PRICKING THE WINDBAG.

An Eminent Engineer Says the Hurontario Canal is Impossible. Will Sink Millions and Millions and Then Be Useless.

It is almost impossible to criticise the Hurontario Ship Canal, because it has never been definitely stated. The promoter is too wary to say where the canal will start, where it will end, how he will feed it, what depth it will be, what number of locks and what system of lockage he will employ; for if he did this, engineers could at once pass judgment on it and make estimates. But in the absence of this information, Charles H. Keefer, C.E., a reputable man in the engineering profession, taking such data as the schemers have given out, and from the statements of former canal-projectors, has this to say of the scheme in a letter published the other day:

To the Editor of The Mail:

SIR,—I see by yesterday's papers, in the report of the discussion before the Executive Committee of the City Council on the Huron and Ontario ship canal scheme, that when Mr. E. A. Macdonald was pressed to give the names of his "bashful associates" in the proposed canal company he announced that the rudeness of the public in wishing to know the names of these philanthropists would not be encouraged, but, relenting a little, he informs us that he and his associates have adopted the name of "Cash."

I think that it is extremely likely that should this "cash" family manage to excavate half way down in the summit level cut of their canal another baptismal process would be gone through by which their names would be again changed and become "mud."

The original scheme for this canal contemplated having a summit level cut about ten miles in length of continuous cutting, averaging 90 feet and being nearly 200 feet in depth at the deepest place. Without taking into account other questions, this cutting alone stamps the whole enterprise as commercially impracticable. All engineers and contractors who have had experience in heavy cuttings know the difficulties of excavation in material such as would be encountered on the line of the proposed canal. They know that they have to encounter slides in the material, and in some cases a tendency in the cutting to close in on both sides and destroy all the work that has been accomplished. For the summit level cutting of the Huron and Ontario canal, with the certainty of trouble from water and very possibly from quicksand, the difficulties and amount of money required for the execution of the work would be simply impossible to estimate. The only parallel for this summit level cut is to be found on the abandoned Panama Canal, where the Culebra cut, intended to be about the same length and depth, stands partly excavated to not more than half its depth. This cut obliged some of the wealthiest and most experienced firms of contractors to succumb before its difficulties, and was probably one of the chief factors in the failure of the whole enterprise, a failure so disastrous that while only about one-third of the excavation of the whole canal, 47 miles in length, was completed, obligations amounting to several hundred millions of dollars have been incurred.

While of course conditions, topographically, are different with us, and there was gross mismanagement and extravagance, as well as climatic disadvantages, at Panama, still the difficulty in such an extraordinary depth of cutting in this material would be as great, if not greater, here, as the material at Panama was in many respects more favorable.

On that great artery of commerce, the Welland Canal, there is nothing very encouraging in the progress of either Port Dalhousie or Port Colborne to make us long to be at one end of a ship canal. As far as water-power is concerned it could not be furnished, if it were practicable to get it in that way, as cheaply as steam power. The same remark applies to water furnished for water supply; we can continue to pump it, and save very large sums by the operation.

Let us trust that the native modesty of the majority of the "Cash" family, which we may assume, from their unwillingness to allow their original names to be disclosed, may induce them to retire gently from this colossal scheme, and leave Toronto to devote its energies and moneys to its natural development, which cannot but keep it in its place as the Queen City of Canada.

Yours, etc.,
CHARLES H. KEEFER, C. E.

Toronto, Oct. 26.

County Council.

At the meeting of the York County Council Saturday the report of the Finance Committee was adopted, recommending that the warden and County Crown Attorney use the powers given them under statutes to employ any help that may be necessary for better police protection; also that the salary of the County Solicitor be $500 per annum, and that it be paid in monthly instalments. The County Council agreed to pay the Township of York the amount of $119.50, paid by them in sending the Beckwith orphans to Texas.

The salary of Mr. Hull, caretaker of the Court House, was increased $100 per annum; $10 was allowed Bull & Werrett for costs for an application for a new trial in the Weston tollgate suit.

James McDougall, County Engineer, applied to have the rent of his office reduced. This was lost after a long argument.

It was decided that the lands in arrears of taxes in the townships of York and Etobicoke should be sold.

Mrs. Atkinson, the lessee of the Lake Shore-road tollgate, being in arrears of rent $1260.58, was allowed a rebate of $260.58.

The Engineer reported that the bridge at Woodbridge was in a very dangerous condition. One of the abutments had sunk considerably. The stream was over 100 feet in width and the county should take immediate steps to replace it at a cost of about $3000.

The warden and commissioners reported that they had visited Deer Park and North Toronto to see the misplaced poles and the place where the new waterway was proposed.

The council then adjourned sine die.

A Bogus Collector for Churches.

A man who has been collecting funds in the name of the British Methodist Episcopal Church of Toronto has left this city, and it is supposed that he is on his way to Montreal. He is a fraud and the members of the church wish to warn the public against him. They have no agent authorized to collect money in their interest.

Mr. Robinson Acquitted.

Mr. James Robinson, J.P., woolen manufacturer of Markham, was acquitted at the Assize Court Saturday on the charge of misappropriation of trust funds. The jury were out about two hours. Mr. Robinson was warmly congratulated by his numerous friends in court.

Out of Sorts.—Symptoms, headache, loss of appetite, furred tongue and general indisposition. These symptoms, if neglected, develop into acute disease. It is a trite saying that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and a little attention at this point may save months of sickness and large doctors' bills. For this complaint take from two to three of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills on going to bed, and one or two for three nights in succession, and a cure will be effected.

Giddy Girls Captured.

Ruth Beresford, Annie Murley and Maggie Benson, three inmates of the Industrial School who were sentenced to terms of three years each, escaped on Monday last. They were recaptured last evening in St. John's Ward, and lodged in No. 1 station. The girls range in age from 16 to 18 years.

Excellent Reasons exist why Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil should be used by persons troubled with affections of the throat or lungs, sores upon the skin, rheumatic pain, corns, bunions, or external injuries. The reasons are that it is speedy, pure and unobjectionable, whether taken internally or applied outwardly.

Want More Police Protection.

In their presentment at the assizes yesterday the grand jury expressed the opinion that additional police protection should be provided in certain sections of the county.

PARK-AVENUE EXTENSION.

A Real Estate Man Shows How It Can Be Opened Up Without Cost to the City.

The proposal to extend College-avenue to Front-street has been a subject of much comment since it was first broached in The World on Friday last. For the most part the idea is favorably received. There is no one but admits the great improvement that such an extension would make to all property within a considerable distance from the proposed avenue. What people are most anxious to learn in regard to the scheme is the probable cost. A real estate agent, one who thinks well of the scheme, has submitted to The World the following estimate of extending the avenue from Queen to Front-street. The estimate is based on the extension being made the same width as the existing avenue, viz., 130 feet. The estimate is as follows:

Queen-street 130 feet at $300	$ 39,000
Buildings	10,000
Richmond-street, n.s., 130 feet at $50.	6,500
Buildings	5,000
Richmond-street, s. s, (no buildings of value)	6,500
Buildings, say	1,000
Adelaide-street, n.s., 130 feet including buildings, at $100	13,000
Adelaide-street, s.s	13,000
Pearl-street, including buildings, both sides	13,000
King-street, n. s., at $300	39,000
Buildings	15,000
King-street, s.s., 100 feet at $400	40,000
Buildings	15,000
Wellington-st., n.s., 100 feet at $300, including buildings	30,000
Wellington-st, s. s., 130 feet at $200	24,000
Front-street, n.s., 130 feet at $200	26,000
Total	$296,000

The same gentleman proposes meeting the expense of the extension in the following way:

4000 feet, immediately benefited, to be charged from $50 to $100 per foot, say	$280,000
7000 feet on the avenue, indirectly benefited, at $10 a foot	70,000
Total	$350,000

This estimate would leave a credit of $54,000 in favor of the scheme.

The Prohibition Question.

Editor World: There was a flutter in the dovecot last week when Mr. W. T. Stead spoke truths to which his hearers at the Metropolitan Church were unaccustomed. Mr. Stead's sympathy with temperance is beyond question; his experience as a social reformer is also beyond the reach of the caviller; yet, withal, he denounced prohibition as an impracticable dream and prohibitionists as the greatest enemies of temperance. Hundreds, aye, thousands in Toronto have long held this view conscientiously, but it required one from a distance, "with a reputation," to carry anything like conviction even to a very small number in the "enemies'" ranks. Mr. Stead played iconoclast with a vengeance.

That he did carry conviction to some previously stern prohibitionists is easily capable of proof; and in view of a movement which was at the time in process of formation, and has since developed into a very vital organization, I regard Mr. Stead's appearance in our midst and his outspoken utterances as very well-timed. I refer to the Anti-Plebiscite and Anti-Prohibition Association of Ontario.

The aim of the association is clearly laid down—to promote temperance by advocating the use of light native wines and other innocuous beverages; to secure the disassociation of "liquor licenses" and "services to party"; to counteract by the aid of the impartial press fallacious arguments when advanced by those who regard prohibition as the sole panacea for intemperance.

This is an honest and straightforward program of effort which must appeal to every man desirous of seeing, and maybe of helping to bring about a diminution in or cessation of the drunkenness which mars our vaunted nineteenth century civilization, and one which might have been expected to receive the respect, if not the co-operation, of the most advanced prohibitionists, even if only as a means to an end.

I had hardly joined the association when I read the following venomous paragraph in The Templar, the organ of the Prohibitionists:

"On Wednesday under cover of an anti-plebiscite association the liquor men effected organization for the province, and every influence that deviltry can devise or blood money purchase will be called out to defeat prohibition at the polls. They will not openly and fairly fight prohibition and whisky manufacturers will keep out of sight, but they will supply the sinews of war, and hard cash will go a long way these hard times."

To every member of the anti-Prohibition Association the foregoing is a personal insult of the most scurrilous character and as false as it is offensive.

Before committing myself I obtained definite information from Dr. Samuel Ginner, Manning-avenue, who is secretary of the association. The association, despite its infancy, numbers nearly 800 members, amongst whom are some of the most prominent citizens of Toronto.

Letters of congratulation and wishing godspeed have been received by Dr. Ginner from all parts of Ontario. In the near future it is intended to hold a mass meeting under the auspices of a committee composed of over 600 prominent ratepayers. Let our prohibition friends judge from these, when the time arrives, whether the new temperance organization is the hell-begotten institution The Templar audaciously declares it to be.

If they really wish to advance the interests of temperance let them think and judge for themselves at all times. There is something pitiable and degrading to mankind in the spectacle of a large number of otherwise intelligent men receiving with gusto a weekly allowance of poisoned pap from the hands of an unqualified head nurse.

So vindictive is The Templar that the only inference is that the inspired scribe fears, rightly, that the new movement will diminish the ranks, ergo coffers, of the prohibition coterie and leave him and a few others gazing despairingly after the prohibition phantom, which at present forms the greatest impediment in the way of true temperance workers.

AJAX.

The C. P. R. and G. T. R. New Time Tables.

To-day the change of arrivals and departures of a great many trains on both the G. T. R. and C. P. R. comes into effect. The publication of The Toronto Weekly Railway and Steamboat Guide, are promptly out with their weekly change sheet, corrected to date. This is the only time-card published keeping up with the times and if you want to keep yourself posted on the numerous changes subscribe now. Office 8 Wellington east.

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Struck by Trolley Cars.

E. Bloodsworth, a farmer near Clarkson, was driving a load of vegetables to Toronto market Saturday morning when a passing trolley car in Dundas-street struck the vehicle, wrecking it. Bloodsworth and his wife were thrown out, the latter sustaining serious injuries. Three of her ribs were broke and she received an ugly scalp wound in addition. They were taken to the residence of their daughter in Rolyat-street.

Cyrus E. Peer, a Markham farmer, drove in front of a motor car at Yonge-Adelaide-streets Saturday morning. His wagon was wrecked.

A FAITHFUL SENTINEL

IN GUARDING ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S PORTALS RELATES HIS EXPERIENCE.

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Decline in Commercial Cable, While Canadian Pacific is Strong—Large Increase in Cash Reserves of New York Banks—Provisions and Cotton are Lower.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 18.

Commercial Cable is very weak and surprises holders.

Canadian Pacific strong to-day, closing at 76½ in London.

Consols are 1-16 firmer, closing at 98⅝ for money and account.

The total transactions on the Local Stock Exchange this week were 652 shares, of which 321 were bank stock, as against a total of 827 shares and 6014 the corresponding week of last year.

It is expected that the visible supply of wheat will show an increase of 1,500,000 bushels on Monday.

The Canadian Grocer's London cable says: Sugar, Centrifugal, 96 test, unchaged, 15s 9d; Muscovado, fair refining, unchanged, 13s 3d; beet, Nov., ¾d lower, 13s 9d; March, ¾d lower, 13s.

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Tenders will be received up to Tuesday, 28th November, for the first-class stock of imported pickles, of James Bell & Son, King-street east, consisting of overcoatings, suitings, pantings and trimmings, all this season's importations, no fixtures, at a rate on the dollar. Terms cash. If time is required interest at the rate of 7 per cent., with endorsed notes to the satisfaction of the vendors. Amount of stock $3500, and can be inspected at the warehouse of Alexander Boyd & Sons, No. 11 Front-street West, adjoining Custom House, Toronto.

New York Bank Statement.

The statement of the banks for the week shows another large increase in cash reserves. The surplus is now $65,470,125, as against $4,536,175 a year ago and $13,322,750 two years ago. Within the week the reserve increased $7,641,750, loans decreased $1,253,200, specie increased $1,279,400, legal tenders increased $6,598,400, deposits increased $3,944,200 and circulation decreased $279,700.

Money Markets.

The local money market is unchanged at 6½ per cent. on call. At Montreal money on call is 5 to 6½ per cent. The New York market closed at 1½ per cent. At London the rates are 1½ to 1¾ per cent. The Bank of England discount rate is 3 per cent. and the open market rate firmer at 2 1-2 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

Rates of exchange, as reported by Wyatt & Jarvis, stock brokers, are as follows:

BETWEEN BANKS.	Counter.	Buyers.	Sellers.
New York Funds	¼	1-3 to ¼ pm	
Sterling, 60 days	9¼ to 9⅜	8 13-16 to 9⅜	
do. demand	9⅝ to 9¾	9 5-16 to 9¾	

RATES IN NEW YORK.	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, 60 days	4.84	4.83 to 4.83¼
do. demand	4.86⅛	4.85⅛

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Toronto Stock Market.

This market was dull to-day. The weak feature is Commercial Cable. Bank shares continue to hold firm. Gas is strong and loan company shares steady.

To-day's transactions: British America Assurance, 14 at 119: Gas, 30 at 187; London & Canadian Loan, 80 at 127.

STOCKS.	Nov. 17 Asked	Nov. 17 Bid	Nov. 18 Asked	Nov. 18 Bid
Montreal, xd	222	219	223	222½
Ontario, xd	113	110¾	114	110½
Molsons	....	155	....	....
Toronto, xd	245	241	245	240
Merchants', xd	157	153	157	152
Commerce, xd	138	136½	138	135¾
Imperial, xd	182	178½	183	178
Dominion	275	272	275	271
Standard, xd	166	163½	166	163
Hamilton	166	162	164	161
British America	122	118	122	118
Western Assurance	152½	151	152	150½
Consumers' Gas	190	188½	188	186¾
Dominion Telegraph	108	*100½	109	106¼
Can. Northwest L. Co.	78	....	78	....
Can. Pacific Ry. Stock	74	73½	74	73
Toronto Electric Light	190	170	190	170
Incandescent Light	118	116½	118	116
General Electric	110	....	110	....
Commercial Cable	135	134¾	134	133
Bell Tel. Co.	142	138	142	137¼
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co.	65	....	65	62
Montreal Street Ry.	169	164	170	164
Duluth Common	9	....	9	6½
" Pref.	18	15½	18	15
Brit. Can. L. & Invest.	100	....	120	....
B. & Loan Association	....	103½	....	103
Can. L. & N. In.	130	....	129	....
Canada Permanent	194	....	194	....
" " 20 p.c.	184	....	184	....
Canadian S. & Loan	130	....	130	....
Central Can. Loan	....	120½	....	121
Consolidated L. & In.	....	143	....	....
Dom. L. & I. So.	92	88	....	88
Freehold L. & S. Sav.	xd. 138	....	138	....
" " 20 p.c.	xd. 128	....	128	....
Imperial L. & Invest.	119½	....	120	....
Landed Banking & Loan	115	....	115	....
Land Security Co.	165	....	165	....
London & Can. L. & A.	....	129	....	125
London Loan	109	....	109	....
London & Ont.	120	....	....	....
Manitoba Loan	112	....	....	....
North of Scotland Mort.	....	160	....	160
Ontario Industrial Loan	....	103	....	103
Ontario Loan & Deb.	133½	131½	133½	121¼
Peoples' Loan	90	....	90	....
Toronto Savings & Loan	123	120½	123	120¾
Union L. & S.	134	....	134	....
Western Can. L. & S.	....	170	....	170
" " 25 p.c.	....	159	....	159

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

All kinds of MONEYS bought and sold; drafts on New York and Europe.

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Tips From Wall-street.

Sugar is said to be a purchase.

Missouri Pacific shows a large decrease in earnings.

F. J. Lewis & Co., 20 King-street east, received the following despatch over their private wire to-day from Kennett, Hopkins & Co.: The warm and pleasant weather has turned a legal half holiday into a practical whole holiday. Attendance on the Exchange was small and trading was of no consequence. Prices declined fit the opening and rallied at the close. Some stocks closed fractionally higher, and some lower than yesterday. The bank statement shows an increase of money, as expected, but the decrease in loans was a surprise to the street, and a very unfavorable feature, because it shows the continued shrinking of legitimate business. Money is plenty, but not to buy cats and dogs. Sales 96,000 shares.

To-day's market has been a repetition of the same market we have had for several days past, nothing more than a traders' market. The big bears even trade now on small turns. Sugar has been the only general point of attack and sold down freely. The attempt to further depress the Grangers has not met with much success, and only further increases the large short interest now outstanding.

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New York Stocks.

The fluctuations in the New York Stock Exchange to-day were as follows:

STOCKS.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Am. Sugar Ref. Co	93½	93⅝	91⅞	93⅝
Cotton Oil	30¼	30⅜	30¼	30¼
Atchison	19¼	19⅝	19¼	19⅝
Chi., Burlington & Q.	76⅝	77¼	76¼	76⅞
Chicago Gas Trust	62	62⅝	61½	62¼
Canada Southern	....	....	....	....
Del. & Hudson	132	132	132	132
Del., Lac. & W.	166½	166½	166½	166½
Erie	13⅞	14	13⅞	14
Lake Shore	127	128	127	128
Louisville & Nashville	48	48¼	47¾	48¼
Manhattan	126½	126½	126½	126½
Missouri Pacific	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾
Nat. Cordage Co.	....	....	....	....
N. Y. & New England	27⅞	28	27⅞	28
N. Y. Central & Hud.	102	102	102	101
North America	....	....	....	....
Northern Pacific	7	7	7	7
Northern Pacific Pref.	21¾	21¾	21¾	21⅞
Northwestern	103¼	103¼	103¼	103¼
General Electric Co.	38¾	39½	38¾	39½
Rock Island & Pac.	66	66¾	66	66¾
Ontario & Western	17	17¼	17	17¼
Phila. & Reading	20¼	20½	19⅞	20⅜
St. Paul	63½	63¾	63	63¾
Union Pacific	17¼	17⅝	17¼	17⅝
Western Union	86½	86⅝	86½	86⅝
Distillers	30¼	30¼	30¼	30¼
Jersey Central	119⅞	119⅞	119⅞	119⅞
National Lead	....	....	....	....
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	....
Wabash, pref.	....	....	....	....

Sales: W.U. 1500, N.W. 400, R.I. 1000, St. Paul 10,300, Erie 400, L.S. 700, Central 200, U.P. 1,700, D. L. & W. 300, M.C. 100, J. C. 100, N. L. 300, Reading 8103, Mo. P. 600, L. & N. 2000, B. Q. 8500, N. E. 1300, Distillers 800, Sugar 93,600.

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Puts on May corn 39⅛c to 39⅜c, calls 39⅝c to 40c.

Receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth Saturday 666 cars; same day last year 958 cars.

Cattle receipts at Chicago Saturday 2500, including 1500 Texans.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago Saturday: Wheat, 138; corn, 540; oats, 199.

Engagements at Chicago to-day: Wheat, 16,000 bushels; corn, 50,000 bushels; oats, 50,000 bushels. Freight on corn 1¾c.

Exports of wheat (flour included) from the United States and Canada at both coasts at this week equal 2,545,000 bushels, as against 2,818,000 bushels last week, 3,948,000 bushels in the second week of November, 1892, and 5,383,000 bushels in that week of 1891.

Estimated receipts of hogs at Chicago Saturday, 14,000; official Friday, 19,804; left over, 7000. Heavy shippers $5 to $5.55. Estimated for Monday, 25,000.

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Seeds.

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Chicago Markets.

John J. Dixon & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open'g	High'st	L'w't	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	60⅛	60⅛	59⅝	60
" —May	67⅜	67½	66⅝	66⅞
Corn—Dec.	36⅛	36⅛	35⅝	35⅝
" —May	40¼	40⅜	39⅝	39⅞
Oats—Dec.	27⅛	27¼	27⅛	27¼
" —May	30¼	30¼	30⅛	30⅜
Pork—Jan.	12 90	12 95	12 70	12 72
" —May	13 00	13 05	12 80	12 82
Lard—Jan.	7 80	7 80	7 75	7 75
" —May	7 87	7 92	7 75	7 82
Short Ribs—Jan.	6 75	6 77	6 67	6 67
" " —May	6 80	6 80	6 75	6 75

R. Cochran received the following from Kennett, Hopkins & Co.:

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Wheat—Further liquidation of the December interest, induced by light export and moderately large receipts in the Northwest, has been the feature to-day. To-morrow being Sunday has also encouraged liquidation by local longs, who are naturally timid when things look so bearish. Those who feel friendly to wheat have not cared to invest at the close of the week, preferring to wait until Monday and see how things may look then. Consequently the current of speculation has run largely to the selling side, about the only demand coming from shorts. Partridge offered it freely under 67c, having sold a great many puts at 66¾c to 66⅞c and wanting to make them good so as to cover a part of his short line. Foreign markets are weaker and there is evidence that the export demand is likely to improve. Winter wheat receipts are dropping off steadily, and advices from the Northwest indicate that the spring wheat movement is subsiding. Total primary receipts will probably soon be down to 500,000 a day, and when foreigners see that we have reached the end of our big receipts they, as well as the speculative public, will be more liberal buyers. We believe the market is getting close to the bottom and that, for a time at least, it is best to operate on the long side.

Corn and oats—Continued liquidation in oats, relatively the highest priced grain in the market, carried corn do'n also under 40c for May. Some stop orders were struck, and for a time the market was decidedly weak. Stocks are small and accumulation of the cash stuff shows a good deal of talk about being swamped with big receipts later on, but so long as Kansas feeders in part of that state are compelled to pay 30c, equal to 44c in Chicago, it would seem doubtful about these predictions being realized. Corn ought to be a safe purchase at the recent prices and show a handsome profit in the near future. Provisions recovered most of the loss sustained earlier in the day and closed about where they did yesterday. Possibly we have had about all the weak we are likely to get for the present.

Schwartz, Dupee & McCormack wired Dixon: It proved another weak day in wheat with the motives the old ones: small exports, light speculation and lack of cash demand. The week's clearances, 3,645,000 bushels, were 200,000 bushels less than last week's and 1,300,000 less than last year's. Exports for the day were less than 150,000. An increase in the visible supply of 1,500,000 bushels, about the expectation, will make the total visible over 75,500,000 bushels. Chicago stock Monday will probably increase 400,000 bushels. Prices dropped to the "put" figures, then reacted just a shade. Next week is likely to be a weak one. Corn feels the liquidation of long lines which have been going on for several days on a considerable scale. Shippers have done the bulk of selling, showing that the demand has disappointed them. Provisions rallied at the opening, especially lard, which was bought freely for both long and short account. There was also considerable long covering in pork, which was more active. After this demand had been satisfied the market weakened in sympathy with the grain markets and finally closed weak with all the early advance lost. The market next week will depend on the receipts of hogs. Should receipts equal estimates, after so sharp a break in the hog market, it would indicate enlarging supplies, and be very bearish on the product.

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NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Cotton easy; uplands 8 11-16; gulf 8 5-16; futures quiet, sales 121,800 bales; Nov. $7.31, Dec. $8.33, Jan. $7.88, Feb. $7.96, March $8.04, April $8.12. Flour weak. Wheat, receipts 230,000 bush, sales 930,000 bush futures, 16,000 bush spot; spots easier. No. 2 red, store and elevator, 65c, to 65¼c; options weak, No. 2 red, Jan. 67⅝c, Feb. 68⅜c, March 69⅛c, May 70½c, Nov. 65c, Dec. 65⅝c. Corn—receipts 44,000 bush, exports 107,000 bush.; sales 415,000 bush. futures, 85,000 bush spot. Spots firm, No. 2 44 1-2c elevator, 45½c afloat. Options weak, Nov. 44¼c, Dec. 44⅜c, Jan. 44⅜c, May 46⅝c. Oats—Receipts 104,000 bush, sales 100,000 bush futures, 40,000 bush spot. Spots dull. Options easier, Nov. 33⅜c, Dec. 34 1-8c, Jan. 34⅜c, May 35 5-8c. Spot prices No. 2 34c, No. 3 white 36c, mixed western 34½c to 35½c, white do. 36c to 39½c, white state 36c to 39½c. Eggs steady, state and Penna. 25c to 27c; western, fresh, 24c to 25½c. Coffee—Steady; sales 16,750 bags, including December 1645 to 1650, Jan. 1615 to 1625, Feb. 1605, March 1590. Spot Rio dull, No. 7 18c. Sugar easy, standard A 4 9-16c to 4⅝c, confectioners' A 4 7-16c to 4⅝c, cut loaf and crushed 5c to 5 3-16c, powdered 4 13-16c to 5c, granulated 4 9-16c to 4⅞c.

British Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 18.—Spring wheat, 5s 7d; red, 5s 3½d; No. 1 Cal., 5s 8d; corn, 4s 1½d; peas, 5s 3½d; pork, new, 57s 6d; lard, 50s 0d; bacon, heavy, 48s 0d; light, 48s 0d; tallow, 28s; cheese, white and colored, 54s.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Beerbohm says: Floating cargoes on sale, off coast, wheat and maize nothing offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and maize, inactive.

Liverpool—Spot wheat, cheaper to sell; maize, very little demand. Spring wheat, 5s 4d, half penny cheaper. Flour, 16s 6d, unchanged. Maize, 4s 1d, half penny cheaper.

3.30 p.m.—Liverpool—Wheat, futures dull; red winter, 5s 3½d for December and 5s 7d for May. Maize dull at 3s 11½d for February, March and May. Paris wheat and flour quiet; wheat, 19f 90c, was 20f for December; flour, 41f 80c, was 41f 50c for December.

English farmers' deliveries the past week, 62,895 qrs; average price, 37s 4d, was 27s 4d. English country markets slow.

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Cotton Markets.

At Liverpool to-day cotton is easy at 4 7-16d for American middlings.

At New York futures are low, Dec. closing at 7.87, Jan. at 7.80,