DON'T BE TOO OPTIMISTIC

This is the Counsel of Leading Bank Managers in Canada.

(Montreal Witness):

No better knowledge of a country's financial condition could be gathered than by the study of the annual utterances of bank officials, when addressing stockholders of their respective banks on the year's business preceding the meeting. It is becoming the rule, rather than the exception for bank presidents and general managers to review the commercial, industrial and financial situation, as they see it from their point of vantage. The character of the banking business necessarily places these gentlemen in a peculiarly able position to see many sides of the financial situation, and to judge the merits of individual and general business propositions. Among a bank's clientele are to be found representatives of almost every branch of trade, and it is necesary for bank managers to study both the character of the client and also the nature of the business that requires the aid of the bank's funds. Thereby a thorough knowledge of ruling trade conditions is acquired, and also, by a process of calculation and elimination, even the veil of the future may partly be drawn aside, and the next season's business possibilities estimated. At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which was held in Toronto this week, B. E. Walker, general manager, very comprehensively reviewed the business conditions of the year just closed. Mr. Walker graphically described the growing trade of western and eastern Canada. The money market and the clearing-house statistics, foreign trade and interprovincial trade were all touched upon at length, according to the importance of the subject. One statement particularly worthy of note was to the effect that during the year 1905 Canada imported a little less from Great Britain than in the previous year, while imports to this country from the United States were nearly eleven million dollars greater than during the year 1904. Mr. Walker also re-echoed Mr. Clouston's recent advice that this is not the time for rabid speculation and outlay in business methods, but rather to the accumulation of those forces that will carry business houses over a period of depression that may attack the country at any time. Mr. Walker is of opinion that the present unbounded optimism is fraught with great danger, and hopes that everywhere in Canada the many who did not hesitate to incur debt because they believed in the future, will, now that partial fruition of their hopes has come, hasten to get out of debt before they consider what further expenditure the still further removed future will justify. This is certainly advice that cannot be presented to the public too often, and coming from our leading banking men, will no doubt be given that serious consideration which it deserves.

EASIER MONEY CONDITIONS

(New York Sun.)

The money situation has developed ease in every one of the world's leading financial centres. There is a concurrence of testimony to the effect that in our own country funds are returning to the large cities from the agricultural districts, and while the general briskness of trade is such as to lead to a larger use of actual cash in all sections of the land, it is not in the nature of things that the West and South can permanently retain for the use of ordinary business operations all the vast sums of money sent there to move the crops, and it must happen therefore that bank reserves here in the east will from now on begin to enlarge. If money should get very easy in Wall street there might perhaps be an export of gold. Our foreign indebtedness arising from financial operations purely is in relatively large volume compared with that at this season for two or three years back, and the balance of commercial trade has not been running as heavily in our favor as it might; although it is to be said that if last month's remarkable record of exports is to be repeated for a few months more our credits abroad will be augmented pretty rapidly. At the moment metal remittance from this side to Europe seems less probable than it did a few days ago, owing to a recent fall in the exchange market here and an advance in the sterling rate in Paris; and local foreign exchange experts seem to think that no gold will leave our shores for Europe for at least several weeks to come, and that it will at no time be sent away in considerable quantity.

CANADIAN BONDS

Total Canadian bond issues for 1905 amounted to $133,874,528. New corporations were responsible for $99,975,241 of this amount, and reorganized corporations represented $25,522,040. Municipal land issues only totalled $9,031,160 as against $13,759,247 in 1904. Provincial government bonds were $345,087, compared with $11,146,000 the previous year. Of the total amount Canada herself took $27,722,500, England bought $84,996,794, and the United States, $7,450,000.

Of the new Canadian corporation bonds issued the following are the chief:

Can. Northern Railway bonds	$24,600,662
Grand Trunk Pacific bonds	20,192,799
Canadian Pacific Ry bonds	3,893,280
Dominion Steel bonds	788,500
Bell Telephone	600,000
N. B. Coal and Ry. bonds	268,000
N. St. Catherines To. Ry	116,000
London Electric	100,000
Total	$60,639,241

COMMON-SENSE AND THEOLOGY

Minister—"Can ye tell me, Donald, my man, why the Shepherd left the ninety and nine sheep to seek for the one that was lost?"

Donald—"It maun ha' been a prize-winner."—Exchange.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PERMANENT LOAN AND SAVINGS CO.

Dividend No. 15.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of NINE per cent. per annum has this day been declared on the Permanent Stock of the Company for the half year ending Dec. 31, 1905, and that the same will be payable at the head office of the company, No. 321 Cambie street, Vancouver, B. C., on and after January 15, 1906.

By order of the board.

THOS. T. LANGLOIS,
President,

Vancouver, January 10th, 1906.

BUT HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

That is the Question Wall Street is Asking Today.

(New York Evening Post.)

If one were simply to discuss the country's financial and industrial outlook, little would be found except what is encouraging. It can, moreover, be discussed in a calm and rational way; the outlook for a continuance of prosperous times, and for the continued enjoyment of the good fortune which nature has showered on the United States, can be surveyed in the eye of experience, and very much that is favorable, both for the shorter and the longer future, can be brought to light.

This, however, is not at all what Wall street wants, in its present mood. The people who are the dominant force in the present financial market are either large capitalists preparing to "unload" on the shoulders of the public, when the process shall be deemed advisable, the blocks of stock accumulated with borrowed money and pushed already to prices discounting a prolonged spell of unbroken prosperity, or else they are representatives of this public itself, listening for any "tips" and "rumors" and "arguments" which the philanthropists with the stocks may deign to throw to them. The game has been well played by these millionaire operators. True, they discarded contemptuously all the rules of conservatism and experience—dragging obliging fiduciary institutions into a situation now pretty well recognized as "a disgrace to a civilized community," and not less so to those responsible for it than to the community at large. But this too was done with a purpose. Partly, no doubt, it was another sign of the infatuation which possesses some of our financiers, that the laws of nature and of political economy are powerless against the brute force of concentrated capital. But partly, too, their conduct was adjusted to the plan of convincing a simple speculating public that mysterious forces, which are irresistible, are driving the market upward, and that the only admissible policy is to buy stocks for the rise, and to buy more the higher they go.

There is no especial profit, just now, in discussing the ethics of this situation. The more practical question is, how long the undertaking will continue. The same question was asked, under exactly similar circumstances, in this month of 1901, and it was some time before it got an answer. The money market will, of course, give the eventual answer this year, if the movement to divert the country's floating resources into Wall street continues; but the money market has for the present ceased its warnings. It had given enough already, however, to make its prophecy plain to the way-faring man. Later on, people will recall, often enough, that the stock speculation of 1906 began with the bank and money situation, the world over, less prepared for it than at any similar date in nearly a generation. Such a state of things by no means proves that the end of the speculative movement is at hand. We have had a rise in prices, on the verge even of such disastrous crashes as those of 1873 and 1893, and the fact that a movement is dangerous does not prove that it will not continue. The typical Wall street follower lives only in the present. For the future—that is another story.

SHEARING TIME IN WALL STREET

(Baltimore News, Ind.)

The speculative fever is spreading, and the lambs are flocking to Wall Street to be sheared. The big operators who have been manipulating the market for months with a view to enticing the innocents and separating them from their cash are coming into their own. It has been a long and uphill fight for the professionals, but they seem to be realizing to the full their carefully laid plans to entrap the public. There is no longer any doubt that the public is buying stocks from the pools, which acquired them when values were anywhere from 10 to 70 points lower than those ruling today.

The climax will come when the pools have sold out. Then they will turn their attention to forcing liquidation by the very persons upon whom they unloaded. The fact that they may bankrupt those who in an ungarded moment risked their savings in Wall Street to make some of the "easy money" the professionals have been shouting about will not disturb them in the least. Wall Street is the last place on earth in which to look for sentiment; some people are even uncharitable enough to say the place is not over-burdened with honor. It is certain that the average Wall Street professional operator is not very particular how he makes money, just so he makes it. These gentlemen play no favorites. They even have been known to disregard sacred promises and to resort to tricks that would not be tolerated in other walks of life.

Neither does the public learn by experience. It was thought that it had been taught a wholesome lesson by the drastic liquidation which culminated in the stock-market panic about four years ago. Then fortunes were swept away almost in a day, and thousands of men, and even women, in all sections of the country, who had been tempted to try their luck in Wall Street became penniless. But the present speculative craze seems to have brought to the surface thousands of others to take their places. It is the old story of "a fool and his money." Honest bankers and brokers have sounded a note of warning, but apparently it has fallen upon deaf ears. Only when the novices are caught in a crash will they realize that they have been playing another man's game. It is perfectly true that high prices for standard stocks are justified by existing conditions; the trouble is that a number of stocks have been sky-rocketed by speculators, under cover of this state of prosperity, in the assurance that there are plenty of innocents who have no idea where the line should be drawn.

NEW YORK STOCK SALES

Total transactions on the New York Stock Exchange last week were 8,697,700 shares, of which Union Pacific alone furnished 1,093,500. Amalgamated Copper 872,400, United States Steel 513,100, Atchison 363,400, Reading 354,400, Kansas & Texas 347,800. Anaconda 261,000, Sugar 203,700, Erie 201,600—a total of 4,214,000 or practically one-half of the grand total, in only ten stocks. No less than 228 stocks were represented in last week's dealings and in addition $22,921,500 bonds, represented by 257 issues, were dealt in. On the "curb" last week, no less than 511,900 shares sold. 81 stocks being represented, with United Copper contributing 138,800, Boston Consolidated 56,300.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

1906 January	Sun Rises	Sets	Tides High	Low
15 Mon.	8.05	5.01	2.46	8.56
16 Tues.	8.05	5.03	3.35	9.47
17 Wed.	8.04	5.04	4.27	10.41
18 Thur.	8.04	5.06	5.24	11.41
19 Fri.	8.03	5.07	6.26	0.09
20 Sat.	8.02	5.08	7.29	1.15

The Time used is Eastern, for the 75th Meridian, which is five hours slower than Greenwich mean time. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight.

STEAMERS FOR ST. JOHN.

Name	Date of Sailing.
Montezuma, from London	Jan. 3
Concordia, from Glasgow	Jan. 6
St. John City, from London	Jan. 7
Montfort, from Bristol	Jan. 8
Corinthian, from Liverpool	Jan. 11
Manchester Trader, from Liverpool	Jan. 13
Tritonia, from Glasgow	Jan. 13
Lake Erie, from Liverpool	Jan. 16
Manchester Shipper, from Manchester	Jan. 18
Parisian, from Liverpool	Jan. 18
Sicilian, from Liverpool	Jan. 25
Lake Manitoba, from Liverpool	Jan. 30

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Thursday, Jan. 18.

Stmr Numidian, 3,107, Main, from Liverpool, via Halifax; Wm Thomson & Co, general cargo.

Stmr Senlac, 614, McKinnon, from Halifax via call ports; Wm Thomson & Co, pass and mdse.

Schr Ida May, 119, Gale, from Stockton, Me; D J Purdy, ballast.

Sailed.

Stmr Calvin Austin, 2,853, Pike, for Boston, via Eastport.

17th—Stmr Lake Michigan, 5,340, Webster, for London and Antwerp via Halifax.

DOMINION PORTS.

HALIFAX, Jan. 17—Ard, stmr Geestemunde, St John, N B.

Sld—Stmr Numidian, from Liverpool for St. John.

YARMOUTH, Jan 17—In port, bktn Eva Lynch, New York.

Cld 17th—Bark Stant, Montevideo; bkins Lakeside, Buenos Ayres; Hancock, Barbados; schrs Luella, St Domingo.

BRITISH PORTS.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 17—Ard, stmrs Sagamore, Boston; Sicilian, St John via Halifax.

BROW HEAD, Jan 17—Psd, stmr Lake Manitoba, St John for Liverpool.

INISTRAHULL, Jan. 17—Psd, stmr Hibernian, Portland for Glasgow.

PRAWLE POINT, Jan 17—Psd, stmr Gulf of Ancud, Halifax and St Johns, N F, for London.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan 17 — Ard, stmr Bertholey, Galveston and Norfolk via Halifax for Liverpool.

FOREIGN PORTS.

BALTIMORE, Jan 16—Ard, stmr Arcola, Havana.

SAVANNAH, Jan 17—Sld, stmr Cheronea, Breman, via Newport News.

PENSACOLA, Jan 16—Ard, stmr Eretria, Havana.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan 17 — Sld, schr Rothesay, St John.

NEW YORK, Jan 17—Ard, barks Hattie G Dixon, Charleston; Grenada, Buenos Ayres.

Cld—Stmr La Savoie, Havre.

CITY ISLAND, Jan 17—Bound south, stmr North Star, Portland, Me.

NEW BEDFORD, Jan 17—Sld, schr Elsie Parnell, Liverpool, N S.

CHATHAM, Mass, Jan 17—Psd north, stmr Lady Eileen, Philadelphia for St John.

SAUNDERSTOWN, R I, Jan 17—Ard, schr J Frank Seavey, New York for an eastern port.

Psd—Schr Georgia Pearl, Fall River for St. John, N B.

SALEM, Mass, Jan 17—Sld, schrs Anna, Bucksport, Me; Emily S Baymore, Portland; Silver Spray, Rockland; Sarah L Davis, Castine; J V Wellington, Calais; Clara Jane, do; I N Parker, St John N B; Priscilla, do; St Bernard, Parrsboro, N S.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Jan 17—Ard, schrs Sebago, Port Reading, for Salais; Tay, Greenwich, Conn, for St John, N B; Georgie Pearl, Fall River, for do; Bluenose, New York, for Digby, N S.

Psd—Schrs Van Allens Boughton, Baltimore, for Boston; Alice M Colburn, do for do; Marcus L Urann, New York, for do; Scotia Queen, do for Parrsboro.

PORTSMOUTH, N H, Jan 17—Sld, schrs Earl of Aberdeen, New York; Luther T Garretson, do; Mary A Hall, do; Lucy E Friend, do; Fred B Balano, do.

BOOTHBAY HHARBOR, Me, Jan 17—Sld, schrs A Heaton, New York; Freddie Eaton, from do; Hunter, do; Coral Leaf, do; Grace Darling, Fall River.

BOSTON, Jan 17—Ard stmr Buceros, Calcutta and Colombo; schrs Ophir, Prince Edward Island.

Below, schr Marcus L Urann, New York.

Cld—Stmr Catalone, for Louisburg, C B; schrs Alice Maud, St John, N B; Theoline, Fernandina; Star of the Sea, Baltimore; Mary F Barrett, Norfolk.

Sld—Stmr Devonian, for Liverpool; ship Glooscap, Buenos Ayres; schrs John B Manning, Brunswick, Ga; Elizabeth Palmer, Baltimore; Cressey, Norfolk; Mary F Barrett, do; Katherine D Perry, Newport News; Singleton Palmer, do; J Arthur Lord, Portland; Island City, do.

REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC.

GLOUCESTER, Mass, Jan 15—Anxiety increases for the safety of the overdue bark Ednyfed, from Trapani Sept 28, for this port. She was last spoken Dec. 5, lat 39, lon 64.

LONDON, Jan 15—Stmr Canada (Br), Kay, which arrived at Liverpool 14th from New York, reports Jan 11 ,lat 51, lon 23, during a WNW gale, spoke steamer Briardene (Br), Crowe, from Cardiff for Halifax. The Briardene was lying to and signalled circulating pump was working badly.

PORTSMOUTH, N H, Jan 17 — Schr Ethel F Merriam, from Weymouth, Mass, for Portland, misstayed while working out of the harbor this morning and went ashore on Fishing Island. She was floated this afternoon by tug M Mitchell Davis, without damage, and returned to her anchorage.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Marconi wireless telegraph stations have been established by the government of Canada at the following points on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence as aids to navigation, and are operated for the department by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd.

Fame Point lighthouse, Gaspe coast.
Heath Point lighthouse, Anticosti.
Cape Whitte, Quebec Labrador.
Point Amour lighthouse, Newfoundland Labrador.
Belle Isle lighthouse, on the northeast end of the island
Point Rich lighthouse, west coast of Newfoundland.
Cape Ray lighthouse, southwest point of Newfoundland.
Sable Island, near the main station.
Cape Sable lighthouse, southwest point of Nova Scotia.
Partridge Island, entrance to St. John harbor, N. B.

Vessels fitted with Marconi apparatus passing these stations can communicate with them, and messages will be forwarded to their destination at commercial rates.

MARINE NOTES

It is expected that the British ship King David, which left Salina Cruz Sept. 30 for Royal Roads, will be put on the overdue list.

The British bark Drumcraig is now out 106 days from Portland, O., for Manila, with lumber, and has been reinsured at 25 per cent.

Advices received here from Nassau state that bark Jennie Sweeney, from Philadelphia for Cardenas, lost spars and sails and was making for Nassau; assistance declined.

Considerable wreckage, believed to have come from the wrecked British bark Altona, on Pollock Rip, came ashore on Muskegat and Tuckernuck. The wreckage included part of a vessel's house, yardarm and sail.

Word comes from Montreal that Captain William Stewart, now in port with the C. P. R. steamship Lake Champlain, has been appointed to the command of the new steamship Empress of Britain, and today he is receiving the glad hand from his many friends in this city.

MARCUS HOOK, Jan. 15.—Steamer Olaf Kyrre (Nor.), from Shields, which passed up today, has aboard captain and crew, 12 all told, of bark Cordillera (Nor.), from St. John, N. B., for Buenos Ayres, rescued Jan. 5. The Cordillera was abandoned, waterlogged and dismasted, in lat. 34.41 N., lon. 41.56 W.

Some fears are felt for the safety of ship Acenor, which sailed from Saginaw Bay, Alaska, Oct. 24, for Yokohama. She was loaded with 1,500 tons of dried salt salmon. She should have reached Yokohama in 40 days. The ship was under charter to the C. H. Lily Co., of Seattle, who state that they have almost abandoned hope for the vessel.

British steamer Largo Bay, from Girgenti, reports Dec. 15, off the coast of Sicily, picked up from a raft a seaman, the only survivor of steamer Albula (Nor.), which foundered with all hands in a storm while bound from Trapani for Bergen. The man had been three days without food or water, several vessels having passed without seeing him. Landed him at Gibraltar.

EXPORTS

FOR LIVERPOOL, per S S Pretorian:
Foreign Goods—3,347 pkgs meats, 100 pkgs tongues, 7,739 pkgs lard, 2 cs meats. Value, 219,793.

Canadian Goods—2,416 bxs cheese, 228 pkgs bacon, 10 bales leather, 22 cs books, 207 bxs butter, 301 brls apples, 192 cattle, 5,920 bdles shooks, 740,327 ft spruce deals, 27,891 feet spruce scantling, 7,163 feet spruce plank, 8,601 feet spruce plank ends, 547 bales hay, 18 bales straw, 82 bags feed corn, 53 bags feed meal, 37,221 bush wheat. Value $92,037.

Total value of cargo, $310,030.

FOR GLASGOW, per S S Alcides:
Foreign goods—236 cattle, 150 sacks flour, 722 pcs pine lumber, 229 pine deal. Value, $15,635.

Canadian Goods—460,992 feet deals, etc, 241 cattle, 4,640 sks flour, 1,368 bxs cheese, 428 bxs butter, 1 cs effects, 3 cs leather, 191 bdles pulp boards, 23,179 bush wheat, 390 sks oatmeal, 24 cs bacon, 37 bgs clover seed, 4 cs brush backs,94 tons hay,351 bags meal. Value, $86,749.

Total value of cargo, $102,249.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

Last Night's Games

The hockey season of 1906 opened in St. John last night when the Y. M. C. A's and Beavers played the first game in the city league, resulting in a victory for the former by 3 goals to 1, and the Mohawks and Beavers battled in the intermediate league the former winning by 2 to 1.

In the first game the ice was rather soft and wet but by the time the second contest was called on it had dried up considerably.

As these were the first games of the season it was naturally expected that they would not be very fast, but except that the boys did not appear to be able to keep at it like they would with more training, the playing was quite snappy at times. The Y. M. C. A's showed better endurance than their opponents who only at intervals awould take a brace and force matters.

There was very little attempt at team work by either team but what little there was, was in favor of the Y. M's.

Eric Macneil acted as referee and his decisions were well received. The line-up was as follows:-

Beavers.	Y. M. C. A.
Goal.	
Paisley	Brown
Point.	
Thompson	Shives
Cover Point.	
Petrie	Des Brisay
Right Wing.	
Blizard	Philps
Centre.	
Murray	Hearn
Rover.	
Wortman	Clawson
Left Wing.	
Clinch	Gilmour

The second game proved fast. "Cy" Inches was arbitartor, and did his work with thorough satisfaction. The victory, as in the previous game, was the result of good condition and practice. In the first half the goal shot for the Mohawks was scored by McLean. This soon after was evened by a pretty shot by Des Brisay. In the second half Patterson scored again for the Mohawks, winning the game.

The line up was:—

Goal.	
Sears	Mackay
Point.	
Shives	Millie
Cover Point.	
Howes	E. Inches
Right Wing.	
McAvity	Paterson
Centre.	
Sandall	McLean
Rover.	
Des Brisay	Creighton
Left Wing.	
Burpee	Belyea

Sussex Juniors Beaten

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 17—(Special)—The hockey match this evening between the Regals, of Amherst, and the Sussex juniors resulted in a victory for the Nova Scotia team by a score of 9 to 2. The ice was very soft, and good playing impossible. D. D. Freeze was referee. The visitors were entertained to lunch after the game.

Halifax Defeated Windsor

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 17—(Special)—At Windsor tonight the Halifax Crescents defeated the Windsor hockey team by a score of 4 to 0, in the Nova Scotian hockey league series.

BASKET BALL

Two Good Games

The G. L. C.'s won from the Y. M. A. of Portland Methodist church last evening in a game played in the Mission church school room. It was a very close and exciting game, and was won by the G. L. C.'s, 20 to 15. It was the Portland Y. M. A.'s first defeat. The line up was:—

G. L. C.'s.	Portland Y. M. A.
Forwards.	
J. Ledingham	Coram
J. Gilmour	Crosby
Centre.	
R. Ledingham	Howard
Defence.	
T. Ledingham	Thorne
E. Crawford	Wilson

The St. Paul's Y. M. A. defeated the Mission, 22 to 13. The line up in this game was:—

St. Paul.	Mission.
Forwards.	
Knox	W. Brown
Emery	Boyne
Centre.	
London	Tobin
Defence.	
Starkey	Lee
Stephens	Horsman

The Y. M. C. A. intermediates defeated the St. Paul's intermediates last evening in St. Paul's church school room.

SKATING

Policemen's Sports

The police sports are to be held on the 30th inst. and already the law officers are diligently working on their respective beats to ascertain which of them can sell the most tickets. A substantial prize urges them to their best efforts in disposing of the tickets, and the policemen who are patrolling the business beats are, as would be expected, leaders in the race. A fine programme has been arranged for the sports, and it goes without saying that a funny evening is anticipated when the "cops" don the blades.

BASE BALL

St. John Boys Sign

Manager Barrows, of the Toronto base ball club, has signed many new players this year. The list, as made up to date is as follows:—

Pitchers, left handers—Ambrose, Putnam, New York Americans; Leroy Urback, Philadelphia, semi-professional record, thirty-five strike-outs in two games; W. Kerwin, Inter-state League, won twenty out of thirty-one games.

Right-handers—"Rusty" Owens, Dubuque, Ia., pitched two no-hit games in Three I. League; Al. Watts, London, won twenty-five out of thirty games in the northern league; McEachern, St. John, N. B., played championship ball last year.

Catchers—Jack Toft, left over; McGovern, Boston Americans; Carney, from Cleveland.

Infielders—"Billy" Yale, Connecticut League, batted .314, stole sixty-seven bases, led in fielding first base; W. Meek, Western League, six feet three inches, weighs 215 pounds; Herman Long, veteran second baseman T. Bonan, Lake Linden, Michigan, second baseman McGuigan, St. John, N. B., second baseman. Those who have seen this player say he is gilt edge and will make good.

Outfielders—Jack White, Fred Crollus, once with Boston, batted .347, Connecticut League; J. Becker, Lake Linden, Michigan, batted .407; Jake Bauer, Sedalia, led Western in batting two seasons.

THE TURF

Horses and Horsemen

Up to the time of his death (the result of a fall in a race), Otto Wonderly's percentage of 31 was the best of all the jockeys who rode in 1905. Next best was F. Perrett, with 30 and only recently he was charged with incompetency. Then comes Dominick with 28 per cent, Cormack had 26 prior to his departure for France. Nicol's percentage is 26, probably the best of all, considering the great number of mounts he had—857 W. Miller's was 20, Radtke's 25, W. Davis' 22, E. Welsh's 23, W. Dugan's 24, Larsen's 24, J. Walsh's 25, J. Daly's 24 and O'Neill's 20.

Visitors to the Elmendorf Stud, where Watercress, Star Ruby, Kinley Mack and many other noted stallions are located, will be requested hereafter to pay a nominal admission fee, which is to go into a local charitable institution fund.

Western papers chronicle a report that a mare in Ohio, twenty years-old, has just dropped her first foal.

"Booby" prize for jockey "honors" for the year 1905 goes to D O'Connor, who, out of 147 mounts, rode one winner.

The following persons, all well known in racing circles, died during the year 1905:—S. S. Brown, Captain Carter (after whom the Carter Handicap was named), "Joe" Cotton, George H. Ingeman, Louis Fitzgerald, Jr. F. B. Harper, Fred Harkins, Robert Lynn, Charles McCafferty, (jockey), John O'Neill, H. C. Schultz, George E. Smith, Jacob Worth, R. W. Walden, "Eddie" Wenrick (jockey), Otto Wonderly (jockey).

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