations are nominal at: Washed wools, 190-to 20c; unwashed wools, 10c, and rejects, 14c to 15c.

### · Hog Products.

11 3-4c tubs, 12c; pails, 12 1-4c.

LONDON WOOL SALES. London—The offerings at the wool uction sales to-day amounted to 10,686

bales. Competition was keen, especially for fine grades. A good supply of greasy combing was in strong demand for home and continental spinners, and Americans paid Is 4d for several lots of Victoria super-combing. Greasy crossbreds were active and in sellers' favor. Several good lines were withdrawn for higher pri

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Following are the closing quotations wheat—Feb. \$1.07% bid, May \$1.11%

Oats-Feb. 56c bid. May 62c NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET. Sugar, raw, steady; fair refining, \$3.25; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.75c; molass-BRITISH CATTLE MARKET.

London.-London cables are steady at 101/2c to 121/2c per pound, dressed weight; refrigerator beef i squoted at 91/2c to 91/2c per pound.

LIVERPOOL APPLE MARKET. Wodall & Company cabled Eben James: Market firm, with good de-mand. Quotations as follows: Baldwins, best, 168 6d to 19c; ordinary, 14s to 17s; seconds, 10s to 23s. Spys, best, 18s to 21s 6d; ordinary, 15s to 16s 6d; seconds, 11s to 14s. Russets, best, 16s to 17s; ordinary, 14s to 15s 6d; seconds, 12s to 14s. Ben Davis, best, 13s to 14s; ordinary, 12s to 13s; seconds, 10s to 12s.

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

General business here continues to hold a steady tone. There has been little increase in the volume of trade during the week, but wholesalers report that prospects for the spring trade are bright. There is generally a healthy tone to trade activity that the movement is inclined to be light. Fine seasonable weather throughout the country is much helping the movement of winter lines. This comes none too soon as stocks have been dragging somewhat, so far this season. Should this weather continue it is expected stocks will be well cleared up before the time for showing spring goods arrives as the retailers are generally understood to be only moderately well supplied.

Teronto: The feature of the week in trade here has been the livening up of general business in winter goods following upon the arrival of cold weather. Retail business is beginning to show a better tone in all lines. Up to the present these lines have been moving but slowly and stocks in Ontario are said to be fairly large. Prices generally hold steady within some lines a tendency towards further advances.

Winnipeg: Trade conditions here are showing steady improvement. Retail trade has picked up considerably and travellers report a better tone to trade in all directions. There is an excellent movement of goods. Vancouver and Victoria: There is still a quiet tone to trade there. Retail it and the colonial industries.

Quebec-Trade in general conditions fairly active. The cold weather has increased the demand for heavy goods, the latter are movinne fairly well.

Hamilton: There is now a rather better tone to trade there. Retail stocks are being cleared up fairly well and collections continue moderately good amount of business for raying delivery.

London: The most noteworthy feature of trade conditions there is the gradual resumption of activity in almost all lines of industries. Bradstreet's Trade Review.

### **EMPTY CARS**

Instead of a Shortage There Is Now a Surplus.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—A special meeting of the American Railway Association, to consider the decrease in traffic, which had resulted on Jan. 22 in a surplus of 339,053 cars, began in Chicago yesterday, and will continue to-day and to-morrow. A decrease is shown to be start-ling from the report of the Deficiency Committee on Feb. 6, 1907, when a shortage of 104,226 cars was reported

meet the traffic demands.

The chief work of the Association probably will be consideration of the yellow, \$4.10; Acadia, \$4.35; Ontario beet, \$4.35; in bags prices are 5c less than above. the present great surplus of cars th han above.

New York, Feb. 6.—The coffee market of foreign cars to their owners at a present of foreign cars to their owners at a great expense and consequent storage The railroads would prefer to let other roads use their cars free of charge rather than be forced to haul and store them over their systems, and it is likely that this fact will lead the Association to suspend the per diem charge upon foreign cars until the situation clears up.

### POSTOFFICE AFTER HIM.

Toronto Man Charged With Sending

Fraudulent Mail Matter. Toronto despatch: Under the charge of sing the mails for fraudulent purposes William J. Francis, 145 Richmond stree west, was arrested yesterday morning. He has for some time past been advertising indiscriminately for stenographers bookkeepers and other clerical femals workers, not only in Toronto, but in the neighborhood of the Soo. The matter was brought before the notice of Inspector Henderson, of the post office staff, recently by a young girl who had answered one of the advertisements of Francis, only to find that he had no poistion at his discoser.

tion at his disposal. When Detective Twigg searched the prisoner's room after he had been ar rested he found over a hundred letter from different people, most of them replies to advertisements of non-existent

Among his effects were found letter of recommendation from Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. Geo. P. Graham and Premier Whitney, and a letter from Hon. S. Fielding, showing that had tried to get transportation free

TOOK CHILD AND GUN TO BUSH

New Brunswick Farmer Disappears After Quarrel With Wife.

Hartland, N. B., Feb. 10.-According o accounts from Upper Knoxford, near Centreville, a most distressing affair oc curred there a few days ago, Mr. Rich ard Gray, a farmer, aged about 50, has a dispute with his wife, who exclaimed Cured meats are quoted as follows:

Bacon, long clear, 93-4c per lb. in case
lots; mess pork, \$18 to \$18.50; short cut,
\$22 to \$22.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 141-4c;
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