NEW YORK.

PRICES GENERALLY HIGHER WITH OCCASIONAL SOFT SPOTS VANDERBILTS AGAIN STRONG -ALL NEWS BULLISH-SUGAR SELLS EX-DIV., IS STRONG-FEDERAL STEEL ADVANCES.

New York, Dec. 15.

The London market is active for Spanish bonds and Kaffirs, but Americans are somewhat dull, prevailing prices being about the same as our

It is said that a good deal of buy-ing in the London market is on orders cabled from this side.

cabled from this side.

Although yesterday's market was in some places heavy, and the traders thought that they had detected in the whole list a reactionary tendency, as a matter of fact the average price of 20 leading Railroads was .26 per cent. higher than on Wednesday and was higher than on Wednesday and was higher than on any day during the present year.

Missouri Pacific was largely instrumental in bringing about this result. The price was about four points higher than on the previous day. There are two stories to account for the advance. One is that negotiations are on foot for the acquisition of the Chicago and Alton, and the other that with the approval of inside interests a powerful Bull pool has been formed which will put the stock to 60, and which has an agreement with inside interests that a dividend shall be declared on the Common in the near future.

The activity in leather vesterday

Common in the near future.

The activity in leather yesterday was attributed to Keene. It is one

was attributed to Keene. It is one of his favorites, but for some months he has left it alone.

Although At hison preferred closed slightly lower than on the previous day, the buying continues excellent, The purchases by Flower Brothers were estimated at 10,000 shares, and confidence continues to be expressed that ultimately this stock will sell on a level with Union Pacific preferred.

ferred. Western Union for six months of fiscal year shows net dec. \$372,764 Deficit after div. of 2½ p.c. \$5,279 against a surplus of 446,550 last year

against a surplus of 446,550 last year and \$329,222 in 1896.

Leather pfd. advanced 2 points. It is claimed that the Co. has earned considerably more than the 5 p.c. paid on pfd and that its financial position is all that could be desired.

The pfd, sells ex div. 1½ to-day.

Flower & Co. made up a pool in which no interest was less than 5,000 shares, and none large than 10,000 to take up the Federal Steel Common stock which belonged to the underwriting syndicate. The stock was immediately paid for and the members of the pool took it off the street.

This removed all the floating stock which might be a increase to the market.

market.
Sugar was freely sold for both accounts. The stock has fallen merely 10 points from the highest last week and the trade conditions are not promising good.

STREET RAILWAY EARNINGS

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY.

		SAME DA	Y	
	1898.	1897.		
Dec. 8,	\$3,902,84	\$3,648.44	Inc	\$254,40
" 9,		3,591.42	46	434.15
" 10,	4,318.65	3,884.27	"	434.38
" 11,	2,944.34	2,631.52	66	312.82
" 12,		THE PARTY OF THE P	46	337.69
" 13,	4,048,98	3,904.72	"	144.26
" 14.	3,855,10			340.88

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY. For month of July, 1898\$103,892.93 Aug. " 109,900.54 Sept. " 138,021.74 Oct. " 99,650.16

For Nov., 1898\$100,204.95 Inc. over same days, 1897\$11,127.05

		SAME DAY		
	1898.	1897.		
Dec. 7.	\$3,394.15	\$3,173.95	Inc	\$220.20
" 8,	3,461.51	3,191.25	66	270.26
11 9,	3,542.07	3,314.37	"	227.70
" 10,		3,834.57	66	314.45
" 11,	1,203.62	973.63	66	229.99
" 12,	3,602.42	3,014.70	66	587.72
" 13,	3,431.95	3,496.56	Dec	64.61
*16 in	nches of s	now. Tra	acks blo	ocked.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.—December 15, 1898.

									то	DAY'S	PRICES				
									Asked.						
	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	Open'g	Highest	Lowest	Clos	Bid.	Ask	
Am. Cotton Oil Co	34	341	341	34	34	°341/4	341	$34\frac{1}{2}$	341	34	334	34	33 ² 87 ¹	34 88	The state of the s
re Sugar Pfd.	1253	1265	1294	1333	1351	1325	1281	126	§1.3	1251	1223	1248	1248	1247	1
" Sugar pfd		1132		1148						1113	111		111	$\frac{112}{12\frac{1}{4}}$	
" Spirits Mfg. Co " Spirits Mfg Co pfd	124		125	124		$\frac{12\frac{7}{8}}{35\frac{7}{8}}$		128		7			351	37	1
" Spirits Mfg Co pfd " Tobacco	138	1398	1394	1413	142	1434	$140\frac{3}{4}$	141	·····	1434	$140\frac{3}{4}$	1411	1418	1424	
" Tobacco pfd Atch T. & S. Fe	161	168	161	161	161	175	191	183	19	191	183	191	191	191	
Atch T. & S. Fepfd	464	46 8	457	468	47	501	5 1	511	513	517	51	51\frac{5}{8} 61	515 608	51 ³ / ₄ 61	
Baltimore & Ohio	58	59	59	584	58½	59½	60	604		61	60%	01		*****	
Bay State Gas Brooklyn Rap. Tran	69	697	721	738	731	727	$72\frac{3}{4}$	727		73	721	725 44½	728 441	$72\frac{3}{4}$ $44\frac{7}{8}$	
C.C.C. & St. L Canadian Pacific	428	43	43	43	43½	44	448	44	441/2	447	444	443	854	855	
Canada Southern	54	541	$54\frac{1}{2}$	54%	543	541	$54\frac{3}{4}$	$55\frac{1}{2}$	$55\frac{3}{4}$	577	55	573	57 ³ / ₄ 25 ³ / ₈	57\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	
Chesapeake & Ohio	$24\frac{7}{8}$ $14\frac{7}{8}$	$25\frac{1}{2}$	25 14 ³	25 k 14 k	$\frac{26}{14\frac{3}{4}}$	26 8	25\frac{5}{8} 15\frac{1}{8}	25g 15g	25 ³ / ₄ 15 ¹ / ₈	25 ³ 15 ¹ / ₈	25 ± 14 ± 14 ± 1	$\frac{25\frac{1}{2}}{14\frac{7}{8}}$	$14\frac{7}{8}$	15	1
Chic. & Great Western. Chicago B. & Q	1185	119	1195	120%	1211	122	1211		*1212	1221	1211	1228	122½ 116½	$122\frac{1}{4}$ $116\frac{3}{4}$	1
Chicago Mil. & St. P Chi. Mil. & St. P. pfd	1134	114	1144	1148	115%	1167	1168	1161	116%	1178	116	1163	1108		-
Chicago R. I. & Pacific.	1077	1081	1084	1101	1108	1107	1104	1093		1103	1098	1095	$109\frac{5}{8}$ $142\frac{5}{8}$	$109\frac{3}{4}$ $*142\frac{3}{4}$	-
Chicago & Northwest Chic. & Northwest pfd	1391		139	1374	138	139	139½	1424	1425	1427	141½	1424	1128		10
Clevel'd, Lor. & Wheel'g	$15\frac{3}{4}$		15	16	155	$15\frac{1}{2}$	157	151					15 1 44 ³	15½ 45	1
" C. C. & St. Louis.						447	45½								1
Consolidated Gas	189	$192\frac{1}{2}$	192	193	194	1951	193	1921		1911	190	$190\frac{1}{2}$ 107	$190 \\ 106\frac{1}{2}$	191	1
Delaware & Hudson Del. Lack. & Western	$104\frac{1}{2}$ $146\frac{1}{2}$	1041	105 147	$105\frac{1}{2}$ 147	106	107 ⁴ 149 ¹	107 $149\frac{3}{4}$	107		107	1064		150	151	1
Denver & Rio Grand Pfd						108	148	141		141	148	141	14%	141	1
Erie General Electric	138 843	851	13½ 85¾	13½ 86§	891	13 ³ / ₄ 94	148 94	14½ 93¼		14½ 93¾	923	$92\frac{1}{2}$	931	$93\frac{3}{4}$	1
Glucose Pfd															
Ilinois Central Laclede Gas															1
Lake Shore	*****					0.47	0.45	641		0.43	641	64}	210 641	$\frac{210\frac{1}{2}}{64\frac{3}{8}}$	1
Louisville & Nashville Manhattan con	63½ 98¾	63 8 98 1	631/981	634 991	644 993	64 ⁷ / ₈ 100 ³ / ₈	64g 991	$\frac{64\frac{1}{2}}{99\frac{5}{8}}$	64½ 99½	64 ⁸ / ₄ 99 ⁵ / ₈	64 ¹ / ₄ 99	991	991	998	1
Met. Street Ry. Co	187	1874	190	193	1934	1934	1923	1911	191	192	190	192	1911	192	1
Michigan Central Missouri Kan. & Tex			115	111	113	121	121	124	128	128	131	131	13	131	1
Missouri Kan. & T. pfd	34	347	35	351	35%	3 134	371	371	371	38	371	38 44 ³	$37\frac{7}{8}$ $44\frac{1}{2}$	38 44 ³ / ₄	1
Missouri Pacific Nat. Lead	363	37 g 36 g	37 ³ / ₃	418 371	42½ 37	44 37 ½	428 367	$45\frac{1}{2}$ $37\frac{1}{4}$	44½ 37½	46 37‡	37	371	371	374	
Nat. Lead pfd				045		0-1				95	941	95	941	953	1
New York Central	93½ 118¾	1181	94 118§	948	94	951	1191	96 121 ³ / ₄	122	$124\frac{1}{2}$	121	1241	124	1241	
Northern Pacific	407	414	403	41	411	413	41 8	411	421	42¼ 76½	41 ⁸ / ₈ 76 ⁸ / ₈	41 ³ / ₄ 76 ⁷ / ₈	418 763	414 77	1
Northern Pacific pfd Omaha	758 87 8	75 }	75½ 85½	75 ³ 86	76	$77\frac{1}{2}$ $86\frac{1}{2}$	77 ¹ / ₈₉	768 90½	763 901	933	901	931	93	931	1
Oregon Rail, and Nav					49	437	433	43	* 431	438	423	43	428	43	1
Pacific Mail Pennsylvania R. R	418	$43\frac{1}{4}$ $119\frac{3}{8}$	$43\frac{1}{2}$ $119\frac{7}{8}$	43 ³ 119 [§]	43 119 ³	120	1201	1218	1215	122	1213	1217	1217	122	1
Peo. Gas L. & Coke Co.	1083	$109\frac{1}{2}$	1094	1091	1091	1101	1091	1098	"1094	109½	1088	108 1	108%	109	
Pullman Palace Car Co Reading	183	183	184	187	140 ³ / ₄ 18 ⁷ / ₈	181	19	197/8	‡·	20	193	197	193	197	
" 1st Pfd	463	461	46	468	46	463	461	48	483	488	48	48	48	481	1
" 2nd Pfd Southern Pacific															
Southern Railroad Pfd	418	42	417 155	41 § 15 §	42 15%	$\frac{42\frac{1}{2}}{16\frac{1}{2}}$	43 16§	42½ 16½		42 ³ / ₄ 16 ⁵ / ₂	42½ 16½	$\frac{42\frac{1}{2}}{16\frac{1}{4}}$	42½ 16¼	42\frac{5}{8} 16\frac{1}{2}	
Texas Pacific Tenn. Coal & Iron	15§ 31§	15½ 31§	314	318	31 7	337	331	34	OF UNIVERSITY	341	33 8	34	337	34	
Third Avenue R. R		388	373	381	381	398	385	388		383	381	381	381	383	
Union Pacific pfd	693	70	69%	701	$70\frac{3}{4}$	715	714	704		714	701	$70\frac{7}{8}$	704	$70\frac{7}{8}$	
U. S. Rubber	45%	441	454	453	47	$47\frac{1}{4}$ $112\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{461}{1121}$	$\frac{464}{112}$		46 111½	44½ 111	12:3	1113	$\frac{44\frac{7}{8}}{112}$	
U. S. Rubber pfd U. S. Leather		108	109½	109	11112	1122									
U. S. Leather pfd	671	678	68	698	698	698	683	71	¶69¾	703	691	693	691	The second second	
Wabash pfd		213	221	225	227	227	$2s_{\frac{1}{2}}^{1}$	221	$23\frac{3}{4}$	24	231	234	23	$23\frac{1}{2}$	
W. U. Telegraph	002	94	94	95	958	955	955	95	95%	$95\frac{1}{2}$	941	943	94	944	8
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CHICAGO MARKET—December 15, 1898.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. CLOSING PRICES DEC. 7 TO 14.

			SING PAI		, 10 11.			Ovenina	Highest	Lowest	Clasina
	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat-					003	2.07	241	041	00.1	0.4	0=7
Dec	$64\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{4}$	$63-\frac{1}{8}$		*****	634-	$64\frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{2}$	648-	641-	66-1	64 -	657-
May	65%	$64\frac{7}{8}$	651-	$65\frac{1}{2}$		$65\frac{7}{8}-6$	$65\frac{3}{4}$	$66-\frac{1}{8}$	$67 - \frac{1}{8}$	657-	663-7
July	641		64½-	648-	648-1	$64\frac{1}{2}$	648	644-	658-	64%-	651-8
Corn-											
							******		*****		047 5
May	341-1	333-	333-	$33\frac{7}{8}$	341-	348-	34%-	348-	35 -	344-	347-5
July	344	341	341-	34%	345-	351-	344-	$34\frac{3}{4}$ -	351-	344-	$35\frac{8}{8} - \frac{1}{2}$
Oats-											
Dec							264-				203
May	261-	257-	257-	261-	261-	261-	2613	$26\frac{1}{2}$ -	267/8-	263-1	$26\frac{3}{4}$
						*****		******	*****		
Pork-											
Jan	9 20	9 17	9 20-	9 32	9 47	9 37	9 37-	9 32	9 35	9 27	9 35
May	9 45	9 40	9 40	9 55	9 65	9 65	9 62	9 60	9 65	9 52	9 65
Lard-										A NEW YORK	
Jan	5 10	5 07	5 07	5 15	5 25	5 22	5 17-	5 12-	5 17	5 12	5 17
May	5 30	5 25	5 25	5 32	5 45	5 42	5 37	5 37-	5 37	5 30	5 35
Sht ribs—											
Dec			4 55		******	******					******
Jan	4 62	4 57	4 72	4 65	4 70-2	4 67				*****	
May	4 77	4 72		4 77	4 90	4 87		4 82-5	4 85	4 80	4 85
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CLEARANCES OF WHEAT AND FLOUR SATISFACTORY-DELIV. ERIES OF DECEMBER WHEAT LIBERAL—RUSSIAN OFFERINGS INCREASE-MARKET STRONG.

Chicago, Dec. 15.

Shipments of wheat and flour confinue in sufficient quantities to warrant an advance in price but fears are entertained that they will diminish after the New Year. December difference with May which was 3c some weeks ago has gone down to 3 cts. The slight increase in was 3c some weeks ago has gone down to \(\frac{3}{4} \) cts. The slight increase in Russia offerings encourages buyers to hold off. Bradstreets increase for the week makes accumulations 6 millions more than last year.

The present rate of exports with the lessening of receipts would prevent any very great accumulations.

vent any very great accumulations. Great strength in wheat and corn and cash offerings were well taken. Options very strong. The tremendous advance in Bonds and Options very strong. The tremendous advance in Bonds and other American securities will extend to the Cereal and provision market some day when a big rise

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET. (Continued)

AFTERNOON BOARD.

Montreal Gas and Toronto Railway which furnished the bolk of the afternoon business were steady for the former. The interests which cleared the market of Gas in the cleared the market of Gas in the moining were buying on an extended and upward scale in the afternoon and the stock closed very strong with 207½ bid and 208 arked. It is going higher. Royal Electric was stronger than at early board but is still under yesterday's price. This stock looks as if it would go higher. Sell it when it does. Montreal Street was firm at 284. There were further sales of Eagle at 294. Halifax Railway seems on the upward track. way seems on the upward track. Some Colored Cotton Bonds sold at 99%. Other business was in small

AFTERNOON SALES.

Pacific-75 at 851. Montreal Cas—250 at 206½, 50 at 207, 50 at 207½, 25 at 207, 175 at 207½, 50 at 207½, 75 at 207½, 75 at 207½, 25 at 208.

Royal Electric—50 at 162¾, 50 at 163, 50 at 1621 11 at 162

Royal Electric—50 at 162\frac{3}{4}, 50 at 163, 50 at 163\frac{1}{4}, 11 at 163

Toronto Ry—100 at 106\frac{1}{2}, 25 at 106\frac{5}{8}, 50 at 166\frac{1}{2}, 150 at 106\frac{5}{8}, 25 at 106\frac{5}{8}, 50 at 106\frac{1}{2}, 150 at 106\frac{5}{8}, 50 at 106\frac{ Bank of British North America - 4 at 1253.

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