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The Theater of Today.

Badger—The theater is so different from what it was. It is but a fleeting show, so to speak. There's nothing stable about it.

Widgit—That's too bad, by George, considering the amount of horse play there is in it.—Boston Transcript.

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pruned, Punctuated and Preserved in Pithy Paragraphs for the Perusal of Practical People—Social, Political and Profitable.

THE FINANCIAL WORLD.

The Imperial Bank of Germany has reduced its rate of discount from 5 to 4 per cent.

THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

The harvest in Austro-Hungary is much shorter than was anticipated and large importations will be necessary.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

Exports to America from North Germany show a falling off during the last quarter of $3,231,813. The decrease was principally in sugar.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

General William Booth, accompanied by Commander Nicol and Colonel Lawley, left New York for Boston en route to St. John, N. B., where his Canadian tour will begin.

SUICIDES.

John E. Walters, an eccentric blacksmith of Stratford, tried to cut his throat, but was prevented. He is a bachelor, aged about 50, and has been acting strangely of late. He will likely recover.

THE DEAD.

Mr Robert Rankin, chairman of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, is dead at Liverpool, Eng.

James A. Ross, proprietor of the Ross House, East London, died on Sunday after a long illness, leaving a grown-up family.

The Very Rev. Henry George Liddell, the former dean of Christ Church, Oxford, is dead. He was born in 1811, and was at one time chaplain to the Prince Consort.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The Bakers' Union of Chicago has begun a war against the American Biscuit Company, and intends to strike against all employers of non-union bakers.

The White Rock Cotton Mill at Westerly, R. I., has shut down owing to a strike of 150 weavers and spinners. The strike was caused by a reduction in wages.

The strike in the New England cotton mills continues with little change in the situation. There is a feeling, however, that at Fall River a general strike is impending.

The bread riots in Naples, Italy, were continued yesterday. The troops had trouble in maintaining order. The rioters are Anarchists and Socialists. The trouble is spreading to other towns.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Dr. Woods has been elected Mayor of Aylmer, Quebec.

Plague is again threatened with serious disturbances and the troops have been called out.

The city health authorities officially declare that Montreal is completely clear of smallpox.

Mayor-elect Prefontaine is credited with having a "Greater Montreal" scheme in view. The idea is to bring the whole of Montreal Island under one government.

It is said that after an absence of almost four years from the leadership of Tammany Hall, has resigned his office as chairman of the Finance Committee of the organization. Richard Croker and will be chairman of the Finance Committee of the organization.

THE FIRE RECORD.

There was a $1,500 fire in Thompson's tin-smithing shop, Ottawa, on Sunday.

Fire damaged the Metropolitan car shed and rolling stock to the extent of $15,000 on Sunday night.

Fire at Ionia, Mich., destroyed the Webber block, the business block in the city. Loss $40,000, insurance $35,000.

Mr. Malcolm McPherson, an old resident of Colborne, died from apoplexy on Sunday, aged 75. He came to Canada in 1842 and settled at Colborne. He moved from there to Colborne 24 years ago.

Two mischievous boys at Wheeling, W. Va., touched a match to a spray of coal oil issuing from a Standard Oil Co.'s pipe line from Sistersville. Nearly 2,000 barrels of oil was consumed before the conflagration ended.

POLITICAL.

Dr. Michaelles, Counsellor of the Foreign Office, has been appointed German Minister at Port au Prince, Hayti, in succession to Courtemanche. Prince, Hayti, in succession to Courtemanche. Luxburg, placed temporarily on the retired list.

Senator Pinheiro, Senators Jose Mariano and Timotes Castro, members of the Chamber of Deputies, Brazil, and two civilians, all of Para, were accused of complicity in the recent President Marques and the existing Government have been tried by the Extraordinary Tribunal and acquitted at liberty.

The French people are becoming greatly agitated over the Dreyfus affair. There was a heated discussion in the Chamber of Deputies, the Monarchists defending themselves against charges from the Left-ists and demanding a vote of confidence on their military and general policy. The vote resulted for the government by 310 to 252.

FOR MEN OF WAR.

It is now stated that Spain's power in Cuba rests on her ability to suppress disorder in Havana.

Now Italy is about to send a warship to Hayti to demand reparation for alleged wrongs to subjects of King Humbert.

The Marquis of Lansdowne has accepted the position of honorary colonel of the 15th Battalion, Argyle Light Infantry, of Belleville, Ont.

At Wilmington, Del., Capt. Murphy was tried in the United States District Court, charged with filibustering in connection with the former Laurada. He was declared not guilty.

There has been a responsible statement that the Government has decided to add 7,000 men to the navy, and that the first-class battleship Hannibal, now at Portsmouth, is to be put at once into commission. There is, however, no official information or confirmation in either case.

The greater part of camp No. 10½ at the Jucaro extremity of the military tramcha, in the province of Santa Clara, Cuba, has been blown up with dynamite by the insurgents. The barracks were destroyed and a number of lives were lost, while many persons were wounded. Details of the disaster have not been received. The Government troops lost 27 killed and 48 wounded in the recent engagement with the rebels.

PERSONAL.

Former Attorney-General Morrison of Newfoundland is likely to be raised to the Supreme Court bench shortly.

Mrs. Ballington Booth has been removed from the Presbyterian Hospital in New York to her home at Mount Clare, N.J. Her condition is much improved.

John M. Scott, ex-Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, died at Bloomington. He was 75 years old. He was an intimate friend of Abraham Lincoln and David Davis.

It is said that Stewart Paisley, who claimed he was assaulted and robbed near Mount Albert, left his home being married two days, sent his bride to her parents and went to the Northwest.

Thomas E. Smith, a colored porter, who was on the train that was plunged into the Hudson River at Gravesend, N.Y., last October, and was instrumental in saving Lord Dougias of Hawick from death or serious injury, and manfully stuck to his post, has been presented by His Lordship with a solid gold watch and chain inscribed: "Presented to T. E. Griffin, in recognition of his manly conduct on October 24, 1897, by Douglas of Hawick."

UNCLASSIFIED.

The Island of Jamaica has been declared free from yellow fever.

Students' riots continue in Paris, but so far there has been nothing more serious than noise.

Joseph Folk of Kelly's Island, Ill., sold his two daughters for $100 to satisfy a debt which he had not the cash to pay.

The Surgeon-General of the United States believes there are many more cases of leprosy in the great republic than the people know of.

It is stated that the estate of the late James G. Fair of San Francisco, instead of being $30,000,000, only totals $12,228,998, according to itemized figures.

E. B. Scroggie of Montreal has eleven reindeer in his park at Black River. They have just arrived from Lapland and will be sent to the Klondike in the spring.

The bread riots in Italy have been suppressed. Distress and hunger drove the people to violence, and now the Government will do something to relieve them.

Ex-President Cleveland has bought 85 acres of land between Princeton and Princeton, N.J., which he intends converting into a game preserve and sportsman's paradise.

The London Street Railway Co. is to be sued for $5,000 damages for the death of William Spice of Missouri, who was killed Dec. 17 last by a car backing down to Pottersburg.

During the past week the deaths from the bubonic plague in India numbered 851. From all causes there were 1,540 deaths. The exodus is increasing and business is stagnant.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

Ed. Clark, a grain shoveller of Buffalo, tied his wife's hands and beat her to death with a scoop-shovel on Tuesday night.

George Lawlor, a tramp, has been sentenced to six months in the Central Prison and twelve lashes for criminally assaulting a little girl.

Mrs. Augusta Nack has been taken from New York to Auburn Prison, where she is to serve her sentence of 15 years for her part in the murder of Guldensuppe.

News received at Quebec tells how a band of Indians at Fort Hope Post, in the Hudson Bay Co.'s territory, killed, cut to pieces and burned one of their number.

William Booth of Silver Lake, Ont., convicted of housebreaking and robbery, has been sentenced by County Magistrate Deacon of Lindsay to a year and a half in the Central Prison.

The trial of Tom Nulty for the murder of his sisters and brother in Rawdon, Quebec, has been going on at Joliette for three days. No new evidence of importance has been brought out so far.

Hewitt Bostock, M.P., has been committed at Victoria, B.C., to stand trial on a charge of criminal libel upon Messrs. Turner and Pooley. All four of the gentlemen accused have now been committed and will probably come up for trial at the Spring Assizes.

Warden Monteith of Perth, and Wm. Low, a Stratford milkman, were stopped Saturday night by highwaymen about a mile and a half from that city. They got 35 cents out of the Warden, who with Mr. Low, drove back and lodged information with the Stratford police. There were three of them.

William J. Hallum, a Detroit lineman, was instantly killed on Thursday by touching a live wire while at work.

At London Flagman George Booth, aged about 60, was struck by passenger train No. 62, due in Toronto at 12.10, and so badly injured that he died in two hours.

Daniel Bowerman was found dead in his mill near Picton with marks of cogs on the side of his head. He is supposed to have been struck while fixing the machinery.

W. W. Ashby, United States Consul, Dr. Hafoman, German Consul, Master Mechanic Mott and four others, are supposed to have been drowned at Colon, Colombia, in a boating accident.

The Atlantic Coast Line trains from New York to Florida, and a local from Charleston collided 80 miles west of Charleston. Two men were killed and a number injured.

The 8-months-old daughter of Louis Gauthier, a civil servant at Ottawa, was choked to death yesterday by a piece of candy which a little girl had given her in Mrs. Gauthier's absence.

August Mickerson, a sailor, died at Port Townsend, Wash., after living 11 days with a broken neck. Mickerson had fallen from the main yard through a hatch into the hold, a distance of 48 feet.

A St. Petersburg despatch says: Forty persons were killed and 18 injured by an explosion of gas in one of the mines of the Donetzgzer Company, in the Taganrog district, on the north shore of the Sea of Azov.

Two Grand Trunk trains came together at Stoney Creek while shunting, and caused considerable damage, but no loss of life. The telegraph operator had to jump out of the back window to save himself from injury. No one was hurt.

London, Ont., had a fierce blizzard raging all Sunday. A number of telegraph wires are reported down in this section. The railway lines connecting here, although having a hard time to keep their tracks clear, report all trains on time. A large two-story brick dwelling in the course of erection on King street east, the property of W. J. Thompson, carriage manufacturer, was partially demolished by the wind.

A RAILROAD HORROR.

The Maine Provincial Express Derailed on Saturday—Miraculous Small Loss of Life—Others May Die.

Old Town, Maine, Jan. 31.—The St. John train, No. 29, or what is called here the Provincial Express, was wrecked in the cut at Orono Basin Mills at 3.45 Saturday afternoon, and six cars, including the smoker, were turned topsy turvy into the ditch. One of the passenger cars, in which were a large number of people, was almost entirely demolished. Two persons were killed and more than a score injured, several probably fatally. The dead are: Jennie S. Murray, St. Stephen, N.B.; Mrs. D. Cunningham, Troy, Maine.

The probably fatally injured are: Daniel Cunningham, Troy, Maine, badly crushed about head and legs; Howard L. Maddow, Skowhegan, Me., student at University of Maine, fractured skull; Stanley Bean, Berlin Falls, N.H., compound fracture of skull; C. E. Whittier, Skowhegan, internally injured and cut about head; Mrs. John Treat, Enfield, Me., fracture of ribs, scalp wounds and other injuries; Julian H. Merrill, Portland, spine injured.

Did Stull Commit Murder?

St. Catharines, Jan. 31.—Mr. William Duff, shoemaker, of this city, has a strange story, and it is told in such a manner as to bear the imprint of truth. The story is, in a word, to the effect that James Stull, who was sent to the penitentiary for burglary at Smithville, is implicated in a murder mystery that agitated the people of Detroit and Windsor away back in 1884. Mr. Duff has had his evidence taken by Chief Cummings, and the statement has been sent to the Detroit police. The evidence states that on the day the murder was committed he met Stull on a train on the way to Windsor. He and other man with Stull tried to persuade him to go into another car. After Duff declined they forced a conversation with the lady murdered, saying their mother was in the car ahead. She got up and went with Stull, and the train crossed the river on the transfer boats. This was the last seen of the lady alive. The best detectives worked on the case, but could never trace their man. It is expected the evidence sent in will cause the Windsor authorities to place Stull on trial.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Mr. Washburn's residence at Paisley was damaged $800, and the contents about $400, by fire on Saturday.

Burns & Co.'s boot and shoe store and contents, at Whitby, were all destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Insurance, $700 on building; on stock $1,000.

THE WRECK OF THE CORONA.

Her 247 Passengers as Well as the Crew Were Saved.

Horses and Dogs Intended for the Klondike Were Also Taken Off—The Steamer Then Sank Stern Foremost—Passengers Were Exposed to the Elements While Huddled on Lewis Island and Suffered a Good Deal.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Word was received by the Canadian Pacific Railway passenger department yesterday conveying the information that the steamers Corona and Coquitlam have been wrecked on the Northern Pacific coast. The former is a large vessel belonging to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, carrying 247 passengers, and is a total wreck. She sailed from Seattle, Wash., Jan. 20. The Coquitlam, a small boat with 40 passengers, sailed from Vancouver on the same date. No particulars are given regarding the safety of the passengers. Both vessels were engaged in the carrying of passengers who are bound for the Klondike.

Crushed on the Reef.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 31.—Further particulars have been received of the wreck of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Corona on a reef at the southeast point of Lewis Island, 480 miles north of Victoria, opposite the mouth of the Skeena River, on Sunday, Jan. 23.

The Corona sailed from Seattle with 247 passengers for Juneau, Dyea and Skaguay on Thursday, Jan. 20. She carried a cargo of seven hundred tons, together with ten horses and 38 dogs. This was to have been her final Alaskan trip, as she was to return to the San Francisco and San Diego run and be replaced by the Queen.

Women and Children Taken Off.

At 5.05 o'clock Sunday morning, when 480 miles from Victoria, in what is known as Arthur Passage, the steamer suddenly crashed upon the reef. The first shock was followed by several lesser ones, as the vessel's headway ground her further upon the rocks. Most of the passengers were up, awaiting the breakfast call, but a scene of indescribable confusion followed the rocking of the ship, when her engines were reversed in an effort to get her off the rocks. When she finally settled down the officers and crew succeeded in calming the panic stricken passengers, and Captain Pierce at once ordered the boats lowered and pumps to be worked.

As soon as it was ascertained that the vessel was taking water Captain Pierce ordered the women and children into the boats, and at 7.35 a.m. the first boat, in charge of Second Officer Marshall, put off for the nearest land, Lewis Island. Seven boats were manned and the passengers were all landed in two trips without accident.

Dogs and Horses Saved.

The hand baggage and that in the forward hold was then transferred and the dogs and horses saved. Mattresses and blankets from the cabin state room were also landed for the accommodation of the shipwrecked passengers.

At 9 o'clock the Corona had settled so far that the fires under the main boilers were extinguished. Later Captain Pierce ordered Purser Ballantine to take the mail ashore and at 11.45 the captain ordered the rest of the crew ashore and followed himself. Twenty minutes later, the steamer sank, stern foremost, with her bow hanging to the rock upon which she struck.

About 2.30 p.m. the tug Golden Gate with a barge in tow passed and answered the signal of distress, but the sea being too heavy to admit of her parting with her tow she proceeded and returned next morning, when Captain Pierce despatched her to Mary Island with the news of the wreck.

Sufferings on Lewis Island.

A severe storm which struck the camp added to the sufferings of the hapless passengers huddled upon Lewis Island, which continued until Wednesday. On Wednesday night at 8.05 the steamer Danube was sighted and answered the signal fired from the point. Captain Pierce boarded the Danube in a canoe manned by Siwashes from an adjacent island. Upon her return he conveyed the glad news that the steamers Alki and Elder were close behind the Danube and would relieve them, the Danube proceeding on her way south with the news of the disaster. It was supposed that one of the two vessels would turn back to Fort Wrangel with such passengers as desired to proceed north, while the other would bring the remainder to Seattle.

CENSURED BY THE VATICAN.

The Ban Placed on Le Soleil by Bishop Labrecque Caused All the Trouble.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Rome has censured one of the bishops of French Canada, and it is said that ecclesiastical history will be searched back a great number of years without finding a similar case of Vatican displeasure. Mgr. Labrecque, Bishop of Chicoutimi, has taken very strong ground from the very first against the Laurier-Greenway school settlement, and during the early days of the discussion His Lordship forbade the reading of Mr. Pacaud's paper, Le Soleil, in the diocese of Chicoutimi. In a document just received by the Metropolitan, at Quebec, Rome makes known to His Grace that Mgr. Labrecque overstepped his power and jurisdiction in condemning Le Soleil, and that the desire is expressed that His Lordship shall withdraw his edict without delay.

The politicians here of all colors agree that Sir Charles Tupper's interview practically read Sir Adolphe Chapleau out of the Conservative party. Those who read between the lines and those who had private interviews with the veteran leader declare that Sir Charles fully believes in the identity of the extracts of the Chapleau-Tarte epistle.

The Aerial Railway Completed.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 31.—Hugh C. Wallace, President of the Chilcoot Railroad and Transportation Company, has advices of the completion of the company's aerial railway over the Chilcoot Pass to Lake Lindermann. This marks a new era for Klondike travel, as the time between tide water and the headwaters of the Yukon River is shortened from a month to one day, besides removing the peril and hardships. The company made a contract with the Canadian Government at 15c per pound for transportation of all its freight for the Mounted Police from Dyea to Lake Lindermann.

THE MURDER TRIALS.

A Witness Who Swore That on the Day of Her Arrest Mrs. Poirier Was Advised to Confess.

St. Scholastique, Que., Jan. 31.—A great number of witnesses were called by the defence. Saturday afternoon, but no one gave important evidence.

Zoel Corbeil, farmer of St. Augustine, stated that a month ago Coroner Mignault said that on the day of her arrest he said to the prisoner: "If you want to save your life it is better for you to confess." The Crown called other witnesses to prove that there was no light on the night of the murder, as stated by Joseph Fortier of St. Scholastique. The court adjourned until 2 o'clock on Monday and Justice Taschereau, in the forenoon, will visit the scene of the murder.

THE NULTY CASE.

Defence All in and Rebuttal Testimony Introduced—No New Points.

Joliette, Que., Jan. 31.—The defence closed their case on Saturday, after taking Dr. Lesage's testimony. The Crown then had another innings and began their rebuttal evidence.

James Mason, captain 53rd Regiment, sworn, said Tom Nulty had belonged to his company and turned out to be a good soldier. Saw the prisoner the day after the murder and asked Tom where he had spent the morning of the previous day. He received an evasive answer. In the course of their conversation, Tom said: "You surely don't suspect me!"

Jules Crevier said Tom Nulty had applied for work in his lumber shanty on the afternoon of the day of the murders.

Octave Riopelle, who had known the family for 53 years, swore that he never knew that Tom's grandfather was a drunkard, or that his grandmother died of a species of insanity. He also stated that prisoner's father had remarked that his son would surely be hanged for the crime.

A Study of Love.

Love between a man and a woman of equal mind is like fluid in a U tube—always at a level in the two arms. Great love on one side and little love on the other exists only in novels. There can be one-sided physical love, but that is not worthy the name love.—Austin O'Malley.

Necessary Material.

"Yes, I've got lots of fresh material for my new story."

"What is it?"

"Pens, ink and paper."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The city of Banjan, in Great Bucharia, is cut in the side of a mountain. There are 12,000 artificial caves, some very large, and two statues, one 90 and the other 20 feet high, each hewn from a single stone.

ARTILLERY PRACTICES

The Programme Arranged by the Dominion Association for 1898 Competions.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—A special meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association was held here Saturday in the office of the Director of Stores, Militia Department. Important business was transacted, having reference to the programme of this year's artillery competitions, and the visit of the British team. Lieut.-Col. Irwin, chairman of council, presided. The officers present as well as the proxy votes sent in, were unanimous in favor of St. John, and accordingly the New Brunswick city will be the scene of the heavy gun and ordnance competitions.

The following programme was agreed upon, the understanding being that the dates of the competitions are to be so arranged as to fit in with both garrison and field artillery:

(a) Group firing, 2 guns, 64 pr. moving target, depression range firing.

(b) Group firing, 2 guns, 40 pr. moving target, depression range firing.

(c) Single gun, 64 pr. stationary target.

(d) Single gun, 40 pr. combined with disabled ordinance.

(e) Shifting ordinance competition, 64 pr. "A" and "B" shifts.

These competitions will occupy about one week at St. John.

Following the St. John meet will come the field artillery competitions at Deseronto.

Reindeer for Transportation Work.

The Department of Trade and Commerce has received a communication from Mr. Sentum, agent of the department, from Christiania, Norway. He mentions that parties at present visiting Trondhem, Norway, are purchasing 1,000 reindeer for a company which proposes to utilize them in the Canadian Yukon. One hundred men have been engaged for the purpose of assisting in the transportation of these animals to this continent.

U. S. Yukon Relief Expedition.

The Customs Department has been advised that the American relief expedition will leave Portland, Ore., about Feb. 1, and will proceed northward in two divisions, one taking the Dalton route, the other the Chilkoot trail. An Order-in-Council must be passed here permitting the supplies to enter Canadian territory free. Unofficial advices point to an early settlement of the customs difficulties now prevailing on the western frontier.

Sir Robert Peel's Effects Sold.

London, Jan. 31.—Sir Robert Peel's personal effects at Drayton Manor, Tamworth, were sold at auction Saturday under a sheriff's execution. A crowd of Sir Robert's neighbors was present.

WARNING TO FARMERS.

In Toronto One Lost 5 Cents Per Bushel by Not Driving to Market—Local Prices.

Saturday Evening, Jan. 29.

Cheese is 6d lower in Liverpool.

Cash wheat in Chicago unchanged at $1.08.

Liverpool wheat futures 1½d for March and ½d higher for May.

Leading Markets.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	0 08	$0 1 67½
New York	1 08	0 98¾
Milwaukee, No. 1 Northern	0 98	0 96½
St. Louis	0 98½	0 98½
Toledo	0 95¾	0 98¾
Detroit	0 98	0 98
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 96½	....
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 95¾	0 95¾
Toronto, red	0 99	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard	1 07	....

Toronto Grain and Produce.

FLOUR—The flour market was quiet to-day, with a moderate demand. Straight rollers are quoted at $3.90 to $4 in wood, middle freights.

WHEAT—The market to-day was hardly as active, but it ruled as steady. Sales of red winter are reported at 67c west, and spring at 67c on Midland. Goose wheat 66c on Midland. No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted at $1.03 Midland and at $1.07 to $1.08 North Bay.

BARLEY—The market is quiet, with No. 2 quoted at 32c to 34c west, No. 3 extra at 29c to 30c and feed at 27c west.

OATS—The market is firm, with sales west at 27c for white and 26½c on Midland at 27½c to 28c, mixed 26c west.

PEAS—The market is firm, with prices quoted at 54c to 55c, higher freights.

BUCKWHEAT—The market is steady, with cars quoted at 32c west and at 33c on Midland.

RYE—The market rules firm, with sales at 47c to 47½c west and 48c east.

CORN—The market is quiet and prices unchanged. Car lots quoted at 28c to 28½c west for new yellow.

BRAN—The demand is fair, but offerings are limited. Bran is quoted at $10 to $11 middle freights, and shorts, at $12 to $12.50, middle freights.

OATMEAL—The market is firm, with quotations $3.70 in bags and $3.40 in barrels on track.

PROVISIONS—Trade is quiet, with prices steady. Bacon, long clear, 8c to 8½c. Breakfast bacon, 11c to 12½c. Hams, 8½c to 9c. Mess pork $14.50 to $15.00; do., short cut, $15.50 to $16.00; do., shoulder mess, $13.50. Hogs, dressed, 7½c to 12c. Lard steady at 6¾c for tierces, 6c to 6c for tubs and 7½c for pails. Compound, 5½c to 6c.

POTATOES—The market is quiet, with car lots quoted at 55c to 58c per bag on track.

HOPS—Trade quiet, with choice quality quoted at 14c to 16c, and old 8c to 10c.

DRIED APPLES—Trade is quiet, prices quotable at 4½c to 5c per lb.

Evaporated, 8½c to 9c per lb.

HIDES—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. Cured are quoted at 9½c to 10c. Dealers quote green at 9c to 9½c for No. 1, 8c to 8½c for No. 2 and at 7c to 7½c for No. 3. Sheepskins, $1.05 to $1.15. Tallow 2½c to 3c per lb. for rendered.

WOOL—Fleece is nominal. Pulled supers in fair demand at 20½c to 21c, and extras at 22c to 23c.

Toronto St. Lawrence Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were not large, only 2000 bushels all told. Wheat firmer, 400 bushels sold as follows: White 82½c to 83c, red 90c and goose 82½c per bushel. Rye firmer, 100 bushels selling at 40c.

Barley firmer, 500 bushels brought from 35c to 38c. Oats sold at 30½c to 32c for 700 bushels. Peas firmer at 56c to 61c for 200 bushels.

Hay $7 to $9 per ton for 15 loads. Straw 3 loads sold at $6 to $7 per ton.

Hogs, dressed unchanged, with receipts light. The receipts of vegetables, potatoes, apples, poultry, butter and eggs were light to-day, poultry being scarce, prices accordingly firm. Turkeys sold at 9c to 11c per lb., geese 6c to 8c, ducks 75c to $1 per pair, chickens 60c to 80c per pair.

Warning to Farmers.

At the present time when markets for all kinds of grain are rising, farmers generally will do better to drive to market instead of selling on streets outside. One farmer started to-day that he sold a load of peas for 5c per bushel less than the market price, not knowing that prices had gone up.

British Markets.

Liverpool, Jan. 29.—No. 1 spring wheat, 8s 1d; No. 1 Cal., 7s 11d to 7s 11½d; red winter, 7s 11½d; peas, 5s 2d; corn, 3s 3½d; pork, 47s 6d for fine western; lard, 25s 3d; bacon, heavy, 1c., 29s 0d; light, 28s 0d; do., short cut, 28s 0d; tallow, 19s 0d; cheese, 42s 0d.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat futures steady at 7s 1½d for March, 7s 0¾d for May and 7s 2¼d for July. Maize steady at 3s 2½d for Feb., 3s 2¾d for March and 3s 2¾d for May and July. Flour 25s 6d.

London—Close—Wheat, off coast, unchanged and on passage quiet and steady. Maize on passage quiet and steady.

A MAGIC LANTERN.

BOYS, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN BY THESE DIRECTIONS.

That is, If You Are Handy—You Will Find the Undertaking Both Easy and Interesting—Read This Article Carefully, and Then Go to Work.

The boy who is handy with tools and careful in the way he uses them can make a very substantial magic lantern that is really no toy, and one that will be equal to any $25 or $50 lantern. The lenses are what will cost the most money.

To begin with, obtain some well dried pine or cedar that is free from knots and sappy places, and have it planed on both sides to a thickness of three-eighths of an inch.

At a hardware store purchase five or six dozen round headed brass screws, No. 5, one inch long; a small pair of brass

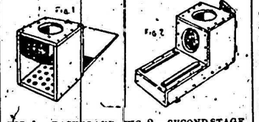


FIG. 1.—BASE BOARD, WITH SIDE AND TOP OF BOX. FIG. 2.—SECOND STAGE, SHOWING DECK.

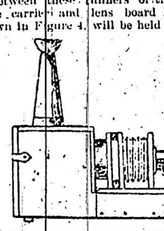
hinges and screws, two dozen flat-headed brass screws, No. 5, three-quarters of an inch long, and a small can of liquid glue.

Make a base or bottom board six inches wide and eighteen inches long, and to one end of it build a box ten inches high, nine inches long, and a top with a hole in the middle of it measuring four inches in diameter.

The hole can be cut with a compass saw after first drawing a perfect circle with a lead pencil compass. With an awl, make small holes for the screws to pass through so as not to split the wood, and between each joint lay some of the glue to assist the screws in holding the wood firmly. Figure 1 shows the base board with sides and top of box.

Next build a deck three inches high over the base board and in front of the box, as shown in Figure 2, and on top of it, half an inch in from each edge, fasten two runners or strips about half an inch in width with the inner edges bevelled, as shown in Figure 3.

Between these runners or tracks, the slide carrier and lens board F and G, shown in Figure 4, will be held in position and can be moved forward or backward.



THE FINISHED MAGIC LANTERN.

To the front of the box and resting on the deck a facing board is to be attached, and in it a hole should be cut just large enough to receive the case of condenser lenses, which are the large lenses, between the light and the front or objective lenses.

In Figure 5, which is a plan of the complete lantern, the condenser lenses may be seen at C C, and the objective lens at D D. To the rear of the box, Figure 2, a hinged door can be arranged in place and provided with a catch to keep it shut.

Through the bottom of the box a number of holes should be bored, with a bit and brace, as draught holes to the lamp, and under the base board two strips of wood, half an inch square and six inches long, can be fastened to raise the lantern up so that air may pass under it and up through the holes.

Around the hole cut in the top of the box a collar two inches high is to be made of tin sheet iron, tacked fast to the inner edge of the hole, and over this the chimney will fit, and can be held in place.

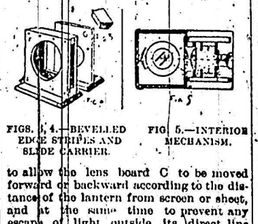
Having completed the woodwork so far, cut three pieces of wood six inches wide and six inches and a half high.

In one of these cut a round hole large enough for the condenser lenses to slip through, and in another cut a hole three inches square. Mount these boards in an upright position two-squarters of an inch apart on a block of wood half an inch high, two inches wide and long enough to fit in between the tracks. The ends are to be bevelled as shown in Figure 4 F, and the entire frame should move freely between tracks on the deck.

Little blocks of wood can be screwed at top and bottom between the upright boards, and when completed this will act as the carrier holder and should fit closely to the front of the condenser lenses, where its position can be seen in Figure 5, F.

The third board, G, is to be mounted on a similar block of wood with bevelled ends, and in the centre of it a hole is to be cut the same size as the diameter of the objective lenses.

Between the boards F and G a bellows arrangement is to be made of gossamer cloth, heavy flannel or black velvet, and its position can be seen in Fig. 5 E, and also in the illustration of the finished stereopticon. The object of this bellows is



FIGS. 3 & 4.—BEVELLED EDGE STRIPS AND SLIDE CARRIER. FIG. 5.—INTERIOR MECHANISM.

to allow the lens board C to be moved forward or backward according to the distance of the lantern from screen or sheet, and at the same time to prevent any escape of light outside its direct line through the lenses.

The chimney will be the next and last part to be made. Several materials can be employed of which to make it, but perhaps the best will be some heavy asbestos paper, if it can be had; but if not, it may be constructed of stove pipe iron, and should be fifteen inches high, two inches in diameter at the top, and large enough at the bottom to fit snugly over the collar attached to the box.

At the top a hood will prevent the light from shining above the chimney and make it round bright spot in the ceiling. The entire inside of the box also should be lined with asbestos paper, tacked fast with fine curtain tacks. This will prevent the heat of the lamp from splitting the wood and at the same time overheating the woodwork.

From a maker of optical goods or a dealer in cameras and lantern supplies purchase a short focus pair of condenser lenses four inches and a half in diameter and a quarter size four inch focus double lens without any diaphragm, and, if possible, with a rack and pinion for the objective. At a lamp store obtain a glass mercury reflector about six inches in diameter and a lamp fount with a central draught or duplex burner.

Mount the condenser lenses in the wood frame, so that the back edge of the case rests on the wood front of the box, and the front edge on the board F, screw the objective lens flange to the front of the board G and the reflector to the inside of the door, as shown in Fig. 5.

If the burner is a central draught it should so be placed that the middle of the wick is about four inches back of the condenser lens, but if it is a duplex so arrange it that the wicks will stand at an angle, as shown in the plan, Fig. 5.

When mounting this stereopticon bear in mind that the exact center of both lenses and the reflector must be in a straight line both from the side and the top view, else the result will be a half or partly shaded picture on the screen. The lamp should be placed so that the brightest part of the flame will be in the direct line through the center of lenses and reflector.

When the lenses, lamp and reflector are properly adjusted the reflector should throw the centre of the light to the centre of the condenser, and then through the side or pecure, which is the dark line in front of the condenser in Fig. 5, and on through the objective lenses and to the sheet or screen, where the size is dependent upon the distance of the lantern from the screen.

An objective lens with a four inch focus should make a picture seven feet six inches square when the lamp is ten feet away from the screen, and eleven feet square when it is fifteen feet away, and when twenty feet away the picture should be fifteen feet square.

For home use, however, a distance of ten to fifteen feet will make as large a picture as necessary, and the brilliancy and detail of any good slide can be brought out at that distance in a dark and well defined manner.

This lantern, if properly and carefully constructed, should prove very successful, and the boy who can make a good negative on glass plates or films can also produce good lantern slides by contact printing.

Wood and tin slide carriers can be purchased to take the standard size of slides, and that in turn can be slipped into the holder F, Fig. 4, where a spring arrangement at top and bottom will hold it firmly against the condenser.

A Parisian Puzzle.

During the last few weeks the Paris postal officials have been troubled with many letters which they find it impossible to deliver