

PRICES AND PROSPECTS.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF THE STATE OF TRADE.

The Volume of Business Checked in the United States by Cold Weather and the Centennial Celebration.

New York, May 4.—Special telegrams to Bradstreet indicate that the volume of general trade has been checked at nearly every city of special commercial importance during the week. At the larger eastern centres the New York centennial celebration was largely responsible. But St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph and New Orleans report less activity in demand and distribution for both seasonal goods and staples. Savannah, St. Paul and Chicago have enjoyed a moderate activity. Cold weather has checked demand in regions tributary to Cleveland, Louisville and St. Louis. Another vessel has been chartered to load wheat for Australia at San Francisco. Cattle at western markets are 25 to 30 lower with free offerings. The breakfast markets all tend downward again. Flour prices are off 5 to 15 with wheat. After Friday's rally wheat is 1-8c lower on the week with a bearish west in spite of stronger cables and renewed exports. Freer shipments and a softening of wheat prices 3-4c and 5-6c influences are noted. Wheat at the week. Reports of stocks of wheat at nearly 1000 points of accumulation east of the Rocky Mountains show 34,363,000 bushels as held last Saturday, a decrease of 5,293,000 bush. during April and 14,000,000 bush. less than were held a year ago. Indian corn stocks are 15,965,112 bushels or 25 per cent. less than April 1, 1888. Hog products excepting lard, which is heavy, are generally active and firmer. Exports of flour and wheat this week are equal to only 892,000 bushels of wheat against 1,504,000 bushels last week and 1,533,000 bushels in the like week last year.

New York trade has been greatly curtailed. Exceptions are shown in the stronger local demand for country produce and fruits. Groceries, naval stores, building materials, dry goods, furniture, boots and shoes and rubber goods are quiet. Wool, paper, glassware and china, machinery and leather are dull. Paints and oils continue in good demand. Crude rubber and building materials are strong and tend upward.

A bullish temper animates the New York stock market, based on good crop prospects and favorable net earnings reports for March by Western railroads. Bonds are strong on active investment demand. Money at New York is easy, call loans 2 1/2 per cent; foreign exchange is dull and strong. On Friday \$2,750,000 gold was engaged for export. Demand sterling \$4.89 to \$4.89 1/2.

There were 61 strikes, involving 12,193 strikers, reported to Bradstreet's during April, against 123 strikes, with 26,007 strikers, in April, 1888. Since Jan. 1, 1889, there have been reported 221 strikes and 48,924 strikers against 313 strikes and 97,960 strikers in the four months of 1888 and 393 strikes and 150,038 strikers in 1887.

Several orders for steel rails have been placed for \$26 at the mill, a cut of \$1 in price causing surprise in the trade. There is no improvement in pig iron. Unfavorable weather and holidays have curtailed dry goods sales at New York and Boston but the latter part of the week has witnessed a good trade in job offerings at New York. Commission men report no change. April trade at Boston was of satisfactory volume, prices are unchanged except for print cloth which are 1-16 cent higher on steady demand and increasing cost of cotton which in town is 1/4 higher on light crop movement, good demand and increasing speculative interest. Raw wool is quiet and unchanged, the new clip is reported to be of good quality. Rap sugar advanced 1/2c at New York although extreme dullness characterized the market owing to the interruption to business the first half of the week. The movement of refined was very quiet and prices left off as one week ago. The price of coffee in speculative circles advanced 1/2c Thursday on stimulating cables after a very dull week in all lines.

The Week's Failures.

New York, May 3.—Business failures reported to Bradstreet's number 251 in the United States this week against 181 last week and 156 this week last year. Canada had 29 this week against 25 last week. The total failures in the United States from Jan. 1 to date is 4396 against 3892 in 1888.

A TORONTO FIRMS LOSS.

W. D. Matthews & Co.'s Mill House at Leroy, N.Y. Burnt—Loss \$200,000.

LEROY, N.Y., May 3.—At 7.45 to-night flames were seen issuing from the cupola of W. D. Matthews & Co.'s large mill house situated in Church-street. The alarm was sounded by the company's whistles and in a short time two heavy streams were in operation. After some time the fire was subdued but an immense quantity of malt by which the building was filled was thoroughly soaked and spoiled. The damage to the building and contents will, it is believed, amount to about \$200,000, which is covered by insurance. This malting establishment is one of the largest in the country. The company also own malt houses at Toronto and Palmerston, Ont.

Other Fires. FERRISBURGH, Ill., May 3.—Fire here to-day destroyed three business blocks. It originated in a grain elevator. Loss \$125,000. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 3.—The Kentucky Feeble Minded Institute was burned here to-day. The 125 inmates were got out without accident. Loss \$75,000.

Passed a Bogus Check.

BUFFALO, May 4.—Alfred S. Warner, proprietor of the Tremont House, was complainant in a grand larceny case before the Police Magistrate yesterday morning. John Green, jr., defendant, who was arrested by Detective Mochel and Quinn, was charged with passing a bogus check on Mr. Warner in payment for a \$50 board bill. The check was drawn on the Bank of Toronto in favor of Warner and Knight and payable at sight. Green pleaded not guilty and waived examination, to go before the grand jury. He was jailed.

Indian Bodies Dug up at Port Colborne.

PORT COLBORNE, May 4.—In excavating for the foundation of three summer houses on the lake shore about a mile west of here on the Steel farm the workmen dug up skulls and bones and arrowheads, supposed to be the remains of Indians who were killed in a fight around Sugar Loaf Hill years ago, an event still talked about by some of the old settlers.

Sentenced to the Central.

BRANTFORD, May 4.—Charles Hart and Francis Taylor, for breaking into a bonded car at the Grand Trunk station, were yesterday sentenced at the Police Court to three months in the Central Prison, and W. Lukar, their companion, was fined \$4.85.

The Slaughtering of the Innocent.

MONTREAL, May 3.—A man was walking along Longue Point road yesterday when he saw a dog devouring the dead body of an infant in an advanced state of decomposition. The body was removed to the morgue, but an inquest was considered unnecessary.

A MARVELLOUS FIND. The Peculiar Animal that Disturbed a Young Lady's Slumbers.

WALLACEBURG, May 4.—The Herald-Record says: A most important discovery was made one day this week at the residence of Frederick Thompson, on Wallace-street, South Wallaceburg. Some nights ago Thompson's daughter complained that she felt nervous and was unable to go to sleep. She said she felt as though there was some sort of warm animal in her pillow. The girl's mother chided her for her seemingly foolish fancies, but the girl persisted that though she could not feel anything moving in the pillow yet she was satisfied that there was something more lively than feathers in there. Finally, to convince her restless daughter of her mistake, Mrs. Thompson emptied the feathers out of the pillow, and to her great surprise found one of the greatest animal curiosities that has ever been seen in this section. A reporter of The Herald-Record visited the Thompson's house yesterday morning, asked to see the strange creature, for the second one had been found in another lot of feathers that had been emptied from tucks and pillows.

At the request of the girls Mrs. Thompson brought forth the mysterious strangers, which were encased in a box of feathers. An exact description of the creatures it would be difficult for us to give our readers. In the first place there is no sign of life in either beyond the fact that both are substances that give forth a considerable heat. The larger of the two is about the size of a wren's body, 6 1/2 in. long, 3 1/2 in. wide. The body is a little larger than an oyster and of a yellowish white color. No head or limbs can be found on it, and the body itself is a shapeless mass. From all parts of this peculiar creature's body hair about a foot long is growing. The hair is of a strange, reddish color and as stiff as a hog's bristles. Springing from the body the hair grows straight out about half an inch and then coils around the body in large circles. The strange part of the matter is that from the body and entwined in these coils of long hair is growing a pretty coat of feathers as over a chicken boasted of. There is not the least doubt in the world that the feathers that the industrious creature uses as a coat to its ugly form are those of a duck and had been put in the pillow last spring by Mrs. Thompson. The feathery covering is handsomely made. The grey, brown and white feathers are carefully assorted and resemble an ordinary fowl's back. The whole mass is probably three inches thick, eight inches in diameter and about twenty in circumference. Being for the most part feathers and hair the mass would not weigh perhaps more than three-fourths of a pound. It is really a very peculiar animal and is a source of much wonder to the crowd of people who have during the past couple of days gone to see it.

THE MISSING JEWELRY.

P. W. Ellis & Co. Unable to Find Part of the Valuables Lost by Von Reintz.

MONTREAL, May 3.—M. C. Ellis of P. W. Ellis & Co. of Toronto is in town to-day for the purpose of recovering the jewelry lost by Von Reintz. For that purpose it is understood a conference took place between him and the accused, Maloney and Phillips. One-third of the total amount lost is in the hands of the High Constable and can probably be recovered by a seizure before judgment. Two-thirds, however, are still missing and the boasts on the part of some persons connected with the prosecution, that they knew where it was and could lay their hands on it whenever they choose, have not been substantiated. A civil action will probably be taken for their recovery.

Belleville Briefs.

BELLEVILLE, May 4.—Customs collections for April compare as follows with those of the same month last year: Imports, \$273,394, increase \$10,457; duty collected, \$402,330, decrease \$1148.33; exports, \$39,704, increase, \$22,558. Wm. Kane, shoemaker, fell from a box on which he was standing yesterday and broke his hip bone. The Gun and Rifle Club has dropped that title and become the Forest and Stream Club. It has a large membership and voted to join the Dominion Gun Alliance. Mr. Corby, M.P., the President, and Mr. S. B. Burdett, M. P., the Vice-President, offer liberal prizes for trap shooting. The club offer prizes for rifle shooting and will spend a considerable sum in enforcing the game and fishery laws.

The Medical Board have decided to recommend a pension to Barney Hudgins, who served in the Northwest and contracted while on duty a cold which disables him. A co-operative cigar factory will be started here shortly. Arbor Day was not observed here. Wm. Templeton, Vancouver, B.C., is purchasing a carload of half-bred Percheron horses for export to that place. The License Commissioners have granted the usual number of licenses, excepting the four in Trenton that are held over.

A Murderous Blow.

MONTREAL, May 3.—A murderous attack occurred in the basement of the new Imperial Insurance building opposite the Place d'Armes this afternoon. A Scotchman named James McIntyre, a fitter by trade, was engaged at his work, when, according to McIntyre's friends, a carpenter named P. Labbe without any provocation came up, raised a heavy plane and struck McIntyre a murderous blow across the temple. The Scotchman fell as if dead but will probably recover.

Guthrie Booming.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Postmaster Flynn at Guthrie, Oklahoma, telegraphs that the daily sale of postage stamps there amounts to \$50. The eleven clerks in the office are busy from 5 a.m. until midnight. When the mail is ready for delivery there is usually a line of men half a mile long waiting for it. About 3000 letters and 1000 newspapers are delivered from that office daily. There are five banks and six newspapers in town.

Grand Trunk Earnings.

MONTREAL, May 4.—The traffic returns of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ended April 27 were:
1889. 1888.
Passenger train earnings..... \$124,713 \$123,332
Freight train earnings..... 220,122 216,336
Total earnings..... \$344,835 \$339,668
Increase, 1889..... \$4,167

The Catholic Congress.

VIENNA, May 3.—The Austrian Government, it is said, will very likely declare the Catholic Congress a private assembly and will therefore give no leave to the recent telegram to the congress from the Holy Father in one of which the Pope informed the delegates of the great consolation he received from the demands of Catholics for the restoration of his temporalities.

Ran Down by an Engine.

BERLIN, Ont., May 3.—Last night about two miles north of here on the Grand Trunk a man, supposed to be a tramp, was struck by the engine of a freight train while walking on the track. The man was so badly injured that he died shortly afterward. His name is unknown.

The Banquet to Mr. Taillon.

OTTAWA, May 3.—Sir John Macdonald and Hon. J. A. Chapleau have accepted invitations to attend the banquet in honor of Hon. L. O. Taillon in Montreal on May 8.

Stabbed a Constable.

OTTAWA, May 3.—Peter, an Italian arrested yesterday for stabbing Constable McFall on the arm, elected this morning to be tried by a jury. He was sent down to jail.

THE IDOL'S FEET OF CLAY.

MR. PARNELL ADMITS THAT HE DELIBERATELY LIED.

The Sings Froid With Which He Confesses to Making a Gross Mis-statement in the Commons Ellicott's Bliss.

LONDON, May 3.—The cross examination of Mr. Parnell was continued before the Parnell Commission to-day. Mr. Parnell testified he had often reproved Mr. O'Brien, editor of United Ireland, for the violent articles that appeared in that paper. He had not publicly repudiated the articles because he did not consider that to be the way to effect the alterations he desired in the tone of the articles. Mr. Parnell said he considered Mr. O'Brien's teachings to be in advance of his own. Mr. Parnell denied that he knew "Number One" under the name of "Yvan" or any other name, and said he had never heard of Mr. Egan's being associated with "the martyrs' fund" for the benefit of the families of Phoenix Park murderers. He saw nothing criminal in the fund, and rather thought it was right to assist the innocent victims. "The martyrs' fund" might not, however, have been the most appropriate name for such a fund. He could not, he said, recollect denouncing outrages perpetrated from 1878 and 1881. He believed the outrages perpetrated to have been the work of small secret societies. Witness was then asked whether if secret societies adverse to the League had existed did a great majority of the people had belonged to the League there would not have been ample evidence obtained to convict the perpetrators of outrages, but he parried the question, saying that that might or might not have been the case.

Here occurred the most remarkable incident in the witness's cross-examination. Attorney-General Webster quoted a statement made by Parnell in the House of Commons, during the debate on Mr. Forster's bill in 1881, suspending the writ of habeas corpus, to the effect that secret societies had been crossed to exist in Ireland. "Did you believe that when you said it?" asked the Attorney-General. "No," replied Parnell. "At any rate it was a grossly exaggerated statement." There was a buzz of surprise throughout the court room at this response. "Did you or did you not," continued the Attorney-General, "intend to misstate the fact when you made that statement?" "I have no doubt I did," was the reply. "The Attorney-General: 'Deliberately?'" Mr. Parnell: "Yes, deliberately." "The Attorney-General: 'You deliberately made the statement, knowing it to be untrue?'"

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AMONG THE DEAD.

The Search for Missing Friends Among the Chained Bodies at Hamilton.

HAMILTON, May 3.—The best preserved of the seventeen bodies have been identified, or rather those that have the most clothing attached to them. There are two bodies, one man and a woman, which are comparatively well preserved, and unless the relatives turn up pretty rapidly they will be too late, as the remains will soon begin to go the way of all flesh. So far no steps have been taken to have the bodies preserved for the purposes of identification, and they are just as they came out of the wreck.

To-day Mr. Jewell, 265 King-street west, Toronto, arrived to look for his son Thomas Jewell. Young Jewell was on his way back from California, where he spent the past four months, and was to have arrived here on the Sunday morning express. He telegraphed ahead on Saturday night that he had decided to stay overnight with an aunt in Detroit, and his friends in Toronto were congratulating themselves on his escape, but have since received word that he did not stay over as intended, and as he has not turned up they are convinced that he is dead.

Mr. Oviatt, Mr. Sterns and Mr. DeForest of New York examined the bodies in search of the remains of E. Randall Orr of Peekskill, N.Y., and L. E. Oviatt, secretary of Judge Rushmore, New York, and found two bodies which they think are the ones, but have wired for information to friends about some clothing found. Mr. DeForest though he identified one by the size and shape as that of Mr. Orr, with whom he was very well acquainted, having come with the deceased in New York. Mr. Orr's body was identified by a neck tie and some underclothing.

Chief McClimhon has an inquiry from Mrs. Ida Myra, 1305 State-street, New York, about Harry Everett of Forepaugh's show, who was on his way to Philadelphia. He left Chicago all right, and as he has not reported in Philadelphia yet and his papers were found in the wreck, it may be concluded that he is dead. The friends of Harry Pringle were also enquiring about him. His brother, A. Pringle, lives at 86 Bond-street, Toronto. All the injured at the Hospital will recover.

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MICHAEL MALLORY COMMITTED FOR TRIAL FOR ARSON.

The Farquhars Ordered to Pay the Costs of the Big Libel Suit—The Victoria University Injunction.

TORONTO, May 4.—In the litigation connected with the Victoria College injunction the Master in Chambers yesterday made orders for the examination of Chancellor Burwash, George A. Cox and others. The committee of consultation with Mr. Britton, solicitor for Victoria University on the injunction case, consists of the following members: the General Superintendents, the Secretary of Education, the Chancellor of the University and the Bursar. The committee at their meeting yesterday morning added the name of Rev. Dr. Dewar. Arbor Day was felicitously celebrated at the Normal and Model Schools yesterday, trees being planted by Miss Marjorie Campbell, Mrs. Mowat and others.

At Osgrade Hall yesterday morning Justice Rose gave judgment in the matter of costs in the recent libel suit of E. & C. Farquhar against John Ross Robertson, proprietor of The Evening Telegram. The defendant was allowed full costs of litigation, including the costs of the special jury, and amounting, it is estimated, to some \$15,000. It is generally supposed that other pavement contractors will assist in payment. Mr. Robertson is congratulated on all hands over his complete victory.

Michael Mallory, the Queen-street merchant arrested for arson in setting fire to one of his own buildings for the insurance, was committed for trial yesterday morning in the Police Court.

The Police Commissioners are investigating the charges made by Broker Priestman against Inspector Archibold in connection with the raid made by the latter upon the former's office. The main point in which Mr. Priestman thinks he has Inspector Archibold "on the hip," is that the judgments and deliverances of the superior courts in previous cases of a like character decidedly and emphatically state that even a breach of the provisions of the Bucket-Shop Act would not entitle officers of the law to treat offenders as keepers of common gaming houses, and in the face of this Mr. Priestman's arrest was made and he was put in the cells like a common felon.

The Ontario Gazette to-day will contain these appointments: J. H. Radford, Galt, associate coroner of Waterloo; J. K. McLeod, Teeswater, notary public; J. C. Welles, Gore Bay, bailiff of the Fourth Division Court of Mantoulin.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating these companies: The London Medical Dispensing Company, with a capital stock of \$3000; The C. Beck Manufacturing Company of Penetang, with a capital stock of \$250,000; The Ontario Basket Company of Walkerville, with a capital stock of \$12,000; The Windsor Crimped Stay Company, with a capital stock of \$10,000; The Hawksburg Milling Company, with a capital stock of \$15,000; the corporation of Toronto Church School with a capital stock of \$26,000.

Yesterday afternoon three boys broke the window of Alfred Fagin's store, 101 Queen-street east, and stole two revolvers and a shotgun. Later in the evening Detective John Cuddy arrested Nicholas Hendry, Frank Wells and Edward Wells, the latter two being 8 and 10 years old. The Wells children were arrested in bed in their father's house, 182 Adelaide street west, and were found sleeping peacefully in their little cots each with a revolver below his pillow.

The police were notified last evening that four boys had broken out of the Mohawk Institute, on the Indian reserve at Brantford during the day.