HEARD AT THE CHURCHES.

PRICES OF SIGNIFICANCE UPLIFTED YESTERDAY.

Bishop Sweatman at Parkdale—Professor Clark at St. Stephen's—The Bereaved Church—A Monk at Bond-street—Dr. Wild's Vagaries.

Rev. Prof. Clark has started on a crusade against infidelity. A few Sundays ago he delivered a sermon on the theory of unbelief embodied in Mrs. Ward's book, "Robert Elsmere," and last evening, again in St. Stephen's Church, he discoursed on "Modern Unbelief." The church was crowded to the doors and those who could not find places in the church found seats in the schoolroom adjoining. The reverend professor is a forcible speaker and a ripe scholar but his subject was too large, its ramifications too deep and extensive to be properly handled during the time he had at his disposal. It was therefore necessarily confined rather to the surface aspect than to the subtle sophistry and plausible foundation of the various "isms." While the clever sermon last evening would strengthen the belief of believers it could scarcely be claimed for it that unbelief would be shaken by it.

The existence of unbelief, he said, is not, therefore, a matter for wonder. We cannot banish it but must do our best to understand and account for it and try to show the ground on which it stands. So far no form of unbelief has triumphed, they have all failed and fallen.

A principal cause of unbelief is the decision to refuse to believe anything that is supernatural. People say they will not believe anything they cannot handle, dissect, understand. The three principal forms of unbelief are: Theism, pantheism and agnosticism, the theories of which the Professor explained.

Referring to "Robert Elsmere," the preacher said that all theories of unbelief have robbed Christianity and that they are all founded in the Christ they discard. Have no fear of the propagation of deism in the future, he continued, for they have all failed and it is useless to tell of a God without also telling of His Son and His salvation.

A SENSATION IN BOND-STREET.

Protestant Mission to the French in Toronto—A Converted Monk Speaks.

Dr. Wild in Bond-street Congregational Church last night said: An opening has come that I have long desired. Our Roman Catholic friends have gained a little advantage over us by opening a French-Canadian church or mission. I have often thought that there is only one thing that makes Frenchmen disloyal, and that is their religion. I believe Frenchmen are just as capable and competent as any other men on the face of the earth, but I do believe their religion paralyses their loyalty. [Applause.] I believe the best thing is to carry the Protestant gospel to them. I have no hesitation in saying that the Roman Catholic religion does not mature that loyalty and fidelity to Her Majesty and the Constitution of this country which we desire. [Applause.] It is dangerous. I would not meet them with force, but we have a right to offer to them the religion of Jesus Christ, which makes us all kind and loyal and loving.

We have with us on the platform to-night Mons. Philippe de Sailliers, a Trappist priest who has been converted through the Salvation Army. [Applause.] He is going to start a French mission here. The French whom he will labor among are poor. He will give them free admittance to his hall every Sabbath. He does not want any support himself, but the hall and other expenses will have to be provided for. I think Bond-street Church and every other Protestant church in Toronto ought to hail this new French mission with gladness. [Applause.] If it goes all right and proves all right I will be a grand supporter of it. [Renewed applause.] I believe that is the best way to meet those who oppose us. I do not believe in angry words, persecution or boycotting.

Monsieur de Sailliers, who can speak but little English, then addressed the congregation in French, Mr. Paull acting as interpreter. The converted Trappist said: My friends, with the permission of your venerable pastor, I present myself before you to-night. As he has told you, God by His grace has brought me to the light, that is, from the darkness of Rome to the light of the Gospel. I am very well able to tell you what goes on in this monastery of darkness, because I have there passed two years. To-night I thank God with all my heart for the honor and grace He has accorded me in bringing me into His marvelous light and rolling off the burden that rested on my conscience. No doubt, my dear friends, all of you know what the darkness of the Church of Rome is, but I, above all, know because I have experienced it. On Wednesday night I will tell you what life in a Trappist monastery is, and I am very certain that you will hear some things that you never heard before. [Applause.]

THE POLYMATH'S VAGARIES.

Dr. Wild on Mental Telegraphy—Tales of Dreams, Mind Reading, Spiritualism.

Packed to the doors was Bond-street Congregational Church last night. The Doctor had a sensational subject: "A mistake in a marriage certificate and the lessons it taught." But this was only a peg on which to hang a discourse on psychology, or, as the Doctor termed it, mental and spiritual telegraphy. He certainly made the people laugh by saying that he heartily supports marriage and emigration for the good of the country. The story of the certificate was that making out two be lost one, which was the correct one, and anxiously seeking for it "a good spirit" directed his attention to a book where he had placed it.

"There are," said he, "channels of communication between mind and mind that we know little about. But our knowledge is increasing. Electricity and its developments was a parallel. He gave instances of mental magnetism he had come across in his life, and very remarkable they were. He told of a twin sister where he was visiting screaming with alright and saying her forehead was bruised, her hands were crushed and knee broken when nothing was amiss; but at the same time 17 miles away her sister coming out of school fell and sustained the very injuries which had been spiritually telegraphed at the time of their occurrence. And others to the same effect, especially dreams of departures. God speaketh now, as in Job's time, in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon man, in slumberings upon the bed; then He openeth the ears of men and sealeth their instruction.

From repeated experience and observation we are gathering data that are showing that "chance" and "accident" are other forms of law and design. He enlarged on the ministry of angels, both good and bad, and their effects on human actions. Our mistakes lead us to believe in an overruling Providence more than anything else.

The strange phenomena of mind cures, thought reading, spiritualism, mesmerism, clairvoyance are simply forces of life through fitting mediums. The results of these experiments will some day results in what shall be especially beneficial to man. "Do not these things," asked the Doctor, "help us to see that witchcraft, the evil eye, and demonology were not wholly without foundation? We are getting on space. We can control others for good or evil. People used this influence in the past for evil and it was called witchcraft." From all this the Doctor urged his hearers to have open minds for good influences and to resist the evil spirits.

BROADWAY'S CONGREGATIONAL.

An Anglican Rector Gives a Hand to His Dissenting Brethren.

Most popular continues Rev. A. F. McGregor's new Congregational Church, Spadina-avenue. There was a double attraction yesterday, continuation of the opening services and the Sunday school anniversary. Large audiences assembled at each service, the school children having the post of honor in the front seats. Special hymns were well rendered by the Sunday school orchestra. In the morning Rev. Dr. Kellogg of St. James'-square Presbyterian Church preached an admirable sermon on the Psalmist's words: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

In the afternoon Rev. Septimus Jones, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, preached to the young people from the well-known text: "Children obey your parents." He was introduced by Mr. McGregor, who remarked that the fact of the rector delivering a sermon there showed that to a great extent a feeling of unity existed among all churches which had a true knowledge of Christ. The sermon by the rector was an admirable one, replete with valuable instruction and advice.

At the evening service Rev. Dr. McTavish of Central Presbyterian Church occupied the pulpit and preached a thoroughly evangelical sermon. The attendance at this neat and comfortable church is increasing; so is the membership, and there is a great future before this Congregational church. Mr. McGregor, the pastor, is incessant in his pastoral labors and is beloved by his people in this increasing neighborhood.

The Lord Bishop at St. Mark's.

The chancel of the pretty little edifice of St. Mark's, Parkdale, was tastily decorated with flowers last evening, and a choir of some 40 voices sang

Brightly beams our banner,
Pouring to the sky,
Leading Christians onward
To their home on high.

as they marched reverently into their places. The Lord Bishop of Toronto preached a scholarly sermon on the words of Christ: "Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled." (St. Matthew xxii.-34.) He pointed out the great apparent difficulty in the interpretation of this passage, and said that such discrepancies as seemingly exist between some points of history and Holy Writ were the very strongholds of the adversaries of the Christian faith. The Holy Scripture was the oldest history of the world by some 1000 years, and these writings were even of 600 years earlier date than the first profane writings known. The time when should be heard of wars and rumors of wars might occur at any time, for the Lord is All-powerful, and thourh His plans and purposes may seem to us to be far off, yet they might be accomplished in an incredibly short time if God so willed.

The Bishop concluded his address with an earnest exhortation to be so prepared that when the last trump shall sound or our Maker shall bid us come unto the home He has prepared for us, our lamps may be trimmed and burning and our feet shod with the gospel of the preparation of peace.

Spadina-Avenue Methodist Tabernacle.

The large wooden erection temporarily used by Dr. Parker's congregation during the building of the grand Tabernacle at Spadina and College-avenues, was thronged three times yesterday in connection with the Sunday School anniversary. Rev. Dr. Wild, with his well-known liberal spirit, left his Bond-street Congregational Church to lend a hand to his Methodist brethren. He preached them one of his characteristic sermons.

In the afternoon Dr. Stafford, President of the Toronto Conference, vastly amused the children by his stories about the giant Conscience, 55 feet high, they had to fight, and when he triumphed he grew so many feet higher; about the old gentleman people call Mr. Scratch, and his supposed devil's horns, forked tail and cloven hoofs and the compact some folk make with him; and lastly the brake off on the down-grade. His illustrations, which made the edifice ring with youthful laughter, were connected with the opening verse of Psalm 1.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Ex-Mayor Howland occupied the pulpit at the evening service. Special hymns were sung yesterday and the anniversary was regarded as a success.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Saturday being the feast of the Immaculate Conception, there were special services in all the Roman Catholic churches of the city. In St. Michael's Very Rev. Administrator Laurent sang High Mass, and the altar was brilliantly illuminated and adorned.

Why go limping and whining about your corns when a 25 cent bottle of Holloway's Corn Cure will remove them? Give it a trial, and you will not regret it.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Meaford has a silver cornet band.

Peterboro County Court on Tuesday next.

Welland County Council opens to-morrow.

Brantford will have a paid fire brigade next year.

Collingwood dry dock has been sold for taxes.

Albert College museum at Belleville is nearly completed.

Durham people anticipate a building boom next spring.

Penetanguishene has just broken up a nest of local thieves.

Ottawa's Police Magistrate bemoans his occupation as almost gone.

Aylmer shipped a car of canned corn to the English markets last week.

There are several cases of diphtheria in Tuscola and two in Corbyville.

The sum of $150 has been subscribed towards a mechanics' institute at Stayner.

There is said to be a deficit of some $10,322 in the Treasury of Frontenac County.

Campbellford has been made a port of entry and now a custom-house is wanted.

A joint stock company is being organized in Pembroke to run their electric light.

Since harvest 12,000 bushels of apples have been shipped from the Brighton station.

Five Scott Act cases were tried in Port Hope on Saturday. Fifty dollars and costs each.

Bracebridge people are forming a joint stock company, and will build a $10,000 concert hall.

The work of putting in the new locks one mile above Cornwall has been suspended for the winter.

Collingwood journals kick because the advertising of the town is done from the pulpit instead of through the press.

Mr. P. Empey of Newmarket, who was the first warden of the county of York, died at Harriston on Friday, aged 81.

A man named Watts who deserted from "A" battery, Kingston, has been courtmartialled and sentenced to 42 days in jail.

The Presbytery of Peterboro will meet in Cobourg on Dec. 14 to consider the resignation of Rev. Mr. McCrea of that town.

The Bank of Ottawa has declared a dividend of 3½ per cent. for the current half year. The annual meeting will be held on Dec. 12.

The grand jury room of the Goderich Court House is being remodeled for the use of County Judges in holding minor courts.

A petition to the Dominion and Local Governments from Halifax asks for assistance in establishing an official assay office there.

Mrs. Barnabas Tilton, mother of John Tilton, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, died at Lancaster, N. B., Friday. Deceased was in her 81st year.

Cornwall proposes to secure for the C.P.R. bonuses of $600,000 from the municipalities interested in order to run a spur line into that town.

Streetsville people will vote next week on a bylaw to raise by way of loan $3000 to aid the Port Credit Harbor Company in repairing the harbor works.

The Canadian Pacific officials at Winnipeg deny the correctness of the report that the company contemplates using Crow's Nest pass through the Rockies.

A stock company is being organized in Port Huron to establish a new ferry line between Port Huron and Sarnia. The steam barge Foster will be rebuilt.

Charles T. Otten, a Watford tailor who deserted his wife and three children last April, has been arrested at Flint, Mich., on a charge of adultery, preferred against him by his wife.

The cheese factories of Madoc district have wound up the season's business and declared dividends. The result is not so favorable as last year, owing to the low rulings of fall cheese.

The Ottawa City Council has addressed a circular to the municipalities throughout Ontario asking them to co-operate in urging the Ontario Government to abolish exemptions from taxation.

Jack Kehoe, the Montreal murderer whose sentence was commuted on the ground of insanity, is to go to Kingston penitentiary, as the insane department of St. Vincent de Paul is not yet completed.

The Government engineers are making a full survey of Port Credit harbor, with a view to having everything arranged when the estimates for harbor and other improvements are brought before the House of Commons next session.

CHAT ACROSS THE CABLE.

Sir Anthony Hoskins, one of the lords of the admiralty, will shortly succeed the Duke of Edinburgh in command of Her Majesty's fleet in the Mediterranean.

Madame Deforest, an aunt of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, residing in London, has suddenly disappeared. It is feared that she has entered a convent and destroyed her identity by assuming another name. She was ever a devout Catholic.

Cardinal Rampolla, the papal secretary, has sent a circular letter to the nuncios abroad desiring them to take steps to secure the recognition of the Pope's initiative in proposing a European conference with the object of abolishing slavery.

Count Antonelli will shortly take his departure from the Red Sea coast with 2000 camels loaded with presents from the Italian Government to King Menelik of Shoa, one of the petty Abyssinian monarchs. The burdens of the camels include 40,000 rifles.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant to take; sure and effectual in destroying worms. Many have tried it with best results.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY.

Coffee, Sandwiches, Music and Prayers at Richmond Hall—The Fair Waiters.

Gratifying success has already overtaken the Sunday morning free breakfast in Richmond Hall. The first one was attended by 70 persons, the second by nearly double that number. Provision will be made for 50 more next Sunday, and these are sure to attend, for 50 hands were held up yesterday of guests who pledged themselves to bring another. Not that the ladies are tired of their domiciliary visits to the slums and hovels where dire necessity and pinching want compel the outcasts to herd. On the contrary, they gladly do this in sick visitation and tract distribution, but the breakfast tickets are not now needed, the work is self-commendatory, and those who have partaken of the good fare will be the best missionaries to see that the feast is furnished with guests. There was a novel feature at yesterday's motley gathering—the presence of several of the wayfarers' wives, women of the poorest class, with clean faces, smoothed hair, but sadly-worn garments, the original colors and fashion whereof would be difficult to identify. The heterogeneous guests were young and old, hale and hearty, crippled and deformed. Misfortune meets with strange bed-fellows, and amongst the hungry ones were men of many nationalities: Born Canadians, American tramps, needy foreigners, English, Irish, Scotch, Welsh, one or two who bore unmistakeable Indian strains and some colored people.

The service was as designed. Tuneful music, pathetic hymns, simple prayers, kindly words, hearty handshaking, genial welcome. Tea and coffee the best that loving hands could brew, bread of the whitest, butter the sweetest, corned beef the tastiest. Even the appetising mustard was not forgotten, but this surely was a superfluity. Feeding-time at the menagerie is a wonderful sight, so was the revelation of how capacious were these 130 empty stomachs. There was a certain amount of shyness and the faintest evidence that some thought they were being "patronized" on the first occasion; but this had entirely vanished yesterday. There was a sense of freedom and welcome and comfort, thanks to the waiters and waitresses on every hand, quite a demand for hymn books and singing more hearty than can be heard in many churches. The kind friends were of all denominations, and professional men and well-to-do ladies, the latter looking, O so trim, in their spotless white aprons, carried around the sandwiches and poured out the tea and coffee. The latter was good that there was curiosity to test if the tea were likewise, and one old man, asked which he liked best, having had a pint of each, said: "Miss, they're as good as good could be. I never tasted aught so good afore."

If the grace, "Be present at our table, Lord," was heartily sung, what word save "gusty" can describe the singing after the meal! It's very much in human nature to be more amiable and accessible after a good breakfast, and this lowly congregation was especially so. The conventional pin could have had its fall recognized as with rapt attention all listened to the story of Christ's compassion on "the woman that was a sinner," of the want and suffering, hunger and thirst of the God Incarnate, His deathless love, His changeless heart, and how the Pharisees' taunt, "This man receiveth sinners," was now the crowning glory of the "Man of Sorrows."

Amid anecdotes, personal appeals, loving entreaties for a better life, were made by Rev. G. H. Baldwin, Mr. H. C. Dixon, and a touching prayer by Dr. Elliott constituted the after proceedings. A gratifying example of gratitude was shown by more than one-half of those present holding up the hand in favor of a Sunday evening's pleasant hour in some room, particulars of which will be announced next Sunday, as also a special Christmas meal. The blessing of those ready to perish will rest on those who of their abundance spare a little to make the saddened heart, out of which life's brightness has been crushed, once more rejoice.

Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

The Medical Students of Toronto.

From The Canadian Practitioner.

A party of medical students were engaged a few weeks ago in a foolish escapade which was attended with somewhat serious results. One of the young men received a number of shot in his leg, in consequence of which he was confined to his house for a few days.

The reporters of our city papers became rather hysterical, and cooked up some sensational reports in a style which was unjust to the vast body of students in the aggregate. We have no desire to discuss the question, which must be decided by the courts, as to whether anyone shall be allowed to fire at a crowd of boys who make unseemly noises in the streets.

Our chief wish is that the great mass of our medical students should be properly understood by the public. We know them to be, as a whole, an industrious, intelligent, and conscientious body of young men, although a large number are mere boys between the ages of 15 and 18. Considering these facts, it is exceedingly unfortunate that a few should bring disgrace on their companions by indulging in silly, or childish pranks which are perfectly inexcusable.

In the meantime, would it be asking too much from the citizens of this great and prosperous city to show a little kindness and consideration, or even go further and exercise a little of that charity "which suffereth long and and is kind" toward those young men, chiefly strangers, who have left their homes and most that is dear to them, and have paid Toronto the high compliment of choosing it as the place where they shall prepare themselves for their life's work? We have been perfectly amazed at the venomous tone of a portion of the powerful press of Toronto, which has been cowardly and contemptible.

People who reside or sojourn in regions of country where fever and ague and bilious remittent fever are prevalent, should be particularly careful to regulate digestion, the liver and the bowels, before the approach of the season for the periodic malady. The timely use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspepsia Cure is a valuable safeguard against the malarial scourge. It is acknowledged to be the best blood purifier in the market.

Employ the Men Out of Work.

Editor World: I hope that Mayor Clarke will act as your correspondent, "Fair Play," suggests in to-day's issue regarding the appointment of returning officers and all appointments needed to be made in connection with the civic elections.

I would like to ask His Worship and the independent aldermen to follow the same line suggested in appointing enumerators for the civic census next week. I submit that there are 350 intelligent men at present out of employment. Why in the name of common sense use any of the police or the firemen?

Suppose that a large fire were to occur on the day set to take the census! Why induce a policeman to lose his rest by working all day when he should be refreshing himself for his next night's duty!

Is there anything in the text: "No man can serve two masters," etc.; or in the saying "Live and let live"?

SUBSCRIBER.

Toronto, Dec. 7.

The Street Railway Service.

Editor World: Under above heading "W. S. T." writes in to-day's World regarding street cars from Bloor-street via College and Yonge. It seems to me that it is the City Council's duty to see that each district is thoroughly equipped by such car routes as will meet the needs of residents.

I wrote to the Council ten days ago urging a change somewhat as under. Complaints are many regarding the connection between Bloor and Yonge-streets. Would it not be a very easy matter to allow alternate cars to run from Bloor to the city by way of College and Yonge; let us have this, it will pay and is badly needed.

Toronto, Dec. 7. I. O.

Mrs. Celeste Coon, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "For years I could not eat many kinds of food without producing a burning, excruciating pain in my stomach. I took Parmelee's Pills according to directions under the head of 'Dyspepsia or Indigestion.' One box entirely cured me. I can now eat anything I choose, without distressing me in the least." These Pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required.

Gathered Roses.

"We thought her dying when she slept,
And sleeping when she died."

But the bitterest sting of such a sorrow is to think she might have been saved! They saw the rose fade on her cheek and the eye grow dim. Had they but known of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, who can tell but she might still be with them, the sunshine of their home! Take the remedy in time and you will find that consumption (which is scrofula of the lungs) can be cured. 14

THE LATIN LEAGUE'S PLOT

ITALY TO BE DETACHED FROM THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

France, Spain, Italy and Belgium to Join Hands and the Austro-German Powers to be Humbled—The Critical Condition in East Africa.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The Reichstag adjourns on Dec. 15 and will re-assemble about the middle of January. The critical situation in East Africa, where the Arabs are effectually wiping out the German colonists and clearing the territory of every vestige of the German regime, will force more ample explanations of Germany's policy than the Chancellor intended. Until recently the Chancellor has not had any enthusiasm about the East African enterprise, and would rather have avoided national action tending toward something like the Tonquin expedition. He now feels the stimulus of the excitement that is spreading throughout Germany, and according to official information is determined to protect the commercial flag throughout the ceded territories. A white book tabled in the Reichstag to-day blames the company's administration as productive of disaster. Writing early in October to the German Consul at Zanzibar Prince Bismarck said: "The company ought to have better respected the national prejudices. The natives ought to have been treated judiciously. The Sultan is seeking to make both the natives and the officials serviceable." A consular report declares that the Arabian element has thrown off the Sultan's authority. With the waning of the influence of the Sultan the company has lost its most important support. The conclusion reached, after scanning the forty-four documents included in the white book, is that the Germans could not be in a worse plight. Emperor William is making a special study of events in East Africa, the conditions of warfare in that region, what force would be required and how far operations should extend. Last evening he had a conference on the subject with Count Herbert Bismarck and Count Von Waldersee.

The discussion of the aged workmen's insurance bill promises to lead to modifications acceptable to the Progressists. Fierce party polemics have arisen over the defeat of the Cartel candidate for the Reichstag for Melle and Disphols, Hanover. The well-known National Liberal Herr Stettler demanded an election on account of his receiving no official appointment. In 1887 he obtained 6720 votes against 7230 for the combined Guelph and Progressist candidate. Now he obtains only 5800 votes against 8000 for the Opposition. The Progressists are jubilant. They point to thirteen bye elections each disclosing a decrease in the Cartel party's vote. The Cologne Gazette attacks the Progressists as ready to unite with any enemy of German unity—Guelph, Pole, Dane or French malcontents—if they only can succeed in weakening the Government. The Government organs generally do not conceal their fears of a tendency to alteration in the popular suffrage.

Appeals made to release Prof. Geffeken are received with disfavor. The Emperor declares that he cannot interfere with the prosecution. On the other hand he has abandoned the action instituted by him as residuary legatee of his father against The Kieler Zeitung for publishing Frederick's diary of 1866.

The Latin League, which aims to detach Italy from the triple alliance, is now openly advocated by Spanish politicans both Monarchist and Republican. Senor Castelar goes to Rome to invite Moderate Republicans to join a coalition to oust Premier Crispi, accept the existing monarchy and avoid hostility to the church until a league of France, Spain, Italy and Belgium succeeds in overthrowing the Austro Germanic alliance. Though somewhat visionary the efforts to form such a league are carefully watched here. Senor Armijo, the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, privately approves of Senor Castelar's object, if he did not incite him to go to Rome.

President Dechend of the Reichsbank says that the advance of the discount rate to 4½ per cent. has nothing to do with the Russian loan. The Boerse attributes the rise chiefly to the requirements of the Government for an immediate advance of 80,000,000 marks for armaments. The money is raised on treasury bills. Bankers do not agree as to the necessity for the increase of the rate, money is abundant and the bullion supplies of the Reichsbank are increasing. The Russian loan meets with scant encouragement and the issue is certain to fall flat here in Paus, however, it is well received.

A French syndicate has bought several existing coalpits and obtained mining rights in an extensive district in Russian Poland along the Prusso-Silesian frontier.

Ex-Empress Frederick has bought a site at Steglitz for 100,000 marks on which to build an hospital for orphan girls.

Archduke Leopold of Austria, a cousin of Emperor Francis Joseph, has been stricken with insanity.

Our Northern Coal Fields.

Editor World: I was very much interested in reading Mr. McMurrich's remarks at the interview with Attorney-General Mowat advocating a grant towards the building of the Nipissing and James Bay Railway, and trust their efforts may prove successful. The public at large is quite in sympathy with the effort to open up our northern territory and would cordially support the Government in doing so. What I wish to call attention to, however, is a point that was only incidentally alluded to at the interview as published, and that is the coal question. I have lately been reading several reports on this section of the country, and it may prove interesting if I lay a few quotations from them before your readers. Mr. E. B. Borron, a careful and reliable explorer, who has carefully gone over a large portion of the territory, reports: "The lignite or brown coal occurs on the west side of the Mattagami River, about five miles below Long Portage. It is only exposed in the banks for a few yards in length and the bed was so nearly covered with water when I found it that the thickness could not be ascertained. The quality of the specimens obtained was good considering that they came from the outcrop. If there should prove to be a large quantity of this coal here it can hardly fail to become valuable in connection with the deposits of iron ore at Grand Rapid, only a few miles lower down." Lignite was also found on the Messsmabi. Dr. Bell of the geological survey of Canada says: "When on the east coast of Hudson Bay I was presented with a number of small specimens of a very fine variety of anthracite said to occur on Long Island about four miles from its southern extremity. It has a bright lustre and a highly conchoidal fracture. Some one has remarked that this anthracite has been probably washed on shore from some vessel. Among the reasons why this could not have been the case I may mention that up to the time of its discovery no vessel had ever carried any anthracite into Hudson's Bay. Anthracite if thrown into the sea would sink. The composition of this mineral is different from that of any other known variety, and lastly it does not occur on the sea shore at all but in the interior of the island."

It is quite clear, therefore, that coal exists, whether in paying quantities or not remains to be seen. If in paying quantities it would pay to construct the above road through even were there not the agricultural, forest and mineral resources known to exist along the line of route. It seems to me that a territory so suitable in every respect for settlement and possessing the resources which are now known to exist should not be allowed to lie waste, but should be opened up by means of railway communication. As Ontario is to be the great gainer by adopting this policy by all means let us push ahead. PROGRESS.

A warning to those about to purchase fur caps, fur coats, fur sets and fur robes. The furriers are making a desperate effort to run down the furs sold at the Army and Navy stores. Do not let them deceive you: the quality is just the same, the make is the same, the style is the same, but the price is different. The Army and Navy stores sell furs at one-third less than the fur stores. Take a look before you buy.

BRISK AND FIRM.

Business on the Local Stock Exchange—The Markets Elsewhere.

SATURDAY EVENING, Dec. 8.

Business on the local Stock Exchange to-day was brisk and prices were firm. The transactions totalled 561. In the morning British America was quoted at 96½ asked; Western Assurance, 143¾ and 143; Canada Life, 450; Consumers' Gas, 184 and 183½; Dom. Tel., 81; Globe Printing, 50 asked; N. W. Land, 55½ and 55; Can. Pac. Rail. Grant Bonds, 109½ asked; Canada Permanent, 206 and 201½; Freehold (last issue), 185 and 184; Freehold, 165 asked; Western Canada, 190 and 183; Union, 121; Can. Landed Credit, 119 asked; R. and Loan Assn. 105½ and 105; Imperial S. and Invest., 118 and 117; Farmers' Loan & Savings, 118 asked; Lon. and Can. L. and A., 144 and 143½; National Invest., 102 asked; People's Loan, 112; Real Estate Loan and Deb. Co., 35; The Lard Security Co., 250; Manitoba Loan, 100 asked; Dom. Savings and Loan, 92 and 90; Ont. Loan and Deb., 126 and 122; Brit. Can. L. and Invest. 105½; Ont. Industrial, 100. Transactions: In the forenoon—70 N. W. L., at 58; 100 Freehold (last issue), at 185 (rep.), 5-15 B. & Loan Assn., at 106½ (rep.); 50-5-4 Imperial S. & Invest., at 117; 86 Lon. & Can. L. & A., at 142½; 25 Dom. Savings & Loan, at 90½.

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.—11.15 a.m. — Montreal, 223½ and 222½; Ontario, 125¾; People's, 104 and 101; Molsons, 165 and 155; Jacques, 90; Merchants', 135¾ and 134½; Union, 52½; Commerce, 117 and 116; Imperial, 136; Stos. Tel., 92½ and 92; N. W. Land, 60 and 56½; Richelieu, 56½ and 55; Passenger, 195 asked; Gas, 205 and 202; C. P. R., 52½ and 52.

12.05 p.m.—Montreal, 223 and 222½; Ontario, 127½ and 125¾, sales 15 at 125¾; People's, 104 and 102; Molsons, 165 and 155; Jacques, 90; Merchants', 135½ and 134½, sales 5 at 135; Union, 55½; Commerce, 116½ and 116½; sales 175 at 116½; Imperial, 136; Mon. Tel., 94 and 93, sales, 160 at 93½; N. W. Land, 58 and 56; Richelieu, 56 and 55; Gas, 206 and 202; Passenger, 195 asked; C. P. R., 52½ and 52, sales, 100 at 52½.

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LONDON STOCKS AND BONDS.

London quotations are cabled to-day as follows: 12.30 p.m.—Consols, 96 15-16 money and 96 5-16 account; U. S. 4's, 130; U. S. 4½'s, 110½; Erie, 26½; Erie 2nds, 99½; Can. Pac., 53½; N. Y. C., 109½; Ill. Cen., 116½. 2 p.m.—Can. Pac., 53½.

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THE STREET MARKET.

The street receipts to-day were 500 bushels of wheat, white, $1.03; red, $1.03 and $1.03½; spring, $1.03 and $1.04; goose, 85c to 89c; 1000 bushels barley at 58c to 65c; 200 bushels peas at 63c and 64c; 600 bushels oats, 33c and 35c. Peas sold at 63c to 64c, and rye nominal at 70c. Hay in fair supply and firm; twenty loads sold at $20 to $22 a ton for timothy and at $15 to $18 for clover. Straw sold at $13 for bundled and at $11.50 for loose. Dressed hogs, $6.75 to $7.25. Beef, $3.50 to $4.50 for forequarters and $6.00 to $7.50 for hindquarters. Mutton, 5c to 7c. Lamb, $8.00 to $8.50. Veal, $7 to $8.

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THE ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts to-day were large and prices steady. Beef, sirloin, 14c to 15c; round steak, 10c to 12c. Mutton, legs, 12½c chops, 15c. Lamb, hindquarters, 15c; forequarters, 10c. Veal, best cuts, 12½c; inferior, 5c to 10c. Pork, chops, 12c. Butter, pound rolls, 20c to 22c; large rolls, 17c to 19c; inferior, 14c to 16c. Lard, tubs, 12c to 13c. Cheese, 12c to 13c. Bacon, 11c to 12c. Eggs, 21c to 23c. Spring chickens, 30c to 35c. Geese, 5c to 6c per lb. Turkeys, 8c to 9c per lb. Ducks, 55c to 65c. Potatoes, bag, 45c to 50c. Apples, per brl., $1.25 to $1.75. Beets, per bag, 25c to 30c. Onions, per bag, 75c to 85c. Celery, 50c to 60c per dozen bunches. Turnips, bag, 20c to 25c. Carrots, bag, 35c to 40c. Cauliflower, per doz., 60c to 75c. Cabbages, doz., 35c to 45c. Beans, 40c to 50c per peck.

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BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

Beerbohm reports to-day as follows: Floating cargoes—Wheat steadier, corn nil; arrivals nil; sold wheat 2, waiting orders wheat 1. Cargoes on passage—Wheat steady, corn slow. London good shipping No. 1 Cal. wheat prompt sail 29s was 29s 3d; ditto nearly due 28s 9d, was 28s 6d. Liverpool spot wheat and corn very dull; No. 1 Cal. wheat 7s 11½d; No. 2 Cal. 7s 8½d; both half pence cheaper.

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LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool reports: Spring wheat 8s 1d; red winter 8s; No. 1 Cal. 7s 11d and 7s 11½d; corn 4s 4½d; peas 5s 1½d; pork 52s 6d; lard 42s 6d; bacon 46s 6d and 45s 6d; tallow, no stock; cheese 58s;

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OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

Oswego reports: Barley quiet; No. 1 Canada held at