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MONDAY	6,958
TUESDAY	6,874
WEDNESDAY	6,791
THURSDAY	6,795
FRIDAY	6,831
SATURDAY	7,654
TOTAL	41,903
Daily Average	6,983
Average Daily Sworn Circulation Last 3 Months of 1905,	6,553

WEATHER AND STREETS

The citizen of St. John steps cheerily forth in this glorious April weather, and revels in the consciousness that winter has been projected another eight or nine months into the future.

As he inhales the invigorating air of the sunny spring day and dejoices in it, something happens. His feet stumble on the sidewalk, or sink into the street crossing. He is brought sharply back from elysian fields, and made to feel that he is only a taxpayer, and a victim of the streets of this town.

So long as the snow and ice remained, it was possible to dream of smooth sidewalks and clean crossings; but the snow and ice have departed, and sidewalk and crossing rise up in all their hideousness to meet the incautious footfall and to make trouble for pedestrians.

Whoever walks about town these days must be impressed by the fact that the asphalt sidewalks in many places, in all parts of the city, are this spring in a prticularly bad state of disrepair. A part of the paved street is also a disgrace, notably that from the post-office corner to Duke street. The unpaved streets are no better. But the street crossings are particularly offensive. If there is any system of cleaning them the wayfarer is not impressed by its results.

The citizens have learned that the taxes are going up, and at the same time they observe that the streets and sidewalks, in places, are going down. And thus a shadow falls upon the brightness of the glorious April weather.

And the civic elections are at hand, with the prospect of a weaker city council this year than last.

MR. HILL'S INVASION

In a recent issue of the Inter-Nation, Mr. J. J. Hill set forth at length his views on the subject of reciprocity with Canada. Needless to state, he favors free interchange of merchandise between the United States and Canada. The statement acquires a new significance in view of the exposure of the great American railway magnate's scheme to penetrate western Canada with numerous lines to make that vast region tributary to his American railway and seaport connections.

In parliament yesterday Hon. Thomas Greenway asserted that within ten years there would be more people west of the great lakes than east of them. The people of St. John, seeing immigrants pouring in by thousands in the steamships coming to this port, can appreciate the force of Mr. Greenway's statement. The maritime provinces are vitally interested in the development of the west. Seeing the rapid growth and the extension of the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific railways, they look forward to a growing traffic between these provinces and the region traversed by those lines. They do not relish the thought that a large share of this traffic may be diverted to American channels. As a speaker said to the Canadian Club in Toronto on Monday, ours is a far-flung confederation. There should be close sympathy and the advantages of mutual trade development to give to the Dominion that cohesion so essential to a true national growth.

CHICAGO'S PROBLEM

The result of the municipal elections in Chicago yesterday is briefly that the city council can proceed to issue certificates for $75,000,000 to acquire the street railway systems of the city, but cannot operate them. The two questions of acquiring the railways and operating them were put separately. A bare majority sufficed to carry the first one, but the latter required a three-fifths vote, and this was not secured.

Mayor Dunne is confident that when the railways have been acquired, under the authority given by the majority vote, the people will give the necessary power to the council to operate them.

The situation is peculiar, and the temptation presented to Chicago aldermen is very great. They have been authorized to spend $75,000,000. Possibly they are very able and very honest men, and can and will drive a good bargain in the city's interest, but they will be fought at every turn by the clever advocates of the street railway companies, and if these fail to make their influence felt it will be a remarkable achievement for municipal ownership.

The situation created by the vote of yesterday will make municipal politics in Chicago more interesting than ever before to the people of other cities, for the latter will want to know whether it is good policy to entrust a body of aldermen with the expenditude of so enormous a sum of money.

ONTARIO FORESTRY

The Ontario government is paying close attention to the subject of forest conservation. In connection with the sale of the right to cut timber on two berths, one twelve and the other thirteen miles square, the Globe says:—

"In connection with this proposed sale it is said that government officials have already made one report on the amount of timber on the berths, and that another is to be made, based on measurements of the trees to be cut, as far as such a plan is practicable. In this way the government will be able to judge pretty fairly as to whether the tenders are approximately equal to the value of the timber. There is some reason to believe that the supplementary revenues will contain an item for the department of lands and mines, which will be expended in systematic measurements and valuations of two or perhaps three timber berths.

"At the same time information could be obtained as to the value of portions or ultimately the whole of these berths for agricultural purpoees, or as to the advisability of setting them aside after the standing timber had been removed for reforestation. The result of this preliminary experiment, as it might be called, would naturally have an important bearing on the general policy of the government in respect to forestry and settlement problems."

Referring to the Natal incident the Toronto Globe says:- "The colonists must be left to a large extent to deal with the native problem in their own way. There are certain great principles that they cannot be allowed to iguore, but within a permissible area they may be regarded as knowing best what ought to be done. The South African black cannot be civilized with lilies and rosewater or by Exeter Hall meetings. He must be treated with justice, but made to thoroughly understand that his numbers do not give him license to break laws and to raise murderous disturbauces whenever his anger is aroused."

Professor Leacock, of McGill University, Montreal, speaking to the Canadian Club in Toronto on Monday on the subject of "The Imperial Crisis," said:- "Canada cannot continue to exist on her present status; she must either move nearer to the mother country or farther from it. The Dominion cannot exist by itself. Separated, our far-flung confederation would break under its own weight. We know that under the surface of the political life of the country there are smouldering fires of racial and religious antagonism. Our connection with the empire is the real tie that binds us together."

APPLE PACKING FRAUDS

(Toronto Globe)

A despatch from Brantford, published in The Globe on Saturday, reported the conviction of two apple men for fraud in the packing of apples. The fruit had been shipped to a dealer in Prince Albert, Sask. who complained to the Dominion fruit inspector at Winnipeg of the inferior quality of the apples. The inspector found that most of the barrels contained from 23 to 27 per cent. of culls, and he came to Ontario to institute proceedings. The result was the conviction before Magistrate Ludlow of both the owner and the packer, and the despatch closes with this statement: "In both cases the minimum fine was imposed."

Now, in the name of common honesty and of common sense, why should "the minimum fine" be imposed? For years the department of agriculture has been trying to redeem the Canadian apple trade from dishonesty and fraud. More than four years ago the Fruits Mark Act was passed, creating a reasonable standard and fixing reasonable penalties. The officers of the department have been vigilant and faithful in enforcing the law, but five times their number would be required unless the dealers themselves learn to respect the law. There are those in the trade who will not learn except under the compulsion of the heaviest fines and the most humiliating publicity. The time has gone past when any consideration should be shown. Dealers must be taught that careless packers are expensive, and packers must lern that dishonesty does not pay. No man packs 25 per cent. of culls either ignorantly or by accident. The bluff put up before the court is played out and the government should see to it that the fines are increased, as the Fruit Growers' Association recently requested, and that the officers are alert and stern in the enforcement of the law. Tnink of an inspector being compelled to travel from Winnipeg to Prince Albert and then to Brantford because of petty dishonesty in the Ontario apple trade, and, after all that waste of time and money, for which the country must pay, the men responsible for it all, and for the disgrace and the loss which it involves, escape with the "minimum fine!"

The prominence given this subject during the past week, and the attention paid to it by the newspapers, will have a wholesome effect both on the departmental officials and on the offenders in the trade. The warnings given must be deemed sufficient. From this time on the minimum fine should be cut out.

CANADIAN PACIFIC.

In connection with Canadian Pacific earnings, it will be pointed out that already net returns are $4,790,000 ahead of last year's net. This is sufficient of itself to pay six per cent. on over $79,000,000. It would seem from this as a rough basis that Canadian Pacific's recent capital increases are showing very adequate returns in the way of revenue.

TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS.

February	$ 93,327,531
Last month	85,654,182
Three months this year	291,821,511
Same time year ago	248,006,255
Increase for 1906	43,815,256

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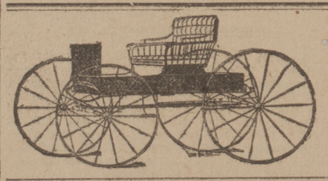
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IS PERIL TO TEMPERANCE

Dominion Alliance so Calls the New Ontario License Bill.

(Toronto Globe).

"A sudden and serious peril threatens the temperance cause. Without any previous intimation of intention to do anything else than carry out its avowed policy of liquor traffic restriction, without any known demand or request or suggestion from any section of the public, the government has proposed legislation that will be immensely advantageous to the liquor traffic, and correspondingly harmful to the great moral reform movement which so many churches and temperance workers have recently taken up, and are now successfully carrying on."

This is the opening paragraph of an address which the executive committee of the Dominion Alliance has adopted, and ordered to be sent out in connection with the license bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Hanna. The address is a lengthy one, and refers to the proposed law as "an unwise and unfair measure," treating it from different standpoints. It states that the bill contains some good and progressive features, among them being the amendment of the local option legislation so as to compel municipal councils to submit prohibitory by-laws to a vote of the electors when 25 per cent. of the electors petition for a vote, and to pass such by-laws if the people adopt them. But this advantage is partly offset, it is claimed, by the proposal that a repeal contest be brought on in two years.

A still worse proposal, it continues, is a clause of the act providing that in a municipality voting on a local option by-law, unless three-fifths of all the votes cast are in favor of the by-law, the by-law must be considered defeated.

"Such law is bad, because of its manifestly unjust and un-British features of class legislation and minority rule," says the address. "It is bad because it takes away rights which our citizens now enjoy."

It is pointed out that such legislation will so weaken the hands of the alliance that if it had been in force during the past three months, instead of 60 municipalities having been won by the alliance, only 28 would have been secured, and instead of closing 163 centres of liquor traffic only 63 would have been closed.

The Whitney government comes in for considerable criticism, and the charge is made that the proposed legislation is an open reversal of the stand taken by Mr. Whitney prior to the ascension of his party to power.

In conclusion it makes an earnest request to the government to withdraw that clause of the new bill providing for a three-fifths vote to carry a local option by-law, and urges every member of the legislature to do his best to prevent it becoming law.

THE TORONTO STOCK MARKET

(Toronto Globe.)

The end of the first quarter of the year finds prices on the Toronto Stock Exchange generally higher than last year. A table is published below giving the record of dealings and changes for the quarter. There has been a noteworthy increase in the volume of business in bonds, and while dealings in stocks totalled 90,000 shares more than in the last quarter of 1905, the total was below that of the first quarter of 1905. In price movements it will be seen that exceptional advances have been made by Northwest Land, and Crow's Nest Coal. Dividends on Dominion Bank and Toronto Railway and National Trust have been increased, causing special gains in these securities. But the whole list shows improvement, Sovereign Bank stock advanced most in the bank list, and, strange to say, Imperial, without a dividend increase, has gained more in price than has Dominion, while both Toronto and Hamilton also show larger gains than Dominion.

In the general list navigation issues are all substantially higher, led by Richelieu's gain of 13 1-2. Dominion Steel issues have made the chief improvement among industrials. Tractions are generally higher. About the only stock noticeably lower is Gas, which, ex-div., closes the quarter 6 points lower than the last quarter. Looking at general averages it will be seen that the level at the close of the quarter is very near the average of the highest prices reached last year, while the average of the highest prices during the quarter is 2 5-8 above the average highest last year. The average of the high, low and closing prices of the twenty most active stocks on the local exchange compare as follows:

	High.	Low.	Close
Year 1905	133¾	112⅝	125½
First quarter, 1906	135¾	123¾	132⅛

Total dealings on the local exchange compare as follows:—

	Shares.	Bonds.
First quarter, 1905	262,795	$178,000
Last quarter, 1905	134,225	375,000
First quarter, 1906	24,933	935,300

The issues most active have practically been the same as last year, their order, however, being changed, as follows:—Mackay, Sao Paulo, N. S. Steel, Twin City, Toronto Railway, Mexican Power, General Electric, Dominion Coal, Mackay pref., Richelieu, Imperial Bank, Ontario Dominion Bank, Dominion Steel, Toronto Electric, C. P. R., Commerce, Northern Navigation, Hamilton, and Electric Development. In this list Mexican Power and Electric Development are new issues, and Imperial Bank and Northern Navigation take the place of Gas and Winnipeg Electric, which were more active last year.

C. P. R. LAND SALES

The sales of the land department of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the month of March were almost three times as large as in the corresponding month of any previous year. This result is all the more surprising because the company is not pressing the sales of lands and indicates that a large number of settlers got into the country very early this spring. The sales for March totalled 46,112 acres for $329,431, compared with 15,906 acres for $85,576 last year, and 12,992 acres for $59,690 in the month of March, 1904.

The sales of the Canada Northwest Land Company in March were 5,422 acres for $43,632, against 5,753 acres for $41,721 last year. The advance that has been made in the minimum price of land does not seem to have affected sales in the least.

MAY HELP CAPE BRETON.

The Dominion Coal Company and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company may be benefited if the bituminous coal strike across the line lasts long enough. It would give them the opportunity of selling coal to markets now held by the Americans. It looks, however, as if only a portion of the American mines will be idle.

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