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COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Produce Market.

Toronto, Jan. 31.-Wheat-The market is dull and lower at 85c to 86c for red and white west. Manitoba is easier at \$1 09 for No. 1 hard, grinding in tran- has died in Chicago. sit, and \$1 031/2, Midland. Flour is eas-ier at \$4 20 for cars of straight roller west. Millfeed is in demand and firm at \$12 to \$12 50 for shorts, and \$10 to \$10 50 west. Barley is scarce and firm and Nashville, near Louisville, Ky. at 34c to 35c; 31c to 32c for No. 3 extra, and 27c to 28c for feed outside. Buckwheat steady at 33c east. Rye steady at 47c to 48c outside. Corn is steady at 29c for yellow west. Oats steady at 261/2c for mixed, and 271/2c for white north and west. Peas-There are very few offering, the market is firm at 64c to 55c. Baled hay steady at \$8 to \$8 50 for cars on the track here. Baled straw steady at \$4 50 to \$5 here. Butter-The receipts of large rolls are fair, there is a good demand for them, and the market is firmer at 131/2c to 15c; dairy tubs are scarce and firm at 15c to 16c for choice, and 12c for low grade. Eggs are in good demand and are firmer; had are 1c higher at 15c to 16c; new laid are quoted at 19c to 20c, and late gathered at 15c to 16c.

English Markets

Wheat - Spot, dull; No. 2 red western winter, 7s 11d; spot No. 1 red northern spring, 8s 11d. Corn-Spot American mixed, new, quiet, 3s bd: do old, steady, 3s 5ld; futures steady; Jan. New York Poultry and Pigeon Association is to be held in Madison Square

St. Louis fancy winter firm, 98 9d. Figur-St. Louis lancy winter firm, 58 5d.

Beef-Firm, extra India mess, 663 3d; prime Pork - Firm; Prime mess, fine western Pork — Firm: Prime mess, fine western 47s 6d; do. medium, western, 45s.

Hams—Short cut 14 to 16 lbs. steady, 36s.

Bacor—Cumberland cut. firm, 25 to 30 lbs.

19s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs. firm, 29s; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 lbs. firm, 28s 6d; long clear middles, heavy 40 to 45 lbs. firm, 27s

3d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., no stocks; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs. dull.

Bla: short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., 27s, firm, 26s 6d.

niders—Square 12 to 14 lbs. steady, 25s. Shoulders—Square 12 to 13 105 Std.
Lard—Prime western, dull, 25; 3d.
Butter—Vinest American, 22s; good, 60s. Rosin-Common, steady, 4s 11d. Choese-American finest white, dull, 42s 6d: pred. dull. 42s 6d Tallow-Prime city, firm, 19s.

Cottonseed oil - Livernool refined, dull; 15s. Turpentine spirits - Firm, 24s 3d. Rope-At London (Pacific coast), firm £4

American Markets. CHICAGO, Jan. 3:—Opening.—Wheat, May, 55e to 95e; July, 85e to 85se. Corn, May, 294e, July, 204e to 30e. Oats, May, 23e to 24e; July; 22e. Pork, May, \$10. Lard, May, \$4 87s, 11ibs—May, \$4 90.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31-Noon.-Flour-Receipts, 23,836; sales, 3,500; quiet and weaker to sell; city mills patents, \$5 70 to \$6; city mill clears, \$5 45 to \$5 60; Minnesota patents, \$5 20 to \$5 45; Minnesota bakers, \$4 25 to \$4 50; winter patents, \$4 80 to \$5 25; winter straights, \$4 50 to \$4 65; winter extras, \$3 50 to | runs for one wicket down. Rye flour-Dull, \$2 60 to \$3 15. latter fancy. Wheat—Receipts, 55,500 bu; sales, 1,150,000 bu; options opened

58,500; sales, 60,000; options dull and easier with wheat; May, 34c to 34%c. Oats-Receipts, 63,600 bu; options dull and nominally easier; track white, 30c to 33c. Butter-Receipts, 7,650 pkgs; firm; state dairy, 14c to 18c; state to 20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 11c to 14c; imitation do, 13c to 17c. Cheese—Recelpts, 337 pkgs; quiet; large white Sept., 8½c; small white Sept., 9c to 9¼c; large colored Sept., 8½c; small desirated desirated and action of the second colored Sept., 9c to 94c; large Oct., 8c to 84c; small Oct., 84c to 84c; light skims, 6c to 6½c. Eggs—Receipts, 6,084 pkgs; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 19½c to 20c; western, 19c. Sugar—Raw, market steady; fair refining, 3 9-16c; centrifugal 96 test, 4 1-16c; refined market steady; crushed, 5%c; powdered, 5 5-16c; granulated, 5%c. Hops-Firm; state common to choice, 95 crop, 4c to 6c; 96 crop, 7c to 9c; 97 crop, 17c to 20c; Pacific coast, 96 crop, 8c to 10c; 97 crop, 17c to 20c. Lead-Dull; bullion price, \$3 50; exchange price, \$3 621/2.

Chicago Exchange. Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler Broker, Masonio Temula. 'Phone 1,27%. CRICAGO, Jan. 31.

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Puts, 934; calls, 964 Puts, 934; calls. 964. A GOOD THING IN PORK.

The party who has been carrying 1,500 barrels of May pork within the past two months could have taken a profit of \$2,250 today, but his advices from Chicago say that it is going another \$1 per barrel higher. other hand, a telegram was shown us today stating that Chicago packers Within the past seven were selling. or eight weeks May pork has advanced \$1 60 per barrel, closing at \$10 05 today. -Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Live Stock Market. CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Hogs—Estimated receipts today, 40,000; left over, 1,136; fairly active, strong to 5c higher; light, \$3.70 to \$3.90; mixed, \$3.75 to \$3.921/2; heavy, \$365 to \$395; rough, \$365 to \$3 70. Cattle-Receipts, 14,000; strong to 10c higher; beeves, \$3 85 to \$5 45; cows and heifers, \$2 25 to \$4 40; Texas steers, \$3 50 to \$4 35; stockers and feeders, \$3 35 to \$4 35. Sheep-Receipts, 12,000; strong.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES Fire broke out in the clinic department of the Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal, Saturday morning, and did

The New York supreme court handed down a decision which invalidates cases tried in a courtroom from which

the public is excluded. Rev. Leroy Church, one of the most widely known Baptist ministers in the west, and founder of the Standard, the

Baptist western denominational organ, William Miller and Lee Ellison, trainmen, and an unknown tramp, were killed and four others were injured in a head-on collision on the Louisville

The modus vivendi on the Atlantic coast has been renewed for another year with the United States, pending the trade negotiations which are going on between Ottawa and Washington. The Gloucester fishing schooner Tragabigzanda went ashore on Cedar Island, Isle of Shoals, N. H., on Satururday, and is a total loss. The crew of fourteen men were rescued by life-

saving crews. The Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk have canceled their Toronto-North Bay passenger agreement, and, commencing on Feb. 1, the Canadian Pacific will take all passengers for the

west around by Smith's Falls. Mr. Robert Knight Hope, of Adam Hope & Co., who was appointed to the position of registrar of deeds for Wentworth county, to fill the place caused by the death of Mr. Nicholas Awrey last June, is receiving the congratulations of his friends. The ninth annual exhibition of the ciation is to be held in Madison Square

6,500 birds have been entered in the several classes. There are a number of Canadian entries TALL SPIRAL TOWERS

Garden, beginning Tuesday. According

to the report of the secretary, nearly

Plan Adopted for New Bridge Across East River. New York, Jan. 31. - Chief Engineer Buck's plans for spiral towers for the new East River bridge have been adopted. The contractor is given until April 1 to complete the foundations. The towers are to be of steel, and will stand 355 feet above high water and will cost about \$3,000.000. The bridge will be three-eighths of a mile longer than the present Brooklyn bridge and will cost at least \$7,500.000.

CRICKET. Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 31. - The Australian cricketers, in the fourth test match with the visiting English eleven, made 323 runs in their first in-

Engineer Buck says the bridge can be

completed some time in 1900.

day the English players had scored 7 TO PAY BONDS IN SILVER. weak under bearish Liverpool cables, and except for a slight rally on covering ruled heavy all the forenoon; Feb., \$1 04½ to \$1 04½; March, \$1 04½; May, 97c to 97½c; July, 89½c to 90c. Ryedull; No. 2 western, 55½c to 57c, f. o. b., affect New York. Corn—Receipts

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The present service on the belt line.

The World Despairs.

The Toronto World, one of the bright-

"Ever since the death of Sir John Thompson the curse of the Tory party has been the bulk of its leaders, big and small, and most of its Ministers.' Again the same journal says:

"What Dr. Willoughby and the Concombination, not to mention the C. P. the capture of the Yukon Railway! and drakes of and are only beginning to

These declarations are made because Sir Charles Tupper and other Conser- \$2, and in default went down for 60 vative leaders refuse to denounce ev- days. ery project for the advancement of Canada brought forward by the Liberal Administration. Meantime, the point of interest is that the Toronto World concedes that the tide is strongly in favor of a Liberal victory in Ontario on March 1.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST Toronto, Jan. 31.-10 a.m.-Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region: Light snow today, follow ed before night by northwesterly gales, and changing to very cold weather

-Major Cartwright is in the city, vis-

fting with Mr. Malcolm Kent. -The first month of your good resolution year is about to leave us. -What about the ice famine that some people have been predicting? -A good band will furnish music for Princess rink patrons tomorrow night. -Hon. George W. Ross was in the city today, en route to Delaware, where he holds a meeting tonight.

-The married non-commissioned officers and men of Wolseley Barracks will give an "at home" on Thursday night. -Belleville Sun: Sergt.-Major Slater,

Forty-ninth H. R., has left for Wolselev Barracks, London to take a special -Mrs. Dick Waldron and daughter,

visiting Mrs. J. C. Woods, Dufferin -Foreman Robinson, of the McClary tinshop, and half a dozen of the staff, have removed to Montreal to enter the

firm's new branch there. -The medical school and South London hockey teams will play a game at the Jubilee rink tomorrow evening. The Musical Society Band will be present. -Young man, call at the Liberal rooms, Oddfellows' block, and see about your vote. If you do not register, you cannot go to the polls. Open every afternoon and night.

-Mr. Wm. Tanner, shoemaker, slipped off the pipe on the approach to the King street bridge Saturday evening and was severely shaken up. He is under a doctor's care. -Mr. George Warren, York street, was removed to the city hospital on Saturday afternoon, suffering from a

bad arm. The doctor thinks it will be a case of blood poisoning. -Master Jean Lockhart, the clever child comedian, on Saturday afternoon danced the sailor's hornpipe and Irish jig at the opera house. His perform-

ance brought down the house. -Mr. John Thompson, of Colborne street, a street car conductor, was one of the victims of the city hall disaster, and has been laid up at his residence since the accident. He was able to report for duty this morning for the first

-Mr. Fred H. Graham, of the McClary Manufacturing Company, who has been transferred to the company's Montreal branch, has been for some years a popular member of the Seventh Band, and has a great many

friends in the city. -Gen. Booth will arrive at 6:05 p.m. at the G. T. R. station Wednesday, and will be tendered an informal reception there. He will be the guest of Thomas McCormick, while here. Commissioner Eva Booth will accompany her father, who will speak at the First

Methodist Church at 8 p.m. -Messrs. Toothe & McPhillips made motion on Saturday for an interim injunction restraining the directors of the London Agricultural and Horticultural Society from acting as such or from taking any part in Western Fair Board proceedings. The court directed that notice of motion be given.

-The dramatic and musical entertainment to be given at the Grand Opera House and Feb. 3 by the Catholic Club of this city, promises to be a most successful affair. Great interest is manifested in it, and there is every indication that the club will be greeted by a packed house, as their performance well deserves. They have spared no pains to prepare a most attractive programme.

-Yesterday afternoon the police here received a message from Woodstock of gears and boxes, some finished, some the opening are prepared for that date. -Yesterday afternoon the police here stating that Leonard Mason, a 14-yearold lad, had again run away from home and was making for the west. The youngster was enticed away by tramps, who forsook him at Ingersoll. Young Mason reached London and put up at a friend's house on Cartwright street, where Detective Nickle found the boy. He will be sent home. Mason disappeared from Woodstock a few days

ago, and was captured at Glencoe. for arrears of taxes was continued at with the conditions under which the the court house this morning. Lot 2, McKinnon's survey, and lot 6, con. 18, West Nissouri, containing four-fifths train (except limited trains) of th of an acre, upon which the arrears amount to \$4 38, was purchased by D. McAlpine for \$3. The easterly part of F. and P. M., G. R. and I., Grand lot 36 south of Cale and I., Grand lot 36, so th of Oak street (half-acre), the westerly part of lot 37, and center part of the said lot 37, south of Oak street, were offered for sale, but no bids being forthcoming, they were

withdrawn. AT THE CITY HALL. The city council holds a special meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and will undertake to select 36 polling to accept thousand mile interchange-The Englishmen were all out booths for the Ontario elections. They able tickets issued by the Mileage for 174 runs in their first inning, and will also discuss White & Sons' profollowed on. At the close of play to- posal.

Repairs to the city hall began today, and it is expected that the steel girder will be in place tomorrow. The city school teachers received General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

The present service on the belt line. | gist has hone in

the city engineer says, is only temporary, in order to ascertain if it will MANAMAKANAMAKANAMAKANAMAKA MANAMAKANAMAKANAMAKANAMAKANA prove satisfactory to the east end. UNRULY GUESTS.

John Fraser stood up in the police court dock this morning, his head swelled, his right optic somber and closed, the alleged result of a kick. Fraser and a friend named John Williams were guests at the Salvation Army shelter. On Saturday Frank Moulton, one of the officers in charge, servative Opposition will have to fight requested Williams and Fraser to go next week is the whole Liberal party to bed. Fraser had been drinking, and of Canada, two Liberal Governments, was bent upon doing as he pleased. In and the Rainy River-Sudbury-Yukon a scuffle that followed, Moulton was cut and bruised, and went to the police R. The Center Toronto deal was the station for assistance. The men were beginning of a procession that ended in arrested immediately. Both Williams and Fraser were remanded to jail until Conservatives have been made ducks Moulton is able to appear against them. Williams was arrested a few days ago as a vag, and discharged on promising to leave town. Patrick Gavin, a drunk-

London to Grand Bend

en vagrant, 60 years of age, was fined

Local Capitalists Behind the Radial Railway Project.

Asking Incorporation-A Line From London to Lucan, Crediton, Centralia and Grand Bend.

London capitalists are behind the application to be made by Mr. M. G. Cameron, of Goderich, for an act to incorporate a company to construct a railway line from London to Grand Bend, via Lucan, Crediton and Centralia. The promoters of the company are John Labatt, T. H. Smallman, Mayor Wilson, C. B. Hunt and M. G.

Cameron. The latter, who is a son of Mr. M. C. Cameron, M. P. for West Huron, is the solicitor for the appellants. Members of the company here say that they mean business, and that if the charter is secured, as they have no doubt it will be, the line will be built. It will do a passenger and freight business, and will traverse a rich agricultural section, which will be brought into speedy communication with London. The company also hope popularize Grand Bend, the Lake Huron summer resort. They are asking power to build and operate steamers

and Miss Gaskin, of Kingston, are The Board Meets and Fixes the Time and Places

> Where Those Entitled to Vote May Be Put on the Lists-Supplementary Sittings.

The board of registrars met this morning in the chambers of R. K. Cowan, local master. Judge William Elliot was chosen as chairman and Mr. W. J. Harvey as secretary.

Mr. R. M. C. Toothe resigned his position as one of the registrars, and Mr. E. W. M. Flock was appointed in his place. The places selected by the city council were chosen as places of regis tration. The days for registration will be Feb. 4, 5, 7 and 8. The hours will be 10 to 1, 2 to 6 and 7:30 to 9 p.m. The supplementary sittings will be held on Feb. 11 and 12, from 10 to 12 a.m., and 2 to 4 p.m., as follows: Wards 1 and 2, at the chambers of R. K. Cowan; wards 3 and 4, at the chambers of Judge Edward Elliott; ward 5, by E. Jones Parke, at the police station, and ward 6, in the chambers of Judge William Elliot.

The court of appeal will be held on Feb. 16 and 17, beginning at 11 o'clock and continuing all day. It was decided that every person must appear before the registrars for registration at the supplementary sittings, except when prevented by illness or absence from the province.

A ROARIN' TIME

At the Simcoe Street Rink Today and Tomorrow-The Tankard Curling.

There is a roarin' time at the Simcoe street rink this afternoon. It is full of | Chesapeake and Ohio, under the name curlers representing the Forest City, Embro, Hensall, Ingersoll and other teams, who are competing for the Western Ontario tankard. The ice is in good shape, and some close matches are promised. morrow the London, St. Marys, Bright and Berlin clubs will compete at the same rink for the Ontario tankard, the finals of which are played

SNOW CAUSED THE COLLAPSE. Cornwall, Jan. 31.-A bad smash-up occurred in the big carriage warehouse of Munroe, McIntosh & Co. at Alexandria. An immense quantity of snow had fallen on the roof during the heavy snowstorms at the first of the week, and the weight became so great that walls as far as the ceiling of the first not, were crushed and damaged. loss will be heavy, probably over \$2,000,

at Toronto.

The New Mileage Ticket. The Michigan Central, "The Niagara Forty-One Degree: Below Zero in Falls Route," will have on sale at its principal ticket offices on and after Feb. 1 the new interchangeable thousand-mile ticket issued by the Northern Mileage Ticket Bureau. This ticket will be sold for \$30, sub-

-The adjourned sale of county lands | ject to a rebate of \$10, upon compliance ticket is issued, and will be good for passage upon any regular passenger Michigan Central, Ann Arbor, C. and Trunk, L. S. and M. S., M. B., H. and C., M. and N. E., N. Y. C. and St. L. and P. and L. E. railroads, the Crosby Transportation Company and D. and C. Nav. Co., upon presentation to conductor, without the exchange ticket now required with the Central Passenger Association interchangeable mileage ticket.

The Michigan Central will continue Ticket Bureau of the Central Passenger Association, sold prior to Feb. 1, upon compliance by the holder with the conditions under which said tickets were issued. O. W. RUGGLES.

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## The Election Writs Boom For Bagpipes.

Returning Officers Who Will The Piper's Heroism at Dargai Preside Over the Contest in Western Constituencies.

The writs are now issued for the provincial general elections on March 1. Western returning officers are as fol-

Brant, N.-W. B. Wood, Brantford. Brant, S.-Wm. Watt, jun., Brant-Bruce, N .-- Joseph Chamber, Allen-Bruce, S.-F. S. O'Connor, Walker-

Bruce, C.-J. B. Campbell, Pinker-Elgin, E.-J. H. Coyne, St. Thomas. Elgin, W.-D. Brown, St. Thomas. Essex, N.-J. W. Askin, Sandwich. Essex, S.-John C. Iler, Sandwich. Huron, E.-R. G. Reynolds, Gode-

Huron, S .- F. Kibler, Zurich. Huron, W.-A. L. Gibson, Goderich. Kent, E.-P. D. McKellar, Chatham. Kent, W.-J. L. Gemmill, Chatham. Lambton, E.-A. McLean, Sarnia. Lambton, W.-J. Flintoft, Sarnia. London-D. M. Cameron, London.

Middlesex, E.-J. McDougall, Pond Mills Middlesex, N.-W. Fraser, West Mc-Gillivray. Middlesex, W.-S. Blackburn, Glen-

Norfolk, S .- A. J. Donly, Simcoe. Norfolk, N.-J. Jackson, Simcoe. Oxford, N.-J. Brady, Woodstock.

Oxford, S.-G. R. Pattullo, Wood-ColossalCombine I

Railroad Scheme Eclipsing All Its Predecessors.

Symtem's Control.

New York, Jan. 31.-The Tribune today publishes the following: "The consolidation of the Lake Shore with the New York Central, under the name of the latter, is simply the initial step in a railroad plan that in scope and extaken in the history of railroading. The truth is, however, that the present been taken by the practically admitsolidate into one company the whole Vanderbilt system, and such lines as it may be able to control and lease, and place the whole enormous organization under one management.

The next step in this gigantic plan of consolidation will be the merging of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad, generally known as the "Big Four," with the of the former. The Big Four is a Vanderbilt property. Probably same plan of consolidation will be followed out in this road as in the Lake Shore The next step will be to bring the roads into the new combination of the Lake Shore and the New York Central. The next road to be merged will be the Chicago and Northwestern. like the Lake Shore and the Big Four,

In the meantime there is talk of a consolidation of the West Shore, the Nickle Plate and the Michigan Cen-OPENS MARCH 1. Montreal, Jan. 31.—It is officially announced that March 1 has been definitely fixed for the opening of the Drumthe roof collapsed entirely, the side | mond County Railway, and the muchtalked-of entrance of the Intercolonial

s an out and out Vanderbilt property.

CHILLY!

Quebec Pravince. Maniwaki, Que., Jan. 31.-The thermometer registered 42 degrees below zero yesterday morning. In numerous other parts of Quebec the temperature ranged from 13 to 31 degrees below.

LIKE AN INFERNO. Tamarack Copper Shaft Now Over 5,000 Feet Deep.

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 31.-The perpendicular shaft of the Tamarack copper mine, No. 3, is now down a few feet below the 5,000-foot mark. It has three compartments for cages or "ele-One compartment is used exclusively to hoist and lower the men and lower timber, while the other two are used exclusively for rock. At the great depth the temperature is very high, and the miners work with scarcely any clothing.

A few days ago a hole was drilled in the rock a few feet from the bottom and a thermometer placed therein, the drill hole being sealed with clay 

Sets a Fashion.

Windbags May Be Seen Anywhere in the Streets of London.

[London Mail.]

Fifteen months and more ago there was recounted in these columns the genesis and growth of a threatened bagpipe boom. For a time the craze flourished, and promised to do much; then it languished, and the young ladies and gentlemen who had bought such beautiful sets of bagpipes forsook their hobby and sold their instruments at a loss, or laid them in the garret

along with the old spinnet and the once fashionable banjo. But now presto! something has happened. It has happened a long way off-out in India, in fact-but it has given such a fillip to the popularity of the bagpipes that at this moment of writing their fame is greater-infinitely greater—than at any time since the "bonny skirl o' 'The Cock o' the North'

swept proudly o'er the bloody plain of Waterloo." Who cares whether the story of th gallant piper at the recent charge of Dargai is true? Who dares to say it is not? Are there not at 500 music halls in London and the provinces twice 500 pipers nightly enacting the scene as it was described by Reuter's correspondent-to the intense enthusiasm of the audiences and of all Englishmen-we beg pardon-Great Britons and Irishmen throughout the civilized

When shall the glory of the bagpipes die? Nearly every side street-not only in the great metropolis, but in Liverpool, Glasgow, Manchester, and Birmingham-has its piper at some hour of the day. They have come to Carmelite street in the evening to fret the souls of the long-dead friars and to set beating the pulses of the scribes -Caledonian and otherwise-whose ears Plan to Consolidate All the Vanderbilt are flogged by the raucous wail. In-Lines and Those Under That deed, many of the most trenchant columns of the Daily Mail have been conceived and writ' to the tune of "Annie Laurie" or the "Girl I Left Behind Me." Our sporting editor has found in "Scots Wha Hae" a most fecund inspiration; and our leading article yes-

terday was composed to the air of "When Jamie Gangs Awa." But it takes two pipers to do the tent eclipses anything litherto under- thing properly. One of them marches up and down playing the instrument (or is it a machine?), while another scheme, the first step in which has accompanies him, handling a sheathed sword. The bearing of both performted amalgamation of the Lake Shore ers is proud and martial and Scotch. and the New York Central, is to con- Anybody could tell they were Scotch even a Saxon infant in arms. One old gentleman in Finsbury circus was so pleased by the aspect of one of these bagpipe couples a day or two since that he gave them each sixpence, saying: "Eh, mon, do you prefer playing the music of the bonny hathe land in musty Lunnon streets to marching across the heather wi' the wind in your teeth?" The first Scotchman looked at him

in surprise. The second was taken suddenly with engrossing pains in the pit of the stomach. "Watcher talkin' abart, gov'nor? Me an' my mite buyed this 'ere arm orgin an' this 'ere rigout down th' Ditch when the bagpipe boom came in. lt's a lot better'n shovin' a bloomin' barrer tryin' to sell oranges when the people has got too many of 'em at home already. Oh, the business ain't so bad, 'cept for the chillblames you gets on your knees, and when the kids don't stick pins in the b'iler o' the engin'. 'Me an' my mite, we do wish, though, when people give us coin, they wouldn't go jawin' of us in a bloomin' furrin'

langwidge." "But good heavens, how did you learn? How do you manage to play?" "'Ow? Easy enough. Nobody ain't complained yet. Yer just squeezes the old balloon an' lets 'er squeal herself sick. An' Lor' bless you, the sicker she squeals herself the more people seems to like it. Blimey, there ain't no accountin' for tastes, but me an' my mite makes a quid a dye, an' that's all we knows!"

All over the world there are so many joys that unpleasant things can overlooked and all the pleasures appre-A woman who can be a friend and yet you expect a man to cater to her vanities is a joy. A man who knows how to be a perfect comrade and yet not make love to

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A thoroughly good story that written in good English is a joy. A great big bunch of flowers nret. ty of hue and sweet of perfume, is a A becoming hat that sits comfortably on your head is a joy.

every woman he meets is a joy.

A well-fitting frock, which is paid for, is a joy. A box of sweets, a pleasant letter. or a new magazine, each is a joy. A dear baby, an affectionate dog, a chirpy little bird, each is a joy. A sunshiny day, when the air seems clear and good, is one of God's own

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