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Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	56	55
Duluth, common	5	3½
Duluth, preferred	12	7
Commercial Cable	165½	164½
Wabash, common	..	..
Wabash, preferred	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	170	165
Richelieu and Ontario	90	87½
Montreal Street Railway	222½	224
Montreal Street Railway, new	..	..
Montreal Gas Company	194	192½
Bell Telephone	160	158½
Royal Electric, xd	141	138½
Toronto Railway	70½	70
Bank of Montreal	231	225
Ontario Bank	83	82
Banque du Peuple	..	..
Molsons Bank	195	185
Bank of Toronto	231	227½
Merchants Bank	170	169
Merchants Bank of Halifax	171	166
Quebec Bank	..	119
Union Bank	..	102½
Bank of Commerce	128	127½
Northwest Land	..	..
Montreal Cotton Company	128	124
Canada Colored Cotton	..	..
Dominion Cotton, xd	87	81½
Postal Telegraph	98½	97½

SALES—Com. Cable, 50 at 165, 25 at 165½; Richelieu and Ontario, 28 at 88, 25 at 89; Mont. Gas, 25 at 194; Bell Tel., 50 at 158½, 1 at 158¾; Toronto Railway, 50 at 70½, 75 at 70¼; Union Bank, 6 at 102½.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Feb. 27.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	230	225
Ontario	86	83
Molsons	..	..
Toronto	232	227½
Merchants	170½	168½
Commerce	128	127
Imperial	189	179½
Dominion	232½	232
Standard	170	165
Hamilton	159	156
British America	118	116½
Western Assurance	157	156½
Canada Life	..	..
Confederation Life	..	..
Consumers' Gas	..	200
Dominion Telegraph	126	124
Montreal Telegraph	..	..
Northwest Land Company, pref	50	40
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	56	55½
Commercial Cable Company	164½	165
Postal Telegraph	97½	97½
Bell Telephone Company	158½	158½
Montreal Street Railway	224½	223½
Montreal Street Railway (new)	..	..
Toronto Street Railway	70½	69½
Dominion Savings and Invest	79	75
Farmers' Loan and Savings	95	..
Farmers' L. and S., 20 per cent	70	..
Huron and Erie L. and S	..	150
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	148
London and Canada, L. and A	90	..
London Loan	..	..
London and Ontario	100	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	119

SALES—1 p.m.—Com. Cable, 25, 50 at 165. 11:15 a.m.—Com. Cable, 25 at 165¼; Bell Tel. 50 at 158½.

New York Stock Market.

Reported by Frank Butler, broker, Masonic Temple.

Feb. 27.

	Open.	Hign.	Low.	Close.
Atchison Ry	14½	14½	14½	14½
C. B. and Q.	75	75½	75	75½
C. and N. W	105	105½	105	105½
Chicago Gas	76½	76½	76½	76½
Gen. Electric	34½	35½	34½	35
L. and N	50½	50½	50	50½
Manhattan	89½	89½	89	89½
Missouri Pacific	21	21½	21	21
Pacific Mail	25½	25½	25½	25½
Rock Island	67½	67½	67	67½
Reading	24½	24½	24½	24½
St. Paul	76½	77	76½	76½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	27½	28	27½	28½
Western Union	85½	85½	85½	85½
Distillery Trust	14½	14½	14	14½
Leather Trust	59½	59½	59½	59½
Sugar Trust	116½	117½	116½	117½
Tobacco Trust	75½	75½	75	75½

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COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Grain Market.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Wheat—The offerings are fair, there is not much demand, and the market is easy. There were bids for red and white of 73 1-2c north and west today, but holders are asking 1-2c to 1c more. Manitoba wheat is steady; No. 1 hard sold, f. o. b., Fort William, at 73 1-2c, and at 86c Midland. It is quoted at 82c at rail west; No. 2 hard is quoted at 81c, Midland.

Flour is dull and weak; cars of straight roller are quoted at $3 60 to $3 70 west.

Millfeed is quiet at $8 to $8 50 for shorts, and $7 50 for bran west.

Barley—There is some inquiry for fancy extra No. 1 from the United States, but there is little or no business being done. It is quoted at 32c to 33c, outside; No. 1 at 30c to 31c, No. 2 at 28c, No. 3 extra at 24c, and feed at 21 1-2c to 22c.

Buckwheat is steady at 25c outside.

Rye is quiet at 32c to 33c, outside.

Corn is steady at 20c for yellow west.

Oats quiet; holders quoting 18c for white west; buyers offering 17c.

Peas are steady, and cold middle freights today at 39c.

Seeds are dull and unchanged at previous quotations.

Baled hay dull at $8 50 to $10 50 here, and straw at $5 to $5.

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American Produce Market.

NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 27.

Flour—Receipts, 15,000 bbls; sales 1,200 packages; state and western quiet but steady; city mills patents, $4 80 to $5 05; do clears, $4 70 to $4 85; Minn. patents, $4 25 to $4 40; winter straights, $4 30 to $4 35.

Rye Flour—Quiet; sales, 100 bbls.

Wheat—Receipts, 90,355; sales, 595,000 bu; opened steady and advanced on firmer cables and bad crop news, later declining under realizing; July, 78¾c to 78⅞c; May, 79 13-16c to 80¼c.

Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, 37½c to 37¾c, c.i.f., Buffalo.

Corn—Receipts, 91,650; sales 15,000 bu; quiet but steady; May, 29⅞c; July, 30½c.

Oats—Receipts, 86,400 bu; sales, 10,000; dull and barely steady; May, 21½c to 21¾c; track white, 21c to 22c.

Butter—Receipts, 3,464 packages; steady; state creamery, 15c to 18c; imitation creamery, 10c to 15½c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 7c to 12½c.

Cheese—Receipts, 1,040 packages; quiet.

Eggs—Receipts, 4,604 packages; weak; state and Pennsylvania, 17½c; western, 16½c; southern, 16c to 16½c.

Sugar—Raw; steady; fair refining, 2 13-16c; refined, quiet.

Petroleum—Dull.

Coffee—Quiet.

Hops—Quiet.

Lead—Strong; bullion, $3 95; exchange $3 32½ to $3 37½.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Feb. 27.—Wheat—No. 1 white cash, 85½c; No. 2 red cash, 85½c; May, 86c; July, 74½c.

TOLEDO.

Toledo, Feb. 27.—Wheat—Cash, 89½c; May, 87½c; July, 74½c.

Corn—May, 24c.

Oats—May, 17½c.

MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Feb. 27.—Wheat, cash, 72½c; May, 74½c.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Wheat, May, 73½c; July, 71½c. Corn, May, 23½c; July, 24½; Sept., 26½c. Oats, May, 16½c. Ribs, May, $4 12½c.

BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Spring wheat—Dull; No. 1 hard, old, 86½c; do new, 84½c; No. 1 northern, 82½c; do. new, 81½c; No. 2 northern, 79½c to 80½c. Winter wheat—Dull; No. 2 red, 88c on track; 8 ½c in store; No. 1 white, 88½c.

Corn—Dull; No. 2 yellow, 26½c; No. 3 yellow, 26½c; No. 4 yellow, 25½c; No. 3 corn, 25½c asked.

Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 21½c; No. 3 white, 20c to 20½c; No. 4 white, 18½c; No. 3 mixed, 18½c on track.

Chicago Exchange.

Following are the fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade furnished by F. H. Butler, Broker, Masonic Temple. 'Phone 1,273.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.

	Open.	Hign.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	74½	74⅞	74	74½
July	71⅞	72½	71⅞	72½
Corn—May	23½	24	23½	23⅞
July	25	25½	25	25
Oats—May	16¾	17	16¾	16¾
July	17½	18	17½	17⅞
Pork—May	8 07	8 12	8 07	8 07
July	8 20	8 20	8 20	8 20
Lard—May	4 07	4 10	4 07	4 10
July	4 17	4 20	4 17	4 20
Ribs—May	4 17	4 22	4 15	4 17
July	4 25	4 30	4 25	4 27

Puts, 73¾; calls, 75¼.

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HOCKEY.

MAPLE LEAFS VS. ASYLUM TEAM.

A large and appreciative crowd witnessed the hockey match between the Maple Leafs and Asylum teams last evening. The game was an exciting one from start to finish, and resulted in a tie. The Asylum team scored in the first half and the East Enders in the second. The match was played in the East End Rink. A return game will be played at the Asylum. A great improvement has been made in the lighting of the East End Rink, and neither club had cause to complain on this score.

Would You Believe Your Neighbors.
London People Give Their Testimony.
Nothing Like Home Talk From Home People.

Here is what two well-known London people say about the new remedy which cures heart and nerve troubles:

Mr. August Heric says: "I have used Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, which I procured at W. T. Strong's drug store, for my own use, because of the excessive nervousness and general debility from which I suffered.

"They gave me great relief at once. Now my nerves are strong, and I feel healthy and vigorous, and can recommend them as a splendid tonic for weak nerves, heart trouble, etc."

Here Is Another.

Mrs. L. Brown, 488 York street, London, Ont., speaks as follows. Says Mrs. Brown: "Prior to taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills I have been afflicted with very weak nerves, suffering much from heart trouble, etc. These pills have made my nerves strong, and in addition to that they proved most beneficial as a tonic for the whole system.

"I recommend the use of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills to all who suffer from acute nervousness, or any ailment arising from heart or nerve troubles."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills may be obtained from any druggist. Price 60 cents per box, or three boxes for $1 50. T. Milburn & Co., proprietors, Toronto, Ont.

The Brantford fire entailed a loss of $18,000.

Anderson & Nelles' Baking Powder, 20c a pound. Fresh daily.

Topics of Today.

The failures in Canada this week were 50, against 58 last year.

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Ontario is a great reading province. There are now 343 public libraries in the province, an increase of 91 over last year. The Government gives a grant to each library to aid in its maintenance.

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Before leaving for England next summer, Mr. Laurier will be presented by his Montreal friends with a life-size oil portrait of himself, which will cost $1,000. The Premier and Madame Laurier will be guests of her Majesty while in Great Britain.

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As a result of the collapse of the steel rail combine in the United States, orders for 1,500,000 rails were placed there this week, setting in circulation at least $35,000,000. Bradstreet's reflects on the stimulus this gives to trade. There is a tariff object lesson here.

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The defeated Conservative candidate in North Ontario is trying to have G. F. Bruce, returning officer in the bye-election, committed, because he promptly sent off the papers to clerk of the Crown in Chancery at Ottawa. The effect of his action was that the recount did not take place before the provisional judge at Bracebridge, who was the Conservative candidate's former law partner, but before the county judge of Ontario at Whitby.

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They think they have too many elections in Nova Scotia, and a bill has been placed before the Legislature intended to in future prolong the life of the Assembly from four years to five.

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Ex-Premier Cecil Rhodes, of South Africa, made one or two sensational statements in his examination by Hon. Edward Blake and Mr. Labouchere, M.P., before the British parliamentary committee. Mr. Rhodes said if he had succeeded in his intention to change the government of the Transvaal there would have been a union in Africa such as we have in Canada. He showed that in 1895 President Kruger of the Transvaal was intriguing with Germany against Britain, and that the Transvaal policy was always against the British. Mr. Rhodes further denied the assertion of the German Minister of Foreign Affairs that a policy of protection existed at the Cape. "Protection," said Mr. Rhodes, "means bad factories and bad articles for the benefit of a privileged few."

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Mayor Bingham, of Ottawa, is the champion ladies' man. He entertained 300 of them to luncheon the other day, Madame Laurier occupying the seat of honor on his right. In wonderful time the ladies sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

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Members of the Ontario Legislature, without regard to political predilections, are contributing liberally towards the cost of placing a life-sized portrait of Sir Wm. Meredith in the Legislature alongside of those of Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. Edward Blake and others. This is a very laudable recognition of the place occupied in contemporary politics by the Chief Justice.

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Hugh John Macdonald's friends despair of his again carrying Winnipeg for the Dominion House of Commons, and have prevailed upon him to enter the Manitoba Legislature as leader of the Opposition. Sir Charles Tupper consents to this change.

Around the City

—Dr. George C. Davis is able to be at his office again.

—The "Mission to Lepers" will meet in Somerset Hall on Monday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

—Col. Aylmer, adjutant-general of the militia, formerly of this city, is confined to his house at Ottawa with grippe.

—Miss Ethel and Mr. R. C. Wilson, South London, and Miss Lizzie Clark, Dundas street, are visiting friends in Woodstock.

—Mrs. Phil McLeod is playing the leading part in "My Friend from India," which will be given Monday evening at the Grand Opera House

—The violin recital of Mr. Roselle Pococke's pupils, which takes place in Somerset Hall next Thursday evening, promises to be a pronounced success.

—Mr. James W. Hamilton, accountant of the British North America here, has been transferred to Vancouver, B. C., where he will occupy a similar position.

—Mr. Newton W. Rowell, of Toronto, formerly of this city, is threatened with nervous prostration, and leaves for Atlantic City, N. J., on Monday, for his health.

—J. D. Leatch, manager of the "My Friend from India" Company; L. S. Thompson, and W. A. Hentley, Bradford, England, are among the Tecumseh House registrations.

—The work on the new sewage section in South London may not begin until the weather becomes more settled. The Wharncliffe road will be opened up on the east side.

—Mr. W. D. McDonald, 916 Dundas street, has taken out a permit to erect a story and a half brick veneer dwelling on the north side of Dundas street, No. 912. Estimated cost, $1,375.

—A very interesting game of hockey was played last night between St. Paul's choir and the Junior Waterloos, resulting in favor of the latter by a score of 3 to 2. The St. Paul's choir boys were captained by Harry Underwood, and the Waterloos by Harry Burns.

—Mr. A. J. Watson, of Watson Bros., merchant tailors and men's furnishers, London, Canada, is on a purchasing trip to the British markets. He is now in Belfast, and we hope that Irish goods will find a prominent place in their importation.—Belfast Morning News.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coo entertained the pupils of the Western Ontario Shorthand Academy at their residence, 95 Maple street, last evening. The early part of the evening was devoted to games and other amusements. After refreshments had been served, a mock breach of promise trial, and a programme of songs, readings, and instrumentals was rendered. Those who took part in the programme were Mr. U. A. Buchner, judge; Mr. Loternell, clerk; Miss Nichol, plaintiff; Mr. Galpin, defendant; Messrs. A. Casey and J. Hitchens, counsel for plaintiff; Messrs. Coo and Eagan, counsel for defendant; Miss Fowler, song; Miss Wilson, instrumental; Mr. Brooks, reading; Miss O'Mara, instrumental; Mr. Andras, reading; Mr. Spence, song; Mr. Buchner, stump speech; Mr. Coo, song; Mr. Loternell, reading. The amusements were brought to a close at an early hour this morning by the usual votes of thanks, and "God Save the Queen."

—Leading prohibitionists held an emergency meeting yesterday in Toronto. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the proposed Government amendments to the license law on the ground that they did not go far enough to meet their views, and Mrs. Thornley, who attended from London, said she would call a meeting here to condemn the Government policy.

CAME TO TERMS.

The threatened strike on the South London sewer has been averted. Contractor Grant and the men have agreed to split their difference, and those who work on the bottom of the sewer will get 15 cents an hour—an advance of one cent.

SCHOOL OF COOKING.

The cooking school in the "Y" rooms was well filled last evening, with an interested audience of ladies, gathered to learn how to make fruit salads and small cakes. Miss Fraser, who is very clear and accurate in her directions, commenced the lesson by giving recipes for vanilla wafers and Venetian cakes, which she afterwards made and passed round for trial. These dainty little cakes were much admired. The remainder of the lesson was devoted to the making of fruit salads, prepared with syrup or lemon jelly. These lessons, which have all been practical and helpful are drawing to a close, much to the regret of those who have attended the classes. Monday evening will be the last of the demonstration lessons, when the best modes of preparing invalid cookery will be given.

Chapter of Casualties.

Death of a Zone Farmer From Drowning.

Child Killed at Ottawa Through Carelessness—Shooting Affray at Ridgetown—Sad Affair at Appledore.

Bothwell, Ont., Feb. 27.—Mr. Lawrence E. Nogier, an old and respected resident, and for many years reeve of the township of Zone, was drowned by falling through an air-hole while crossing the River Thames yesterday afternoon, opposite his farm, about two miles from this town. His body has not yet been recovered.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The seven-year-old son of F. X. Grandmaire, of Wall street, Hull, was killed by a telegraph pole failling upon him while going along the street where employes of the electric company were working, erecting new poles. The child happened to pass at the time, coming from school. The coroner's jury found "That death was caused by the falling of a telegraph pole, and that the employes are to blame for not taking the necessary precaution in their work."

Ridgetown, Ont., Feb. 27.—Joseph Hall, proprietor of a cigar and billiard parlor, and Pat Maunix got into an altercation in the office of Thomas Jones' livery barn, Erie street, early yesterday morning, and during the melee Hall is alleged to have shot Maunix. The wound is through the right shoulder, and is not thought to be dangerous.

The preliminary hearing of the case before the police magistrate took place. It was considered necessary, owing to the condition of the wounded man, to take his deposition. The case was adjourned till Tuesday next.

Chatham, Feb. 27.—The Appledore correspondent of the Banner writes: A very sad occurrence took place at the home of Albert Salisbury on Monday night, when he and his two brothers, Wilcox and Ed, had a quarrel over a stove. The two brothers, who had been boarding with Albert, were going to leave and claimed the stove to be theirs. Albert claimed the stove as his and tried to prevent his brothers from taking the pipes down, whereupon Will, it is alleged, struck him with a stove-wood stick across the back of the neck and knocked him unconscious. The stove and pipes were then pulled down by William and Ed. A babe lying in a cradle, near the stove, was badly burned by the hot soot falling upon it. Dr. McGregor, of Kent Bridge, found the injured man in a very critical condition. The extent of his injuries are not known, and it is difficult to tell what the end may be. The injured man was unconscious all day Thursday.

New York, Feb. 27.—A dispatch from Rochester says Clarence Austin, of Maryon, N. Y., was made a raving maniac as the result of the hazing he received at the hands of the sophomore class of the University of Rochester last Friday night.

A NAVAL INCIDENT.

An Italian Warship Seizes a Greek Transport.

Canea, Island of Crete, Feb. 27.—The Greek steamer Theseus, after landing provisions and ammunition at Platania for the Greeks, took on board 160 prisoners. She was stopped at Dragomia by an Italian warship, and was taken to Suda Bay.

KING GEORGE MAY ABDICATE.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Reports are current here and elsewhere in Europe today that if the powers insist upon the Greek troops evacuating the Island of Crete, King George will abdicate in favor of the Crown Prince, Prince Constantine, the Duke of Sparta, husband of the Princess Sophia of Prussia, and sister of Emperor William of Germany.

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Fierce Fires.

Murray's Big Drygoods Store in Toronto—Loss $100,000.

Destruction of a Foundry in Simcoe—Loss $5,000.

(Special to The Advertiser per C. P. R. Line.)

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 27.—Fire broke out in the large retail drygoods emporium of W. A. Murray & Co, 17 to 27 King street east this morning shortly after 8 o'clock and the damage to the stock and buildings will be in the neighborhood of $100,000. The fire originated in the hot air furnace room in the northwest corner of the basement.

At 8:30 the flames penetrated the first floor and a general alarm was sounded. The outlying sections had hardly arrived when the men already there had the fire well under subjection.

There were several people in the building when the fire started, but as far as learned they all escaped. It is understood that the stock in the building was valued at from $500,000 to $600,000. Insurance on building and contents, $400,000. One of the employes, named Percy Hill, of the tailoring department, had a narrow escape from suffocation. He could not get to the stairway, but broke one of the rear windows and hung out until the firemen placed a ladder for him to descend.

Special to The Advertiser per G. N. W. Line.

Simcoe, Ont., Feb. 27.—The foundry owned by John Alliges was totally destroyed by fire about 5 o'clock this morning. No insurance. Cause of fire is a mystery, as it broke out in a part of the building where there had been no fire for several days.

A PLEASANT ASSEMBLY

Given by the Bell Telephone Company's Staff at the Duffield Hall.

To the local staff of the Bell Telephone Company belongs the distinction of providing one of the pleasantest social events of the season. Their assembly in the Duffield block last night was attended by about 50 couples, and was recherche in every particular. The wardrobe effects were pretty and tasteful. The excellent music of Prof. Dayton's Orchestra was enhanced by the proverbially sweet voices of the telephone operators, and the dancing was highly enjoyable, the programme including the new "Hello" two-step and the "Number, Please" quadrille. During the intermission at midnight, Messrs. Bradford & Hodgins served a splendid repast in the front auditorium, the tables being stylish and attractive.

SHATTERED NERVES AND PARALYSIS.
Shattered Nerves Developed Nervous Prostration—Nervous Prostration Developed Total Paralysis on One Side—Great South American Nervine in the Teeth of Most Adverse and Complicated Circumstances Overcomes All, and Restores Wife and Mother in Good Health to Her Family—These Are the Written Words of Edward Parr, Surry Center, B. C.
"My wife was taken bad last August with nervous prostration, which later on developed into paralysis of one side. We tried many remedies, but all in vain. I thought I would try South American Nervine, having seen it advertised in the New Westminster, B. C., papers, and I am glad to be able to say that the result after taking three bottles was an astonishment to myself and family. It worked wonders for her, and we can not speak too highly of this great remedy." No case too acute or of too long standing to defy its wonderful merits.
Sold by C. McCallum and B. A. Mitchell.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The firm of Priddis Bros. has been a prominent one in this city for a number of years, and one that has earned a well-deserved reputation for reliability. A short time ago Mr. Jas. Priddis, one of the firm, decided to retire owing to ill-health, and the long-standing partnership is about to be dissolved. The remaining partner, Mr. George Priddis, assumes full charge. A dissolution sale was necessary, and has been going on for some days. A great reduction in prices was announced and the public are getting the benefit. The firm's reputation for unvarying adherence to their promises has been well sustained. The great sale is still in progress, and attention is directed to their large advertisement in this issue.

Lieut.-Col. Herchmer, commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police, at present in Ottawa, has received a telegram, stating that Deerfoot, the once world-renowned Indian runner, died on Thursday at Calgary, in the police barracks, where he was confined for an assault on another Indian and his wife.

COUGHS AND COLDS.—THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING from Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, etc., should try BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES, a simple and effectual remedy. They contain nothing injurious, and may be used at all times with perfect safety.

A Splendid Showing.

At the annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, held in New York on Jan. 27 last, President Burnham announced that the expenses have been reduced by $162,341 13; notwithstanding, there has been carried on books an average of nearly $20,000,000 more of business; notwithstanding they had had to collect and handle nearly $300,000 more of income; notwithstanding they had been compelled to pay for over $15,000,000 more of new business. The president estimated the saving thus effected at from $5 84 to $5 04 per $1,000 of insurance. The business received by the association in 1896 reached the high-water mark in the matter of number of applications and amount represented. In 1895 the number of applications was 24,046; in 1896, 32,614; or considerably in excess of 100 for each business day of the year. The amount represented in 1895 was $69,025,895, and in 1896, $84,167,997, being a gain of $15,152,102, and being in excess by several millions of the amount received in any previous year of the association's existence. At the same time on Dec. 31, 1895, they showed $9,287,105 of business rejected, postponed or under investigation, and on Dec. 31, 1896, $11,141,667, or nearly 14 per cent of the total business submitted.

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A total cash income of well over two million, a reserve fund of over one million, a net surplus of over three hundred thousand dollars, and a ten per cent dividend indicate a strong company, and a closer inspection of the 46th annual report of the Western Assurance Company, which appears in full in another column, shows that in its case this impression is justified. The total cash income foots up to $2,336,727 95, and the balance over expenditure, or profits, amounts to $119,708 43. Of this sum $100,000 went to make the two half-yearly dividends of ten per cent per annum; $5,752 38 was written off for depreciation in securities, and the balance was added to the reserve fund, which now amounts to $1,086,908 21. The total security to policy-holders is $3,086,908 21. The net surplus has been increased by nearly $38,000, and is now $316,252 34. The year has been free from serious individual losses, and the company has come well through the general depression. A depreciation of $5,752 38 may be looked for as very moderate when it is on assets of upwards of two and a quarter millions. The year's business may be summed up as having been somewhat smaller in volume than during the previous year, but conducted on a satisfactory basis, and yielding a good profit. b

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