

SLOWLY IMPROVING.

The Outlook for Business Across the Border.

As Seen by the Correspondents of the Commercial Agencies.

NEW YORK, April 20.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Extensive strikes checked improvement in business only for a time and numerous strikes have not yet arrested it. The distribution of products to consumers seems larger, for more people are earning and are therefore more able to buy. But it is less clear that the increase of the working force continues or that orders for products will further expand. A considerable portion of the industrial force is still unemployed, and with wages much lower than a year ago consumption is not as large. The great strike threatened by bituminous coal miners and strikes of associated employees on some railroads makes the future less hopeful.

The failures of the past week have been somewhat more important than usual. They numbered 219 in the United States, against 136 last year, and 45 in Canada against 22 last year.

Bradstreet's says: With the exception of prospect for a still further extension of strikes and other labor disturbances, no plainly standing influence is manifesting itself. So far as learned there are about 23 additional strikes, involving 21,000 people. This brings the total number of those on strike or idle, because of strikes up to 69,000. The week also furnishes seven shutdowns of important industrial establishments, more than offset of resumptions at 22 others, which furnish employment to 5,000 operatives. The widespread announcement that 200,000 coal miners will strike Saturday has occasioned uneasiness among manufacturers at many central western and western cities, owing to the prospective scarcity of fuel. Chicago troubles seriously effect the building trade.

The tendencies of prices of staples have been upward in most instances. Exports of wheat (flour included) from both coasts last week amount to 3,019,000 bushels, a gain of 33 per cent over the preceding week. Last week last year the total exported was 4,963,000 bushels.

The total number of failures in the United States continues relatively small, numbering 212 this week against 211 last week and 217 in the week a year ago.

IN CANADA.

Special telegrams from leading cities in the Canadian Dominion show continued stagnation in mercantile and industrial circles. There are 31 business failures reported on the Canadian Dominion this week against 33 last week, and 31 same week last year.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

HOYT'S COMPANY ON TUESDAY.

"A Trip to Chinatown" comes to the Grand next Tuesday, flushed with its phenomenal success in New York. Mr. Hoyt is original and fertile in the production of an American kind of fun that is plenty in the newspapers, and that is anecdotal in the conversation of the country, but which nobody so cleverly as he has put into plays. Moreover, he chooses some easily appreciable subject to satirize, and in "A Trip to Chinatown" he makes a target of hypochondria for his shafts of wit. He names the principal character Welland Strong, a man possessed of the belief that he is ill and weak. The adventure of this gay old chap in the Golden Gate City are the central happenings. Singing and dancing go along with the rest of the things, and the speaking averages a joke a sentence. It is promised that it will be produced here on a most elaborate scale as to scenic and mechanical effects. Seats now on sale.

PRIMROSE & WEST.

The old favorites, Primrose & West, drew as usual a big audience to the Grand last night, which was a high testimony to their popularity in these days when minstrelsy is losing its hold in public favor. The company has undergone some changes since its last appearance, but has lost nothing in merit. The first part displayed some fine vocal talent, Mr. Windom's silver tenor being delightful. George Primrose's dancing was the perfection of art in that line. The second part included some amusing specialties; the tumbling was surprisingly good. The musical eccentricities were original, and all the numbers had the merit of brevity. The star comedians were Jimmie Wall and Tom Lewis.

Peculiar to Itself.

So eminently successful has Hood's Sarsaparilla been that many leading citizens from all over the United States furnish testimonials of cures which seem almost miraculous. Hood's Sarsaparilla is not an accident, but the ripe fruit of industry and study. It possesses merit "peculiar to itself."

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A Man Made Happy.—GENTLEMEN,—For five years I have been a great sufferer with Dyspepsia; the pain in the pit of my stomach was almost unbearable and life only seemed a drag to me. When I would go to sleep I would have horrible dreams, and my life became very miserable, as there was no rest either day or night. But with the use of only two bottles of Northrop & Lyman's VEGETABLE DISCOVERY this unhappy state has all been changed and I am a well man. I can assure you, my case was a bad one, and I send you this that it may be the means of convincing others of the wonderful curative qualities possessed by this medicine, that are specially adapted for the cure of Dyspepsia. A lady customer of mine had the Dyspepsia very bad, she could scarcely eat anything, and was troubled with pains similar to those I suffered with, and she cured herself with two bottles of Northrop & Lyman's VEGETABLE DISCOVERY. I wish you success with your medicine, as I am fully convinced that it will do all you claim for it.

Signed, MELVILLE B. MARSH, Abercorn, P. Q. General Merchant.

A tiny fossil shark was found in a coal mine in Warren county, Ia., last year. It was only fourteen inches long.

Relief in Six Hours.—Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise and delight on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by J. Callard, W. T. Strong, Cairncross & Lawrence, and all druggists in the Dominion.

A Berlin charity is the formation of "vacation colonies" of poor children in the summer.

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"ABOMINABLY HEALTHY."

That Is London's Position Just Now According to Dr. Gardiner.

At the meeting of the health board last night, Ald. J. C. Judd and Ald. J. W. Jones appeared to urge economy in re-estimates.

Ald. Wm. Heaman stated that \$1,500 of the \$2,000 estimate went in salaries.

Ald. Parnell moved that the council be requested to limit the salary of the health officer to \$500. Ald. Wm. Heaman seconded.

Ald. Scarrow supported the motion.

Dr. Hutchinson said he could not get practice outside of his position, and if he could he had not time to attend to it. If his salary was cut down it was tantamount to abolishing the office. He would have to leave the city. There had been no bad meat or "slink" veal on the market for twelve months past. He was present every market day. It took a medical man's whole time to attend to the duties. He also had to make 200 annual visits to milk herds and cow sheds.

Dr. English thought that Dr. Hutchinson got little enough already.

Ex-Ald. Skinner suggested a compromise at \$750, but did not press it.

Dr. Gardiner said that the salary was little enough already. He would favor an increase.

Ald. Scarrow—That's natural.

Dr. Hutchinson—No, it isn't natural.

Several members—Question?

The question was then put and carried, only the two doctors—English and Gardiner—voting against it.

The medical health officer reported that there were only five cases of diphtheria and five of scarlet fever during March. There were only two cards up at the present time, and there had been no typhoid fever cases since last October.

Chairman Fitzgerald—The city must be very healthy.

Dr. Gardiner (with a long-drawn sigh)—Yes, abominably healthy. (Laughter.)

Mr. J. Tomlinson's complaint of the insanitary condition of closets on Mr. A. Durand's property, corner of Dundas and Clarence streets, was referred to the medical health officer.

A delegation consisting principally of colored men was present to object strenuously against Mr. Coursey monopolizing the night soil business and cornering the dumping ground. All used special "treatment" and only wanted equal privileges.

The work was honest, very honest, and they wanted work as well as Mr. Coursey. Messrs. Gray, Hill, Lewis, Coursey and three Fountains (Oliver, James and John) spoke.

The matter was left to a sub-committee.

Dr. Gardiner laid the map of his proposed \$200,000 double trunk sewer on the table. One branch runs in the northern, and the other branch in the southern portion of the city, they to amalgamate in the west end, and the sewage to be treated below the coverts. The doctor will gather further data and report again.

Inspector Bell stated that in the face of the economy wave he thought he could get along with two house-to-house inspectors and his own assistant this year. Ten men had been employed last year.

The board then adjourned for a month. There were present: Ald. F. J. Fitzgerald (in the chair), ex-Ald. Skinner, Wm. Heaman, Ald. Parnell, Dr. Gardiner, Dr. English, Secretary Bell, M. H. O. Hutchinson and Inspector Bell.

ANCIENT, MIDDLE AND MODERN.

Modern Records of a Wonderful Agency.

History is divided into three parts, ancient, middle and modern. It is the guide of the statesman, and the favorite study of the enlightened scholar. It is the common school of mankind, equally open and useful to princes and subjects. Modern history teems with records of grand reforms inaugurated for the benefit of her masses. Medical science has wrought a complete reformation in the work of treating sore throat, hoarseness, coughs and chronic croup. Scientific research has given the world Harvard's Bronchial Syrup, the most efficacious remedy ever compounded. The best physicians on this continent have sanctioned its use, and prescribe it daily. Thousands in Canada can boast of pleasant and happy results from Harvard's Bronchial Syrup; thousands of young children attacked by croup have been saved from death. Harvard Bronchial Syrup is our great national remedy.

THE WILLIAMS MURDER.

Nothing in the Dutton Story—Stevenson's Statement a Fake.

(Special to the Toronto News.)

BOZEMAN, Mont., April 20.—Sheriff White Caldwell, of Gallatin county, has made a very strong affidavit before District Clerk John McLeod, denouncing W. J. Stevenson in strong terms.

He swears that it would have been next to impossible for the man Dutton to have got away had he existed, owing to the strict search the police made for him, and adds:

"I do not believe the statement made by the said Stevenson to be true, either wholly or in part, and if the same were supported by his affidavit in addition to the notarial certificate already made by him I would still disbelieve it, his character for veracity being such as I consider would justify me in doing so."

"That I believe to be a 'fake' of the rankest kind fabricated by Stevenson alone, with or without a purpose, and that no such person as Robert Dutton or any other person ever made or offered to make such affidavit of confession."

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A MIRACLE OF TO-DAY.

The Startling Experience of a Young Lady in St. Thomas.

A Constant Sufferer for More Than Five Years—Her Blood Had Turned to Water—Physicians Held Out No Hope of Her Recovery—How Her Life Was Saved—A Wonderful Story.

(From the St. Thomas Journal.)

"The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them." Such is a verse of Holy Writ made familiar to very many residents of St. Thomas by the well-known evangelist, Rev. J. E. Hunter. In letters of gold on the stained glass fanlight over the door of his residence, No. 113 Wellington street, is the text, Psalms, xxxiv., 7. Though we live in an age noted for its energetic, zealous Christian endeavor, this idea of Mr. Hunter's to impress the truths of the Scriptures upon those who read though they run, is altogether so original and so novel that it at once excites the curiosity. Those not familiar with the text make a mental note of it, and at the first opportunity look it up. This is just what was done by a representative of the Journal, who had occasion to visit Mr. Hunter's residence the other day. But with the object of the visit and the information obtained the reader will be more concerned.

The reporter was assigned to investigate a marvelous cure said to have been effected in the case of a young lady employed in Mr. Hunter's family by that well-known and popular remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. And it was a wonderful story that the young lady had to tell, and is undoubtedly as true as it is wonderful. Last June the same reporter interviewed Mrs. John Cope, the wife of the tollgate-keeper on the London and Port Stanley road, who had been cured by Pink Pills of running ulcers on the limbs after years of suffering, and after having been given up by a number of physicians. The old lady had entirely recovered and could not say too much in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which had given her a new lease of life. As it was with Mrs. Cope, so it was with Miss Edna Harris, the young lady in the employ of Mr. Hunter's family, who has been restored to health and strength by Pink Pills. Miss Harris has just passed her 20th year, and is a daughter of George Harris, who lives at Yarmouth Heights, and is employed by Mr. George Boucher, florist and plantman.

"I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life, and I am quite willing that every one should know it," was the reply of Miss Harris when asked if she had been benefited by Pink Pills, and if so would she make public her story. Continuing, she said, "When I was 12 or 13 years of age I was first taken sick. The doctors said my blood had all turned to water. For five years I suffered terribly, and was so weak that I could barely keep alive. It was only my grit and strong will, the doctors said, that kept me alive at all. If I did not stand for a short time, or if I got the least bit warm I would fall over in a faint. My eyes were white and glassy, and I was so thin and pallid that every one believed I was dying of consumption. During the five years I was ill I was attended by five physicians in St. Thomas, two in Detroit, one in London and one in Halifax, and none of them could do anything for me. I was so far gone that they had no hopes of my recovery. Towards the last my feet and limbs swelled so they had to be bandaged to keep them from bursting. They were bandaged for three months, and my whole body was swollen and bloated, and the doctors said there was not a drop of blood in my body, and they held out no hopes whatever. Two years ago I read the Journal about a man in Hamilton being cured by taking Pink Pills. I thought if they could cure him they would help me, and I decided to try them. Before I had finished three boxes I felt relieved; the swelling went down and the bandages were removed. I continued taking Pink Pills until I had taken seven boxes, then irregularly I took three more, one of which Mr. Hunter brought back from Brockville. I am perfectly cured. I have not been ill a single day since I finished the seventh box of pills, and since Mrs. Hunter's year ago, and she will tell you I have never been ill a day since coming here, and I always feel strong and able to do the work. I can and do strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," said Miss Harris in conclusion. Her appearance is certainly that of a strong, healthy young woman.

Mrs. J. E. Hunter, wife of the evangelist, told the reporter that Miss Harris was a good, reliable and truthful girl, and that perfect reliance could be placed in her statements. "She looks like a different girl from what she was when she came here a year ago," said Mrs. Hunter.

The facts above related are important to parents, as there are many young girls just budding into womanhood whose condition is, to say the least, more critical than their parents imagine. The complexion is pale and waxy in appearance, troubled with heart palpitation, headaches, shortness of breath on the slightest exercise, faintness and other distressing symptoms which invariably lead to a premature grave unless prompt steps are taken to bring about a natural condition of health. In this emergency no remedy yet discovered can supply the place of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which build anew the blood, strengthen the nerves and restore the glow of health to the pale and waxy in appearance. They are certain cures for all troubles peculiar to the female system, young or old. Pink Pills also cure such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, nervous prostration, the after effects of la grippe, and severe colds, diseases depending on humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold only in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark. They are never sold in bulk, and any dealer who offers substitutes in this form is trying to defraud and should be avoided. The public are cautioned against other so-called blood builders, and are urged to put up in similar form intended to deceive. Ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and refuse all imitations and substitutes. Can be had from all dealers or by mail from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

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