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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Latest Financial News by Mail and Telegraph.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Dec. 19—12:30 p.m.—Consols, 97 5-16 for money, 97⅞ for account; Mexican, 21¼; Mexican Central, 6⅝; St. Paul, 78⅝; Erie, seconds, 10¼; Erie, 14⅝; Pacific Central, 55⅝; Reading, 27⅝; Canadian Pacific, 91⅞; New York Central, 112½; Illinois Central, 100½; Bank of England rate, 3 per cent.; open market discount, 1⅞

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.

	Ask.	Off
Bank of Montreal	232	231½
Ontario Bank	—	—
Banque du Peuple	—	—
Molsons Bank	—	170½
Bank of Toronto	—	—
Banque Cartier	—	—
Merchants' Bank	164	155
Union Bank	—	—
Bank of Commerce	143½	142½
Wabash	—	—
Wabash, preferred	—	—
Montreal Telegraph Company	154½	153½
N. W. Land Company	—	—
Dominion Telegraph Co.	—	—
Rich. and Ont. Navigation Co.	70	68
City Passenger Railway	—	—
Montreal Gas Company	225	222½
C. P. R.	89⅞	89
Canada Cotton Company	—	—
Montreal Cotton Company	—	—
Dominion Cotton Company	—	—
New Gas	—	—
Commercial Cable Company	—	—
Bell Telephone Company	—	—
Grand Trunk Ry., firsts	—	—
Duluth Railway, common	—	—
Duluth Railway, preferred	—	—

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.

	Ask	Off.
Montreal	233	230
Ontario	118	117
Molsons	172	—
Toronto	250	246
Merchants	165	159
Commerce	143½	142
Imperial	183½	181½
Dominion	265½	264
Standard	166½	162
Hamilton	168	160
British America	119	117
Western Assurance	162½	161½
Canada Life	—	6 5
Confederation Life	—	296
Consumers Gas	192	190
Dominion Telegraph	—	102
Northwest Land Company	89½	88
Canada Pacific Railway Bonds	—	—
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	89½	89
Bell Telephone Company	163	160
Dominion Savings and Loan, ex-div.	100	98
Farmers Loan and Savings	—	127
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent	—	—
Huron and Erie L. and S., ex-div	—	160
Huron and Erie. 20 per cent, ex-div	—	150
London and Canada, L. and A.	132½	132
London Loan	—	109
London and Ontario	—	—
Ontario Loan and Debenture	—	131
Ontario L. and D., new stock	—	—

SALES—Imperial, 10 at 182; Commercial Cable, 5 and 25 at 176; 25 at 175¾ (reported); 25 at 175.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—1 p.m.—Stock market firm; American Express, —; Atchison, 33⅝; C. B. and Q., 97; Canton, —; Canadian Pacific, 89; Canada Southern, 66⅝; Delaware and Hudson, 129; Delaware and Lackawanna, 147⅞; L. N., 69½; Lake Shore, 129½; Michigan Central, 102; Northern Pacific, 16; Northern Pacific, preferred, 47⅞; Northwestern, 110⅝; New York Central, 108⅞; R. I., 82½; St. Paul, 76½; St. Paul, preferred, 120; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, 111½; Union Pacific, 37½; Western Union, 92⅞.

COMMERCIAL.

LOCAL MARKET.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 19.

There were scarcely any deliveries of grain to-day. Only one or two loads of wheat offered and sold at Saturday's values. Hay and straw quiet and steady at quotations. Potatoes active and higher at $1 by the load, $1 10 to $1 15 by the bag. The following figures are based on latest sales:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, 100 lbs	1 05	to	1 06
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	1 02	to	1 04
Wheat, spring per 100 lbs	1 04	to	1 04
Oats, per 100 lbs	82	to	85
Peas per 100 lbs	95	to	1 00
Corn per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 00
Barley per 100 lbs	80	to	81
Rye, per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 00
Buckwheat 100 lbs	80	to	80
Beans per bu	1 00	to	1 00
HAY.			
Hay, per load	6 00	to	7 50
PROVISIONS			
Eggs, retail, per doz	20	to	22
Eggs, basket, per doz	18	to	20
Eggs, store lots, per doz	16	to	18
Butter per lb, pound rolls	22	to	24
Butter per lb, large rolls or crocks	20	to	22
Butter per lb, tubs or firkins	18	to	20
Lard per lb	10	to	11
Chickens per pair	40	to	60
Ducks	60	to	80
Turkeys, 8c to 10c per lb; each	75	to	2 00
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag	40	to	90
Grapes, per lb	00	to	00
Radishes, per doz. bunches	30	to	30
Celery, per doz	30	to	50
Cabbages, per doz	30	to	50
Cauliflowers, per doz	90	to	1 00
Squashes, each	5	to	50
Pumpkins, each	10	to	20
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	to	1 15
Onions, per bu	1 00	to	1 00
Carrots, per bag	40	to	50
Beets, per bag	75	to	75
Turnips, per bu	20	to	25
Parsnips, per bag	75	to	75
MEATS, HIDES, ETC			
Beef, quarters, per lb	4	to	5½
Mutton, quarters per lb	6	to	7
Veal, quarters, per lb	5	to	6
Lamb, quarters, per lb	7	to	8
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs	7 00	to	7 25
Hides, No. 1, per lb	4	to	4
Hides, No. 2, per lb	3	to	3
Hides, No. 3, per lb	1	to	1
Calfskins, green, per lb	5	to	5
Sheepskins, each	50	to	50
Lambskins, each	0	to	00
Pelts, each	25	to	2
Wool, per lb	17	to	1
Tallow, rendered, per lb	4½	to	
Tallow, rough, per lb	2½	to	

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Toronto Street Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—The receipts of grain on the street market to-day were fair; prices were steady.

Wheat, white, per bush	$ 67	to	$ 68
Wheat, spring, per bush	61	to	61
Wheat, red winter, per bush	65	to	66
Wheat, goose, per bush	50	to	58
Barley, per bush	38	to	45
Oats, per bush	29	to	31
Peas	55	to	56
Hay	7 00	to	9 50
Eggs, per dozen	14	to	25
Butter, per pound	14	to	19
Dressed hogs	7 25	to	7 75
Potatoes, per bag	60	to	70

Toronto Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.

WHEAT—Spring, No. 2, 60c to 62c; red winter, 62c to 63c; No. 2 white, 63c to 64c; Manitoba hard, No. 1, 80c to 81c; Manitoba hard, No. 2, 78c to 78½c; Manitoba hard, No. 3, 71c to 72c; goose, 55c to 56c; frosted, No. 1, 61c; frosted No. 2, 53c to 55c; frosted No. 3, 47c to 48c.

BARLEY—No. 1, 50c to 51c; No. 2, 42c to 44c; No. 3 extra, 38c to 39c; No. 3, 35c to 37c.

PEAS—No. 2, 54c to 55c.

OATS—No. 2, 29½c to 31c.

CORN—57c to 58c.

FLOUR—Extra, $2 65 to $2 70; straight roller, $2 95 to $3 30.

Market improved. Sales—Straight roller four here at equal to $3 05; white and red outside at 62c; No. 2 spring outside at 57c; goose outside at 55c; No. 3 frosted at North Bay at 55c; oats here at 30c, outside at 26½c to 27½c, and on track at 29c; No. 3 extra barley outside at 33c; peas outside at 53c.

Montreal Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.

FLOUR—Receipts, 3,800 bbls. Market quiet and unchanged. The quotations are: Patents winter, $3 90 to $4 15; do. spring, $4 20 to $4 30; straight roller, $3 65 to $3 75; extra, $3 00 to $3 10; superfine, $2 80 to $2 90; strong bakers, $4 00 to $4 10; Ontario bags, $1 65 to $1 80.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2 hard Manitoba, 81c to 82c; corn, 60c to 62c; peas, 71c to 73c; oats, 31c to 33c; barley, 50c to 55c; rye, 52c to 54c.

MEAL—Oatmeal, $1 90 to $2 00; cornmeal $1 50 to $1 40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, $19 00 to $20 00; lard, 8½c to 9c; bacon, 11c to 12c; hams, 11c to 12½c; cheese, 10c to 11c; butter townships, 19c to 21c, western, 17c to 19c; eggs, 15c to 18c.

English Markets.

Beerbohm's Report by Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

Floating cargoes—Wheat and corn nothing offering.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat neglected, no business doing; corn rather easier.

Mark Lane—Wheat easier; American corn steady; Danube corn turn easier; flour easier.

London—Good shipping No. 1 Cal. wheat prompt sail 30s 6d, was 30s 9d; nearly due 30s 3d, was 30s 3d.

Liverpool—Spot wheat very little demand; corn buyers hold off; No. 1 Cal. ts 4½d, red winter 5s 7d, Indian none, spring 5s 1d, flour 19s 6d—all unchanged; corn 4s 1d—½d cheaper; peas 5s 4d—unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.

The quotations for the past three market days are as follows:

	Dec. 16.		Dec. 17.		Dec. 19.	
	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.
Spring	5 11½	6 0	5 11	5 11½	5 10½	5 11
Red Winter.	5 7½	5 8	5 7	5 7½	5 6½	5 8
Kan. winter	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
No. 1 Cal.	6 6	6 6½	6 5½	6 6	6 5	6 5½
Corn	4 2½	0 0	4 1½	0 0	4 1½	0 0
Peas, per c.	5 6½	0 0	5 6½	0 0	5 5½	0 0
Pork	82 6	0 0	82 6	0 0	82 6	0 0
Lard	50 6	0 0	50 6	0 0	50 6	00 0
Bacon, h'vy.	45 6	0 0	45 6	00 0	45 6	00 0
Bacon, light	45 6	0 0	45 6	00 0	46 0	00 0
Tallow	26 9	00 0	26 9	00 0	26 3	00 0
Cheese, wh.	53 0	00 0	53 0	00 0	53 0	00 0
Cheese, col.	53 0	00 0	53 0	00 0	53 0	00 0

Wheat dull, demand poor, holders offer moderately; corn dull, demand poor.

American Markets.

TOLEDO, Dec. 19.

WHEAT—71½c cash and Dec.; 77c May.
CORN—42½c asked cash; 40½c asked May.
OATS—35c bid cash.

DETROIT, Dec. 19.

WHEAT—No. 1 white, 70¾c cash; No. 2 red, 71½c cash and Dec.; 77c bid May.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 17.

WHEAT—Spring wheat, dull, lower; 5 cars No. 1 hard, new, 80½c; 2,500 bu do, 79¾c, closing 80c; 2,500 bu No. 1 northern, 77c, closing at that figure. Winter wheat—Dull and weak; No. 1 white, 76c; No. 2 red, 75c; No. 3 extra red, 70½c to 71c.

CORN—Closed firmer; No. 2 yellow, 47c; No. 3 yellow, 46½c; No. 4 yellow, 43½c to 45½c; No. 2 corn, 46c; No. 3 corn, 45½c; No. 4 corn, 44c to 44½c. Sales, 42 cars, mostly fractionally below closing quotations.

OATS—Weak early, closed steady; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3 white, 36½c; No. 2 mixed, 36c. Sales, 14 cars.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2 western, 71c; Canada, 72c to 83c.

RYE—Lower; 2 cars No. 2 sold at 55½c in store.

FLOUR—Very easy; not much doing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

FLOUR—Dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 73,000 bu; exports, 128,000 bu; sales, 595,000 bu futures, 16,000 bu spot; spots easier; No. 2 red, 76½c, store and elevator; 76¾c, afloat; 75½c to 77⅞c, f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 72½c; ungraded red, 70c to 78c; No. 1 northern, 79½c; No. 1 hard, 83½c to 83¾c; No. 2 northern, 75½c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 74½c; No. 3 spring, 70½c; options, No. 2 red, Dec., 74¾c; Jan., 75c; March, 77⅞c; May, 79½c.

RYE—Dull; western, 54c to 58c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 60c to 80c; State, 65c to 80c.

PEAS—Dull; Canada, 70c to 72c.

CORN—Receipts, 13,000 bu; exports, 19,000 bu; sales, 100,000 bu futures; 9,000 bu spot; spots weaker; No. 2, 50½c to 50¾c, elevator; options dull, closing steady; Dec., 50⅝c; Jan., 50¾c; Feb., 51½c; May, 52½c.

OATS—Receipts, 42,000 bu; exports, 4,000 bu; sales, 30,000 bu futures; 41,000 bu spot; spot dull; options easier; Dec., 36½c; Jan., 37c; Feb., 37¾c; May, 39⅝c; spot prices, No. 3, 36c; do white, 41c; No. 2, 36½c; do white, 42c; mixed western, 36½c to 38c; white do 40c to 47½c.

COFFEE—Options closed firm; sales, 33,000 bags, including Dec., $16 20 to $16 25; Jan., $15 75 to $15 85; Feb., $15 65 to $15 70; March, $15 45 to $15 55; April, $15 35 to $15 40; May, $15 20 to $15 30; spot, Rio, firmer; No. 7, 16½c to 16¾c.

SUGAR—Standard "A," 4 11-16c to 4½c; confectioners' "A," 4 11-16c to 4¾c; cut-loaf and crushed, 5 5-16c to 5½c; powdered, 4 13-16c to 5c; granulated, 4 11-16c to 5c.

EGGS—Steady; State and Pennsylvania, 29c; ice house, 18c to 21c; western, best, 27½c to 28c; limed, 20½c to 21c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.

There was a good demand for wheat every time it got down to 70⅝c or lower, and millions seemed for sale at 70⅝c; it closed at 70½c bid. Corn and oats were easier; oats was the weaker of the two toward the close. Corn is about 1-16c lower and oats are off ⅛c. Provisions were on the decline soon after the opening until near the close. Pork, compared with yesterday, is 15c lower; Jan. lard is 10c higher and May 2½c lower; ribs are off from 7½c to 10c.

THE LEADING FUTURES CLOSED.

WHEAT—No. 2 Dec., 70½c; Jan., 70⅝c; May, 70¾c.
CORN—No. 2 Dec., 41⅝c; Jan., 42½c; May, 47c.
OATS—No. 2 Dec., 30c; Jan., 30½c; May, 31⅝c.
MESS PORK—Jan., $15 92½; May, $16 25.
LARD—Jan., $10; May, $9 75.
SHORT RIBS—Jan., $8 52½; May, $8 45.

CASH QUOTATIONS.

No. 2 spring wheat, 70½c; No. 3 do, 61c to 66c; No. 2 red, 70½c; No. 2 corn, 41⅝c; No. 3 corn, 38c; No. 2 oats, 30c to 30½c; No. 2 white, 33½c on track; No. 3, do, 32c to 32½c; No. 2 rye, 47⅞c; No. 2 barley, 64c; mess pork, $14 75 to $15; lard, $10; short ribs sides, $8 25 to $8 37½; dry salted shoulders, $7 87½ to $8; short clear sides, $8 80 to $8 85.

Receipts—			
Flour	16,000	Wheat	183,000
Corn	132,000	Oats	129,000
Rye	2,000	Barley	61,000
Shipments—			
Flour	17,000	Wheat	20,000
Corn	53,000	Oats	155,000
Rye	1,000	Barley	62,000

Business Pointers.

[Reported by Drummond & Goldingham.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A cable from India says the outlook for the cotton crop is the poorest for twenty years on account of the failure of November rains.

Cotton in Liverpool is unchanged and quiet.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Prices firm, in buyers' favor.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.—Wheat quiet and unchanged; holders offer moderately; prices ¼d lower. Corn dull; demand poor and ¼d lower.

Beerbohm's report says: London, cargoes off coast, nothing offering; on passage, neglected and no business doing; corn rather easier; Mark Lane spot and corn easier; Liverpool spot wheat very light demand; corn, buyers hold off; ¼d lower.

The Dairy Markets.

Montreal Trade Bulletin: There has been a brisker business in cheese than for a little while past, English buyers responding to higher cables from Canada and the States. The earlier makes worth anything are about worked off, and summer factories have moved up in price, as their scarcity becomes apparent, and 54s is freely paid for Septembers, with 1s or 2s above made for finest selections. Liverpool is about cleared out of early stuff, and buyers will have to advance their ideas. In Glasgow old rates rule.

The Export Apple Trade.

Montreal Trade Bulletin: Recent cable advices report a healthier market in England with sales of Canadian apples in Liverpool at 12s 6d to 16s 3d for the general run of transactions. This is certainly a much better range than has ruled for some time past; and in view of light receipts expected for the Christmas holidays, it is thought that values will show a still further advance. It is to be hoped that the foreign demand will absorb the surplus shipments yet to go forward from this side at prices that will make up for the heavy losses so far incurred by Canadian shippers. Here prices are about steady at $2 25 to $2 75 for fair to choice round lots of winter varieties.

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Cattle—No offerings.

Sheep and Lambs—Market opened with 10 cars of Canadas and 17 natives on sale. Later on 15 cars of Canadas and 6 natives came in, in all nearly 50 cars. Sheep dull, except for good fat. Ewes and wether lambs active and steady at yesterday's prices to a shade higher; western, good to fancy, $6 25 to $6 50, mostly about $6 35 to $6 40; Canada sheep, good to prime, $4 50 to $5 25.

Hogs—28 cars on sale; only a few choice heavy on sale, taken at $6 65 to $6 80; 1 selected deck, $6 85; York men paid $6 65 to $6 70, as a rule, for good weight and good quality Yorkers; $6 40 to $6 60 for light Yorkers and pigs mixed, and the best of the light Yorkers; pigs, straight, $6 40 to $6 50; roughs steady at $5 75 to $6; stags, $5 to $5 50.

Barley Markets.

BUFFALO, Dec. 19.—Barley shipments Saturday, 69,300 bu. Market here almost lifeless. One or two lots are reported sold to maltsters on private terms on track at Black Rock. The current quotations are agents' figures, and do not represent actual trades, prices on which show considerable irregularity, due to location of barley, color and other outside causes; No. 1 fair and bright, 82c to 85c; No. 3 extra, 75c; other grades are nominal.

At New York—Trade dull; choice six-rowed, 80c; Canada, 84c to 93c for No. 2 to choice No. 1.

At Albany and Oswego—Markets are nominally unchanged.

At St. Louis—Business very slow; Minnesota barley sold at 69c on track.

At Chicago—Market quiet; No. 2 in store, 64c; No. 3 f. o. b., sales at 40c to 66c; No. 4, f. o. b., sales at 34c to 46c.

At Milwaukee—Market firmer; No. 2 December sold at 65c, while two lots of sample spot on track brought 65c and 67c respectively.

Chicago Board of Trade Fluctuations.

[Reported by Drummond & Goldingham.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos'g
Wheat—				
January	70⅝	70⅞	70⅝	70⅞
May	76⅝	76⅞	76	76¼
Corn—				
January	42⅝	42⅞	42½	42¼
May	46⅝	46¾	46½	49⅝
Oats—				
January	30⅞	30⅞	30⅝	30⅝
May	34⅝	34⅞	30⅝	34⅝
Pork—				
January	$15 75	$16 07	$15 75	$15 82
May	16 05	16 37	16 05	16 20
Lard—				
January	9 95	10 10	9 92	10 10
May	9 65	9 97	9 65	9 95
Ribs—				
January	8 22	8 35	8 22	8 22
May	8 32	8 47	8 32	8 42

PERFUMES

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LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—Second Lieut. David Mills has retired from the Seventh Fusiliers.

—The damage done to glass alone by last night's explosion will amount to hundreds of dollars.

—Mayor McIntyre, of Kingston, brother of Rev. Mr. McIntyre, of this city, will retire this year, and contest a seat as alderman.

—A farmer living four and a half miles north of this city says he heard the explosion on the G. T. R. last evening and felt the shock quite plainly.

—Rev. J. V. Smith, D.D., of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, officiated at the anniversary services of the Wellington Street Methodist Church yesterday.

—The anniversary services of St. Andrew's Church were held yesterday. Rev. Dr. Brownson of Detroit, preached admirable sermons morning and evening.

—Frank Atwood, of Lobo, was committed for trial by Squires Lacey and Robertson on Saturday on a charge of indecently assaulting a little girl on his father's farm in Lobo. His bail was renewed.

—Mr. Ted. Thomson, of Detroit, who has been on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. Macdonald, of London West, left for home on Saturday evening. A number of his young lady friends were at the station to bid him good-bye.

—The eloquent superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada, Rev. Dr. Carman, of Belleville, preached Sunday morning at the Askin Street and Sunday evening in the Queen's Avenue Methodist Church. It was the anniversary occasion at the former.

—A pleasant event occurred on Wednesday evening last at 156 Horton street, it being the marriage of Miss Annie Barnett, of this city, to Mr. R. J. Curtis, of Niagara Falls, N. Y. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Bella Barnett, and the groom by Mr. W. J. Milloy. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walter Rigsby. Many presents, useful and ornamental, testified to the popularity of the young couple.

—"I wish you to contradict the statement made by Mr. A. Stanton at a late meeting of the Board of Health," said Mr. A. McInnis, of the fifth ward to an ADVERTISER representative to-day. "Mr. Stanton said that I manured my ground and grew celery on it, and then flooded it for ice in the winter. This is not true. I never manured it or grew anything on it, as anyone can see, and the ice is obtained from spring water."

—Mr. and Mrs. Giles, of the Hamilton road east, while driving to attend the Christian Church last evening, narrowly escaped sudden death at the William street crossing of the G. T. R. They did not see the approaching train until within a few yards of it. Mrs. Giles with great presence of mind turned the horse's head down the track, and this saved their lives. The engine struck the shaft of the buggy, but did no further damage.

—The Ministerial Association met in Victoria Hall this morning, Rev. Messrs. Aylward, (president), Ballantyne (secretary), McIntyre, Fowler, I. Smith, Rigsby, Tall ing, Clark, Ward, Gundy, Dr. Sexton and Mihell being present. All the committees reported progress. An excellent paper on "A Ministry of Power" was read by Rev. R. Aylward and afterwards discussed by the association. The members expressed themselves as highly pleased with it, as it would prove helpful to them.

—A sensational report gained currency in Montreal yesterday that Mr. L. J. Seargeant, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, had met with a serious accident, but his many friends will be pleased to learn that the case was greatly exaggerated. Mr. Seargeant, while walking to his office on Saturday, slipped and fell, dislocating his arm. On a doctor being called it was found that the injury was not serious, and Mr. Seargeant was able to resume his duties shortly afterwards.

No. 5 Ward.

The organization of Mr. Gartshore's supporters for the mayoralty contest in East London will take place to-morrow night at Avey's block (Foresters' Hall), at 8 p.m. There will doubtless be a large attendance.

Accident to Mr. Wm. Bowman.

Mr. William Bowman met with an accident this forenoon in which he sustained severe injury. While crossing the G. T. R. track his foot caught in the rail, tripping and throwing him down, where he remained unconscious until picked up. It is thought that one of his ribs is fractured. Possessing a good constitution, it is to be hoped that he will soon recover from his injuries.

The Oil Duties.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in the oil industry will be held in London at an early day to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament to remove the duty on crude oil, so as to enable London refiners to obtain crude oil on as favorable terms as it can be purchased by United States refiners. There are several refineries in London standing idle, but if cheap crude could be brought in here they could be set going.

The 'Varsity Glee Club.

That enterprising organization the London Athletic Club has engaged at great expense the Toronto University Glee Club and Toronto Mandolin Club to appear at the Grand Opera House Wednesday night and give one of their famous musical entertainments. The glee club comprises a grand chorus of 50 voices, trained and cultivated. Their selections are of the most popular order. The Mandolin Club has a Provincial reputation. The plan of seats opened this morning at Fysh's and indications are that a large audience will be present.

The Police Court.

Abner Laing was sentenced to a month in jail by the police magistrate this morning on a charge of vagrancy. James Kelly, alias Patrick Hart, was remanded for a week on a charge of drunkenness and suspicion of larceny. John W. Loftus had destroyed his vicious dog and the charge against him was withdrawn. Frank Arscott and Angus McGinnis paid $2 and costs each for keeping bones and tallow on the market after 9 o'clock in the morning. George Fuller, charged with assaulting and wounding Ray Whateley, was bailed until Friday. George Marshall, on a charge of disorderly conduct, was let go. Two drunks were discharged.

POLITICAL UNION.

The New York Sun's Latest Declarations on the Subject.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Sun, in its leading editoral to-day, says: It is now apparent that the movement in the Dominion of Canada for casting its lot with the continent to which it belongs has begun in earnest. It is spreading alike through the country districts and the towns and cities, through Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and adjacent islands. It is supported by statesmen and political leaders of all grades and parties, and finds its adherents in all occupations and callings without reference to origin or race. Similar movements have been begun before, and more than once they promised to result in the independence of Canada and its amalgamation with the United States, but none of them ever became so general as the one now claiming our attention or reached such magnitude in so short a time of renewed agitation. The idea of joining the Canadian country with the dominating power of the North American continent has received the present extraordinary stimulus chiefly from the fact that our tariff puts Canada on the same trade footing as other foreign countries, and shuts its natural productions out of their nearest market. It is clearly to the interests of the entire Union and of every State in the Union to encourage and assist by all proper means the movement now so hopefully progressing in favor of an equal, honorable and perpetual union between the Dominion of Canada and the great republic.

FATAL! THAT IS A TRAGIC WORD!

There is a good deal of rain in Canada. The property of rain is to wet. It is vexatious. It is dangerous. Sometimes it is fatal.

In the city there is the friendly door or archway. In the country there are only the sky and fields. The rain has too much room. That is the trouble.

What a perverse thing life is.

You have had your eye on that adjoining farm. The other fellow steps in and buys it.

You have had your heart set on that pretty Miss Sweetbrier in the village. The other fellow gets the first prompt word in and your are lost.

There is a concert in the Town Hall. You promised to take Miss Mossrose. The rain falls in torrents.

AND YOU HAVE NOT GOT A MELISSA.

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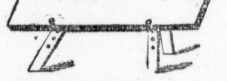

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