FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

PRICE OF OATS HIGHER SOLD AS HIGH AS $1.05

Dressed Hogs Plentiful—Sold at $10 Cwt. On Market.

The market this morning was fairly well attended, there being a good demand in all lines. There was not as much hay in as yesterday, and the prices are a little higher. The demand still continues good, the best loads bringing $13 per ton, while the others sold at $11 and $12 per ton.

Oats prices are much higher than yesterday, the best loads today bringing as high as $1 05 per cwt. The sold around 96c and $1 per cwt. The demand for grain is excellent, and the farmers should take advantage of the good roads and avail themselves of the opportunity to get good prices. There was no wheat in today.

A couple of loads of straw found ready buyers at $5 50 and $7 per ton.

Dressed Hogs Plentiful.

The supply of dressed hogs was very large, and the good demand kept the prices up to the high-water mark reached on Saturday. Most of the hogs sold at $10 per cwt., while the lowest price was $9 50 per cwt.

Potatoes are very scarce at 65c and 70c per bag. The demand is exceedingly good, and if the weather continues mild there should be quite a few loads in on Saturday.

Poultry prices are unchanged. There is little demand for anything except chickens, and these are bringing high prices.

Eggs are selling at 32c and 35c per doz., with no present indication of much of a reduction.

Butter prices are the same as last week.

Following are the quotations:

Grain Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt.	$1 00	to	$1 05
Oats, per cwt.	95	to	1 05
Wheat, per cwt.	1 42	to	1 42
Grain Per Bushel.			
New wheat, per bu.	85	to	85
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	11 00	to	13 00
Straw, per ton	6 00	to	7 00
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, store lots, lb.	23	to	24
Butter, creamery, lb.	28	to	30
Butter, fancy, retail, lb.	24	to	26
Butter, choice dairy, lb. wholesale	23	to	24
Eggs, crate, wholesale	32	to	30
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	32	to	35
Honey, strained, per lb.	11	to	12
Honey, sections, dozen	1 50	to	2 00
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb. retail	21	to	22
Turkeys, lb. wholesale	20	to	21
Chickens, per pair	1 00	to	1 50
Chickens, lb. wholesale	14	to	15
Chickens, lb. retail	15	to	16
Old fowl, per lb.	10	to	11
Ducks, per pair	1 25	to	1 75
Ducks, lb. wholesale	15	to	15
Ducks, lb. retail	15	to	16
Geese, lb. wholesale	13	to	13
Geese, lb. retail	14	to	14
Poultry, Alive.			
Ducks per lb.	10	to	12
Chickens, per pair	90	to	1 25
Old fowl, per lb.	9	to	9
Chickens, per lb.	10	to	11
Butchers' Meats.			
Beef, by the carcase	5 00	to	10 00
Mutton, per cwt.	9 00	to	9 50
Yearling lambs, per lb.	11	to	13
Dressed hogs, per cwt.	9 50	to	10 00
Veal, per cwt.	10 00	to	12 00
Pork, forequarters, lb.	11	to	12
Pork, hindquarters, lb.	12	to	12½
Live Stock.			
Select hogs, per cwt.	7 00	to	7 10
Fat sows, per cwt.	4 25	to	4 50
Stags, per cwt.	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt.	5 00	to	6 50
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Small pigs, per pair	8 00	to	10 00
Hides and Wools.			
Lambskins, each	20	to	25
Wool, washed, per lb.	19	to	20
Wool, unwashed, per lb.	11	to	12
Hides, No. 1 per lb.	7½	to	7½
Hides, No. 2, per lb.	6½	to	6½
Hides, No. 3, per lb.	5½	to	6½
Calfskins, per lb.	10	to	12
Tallow, rough, per lb.	3½	to	3½
Tallow, rendered, per lb.	5	to	5½
Sheepskins, each	45	to	65
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, per bag	65	to	70
Lettuce, per dozen	20	to	20
Celery, dozen bunches	30	to	50
Carrots, per bu.	35	to	35
Red cabbage, dozen	40	to	40
Cabbage, dozen, to size	20	to	40
Beets, per bu.	40	to	40
Turnips, per bu.	35	to	40
Peppers, per dozen	5	to	10
Squash, each	5	to	10
Cauliflowers, each	5	to	10
Egg-fruit, each	5	to	20
Sage, dozen bunches	20	to	20
Parsley, dozen bunches	10	to	10
Pumpkins, each	10	to	10
Mushrooms, per quart	15	to	15
Sweet potatoes, retail, lb.	5	to	5
Parsnips, per bu.	45	to	45
Fruits.			
Apples, per bu.	1 00	to	1 50
Apples, per barrel	5 00	to	6 00
Cranberries, per quart	12½	to	15

PRODUCE.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 12

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
May	102⅛	102½	101⅛	101¼
July	97¼	97⅝	96¾	96¾
Corn—				
May	50¼	50¼	50⅛	50⅛
July	51½	51½	51⅛	51¼
Oats—				
May	35¼	35¼	35¼	35¼

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 11.—Wheat closed—May, $1.02; to $1.00⅝; July, $1.00⅝; No. 1 hard, $1.03⅛; No. 1 northern, $1.02½ to $1.03⅛; No. 2 northern, $1.00⅛ to $1.00⅝; No. 3 northern, $1.00⅛ to $1.07⅛. Bran—$21 to $21 50. Flour—First patents, $4 95 to $5 35; second patents, $4 85 to $5 25; first clears, $3 53 to $3 75; second clears, $2 25 to $2 35.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 11.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 7s 3d; futures quiet; March, 7s 1½d; May, 7s 2¼d. Peas—Canadian firm, 7s 6d. Flour—Winter patents firm, 28s 6d. Hops (in London)—Pacific coast firm, £4 5s to £5 5s.

TORONTO, Jan. 12.—Toronto grain dealers see no good reason for an advance in values in the light of statistics so bearish as those which have from time to time been published during the past few days, and opinion which always commands respect says that the present buoyancy of the market is due to nothing more than speculative support. Quotations are as follows: Ontario Wheat—No. 2 winter wheat, 86c to 87c outside, according to location. Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1 03½; No. 2 northern, $1 01; No. 3 northern, 98½c, winter storage at Goderich 1c extra. Oats—Canada western No. 2, 39c; No. 3 Canada western, 37c at lake ports for immediate shipment; Ontario No. 2 white, 33c to 34c outside; No. 3 white, 31½c to 32c outside, 35c to 36c on track. Corn—American new, No. 3 yellow, 52½c to 53c at Toronto. Peas—No. 2, 78c to 80c. Rye—No. 2, 60c to 62c. Barley—55c to 58c outside for malting, and at 48c to 49c for feed. Buckwheat—47c at shipping points. Manitoba Flour—Listed quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5 40; second patents, $4 90; strong bakers, $4 70. Ontario Flour—Winter flour, 90 per cent patents, $3 55 at seaboard. Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $19 per ton; shorts, $21; on track at Toronto; Ontario bran, $20; shorts, $22, on track at Toronto.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WINNIPEG, Jan. 12.—Following were the closing prices of wheat today:

May	$ 99½
July	1 01

LIVE STOCK.

EAST BUFFALO, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts none, market steady. Veals—Receipts 175 head, active, 25c higher, $7 to $11. Hogs—Receipts 8,500 head, slow, pigs steady, others, 10c to 20c lower; heavy, $7 95 to $8; mixed, $8 to $8 05; Yorkers, $8 05 to $8 25; pigs, $8 40 to $8 50; roughs, $7 to $7 15; stags, $6 to $6 50; dairies, $7 90 to $8 25. Sheep and Lambs — Receipts 6,000 head, steady; sheep and handy lambs active; heavy lambs, $5 to $5 75; handy, $5 to $6 50; yearlings, $5 to $5 50; wethers, $4 35 to $4 50; ewes, $4 to $4 25; sheep, mixed, $2 to $4 25.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Cattle — Receipts estimated at 5,000; market steady to 10c higher; beeves, $4 80 to $7 10; Texas steers, $4 25 to $5 50; western steers, $4 50 to $6; stockers and feeders, $3 75 to $5 80; cows and heifers, $2 65 to $6 40; calves, $7 50 to $10. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 2,000; market strong to 5c higher; light, $7 75 to $8; mixed, $7 75 to $8; heavy, $7 70 to $8; roughs, $7 70 to $7 80; good to choice heavy, $7 80 to $8; pigs, $7 40 to $8; bulk of sales, $7 85 to $7 95. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 15,000; market steady; native, $2 50 to $4 50; western, $3 65 to $4 65; yearlings, $4 60 to $5 75; lambs, native, $4 75 to $6 55; western, $5 to $6 45.

TORONTO, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Trade active and prices steady; 167 loads in today, including 2200 cattle, 1240 sheep and lambs, 2700 hogs and 142 calves. Quotations: Export cattle, choice, cwt, $6 to $6 25; do, medium, $5 50 to $5 75; do, bulls, $4 75 to $5 25, butchers' cattle, choice, $5 75 to $6; do, medium, $5 25 to $5 50; do, common, $4 50 to $5; do, cows, common to medium, $4 to $5; do, bulls, $4 50 to $5; short-keep feeders, $5 25 to $5 50; feeding steers, $5 to $5 25; stockers, choice, $4 75 to $5; do, light, $4 25 to $4 50; canners, $1 75 to $2 25; milch cows, choice, each, $60 to $75; do, common to medium, each, $35 to $50; springers, each, $35 to $65; sheep, ewes, cwt, $4 25 to $4 60, steady; do, bucks, $3 to $3 50, steady; lambs, $6 to $6 50, slow; calves, $3 50 to $8 50, steady; hogs, f. o. b., $7 15; do, fed and watered, $7 40.

POTATOES.

TORONTO, Jan. 11.—Potatoes—Wholesale quotations range from 90c to $1 per bag, out of store, and 75c to 80c per bag is being charged on car lots.

CLOVER SEED.

DETROIT, Jan. 11.—Clover seed—Spot, 50 bags at $9 10; March, $9 15; by sample, 20 bags at $8 50, 10 at $8 25, 20 at $7 75, 60 at $7 50, 20 at $7 25, 10 at $7 and 5 at $6 50 per bu; prime alsike, $9 10; by sample, 8 bags at $8 25 and 5 at $7 50. Timothy seed—Prime, 20 bags at $4 50 per bu.

TOLEDO, Jan. 11.—Clover seed—Spot, $9 22½; March, $9 20; April, $8 90; October, $7 75 asked; prime alsike, $9 50; March, $9 40 per bu.

FINANCIAL.

[Reported by Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

NEW YORK, Jan 12. — (Noon) — Increased strength was shown in the market in the last part of the first hour, and prices advanced generally. Brokers watching the trading in the more active issues, said that there was good support in the market, and that when this became evident many of the room traders started a covering movement, but they turned around after this and made an attack on Pennsylvania, which was successful, and the rest of the market sold off in sympathy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.

[From Charles Head & Co., by private wire to J. J. Tearney.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	62¼	63	62¼	62¾
Amer. Beet Sugar	39¾	40¼	39¾	40
Amer. Locomotive	39	39½	39	39½
American Foundry	51⅛	..	..	..
American Smelters	74	74¾	74	74⅝
Amer. Cotton Oil	57	57	56½	56½
Atchison, com.	102⅝	102⅝	102⅛	102⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	105½	105¾	105¼	105¼
Brooklyn Transit	76¼	76⅝	76	76
Canadian Pacific	203⅞	204½	203⅞	204
Central Leather	29¼	29⅝	29¼	29¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	81⅞	81⅞	81	81
Consolidated Gas	146½	141¾	140½	140½
Col. Fuel &Iron	31½	31¾	31¼	31⅝
Chicago & N. W.	142¾	..	..	..
Erie, 1st pfd.	46	46	45⅝	45⅝
General Electric	151¾	151¾	149⅞	150¼
G. Northern, pfd.	122	122¼	122	122⅝
Inter-Metropolitan	19¼	19½	19¼	19½
Inter-Met., pfd.	54¼	..	..	..
Kansas & Southern	22½	22¾	22¼	22¾
Kansas & Texas	32⅞	32¾	32⅞	32⅝
Louisville & Nash	144¼	144⅝	144¼	144¼
Lehigh Valley	175⅛	176¼	175⅛	175⅝
Missouri Pacific	47	48	47	47½
New York Central	109¾	110⅛	109¾	109½
Northern Pacific	117	117	116	116⅝
Norfolk & Western	100¾	101¼	100¾	101
National Lead	54	55	54	55
Ontario & Western	41	41½	41½	41
Pennsylvania	127¼	128⅛	125¾	125⅞
People's Gas	107	107¼	107	107¼
Reading	154⅞	156½	154⅞	155⅝
Republic Steel	31½	..	..	..
Rock Island	29⅝	30	29⅝	29⅞
Southern Railway	26⅛	26½	26⅛	26½
Southern Pacific	115⅝	115¾	115⅝	115½
St. Paul	123⅝	124½	123⅝	124¼
Union Pacific	172⅞	173⅞	172⅞	173⅛
Utah Copper	45⅝	46	45½	46
U. S. Rubber	36¼	37¼	36¼	36⅞
U. S. Steel	73⅞	74⅝	73⅞	74¼
U. S. Steel, pfd.	118	..	..	..
Virginia Chemical	62¾	..	..	..
Wabash, pfd.	33¾	..	..	..
Western Union Tel.	74¼	74½	73¾	73¾
Westinghouse	65½	..	..	..

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.

Morning Sales: Bank of Nova Scotia, 5 at 248; Telephone bonds, 500 at 103, 1500 at 103¼; Quebec bonds, 7000 at 85, 1000 at 85⅛; Iron bonds, 2000 at 95¾, 1000 at 95½; Ogilvie bonds, 1000 at 113, 1000 at 112½; Bank of Montreal, 2 at 248; Merchants' Bank, 10 at 185½; Molsons Bank, 25 at 206; Dominion Cotton bonds, 8000 at 101; Lake of Woods bonds, 3000 at 112; Royal Bank, 10 at 240; acific, 175 at 204½, 25 at 204⅝, 15 at 204¾, 160 at 204¼; R. and O., 135 at 93; Detroit United, 25 at 64, 25 at 64½, 125 at 64¾, 25, 125, 75 at 64⅞, 85, 5 at 65, 25 at 64¾; Quebec, 300 at 60, 375 at 60½, 425 at 60¼, 25 at 60⅜, 91 at 60½, 16 at 60, 25, 75 at 60¾, 100 at 60⅞, 16 at 60½, 15 at 60⅝; Asbestos, 25 at 11¼, 100 at 11, 75 at 10⅞, 10 at 11½; sellers, 15 ays; Shawinigan, 5 at 109; Iron common, 205 at 56¼, 20, 125 at 56½, 25 at 56⅞, 50 at 56⅝, 25 at 56⅝, 155, 110 at 57, 20 at 56⅞; Cement common, 237 at 22, 50 at 22¼; Laurentide, 75, 4 at 196, 25 at 196¼, 25 at 196½; Cement preferred, 5 at 86¼, 50 at 86, 30 at 86¼, 5 at 86½; Reserve, 100 at 245, 175 at 244, 25 at 243; Illinois preferred, 25 at 91; Power, 6 at 142½, 4 at 142¾; Telephone, 2 at 142; Mexican, 100 at 86½; Halifax Railway, 2 at 138, 25 at 138½; Soo common, 25 at 133; Ottawa, 5 at 140; Rails, 5 at 132; Ogilvie, 25 at 132; Scotia, 25 at 86¾; Iron preferred, 5 at 102; West India, 2 at 98.

TORONTO, Jan. 12.

	Ask.	Bid.
B. C. Packers, A	89	84
B. C. Packers, B	92	91
P. K.	39	33½
Bell Telephone	..	141½
Canada Gen. Electric	105	141¼
Canada Gen. Electric	105	..
Canadian Pacific	..	204¼
City Dairy, com	38	36
City Dairy, pfd	198½	198
Detroit United	..	65
Dominion Steel, pfd	102	102
Dominion Telegraph	..	108½
Electrical Develop. pfd.	65	..
Illinois, Preferred	..	89
Lake of Woods	..	141½
Laurentide, Common	..	194
Mackay, Common	91¾	90
Makya, Preferred	75½	..
Mexican L. and P.	..	86
Mexico Tramway	121	119¾
M. St. P. and S. S. M.	..	129½
Niagara Nav.	..	130¼
Northern Nav.	120	119
N. S. Steel, Common	..	86¼
Ogilvie, com.	..	129½
Penman, com.	..	62¾
Penman, pref.	..	86
Porto Rico Ry.	55	54
Rio Jan. Tram.	102¾	102⅝
R. and O. Nav.	..	93¾
Rogers, com	210	205
Sao Paulo Tram	150½	150¼
Shredded Wheat, com.	..	49½
St. L. and C. Nav.	88	83
Tor. Elec. Light	122¾	122½
Toronto Railway	123½	..
Twin City	108½	108¾
Crown Reserve	245	243
LaRose	442	435
Nipissing Mines	1060	1050
Trethewey	117	114
Bank of Commerce	215	..
Dominion Bank	238	235
sBank of Hamilton	213	211
Imperial Bank	226	..
Metropolitan	198	195
Molsons	..	205
Montreal	..	246
Nova Scotia	276	..
Ottawa	..	210
Royal	243	242
Standard	..	222
Toronto	214	214
Traders	142	141
Union	150	..
Agricultural Loan	..	137
Canada aLnded	6	151
Canada Permanent	167	165
Central Canada	..	200
Colonial Investment	..	68
Dom. Savings	..	72
Hamilton Provident	..	128
Huron and Erie	..	197
Huron and Erie, 20 p.c.	..	187
Landed Banking	..	132
London and Canadian	..	108
National Trust	..	200
Ontario Loan	..	153
Ontario Loan, 20 p.c.	..	142
Real Estate	101	..
Toronto General Trusts	..	172
Toronto Mortgage	..	130
Toronto Savings	..	160
G. W.	..	125
Dominion Steel	95½	..
Elec. Development	83	82¾
Laurentide	..	108
Mexican Electric	91	..
Mexican L. and P.	..	89½
Rio Janiero, 1st mort.	97½	..
Sao Paulo	100	..
Black Lake, com.	..	16
Black Lake, pfd.	50	..
F. N. Burt, com	99	98½
F. N. Burt, pfd.	..	108
Cement, com.	23¼	..
Cement, pfd.	87¼	101½
Canada Car, pfd	..	..
Cereal, pfd.	20	..
Cereal, pfd.	80	..
Duluth-Superior Traction	82¼	82
London Electric	50	10
Maple Leaf, com.	50	47
Maple Leaf, pfd.	97	95
Pacific Burt, com	45	44½
Pacific Burt, pfd.	95	94¾
Quebec L., H. & P.	60¼	50½
Black Lake, bonds	77	..
Canadian Northern, bonds	..	98¾
Penmans, bonds	..	91¾
Porto Rico, bonds	88	87¾
Province of Ontario bonds	..	101
Quebec L., H. & P. bonds	..	85½

Morning sales: Mexican L. and P. bonds, 1,500 at 90½; F. N. Burt, 25 at 89½, pfd., 5 at 108, 1 at 108½; Quebec L. and P., 50, 50, 50, 25 at 60½; Northern Navigation, 15, 25, 50 at 117, 25, 25 at 116⅞, 20 at 117½, 5 at 117⅝, 10, 10, 50, 10, 40, 25, 4 at 119; Toronto Electric 45, 25, 25, 2 at 121½, 25 at 121¾, 25, 30 at 122, 25 at 122¼, 25, 5, 10, 15, 20 at 122½; Toronto Rails, 2 at 123; Electric Development bonds, 1,000 at 82¾; General Electric, 3 at 104; Sao Paulo, 25 at 150, 25, 15, 10 at 150¼, 50, 75, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25 at 150½; Rio, 15, 50, 25, 25, 50 at 102⅞, 100 at 102¾, 50 at 102½, 50 at 102⅞; Rights, 50 at $8 50 per 100, 10 at $8 50 per 100, 10 at $8 50 per 100, 5 at $8 50 per 100, 950 at $8 50 per 100, 1,000 at $8 50 per 100, 1,000 at $8 50 per 100, 100 at $8 50 per 100, 500 at $8 50 per 100, 6 at $8 50 per 100, 10 at $8 50 per 100, 75 at $8 50 per 100, 500 at $8 50 per 100, 700 at $8 50 per 100, 500, 25, 50, 25, 3, 1,300, 25 at $8 50 per 100, 25, 50, 50, 300, 5, 500, 150 at $8 per 100; Canada Permanent, 14 at 166½, 286 at 166; Cement 4¾ at 21½; pfd., 100 at 86; Traders, 23 at 141; Dominion Bank, 25 at 236; Niagara Navigation, 25 at 130⅝, Twin City, 25 at 108⅝; Penman, 15 at 63¼; Pacific Burt, pfd., 25, 3, 2, 2 at 95; MacKay, 4 at 91¾; pfd., 6, 5 at 75; Trethewey, 200, 600 at 116, 20 at 117½; Shredded Wheat, 5 at 49½, 50, 25, 20, 5 at 49¾; Consumers Gas, 52 at 198½; Duluth Superior, 5 at 82, 10 at 82⅛, 5 at 82¼; Porto Rico, 5 at 54½, 20 at 54¾.

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ORGANIST WAS GIVEN INCREASE

Annual Meeting of the New St. James' Church Held Wednesday Night.

SPLENDID REPORTS READ

Congregation Have Every Reason to Feel Proud of the Progress Being Made.

The annual meeting of New St. James' Presbyterian Church was held last evening, with the pastor, Rev. T. H. Mitchell, in the chair. Every organization reporting indicated progress as compared with the preceding year.

The report from Knollwood Park was read first. This mission has had a fine year, and special votes of thanks were tendered Mr. George M. Millar and Rev. Peter Nichol for continued and splendid leadership.

The Sabbath School.

Mr. W. D. Beamer read the report of the Sabbath school, incorporating in it statements regarding the cradle roll and the Bible class. The average attendance per Sabbath for the past year was 225. Fourteen from the Sabbath school joined the church during the year. The total sum raised by the school, with the help of the Bible class, was $453 96. The Bible class was singled out as deserving special mention. Under the leadership of Rev. Archibald Cullens and Mr. A. J. Omond it has had the best year in its history. The attendance has often exceeded sixty.

Missionary Societies.

Mr. James Gray reported for the various missionary societies. In speaking of finances, the figures were as follows: The Little Workers, $81 22; the Go Forward Home Mission, $352 77; the Women's Foreign Mission Society, $297 01; the Bible Society, $20; general missionary and charitable, $1,818 70. The total missionary and charitable givings for the year were considerably over $2,600, being an increase of about $400 over the year preceding.

Managing Board.

The report of the managing board was presented by the clerk, Mr. W. G. Murray. It, too, was encouraging. The total amount passing through the channel of this board was $5,985 33.

Of this amount $584 50 was contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society under the vigorous leadership of Mrs. Arthur McLurg. In receiving the reports of the managers, the congregation expressed very cordial appreciation of the work of the ladies, and specially commended the efforts of Mrs. W. R. Falls and Mrs. Isabella McLachlan for unremitting interest and effort.

The matters referred by the managers to the congregation were discussed and passed upon. One was in reference to the organist's salary. Mr. Given was unanimously given an additional $100 for the year.

The other matter was in reference to improvements upon the basement of the church.

After quite a spirited discussion it was decided to commend this project, only four voting in opposition.

A Notable Addition.

The report of the session was presented by Rev. Francis Ballantyne. During the year 80 persons came into the fellowship of the church, one-half of these coming by profession of faith. The net gain in membership was 55, and the present number on the roll of the church is 563.

A little after 10 o'clock the meeting adjourned, to convene again next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock to elect officers for the ensuing year and to complete any remaining business.

A Musical Production.

"The Cat and the Fiddle," reminiscent of the old days when extravaganza reigned supreme, and musical pot-pourris like "The Evil Eye," and others of that type, were prime favorites, attracted a large house at the Grand last night. It had merit in itself, and, in addition, it was a change. It sent the audience away in a happy mood, which, after all, is rather a good thing to say of a play.

The story hinged about the mystical "Isle of Eye." Of course, there was a good fairy, and also a "villain," and evil spirits and the rest. But no harm came to the wanderers who were thrown on this mystical isle, and all ended happily. The theme gives plenty of room for striking spectacular displays, and it must be said that the producers made good use of the opportunities offered.

The company on the whole was a very capable one. The fun was given over largely to Harry B. Watson, as Happy, the tramp. His humor was such as you could expect from a Knight of the Ties. It was rather broad at times, at others quite vulgar, but on the whole he was funny. Very funny. There was an enthusiasm about his work that was infectious, and in spite of the disabilities mentioned he made a hit. The audience appreciated it, in any event.

The real good part of the play was the dancing of the Boylans. Rose Boylan is a particularly clever and graceful dancer, as full of life and vivacity as could be desired. She made an instantaneous success, and was extremely popular. Arthur Boylan gave several eccentric dances that were out of the ordinary, and clever. The couple put on a feature called "The Dance of the Rose." It was after the style of the "Merry Widow" waltz, and the "Soul Kiss" dance.

The rest of the company, while not brilliant, were capable. There were several pretty songs in the play, "Rosy Dreams," "What a Lovely Dream," and "My Maid in the Moon," being "whistleable tunes."

"Paid in Full."

Since the hour of its first triumph at the Astor Theatre in New York, which inaugurated a two years' run, "Paid in Full" has been the dramatic success of the American stage, a maker of theatrical history. It is the only play without music ever to continue through a summer in New York. Also in Chicago its engagements of seven months included a summer run. All last season the first for "Paid in Full," outside of New York, four companies in addition to the New York organization, a total of five, presented it throughout the country. This was the first time any play ever had been acted by so many companies. It is a real play, of real life, with real men and women, vividly realistic and strikingly true to actuality. The engagement of "Paid in Full" will be at the Grand Saturday, matinee and night, Jan. 14, at special prices.

Grace George's First Appearance in London.

Unusual interest has already been aroused by the announcement that Grace George is to present her new play, "Sauce For the Goose" at the Grand Opera House, Monday evening, Jan. 16. Miss George's wonderful cleverness in roles requiring lightness and delicacy of touch, keen satire, brilliant repartee and mingled coyness and coquetry, has won for her the position of America's leading comedienne. In her new play, which is by Geraldine Bonner, the well-known authoress, Miss George has a role which admirably fits her personality and commanding talents. The scene of the play is in New York City, and the characters are the up-to-date ones that are met with in everyday life. Seats now selling.

Imperial Russian Ballet.

Of the more than 90 artists and musicians who compose the Imperial Russian Ballet, supporting Anna Pavlowa and Mikail Mordkin, who will appear at the Grand Opera House on Thursday evening, Jan. 17, but a single person may be termed an Anglo-Saxon. This one individual is Veronine West, one of the character dancers. Although Mr. West is an Englishman by ancestry, he is more Russian than English, for it was in the Czar's realm that Mr. West was born and reared. Not until he began the present tour had he ever put foot on a country where English is the national tongue. Many years ago Edward V. West was known pretty well over the earth as one of the greatest of dancers. He was at that time master of the ballet at the old Drury Lane Theatre, London. His exceptional art and methods brought him an offer one day from the Imperial Russian Government. The Czar, always on the lookout for artists who could raise the standard of Russia's national art of dancing, asked Mr. West to go to Russia to take charge of one feature of the ballet training at the Marlensky Institute, St. Petersburg. Mr. West accepted and remained in that position for many years.

MURDERED MAN'S FRIEND TESTIFIES

Ex-Reeve of Saltfleet Witness in Finton Case.

DEAD MAN DISSATISFIED

Did Not Like the Way Things Were Going On at His Home.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Jan. 12.—The Finton murder trial this morning developed little of a sensational nature that has not already been revealed at the preliminary hearing and inquest. The intense interest in the case is surprising and fully half of these who sought admission to the court room today were women from the Finton neighborhood. To prevent the scenes that occurred yesterday when the regular staff of court officers were swept off their feet a squad of city detectives guarded the doors.

Ex-Reeve Millen's Story.

Ex-Reeve Millen, of Saltfleet, the chief witness, through whom the crown hopes to establish motive for the crime, was on the stand most of the morning. He testified that he was very friendly with the murdered man who had told him more than once he was not satisfied with the way things were going on in his home. One day Millen said he stopped the prisoner on the road and told him the old man had threatened to sell the farm, and Tom said he knew all about it. Millen denied telling a reporter the old man had threatened to cut him off without a cent unless he mended his ways. Millen said he met the prisoner at an hotel in Hamilton on the day of the murder, and spoke to him twice, but Tom made no answer.

"Yes, and you met him later in a hardware store, and refused to speak to him," said the prisoner's counsel.

Millen admitted that.

"And you did not commit murder," taunted the lawyer, who added that this reticence on Tom Finton's part was very significant.

"Yes, it certainly was," said Blackstock, crown prosecutor.

Millen said that when Tom arrived from Hamilton after the murder was discovered he made no attempt to see his father's body.

Prisoner's Brother.

John Hunter, another witness, swore that as Tom drove in the gate he remarked: "Well, he is dead, is he?"

Wilbert Finton, the prisoner's brother, said that the day after the tragedy, when he was moving a lounge on which Tom had rested before the officers took him away, he found $60. The crown will endeavor to show that this was part of $100 old Finton drew out of the bank a few days before, and that Tom spent $40 in Hamilton on the fatal day.

The crown this afternoon will call Arthur Wilson, who accompanied Chief Twiss when the arrest was made. Wilson at police court swore he heard Tom say to his wife: "Well, they are going to take me," and the woman's reply, as she looked down, "I am afraid the suspicion is too great." Finton's counsel will put Wilson and Chief Twiss through a gruelling examination in connection with the alleged third-degree method used to try and force a confession. It is alleged that in a dimly-lighted room, with the victim's eyes held open, Tom was forced to view the corpse and answer questions.

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ward were kept humming with code communications.

By afternoon yesterday certain concessions developing from the efforts of the Canadian ministers to keep the machinery moving paved the way for an "entente cordiale," which a few hours later burst into bloom, when all parties to the reciprocity tucked their knees beneath the President's dinner-table.

At that dinner, which by its private character, was preserved from speech-making, the mention of reciprocity was put on the list of undesirable. The event passed off, therefore, as a formal social event, the list of guests being as follows: The President and Mrs. Taft; the Ambassador of Great Britain and Mrs. Bryce; Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland; the Minister of Finance and Mrs. Fielding; Miss Edith Fielding; the Minister of Customs and Mrs. Paterson; the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. L. P. Brodeur; the Minister of Justice and Lady Aylesworth; the Secretary of State and Mrs. Knox; Senator Penrose, Senator Simmons, Senator and Mrs. Wm. Alden Smith, Representative and Mrs. Serene Payne, Representative and Mrs. Henry Boutell, Representative William G. Brantley, Representative and Mrs. Jas. R. Mann, Representative and Mrs. Frederick C. Stevens, Representative and Mrs. Andrew J. Peters, the American Ambassador and Mrs. Reid, Mr and Mrs. Chandler P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Pepper, Miss Taft, and a few others.

Burton's Argument.

Senator Theodore Burton, of Ohio, has an argument to offer for the ears of Nova Scotia coal interests. Speaking with your correspondent he said:

"It has been reported to me that thousands of tons of bituminous coal are transported from Wyoming to the Eastern States, while just within a short marine haul of the factory doors lie that coal fields of Nova Scotia. Probably the strongest opposition to the import of coal to the States would come from West Virginia where a portion of the present supply comes from. I cannot see the force of the argument used by the Nova Scotians that their main market at Montreal and thereabouts, would be sacrificed to an invasion of West Virginia coal companies. I don't believe this would happen in practice."

Another leading senator, opposing the stand taken by the United States farmers against