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LATEST MARKETS

STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becher, broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, April 27—Noon.—There has been no improvement in the market today as far as activity is concerned. Trade has been smaller even than that of yesterday. The most active stocks were Steel, preferred, and Union Pacific, and Atchison made up a large part of the rest of the trade. Steel, preferred, was relatively weak, selling off more than a point from the high figures established at the opening. The Steel bonds also showed a reactionary tendency, without any specific explanation to account for it. Union Pacific and Pennsylvania were steady, but the undertone was good and Amalgamated Copper, preferred, displayed some strength. More gold was taken for export today, the total thus far engaged for shipment tomorrow being $2,600,000. There is no news of importance. Sales to noon were 81,800 shares.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 27.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	117¾	117⅝
Winnipeg Electric	200	..
Montreal Street Railway	210	208¾
Toronto Railway	101	99¾
Halifax Street Railway	100	93¾
St. John Railway	120	100
Twin City Transit Railway,	93¼	93¼
Richelieu and Ontario	87½	86⅝
Montreal Telegraph	164	157
Bell Telephone	143	142
Dominion Iron and Steel, com	10¼	10
Dominion Iron and Steel, pref	29	28¾
Nova Scotia Steel, common	78	77
Detroit Railway	62¼	61⅝
Montreal Cotton	110	..
Payne	11	9
Nova Scotia, pref	125	116
Dominion Coal, common	66	65¼
Dominion Coal, preferred	110	108
New Street	210	204⅞
Bank of Montreal	250	..
Molsons Bank	201	200
Merchants	155	155
Ogilvie Flour	200	170
Ogilvie Flour	120	118
Ogilvie Bonds	115	..
Quebec Bank	132	..
Union Bank	135	..
Hochlaga	145	..
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	63	62½
Toledo Railway	21	19

SALES: C. P. R., 50 at 117¾; Power, 1 at 75, 55 at 74¾; R. and O., 50 at 86¾, 10 at 86½, 46 at 87, 115 at 86¾; Coal, preferred, 10 at 110; Toronto Railway, 2 at 100½, 10 at 100; Mackay, common, 150 at 24; Coal, common, 150 at 64⅝, 100 at 64½, 25 at 64¾, 100 at 64¾, 25 at 64⅝, 50 at 65; Twin City, 50 at 93¼, 5 at 93½; Halifax Railway, 10 at 94; Dominion Cotton, 50 at 31½; Bell Telephone, 10 at 141, 25 at 140¾, 50 at 141, 25 at 142¼; Scotia, 2 at 76½, 25 at 77¼; Mackay, preferred, 50 at 68; Bank of Montreal, 8 at 248¾.

HOUSES TO LET—HOUSES AND LOTS for sale on monthly installments. See list at Scarrow's Wallpaper Store, 233 Dundas street. 6itf

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 27.

	Ask.	Off
Ontario	..	127
Toronto	..	228½
Merchants	..	155
Commerce	..	153
Imperial	220	218
Dominion	229	227
Standard	..	229
Hamilton	..	208½
Nova Scotia	270	262
Traders	139½	137½
Sov. com	65	61
Sov. pref	121	117
British America	100	..
Western Assurance	80	..
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers Gas	206½	..
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land	..	94
Canada Northwest Land, pref	..	99½
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	117½	117¼
Toronto Electric Light	..	133½
General Electric	..	141
London Electric	100	..
Dominion Telegraph	..	120
Bell Telephone	144	142½
Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co.	..	87
Niagara Navigation	..	119
Northern Navigation	90	..
St. L. and C. Navigation	..	92
Twin City Railway, new	93½	93
Winnipeg St. Railway	..	160
Sao Paulo Tramway	96	95½
Dominion Steel, com	9¾	9¼
Dominion Coal, com	65⅝	65
Nova Scotia Steel	77½	76½
Crow's Nest Coal	350	..
Mackay, common	24	23¾
Mckay, preferred	69	67⅞
Canada Salt	115	..
British Canadian L. and I.	..	80
Canada Landed and Nat. Inv	..	101
Canada Permanent	122	121
Canada Savings and Loan	..	119
Central Canada Loan	..	150
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	70
Hamilton Provident	..	120
Huron & Erie L. & S. Co	..	180
Landed Banking and Loan	..	120
Lon. and Can. L. and A	..	92½
Manitoba Loan	..	95
Toronto Mortgage	..	90
London Loan	120	..
Ontario Loan and Deb	..	122
Toronto Savings and Loan	..	130
Dominion Iron and Steel Bonds	63	62
Nova Scotia Steel Bonds	..	106

SALES: Bank of Commerce, 6 at 154; Dominion Bank, 20 at 273¾; Traders' Bank, 4 at 138; R. and O., 50, 10 and 50 at 87; Mackay, common, 25 and 50 at 24; Bell Telephone, 25 and 2 at 141, 25 and 25 at 141½, 50 at 141¾, 50 at 141⅞; Twin City Railway, 4 at 93; Sao Paulo, 100 at 95½; Canada Permanent, 40 at 122; London and Canada, 10 at 92, 10 at 92¾; Coal, 25 at 65, 25, 25 and 175 at 65¼, 25 at 65⅜.

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NEW YORK.

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

New York, April 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m
Amal. Copper	48⅝	48¾	48¼	48¾
American Sugar Co	128	128⅜	127⅞	128¼
American Locomotive	18¾	18¾	18⅛	18⅝
American Refining	48¾	..	..	..
Atcheson, com	73¼	73¼	73¼	73¼
Atcheson Pfd	93¼	93¼	93¼	93¼
B. & O.	79⅞	79⅞	79¾	79¾
Brooklyn Tran	46¾	46⅞	46⅛	46⅞
Chic. Great Western	16¼	..	..	..
Consolidated Gas	207½	209½	207½	209⅜
Delaware and Hudson	159½	160¼	159½	159⅞
Erie	26⅜	..	..	..
Erie Pfd	63¼	..	..	..
Illinois Central	130¾	..	..	..
Kan. and Tex, com	17¼	..	..	..
Louisville and Nashville	108	..	..	..
Manhattan	142¼	..	..	..
Metropolitan St. Ry	112¾	..	..	..
Mexican Central	5⅞	6¼	5⅝	6⅛
M. P.	92⅞	93¼	92⅞	93
N. Y Central	116⅝	..	..	..
Ont. and West	21½	22⅛	21¼	22⅛
Pennsylvania	117⅝	117⅞	117⅝	117¾
Reading	44½	44⅞	44⅜	44⅞
Republic I. and S	42	42⅛	42	42¼
Rock Island	23⅜	23⅜	23¼	23⅜
Southern Ry, Pfd	85	85	85	85½
Southern Pacific	48¼	48¾	48⅜	48½
St. Paul	144½	144⅝	144	144¼
Twin City	93	..	..	..
Tennessee Coal & Iron	37	..	..	..
Union Pacific, pref	92¼	92¼	92¼	92¼
Union Pacific	85	85¼	84⅞	85
U. S. Leather	7	..	..	..
U. S. Leather, pref	80	..	..	..
U. S. Rubber	15	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, com	10⅝	..	..	..
U. S. Steel, pref	56¾	56¾	55⅝	56¼
Wabash, pref	38⅜	38⅝	38½	38⅝
Western Union Tel	88¾	..	..	..

LOCAL MARKETS.

London, Wednesday, April 27.

Business at the market today was confined to hay, oats and straw.

There were 18 loads of hay offered, and sales were brisk at $9 to $9 75 per ton.

There were only 3 loads of oats on the square; prices were a shade higher at $1 01 to $1 02 per cwt.

Straw was dull, at $8 per load or $5 the rest of the week for hay, oats, potatoes and eggs.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

In point of attendance the markets held here during the past six days were a considerable improvement over the previous week. Those farmers whose soil is of a light nature have commenced seeding, but operations will not be general until the early part of next week. From this time forth until the seeding is completed smaller markets, no doubt, will be the rule. Excepting in a couple of lines trade has been brisk and prices are well maintained.

Grain—Oats are about the only grain that has been offered to any extent; sales are brisk, as the supply has hardly been sufficient for the demand; prices range at 99c to $1 01 per cental.

Hay and Straw—The deliveries of hay during the week amounted to 125 loads; sales have been very brisk, at $1 20 to few days, and higher prices are the rule: from $9 to $10 was paid for choice loads and $7 50 to $8 50 per ton for inferior hay. Straw is more plentiful, at $8 per load or $5 per ton.

Butter and Eggs—The market for butter is weak; the stocks held by the dealers have accumulated to such an extent that very little is required; the prospects are that trade will be dull until the present stock is sold; prices are easier, at 15c for crocks and 16c to 17c for pound rolls. Eggs are in good demand; prices are firm, at 13c for large lots and 13½c to 14c per dozen for basket lots

Apples—Considering the quantity offered, sales have been fairly brisk, at 50c to 75c per bag, and $1 25 to $1 75 per barrel.

Potatoes—While the deliveries have been larger than in the previous week, sales have been very brisk, at $1 0 to $1 25 per bag; the general opinion is that there is a very small portion of last year's crop held by the farmers, and it is expected that prices will remain firm; if there is any change they are liable to be higher.

Poultry—The supply is small and the demand good; dressed chickens sell at 80c to $1 per pair for ordinary birds, and $1 25 for choice; alive, from 70c to $1 per pair is the current price; dressed turkeys sell at 15c to 16c per lb.

Dressed Hogs—Prices have fluctuated considerably during the past week, and are now quoted at $6 per cwt for heavy hogs and $6 25 and in some instances $6 50 was paid for choice light hogs; the demand is low, as trade is restricted almost exclusively to the retail butchers.

Live Hogs—The price for next Monday's shipment will be about $4 85 per cwt for selects; on Saturday last there was a large number of small pigs offered about 250; sales ranged from $3 50 to $5 per pair for pigs from 6 to 10 weeks old

Maple Syrup—There has been considerable offered; the demand is slow, at $1 per gallon; a few large lots sold at 90c per gallon.

Butchers' Meats—Veal is dull of sale, as there is quite a large supply offered; the best carcasses now bring only $6 per cwt; inferior, $4 50 to $5; beef sells at $6 to $7 25 for medium and choice quality; mutton sells at $6 to $8; lambs, $4 50 to $5 50 each.

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CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

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

Chicago, April 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	86⅞	87¼	86½	87
July	83¼	84⅛	82¾	83¾
Sept	79⅞	80⅛	79⅜	80
Corn—May	46¾	47⅜	46¼	46⅞
July	48⅛	49⅛	48¼	48⅝
Sept	47⅞	48⅝	47⅞	48¼
Oats—May	37½	39⅞	37¼	39⅜
July	36⅜	38	36¼	37¾
Sept	30¼	31⅝	30¼	31⅜
Pork—May	12 00	12 27	12 05	12 17
July	12 25	12 57	12 25	12 47
Lard—May	6 67	6 82	6 67	6 75
July	6 85	6 97	6 85	6 92
Ribs—May	6 45	6 57	6 45	6 52
July	6 60	6 75	6 60	6 72

OIL MARKETS.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 26.—Oil opened and closed at $1 65.

OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., April 26.—Credit balances, $1 65; certificates, no bid; shipments, 9,735 barrels.

LONDON.

London, April 26.—Petroleum, American refined, 6 11-16d; spirits, 7d.

ANTWERP.

Antwerp, April 26.—Petroleum, 20 francs.

BREMEN.

Bremen, April 26.—Petroleum, 6 marks 25 pfennings.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., April 6.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 14c to 23c; dairies, 13c to 21c. Cheese—Easy, 9c to 10½c.

NEW YORK.

New York, April 26.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 10,106 pkgs; creamery extras, per lb, 23½c to 23¾c; do, firsts, 20c to 23c; do, held, extras, 19c to 20c; do, firsts, 15c to 18c; state dairy, tubs, fresh, extras, 22c to 23c; do, renovated, extras, 17c to 17½c; do, firsts, 15c to 16c; do, seconds, 13c to 14c; do, thirds, 10c. Cheese—Steady and unchanged; receipts, 5,283 boxes.

NEW YORK.

New York, April 27.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 3,762 pkgs; creamery extras, per lb, 24c to 24¼c; do, firsts, 20½c to 23½c; do, seconds, 17c to 20c; do, thirds, 14c to 16c. Cheese—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 2,191 boxes. Eggs—Easier; receipts, 29,167 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy selected white, 19c to 20c; do, average finest, 18½c; do, firsts, 17½; western storage selections, 18c; do, firsts, 17½c; do, seconds, 17c to 17¼c; Kentucky, 16½c to 17¼c; Tennessee and southern, 16c to 17c; dirties, 16c to 16½c; checks, 16¼c; duck eggs, 18c to 25c; goose eggs, 35c.

FLAXSEED.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 26.—Flaxseed—Northwest, $1 05½; southwest, 98½c; May, 99c.

BEAN MARKETS.

DETROIT.

Detroit, April 26.—Beans—Cash and April, $1 73, nominal; May, $1 73 bid.

HAY MARKET.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 26.—Baled Hay—The receipts are about equal to the demand, the inquiry is fair and the market is steady, at $9 to $9 50 per ton for cars on the track here.

Baled Straw—Unchanged; cars on the track here are quoted at $5 to $5 50 per ton.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 31,000; market steady to lower; good to prime steers, $5 to $5 65; poor to medium, $3 50 to $4 90; stockers and feeders, $3 to $4 50; cows, $1 75 to $4 40; heifers, $2 25 to $4 75; canners, $1 75 to $2 75; bulls, $2 to $4 10; calves, $2 50 to $5; Texas-fed steers, $4 25 to $4 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 33,000; market steady to 10c lower; mixed and butchers, $4 90 to $5 10; good to choice heavy, $4 90 to $5 10; rough heavy, $4 80 to $4 95; light, $4 80 to $5 05; bulk of sales at $4 90 to $5.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; market steady to strong; good to choice wethers, $4 75 to $5 05; fair to choice mixed, $3 75 to $4 50; native lambs, $4 50 to $6.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, April 26.—Canadian cattle are steady, at 11c to 12¼c per lb; refrigerator beef, 8¾c per lb; sheep, 12½c to 13c per lb.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 27.—Wheat—Quiet; No. 2 red and white at 90c, middle freights west; Manitoba easier; No. 1 hard, 95c; No 1 northern, 94c; No. 2 northern, 91c, and No. 3 northern at 87c, at Georgian Bay ports, and 6c more grinding in transit. Flour—Dull, at $3 50 bid for cars of 90 per cent patents, in buyers' bags, middle freights; choice brands are 15c to 20c higher; Manitoba, cars of Hungarian patents are quoted at $5, second patents at $4 70, and strong bakers at $4 60, bags included, on the track at Toronto. Millfeed—Steady, at $17 for cars of shorts, and $20, sacks included, Toronto freights. Barley—Dull, at 42c for No. 2, 40c for No. 3 extra, and 38c for No. 3, west. Buckwheat—Dull, at 50c, middle freights, and 49c high freights west. Rye—Steady, at 59c for No 2, west. Corn—Steady; cars of Canada mixed, 40c, and yellow at 41c, west; American, 57¾c for No. 2 yellow, 57c for No. 3 yellow, and 56c for No. 3 mixed, in car lots on the track at Toronto. Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white at 29½c to 30c, middle freights. Rolled oats—Steady, at $4 50 for cars of bags and $4 75 for barrels on the track at Toronto; 25c more for broken lots here and 40c more outside. Peas—Steady, at 65c to 66c for No. 2, west. Butter—Weaker; creamery, 19c to 21c; solids, 18c to 19c; dairy pound rolls, choice, 13c to 14c; large rolls, 13c to 14c; medium, 12c to 13c; poor, 10c to 12c. Eggs—Steady; new-laid, 13c. Live hogs—Selects, $5; heavy and light fats, $4 75.

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LIEUT.-COL. J. KNIFTON

Talks About the New Regiment in Parry Sound—Plenty of Men.

Lieut.-Col. J. Knifton, of Parry Sound, is in the city today. Col. Knifton, who is now the commanding officer of the Twenty - third Regiment, Northern Pioneers, is an old soldier. For about 25 years he was connected with the Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto, and later with the Thirty-sixth Regiment, of Peel. He has been in Parry Sound now for some years, and when the new regiment was mooted last year he was placed in command.

Col. Knifton was asked by The Advertiser this morning at the Tecumseh House as to the military situation up north. The new regiment, he says, is progressing favorably. It is up to full strength, and there was no difficulty in getting men to recruit in it. This year especially there promises to be a great amount of interest in military matters, the citizens of Parry Sound being deeply concerned about their regiment, which, he says, is a credit to the community. Drill is going on there now, and the men turn out well, so they hope to make a very good showing this summer.

ACTED OF THEIR OWN VOLITION

The License Commissioners Not Dictated To—Will Have Better Law Observance.

The attention of Mr. Robert Reid was today called to a rabid article in the Free Press, in which the charge was made that the board of license commissioners, in refusing to renew the licenses until such time as the law is more strictly observed by a large percentage of the hotelkeepers, were acting under instructions from the Ontario Government, and that the motives of the act were purely political.

Mr. Reid, who has been a member of the license board for several years, ridiculed the statements. "The license commissioners," he said, "acted purely of their own volition, when they decided to grant only an extension for three months to the license holders. For some considerable time the license commissioners individually, and also as a board, have heard frequent complaints of the daring manner in which the law is violated by a number of the hotelkeepers, and the commissioners at the meeting Monday decided that the license holders must mend their ways. The board did not act in order to play into the hands of the temperance people, nor do they want to hold a club over the heads of the hotelmen. All they want is a strict observance of the law.

Mr. Reid referred to a meeting held by the licensed victuallers recently, at which the question of observing the law more closely was discussed. That in itself was enough to warrant the commissioners taking the action they did on Monday. The hotelmen, he said, knew perfectly well the regulations governing the business, and when they went into it they were fully aware of what would be expected of them. Some of them were known to have sentries and electric bells to warn those on the inside of the approach of a policeman or the license inspector during unlawful hours. This, Mr. Reid said, was something that could not well be prevented by the board, but the latter would have a strict watch kept on the hotels during the next three months, and the action of the commissioners would depend very largely on the reports received of them. The board had almost unlimited powers, and it would not hesitate about enforcing them in order to bring about a better observance of the laws in London.

LANDRAGAN RECAPTURED.

Windsor, Ont., April 27.—Thomas Landragan, of Bracebridge, was brought to Windsor yesterday afternoon by William Greer, superintendent of Ontario provincial police, from Alpena, Mich., where he had been taken into custody for the Canadian authorities. Landragan is wanted to serve a three years' sentence for theft at Bracebridge. At Toronto he got away from Officer Bridgland, and made his escape to Alpena. He will be taken to Kingston today.

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EAST LONDONERS RAISE OBJECTION

To Manager Carr's Request to "Y" Cars North and South On Rectory Street.

This morning a large and influential deputation of East Londoners waited upon Mayor Beck and made a most emphatic objection against the city allowing the London Street Railway Company to "Y" cars north and south of the Grand Trunk tracks on Rectory street.

The deputation pointed out that Rectory street line was the only crosstown line in this city, and they declare that if the company are allowed to "Y" the cars, as Mr. Carr proposed to No. 1 committee, the service will be useless through delays. They also object to shelters being built on the street for passengers to wait in, and declare they would be merely harbors for tough characters.

They asked the mayor to see that the company are compelled to operate Rectory street line in accordance with the judgment secured against them, and also that the city see that the Grand Trunk Railway is not permitted to block the crossings, and thereby cause delays to pedestrians, as well as street cars.

His worship promised to bring the matter before No. 1 committee Friday evening, as well as before the council next Monday night.

THIS MAN IS SORT OF A VIENNA ROLL

Austrian Pedestrian Reaches London On a Tramp Around the World.

Anston Hanshan, who started on Sept. 12, 1900, from Vienna, Austria, to walk around the world, reached this city today, from St. Marys, and has up to date completed a distance of about 20,700 miles. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter, and all are in robust health, the long tramp appearing to be just the proper exercise for them.

Hanshan says he expects to reach Vienna again in about 3½ years.

Already he has been through Europe, Great Britain, part of the United States and Canada. He expects to make St. Louis in two months' time. He will remain at the World's Fair in St. Louis, for a month, receiving $50 a day from the exposition during his stay there.

Hanshan is making this trip for money. A prominent sport in Vienna offered a purse of $10,000 for the man who would attempt the feat, and Hanshan took it up. One of the conditions of the prize is that the man support himself on the journey, and Hanshan is doing this by selling photographs and postcards. He uses a perambulator or pushcart to convey his wife and child.

He will rest here a day or so, and then proceed on his journey west.

West London Flood Story Has an Interesting Sequel

Action Against the City For Land-Grabbing—Fireman Robinson's Grievance.

A sequel was added to the West London flood story today, when Graydon & Graydon, acting on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Leslie, of West London, served a writ on the city for $300 damages alleged to have been caused by the city through the city cutting down the breakwater, and having also trespassed upon her property, and made it into a dump for refuse. She also alleges the city destroyed her hedge.

The most serious part of the claim is that the city purchased a piece of land from her and then appropriated to its use more land than had been purchased. Mrs. Leslie resides at 81 Wilson avenue.

The land purchased from Mrs. Leslie was used by the city to widen the breakwater.

The market, fire and light committee meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The meeting should prove a very interesting one for the committee has before it an appeal from Frank Robinson, against his dismissal from the fire brigade by Chief Clark. Mr. Robinson claims he has been wrongfully dismissed, and has engaged Mr. E. T. Essery to look after his interests. The members of the committee express themselves as being opposed to interfering with the chief in any particular, and especially in a case of the disciplining of a man. Mr. Robinson, however, declares that the accident for which the chief attempted to make him pay $2 50 was caused by the brake on the wagon being out of repair, and that the chief misunderstood the facts when he dismissed him. The appeal of Robinson is creating great interest among the business men of the city as fire brigade matters are now uppermost in the public mind in this city.

Dr. Hyttenrauch, medical health officer of Appin, Ont., paid a visit to Dr. Hutchinson today. Dr. Hyttenrauch is keeping abreast of the times, and secured many valuable pointers on health matters from the London official.

While making his rounds of inspection the other day, Dr. Tamlin, V.S., found that a certain milkman, who resides on Colborne street north, had been purchasing milk from a London Township dairy, whose house was placarded for fever. Dr. Tamlin at once reported the case to Dr. Hutchinson, who at once notified the retail dealer that he was guilty of a serious breach of the law in purchasing milk from an infected house. The dairy in London Township was also notified to sell no more, and the danger in the future from this source has thus been averted. Whether or not the parties who are alleged to have been guilty of distributing milk from the infected house will be prosecuted, has not as yet been decided.

Now that the McMechan tallow works have been practically closed down, the butchers are at their wits' ends to know what to do with their refuse meat and tallow, and the slaughter houses have no means of disposing of their offal. It is said that until the works are allowed to be opened again, when new machinery is put in, or until they are removed elsewhere, all dead animals and butcher shop and slaughter house offal will have to be buried. The board of health are thinking of erecting a crematory for disposing of dead animals if the proposed garbage system is put in force here. But this is looking a long way ahead, and in the meantime all carcases will have to be buried.

WERE "DONE UP" BY A BAD GANG

Londoner and His Companion Relieved of Their Cash in Toronto—Seven Arrests.

Two men were assaulted and robbed on Wellington street, near Simcoe street, Toronto, last night. One of the men says his name is Perry King, of London, and the other T. Williamson, of Streetsville. King says he is a decorator and has a wife living in this city. He is about 30 years of age.

The robbery is described as one of the most daring ever attempted in Toronto. Five well-known characters were arrested very soon after the robbery, most of them belonging to the notorious "Gay Cat" gang—Frank Ferris, William Perry, Hugh Ross, William McLeod and Joseph Scott. A dispatch from Toronto to The Advertiser this afternoon says that two further arrests have been made—Ben Cohen and Frank Donovan—but that neither has been identified. No evidence was taken in the police court when the cases were called.

King told the following story to the Toronto authorities: He and Williams, who is a horse owner and went to the city for the races at the Dufferin track, and who had $85 when robbed, were going along Wellington street to the Grand Central Hotel. A young man passed and asked Williamson if he would have a drink, which was refused. As he spoke some one came running behind the two and struck Williamson, first on the face and then on the head. Williamson fell to the ground and according to King, the men turned to him and demanded him to hold up his hands, pointing revolvers at him. As he complied with the request, three men came out of hiding, one of whom went through King, the other two going through Williamson, who lay prostrate on the ground.

King started to chase the men, who ran away, and he was joined in the chase by P. C. Reeves. The gang separated. Two of them went into the Rossin House land and were pounced upon by Officer Reeves. They gave in, having thrown their revolvers away. Later the other three were arrested, while running towards the railway yards, by two patrolmen, who took them in on suspicion.

The thugs carried big British bulldog revolvers. One of them dropped an overcoat in which was found the empty purse belonging to King. When searched at the station, neither money nor revolvers were found on them. Williamson received a bad scalp wound and bruises on the face. Besides the money, he lost a watch. King says he had $14 on him which was stolen.

The King may be Percy King, who was arrested here about a year ago on a charge of taking $200 from a farmer while the two were drunk. At that time the money was restored and King was allowed to go on suspended sentence. It is thought that possibly he is the victim in this case.

—Roy Nichol, son of Henry Nichol, of Westminster, is to come up on a charge of [illegible]

DUNDONALD FAVORS SKELETON CORPS

General Officer Thinks It Better to Train Small Number Thoroughly.

A special from Ottawa says:

"It is understood that military camps will be held at London and Niagara this summer, sometime before July 1. As to whether the rural regiments will be called out in full strength of 40 to 50 men per company or only en skeleton has not yet been decided. Lord Dundonald's idea is to call out the officers and noncommissioned officers and a small percentage of the men per regiment; in other words, to have skeleton corps. The explanation of this is, the general holds the view that it is better to thoroughly train a small number than to imperfectly train a large force. The officers and non-commissioned officers are the backbone of the militia, and if they are well drilled it is a comparatively easy matter to train the rank and file.

"That is the general's opinion, and there may be a good deal in it, but the commanding officers of regiments and company officers do not look at the matter in the same light. They like to go to camp with big turnouts and not with skeleton companies or regiments. Moreover, they say, there is more enthusiasm and more swing to the work and more of the competitive spirit when each regiment makes its best possible 'turnout' at camp.

"Sir Frederick Borden is believed to sympathize with the officers in this matter. The question is now engaging the minister's attention, and in a day or two will be settled one way or the other."

TALKING ABOUT NEW G. T. DEPOT

Serious Obstacle in the Way of Building On Present Site —Double-Tracking.

An official of the Grand Trunk who was in the city today on business, made the statement, in the course of an interview, that one of the chief obstacles in the way of a new depot for London was the shortness of the block between Richmond and Clarence streets. Asked if any definite move had been made recently in the direction of a new depot, he replied in the negative, adding, however, that if it were not for the lack of space, he believed London would already have had the much-needed station.

"This block is much too short for a depot," he said, pointing in the direction of a subway built under the tracks. Unless either one of these means of crossing the railway at Clarence street is agreed upon, I do not think the road will ever build a new depot, especially on the present site. Stations are being erected all along the line, and as far as I can see the only thing standing in the way of a new one here is the lack of room."

The question of double-tracking was also spoken of.

"I think you can say for sure that the double-tracking west of London to Wyoming will not be commenced this year," the official said. "The contract has not been let, and it is the intention of the road to work from London East, and not to do any work west until the present operations between here and Hamilton are finished. When work west of London is started, the grade just west of the cove will be a thing of the past, and the bridge at the cove will be raised sufficient almost to wipe out the hill from here to Hyde Park.

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CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—The condition of Mr. A. B. Cox was unchanged today.

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—Mrs. S. R. Wright and Mrs. May R. Thornley are in Toronto.

—Fred Thompson, of this city, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Hurd, in Port Huron.

—Miss McCallum, of this city, is visiting friends in the locality of Lawrence Station.

—Mr. Archie Leitch has gone to Alvinston on account of the serious injury of his sister.

—Mr. Ed Bernard, of this city, left this afternoon for Toronto to attend the big automobile show there.

—A. A. McIntyre, of Lawrence Station, who is quite ill, has been removed to a London hospital.

—Mr. J. Higginbottom, of this city, G. T. R. auditor, is on his regular visit to the company's office in Tillsonburg.

—Mr. J. J. Wright, of Goderich, who recently had to undergo an operation while visiting his son in London, is progressing favorably.

—W. F. Fitzgerald and J. H. Saunders, of the local Woodmen of the World, and Mr. John Ferguson, went to Woodstock today to attend the funeral of the late J. T. Bain.

—This morning James Jeffries and James Grant came before Squire Lacey. Jeffries was sent for trial on several charges, while Grant was held until several more charges against him were heard.

—Half a dozen "strippers" employed at the London cigar factory went on strike yesterday. They wanted an advance of a cent a pound for stripping, which was declined.

—Mr. J. F. Faulds has returned from Toronto, where he was conducting the case of Collins vs. London Street Railway, in which he won for his plaintiff, before the divisional court, which set aside Judge Britton's non-suit of the jury's verdict of $400, and granted a new trial.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

The firemen had two runs today. One was to a grass fire on the corner of William and Oxford streets, and the other was to a chimney blaze in a terrace at the corner of Hyman and St. George streets. No damage resulted from either.

HICKS' VAGARIES.

One of the most decided and perhaps violent storm periods of the month, extends from about the 26th to 29th, said Hicks when fixing the weather for April. Very general and severe storms are more than probable. This is a time when destructive hail storms are almost a certainty in very many sections. Abnormal down-pours of rain will also visit central to southern regions. The month will go out with high barometer, cold winds and frosty nights northward.

GIBSON'S GOOD WORK.

"Mooney" Gibson, the London boy, with Buffalo, who made the first home run of the season at Olympic Park on Saturday in the game with St. Bonaventure, is wearing a new hat, smoking good cigars, and telling some of his team mates how to land on the ball for four sacks, says the Courier. To those who listen he tells how easy it is if you only know how. Gibson gives promise of turning out to be a hitting find this year. He is a big strapping player, has plenty of vim, being a worker from the time the umpire calls play. He faces the pitcher like a veteran, and when he lands on the ball, it goes. Saturday's demonstration of this is not the only proof of his hitting abilities. He was among the sluggers on the training trip.

DEATH OF MRS. SUTHERLAND.

The death occurred at the family homestead, Dorchester Station, recently, of Mrs. Alexander Sutherland. Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McMillan, of East Nissouri. She was born in Glasgow in 1844, and at the age of 9 years she came to Canada with her parents, who settled in East Nissouri. Mrs. Sutherland was a graduate of Ingersoll Grammar School, and taught school in North Dorchester township, North Oxford and Thamesford. In 1870 she married Alex. Sutherland. Of a family of eight she is survived by six children. She was an ardent worker in the Sabbath school of the Presbyterian Church there. The interment took place on Monday at Dorchester cemetery. Rev. Malcolm Kay and Rev. John Veale conducted the obsequies. The chief mourners were Mrs. John Slater, Mrs. Samuel Henderson, of London, and Mrs. Joseph Dawson, of West Nissouri, sisters; Mr. Duncan McMillan, of East Nissouri, brother, and Mr. M. R. Williamson and Mr. Donald Sutherland, brothers-in-law.

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