A LIVELY BUSINESS IN FARMERS NOTES SUDDENLY STOPPED.

one of the Gang is Corralled at Renfrew and Remanded-The Excitement That Was Creat d in the Country Thereabouts-Threatening to Sue a News-

RENFREW, Feb. 4. - Early last Monday tall Yankee fied looking individual, wear mg an iron gray moustache, a wide-awake hat and a dark blue suit, stepped into the Mercury office, with a job for the man that had "just got into this fine new office." The job was a blank form of agreement for the "Toronto grain and seed company, No. 4 King street, east, Toronte." I nough a little suspicious of the phrascology of the torm, and also of the address given the printer took the job in, with the intention of investigating matters a little. Several eareful readings convinced him that if there was really nothing wrong about the form of agreement there was at least something he would not understand in it, and he therefore soncluded to have nothing to do with it. The man had given no name or address, but seeing the name "J. Plaunt" written experimentally on one of the blanks, he telephoned to the Dominion House, intending so tell the stranger that he would not execute his order. He was staying there, but was not around at the time, nor when telephoned a second time. After dinner he was told that it would not do the work. He complained about the delay it would cause him, and gave expression to a rather dirty exclamation, but asked no questions.

One or two of farmers were told to be on the lookout, that there was an individual abroad of whose designs on the farmers some were suspicious; and shortly after wards Magistrate Eady, when told of the form of agreement, felt satisfied that the affair was one of the "Hayfork" kin i. After thinking the matter over Mr. Early decided to take some steps to nip the cumning scheme in the bird so far as he bould. With Constable Faichney and O'Gorman the three went up to the Dominion house, in order to buy sonfe wheat from the stranger and aspertain his method of doing business. They went up to the hotel; but although Mr. Seed-Wheat had been around only a moment or two before he had mysteriously disappeared. One of the employees, however, vouchsafed the information that he believed they-(for there were two of them) -were swindlers -but, with a shrug of his shoul ders, he added "it was none of his busi ness." He had heard the one say to the other that they had not done badly, on Friday and Saturday last, having taken in about \$600 in the neighborhood of Cobden. One of the men was still around Cobden, and the other was going up on the midnight crain. As the three officials came away from the hotel they saw a light in the Jour and office, and thinking the stranger might have taken his order there went in to make mquiries. They were "official" enough look ing to get a sight of the "copy," and then Mr Endy was thoroughly satisfied of the actual character of the scheme

Mr. Eady got posters through the counmy to put the farmers on their guard, and in the morning the Mercury telegraphed the shief of police of Toronto as follows:

"Men here representing Toronto Grain and Seed Co., 4 King street East, Toronto. Looks like a swindle. Is there such a consern. Answer."

Shortly afterwards the reply came : "No such men known at 4 King street East, and no such company in existence

"H. J. GRASETT" The plan of the schemers was to offer a new kind of wheat for seed at \$16 a bushel, on condition that the farmer sold next year s crop to no one at less than \$5 a bushet, except to the company, which, in return, agreed to take part of the crop at \$2.50 a bushel. The "agents" also, to make the thing look all secure to the farmer, gave a "receipt and agreement" that the note given by the farmer should not be collected until the wheat was delivered. This receipt was simply worthless. The farmer's note once in their hand they could sell it to some one alse, and the farmer would have to pay it in spite of any "receipts and agreements" he

On Wednesday one of the customers of the "agents," between Haley's Station and Codden, applied for and obtained a warrant me their arrest. He became aneasy in his mind after he had given his note, because the agents complained that the Mercury mad refused to print for them. A copy of the posters warning farmers to beware was forwarded to him promptly by neighbors who knew the agents had visited him, and sence his application for a warrant. The agents, in order to inspire "confidence" in their scheee, bragged about sueing the Mer enous for \$1,000 for refusing to print for them. But that was before the poster and the Toronto chief constable's information by telegraph had got around.

One of the agents was in town on Wed nesday night seeking to obtain legal assist ance, and asserting the honesty of the transaction, but Mr. Craig declined to take wy the case. The agent talked big as to bringing all the terrors of the law to to bear apon all who interfered or commented upon his operation, and as to how much money he would spend in doing it when he got to

The "seed wheat peddlers" were at work in the townships of Ross, Bromley and Westmeath. A resident out that way who took a hand in aiding the agents is likely to have cause to remember what the farmers think about it. The man who wanted the printing done was brought down from Cobden on Thursday morning. He was re manded in the afternoon for further examination until the attendance of witnesses sould be secured.

DEFENCE OF THE MERSEY

Man of Some Prominence-Dean Lyster in the Old Land.

G. F. Lyster, of Liverpool, brother of Rev. Dr. Lyster, formerly rector of St. Weorge's cathedral, is, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, a conspicuous figure at Livermool. He is the dock board engineer, under whose superintendence the wonderful series of basins has been almost entirely construct ed which contain so large a portion of the commerce of the world, and has attracted to itself the envy and admiration of less favored seaports. His salary is \$25,000 per year, and he is head of a department employing eighty clerks and draughtsmen. He has lately furnished the press with a scheme for the defence of the port which he has been so largely instrumental in con-

structing. The dean is residing with a sister on his brother's estate in Wales, and is quietly enjoying himself. He looks with pleasure on anything that comes from Kingston. He prefers the sunshine and brightness of Canada to anything in the old land.

New embroideries at prices that will heat anything ever shown in Kingston at R. McFaul's. A job lot of new, all woel, cloth dress goods, wholesale price 22ic., will be sold for 15c. at R. McFaul's. The weatest bargain ever offered the public.

THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The Reports of the Government Inspector-The Grants For This Year.

From the governmental report we learn that the allowance made to the House of Industry for ISS9 is \$1,170.26, that the re ceipts for 1888 were \$2,755.78, and the expenditure the same. Mr. Hayes visited the institution on June 6th, 1888, he reported : "I regret I cannot speak very highly of the state, in which the place was. No doubt with the class of inmates found therein it is very difficult to keep the house in a very neat and orderly condition; but still, I think, with a little more method an improvement could be effected. The dilapidated condition of parts of the building is noticeable, and some repairs and renovations are very much needed It is to be hoped that the board of managers will be able to put this institution, which houses many poor persons who would otherwise have difficulty in getting shelter, in a better position."

The receipts of the House of Providence were \$6.838 95, and the expenditure, \$6, 486 89. The governmental allowance for 1889 is \$1,524 18. The inspectors spoke in

commendatory terms of the institution. The revenue of the Orphans' home during 1888 was \$3 252.87, including the govern ment grant of \$407.28, and the expenditure was \$3,103 04. The collective stay of the children was 21,188 days, entitling the insti tution to receive a sum of \$423 76 as government aid for 1889.

The receipts and expenditures of the House of Providence orphanage are included with those of the House of Providence. The collective stay of the children was 10,666 days, entitling it to receive \$213 32, as government aid for 1889. Mr. Hayes thought it a pity that the children should be kept under the same roof with a number of pauper adults.

The income of the L'Hotel Dieu asylum during 1888 amounted to \$341.25, and the expenditure to \$818 63. The collective stay of the inmates was equal to 12,557 days, thus entitling the institution to receive \$251.14, as government aid for 1889. Mr. Haves considered the accommodation provided not all that could be desired.

A GREAT FALL OF SNOW.

The Yards Are Full of it And the Woods too-Travel Impeded.

Three weeks ago people were crying for snow. Now they are crying because they have too much of it. Last night and to day another foot was added to the already heaped up streets. Within three wreks nearly three feet of snow have fallen. It is piled up everywhere. The small backyards of many residents are now so full of "the beau tiful 'that the householders are in despair as to what they can do with it. It won't burn and it won't melt, and the lanes are so full yet that it cannot be drawn away "We are just buried in the snow," said one man; "I can hardly reach my woodshed on account of it '

In the country the roads are badly drifted and travel is greatly interfered with. The woods are full of it. In fact the fall has been so great that it is well nigh impossible to move about the timber. Truly the snow has fallen in sufficient quantities.

AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

Lt. Tilley, R. M. C. - Miss Lena Amesbury. Speaking of the marriage of Lieut. Tilley, R.M.C., son of the late William Filley, of Napanee, the official Gazette of India has the following notice of the event: "There was a brilliant and fashionable wedding the week before last in the quaint little church at Rurki, being that of Miss Lena Amesbury with Lt. Tilley, R.E. The bride's toilette was an exceedingly handsome creamcolored satin, the corsage was laced behind and the officer-collar was attached on the side by a spray of orange blossoms. All who were in Mussoorie this last season will remember Miss Amesbury as one of the prettiest girls in the station. The bridesmaids looked charming, and report says that ere long one will be a bride herself. The presents were simply lovely, but who can be surprised at the number when the fair bride was so universally liked! Dr. Amesbury himself is one of the most popular men in

Golden Wedding at Perth.

On Tuesday a large company assembled at the house of Mr. and Mrs. James Holliday, Perch, for the celebration of their golden wedding. On 29th Jan , 1839, Mr. Hol liday was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Allan, daughter of the late Francis Allan, then living on the Scotch line. Seven attended the golden wedding, namely Wil liam, James and Matthew, living in Chesley, Ont. ; Mrs. Arthur Burgess, Mrs. Somer ville, Carleton Place; Mrs. Dolan and Miss Jennie Holliday, Perth. Mrs. Holliday's mother, Mrs. Fraser, an old lady 91 years of age, was there, and with one of her great grandchildren formed either end of four generations. A number of presents and keepsakes, to commemorate the day and event, were handed to the pair, and a pleasant time spent until the fifty first year had taken the place of the golden year.

Kingston General Hospital.

The monthly meeting was attended yes terday by Drs. Strange and Fenwick, the mayor, Messrs. Chown, Robertson, Pense, Carruthers and Duff. Accounts to the amount of \$1,126 were reported by the com mittee of management and passed. James Crawford was entered for grocery supplies in the stead of W. D. Hendry & Co., who have ceased business. Tenders for bread and meat were received, and allotted to J Veale and John McCammon, decidedly the lowest. The mayor and B. W. Robertson were appointed visiting governors for Feb rnary; and E. Chown and E. J., B. Pense instructed to draft a resolution of regret and condulence, this being the first meeting succeeding the death of John Fraser, Esq., a life governor.

The Doctor's Challenge. Wilberforce township has a new Reeve this week. Dr. Chanonhouse received a letter last week to the effect that T. Warren had entered a protest against him for corrupt practices during the late contest. Rather than incur expense fighting the matter in the courts, the doctor put in a disclaimer which entitles Robert Reeves to the seat. The doctor issues the following fiery challenge : - "As I am no longer reeve of Wilberforce, consequently I hereby challenge Robert Reeves, merchant, of Eganville, to contest another election with me. If he has a spark of manhood left in his system he will come forward, and I will give him another race over the municipal

The Hotel Arrivals. Arrivals at the British American Hotel-C. Hutchinson, J. W. Higginbotham, J. S. Beaton, Toronto; D. S. Robertson, Brockville ; W. W. Hilyard, Montreal ; E. Kantel, Toronto; T. Elliot, Huddersfield, Eng ; M. J. Haney, wife and sister, Watertown, N. Y.; E. C. King, Pittsburgh, Pa.; C. H. Timber, Findlay, O.; M. Connolly, Quebec; R. W. Boyd, Toronto; W. B. B. Hope, Chicago.

For genuine Scranton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life-What the Public are Talking About-Nothing Es capes the Attention of Those Who are

Taking Notes. The new water tower is eighty feet higher than the city hall.

Four sleighs were on the market to-day. And only one was from Cataraqui. Our correspondent reports teams crossing the bay at Deseronto and Hay Bay at the

The Portsmouth villagers miss the peni-

tentiary snow plough this winter to open the Prospects are very fair for an interesting meeting of the Kingston reform assocation this evening.

Mr. Keeley has purchased a house located on Union street and facing Alfred street from Mr. Graham.

The carnival on the Big Royal Rink has been postponed until Friday week. Good skating to night. R. Tommony, of Toronto, will sing at

Westport to night, and will appear here on

Monday evening. It is feared that the arm of Captain D. Bates, injured with a circular saw, will have to be amoutated.

The plan of the reserve seats was opened to-day at Henderson's for the Sydenham street Methodist church concert. For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood

and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street. Hay, \$14; oats, 80c. per bag; bran 90c.; chop, \$1.25; flour, \$2.65; choice winter

apples \$2 per bbl. at W. F. Baker's. Specifications have been made for the new dry dock. Tenders will be called for by the department of public works in two weeks.

Breck & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get just what you want in the fuel line at their yard. Hello! Where did you get that good hay ? Baker's. Who is Baker ? The man that sells the Manitoba bran on the Market Square.

Students who need clothing will do well to patronize Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. They can give you style, quality, and economy.

The Rochester yacht club has obtained plans for a handsome club house to be built at Ontario heach. The estimated cost of the structure is \$5,000. There has just arrived at J. Campbell's

wood yard, Ontario street, the best stock of sawed or unsawed maple, also the best of dry slab wood The K. & P. RR. morning train did not

arrive to-day until after dinner. She was several hours late, and the delay was cause l by the great snow storm. The old organ of the Sydenham street Methodist church has been sold to the trus-

tees of the Morrisburg Methodist church for

\$450. A new organ, costing \$3,000, will be The regular meeting of the board of health, which was to have been held yesterday, did not occur. There were only three members present, Prof. Curr Harris, Isaac Simpson,

and the mayor. A high endorsement - Your flour at \$2.70 is the best in Canada Slbs. grean peas 10c, evaporated sweet corn 10c. lb., Cambridge sausages 12 le., spy apples 20c. peck, spice roll bacon 124c. James Crawford.

At this time of the year many gentlemen find that they need a new pair of trousers to put the lors until spring. We advise them to try Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. They always give satisfaction.

Where are you going my pretty maid. Going to Crawford's store she said-To buy spy apples 20c. peck, tomatoes 10c can, freash haddock oc. lb., 3 lbs. green peas 10c., evaporated sweet corn 10c. James Craw-

In his sermon in St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, on Sunday, Principal Grant used the following phrase, which is worth remembering: "The curse of Christ's church is the sectarian, the curse of the world in general is the partizan. Geoge Newlands has received the contract

for the mason work on the front of St. Mary's cathedral, which amount to \$65,000. The total cost will be about \$80,000. Operations will be begun in the spring, and will be completed in two years.

At the Orange hall, Portsmouth, G. H. White, of London, England, gave a very interesting lecture upon the "Lights and Sha dows of the Great City." He depicted the varied peculiarities of the metropolis, and interspersed his address with several solos and recitations, one in particular "The Fireman's Wedding," bringing forth loud ap-

ENTERTAINED AT TEA.

A Jovial Company at the Third Methodist Church Last Night.

The tea meeting in the Third Methodist church last night was very largely attended. After tea had been served the pastor, Rev. W. Timberlake, called the audience to order, announced a verse of a familiar hymn, which was heartily sung, and asked the Rev. W. Sparling to lead in prayer. The pastor then stated he had pleasure in saying that Mr. Abraham Shaw had kindly consented to occupy the chair. The chairman, in his opening remarks, expressed his pleasure at being present, and warmly congratulated the pastor and friends of the church on the large number present, on the efficiency of the choir, and on the excellent tea furnished by the ladies; indeed he thought all present had already got the value of their money, to say nothing of the programme to follow, and which is here appended : Chairman's address ; chorus by the choir; solo by Mr. Verbeck; address by Rev. S. G. Bland; solo by Miss Spence; quartette by Mrs. Carnovsky, Miss S ratton, Mr. Middleton and Mr. Verbeck; solo by Mrs. Allen ; address by Rev. T. C. Brown ; address by Mr. Tashi Ikehara ; chorus by the choir ; God Save the Queen; and bene-

All the singing was good. Some of the performers were encored, but owing to the lateness of the hour and length of the pro-

gramme did not respond. The Rev. Mr. Bland said he would not commit the sin of making a long speech when others from a distance were to follow. In a few words, however, he said a good deal on "making the best of things," calling attention to the folly of not doing what we can because we cannot do what we would. The Rev. Mr. Brown delighted the audience with his racy, interesting, yet withal practical remarks on "mistakes." Boys and girls, young men and young women, men and maidens, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, all came in for their share of exposure and advice. No one could help laughing at the mistakes pointed out, and probably no one felt altogether innocent. The Japanese student, Mr. Tashi Ikehara, in his native costume, made a few timely remarks based on a Japanese proverb, the drift of which was that knowledge, success and safety are secured by right methods of looking at right objects. The proverb was very much like that of Solomon, "Let thine eyes look right on." Mr. Bland brought the very successful meeting to a close by

pronouncing the benediction.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Late Mr. John Woods.

In the death of Mr. John Woods, who died on the 30th ult., at the residence of his daughter in Kingston, Pittsburg loses one of its oldest most respected, and most energetic resident. Mr. Woods came to Canada nearly fifty years ago, thirteen of which he lived in Kingston. Thirty-six years ago be settled on lot 35 in the seventh concessi of Pittsburg, then a dense forest. By domitable perserverance, economy and dustry he converted his bush lot into the of the best drained and best cultivated in the township. His dwelling house and outburnings were excellent. He had probably the best orchard of select fruit trees in the country in which he took much interest. Outside of his real estate he was possessed of considerable other means. Taken all together he had one of the pleasantest and most comfortable homes in the locality.

Independent in thought and fearless in action he was never known to turn his back on danger in any form. In legal or other disputes he was firm, unyielding, and un compromising, and never met defeat in any undertaking. He was truthful and outspoken, and treated with supreme contempt everything that savoured of shame, fraud or deceit, no matter how conventional or re spectable it appeared.

He had a numerous family, several of which died young. He is survived by his wife and five married daughters. Two of the latter live in Pittsburg, two in Kingston, and one in Toronto. Though an adherent of the Church of England he was a regular worshipper in the Methodist church, of which all his family were members.

About five years ago he went to Ireland to visit the scenes of his youth, and with a view of eventually going to reside there; but he found everything so changed that it only added to his estimation of Canada, and he concluded to spend the rest of his days in his adopted country.

His death was caused by a cancer which first appeared on his neck about a year ago. He was 73 years of age, but looked much younger. His remains were placed in the vault at Cataraqui, but will be finally interred in the Methodist cometery, Pine Grove, near Brewers' Mills.

The Late Con James,

Mr James received the sad intelligence to day in a telegram that his son Con had died in New York. A few days ago a letter, which had been written five days before it reached the city, was received by Mr. James and stated that his son Con had taken sick in New York, and was transferred to the hospital, in which he died. He was 28 years old and was a plumber. He was a skilful mechanic, and found no difficulty in securing constant employment. His associates here thought a great deal of him and grieve to learn of his death. His father started for New York to day and will bring the remains to the city for interment. His sorrowing parents are in need of the sym pathy of the public.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Miss Upham returned to-day from visit ing friends in Montreal. Mr. Spencer is building a dock at the rear

of the paint works on King street. E. J. Conroy, J. Ryder, and J. M. Campbell are attending the carnival at Montreal. Michael Flanagan, city clerk, and Mrs.

Flanagan have gone to the carnival, Mon-B. W. Robertson has been elected a member of the Provincial 1.M.C.A executive

commietee. Sir R. J. Cartwright's late illness was the first occasion of his being really laid ap-

since he was a young man. Messrs. Williams, Horsey, and McAuley. of the Kingston Y.M.C.A., were specially invited to participate in the Secretaries' con-

ference in Ottawa, held yesterday. Capt. Collier purchased from Mr. Lynch, of Quebec, the old steamer Empress, which has been sunk in the water at the rear of Garden Island for many years. Mr. Collier will sell the machinery and the old iron in

To morrow the regular meeting of the council of the Ontario college of pharmacy will commence in Toronto. Mr. Polson, one of the delegates from Kingston, left to-day. He will go to Detroit before returning to

Mrs. W. N. Rogers, Mrs. J. P. Richardson, Mrs. Major Jackson and J. B. Turner, all of Gananoque, were children of Mr. Turner who died on Saturday. The deceased was a member of the Gananoque board of

Messrs. Sweetnam, Bryden and L. Wagar have been appointed a delegation from the Lennox and Addington county council to interview the Ontario government, along with a Frontenac delegation, regarding grants to colonization roads. Last year while Frontenac received \$3,000, Addington secured only \$500.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Officers Elect For the Year-Appeal-

ing to the Public For Aid. At the first meeting of the new committee of the Woman's Christian association, the officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. J. Chown; Vice Presidents, Mrs. A. Ross, Mrs. O. S. Strange, Mrs. Marshall; Secretary, Miss Machar; Assistant Secretary, Miss Cartwright; Treasurer, Mrs. J. V. Neale. The committee are as follows, with power to add to their number : Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. M. McGillivray, Mrs. Porteous, Miss L. Betts, Miss Ranton, Miss Inkster, Miss Bawden, Mrs. Hiscock, Mrs. Short, Miss Powell, Mrs. W. Gowdy, Mrs. Landeryou, Miss Eilbeck. There are still some vacancies in the committee which will be filled up as opportunity offers. The plan of raising money by concert was discussed, but the leeling of the committee was strongly in favour of trusting to the simpler and more direct method of appealing to the sympathy and liberality of Christian people in Kingston. Christian women especially, are expected to take an interest in this mis sion among their own sex. The committee will meet on Wednesday afternoon to arrange for making a canvass to secure the means of carrying on the work during the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A View of Minnesota, KINGSTOM, Feb. 5 .- (To the Editor): Would you be good enough to permit me to correct a statement made by your correspondent of the WEELLY WHIG, Jan. 31st, and also allow me to give the public solid facts of my visit in Minnesota. I spent the greater part of January in different places in Southern Minnesota. The appearance of the country, the quality of the soil which cannot be surpassed, and the climate which I found less severe than Ontario, gave me entire satisfaction.

W. H. CHRISTOPHER.

Very Valuable.

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PAUPERS HOUSE OF REST

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUBSCRIBERS YESTER AY.

The Report of the Superintendent-The Old People Living on a Little Over Eight Cents Per Day-the Ladies Point out the Requirements of the Home

... ri ka it Comfortable to Live In. The annual meeting of the subscribers of the Home was held yesterday the council chamber. The and there were present Miss Macher, Mrs. Agnew, Rev. Messrs. Honston and Jackson, Col. Duff, Messrs, I. Simpson, F. S. Rees, B. W. Robertson, R. S. Dodds, D. Gibson, M., H. Folger, A. and E. Chown, B. W. Folger, J. M. Machar and H. A. Calvin.

Superintendent Harkess presented his annual report for the year ending January 31st. During the past year 153 indigent persons were lodged and maintained in the house. There remained on Feb. 1st, 1888, 55; admitted during the year, 98; discharged, 81; deaths, 6; remaining Feb. 1st, 66. Males, 118; females, 35; Protestants, 99; Catholics 54. The cost of maintenance was \$1,405.75, or 8.2.5c. per day. The fuel cost \$415.

Donations of clothes and provisions.were given by Miss Douglas, Miss Allan, W. R. McRae, Mrs. Connoly, James Swift, M. Mallen, Mrs. George, O. Kennedy, B. W. Robertson, J. M. Machar, E. Chown, J. Minnes, W. Ford, R. Draper, B. W Folger, Felix Shaw, Rev. Mr. Hall, E R. Welch, and others.

Drs Fee, Anglin, Garrett, and Hérald

attended sick patients. Mr. A. Chown pointed out that according to the report the expense of the institution had been greater during the past year than usual. The inmates were formerly maintained at seven cents per day each. Last year the rate was 8 2.5. The mayor said it was the disposition of the directors to give the inmates of the house better food than they had got on previous years. He hoped the people would be more generous next year in this matter. The directors deserved the thanks of the subscribers, and of the people whose interests they had so well considered.

Mr. E Chown intimated that the object of the enquiry regarding the expense of the institution was to find out if the inmates had received better food.

Col. Duff reported that the balance in Feb. 1st, 1888, was \$376 91. The receipts during the year were : Government grant, \$1,108.03; city of Kingston, \$750; county of Frontenac, \$75; donations, \$583.75; inmates, \$398; total receipts, \$2,914.78. Expenditure, \$2,997.70 Balance, \$293 99.

The advisory visiting ladies' committee reported concerning the improvements that had been so far carried out, and these that were yet needed in order to make the institution really comfortable for the homeless. A change in the fare was needed. The tea given to the old infirm patients should be improved and more sugar should be allowed. Oatmeal porridge and Indian meal should be added to the bill of fare. Comfortable mattrasses were wanted and good blankets. It was also recommended that the women have a separate place for meals, and that the rules and regulations be revised. Children ought to be admitted to the house. The committee acknowledged a donation from Mrs. H. Yates of \$10, which will be employed in increasing the comforts of the women's sitting room. M H. Folger was confident that if the fee of the subscribers to the House of Industry were reduced from \$4 to \$2 the number of subscribers would be doubled in a year. The Folger Bros. could guarantee 50 new subscribers if his suggestion were carried out. A motion to reduce the fee was carried

It was recommended that Miss Folger, Mrs. McNee, Mrs. Minnes, and Lady Cart wright be added to the ladies' advisory

ommittee. The warden of the county was elected an

honorary director Last year's board of directors was re-elect

Votes of thanks were tendered the secretary-treasurer for efficient services; to Folger Bros. for kindly placing one of their steamers at the disposal of the directors last summer; and to the ladies of the advisory committee for the deep interest taken by them in the affairs of the house last year. The meeting adjourned.

Talking About the Grant,

At the meeting of the subscribers of the House of Industry yesterday afternoon a discussion arose as to the amount of money contributed by the county towards the sup port of the House of Industry. It was pointed out that \$50 was not as large a grant as the county ought to give. Mr. Calvin said the county would not contribute a larger sum. The council had increased the grant last year 50 per cent. B. W. Folger challenged Mr. Calvin in the fellowing term: "If you will give \$50 to the House of Industry next year I will guarantee to get the county council to grant \$200." Mr. Calvin laughed at the proposition but was

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS. MONTREAL, Feb. 5,-12 noon. Ontario Bank Bank du Peuple..... Molsons Bank..... 165 Quebec Bank 0e0 nion Bank Bank of Commerce..... 118} Imperial Bank 009 Montreal Telegraph Co...... 91 City Passenger RR...... 195 Canada Cotton Company...... Dundas Cotton Co..... Hochelaga Cotton Co..... 000

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LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET. LIVERPOOL Feb. Cotton, steady ; American middlings 5 9-17.



Weather Probabilities Strong winds and gales shifting to northwest, cloudy with snow, clearing, becoming decidedly colder.