MARKETS and FINANCE

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKET.

The offerings of grain were small to-day. Wheat steady, 100 bushels of fall selling at 94c. Barley steady at 58c, and 40 bushels of oats at 43c.

Dairy produce in fair supply, with butter a trifle easier. Poultry scarce and firm.

Hay is unchanged, with sales of 35 loads at $12.50 to $13.50 for No. 1, and at $8 to $11 for mixed. Straw is nominal at $12 to $14 a ton.

Dressed hogs are unchanged at $8.50 for heavy, and at $8.75 to $9 for light.

Wheat, fall, bushel	$ 0 94	$ 0 00
Do., goose, bushel	0 90	0 91
Oats, bushel	0 43	0 00
Barley, bushel	0 52	0 58
Rye, bushel	0 70	0 72
Peas, bushel	0 87	0 00
Hay, per ton	12 50	13 50
Do., No. 2	8 00	11 00
Straw, per ton	12 00	14 00
Dressed hogs	8 50	9 00
Butter, dairy	0 27	0 30
Do., creamery	0 30	0 32
Eggs, new laid	0 45	0 50
Do., fresh	0 30	0 35
Chickens, dressed, lb.	0 12	0 13
Geese, lb.	0 10	0 12
Turkeys	0 18	0 20
Cabbage, per dozen	0 30	0 50
Celery, dozen	0 30	0 40
Onions, bag	0 85	0 00
Potatoes, bag	0 65	0 75
Apples, bbl.	2 00	3 50
Beef, hindquarters	8 00	9 00
Do., forequarters	5 00	6 50
Do., choice, carcase	7 50	8 00
Do., medium, carcase	5 00	6 50
Mutton, per cwt.	6 50	8 00
Veal, prime, pre cwt.	8 50	10 00
Lamb, per cwt.	0 00	10 50

PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, $22.50 to $23 per barrel; mess, $19 to $19.50.

Lard—Strong; tierces, 12 1-4c; tubs, 12 1-2c; pails, 12 3-4c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 10 3-4 to 11c, tons and cases; hams, large, 12 1-2 to 13c; small, 13 1-2c to 14c; backs, 16 to 16 1-2c; shoulders, 10 to 10 1-2c; rolls, 10 1-4 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 14 1-2 to 15c; green meats out of pickle, le less than smoked.

SEEDS.

Prices at country points:

Alsike—Extra fancy lots, $7.50; No. 1, $6.75 to $7; No. 2, $6 to $6.25; No. 3, $5.75 to $6 per bushel.

Timothy—Prices are from $1.5 0to $2.10 per bushel, according to quality.

Red Clover—$4.50 to $5.25 per bushel. Fancy lots a little higher.

London, Jan. 9.—Calcutta linseed, January, 46c per 412 lbs.

BALED HAY AND STRAW.

Prices in car lots on track, Toronto, are:

Hay—No. 1, timothy, $11; inferior, $9 to $10.

Straw—Range is from $7 to $7.50, according to quality.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat—January 99 3-4c bid, July $1.03 3-8 bid, May $1.02 1-4 bid.

Oats—January 36 7-8c bid, May 41c bid.

TORONTO SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.50 per cwt., in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4.10 per cwt., in barrels. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots, 5c less.

PROVINCIAL MARKETS.

London—Drizzling rain helped to make the market small to-day; dressed pork scarce at $8.50 to $8.75 per cwt.; live hogs, $6.25 to $6.40 per cwt.; eggs, packed, 28c to 29c; eggs, fresh laid, 30c to 33c; butter, creamery, 26c to 27c; roll, 24c to 25c; crock, 23c to 24c; hay, per ton, $9.50 to $11; straw, per ton, $6 to $7.

Belleville—The live hog market has been quiet the past week, buyers paying $6 and $6.10; dressed hogs, $8 to $8.25; hay plentiful at $14 to $15; loose straw, $6 load, $10 ton, oats, 50c; butter, 25c to 30c; fresh eggs, 30c to 35c, mostly the latter; potatoes, 75c to 80c bag. Weather very mild.

Chatham—Market small; bad roads; export beef, 5c, though 80 head this week sold at 6c; common, live, 2 1-2c to 3 1-2c; dressed, 5 1-2c to 6 1-2c; hogs, dressed, 8c; live, 6 1-4c; market stiff; good export lambs 5c. Poultry, eggs and butter are higher and scarce. Hay, $8 to $9.50; straw, $3.50; butter, 25c to 28c; eggs, 30c; chickens, 35c to 55c; wheat, 90c; oats, 37c; barley, $1 cwt.; corn, shelled 55c, ear 50c; beans, $1.30 to $1.50; buckwheat, 40c; wool, washed 14c to 15c; unwashed 8c to 9c; potatoes, 90 to $1; apples, 90c to $1; ducks 50c; geest, $1.10 to $1.25.

Peterboro',—On the market dressed hogs are $8; live, $6.25. Hay has dropped; baled, $14; loose, $9 to $12. Butter, 24c to 28c; eggs, 30c to 35c.

St. Thomas—Market quotations to-day: Live hogs, for Monday delivery, $6; dressed hogs, $8 to $8.50; baled hay, $12; loose hay, $11; straw, $9; eggs, 30c; butter, 26c; turkeys, 18c pound; geese, 12 1-2c pound.

Stratford — Hogs, live, $6 to $6.15, dressed $8.50; cows, $3.50 to $4; dressed $6 to $6.50; steers and heifers, $4 to $4.50; dressed, $7 to $7.50; lambs, $5; dressed, $8; calves, $5; dressed, $8; wheat, 90c standard; oats, 37c standard; peas, 80c; barley, 43c to 50c; bran, 22c; shorts, 25c; hay $9 to $10; no straw; eggs, 28c to 30c; butter, 25c to 26c; potatoes, 50c; ducks, 50c to 60c; geese, $1; turkeys, 16c pound.

Owen Sound—Produce was quiet yesterday. The demand was not brisk, nor was the supply excessive. Butter continues to sell at 23c to 24c; fresh eggs, 28c to 29c; hogs, live $6, dressed $7.75, dressed, heavy, $7.50; hay, loose $9.50, pressed $11.50 to $12.

Niagara Falls—The attendance of farmers at the market on Saturday was fair and trade was brisk. There was an unusually large quantity of hay offered and it sold from $10 to $13 per ton. There were not many eggs offered and the supply was quickly purchased. Apples—Trade fair at 15c and 25c a basket, and $1 and $1.25 a bag. Beans—Active at $1.80 to $2 a bushel. Butter—Light supply at 27c to 31c per lb. Eggs—Light supply; selected, 35c to 40c; fresh, 30c to 35c. Dressed poultry—Supply fair and price low. Chickens—12c to 14c. Ducks—15c. Geese—15c. Turkeys—18c to 20c. Meats—Large supply, prices fair; beef, 8c to 15c; pork, 9c to 10c. Vegetables—Light supply and prices high; cabbage, 60c to 75c dozen; celery, 40c to 50c dozen, carrots, 20c to 25c dozen; potatoes, 60c bushel; onions, 80c bushel; cauliflower, 50c to $1 dozen; squash, 10c to 30c each.

COBALT MINING STOCKS.

The mining market during the past week was comparatively quiet, with prices somewhat narrow. There was little of interest in Saturday's market.

During December the Nipissing Mining Company mined ore of an estimated value of $132,535, and shipped ore of an estimated value of $148,000.

At the Meyer vein the west drift has been prepared for stopping. The vein shows a width from 2 to 8 inches, averaging 3,500 ounces over a distance of 40 feet.

At the Kendall shaft drifting proceeds both ways on the new cross vein. At the present time the north vein has faulted. Previously this vein averaged 4 inches in width and assayed 2,000 ounces.

At present the company is following the middle vein, which is in excellent condition. At present both drifts show up 150 feet of ore averaging three inches of 3,000 ounce ore.

A Montreal correspondent says: The fight between some of the large inside interests in Crown Reserve took on a new development, when Jas. A. Brook, one of the large holders, who is fighting the present board of directors to have them repeal certain by-laws, came out with the statement that his own personal holdings were larger than the combined holdings of four of the present directors. Mr. Brook is insisting on having the facts made public why the present suit resulted between President Carson and Fowler Ross.

The Bradshaw claims in the Montreal River district, in the vicinity of the Mother Lode Mining Company, has changed hands, having been purchased by the Toledo Mines Company for the sum of $100,000.

On the Little Nipissing lease, on the Peterson Lake, another fifty feet has been added to the shaft, making a total depth of 150 feet. From this level a cross-cut is being driven to the east to cut their large vein, which was drfited on under the lake on the upper level.

A force of twenty men are now engaged in active mining operations at the White-Hargraves property, under Superintendent Neiland. An old shaft was sunk on the property to a depth of seventy-five feet, and this shaft is being continued to the one hundred and twenty-five foot level, when a drift will be driven.

STANDARD EXCHANGE.

Saturday Morning Sales.

Amalgamated—100 at 12.

Beaver Consolidated—100 at 25, 200 at 25, 2,000 at 24¾, 200 at 25, 1,000 at 24¾, 300 at 25, 1,000 at 25, 1,000 at 25.

Chambers-Ferland—20 at 80, 200 at 80, 500 at 79.

Elkhart—1,000 at 23.

Foster—200 at 53, 500 at 53½, 200 at 53¼, 500 at 53, 500 at 53, 500 at 53¼, 500 at 53¼, 500 at 53¼, 25 at 53, 1,000 at 53, 500 at 53, 1,000 at 53, 200 at 53½, 1,000 at 54½, 500 at 53½, 550 at 53¼, 500 at 53½, 500 at 54, 500 at 53½, 500 at 53¼, 1,000 at 55½, 500 at 56, 1,500 at 53, 1,000 at 56, 500 at 56, 500 at 57, 500 at 57½, 500 at 56½, 500 at 56½, 1,000 at 57, 500 at 57¾, 500 at 57¾, 500 at 58, 500 at 58.

Cobalt Central—100 at 54, 200 at 54½.

Crown Reserve—150 at 2.69, 100 at 2.66, 100 at 2.64, 100 at 2.68.

Silver Leaf—1,500 at 14¾, 1,000 at 14⅝, 500 at 14½, 1,000 at 15, 500 at 15, 500 at 14¾, 500 at 14¾, 1,000 at 15, 500 at 15, 700 at 14¾, 500 at 13¾, 500 at 14¾.

La Rose—25 at 6.40.

McKin. Dar. Savage—500 at 1.00, 500 at 1.00, 500 at 1.00, 500 at 99.

Nova Scotia—1,000 at 62½, 500 at 62, 500 at 62, 500 at 62, 500 at 62½, 500 at 61½, 300 at 62, 250 at 62.

Peterson Lake—500 at 33½, 500 at 33½, 500 at 33½, 500 at 33¾, 100 at 34, 5,000 at 34, 5,000 at 33¾, 5,000 at 33¾, 100 at 34. Buyers' 60 days, 1,000 at 40, 1,500 at 38.

Rochester—700 at 23⅜, 1,000 at 23¾, 1,000 at 23¾, 500 at 23¾, 1,000 at 23½, 500 at 24, 100 at 24, 500 at 24.

Silver Queen—100 at 99.

Gifford—200 at 21½, 100 at 21¼, 500 at 20½, 500 at 21, 500 at 21.

Coniagas—50 at 6.50.

Otisse—200 at 46½.

Silver Bar—1000 at 53, 500 at 54½, 100 at 54½, 700 at 54¾, 100 at 54, 700 at 54¾, 500 at 55, 1500 at 55, 1000 at 55, 500 at 55½, 1500 at 56. Buyers 60 days, 1000 at 61, 1000 at 62.

Temiskaming—500 at 1.66, 500 at 1.65, 500 at 1.65½, 500 at 1.65½, 50 at 1.67, 1000 at 1.65½.

Cobalt Lake—500 at 18, 500 at 18, 1000 at 19, 500 at 18, 500 at 18.

Little Nipissing—50 at 41½, 265 at 40½, 1500 at 41, 200 at 41½, 500 at 41.

Trethewey—100 at 1.48.

Nipissing—10 at 10.00, 25 at 10.00.

TORONTO EXCHANGE.

—Saturday Morning Sales—.

Coniagas—75 at 6.70, 100 at 6.75, 400 at 6.75.

Rochester—500 at 24⅜, 2000 at 24½, 1000 at 24¼, 500 at 24¼, 500 at 24, 500 at 24¼, 100 at 24¼.

Chambers—200 at 80, 300 at 79½, 400 at 79.

Foster—150 at 55, 400 at 55, 500 at 55, 500 at 56, 100 at 55, 500 at 57½.

Little Nipissing—500 at 44½.

Kerr Lake—25 at 8.00.

Beaver—5000 at 25, 1000 at 25, 1000 at 25¼, 500 at 25.

Scotia—1000 at 61, 1000 at 61, 100 at 61, 1000 at 60½, 500 at 60⅝, 1000 at 60⅝, 500 at 60¼, 500 at 61, 500 at 61, 300 at 61, 200 at 61, 400 at 60⅝, 500 at 61.

McKinley—200 at 99.

Temiskaming xd.—1000 at 1.68½.

Trethewey—25 at 1.47, 500 at 1.50, 500 at 1.50, 100 at 1.50.

Silver Queen—200 a t98.

Otisse—500 at 42, 1000 at 42½.

Silver Leaf—200 at 14¼.

Peterson—200 at 34⅛, 500 at 34¼, 400 at 34.

Crown Reserve—500 at 2.65, 200 at 2.65, 500 at 2.65, 50 at 2.65, 100 at 2.65, 500 at 2.65.

New York, Jan. 11.— Cotton futures opened steady; Jan. $9.02, March $9.08, May $9.07, July $9.02, August $9.90⅜ to $8.90¼, Oct. $8.75, Dec. $8.73 to $8.74.

Edward M. Meehan, one of the best-known of newspaper printers, in Toronto, died after a short illness.

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CLEWS' REPORT.

New York, Jan. 9.—The first week of the new year has in some respects been a disappointment. The investment demand for stocks usually experienced at this period has not thus far materialized, and at present its prospects for so doing are somewhat remote. Prices for stocks are still very high, notwithstanding the decline of the last few weeks, and it is fully recognized that much of the prosperity that is likely to come to us in 1909 has been already fully, if not over, discounted. All the arts of manipulation have been resorted to to carry prices to a still higher level, but without success. Buyers for investment cannot be had at present figures, and there is but one conclusion remaining; that is the market for stocks must seek a lower level before renewed activity can be anticipated.

The local monetary outlook is entirely satisfactory unless it be that rates may again become too easy. Funds are now returning more freely from the interior, and the banks have gained from Treasury operations, the result being that both call and time money are showing a declining tendency.

One of the best features of the situation is the excellent demand for high-grade bonds.

The outlook for the market is still problematical. Speculative leaders have received a sharp blow, and their efforts to lift the market have been further impeded by the refusal of investors to buy stocks and their pronounced preference for bonds. Much less of the $180,000,000 of January disbursements have come back into stocks than usual, chiefly because prices are too high. With the prospect of easy money for the next two months at least, the position of the bond market is further strengthened. Stocks have altogether over-discounted the recovery of 1908, and they must return to a level more normal and more in keeping with the present conservative tone and moderate volume of general business.—Henry Clews.

DUN'S REVIEW.

Credit and confidence are again established on a firmer basis at the opening of the new year than at any time in the past fifteen months. Progress is steady and naturally slow, but is along very safe and satisfactory lines. The statement of commercial failures issued this week clearly shows a gradual wearing away of the effects of the financial pressure of the early months of last year, and this necessarily improves underlying conditions. The significant facts are that the defaulted liabilities per firm in business in the last quarter of 1908 are $29.46 and compare with $38.79 in the third quarter and $53.38 in the first, while the defaulted liabilities per $1,000 of bank exchanges were $1.09 in the fourth quarter, against $1.69 in the third and $2.62 in the first. That this influence is important in the commercial situation is important from the fact that credits are now freely granted and more inquiry is noted in the primary markets for leading staples, not only for immediate requirements, but for future supplies. While conservatism still characterizes operations in many markets, the development is along safe lines. Changes in prices this week are not significant, but generally in the direction of firmness. Employment in mills and factories is steadily maintained and advanced, with no disposition to lower the high wage scales previously prevailing, which will constantly improve the purchasing power of the people and add to the consumptive demand.

FAILURES LAST WEEK.

Commercial failures this week in the United States, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., are 337 against 301 last week, 240 the preceding week and 502 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 35, against 34 last week, 19 the preceding week and 42 last year. Of failures this week in the United States, 119 were in the East, 125 South, 72 West, and 21 in the Pacific States, and 132 report liabilities of $5,000 or more against 115 last week.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Jan. 11.— Cattle— Receipts, 42,000; 10 to 25c lower; beeves, $4 to $7.35; Texans, $4.25 to $5; westerners, $4 to $5.60; stockers and feeders, $3.25 to $5; cows and heifers, $1.75 to $5.50; calves, $7.50 to $9.25.

Hogs— Receipts, 80,000; 10c lower; light, $5.30 to $6; mixed, $5.55 to $6.15; heavy, $5.60 to $6.20; roughs, $5.60 to $5.75; good to choice heavy, $5.70 to $6.20; pigs, $4.25 to $5.35; bulk of sales, $5.70 to $6.05.

Sheep—Receipts, 26,000; steady; natives, $3.10 to $5.75; western, $3.15 to $5.35; yearlings, $5 to $7.25; lambs, natives, $5 to $8.

London copper opening: Spot £62 15s., off 5s. Futures £63 10s., off 5s. Weak.

London copper close: Spot £62 12s. Futures £63 7s. Decrease 2s for month.

Visible supply: Wheat, decrease 1,280,000; corn, increase, 159,000; oats, increase, 292,000.

Banks have gained $183,000 from sub-Treasury since Friday. Northern Pacific 1 3-4 per cent. ex-dividend shortly. It should recover.

Chicago car lots: Wheat 12-2, 14-28; corn 203-2-211-72; oats 13-15-23-182.

Transactions on the Toronto Stock Exchange:

Stocks.	Shares.	Price.
Winnipeg	80	60
Niagara	42	124½
Met. L. & P., ex-div.	20	73½
Dominion Steel	10	19⅞
	12	19½
Northern Nav.	15	105
Tor. Railway	5	111
	2	110½
Nipissing, ex-div.	25	10
Con. Gas, ex-div.	54	200
Mackay com.	39	74
Sao Paulo	25	152⅝
	10	152½
La Rose	350	640
	35	642
Twin	80	99
	150	99½
	25	99¾
Dominion	2	242
Commerce	30	174
Imperial	2	234
Hamilton	2	201

H. C. Simpson, Conservative, was elected in the bye-election in Virden, succeeding the late Hon. J. H. Agnew, Provincial Treasurer, by upwards of 150 majarity.

NEW YORK MARKETS

Noon letter reported by A. E. Carpenter, 102 King street east.

The early market developed aggressive attacks which carried some leading stocks to new low prices on the current reactionary movement. London sold 10,000 shares. Eries were weak on talk of receivership which probably has as its only basis the fact that as yet the public service Commission has not reached a decision regarding the proposed bond issue. $500,000 gold was taken for export. There was some support in AR on an advance of 1 1-8 cents in silver to 52-5-8 cents. The Harriman stocks were weak on feeling that the testimony in the UP case to be given by prominent personages later on is likely to bring out fears unfavorable to the company. This idea carries from the fact that last week some of the testimony was very strong in favor of the government contentions. RG was offered on talk of a possible adverse decision in the commodity case, but this decision is not due until after the 18th. Much business is now held up because of doubt as to what congress will do in the award. The belief is that current movements of money do not mean stringency. Probably the worst feature of the speculative situation is the quanty of stocks bought because information pointing to higher prices is available without much regard to values. One adverse influence was the proposed tax on coal. Business of the RI is reported 10 per cent over last year. Bulls call attention to the recent increases in freight rates, and the fact that corporations as a whole believe they will get cheap money. The offering of six millions of gas bonds to-day was largely over subscribed.

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Reported by A. E. Carpenter & Co., 102 King street east:

RAILROADS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	99.4	99.6	99.2	99.5
Brooklyn	67.6	68.7	67.2	68.3
Balt. & Ohio	109.7	110.2	109.5	109.7
Can. Pacific	175.6	176.1	175.5	176.1
Ches. & Ohio	56.4	57.2	56.2	57
Col. Southern	65.7	66.6	65	66.4
Del. & Hudson	177	177	176	176.1
Erie	31.4	31.6	29.7	30.4
Erie Firsts	47.2	47.2	41	45.4
Grt. Nor. pref.	145.1	145.3	144.5	145.1
Grt. West	8.4	8.4	8.2	8.3
Ills. Central	144.4	144.5	143	143.5
Louisville & N.	123	123	122.2	123
M. K. & T.	41.6	43.4	41.6	43.1
Nor. Pacific	140.5	142	140.5	140.6
N. Y. C	126.1	126.6	124.2	126
Norfolk & W.	85	86	85.4	85.6
Penna	132.2	132.7	131.4	132.3
Reading	138.5	139	137.2	138
Rock Island	24.6	25.1	24.2	24.6
Sou. Pacific	116.7	117.7	116.3	117.4
Southern Ry.	25.5	26	25.3	25.6
St. Paul	148	148.5	147.2	148
Texas	34.7	35.3	34.4	35.3
Third ave.	38	39.2	38	39
Twin City	99.2	88.4	99.2	99.2
Union Pac.	178	178.5	176.6	178.1
Wabash	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.5
INDUSTRIALS.				
Amal. Copper	82.1	82.2	80.5	81.4
Anaconda Cop.	48	48.2	48	48
Am. Car. Edy.	48.7	48.7	48	48.4
Am. Loco.	56.2	56.4	55.1	55.5
Am. Smelter	85.2	86.4	84.4	84.7
Col. Fuel	41.2	41.7	40.4	41.2
Distillers	37	37	36.3	36.7
Con. Gas.	127.4	129.2	126.4	129.2
Lead	76.6	77.4	76.4	77
Westinghouse	84	84	84	84
Rep. Steel	25	25.4	25	25
Sugar	128	128	127.2	127.2
Sloss Shef.	77	78	77	18
U. S. Steel	52	52.1	51.4	51.6
U. S. Steel pref.	113.1	113.2	112.5	112.7
Vir. Chem	44.4	44.4	43.6	44
Am. Cot. Oil	43.2	43.2	42.6	43.1

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Toronto Cobalt Stocks, reported by A. E. Carpenter, 102 King street east:

	Asked.	Bid.
City of Cobalt	2.45½	2 44
Chambers Ferland	82	79½
Cobalt Central	56	53
Buffalo	3 75	3 06
Cobalt Lake	18	17½
Coniagas	7 00	6 45
Crown Reserve	2 68	2 65
Foster	56¾	56½
Green Meehan	20	19
Hudson Bay	3 50	3 25
Kerr Lake	8 00	797
Little Nipissing	40¾	40½
McKin. Dar. Sav.	1 00	97
Nipissing	10¼	9¾
Nova Scotia	63½	
Peterson Lake	34	33½
Silver Leaf	14¾	14½
Silver Bar	62½	62
Silver Queen	95	92
Temiskaming	1 67	1 66½
Trethewey	1 48½	1 47¾
Watts	50	35
La Rose	6 30	6 25
Beaver	25¼	24¾
Otisse	46	44
Right of Way	3 60	3 00
Amalgamated	14	11
Gifford	22	21
Rochester	22¼	21½
Elkhart	24	21
Nancy	85	70

TORONTO BANK STOCKS.

Reported by A. E. Carpenter:

	Asked.	Bid.
Sao Paulo	152⅝	152
Toronto Railway		110
Twin City	99⅝	99
Bank of Commerce	114½	
Dominion	245	242
Hamilton	201	200
Imperial	234	233
Merchants	166	
Toronto		226
Montreal	248	244
Standard	243	240
Traders		137
Nova Scotia	287	
Molsons		200
Union	135	

Brief Conversation.

There is a Government official in Washington to whom an unnecessary or inane question is as a red rag to a bull.

Last summer he made his usual trip to Europe. On the first day out from New York he was strolling on the promenade deck, when suddenly there appeared before him a man whom he had not seen for years.

"Why, professor!" exclaimed the man. "To meet you, of all men! Are you going across?"

"Yes," growled the professor. "Are you?"—Harper's Weekly.

Walter Fanning, a young man from Dartford, was committed to Cobourg jail on a charge of stealing a horse from Wm. Hooper, of Percy township.

EXPRESS CO.'S

Question of Rates Again Up Before Commission.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The Railway Commission took up the case of the express companies this morning where they left off in Montreal last week, with Chairman Mabee criticising the companies with bad faith in raising their rates contrary to their promise while the matter was before him. This morning the ball was opened by Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., and counsel for the Canadian Northern Express Company. He made a defence of the position of the companies. As for his company, he stated that the draft classification had been submitted to the commission in March, 1907; the revised classification in May, 1908. Application for approval was made the June following, and in July the commission suggested numerous changes. These transactions, he declared, showed that the commission had not been surprised, but had considered the whole matter carefully.

Judge Mabee remarked that he could not control the press, and said that in Montreal he had not used the word "deceived."

Mr. Balfour, for the companies, admitted that this had been the understanding.

Judge Mabee said there had been a distinct understanding that the rates should not be increased, and they were increased. Judge Mabee then remarked: "I don't suppose that any one is to blame but myself for not going fully into the case before I signed the order. In future I will do this."

LET BURGLARS OFF.

Gananoque Man Choked to Death While at Dinner.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 11.—A chance to put a stop to a series of house-burglaries was let slip on Saturday night by Arthur Ellis, architect of this city. Entering his house on University avenue, about nine o'clock in the evening, he found two burglars in the act of making away with his valuables. The architect searched the men and, finding nothing in the pockets of one of them, he allowed him to depart. The other thief disgorged his plunder, and on his knees begged Mr. Ellis to show mercy. The architect yielded, and made the burglar promise to give up his evil ways. This is undoubtedly the pair of thieves who have been plundering many stores and residences for several months past and the police regret that such leniency was shown them.

Sister Donnelly, daughter of the late John Donnelly, Burgess, died yesterday in the Hotel Dieu Convent, aged 47 years. She joined the order of religious hospitals in July, 1889.

John Cheevers, a resident of Gananoque, choked to death while at dinnner yesterday at his daughter's, Mrs. J. Laughton. A piece of meat became lodged in his throat and all efforts to dislodge it proved futile.

THE MINE DISASTER.

All Victims Out of Zeigler Miue---Work to be Resumed.

Duquoin, Ill., Jan. 11.—With the recovery of additional bodies during the night it is thought that all victims of the Sunday explosion at the Leiter Coal Mine in Zeigler have been accounted for. Most of the corpses are so mutilated that identification is difficult. Four of the victims were negroes, four are Americans and thirteen are foreigners. Efforts to establieh the cause of the explosion are in progress, but thus far few of the theories agree. Exports who had examined the mine, after the recent fire in it, declared it safe and preparations for resumption of mining had been made. The men killed yesterday were cleaning up the last of the debris left by the fire fighters and it had been expected that coal would be hoisted to-day.

It is likely that operations will be resumed at an early date.

TAFT THE CHOICE.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 11.—Wm. H. Taft, of Ohio, and Jas. Sherman, of New York, were declared the official choice of the New York State Electoral College for president and vice-president of the United States.

At the Alexandra.

To-night another of those very enjoyable block competitions will be the attraction at the Alexandra. These contests are becoming more popular every time they are held and will no doubt draw a large number of spectators as well as skaters, as plenty of musement is furnished for all. Get your costumes ready for the Big Rube Carnival Friday evening, Jan. 22nd.

AN ALL ROUND ATHLETE.

Mr. Prim—I'm taking a little canter now every day before dinner.

Mrs. Prim—Yes, I know, and a pretty big de-canter after dinner.

FELL IN THE BAY.

Complaints have been made to Fishery Inspector Kerr about fish holes in the ice being left unprotected. On Saturday night a lad fell into one hole and yesterday a young man got another. Mr. Kerr gave every fish hut owner instructions that when huts were moved the holes must be protected, but his words do not seem to have been heeded in some cases.

Alex. McDonald, known as "The King of the Klondike," died suddenly at Clear Creek.

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MOURNS TWO GOOD MEN.

Funerals of Wm. Powell and J. M. Knowles in Dundas.

Dundas, Jan. 11.—The funeral of the late Wm. Powell took place on Saturday afternoon and was well attended. Interment was in Grove cemetery. Rev. Mr. Henry conducted the funeral services and the pallbearers were his two sons, Harry and John, his two sons-in-law, J. Hunter, of Seaforth, and R. W. Karsh and W. A. Davidson and a nephew, W. Pestel, of Toronto. Few men in Dundas enjoyed in a higher degree the respect and good will of all than did the deceased, and although he lived to the good old age of 81 years, his death was sincerely regretted by all.

The funeral of the late J. M. Knowles, whose sudden death last Friday shocked the entire community, took place yesterday afternoon and was one of the largest Dundas funerals for many years. Rev. Mr. Harvey conducted the church services and the burial services were conducted by the Masonic fraternity. The I. O. O. F., the C. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W. and other societies also participated. The floral offerings were many and magnificent. The honorary pallbearers were, Col. Grafton, Jas. C. Brown, R. T. Wilson, H. F. Powell, W. H. Bates and J. McMurray. The acting pallbearers were, Wm. Hardy, James Irwin, Wm. Lawson, E. A. Woodhouse, W. G. Mallett and W. H. Moss.

At the close of the regular church services last evening a meeting was hold in the Methodist Church, the object being to secure a reduction of the number of licenses issued in the town for next license year. W. J. Kerr presided. The speakers were C. P. McGregor and Frank W. Coote, of Hamilton. Both speakers were well received and their addresses were appreciated. Mr. McGregor strongly urged upon the citizens their duty in all measures of moral reform and charged the responsibility for the evils of the liquor traffic and other evils on the people themselves. In his address, which was earnest and convincing he spoke approvingly of woman suffrage, his contention being that women with the ballot would be a power for good in all moral and social reforms.

Mr. Coote submitted convincing statistics to show that in communities where the liquor traffic is outlawed, the people are more thrifty and prosperous as shown by their increased savings and their improved surroundings. Other meetings, it is said, are to follow, the object being to arouse the latent feelings of the respectable community against the bar and its evils. A solo well rendered by Mrs. John Douglass brought a good meeting to a close.

A dog fight, of much greater than ordinary ferocity, took place about noon on Saturday, on King street near Kerwin's corner. The combatants were a bulldog and a hound. The bull soon had the best of the encounter, holding the hound by the ear and defying the efforts of his owner and others to loosen his grip, the hound meanwhile howling hideously and bringing to witness the combat dogs innumerable and people many from considerable distances. The bull was finally induced to leave go by the application to his nose of a gasoline torch by Frank Nelson, the plumber and electrician, whose shop was close at hand.

LOST TWO FINGERS.

Archie Gibson, a small boy living with his parents at 708 King street east, had his hand so badly crushed on Saturday afternoon while playing around the car barns at Sanford avenue and King street, that two of his fingers had to be amputated. The lad was fooling around the cars and a heavy draw bar, used to connect cars, fell on his hand, crushing it.

HIS HANDS BURNED.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening, while lighting a gas jet, a match head flew off and set fire to some curtains in a bedroom at the residence of Fred Roblin, 4 West avenue north. The fire department were called out, and managed to put the blaze out with a chemical line. Mr. Roblin had his hands burned in trying to check the flames before the department arrived.

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Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain conditions a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

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