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Steel and Wire. 68	67	67 1/2	63	6534		
Tobacco	215	215	2134			
Continental 551/4	55	551/4	51	523/4		
COMMINION						

Toronto Produce Market. Toronto, May 8.-Wheat-Dull, at 68c to 681/2c for red and white, and 65c to 66c for goose west; Manitoba wheat is quiet, at 81c for No. 1 hard and 77c for No. 1 northern, at Midland, Sarnia, Goderich and Owen Sound. Flour-The demand is slow and the market is unchanged; cars of straight roller in barrels, \$2 95. Millfeed-Firm, at 14c to \$16 for shorts and \$12 to \$12 50 for bran west. Rye-Firm, at 53c west. Corn-Steady, at 35c for Canada yellow west, and 42c for No. 2 American west. Oats -Easier, at 32c for white west: Peas-Steady, at 641/2c to 65c west. Butter-Steady, at 101/2c to 111/2c for large rolls, and 10c to 11c for dairy tubs; creamery, 16%c to 18c for prints and 16c to 17c for packed. Eggs-Steady, at 11c to 111/2c.

Chicago Exchange. CHICAGO, May 8.
Following are the fluctuations on the Unicago
Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butter
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English Markets.

English Markets.

Liverpool, May 8—Closing.

Wheat—Spot, firm; spot No. 1 Cal., stocks sxhausted; No. 2 red western, winter, firm, 5s 11½d No. 1 red northern spring 6s 3d, nominal; stocks nearly exhausted; spot No. 1 red northern, Duluth, firm, 6s 3d.

Corn—American mixed, new, firm, 3s 5½d; do. old, firm, 3s 6½d; futures, quiet; May, 3s 6½d; July, 3s 6½d; futures, quiet; May, 3s 6½d; July, 3s 6½d; flour—St. Louis fancy winter, firm, 7s 6d.

Peas—Canadian, 5s 6½d.

Beef—Dull; prime mess, 55s; extra India mess, 60s.

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Pork—Dull; prime mess, fine western, 45s;
do, medium, western, 42s 6d. do. medium, western, 42s 6d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 27s.

Baoon—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., easy,
30s; short ribs, 18 to 20 lbs, dull, 30s; long
clear middles, light, 30 to 35 lbs, dull, 29s 6d:
long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, dull,
29s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs. easy 28s;
lear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, 29s 6d.

Shoulders—Square, 12 to 14 lbs, easy, 23s.
Lard—American refined, in 28-pound pails,
steady, 26s 9d; prime western, in tierces, steady,

eady, 26s 9d; prime western, in tierces, steady,

Butter-Finest American, nominal; good, 65s.

American Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 8.-Wheat BUFFALO, May 8.—Spring wheat— No. 1 northern, 78%c. Winter wheat— No. 2 red, 77c; No. 1 white, 76c, through billed. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 39%c; No. 3 yellow, 38%c; No. 3 corn, 36%c, on track. Oats—No. 2 white, 33%c; No. 3 white, 32c, on track.

DETROIT, May 8.-Wheat-No. 1 white, cash, 74c; No. 1 red, cash and June, 75c; July, 74%c.

TOLEDO, O., May 8.—Wheat—Cash and June, 74%c; July, 74%c. Corn—Cash, 34%c; June, 34c; July, 34%c. Oats -Cash, 281/2c; June, 28c; July, 25c.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Flour—Receipts, 13,904 barrels; sales, 1,700 packages; state and western ruled dull and easy; Minnesota patents, \$3 85 to \$4 10; Minnesota bakers', \$3 to \$3 20; winter patents, \$3 75 to \$4 10; winter straights, \$3 55 to \$3 65; winter extras, \$2 60 to \$3; winter low grades, \$2 45 to \$2 55. Rye flour—Dull; good to fair, \$3 to \$3 15; choice to fancy, \$3 20 to \$3 40. Wheat—Receipts, 46,250 bu; sales, 875,000 bu; options opened steady and advanced a little on the Illinois state report, subsequently easing off under realizing; May, 78%c to 79c; July, 77c to 771/4c; Sept. 76c to 76 3-16c; Dec., 77c 3-16c. Rye—Steady; state, 63c; No. 2 western, 68c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts, 288,600 bu; sales, 95,000 bu; options quiet but steady on firmness options quiet but steady on hrmness of cash property; July, 38%c to 38%c; Sept., 39c to 39 1-16c. Oats—Receipts, 235,200 bu; options quiet; track, white, state and western, 35c to 38%c. Butter—Receipts, 9,269 packages; firm; state dairy, 13c to 16c; state creamery, 14c to 17c; western, do, 14c to 17c. Cheese—Receipts, 4,745 packages; teady: large white 12c; small do, 12c Cheese—Receipts, 4,745 packages; steady; large white, 12c; small do, 12c to 1214c; large colored, 12c; small do, 14c to 141/4c; new cheese firm; large, 91/2c to 144c; new cheese firm; large, 52c to 95c; small, 9c. Eggs—Receipts, 20,-360 packages; easier; state and Penn-sylvania, 14c; western, 13c to 13½c; southern, 12c to 13c. Sugar—Raw firm; 97 8. Off. 250 130 247 172 153½ 215 266 190½ 192 126¾ 228 203½ 129½ refined firm; crushed, 5%c; powdered, 5%c; granulated, 5%c. Coffee—Steady; No. 7, 6½c. Hops—Steady; state, common to choice, 1897 crop, 11c to 13c; 1898 crop, 16c to 17c; Pacific coast, 1897 crop, 11c to 13c; 1898 crop, 17c to 18c. Lead-Firm; bullion price, \$4 20; exchange price, \$4 45 to \$4 50. Potatoes
—Easy, state, \$1 25 to \$2; Maine, per
sack, \$2 25 to \$2 50; Jersey sweets,
\$1 25 to \$2 50. Wool—Dull; domestic fleece, 17c to 22c; Texas, 11c to 14c.

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Latest Probabilities

Toronto, May 8.-10 a.m.-Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Moderate winds; cloudy to fair; local showers; not much change in tem-

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

-The Barber Asphalt Company have employes here repairing the pavement. -Benjamin Lloyd, youngest son of the late Mrs. E. Lloyd, died suddenly at Philadelphia, May 4.

-Rev. Father McNiff, a Jesuit priest, of Boston, and a son of Mr. John Mc-Niff, of this city, preached very ably at St. Peter's Cathedral last evening.

-The International Order of Railway Conductors will begin the sessions of its 27th convention tomorrow afternoon at the Masonic Temple, Detroit. -Dr. Kilbourne, a returned missionary from China will lecture in the First

Methodist Church on Tuesday evening. A good programme will also be pro--The city council will not meet tonight. The finance committee has been called for tomorrow afternoon at 3

o'clock, and the council will probably meet later in the evening. -Messrs. Jones Bros.' rig was overturned on Richmond street, just south of Dundas, about 2,30 this afternoon,

and caused some excitement. Fortunately the horse did not get away. -John Neil, aged 32 years, died on Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital from lung trouble. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. from his late residence, 436 Waterloo street, to St.

Peter's Cathedral. -Mrs. Buchan, who was welcomed by many friends last week, returned to London on Saturday. Miss Buchan left on Wednesday with Mrs. A. W. Ross to visit friends at Nelson, and will go on later to the coast .- Toronto

Mail and Empire. -The initial sermon of his Grace Archbishop O'Connor was delivered at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, at the 10:30 service yesterday morning. There was an unusually large congregation present, who listened intently to

his grace's words. -Among the cases set down for hearing at the sitting of the court of appeal at Toronto tomorrow are: Lewis vs. London Street Railway Company; London Street Railway Company vs. City of London, and Fraser vs. London Street Railway Company.

ed quite a sensation. The driver was thrown from his seat and sustained severe injury to his face. The furious horses bolted on to the sidewalk, and besides greatly damaging the rig, broke several windows in Robert Mowat's

blacksmith shop. -A Toronto dispatch says: Sir Frank Smith has made such headway towards

Butter—Finest American, nominal; good, 65s.
Rosin—Common, steady, 4s.
Cneese—Steady; American finest white, 51s
6d; colored, 51s; ordinary, 50s.
Tallow—Prime city, steady, 21s 6d; Australian in London, steady, 23s 9d.
Cottonseed oil—Hull refined, May, Aug., dull, 15s 3d.
Hops—At London (Pacific coast), nominal, 24
10s to 24 15s.
Turpentine spirits—Steady, 35s 9d.
Rosin—Common, steady, 2s.
Linseed oil—18s 6d.
Petroleum—Refined, 6d.
Imports of wheat into Liverpool for the week
From Atlantic ports, 37,700 quarters; from Pacific ports, 3,000; from other ports, 10,000.
Imports of American norn into Liverpool for the conductor, Mrs. Burdick claims, gave the signal and the car was start-

ed, throwing Mrs. Burdick to the pave-ment. Dr. Drake attended to her in-

-"Kerry Gow" will be presented tonight at the Grand Opera House by the St. Thomas Dramatic Company. advance sale has been a good one, and a good house is guaranteed. Mr. Joe Butler appears as Kerry Gow, and Miss McEvenue as Norah. The members of the company are all good and an up-to-date performance of this beautiful drama will be given.

POLICE COURT CASES. At the police court this morning, Benjamin Parker was up for discharging firecrackers on the street. He was allowed to go with a warning. Grenville Brooks and wife, charged

with malicious destruction of property by Maurice Baldwin, were discharged. Joseph Renones and Casnelio Sernedo, two drunks, were allowed to go.

BASS FISHING. The Ontario fisheries department has received word from Ottawa that the season for angling for bass in the west end of Lake Erie west of Point Pelee and around the island had been extended to May 25. The close season will be from May 25 to July 15. The close season in other places for bass is from April 15 to June 15.

VALUE OF A PAID CIRCULATION. On the subject of paid circulation and character of circulation, addressing the advertisers of his community, the editor of the New London (Wis.) Tribune makes these telling points: "When a man can't pay for one year, he certainly can't pay for two; and a man that won't pay for his newspaper won't pay his merchant, and he is no good to the advertiser. Did ' this ever occur to you?

MRS. M. E. PENNINGTON. The death of Maria Ella, widow of the late John Pennington, occurred on Saturday morning at her late residence, 434 Pall Mall street, after a lingering illness, in her 70th year. Mrs. Pennington was a native of England, and had been a resident of London for 32 years, during which time she had been an adherent of St. Paul's Cathedral. She leaves three sons-Charles, motorman on the London street railway; Herbert, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and John, of British Columbia. Mr. Pennington, sen., died three years ago.

THE SECOND MRS. TANQUER-AY"-OLGA NETHERSOLE. Mr. Leopold Jordan is in the city, representing Miss Olga Nethersole, the distinguished English actress, who will appear at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday evening, May 17. Mr. Jor-The Advertiser at the Tecumseh House. Mr. Jordan said that Miss Nethersole will appear in her remarkable character of Paula Ray in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," which was written especially for her by Mr. Arthur W. Pin-"Miss Nethersole's business," said Mr. Jordan, "has been simply phenomenal. At Powers' Theater, Chicago, she played to \$24,000 in two weeks, and at Wallack's Theater, New York, she broke all previous records. Miss Nethersole comes with the whole of her own company, which supported her at Her Majesty's Theater, London. Mr. Marcus R. Mayer is Miss Nethersole's manager, and her brother, Mr. Louis Nethersole, is her business manager. "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" will be presented on the same scale of magnificence as marked its production at

TICKET PUNCHERS IN THE CITY

Two Hundred and Fifty Delegates En Route to the Detroit Convention.

The biennial gathering of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Ladies' Auxiliary will open in Detroit tomorrow. About 250 delegates from the southern and eastern states arrived in London at 3 o'clock this afternoon on a special from Buffalo en route for Detroit, and were met here by members of the Detroit executive committee, Messrs. C. A. Millard and R. C. Roseborough, Mrs. Roseborough and Mrs. James Lovell. The convention lasts from May 9 to May 16, and about 7,000 ladies and gentlemen from all parts of the United States and Canada are expected to be present. Conductor Farrell will represent the London division. Two years ago the convention was at Los Angeles, and it is said the next place of meeting will be St. Paul, Minn. Judging from the souvenir programme ticket issued for the coming week at Detroit, there is certainly a good time in store for the 7,000 delegates.

GETTING TO WORK

Three of the Toronto Strikes Virtually Over.

[Special to The Advertiser per G.N.W.] Toronto, May 8.—The five strikes which began a week ago have been practically reduced to two. The cigarmakers are at work at an advanced scale, and the strike has been formally declared off.

The majority of the iron molders who went out have obtained the advance sought and the bulk of them are at work again.

The cloakmakers', too, have settled their difficulties. A prominent officer of the Bricklayers' Union says that a compromise will probably be reached today.

There is no change in the stone-cutters' strike, but a conference will probably take place on Wednesday.

THE BUFFALO STRIKE. Buffalo, May 8.-Between 150 and 200 housemen employed by Grattan & Lattimer refused to go to work this morning out of sympathy for the striking -Dr. O'Neil's team ran away on Talbot street this morning, and creatast contractors, handle freight for the railroad companies at the New York Central, Lackawanna, Erie and other freight houses. They handle freight inside the freight houses exclusively, and have nothing to do with the unloading or loading of boats.

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EVIDENCE

In Regard to French Claims in Newfoundland.

The Wonder Is That the Colony Has Not Revolted.

London, May 8 .- The report upon the French treaty shore question in Newfoundland, presented to parliament a few days ago, forms a most extraordinary chapter in the history of Britain's colonial possessions. In the light of its revelations as to the treatment the colonists have been subjected to in order to placate the French, it is strange that Newfoundland has not long ago been in revolt.

CONCLUSIONS IN THE REPORT. The general conclusions of the commission are:

That the French cod-fishing rights on the treaty coast are now valueless and should be extinguished by a cash payment or concessions elsewhere. That the lobster industry is on the decline, and should be settled on the same basis;

That the colony should give the French free bait if they will abandon their bounties, which expire in July, 1901, and which Admiral Reveillere has declared are worthless in helping naval enlistment;

That no French interference with the development of the treaty coast should be any longer tolerated, and the presence of a French consular agent at St. Johns is urged as a reason for insisting on one at St. Pierre.

The report concludes by stating that a series of confidential proposals had been discussed between the commissioners and the colonial ministry, dealing with certain courses of action in the future, which proposals are now before the British Government, with a view to negotiations with France for a settlement of the question in all its aspects.

The commissioners find that of late years the French have virtually abandoned the coast, so completely has the fishery failed. The testimony of the coast folk is that the presence of the French is a great detriment to their industry.

THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY. The commissioners treat the question of lobster fisheries at great length, as it is of much more importance to France now than the original right to take cod. The colonists maintain that lobsters are not fish, that canning them is not "drying fish," that brick factordan was seen by a representative of ies with corrugated iron roofs are not "temporary structures, usual and necessary," as existed for carrying on the cod fishery two centuries ago, when the treaty was made. The report shows that in 1877 the settlers began packing lobsters; that the French did not then object, nor claim the right for them-selves until 1889, and that they only did so in retaliation for the colony refusing them bait on the south shore. Indeed, in 1883, the French commodore refused one of his own countrymen permission to establish a cannery, on the ground that its erection would be con-

trary to the treaty. But in 1889 the French assumed a new attitude, and set up six canneries at different points along the shore, at the same time demanding the removal of those owned by the settlers, which the French contended were an interference with their own factories.

INDUSTRY STRANGLED Voluminous testimony is presented

showing how the development of a territory rich in mineral wealth has been strangled by French domination. They objected to the building of a railway pier at St. George's, where there has not been a Frenchman for 40 years, and the best coal seams in the island cannot be worked because of them. The commissioners advise that in fu-

ture the French objection to the industrial development of the coast be disregarded, unless they can show that there is "any actual interference" with their fisheries, otherwise mining and lumbering leases should be granted in sections remote from the scene of French fishing operations, as large numbers of people might be employed and the general prosperity of the colony enhanced were the existing restrictions on such industries removed. READS LIKE A ROMANCE.

St. Pierre is the French fishing headquarters, ten miles off the south coast of Newfoundland. It is practically a free port, from which whisky, brandy, cigars, tobacco and sugar are shipped, not alone to Newfoundland, but to Canada and the New England States as well. The Newfoundland schooners call there while passing to and fro and stock themselves generously with the The Frenchmen fishing on the Banks barter liquor and tobacco to the coast folks in their little boats off the headlands adjacent. The French on the treaty coast load their craft with the stuff, which they sell to the set-tlers, while a regular fleet of schooners plies between St. Pierre and the different coast towns with thousands of dollars' worth of goods on board, which are landed in the caves and creeks and removed by confederates when conveni-

The colonial revenue loses each year through this smuggling at least \$150,000, and it forms a serious menace to the solvent existence of the colony. commissioners advise the appointment of a British consul at St. Pierre to overlook British shipping there, though the French have all along refused to recognize anyone appointed.

LOBO.

May 5 was spent as Arbor Day at school section No. 8, Lobo village. The school spent a very pleasant afternoon. After cleaning up the play-grounds, the girls took their lunch baskets and went off to the woods and spent a couple of hours gathering flowers, and then, before returning, they had their tea on the grass, and got back just in time to see the boys of No. 9, who expected to whip our boys, get very badly beaten in a good game of ball, in which both took a very active part, resulting in favor of No. 8.

Mr. Harry Polten, of Toronto, is spending a few days for the good of his constitution, at the Junction Hotel, kept by Monger & Norton.

Mr. R. Sharpe, merchant, of Lobo, has been anlarging his store, by tearing out a couple of partitions, and it will be in better shape than before for accommodating his customers.

Mr. Thomas Hodgins is much better than he has been for some time past. Mr. Thomas Powell, sen., is unable to be around on account of ill-health. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

The "Exposition de l'art Culinaire" awarded the highest honors to AN-GOSTURA BITTERS as the most efficacious stimulant to excite the appetite and to keep the digestive organs in good order. Ask for the gen-uine article, manufactured by Dr. J. G. B. Siegert & Sons, and beware of

HIGHER

Criticised by the Ministerial Association.

Rev. W. J. Clark's Paper Provokes & Lively and Lengthy Discussion-Other Matters Dealt With.

"What Has Higher Criticism Established Concerning the Bible?" was the subject of a paper read before the regular meeting of the Ministerial Association at the Y. M. C. A. building this morning, by Rev. W. J. Clark. The paper was favorable to higher criticism, and provoked a lively and lengthy discussion, participated in by all present. Mr. Clark held that the work of the higher critics had been of much importance. They had established that the Pentateuch had not been written by Moses, but was a compilation from the works of different writers, and they had proven the double authorship of Isalah. "Higher criticism"

was but a method of study. Some of the speakers who criticised the paper expressed a decided disapproval of the "higher critics," while others thought Mr. Clark had not gone far enough in their favor. The general opinion was that "higher criticism" has earned the right to be heard and respected, but that the things which it has established are unimportant.

Rev. J. W. Pedley quoted from a recent address to Yale students by George Adam Smith: "The war (between the higher critics and others) is over, and the 'higher critics' have won the battle." With this Mr. Pedley agreed. The question of Sunday concerts was

brought up by a resolution from the W. C. T. U., and Revs. Pedley and Dr. Johnston were appointed to inquire as to the law governing meetings. The proposed departure of Rev. Ira Smith for St. John, N. B., was spoken

A committee was appointed to draw up a resolution expressing the high esteem in which Mr. Smith is held by the association, and to convey to him its best wishes.

The members present were: Revs. J. G. Stuart (president), W. J. Clark, A. G. Harris, Sinclair, Morrison, Claris, S. Johnson, J. G. Fallis, Dr. Robert Johnston, Little, H. Stewart, Dr. Saunders, W. M. Walker, George Gilmore. Dr. Smith, McGillivray and A. Margrett, of Forest.

STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.] Strathroy, May 8. - The Strathroy cricket club has accepted an invitation from the Forest cricket club to play a friendly game there on May 24.

The Collegiate Institute tennis club have elected the following officers: President, D. A. McLachlan; vice-president, H. Oke; general curator, G. Thompson; secretary, J.F. Sadleir; other members of the committee, F. T. Letts and George Richards.

On Tuesday evening, May 9, the Woman's Auxiliary, St. John's Church, purpose having a pound social for the benefit of the bale to be sent to Saskatchewan. All persons of the congregation having anything to donate will kindly send them to the rectory during the next fortnight. There will be a

programme and refreshments. The members of the gun club had their first weekly shoot on Wednesday evening. Dr. Henderson was in Ottawa last

week attending the annual meeting of the Homeopathic Medical Council of Ontario. Mrs. (Rev.) F. G. Newton, of Warwick, visited friends in town last week Mr. C. O. Trussler, deputy supreme commander for Ontario, was in town

last week in the interests of the Knights of the Maccabees. The death took place on Tuesday, May 5, at the family residence, lot 2, con. 7, Caradoc, of Mrs. John Barnes, aged 76 years. The interment took place in the Roman Catholic cemetery,

Strathroy. Miss Treble, of Toronto, has been added to the millinery staff of Geddes

Bros. Rev. A. McKeon was present on Wednesday at the installation of Archbishop O'Connor, of Toronto.

Mr. Albert Langford and family, of Caradoc, have removed to Strathroy. The Ingersoll Ancient Order of Foresters have invited the Strathroy members of the same order to join them in their celebration on the Queen's Birthday. In all probability the invitation will be accepted.

SIGNS OF WEAKENING.

Washington, May 8.-The war department has received from Gen. Otis a dispatch giving the situation in the Philippines, some parts of which have been omitted by the war department in making it public. The dispatch is as follows: Manila, May 8.—Adjutantgeneral, Washington: Situation as follows: Lawton at Massin and Balinag; scouting parties to north and east. MacArthur at San Fernando. Army gunboats operating in rivers. Have cleared country west of MacArthur of insurgents. Signs of insurgents' weakness more apparent daily."

BIGGEST WEDDING EVER KNOWN On the day that Alexander the Great was married no fewer than 20,202 persons in one ceremony were made husbands and wives. This seems impossible, but the event really took place, as historical records tell us. This monster wedding occurred upon the conquest by Alexander the Great of Persia which was then ruled over by King Darius. Alexander married Statira, the daughter of the conquered king, and decreed that 100 of his chief officers should be united to 100 ladies from the noblest Persian and Medean families. In addition to this, he stipulated that 10,000 of his Greek soldiers should marry 10,000 Asiatic women. When everything was settled, a vast pavilion was erected, the pillars of which were 60 feet high. One hundred gorgeous chambers adjoined this for the 100 noble bridegrooms, while for the remaining 10,000 an outer court was inclosed, outside of which tables were spread for the mul-Each pair had seats and titude. ranged themselves in a semicircle round the royal throne. Of course the priests could not marry this vast number of couples, so Alexander the Great devised a very simple ceremony. He gave his hand to Statira and kissed her-an example that all the bridegrooms followed. Thus ended the ceremony, and that Then folvast number were married. lowed the festival, which lasted five days, the grandeur of which has never been equaled since.

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The Prince of Wales Tries His Luck-The Duchess of Devonshire & Constant Player.

Apropos of the Prince of Wales, who has been at Cannes, close to Monte Carlo, a correspondent at the latter place writes: "Needless to say, the Prince of Wales, who resides at Cannes, was not long in making his way to the Casino at Monte Carlo, where on a recent evening an enormous crowd surrounded the roulette table at which, in company with some ladies, he was playing, passing his stakes, as is his habit, from behind the wheeling croupiers. As I happened to be looking on at the same table when H. R. H. made his appearance, evidently suffering from the heat of the stifling rooms, I was interested to see whether luck favored him better than usual. But it did not. After staking a single louis on the numbers five, thirteen and fourteen en plein several times, and never seeing any of them turn up, the prince took the tranversales and the last dozens, staking 500-franc notes on the dozens more than once. On one occasion only did the croupier have to pass him money, and this was 35 louis for a tranversale pleine of 8 louis.

Although the prince and a large number of the aristocrcy ostensibly reside at Cannes, they pass a very considerable portion of their time at Monte Carlo, dinner parties at the Hotel de Paris and supper parties at Ciro taking place every night in honor of royal and distinguished personages. And between the two meals there are, of course, excursions to the Casino. The prince is rarely a successful gambler; nor have I seen the Duchess of Devonshire, who is constantly at the tables, bringing off many "coups," though the croupiers have quite a small handful of louis to distribute over the board for her. One of the luckiest of the big players is Mrs. Macadam, a tall American lady, who with her young son plays maximums on the number seventeen. I saw her a day or two ago win her seventeen the first time of staking. Then, the number fourteen turning up next, she had another nice little haul, with two carres a cheval and the tranversales, and, the stakes still remaining the same, and seventeen coming up the third spin, the lady retired from the table, after about five minutes play, with something like 60,000 francs, the bank having had to send for more money to complete the payment. Each roulette table opens the day's play with 80,000 francs, while the trente et quarante have 150,000 francs in hand to start with. The English theatrical contingent now includes Sir Squire Bancroft, who patronizes trente et quarante, going in as soon as the doors are open in the morning.

Mrs. Broughton, wife of H. S. Broughton, of Bradford, Ont. is door.

Winnipeg harbor is free of ice, and boats have begun to run