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TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, March 12.

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

Yesterday's	Close.	Open.	High.	Low.	2p.m.
Anaconda	33	32⅛	32¾	31¾	32
Amal. Copper	68¾	68¾	68¾	65⅛	65¼
Atcheson	74⅞	74¾	75⅛	74⅛	75⅛
Atcheson, Pfd	96¾	96½	96½	96¼	95⅞
B. & O.	104	104¾	104⅞	104¾	104¾
Brooklyn Tran.	63¾	63¾	64	63¾	63¾
C. B. & Q.	..	..	..	..	..
C. C. C.	..	100⅛	..	..	..
C. F. I.	93	93	93	92¼	92¾
Erie	36	35⅞	36⅛	35⅞	36¼
K. & T. Pfd	53¾	53½	..	..	..
L. & N.	103¾	103¾	103⅞	103⅛	103⅞
Manhattan	128⅛	128	129½	128	129
Metropolitan St.	167	167	167¼	166¾	167
Mo. P.	97¾	97½	99	97⅞	99
N. Y. Central	161⅛	162	162⅛	162	162⅛
Norfolk and W.	56¼	56¾	56¾	56½	56¾
N. Pacific, Pfd	..	..	..	..	..
Ont. and Western	32	32⅛	32¼	32	32¼
Pacific Mail	48¼	48⅛	48⅛	47¾	48
Pennsylvania	151	150⅞	151½	150⅞	151½
People's Gas	101¼	101¼	101¼	99¾	100⅛
R. I.	168	167¾	169⅛	167¼	168¾
Reading	..	80½	81⅛	80⅜	81⅛
St. Paul	163¾	163⅞	164⅜	163⅛	164⅜
Southern Ry. Pfd	95	95½	95¾	95¾	95⅞
Southern Pacific	64	63⅞	64¼	63⅞	64⅛
Texas	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞	39⅛	39⅞
T. C. I.	67¾	68	68¼	67⅞	68¾
U. Pacific	98½	98½	99¼	98⅛	99¼
W. U.	90⅜	90¾	90¾	90⅛	90¾
TRUSTS—					
Leather	82	82	..	..	..
Sugar	127⅛	126¾	127½	126¾	126¾
U.S. Steel Com.	42	42	42	41¾	41⅞
U. S. Steel Pfd.	93¼	93¼	93⅞	93⅛	93⅞
Rubber	..	15	..	..	..

MONTREAL STOCKS.

MONTREAL, March 12.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific, xd	111¼	111⅛
Duluth, common	15	10
Duluth, preferred	27	24
Winnipeg Electric	..	120
Montreal Street Railway	263	206½
Toronto Street Railway	119	118⅛
Halifax Street Railway	112¾	112½
St. John Street Railway	..	112⅛
Twin City Transit Railway	115⅛	115⅛
Richelieu and Ontario	110½	109½
Commercial Cable	155	153½
Montreal Telegraph	170	167
Bell Telephone	170	166
Dominion Iron and Steel, com.	43¾	43
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref.	93½	92½
Montreal Heat, Light & Power	97	95⅛
Nova Scotia Steel, common	94	90
Laurentide Pulp	100	..
Montreal Cotton, xd	130	120
Dominion Cotton	58	56
Canada Colored Cotton	64	57
Merchants' Cotton	80	..
Payne	30	24
Republic	31	..
Virtue	24	..
North Star	24	22
Dominion Coal, common	104	103¾
Bank of Montreal	..	255

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, March 12—Closing.

Wheat—No. 1 northern spring firm, 6s 2d; No. 2 red western winter firm, 6s 1½d; No. 1 California, 6s 4d. Futures closed quiet; March, 6s 1¾d; May, 6s 1d; July, 6s ¾d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 5s 2¼d; do, old, steady, 5s 3d. Futures closed quiet; March, 5s 1¾d; May, 5s 2⅝d.

Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 5s 2¼d; American mixed, old, 5s 3d. Futures closed steady; March, 5s 1⅞d; May, 5s 2⅝d.

Peas—Canadian steady, 6s 8d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter firm, 8s.

Hops (at London)—Pacific coast firm, £3 10s to £4 10s.

Beef—Firm; extra India mess, 79s.

Pork—Firm; prime mess western, 72s.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 46s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, steady, 41s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, steady, 43s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, quiet, 45s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, quiet, 44s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, quiet, 45s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, steady, 47s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, steady, 35s 6d.

Lard—Steady; American refined, in pails, 48s 6d; prime western, in tierces, 47s 6d.

Butter—Firm; finest United States, 95s; good United States, 70s.

Cheese—American finest white firm, 52s; do, colored, 52s.

Tallow—Prime city steady, 29s 9d; Australian (in London) firm, 31s 6d.

Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, spot quiet, 24s 3d.

Turpentine spirits—Firm, 31s 6d.

Rosin—Common firm, 4s 3d.

Petroleum—Refined steady, 7⅛d.

Linseed oil—Firm, 32s.

SUGAR.

London, March 11.—Raw sugar, Muscovado, 7s 6d; centrifugal, 8s 6d; beet sugar, March, 8s 6d.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Flour—Receipts, 20,168 bbls; sales, 3,400 pkgs; flour showed an easier tone and was a trifle lower to sell; winter extras, $3 10 to $3 30; do, low grades, $2 90 to $3 10. Rye flour—Steady. Wheat—Receipts, 63,650 bu; sales, 985,000 bu; wheat was weakened again this morning by heavy rains in the southwest and further liquidation; May, $1 11-16c to $2 11-16c; July, 82c to 82¼c; Sept., 81⅛c to 81¼c. Rye—Dull. Corn—Receipts, 19,000 bu; sales, 100,000 bu; corn was quiet and barely steady, following wheat; May, 67c to 67⅝c; July, 66¼c to 66½c; Sept., 65c. Oats—Receipts, 28,500 bu; oats were firm west on manipulation and steady here. Sugar—Raw firm; refined quiet. Coffee—Dull; No. 7 Rio, 5⅝c. Lead—Steady. Wool—Quiet. Hops—Quiet and steady.

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CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

CHICAGO, March 12.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	76¾	76⅞	75¾	76½
July	76½	77	76¼	76⅞
Corn—May	61¾	62⅛	61⅛	62⅝
July	61¾	62⅛	61¼	61⅞
Oats—May	44¾	45⅜	44¾	45⅜
July	35⅝	36	35¾	35⅞
Pork—May	15 37	15 47	15 35	15 45
Lard—May	9 45	9 45	9 40	9 42
Ribs—May	8 40	8 45	8 40	8 42

TORONTO PRODUCE MARKET.

Toronto, March 12.—Wheat—Steady, at 72½c for red and white, middle freights; goose, 68½c asked, middle freights; spring steady, at 73c for No. 1 and 72c for No. 2 east; Manitoba, No. 1 hard, 89½c, en route, North Bay; 89½c for No. 1 northern, on spot, North Bay; No. 2 northern, 80½c, North Bay. Flour—Steady; 90 per cent patents, $2 85 in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, $4 20 for cars of Hungarian patents, and $4 for strong bakers, bags included, on the track, Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $18 50 for cars of shorts and $16 50 for bran in bulk, middle freights. Barley—Steady, at 56c for No. 1, 43c for No. 2, 51c to 52c for No. 3 extra and 49c to 50c for No. 3, middle freights. Buckwheat—Steady, at 55c to 55½c, middle freights. Rye—Steady, at 56½c to 57½c, middle freights. Corn—Firmer; No. 2 yellow, 56½c west. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 41¾c on low freights to New York. Peas—Steady; No. 2 at 80c west. Eggs—Receipts of new-laid are liberal; easier at 12c to 12½c. Butter—Offerings of dairy are fair, but there is a lack of choice coming forward; prices steady; creamery prints, 22c to 23c; solids, 21c to 21½c; seconds, 18c to 20c; dairy pound rolls, choice, 17c to 18c; large rolls, choice, 16½c to 17¼c; tubs, 14c to 16c; medium and low grade, 10c to 12½c. Dressed hogs—Prices 50c lower at farmers' wagons, at $7 50 to $7 75.

STRIKES AND STRIKERS

Longshoremen and Freight Handlers Called Out

As a Result of the Strike in Boston—A Painters' Lockout in Toronto Threatened.

'LONGSHOREMEN INVOLVED.

Boston, March 11.—President J. J. Ryan, of the 'Longshoremen's Union, has ordered a general strike of all 'longshoremen and dock freight handlers in sympathy with the New York, New Haven and Hartford men. This embraces 2,500 men.

HAMILTON MOLDERS.

Hamilton, March 12.—Vice-President Keough, of the International Molders' Union, has been in the city for the past two or three days and has succeeded in settling a difficulty in regard to the scale of wages on certain work between the molders of Moore, Robinson & Co., and their employers. It is not improbable the foundry molders here will request a ten or fifteen per cent advance at an early date.

TORONTO PAINTERS.

Toronto, March 12.—The master painters have decided on a lockout, to go into effect on Monday, March 17, unless their employes abandon their demand for increased wages and shorter hours.

STRIKE AT DENVER.

Denver, Col., March 11. — Carriage-makers, machinists, mattress-makers, indoor wire-workers and fuel handlers in this city are out on strike for an eight-hour day and union wages. The struggle may involve 7,000 workmen in Denver.

HAMILTON STREET RAILWAY MEN.

Hamilton, March 12.—General Manager Hawkins and Traction Manager Green, of the street railway company, met a committee of five from the Street Railway Men's Association, to discuss the grievances of the latter. As a result of the meeting the men and the management are as far apart on their differences as ever, and President Mahon, of the International Association, will be requested to come to Hamilton and advise the men.

The principal request from the association was that all employes of the street railway be compelled to become members of the union, the committee holding that they already had a verbal promise from the management to this effect, which was not being strictly adhered to.

The management denied that they had agreed to any such demand, and refused the request of the committee. There are about one hundred men in the association, and about nine or ten non-union men are employed by the company. It is not probable the trouble will lead to a strike.

THE BOSTON STRIKE

Involves Over 20,000 Men—Serious Embargo on Business.

Boston, March 10.—From a body of 600 freight handlers of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad who, on Saturday refused to work because they were required to take care of goods brought to the depots by non-union teams, the strike forces in this city had grown to an army of 20,000 men by this morning, and from 3,000 to 5,000 other persons are idle because the concerns for whom they work have been compelled to shut down.

Industry directly reached by the strike today included freight handlers, team drivers, wool handlers, 'longshoremen and railway switchmen. If the threats of the strike leaders are well-founded, this day will see the movement extended to the building trades union and to unions connected with the foreign steamship traffic.

At the docks of the steamship lines doing a coastwise business, great quantities of merchandise are piled up and the wharves are choked.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 11.—The sealers' strike here is ended, and the sealing steamers have sailed for the ice floes. The committee of strikers ordered the strike off.

BOXING.

THE JEFFRIES-FITZ FIGHT.

Denver, Col., March 12.—The Coliseum A. C. will offer a $20,000 purse, or 65 per cent of the gross receipts for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight. The officials talk of holding the contest, if they succeed in landing it, at Arlington Park, in this city, and will construct an amphitheater to seat 20,000 people.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

London, March 12—8 a.m.

STATIONS—	TEMPERATURE. 8 a.m.	Min.	WEATHER.
Calgary	26	24	Fair
Winnipeg	28	18	Fair
Parry Sound	40	38	Rain
Toronto	46	44	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	38	Rain
Montreal	38	36	Rain
Quebec	36	34	Cloudy
Father Point	34	32	Cloudy

FORECASTS.

Today—Mild and rainy.

Thursday—Strong westerly winds; generally fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

WEATHER NOTES.

Mild, showery weather prevails from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, together with a few local thunderstorms.

Rain is still indicated in all localities, and the fall promises to be generally heavy.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—The weekly sitting of the high court is set for Saturday next.

—Judge Edward Elliott is presiding at the division court in Delaware today.

—John Idington, K.C., county crown attorney, Stratford, is in the city on professional business.

—Mr. Walker, of Toronto, superintendent of the Dominion Transportation Company, was in town today.

—Mr. W. H. Hewlett, of this city, will give an organ recital tomorrow evening in the German Baptist Church, Berlin.

—Messrs. Taylor and Graham, Liberal members for North Middlesex and Brockville respectively, were in the city today on their way to attend the political meeting at Coldstream.

C COMPANY'S DINNER.

C Company of the 7th Regiment have issued invitations for their annual dinner, which will be held on Tuesday next, March 18, at St. Johns. 'Busses leave the drill shed at 7:15 sharp.

TO GO TO THE ASYLUM.

An information has been laid against Jacob Tuttle, now in the county jail on a charge of insanity, charging him with vagrancy. He was proved to be insane and will be sent to the asylum.

FUNERAL OF JOHN PARKINS.

The remains of the late John Parkins were interred at Hyde Park Cemetery this afternoon. The funeral took place from his late residence, 656 Queen's avenue. Rev. T. S. Johnson conducted the services.

FUNERAL OF MISS HERON.

The remains of the late Miss Margaret Heron were interred at Mount Pleasant Cemetery this afternoon, a large number of friends being present. The funeral was held from the family residence, Wolfe street. Impressive services were held by Rev. Robt. Johnston.

PRESENTATION TO MR. ROSSIE.

The reportorial staff of the Mail and Empire yesterday afternoon presented to Mr. M. W. Rossie a handsome umbrella on the occasion of his leaving to assume the editorship of The London Advertiser. The presentation was made by Mr. Norman Smith, city editor of The Mail and Empire, whose remarks were supplemented by Mr. Hector Charlesworth. Mr. Rossie Made a suitable reply.

A CURE FOR SMALLPOX.

"I am willing to risk my reputation as a public man," wrote Edward Hine to the Liverpool Mercury, "if the worst case of smallpox cannot be cured in three days, simply by the use of cream of tartar." One ounce of cream of tartar dissolved in a pint of water, drunk at intervals, while cold, is a certain, never-failing remedy. It has cured thousands, never leaves a mark, never causes blindness, and avoids tedious lingering.

THE DEAR LITTLE SHAMROCK OF IRELAND.

On St. Patrick's day, in the absence of the real article, any green leaf has been made to do duty as the emblem of Ireland. The most used has been the leaves of several varieties of oxalis. The real shamrock, classified botanically, is one of the varieties of trifolium repens. It has not heretofore been cultivated in this country. Mr. George Cairncross, florist, London Junction, has succeeded in propagating a limited number of plants from the real shamrock, brought from County Antrim, Ireland, by Rev. Geo. Gilmore. The difference between these plants and those usually sold for shamrock is apparent and will be appreciated by all who have seen the suggestive and reticent little plant on its native emerald sod. Everyone who wishes to celebrate St. Patrick's day in real Irish fashion should have a sprig of the real shamrock.

L. E. AND D. R. R. AT RONDEAU.

Chatham Banner: General Manager William Woollatt, with Chief Engineer Owen McKay, of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, were at Rondeau Saturday laying out the site for new coal hoists and docks in connection with cold storage and cheaper handling of coal at that point. A new dock will be built, extending about 400 feet west from the north end of the present west dock and parallel with the Shenango slip-dock. On this will be erected an improved steel coal hoist, which will enable the company to unload steam barges or schooners at a very low cost, carrying the coal back about 200 feet and dumping on the ground or into cars. The same hoist will reload from the ground to the cars as wanted. A new channel will be dredged to a point nearly in front of the pavilion. This will enable the Urania to land her passengers and freight in much better shape than heretofore. Owing to the increased consumption of coal in Western Canada the last year, the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway were unable to handle the tonnage with the car ferry Shenango alone, but with such a coal hoist they can put into service any schooner or barge from any port along Lake Erie, and as this will be the only hoist of its kind on the Canadian shore, the different manufacturers will be assured of their supply of coal throughout the season. These improvements and changes will cost from $75,000 to $100,000, and will be commenced at once and completed about June 15.

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PETITIONS AGAINST LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Must Include the Entire Work—Around the City Hall.

Tomorrow will be the last day for advertising local improvements under the initiatory system. Petitions against the work, signed by a majority of the property owners, representing one-half of the assessment value, will be received up to and including April 13. Petitions must include the whole of the work, and not one or more blocks of it, as many owners suppose.

No. 3 committee meets tonight. Among the matters which will engage attention are the opening of tenders for hose and other supplies for the fire department, and for the street watering. The application of the keepers of billiard rooms, to have the time of closing extended to 12 p.m., will also be considered.

A building permit has been issued to W. J. Thompson for the erection of a brick and stone warehouse at the corner of King and Clarence streets.

The contractors for cleaning block pavements are beginning their work, and removing from the streets their accumulation of a winter's filth.

All civic committees meet this week, as the council meets on Monday

STEAMERS ARRIVED

March 11.	Reported at	From
Allier	New York	Genoa
Tauric	New York	Liverpool
Astoria	Moville	New York
Corean	Glasgow	Boston
Celtic	Alexandria	New York
Island	Copenhagen	New York
Rotterdam	Rotterdam	New York
March 12.		
Kensington	New York	Antwerp

ATTEMPTED BRIBERY.

Hamilton, March 12.—Judge Snyder has handed his report of the civic investigation into a contract to the city council, and it is now in the hands of the finance committee. The judge finds that Contractor E. S. Brennen was guilty of attempted bribery in order to swindle the city in the contract, and also condemns the system of bookkeeping and method of checking supplies in some of the city departments. It is doubtful if a prosecution will be pushed against the contractor, but the investigation and report will be the means of correcting the lax system in vogue in many of the civic departments.

THE HURONIAN

Unconfirmed Report That She Foundered on Sable Island.

Has Been Missing for Over a Month—A Government Steamer Sent to Search for Her.

Ottawa, March 11.—Hon. James Sutherland, minister of marine and fisheries, received a telegram last night from Halifax, stating that it was reported that the Allan steamship Huronian had foundered between Sable Island and Halifax.

Glasgow, March 12.—The Allan line steamer Huronian sailed from this port Feb. 11, for St. John, N. B., and a month has now elapsed without any tidings of her.

FIFTY PERSONS ON BOARD.

Her crew numbered 45. Five others are also on board.

Toronto, March 12.—The steamship Huronian is a magnificent vessel, being one of the best fitted freight boats in the Allan Company's fleet. She was built at the Clyde, Glasgow, last year, and cost $400,000. A portion of her cargo was consigned to Toronto merchants, and there was also a shipment of horses on board for A. E. Taggart, of Tottenham, Ont. The horses were in charge of Mr. J. Taggart, who is on board. The Huronian was on her way to St. Johns to take on a cargo of hay for South Africa. She is of 7,000 tonnage, and is commanded by Captain Brodie, of Glasgow.

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

The Government Makes Public the Correspondence.

Terms Under Which Premiers of the Colonies Will Discuss Empire's Affairs.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 11.—A week or so ago the government was asked to disclose its intentions in regard to the conference, which will be held in England during the coronation period, and today, in accordance with his promise given then, the premier brought down a copy of the correspondence concerning the King's coronation, and the conference to be held immediately afterwards.

On Dec. 27, Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain sent the following dispatch to Lord Minto: "It has become my duty to inform you that the coronation of his Majesty King Edward VII. has been fixed to take place on June 26, 1902. It is his majesty's desire that the great self-governing colonies of his empire should be represented on that occasion by their leading statesmen, and I have accordingly to request you to be so good as to convey to the premier of Canada an invitation on the part of his majesty's government to visit this country in June next. It is not anticipated that the duration of the actual ceremonies in connection with the coronation will extend beyond a few days; but it would probably be convenient to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to arrive in England a few days beforehand, and his majesty's government hope, therefore, that he will consider himself their guest for a fortnight from the date of his arrival. It would be an additional satisfaction to them if Sir Wilfrid Laurier should be accompanied by some lady of his family.

"It will be readily understood that on an occasion like this it is necessary that all arrangements should be made some months in advance; and without, therefore, desiring to press for an immediate answer, his majesty's government would be glad to learn, at Sir Wilfrid Laurier's early convenience, whether it will be in his power to accept their invitation.

"The question of representative detachments of troops from the various colonies is also under the consideration of his majesty's government, and whenever a decision has been arrived at, on this subject, I shall address you a further dispatch."

This was followed on Jan. 15 by a cable dispatch from Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Minto, as follows: "It is proposed by his majesty's government to take advantage of the presence of the premiers at the coronation to discuss with them the question of political relations between the mother country and the colonies, imperial defense, commercial relations of the empire, and other matters of general interest.

"Should your ministers desire to submit definite proposals or resolutions on any of the above questions or should they wish to suggest any further subject for discussion, I should be glad to be informed of its project by cable in order that the other governments can be communicated with.

"With a view to the proposed conference, I hope your premier will be able to remain for a short time, say three weeks after the coronation, as a guest of his majesty's government."

The answer of the Canadian Government was cabled by Lord Minto on Feb. 23, as follows:

"Referring to your dispatch of 27th December, my government accepts the invitation extended to the prime minister to attend coronation. He expects to sail about June 10, accompanied by Lady Laurier, but the exact date cannot yet be fixed.

"Referring to the several questions mentioned in your dispatch of 15th January, the only one which in the opinion of my ministers gives promise of useful discussion is that of commercial relations between the different sections of the empire. The political relations now existing between the mother country and the great self-governing colonies, and particularly Canada, are regarded by my ministers as extremely satisfactory, with the exception of a few minor details, and they do not anticipate that in the varying conditions of the colonies there can be any scheme of defense applicable to all.

"In the opinion of my ministers there is but a limited range of subjects upon which the contemplated conference can be productive of useful action. Nevertheless, my ministers, realizing the desirability of every opportunity for the discussion, by the public men of the mother country and the colonies, of the questions of imperial interest, and Canada's representative will be prepared to give respectful consideration to any proposals that may be submitted by his majesty's government or by the representatives of other colonies. S.

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See our Solid Oak Office Tables, 50x30; price $6 50
See our Solid Mahogany Center Tables $4 50
See our Solid Ash Dining Tables, 8 feet; price $6 50
See our Quarter-Cut Oak Center Tables, polished $4 50
See our Combination Ladies' Work Tables $5 00
See our Quarter-Cut Oak Dining Tables, 8 feet $12 00
See our Typewriter's Solid Oak Tables $4 00
See our Jardiniere Hall Tables, mahogany $2 00
See our Revolving and Tilting Hospital Tables $4 50

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Few Applications for the Six Positions—Those Who Only Want a One-Year Trip Can't Go.

Toronto, March 12. — Hon. Richard Harcourt, minister of education, is in receipt of important notifications regarding school teachers to be selected in Ontario for South African service, the number (as already stated), having been reduced to six. The birch wielders are not to be selected from any particular college or school, or boast of any high specialist certificates, but they must be good general teachers, have a fair knowledge of music and possess the proper ideas regarding discipline.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt states that comparatively few applications have been received so far from school marms desirous of training the young idea how to shoot in far away South Africa. He intimates that those who are only looking for a year's trip will not be seriously considered, if others ready and willing to stay out for a longer period can be obtained.

PRINCE HENRY HAS STARTED FOR HOME.

Hinted to the Mayor of New York That He May Return to America

New York, March 12.—Prince Henry of Prussia, sailed for Germany on the steamship Deutschland at 8:45 p.m. yesterday, and thus ended his visit to the United States. The day was perfect, being warm, springlike and sunny.

The prince's last day in America was spent entirely on board the Deutschland. He breakfasted at 8:30, and immediately retired to his cabin, where he spent several hours in writing letters. About 10 o'clock he began to receive farewell visits from members of the party which accompanied him, and various officials of Germany in this country, and of the United States Government. Mayor Low was one of his latest callers, and the prince, in bidding him farewell, gave a hint that he had some intention of returning to America for a second visit.

The prince, in reply to the mayor, said: "I thank the citizens of New York for all their kindness to me, which I appreciate deeply. If I should return to America I should feel, when I reached New York, that I was once more at home." This statement was the only formal farewell that the prince authorized upon leaving the country, but in the course of many informal conversations during the day, he gave evidence that the whole trip had been one of the greatest interest and pleasure.

Mr. W. R. Mulock, as counsel for the Dominion Alliance, has forwarded a brief to Ottawa, setting forth that the Manitoba referendum bill is unconstitutional and should be disallowed.

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F. A. Bottom, druggist, Cookshire, Que., says: "For 20 years I suffered from Catarrh. My breath was very offensive even to myself. I tried everything which promised me a cure. In almost all instances I had to proclaim them no good at all. I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. I got relief instantly after first application. It cured me and I am free from all effects of it." 49

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Telegraphic Briefs.

John Bourke, a prisoner from North Bay, fell twenty feet at the Central Prison and was killed.

Pete Wilson, of Selkirk, who is out working on Lake Winnipeg, has fallen heir to $40,000 by the death of a relative.

Henry J. Baker, the defaulting cashier of the Buffalo city treasurer's office, pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the first degree in the criminal term of the supreme court. He was indicted for stealing $5,200 of the city's money.

Toronto council, by a vote of 22 to 2, requested the board of control not to accept tenders from contractors not resident in Canada.

K. McNaught has been chosen president of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, in succession to Dr. Andrew Smith, who retires from the chair.

The will of Alfred Booth, the Chicago fish trust founder, disposes of property worth $2,000,000. Mr. Booth, it is said, was in the habit of making a will every year before taking a trip abroad.

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The Countess of Warwick was thrown from her horse while hunting, near Harwich, and was badly bruised.

The London Stock Exchange is investigating a report that news of Gen. Methuen's reverse was known to certain dealers in Kaffirs two hours before it became public.

A GOOD REPUTATION. — Brown's Bronchial Troches have been before the public many years, and are everywhere acknowledged to be the best remedy for all throat troubles.

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The 63rd annual meeting of the Grand Loyal Orange Lodge of Ontario is being held in Petrolea.

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A warrant is out for the arrest of a printer named Dawson, who, until recently, was employed on the Dundas, Ont., Star. Dawson is charged with forging the name of his employer, Mark Lynch Staunton, to a check of the Bank of Hamilton for $5, and cashing the same with a local coal merchant.

A CLEAR, HEALTHY SKIN.—Eruptions of the skin and the blotches which blemish beauty are the result of impure blood caused by unhealthy action of the Liver and Kidneys. In correcting this unhealthy action and restoring the organs to their normal condition, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will at the same time cleanse the blood, and the blotches and eruptions will disappear without leaving any trace.