London Evening Advertiser

C. P. R. No. 23526

LONDON, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1922.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

GIRL IS FOUND ON ICE BENEATH THAMES BRIDGE

THINK FIRE BUG STARTED BLAZE IN OLD BASILICA

Chief of Provincial Detectives Received Threatening Letter a Few Days Ago.

COSTLY PAINTINGS LOST

Flames Destroy Vestments Presented to Church by Old French Kings.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22.—Definite word that the destruction of the Basilica at Quebec was due to incendiarism, whether by the Ku Klux Klan, or by some religious maniac, was given to the press this morning by Chief Detective Dan Lorraine, of Quebec, who declared he had received a threatening anonymous letter stating that the Basilica would be burned on the 28th.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—The church of Notre Dame De La Recouvrance, the oldest basilica in the city, and many art treasures, were destroyed by fire that left the edifice a mass of ruins early today.

For a time many of the city's finest buildings were endangered. These included the Chateau Frontenac, the Canadian Pacific Railway Hotel and newspaper offices. The fire is believed to have been incendiary.

The flames are threatening the historic palace of the cardinal, behind which is situated the Quebec seminary, which is also being showered with sparks. So serious was the situation that the students of the seminary were marched out in the dark of the early morning and distributed about the city. Sparks are endangering the north side of Buade street, on which are situated the offices of the Quebec Chronicle and the Quebec Telegram.

Sparks are also falling on buildings on Anne street, most prominent of which are the Morgan block and the Union Bank. In front of the buildings is the square, on one side of which is the Chateau Frontenac and on the other the Anglican Cathedral.

The fine basilica, pride of Quebec and church of the only cardinal in Canada, was a center of pilgrimage, and contained many historic and valuable paintings. The flames reached it at midnight. At 2:30 a.m. the great tower and chimes fell to the narrow street across which the flames were shooting. Power is off and firemen fighting with low water pressure.

Over a million dollars loss was sustained in destruction of the basilica alone. Fortunately Father Laflamme, the pastor, was able to save the Sacred Host and other vessels, but nothing else could be carried out. Fire broke out in the basilica itself shortly after midnight.

Incendiarism is suspected, and the Catholic population is excited and alarmed and rumors continue to spread that the Ku Klux Klan is responsible. It is impossible to ignore the significant fact that Catholic institutions have suffered more than any other section of the community.

This winter great fires, including St. Boniface College, University of Montreal and the church at Oka, while it is less than a year since the destruction of the miracle-working shrine of St. Anne De Beaupre.

The chief of provincial detectives received a threatening letter several days ago saying that the church, the most beautiful in all Canada, would be burned down. The blaze was the climax to a number of others in Canada recently which destroyed churches.

The same firebug, police say, is believed to have been responsible for the destruction of many religious edifices in the last few years.

Among the treasures destroyed were the religious garments of the clergy, said to be the most beautiful on the American continent; a painting of Christ by VanDyke and a painting of St. Paul by Carlo Maratta. The religious vestments were donated to the church by the old French kings. The church, rich in historical and romantic religious lore, was the seat of the only cardinal in Canada. It was erected in 1647. It was bombarded in 1759 by the British under Wolfe, and about 900 persons were buried in the crypt.

The Quebec basilica was one of the most splendid temples in America, and the interior had just been redecorated at a cost of $100,000. The organ, the finest in the province, had been completely rebuilt and placed in a new position. The organist, M. Dupree, is one of the most grief-stricken men in Quebec this morning. The art treasures in the basilica, which have been destroyed, included paintings of great value by many masters, including Lebrun and Vandyke. The estimate of over a million

Turn to Page 2, Column 4.

FIRE DESTROYS CHURCH WITH LOSS OF $20,000

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 22—Worshippers in St. John's Catholic Church early today discovered fire in the basement, and after the firemen had fought the blaze for two hours little more than the shell of the edifice was left. The damage is estimated at $20,000.

ACTION OF INSURGENTS MAY BRING EXECUTIONS

Special to The Advertiser.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—Decision of insurgents to continue guerilla warfare in County Kerry automatically becomes a virtual death warrant for four imprisoned rebels here.

The four condemned men were sentenced immediately after the execution of seven others by the Free State this week, but the sentence was respited on condition that the insurgents cease their campaign of bombing, assassinations and other outrages.

DR. HUGH STEVENSON,

Whose name will be submitted to the London Labor party early in the new year as candidate for Queen's Park.

DR. STEVENSON WILL BE NAMED FOR NEXT M.P.P.

Labor, Meeting Early in the Year, Will Consider His Name.

OTHERS TO BE MENTIONED

Fight for Seat at Queen's Park Will Begin Early.

The name of Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, M. P. P. for London, will be again submitted as a prospective candidate when the local Labor delegates convene next year to prepare for the approaching battle for seats at Queen's Park.

Definite assurance was given to The Advertiser to this effect today by local Labor chiefs well connected with the political Labor movement. The fact was emphasized, however, that this should not necessarily convey the impression that he would be, without further parley, Labor's standard-bearer at the next provincial contest.

"His name will go to the convention, of course," assured a member of the executive of the London Labor party, "and it will be for the delegates to bring in their decision."

The member freely intimated, however, that without a doubt, other prospective nominees would be considered at the same time. It will be a general convention, however, he explained, and not merely a caucus of the few, and all delegates will retain the right to their opinion and will express the same.

Questioned upon the probabilities of the next campaign, Dr. Stevenson, while admitting that rival political parties were displaying unmistakable signs of strenuous activity reserved his opinion that it was "still a long time until the day." He declined to offer his own personal view on the question, however.

It is quite evident that the provincial Labor body intends to renew the combat with even increased vigor next year. London will be the meeting place, Feb. 27 next, when delegates and party whips from every section of the province, will gather at the Labor Temple here in annual convention.

Plans for organization throughout the country on a more extensive scale than ever will be mapped out, and the Labor leaders and members of parliament throughout Ontario will be in attendance unless prevented through illness or similar contingencies.

Scores of visitors prominently identified with the Labor movement, not only in this province but throughout the Dominion, will be in London during the convention.

CHILDREN IN BUGGY KILLED BY TRAIN

No Investigation To Be Made —Rig Caught Between Gates.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ada, Ohio, Dec. 22.—There will be no investigation, officials said today, of the crossing accident in which three children were killed here last night.

The buggy in which they were returning home from high school caught between the crossing gates and was struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train.

The dead are Catherine and Emerson Hull, 14 and 16, and Irma Herrick, aged 14.

The body of Irma Herrick was carried nearly a mile on the engine before the train was stopped.

W. T. HARRIS WILL BE MAYOR.

Owen Sound, Dec. 22.—Mayor W. T. Harris, wholesale grocer, will be returned as mayor of Owen Sound for 1923 by acclamation. Alex. D. A. Christie was also nominated but will not be a candidate. Forty-four were nominated for the council, 30 for board of education, and John Parker was elected by acclamation for public utilities commissioner.

NIGHT EXTRA

Closing Markets and Latest News of the Day

NEW YORK MART PRICES ADVANCE

Street Bears Out Best Traditions of Christmas Eve.

By STUART P. WEST.
Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 22.—Today's stock market bore out the best traditions of Christmas Eve with an advance, which although by no means general, was very lively in the shares selected for leadership.

For the most part, the day was made up of a series of special upward movements for special reasons. But underlying the general market was the same feeling of confidence which has been constantly in evidence since the start of the month.

There has been all along a considerable body of Wall street opinion that has been out of sympathy with the rise, has looked upon it as merely a temporary recovery likely to be followed by another downward turn similar to that of Novmber. Traders, who have held this view have been contesting the advance, and what evidently happened today was that some of the more stubborn of the short sellers finally decided to run.

Short covering, however, was only an incident contributing to the sharp upbidding of the speculative leaders. The main explanation for the market's strength was simply that real holders of stocks were not anxious to sell, and that consequently operations for the rise were encountering no serious resistance.

There was little to be said that has not already been said, concerning the individual moves.

Tobacco Results Good.

Tobacco stocks were showing a better appreciation of the fact that this has been a very prosperous year, and that during the last few months, especially the earnings of these companies have been breaking all records. In connection with the upturn in the quipment shares the talk of extra dividends persisted. Motor shares were bought again because the season is approaching when new business comes in rapidly. The steels, coppers and rails were not as prominent as other groups, but they were for the most part fairly strong.

Predictions that German note circulation would reach the trillion mark by the first of the year are going to be more than realized. With another jump of 124,000,000 during the week ended Dec. 15, the total of Reich Bank notes outstanding was raised to 970,000,000,000 marks. This means that the paper currency has more than doubled within the last six weeks.

Trading in cotton cloths today was somewhat limited by the approaches of the holiday, but considerable volume of standard print cloths changed hands nevertheless at firm and stronger prices. Sheetings also were strong and in demand for the bag trade. Mills in general seemed well sold up on print cloths and not anxious to press sales for nearby delivery.

Sateens, pyjama checks and drills and twills all were strong.

Details Not Completed.

Various details remain to be completed before the recapitulation plan of Burns Bros. is ready to be acted on. This has been the reason for two adjournments of the committee which has the plan in charge. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. There has been considerable odd-lot investments buying going on in Burns Bros., the odds coming from people who are attracted by the relatively high yield by the prospect of still larger returns when the new capital project goes through, and by the wide margin of safety back of the present dividends.

The strength today in the public utilities shares was general, evidently anticipating the favorable results for 1922 which these companies will show.

North American common stocks was bought largely in expectation of an increased dividend. The directors of the company very likely will raise the rate from 10 to 12 per cent on the common stock of $50 par value at their next meeting. Earnings on the common will exceed $11 a share after all charges and depreciation.

Now that the stories of an extra dividend on U. S. Steel, common, have been spiked by an official denial, another rumor has cropped out regarding possible developments. This is that the Steel Corporation is likely to retire its bonds through the use of its United States bonds now held in the treasury. The postion of the company is said to be much like that the Texas company confronted when it employed $23,000,000 in cash in the call of all bonds. This also is said to be a plain case of non-taxable utilization of surplus if United States Steel should desire to do it.

HAVANA RESULTS

First race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—Perhaps, $8.40, $5.40, $2.70, won; Ruth Werle, $13.50, $4.60, second; Humpy, $2.80, third. Time, 1:18 3-5. Chevalier, Juanita III., Josephine K., Fair and Warmer and Marshal Tilghman also ran.

LINSEED.

London, Dec. 22.—Calcutta linseed, £20 15s.

New York Stocks

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.

Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Final Close
Amn. Can	73½	74	73½	73¾
Allis-Chal.	44½	44⅞	44½	44¾
Allied Chem.	78⅛	79¼	78⅛	79
Amn. Car Fdy.	182	184	182	184
Am. Hide pfd.	63¾	63¾	63¾	63¾
Amn. Inter.	27⅝	28⅝	27½	27½
Amn. Loco.	126⅝	127¾	125¾	126½
Alton	2¼	..	..	..
Amn. Sugar	76¼	76½	76¼	76½
Amn. Smelters	55¾	56⅝	55¾	56
Amn. Steel Fdy.	37½	37⅝	38⅜	38⅜
Am. T. & T.	122½	122⅝	122⅝	122⅝
Amn. Wool	95⅜	95⅝	95⅛	95½
Atl. Gulf	22⅛	22¼	22⅛	22¼
Atchison	101¼	102¼	101¼	102¼
Anaconda	49⅝	50⅜	49⅝	50¼
Bal. & Ohio	41¾	42¼	41¾	42¼
B. Rapid T.	15⅞	16½	15⅞	15⅞
Baldwin	132½	135½	132½	135
Beth. "B"	59⅞	60⅝	59¾	59⅞
Can. Pacific	143¼	144½	143¼	144⅞
Ches. & Ohio	71¼	71¾	71¼	71¼
Comp. Tab.	71	71	70¾	70¾
Consol. Gas	116½	119¼	116½	119¼
Chandler Meter.	63⅝	63⅝	63	63
Coca Cola	76¼	76½	76⅛	76½
Cen. Leather	32⅞	33	32¾	32⅞
Corn Products	130⅜	131¾	129¾	130½
Calif. Packing	82	82	81⅞	81⅞
Col. F. & I.	25	25	24⅝	24⅝
Columbia Gas	105½	105¾	105	..
Chino Copper	26¾	26⅞	26¾	26⅞
Calif. Pet.	67¼	68¾	67¼	67¾
Crucible	70	71⅝	69¾	70⅝
Cosden Co.	51⅞	52¾	51½	52
Dome Mines	43¾	44	43¾	44
Erie	10¼	10⅜	10¼	10¼
do, first pfd.	14⅝	14⅝	14⅛	14⅛
Fam. Players	91½	91¾	91¼	91¼
Fisk Tire	12¼	12⅜	12¼	12¼
Gt. Northern	78¼	78¾	78¼	78½
Gt. West. pfd.	8¾	8¾	8¼	8⅜
Gen. Electric	183	183½	183	183½
Gen. Asphalt	48⅝	50¼	47⅞	49⅞
Goodrich	33⅝	34⅛	33½	34¼
Gen. Motors	13½	13⅝	13½	13½
Gt. Nor. Ore	31	..	..	..
Hupp Motor	25	..	..	..
Houghton Oil	69¼	71	69¼	70¼
Interboro	⅝	..	..	..
Int. Paper	52¼	52¼	51¼	51¼
Int. Harvester	87½	89⅝	87½	89⅝
Int. Nickel	13¾	13¾	13⅝	13⅝
Ice Securities	114¼	114¼	108½	109
Inspiration	35½	36	35¼	36
Keystone	8⅞	9⅛	8⅛	9⅛
Kelly Springfields	43⅝	44½	43¼	44
Lehigh Valley	68⅛	69½	67⅞	69⅜
Miss. Pacific	16½	16½	16	16
Marine	10⅝	10⅝	10	10
Marine, pfd.	46	48	46⅛	47
Middle States Oil.	11	11½	11	11½
Midvale	27	27⅝	26¾	27
New Haven	20⅞	21⅝	20⅞	21½
N. Y. Central	94¼	94¾	94⅛	94⅝
Nor. Pacific	16	16½	16⅛	16⅜
Norfolk & West.	112	112	111½	111¾
Pere Marquette	36¼	36¾	36¼	36¾
Pierce Arrow	13½	13½	13½	13½
Pierce Oil	4⅛	4⅜	4¼	4¼
Pacific Oil	46	46⅛	45½	45½
Pan. American	94	95	93¾	94
Pure Oil	27½	27½	27¼	27¼
Press Steel Car	80	82½	80	82¾
Rock Island	31	31¾	31	31⅜
Reading	80	81¼	80	80
Retail Stores	72⅞	75	72⅞	74
Rubber	52⅛	53¼	52⅛	53
Ray Con.	14⅜	14⅝	14¼	14½
Royal Dutch	52⅜	53⅝	52⅜	53½
Rep. I. & S.	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝	45¼
San Francisco	22¼	22¼	22⅛	22¼
St. Paul	22⅛	22⅞	21⅞	21¼
St. Paul, pfd.	34	34⅛	33¼	33½
South Pacific	88⅝	89⅝	88⅝	89¼
South Railway	24⅛	24⅞	24⅛	24⅞
South Rail., pfd.	65¾	65½	65¾	65½
Sears Roebuck	88¾	89⅛	88	88
Stromberg	65⅛	66½	65⅛	66
Studebaker	32¼	32½	32	32
Tenn. Copper	10½	10¾	10½	10¾
Trancontinental	12⅛	12¾	12¼	12¼
Tobacco Prod.	84	84	83¼	83¼
Texas Oil	47½	47½	47⅛	47¼
Union Pacific	137⅞	137⅞	137¼	137¼
United Food	4½	4¾	4½	4¾
Utah Copper	64	64¾	64	64
U. S. Steel	106⅝	107½	106½	106½
Vanadium	35	35	33¾	33¾
Wabash	8⅞	8⅞	8⅝	8⅝
Wabash "A"	24	24½	24½	24½
West Maryland	11¼	11¼	11¼	11¼
Westinghouse	60⅝	60⅝	60	60
Willys-Overland	6¾	6⅞	6⅝	6⅝

NEW YORK CURB CLOSING.

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.

New York, Dec. 22.

Sales.		High.	Low.	Close.
10	Imperial Oil	11 4½		
1600	Inter. Petroleum	20¾	20½	20¾
2300	Mutual Oil	11¾	11½	11⅝
4200	Radio	3⅝	3¼	3⅝
6300	Stan. Oil, Indiana	117	116	116
600	do, Kentucky	123	120¾	123

HAVANA ENTRIES

Havana, Dec. 22.—Havana entries for Saturday are as follows

First race, 2-year-olds, claiming, 5½ furlongs—Miss Mazie 104, Cisqua 104, Wild Cat 107, Valmond 110, xRosie H. 104, Courtier 107, Gonwithim 108.

Second race, 3-years-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—Swift Cricket 104, xMolly Puff 105, Mab 109, Bruce Dudley 112, Mary Erb 112, Starkader 112, xEdith K. 104, Refrain 107, Harold K. 112, Doctor D. 112, Whipporwill 112, Little Niece 109.

Third race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—xSempronia 99, xCarrie Baker 99, xSegan 107, xMelvin 107, 107, Golden Red 112, Discussion 112, xMad Nell 99, xFirst Pullet 104, xChevalier 107, xShingle Shack 107, Brookfield 112, Heliocress 112.

Fourth race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—xDad 102, xRas 103, Janku 108, Lustre 112, xSpods 102, Redmond 105, Old Sinner 110.

Fifth race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 1 mile and 50 yards—Nig 99, xSun Turret 103, Prospector 110, The Pirate 110, Coscorron 102, Huen 108, Wakefield 110.

Sixth race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 1 1-16 miles — xFashion Girl 100, xHatrack 103, xMay Rose 106, Berlin 108, xSir Jack 103, Miss Dixie 105, Wiseman 108, Canso 108.

Weather clear; track heavy.

(x)—Apprentice allowance claimed.

JEFFERSON RESULTS

First race, all ages, 5½ furlongs—Zoona, 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, won; Billy Connor, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, second; Reformer, even, third. Time, 1:09 1-5. Hinkle, Grenoble, Erskindale, John Joseph, Gentleman Pouett, Leo Fisher, Gondolier, Freemarket and Dr. Little also ran.

Toronto Stocks

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.

	Bid.	Asked.
Abitibi	68	68¾
Atlantic Sugar	23½	24
Brazilian	44½	44¾
Bell Telephone	113½	114
Bread	53½	54½
Car Fdy.	27	29
do, pfd.	63	64
Cement	78	79
do, pfd.	99	99½
Steamers	18¼	19
do, pfd.	55	55½
General Electric	81¾	82½
Smelters	25½	26½
Crown Reserve	29	30
Canners	50	..
Lake of Woods	171	172
Mackay	116	118
do, pfd.	69	70
Maple Leaf	116	122
Ogilvie	280	283
Penman	130½	132
Porto Rico	26	27
do, pfd.	76	81
Quebec Ry	22½	23
Spanish River	97	98
do, pfd.	105	105½
Steel of Canada	65½	65¾
do, pfd.	96½	97⅛
Toronto Railway	86	..
Winnipeg Railway	33	34

Montreal Stocks

Reported by Johnston & Ward for The Advertiser.

	Bid.	Asked.
Abitibi	69¾	69⅞
Asbestos	66¾	..
do, pfd.	85	86
Atlantic Sugar	23	23¼
Bell Telephone	112	113
Brazilian	44½	44¾
B. E., com	9	11
do, 2nd pfd.	25¾	27
Brompton	38⅝	38½
Can. Car and Fdy, com.	30¾	31
do, pfd.	66½	66¾
Can. Cement	73½	74
Can. Converters	93½	94
Can. Cottons	116	117
Can. Steamships, pfd.	18½	..
do, pfd.	55	..
Con. Mining and Smt.	25½	26
Detroit United Railway.	67½	68
Dom. Bridge	72	72½
Dom. Canners	32	32½
Dom. Textile	173	..
Mackay	106	107
Mont. L., H. and P. Con.	103¾	104
Price Brothers	46½	47
Quebec Ry., L., H. and P.	26	26⅛
Riordon Paper	6½	6
Shawinigan	111	112½
Spanish River	97⅞	98
do, pfd.	106½	..
Steel Co. of Canada	65⅞	66
Toronto Railway	86	..
National Breweries	47¾	48
Winnipeg Electric	33	34

STANDARD EXCHANGE

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Gold stocks firmed up on the Standard Exchange today, while the silvers were generally unchanged. Hollinger gained 5c to $11.95, and McIntyre moved up 10c to $10.25, but lost 5c at the close. Atlas reached 13c, West Dome Lake 25¼c, Davidson 18, Preston 11c, Wasapika 8c and West Tree 11c. Crown Reserve touched 31c, and Castle Trethewey 24c. Trade was quite active, in spite of the approach of the holidays.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 22.—Trading was quiet and prices were steady on the stock exchange today.

BAR GOLD.

London, Dec. 22.—Bar gold, 88s 9d per ounce.

MONEY.

London, Dec. 22.—Money, 1½ per cent.

Discount rates—Short bills and three months, 2⅝ to 2 11-16 per cent.

OILS.

London, Dec. 22—Close.—Linseed Oil —39s.

Sperm Oil—£28.

Petroleum—American refined, 1s 1d; spirits, 1s 2d.

Turpentine Spirits—95s 9d.

Rosin—American strained, 14s 6d; type G, 14s 6d.

Tallow—Australian, 41s 9d.

JEFFERSON ENTRIES

First race, claiming, 3 years, 6 furlongs—Rork 113, Evelyn Sawyer 110, Hillhouse 105, xAl Stebler 100, xLeslie 111, Sea Tag 108, Bedazzle 103, xBegum 98.

Second race, claiming, 3 years and up, 6 furlongs—Orcus 121, xTrantula 110, Little Romper 108, Stamp 105, Cornstalk 105, xMay Roberts 100, Meuse 110, xArchie Alexander 108, Firecracker 113, Care Free 110, Kirk Levington 108, Ragazza 108, Banker Brown 105, xTingling 103, xDelhi Maid 99, Jago 113, xJacobina 105, xWhalebone 114.

Third race, allowances, 3 years and up, mile—St. Donard 110, Wireless 110, Tan Son 110, Anzena 104, Last Effort 101, Tody 110, Financial Rooster 110, Tulane 107, Hermis Kemble 104.

Fourth race, handicap, all ages, 6 furlongs—aBest Pal 120; William A. 116, Saddle and Boots 109, War Zone 105, aBov From Home 97, My Reverie 109, Auntie May 105, Raico 103.

(x) Idle Hour Inn Farm entry.

Fifth race, 3 years and up, mile and 70 yards—Wood Trap 113, Slippery Elm 109, xUncle Velo 104, xMock Orange 101, Doughnut 97, Billy Barton 113, xRocky Mountain 107, Crack o' Dawn 103, xAtta Boy II. 98, Tulalip 94.

Sixth race, claiming, 3 years and up, mile and three-sixteenths—xHonolulu Boy 113, Escarpolette 109, xMay Bodine 106, xOn High 105, xPhelan 102, xWylie 100, xBrave 103, Paul Mico 106, Mountain Rose II. 109, Our Birthday 112, xFrank W. 108, xBritish Liner 105, xFreezy Sneezy 103, xLord Herbert 100, xTulsa 100, xGrass Tree 104, Hickory 99, Sagamook 114.

Weather clear; track fast.

xApprentice allowance claimed.

CATTLE DEMAND FOR WEEK SMALL

Large Number of Animals Tends to Lower Prices.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—This week's trading in the cattle market has been of the usual pre-holiday character. Requirements for the Christmas trade had already been well supplied before the opening market on Monday. Shippers had been advised that there would be a very limited demand for cattle this week, and that anything more than very moderate receipts would inevitably produce a break, more or less sharp, in prices.

This proved to be the case, for when the market opened on Monday morning there were nearly 3,000 cattle on sale, besides 1,000 cattle billed through for various outside points. There was an immediate break of from 50c to $1 in prices, and trade was very slow and draggy.

The general situation remained practically unchanged for the balance of the week. A considerable number of cattle continued to come in from the West, and but for the fact that one or two of the big packing houses got into the market and cleared out a lot of the rough and medium cattle at the lower prices, although they were pretty well filled up for present requirements, many more cattle would have been left unsold.

A few loads of cattle taken for export also helped the situation as regards the heavier steers and bulls. The closing market on the eve of the holiday saw a very draggy clean-up, with still a number of cattle, mostly westerns, left over unsold. Trade will probably continue slow from now until over the New Year holidays.

Small meats steady, but trade slow.

Hogs strengthened the latter part of the week, due to the active demand from outside, which sent prices up to $10.25 f. o. b., and $11 fed and watered basis.

Union Stock Yards—Total receipts this week, 315 cars, with 2,793 cattle, and about 1,000 billed through; 279 calves, 2,842 hogs and 1,050 sheep and lambs.

City Cattle Market—Receipts, 26 cars, with 308 cattle, 240 sheep and lambs, 332 hogs and 135 calves.

Quotations:

Heavy steers, cwt.	$6 00	to	$6 50
do, good	5 75	to	6 00
Butchers, choice	6 00	to	6 50
do, medium	5 00	to	5 25
do, fair	4 50	to	4 75
do, common	3 50	to	3 75
Baby beeves	8 00	to	8 50
Butcher cows, good	3 75	to	4 75
do, medium	3 00	to	3 50
Butcher bulls, good	3 50	to	4 00
Canners and cutters	2 00	to	2 75
Feeding steers, good	5 00	to	5 75
Stockers, good	3 50	to	4 50
do, common	2 50	to	3 00
Calves, choice	11 00	to	12 00
Milch cows, each	50 00	to	90 00
Springers, each	70 00	to	80 00
Sheep, choice, cwt.	6 00	to	6 50
do, heavy	4 50	to	6 50
do, yearlings	7 00	to	8 00
Lambs, light	11 00	to	12 00
do, heavy	10 00	to	10 50
Hogs, flat rates, bid—			
Hogs, fed and watered	11 00	to	11 00
do, f. o. b.	10 25	to	10 25
do, to farmers	10 00	to	10 00

Chicago Grain

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.

Chicago, Dec. 22.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	$1 28	1 28	1 26¾	1 26¾
May	1 26	1 26½	1 24¼	1 24½
July	1 14⅞	1 15	1 13⅝	1 13⅝
Corn—				
Dec.	74	74	72¾	72⅞
May	73⅝	73½	72	72⅛
July	73¼	73¼	71⅞	71⅞
Oats—				
Dec.	44½	44⅝	43⅝	43⅝
May	46⅝	46⅝	45⅞	45⅞
July	42⅝	43⅜	42½	42½

Chicago, Dec. 22.—No. 2 red wheat, $1.35.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 74¼c to 74¾c; No. 2 yellow, 74¾c to 75½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 46c to 47¼c; No. 3 white, 43½c to 45¾c.

Rye—No. 2, 91c to 91¼c.

Barley—63½c to 70c.

Timothy seed—$6 to $6.75.

Clover seed—$16 to $20.

Winnipeg Grain

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	$1 12	1 12	1 10¼	1 10⅞
May	1 15¼	1 15½	1 13⅞	1 13⅞
July	1 13¼	1 13½	1 12⅛	1 12⅛
Oats—				
Dec.	46¼	46¼	45⅞	46
May	49½	49½	48⅞	49
July	48½	48½	47⅞	47⅞
Flax—				
May	2 08	2 09⅜	2 06⅝	2 06⅞

PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Pork, nominal.

Lard, $10.62.

Ribs, $10 to $11.25.

MRS. WM. CONNAUGHTON.

Well-known society woman and church-worker of Chapleau, Ontario, is charged with the murder of William McKee, a neighbor.

EMPIRE BONDS STRENGTHENED BY NEW PLAN

New York Paper Announces Commonwealth of British Nations Now Reality.

INCLUDES FREE STATE

Plan Will Be Broadcasted From London in Ten Days.

New York, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press.)—That the British Empire has ceased to be and that the British Commonwealth of Nations has taken its place, will be officially announced in London within the next ten days, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune. News to that effect, he says, was learned in Washington last night.

"This plan," continues the Tribune's correspondent, "which has been under consideration between Downing Street and the dominions for more than a year, has been brought to a head, according to information reaching here, by the Irish Free State, which will be a part of the British commonwealth of nations, but not a dominion as Canada and Australia have been dominions.

"Intimations of the new status of the British Empire were given a year ago during the armament limitation conference, but had been almost forgotten. It is announced now that the plan has been completed and all the negotiations with the dominions satisfactorily consummated."

"DEMAGOGIC ATTEMPTS" WON'T HELP FUEL STATE

Governor of New York Dislikes Misleading Coal Propaganda.

Special to The Advertiser.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 22.—"Demagogic attempts" to promote "individual political fortunes" by "false and misleading propaganda" relative to the fuel situation in the state is not going to help conditions one bit, Governor Miller replied to Senator N. Straus on the latter's request that the state engage in the coal business.

The governor was sarcastic in his letter, and chided the senator for writing him rather than the fuel administration.

"Perhaps you get better publicity by writing to me," the governor said.

Miller said that if the state should engage in the purchase and sale of coal it would upset all the existing methods of distribution and would not help matters any.

He declared that the fuel administration is working well.

VANCOUVER DOCKMEN REFUSE N. ZEALAND PLEA

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 22. — The Longshoremen's Union today voted down a proposal, submitted on behalf of the New Zealand striking seamen, that longshoremen here refuse to work on the Canadian-Australian liner Makura, when she docks here tomorrow. The Makura left the Antipodes during the seamen's strike with a scratch crew.

Winter Really Starts This Day, That's What Men of Science Say

"Well, the winter's half over."

Most people adopt this cheery slogan just about Christmas time. From a strictly scientific point of view, however, the winter really does not commence until today.

Strange enough it is, since the temperature has already hovered perilously near zero, the milk bottles have been found frozen in the morning, and there have been heaps and heaps of snow for skating, that the cold and blustery season should be just making its official entry.

Stranger still, since only yesterday weather prophets promised three months of fine weather, and foretold the ushering in of an open winter.

When the south wind blew yesterday sign readers foretold that fine weather would continue for three months, giving us an open winter. Astronomers and scientists, however, pin us down to the cold facts of the case.

Today is not only the commencement of winter, but the shortest day of the year as well, when the sun reaches its greatest distance south of the equator. This time does not vary from year to year by more than a few hours, and it falls generally on Dec. 22 or 23. This year the sun reaches its most southern point, and winter begins on Dec. 22, 8:57 a.m., central standard time.

The fact that today is the shortest of the year and the beginning of winter, is overshadowed in most people's minds by the fact that it is also the second last day before Christmas for shopping.

Daylight lasts but a short time, but the electric light will glow till midnight and after, with preparations for the great day and the belated tying up of gifts.

RUSSIAN GETS SEVEN YEARS ON 2 CHARGES

Powell Martinchuk Sentenced by Court to Kingston Penitentiary.

SMILES AT DECISION

Prisoner Puts On Cap and Hobbles Out of Court Cheerfully.

Powell Martinchuk, Russian, was sentenced to seven years in Kingston Penitentiary on two charges of shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm to Motorcycle Officer Gavin Monahan and Constable Parker today. The sentences will run concurrently.

"I ask that you be very lenient with this man," pleaded Morris Gootson, one of the prominent members of the Russian colony, when Martinchuk appeared before Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in city police court. "He's a foreigner, and has a wife and children."

"Where are they?" inquired the magistrate.

"In the old country."

"How long has he been here?"

"A few years," replied Gootson.

"Well, why hasn't he brought his family here by this time? I understand he deserted them."

"Your worship, they didn't allow women and children to come here from Russia during the war," Martinchuk's countryman explained.

"I think he was just foolish. He got excited and started to shoot," Gootson continued. "He's unfortunate. He will be crippled all his life. If he wasn't crippled I wouldn't be here. I'm not getting any money for this."

"A Dangerous Man."

"He is a dangerous man," Magistrate Graydon pointed out. "It wasn't excitement that led him to carry a gun. He does not approve of our laws. No man can come to this country, and not believe in the laws of the country. He might have been charged with murder. It