NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Woodstock, Ont., is Trying the Oiling of Its Streets.

Many Seamen Desert From Their Boats at Montreal.

Catholic Young Men's Association Started at Fort William.

Jarl Von Hiermoymi, the Minister of Commerce, died at Budapest.

The Grand Trunk plan to build an earth embankment for track elevation at Montreal is strongly objected to.

Woodstock has started to oil its streets. If the experiment is successful practically all the streets will be oiled to lay the dust.

Mrs. James Levens was found dead on the floor of her home, Ingersoll, by her husband, on his return from work. Heart failure was the cause.

At a meeting of the Rural Deanery of Northumberland and Peterboro' counties held at Havelock, Rev. A. J. Reid, of Campbellford, was elected Rural Dean.

Since the season of navigation opened on the St. Lawrence there have been no fewer than 23 desertions of seamen from the seven or eight boats at their berths in Montreal harbor.

The laborers employed in the casting shop of the Malleable Iron Works, Smith's Falls, are on strike, demanding an increase from $1.45 to $1.60 per day. About 360 men are affected.

In attempting to make Kemp's slip at the Soo, the steamer Alva collided with the Great Lakes tug Boynton, damaging the tug's stern bearings and ripping off 40 feet of her rail streak.

The committee engaged in a five-days' campaign to raise $50,000 for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Toronto found that the total subscriptions secured in three days amounted to $21,862.75.

Permits were issued last month at Berlin, Ont., for the erection of houses to the value of over $60,000, in addition to the Kauffman Rubber Co.'s plant and two additions, to cost $27,000, at the Lang tannery.

Mr. W. E. Stavert, of the Bank of Montreal, has resigned as trustee for the "assisting" banks in the Sovereign Bank's affairs, and he will probably be succeeded by Mr. G. T. Clarkson, who has just been appointed curator.

Traffic through the Soo canals for April was less by 1,000,000 tons than for the corresponding month last year. The total freight tonnage for the month was 792,587 tons, of which 610,851 tons passed through the Canadian canal.

By a unanimous vote of the board, R. W. Allen, M. A., general secretary of the Anglican Laymen's Missionary Movement, has been appointed assistant general secretary for the Missionary Society of the Church of England.

The Quebec Bank building at the corner of King and Toronto streets, Toronto, has been purchased by the H. H. Williams Company, acting on behalf of a syndicate, at the price of $100,000, which represents a cost of $4,000 per foot.

George Knott, alias Young, was at Montreal sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, with deportation at the end of the term, by Judge Leet. He had been charged with hotel burglaries committed in that city within the last two months.

Mr. A. C. Boyce, Conservative member for West Algoma, and Dr. Cash, Liberal member for Mackenzie, are both confined to the Ottawa Hospital. Mr. Boyce has bronchitis, while Dr. Cash is also suffering from an illness brought on by a cold.

Although Mrs. Emma Noble claimed $75 a month alimony against her husband, John in the Non-jury Assize Court at Toronto, she settled with him for $13 a month and the costs of the suit. The parties to the suit are residents of Oakville.

Bernard Rennie, cook on the Ganley tug Commodore, while en route to the Soo, from Michipicoten, was taken suddenly ill. Shortly afterward he was found dead, laying on the floor on his hands and knees. He was 60 years old and lived in Collingwood.

A Catholic Young Men's Association has been organized at Fort William and twenty-five thousand dollars collected for organization purposes. The object is to cater to the moral, mental and physical wants of boys and young men, and to make the association a national one.

The Waterworks Commissioners have let a contract for a new pump and turbine wheels to the Canada Boving Company, Toronto, including a travelling crane, at a cost of $12,300. Seventy-five thousand dollars is to be spent extending and increasing the capacity of the waterworks.

TAX LOT SALES.

Big Profits Were Made by the Belleville Purchasers.

Belleville despatch: Documentary evidence from the registry office was produced at the investigation into the sale of tax lots in 1910, resumed here to-day, to show that certain lots were sold by City Treasurer David Price and Lorne W. Marsh, then Mayor, to relatives at prices which were a little over the amount of taxes due on these lots. A few days later these properties were resold to other parties at a large advance. Messrs. Marsh and Price, it was deposed, acted under power of attorney from the relatives. No evidence on behalf of Mr. Price and Mr. Marsh has yet been given. Judge Deroche is allowing great latitude to witnesses and counsel in an endeavor to secure the facts. The inquiry was adjourned till May 13.

MISS FANNY CROSBY.

Famous Blind Singer Received Ovation in Carnegie Hall, New York.

New York, May 8.—Miss Fanny Crosby, the famous blind singer of gospel songs, received a splendid ovation last night in Carnegie Hall, where a great audience assembled to inaugurate the seventh season of the tent, open-air and shop campaign of the Evangelistic Committee of New York City. Miss Crosby, who is in her ninety-second year, came from her home in Bridgeport, Conn., to sit on the platform and teach the immense crowd how to sing a new hymn, called "To the Rescue," which she had just written for the occasion.

Other speakers were: Dr. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Toronto Globe; Rev. Dr. A. F. Schauffler and Rev. Dr. Wilton Merle Smith.

TRUST OFFICIALS

"No Bill" Returned on Conspiracy Count in Farmers Bank Case.

Managers Warren and Morden to be Tried by Judge Winchester.

Toronto despatch: No bill was found by the grand jury at the Criminal Assize Court yesterday in the case against Matthew Wilson, K. C., solicitor of the Trusts & Guarantee Company, and W. S. Morden, assistant manager, on a charge of conspiracy to procure for the Trusts & Guarantee Company an undue preference over other creditors of the Farmers Bank.

Only the evidence of W. R. Travers, the convicted manager of the Farmers Bank, was placed before the grand jury, and this was considered insufficient upon which to find a true bill. The other witnesses, whose evidence was not heard, were Inspector Duncan, H. A. C. Renshaw and G. T. Clarkson.

In his charge to the grand jury on this case Chief Justice Meredith pointed out that if the undue preference were obtained under pressure by the creditors, then the charge could not be sustained.

The trial of J. J. Warren and W. S. Morden, manager and assistant manager respectively of the Trusts & Guarantee Company, on a charge of receiving notes of the Farmers Bank from W. R. Travers as a pledge for loans made to the bank, will come down before Judge Winchester in the County Criminal Court, at 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

The case was to have proceeded yesterday morning, both of the accused, unrepresented by counsel, being present, but the Crown was not prepared to go on. Mr. T. L. Monahan, who will conduct the trial for the Crown, was engaged before the grand jury in the Criminal Assizes.

In their defence, it is understood the accused will endeavor to show that the Farmers Bank kept a deposit account with the Trusts & Guarantee Company, and they will submit that the bills alleged to have been received by them in hypothecation for a loan were placed with the Trusts & Guarantee Company as a deposit, and recorded on their books to the credit of the Farmers Bank.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

Directors Elected at Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Detroit, May 8.—At the annual meeting of the Michigan Central Railway Company, held here to-day, the following directors were elected: William K. Vanderbilt, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Henry B. Ledyard, William C. Brown, J. Pierpont Morgan, Chauncey M. Depew, William H. Newman, George F. Baker, W. K. Vanderbilt, jun., Lewis Cass Ledyard and Marvin Hughitt.

The stockholders of the Detroit River Tunnel Company also elected directors, as follows: W. K. Vanderbilt, F. W. Vanderbilt, H. B. Ledyard, W. C. Brown, W. H. Newman, Nicol Kingsmill, W. P. Torrance, Henry Russell, W. K. Vanderbilt, jun., L. C. Ledyard and Geo. F. Baker.

STEAMER SUNK.

Two Men and One Woman of Steamer Fisher May Be Drowned.

Detroit despatch: The steel steamer Fisher was sunk early to-day opposite Wyandotte in the lower Detroit River in a collision with the steamer Stephen Clement of Cleveland. Chief engineer, W. W. Auhl and Steward Louis Sugden and Sugden's wife, who was assistant steward, are missing and are believed to have been drowned. The Fisher sank with a big hole amidships in a few minutes. A boat from the Clement rescued the remainder of the Fisher's crew, who jumped overboard in their night clothing.

THE FARMERS BANK.

Toronto, May 8.—There have been no new developments in the liquidation of the Farmers Bank, but the curator states that in accordance with the announcement made some time ago, the double liability will be exacted from the shareholders. The present list shows that there are about 700 shareholders who will come under the double liability provision, and the amount that they will have to make good will approximate half a million dollars. Not a few of these are Ontario farmers.

TRAGEDY OF A FARMER'S WIFE

Long Years of Abuse From Her Husband She Declares She Endured.

Goes Back to Teaching, Husband Rents Farm and Works for $8 a Week.

Sues for Alimony—Would Suicide Rather Than Live With Him.

Toronto despatch: In the High Court this morning Mrs. Emma Noble, of Meaford, took proceedings to have her husband, John Noble, a farmer in the county of Peel, pay $75 a month alimony on the grounds that it was necessary for her to leave him. He had abused her, she said, his temper was bad, he drank, and when in that condition taunted her and made life unendurable. In a state of nervous collapse she had left him in July, 1909.

"When he was sober we lived happily together," testified Mrs. Noble. "But he kept on drinking."

"Did he ever use violence to you?" asked Mr. Godfrey.

"He taunted me a great deal, but in justice to him I can't say he used violence at first. He'd say, 'Your old dad—he was always a temperance man, but what good did it do him?'

"I had to barricade myself in a lower room so as not to hear him. He got a screw driver and was going to force open the door. I got the curtain pole. I said, 'Let me alone—I'll look after your children and do your chores, but leave me alone.'"

"When did he first assault you?"

"Previous to 1902."

"What kind of a temper have you?" asked Mr. Godfrey.

"Well, I taught school five years and boarded round and never was known for any temper. But sometimes when he'd taunt me I'd have liked to kill him."

The trouble had accumulated after a summer's outing in 1902. There had been false reports. The situation continued to get worse.

"On Christmas eve, 1904, he trailed me around the table by the hair."

On other occasions Noble had choked his wife, she said, until she thought her end had come. The couple moved to Oakville in 1908. Things didn't improve. One night after Mrs. Noble had locked herself in her bedroom he had broken open the door.

"He clutched me and said, '—— you, I'll do for you now.'"

From 1908 the abuse by tongue and otherwise became a continuous performance. In the summer of 1909 she had left her husband and regained "her mental poise and her bodily health." Her spirits had improved. If she was obliged to return to her husband she would go insane.

"Either that or I'd commit suicide," said Mrs. Noble, "or murder."

She was now supporting herself by teaching school again.

Dr. Todd, of Toronto, testified as to the poor mental and physical condition of Mrs. Noble in 1909.

Cross-examined by Mr. L. F. Heyd, Mrs. Noble testified that her husband had refused to pay for her hats.

"Do you want to go back and live with your husband?" asked Mr. Heyd.

"No."

"How much money do you want?"

Mr. Godfrey objected.

"We are willing to discuss that question."

Mr. Heyd stated that if Mrs. Noble would state a lump sum instead of monthly one, and forever release his client, he would consider a settlement. His client had $2,500.

"This woman has been an exemplary farmer's wife, and that accounts for the family bank account," said Judge Teetzel. "You can't have a successful farm without a good farmer's wife. Mrs. Noble helped to pay off the mortgage by economizing in the house and helping on the farm."

Mr. Godfrey suggested $2,500 and the costs as a settlement.

Mr. Heyd stated that the husband was earning $8 a week at the Jones Electric Company in Toronto, and had rented his farm for $175 a year.

After a great deal of wrangling over the terms of a compromise the case was continued in despair of an agreement.

Mrs. Noble re-entered the witness box. She had complained of feeling unwell and finding the work hard and her husband had said: "You are a fool to stay if you can't do the work."

He had made disgraceful accusations. There had been several minor vexations and in July, 1909, she had packed her trunk and left the farm. Since that time until the present action she had not communicated with her husband, a period of nearly a year. Mr. Noble had sold the stock off the farm and she heard that he had boasted she would never get a cent of it. Hence her decision to take action.

There had been a contributing circumstance. A story of her husband's having been kicked out of a house in Meaford by the son of the woman who lived there, had not been disproved by her husband. He had told her to believe it of not just as she liked.

"I was said to have been a fine, fresh, healthy-looking girl, when I married him," said Mrs. Noble, "and two years ago they said I was a skinny-looking mummy."

"You are looking better now," said her questioner.

"I've been away from him for two years," explained Mrs. Noble.

"I don't see any grey hairs."

"If you want to see my grey hairs, I'll soon show them," said the lady, offering to take off her hat.

"Oh, no, no," protested the lawyer.

The case was adjourned till the afternoon.

WOMAN MAYOR.

Refuses to Play With Council That Opposes Female Police Chief.

Hunnewell, Kan., May 8.—Mrs. Ella Wilson, Mayor of this place, was victorious in the first skirmish with the Council last night. Mrs. Wilson had prepared to present the names of Mrs. W. E. Hilton and Mrs. C. A. Osborn for City Clerk and Chief of Police respectively, but learning of the Council's cut-and-dried plan to defeat the appointments, she refused to attend the meeting, keeping the records in her possession. Instead, she held a meeting by herself in a nearby grocery.

The Councilmen sent her a note demanding that she attend the meeting and bring the records. This she ignored, and the Council was forced to adjourn until next week.

LIVE STOCK CENSUS

Bulletin of Condition of Animals a Close of Winter.

Statistics Gathered From Ontario, Quebec and Other Provinces.

Ottawa, May 8.—The Census and Statistics department to-day issued a bulletin on the conditions of live stock in Canada as it emerged from the winter months. Generally speaking, the reports from every province are good.

Prince Edward Island—With abundance of fodder, live stock in the island have wintered well and cattle and horses reported to be in excellent condition. Horses are scarce and high in value. Potatoes are small and scarce.

Nova Scotia—The winter has been the longest for some time and intensely cold. All live stock have, however, wintered well and are reported as being in excellent condition. Fodder has been abundant owing to the bountiful hay and root crops of last year. Some correspondents report that in spite of the long cold winter, from 20 to 25 per cent. of the supply of hay still remains in hand. Horses are scarce and high in price.

New Brunswick—The good crops of hay, clover and oats last year gave an abundance of winter feed and in general all classes of live stock have come through a severe winter in excellent condition.

Quebec—Throughout the Province the condition of live stock is reported to be excellent. Good supplies proved abundant, though to many districts the length and severity of the winter caused a larger consumption than usual. Where employed in connection with the lumber camps, horses have fallen off in condition and some losses have been caused by distemper.

Ontario—Live stock save come well through the winter, and as a general rule are in excellent condition. Horses are scarce and in great demand for the west, consequently they are bringing high prices everywhere. Cases of distemper are reported in some parts of the province.

Milch cows and other cattle are selling well. The enhanced value has induced farmers to take beter care of their live stock.

Manitoba—Considering the scarcity of feed owing to the drought of last year, live stock have wintered fairly well. The scarcity of fodder is referred to by many of the correspondents in southern Manitoba.

Saskatchewan—On the whole, live stock have wintered well, though short supplies have rendered necessary the use of straw for feeding.

Alberta—In the south of this province the winter is reported as having been exceptionally severe and live stock have not wintered quite so well as in other parts.

British Columbia—Live stock have come well through a severe winter. More fodder than usual was required, but an early and favorable spring has brought on the grass and has enabled good progress to be made with field work.

THOROLD RAILWAY

Company and Town Seem Wide Apart Regarding Terms For Renewal.

Welland, May 8.—The town of Thorold and the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Electric Railway are having trouble over the franchise, which expires this year, for running over the streets. Negotiations have been going on for some time, and the town proposed a ten-years' franchise, the company to give a five-cent rate between Thorold and St. Catharines, to lay pavements down between the tracks similar to the pavement the town were laying down, and to pay a yearly sum of one thousand dollars, which they positively refused, and declared they would rather take up the rails and discontinue running the road. The company offered to hold a conference, but the Town Council refused to have anything to do with it, not even passing a motion to receive the report.

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

Washington, May 8.—The international opium conference, which was to have met at The Hague on July 1, has been postponed for one year. Germany, Japan and Portugal are not prepared with the data which Great Britain desired should be presented before the opening of the conference.

POWER FOR PEACE

Neutral Nations to Forbid Loans to Assist Belligerents.

Mr. James Speyer, a New York Banker, Makes a Practical Suggestion.

Baltimore, May 8.—"Financial neutrality" as a preventive of war between nations was the interesting suggestion offered at the Third National Peace Congress here to-day by Mr. James Speyer of the New York and European banking house of Speyer & Company. Mr. Speyer spoke of Commerce of the State of New York. He followed Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson, presiding officer of the forenoon session, who gave his interpretation of what has been called "dollar diplomacy," the newly-coined phrase applied to the expansion of business interests. The term, according to Mr. Wilson, means "the substitution of dollars for bullets; the creation of a prosperity which will be preferred to predatory strife," and a "practical mode of pursuing the ideal of world's peace."

Mr. Speyer, who spoke on "International Finance as a Power for Peace," dealt first with the influence of international investments in times of peace. Taking up the discussion of what should and could be done in time of war by first-class powers, he said: "We find to-day in Europe that in times of peace certain Governments will not allow their bankers to take and place foreign loans in the home market untill the purposes for which the loan is to be used are known and approved, and at least part of the proceeds are used by the borrowing nation for expenditures in such home markets for the benefit of the loaning nation.

"Now," said Mr. Speyer, "if such supervision and control of the bankers already exists in time of peace, it does not seem a wide flight of imagination to suggest that the great powers might agree to exercise such control in time of war between third parties, and to maintain in future what, for want of a better term, might be called 'financial neutrality.' In case two nations went to war without first submitting their grievances and differences to arbitration or judicial settlement at The Hague, why should the other neutral powers not bind themselves not to assist either of the belligerents financially, but to see to it that real neutrality was observed by their banks and bankers? There is little doubt that this could be done. If no financial assistance could be obtained from the outside, few nations would, in the face of this most effective neutrality of the other powers, incur the peril of bankruptcy. Some would certainly last a much shorter time."

JAIL WEDDING

Girl Marries Man Held For Crime at Owen Sound.

Frank Richard, Seeking to Reform, is Confronted by Robbery.

Owen Sound despatch: To-day Frank Richards, arrested here several days ago for complicity in a crime committed in Owen Sound, waived extradition proceedings and was taken back to Michigan for breaking parole at Marquette.

Several years ago two men beset and robbed a man named Long. One of the robbers, named Thompkins, was arrested, and received a prison sentence, while his accomplice, Frank Richards, escaped to the United States. He was in Marquette, Mich., about four years ago, when he was arrested and sentenced to five years for a highy robbery.

After serving three years and six months of his sentence he was paroled. Breaking his parole, he came at once to Canada, and a fortnight ago to Owen Sound. He was here for a short time when he was recognized and arrested on the old charge of robbery.

Hearing that Richards was in Owen Sound, Deputy Sheriff T. B. Caleoine, of Marquette, came immediately to take Richards for breaking parole.

Richards demanded an extradition process, but to-day waived it and voluntarily returned with the Marquette sheriff.

It appears from his own statements that Richards had decided to lead an honest life and he was downcast on being arrested for the almost forgotten robbery incident.

His sweetheart, on hearing that he was in the toils, urged him to marry her and to-day before Richards was taken on the boat for the Soo, Rev. A. Rogers united the twain in marriage at the county jail.

A FINE TEST.

Glanford Dairy Farmer's Cow Produced Over 27 Pounds of Butter.

(From the Hamilton Times.)

Holbert Jerome, of Glanford Township, who has a fine dairy farm at Mount Hope, and is also a breeder of Holsteins, has just had a highly satisfactory test made of one of his milch cows, a seven year old. The test was made by A. E. Robinson, of Mitchell, who was sent to make it by the Ontario Agricultural College, and who certainly did the work thoroughly.

The cow averaged between 27 and 27½ pounds of butter for seven days, which is only two pounds less than the Canadian record—and the conditions were not the most favorable.

FOR KAISER.

Petition Flung in His Face Scared the Police of Genoa.

London, May 8.—The police of Genoa thought the Kaiser was dead yesterday, but their fears were short lived. While the Emperor and the Empress were landing from the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern, in which they had arrived from Corfu, to take train for Berlin, and were about to enter their carriage, someone hurled a packet in the face of the Kaiser. The detectives, seeing the packet in the air, awaited the explosion in terror.

The "bomb," which fell in the carriage, was harmless. It contained a letter from a German resident, petitioning the Emperor to abandon a farm which the insane brother of the thrower had given to the Emperor in 1898. The thrower of the missive is repenting in jail.

MRS. J. M. GIBSON

Laid Corner Stone of Woman's Building at Toronto Exhibition.

President Gooderham Spoke of the Good Work of the Ladies.

Toronto despatch: The corner stone of the Woman's building of the Canadian National Exhibition was formally laid yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Gibson, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor. The ceremony was witnessed by a representative gathering of men and women, among whom were some of the foremost citizens of Toronto.

The president of the exhibition board, Mr. George H. Gooderham, M.P.P., in a brief address, reviewed the work of the women's department of the exhibition.

"I feel that the laying of no other corner stone ever gave the board of directors as much pleasure as the one we are about to lay to-day. It not only marks the addition of another fine structure of the 'Exhibition City,' but evidences an appreciation of the splendid efforts of the woman's committee towards making the exhibition the success it is.

"We are pleased to have with us today," the speaker said in conclusion, "Mrs. Gibson, wife of our Lieutenant-Governor, who has graciously consented to act as the representative of her sister women in laying the corner stone of our woman's building." Mr. Gooderham then presented Mrs. Gibson with a silver trowel. When the stone was laid in position Mrs. Gibson examined it, and, finding that it was secure, she said: "I now pronounce this corner stone well and truly laid."

Mr. Gooderham was the only speaker, and after the ceremony those who were present were shown the work on the new building. It will be a two storey steel structure, faced with red pressed brick and stone trimmings. It is situated south of the manufacturers' building and will be connected with it by a 90-foot corridor. The ground floor will provide rooms for exhibition purposes, also a small theatre for lectures on domestic science subjects. On the second floor, in addition to exhibition space, there will be the secretary's office and tea rooms opening onto balconies.

Among those who were present at the ceremony were: His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Gibson and Mrs. Gibson, Major Shanly, President George H. Gooderham and Mrs. Gooderham, Mr. John G. Kent, first vice-president; Hon. Dr. Reaume, Minister of Public Works; Hon. James S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture.

PEACE AGAIN.

Chicago Freight Handlers Come to Terms With Companies.

Chicago, May 8.—Peace between the freight handlers of Chicago and the railroads has been restored, and the maintenance of way employees are expected to call off their strike in a day or two.

The ending of the freight handlers controversy came last night, after a report of the committee of twenty-nine railroads conducting the wage negotiations for the freight handlers. It was decided that the employees of every railroad should meet their general managers to correct grievances in the individual freight houses. The demand for an increase in wages is withdrawn.

NO LIVES LOST.

Two Vessels Wrecked in Gale Which Sweeps Lake Ontario.

Kingston despatch: Two vessels were wrecked in a windstorm on Lake Ontario to-day. From one of the boats the passenger steamer Aletha the passengers and crew escaped in lifeboats, taking with them one of the number, named Ryder, who had been terribly scalded by the bursting of a steampipe.

The bursting of the pipe disabled the Aletha's machinery, and she drifted about until she struck hard on submerged rocks near here. To-night she was hard and fast with a big hole in her bottom. The vessel is owned by the Hepburn Navigation Company, of Picton, Ont., and had lately been rebuilt and leased to the Lake Ontario Navigation Company.

Out of her course, the steamer Glenwort, of the Montreal Transportation Company, went hard aground on a shoal near Nine Mile Light to-day with 89,000 bushels of wheat for Montreal in her hold. The wrecker Chieftain, with barges and divers, went to the aid of the steamer late this afternoon.