

FINANCE AND TRADE.

A good many operators in stocks are waiting patiently for an advance to let them get up very much before they come out, and they are knocked back again. Lower rates for money would help the market, but it is likely to be a long time before stocks get up to prices of a year ago.

"The setting-up trade in drygoods this week has improved some," said a merchant yesterday, "but we had anticipated something better. A large number of orders have been taken for spring goods, chiefly in the line of long time before stocks get up to prices of a year ago."

When asked how it was that leading retail drygoods merchants are selling at reduced prices, the wholesale dealer replied: "After taking stock about Dec. 1 wholesale dealers generally have a lot of odds and ends, and it is these that are bought by retailers and dumped upon the market in many instances at much lower prices than cost."

The Chicago wheat market is a stickler. The price for the May option yesterday was within 1/2 of the lowest since the late decline in 3c. Operators are willing to buy on the least encouragement, and the late statistics have been good. Quite a lot of wheat was bought in Chicago the latter part of last week by Toronto speculators, and it shows quite a loss now.

The business failures in Canada this week, according to R. G. Day & Co., are 40, the same number as last week, and 8 less than the previous week. Ontario has had more than her share this week, 26 out of 40. In Quebec there were only 8, in Nova Scotia 2, British Columbia 2 and Manitoba and Prince Edward Island one each. Although the number in this province is big, the failures generally are for small amounts.

The hay exporters are complaining about the new classification of hay freight by the railways. It is now in the sixth class, which means that freight north of Toronto is \$1.40 per ton higher than it was. "It is going to kill this trade," said an exporter yesterday. "We will be obliged to reduce prices to the farmer \$1.40, and it is likely that much of the crop will be left unsold."

MR. QUINN'S HUSBANDS. One Died, Two Deserted Her, But She is Not a Bigamist. BARRIE, Dec. 14.—Yesterday William Cole charged Julia Quinn of Waukesha with having two husbands at the law. There was no positive evidence to show the woman's guilt. Some admissions of her own and talk with others were all that was presented as evidence. Mrs. Quinn's matrimonial experiences are almost unique. On the death of her first husband, Moses Quinn, eight years ago she married William Cole. She is a French-Canadian from a family named Ameliah, the widow of which she was married. Ameliah died of his wife and for the second time the woman found herself deserted. She then resumed her former name of Quinn. That was the evidence and the woman was discharged.

YES! DIAGNOSIS ON FURBER. The Standard Regrets the Serious Conflict of Opinion. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Standard says that it is much to be regretted that so serious a conflict of opinion should arise before the Imperial Conference, and that the lungs of the animal taken from the steamship Huron. The latest news is that the animal has been taken by the English veterinarians to ascertain beyond all doubt that pleuropneumonia was actually present.

TWO MEN CHOP DOWN TREE IN HIGH PARK. High Park, near the Dealer, Dundas and Argyle streets, had a desire to decorate the interior of his hostelry with evergreens appropriate to the season. Yesterday he gave Charles Beattie, a member of the High Park Golf Club, \$100 to chop down a tree and sent them out for the trees. Both were sentenced to the penitentiary for life for having stolen a single copper cent. Two months ago Beattie rode into Chadron, Neb., and had a fight with a man. He was charged with the murder of the man, and was sentenced to life in prison for his crime. He was caught and pleaded guilty. The statutes provide a lesser penalty for his crime than life imprisonment.

THE MARKET FOR CANADA'S HONEY. The Canadians, it seems, have not only captured all the prizes for dairy products offered by the promoters of the World's Fair, but have likewise carried off the highest honors in the honey department. This is good news, and it is to be hoped that the Dominion will see to it that it does not lose some of its stores of honey. There is room for it; for it reports quite truly, very little is sold as honey in the shops in the genuine product of the bee's industry. Newcastle Chronicle.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AUDITORIUM HAS SECURED THE JAPANESE EXHIBITS FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR FOR ONE WEEK, COMMENCING DEC. 18. They will have a grand display of all Japanese arts, paintings and decorative fancy goods. There will be Japanese gifts to attendance everywhere. There will also be a Japanese tea house, where tea and cake will be served free to all attending guests.

Mrs. M. Stephens of Albany, N.Y., writes us as follows: "My stomach was so weak that I could not eat anything but very sweet, very soft fruit at tea time would cause heartburn, fullness or oppression of the chest, short breath, restlessness during sleep, and frightful dreams of disagreeable nature, so that I would often be unable to sleep. With the use of Nutrapur & Lysol's Vegetable Discovery, this unpleasantness has all been removed, and now can eat what suits my taste and fancy."

A Verdict For \$100 Against the City. The Hunt recovered \$100 from the city in the County Court yesterday as remuneration for a writ that had been broken by a city lawbreaker in front of 823 Queen west.

It attacked with cholera or summer complaint of any kind as one for a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kelley's Dysentery Compound and use it according to directions. It acts with wonderful rapidity in relieving the bowels, and restores the stomach and that destroys the young and delicate. Those who are suffering from cholera or summer complaint, and who are unable to eat, should use it as it acts promptly, and never fails to effect a thorough cure.

Charles F. O. Broughton, convicted, Charles Jacobus, Charles King, alias Barker, were convicted in the sessions yesterday of having burglarized the Kettlewell Hotel, 100 King Street West, by Postoffice on December 11th. Sentence was reserved.

MORE HOLIDAY BARGAINS!



Suggestions From Santa Claus: GAMES, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS FROM BASEMENT AND OTHER STOCKS.

WHOEVER else is to get left at Xmas it cannot be the little ones. We get away in to-day's story from the more staple departments of the house, though in all will be found goods particularly suited for Xmas gifts, and devote our suggestions to things for the children and younger people. We're carrying a surprising stock of goods for Xmas, not forgetting the candy counters. A five cent mixture of candies heads off anything ever offered in the line of candies.

LATEST PARLOR GAMES: Fort 81, Cokinole \$1.50, Faba Bags, or parlor quoits, regular \$1 game, for 25c, Parlor Ring Toss \$1, Halma 20c.

5-CENT GAMES: Authors, Snaps, Flip, Railway Puzzle, etc. 10-CENT GAMES: Fox and Geese, Old Maid, De. Beaky, Peter Coddle, Jack Stumps, Game of Store, Nations, Authors, Tosses, Game of Ball, Telegraph Messenger, Manxway, Bean Bag.

VARIOUS GAMES: Foresight 12c, Periwinkle 12c, Checkers all styles and prices, Chess; see a fine chess set at \$3.00, worth \$5.00, Parchesse 50c, Loutis \$1, Quoits 50c, Cuckoo 17c.

Toys in the basement; a light, roomy and well-ventilated section of the house. "I will be a pity not to let the children take a run through it. It's useless to attempt to describe on paper all that's to be seen there. See it, or miss one of the sights of the town."

R. SIMPSON, S. W. Cor. Yonge and Queen-streets, Toronto.

Entrance Yonge-street, Entrance Queen-street, New Annex, 170 Yonge-st. Store Nos: 170, 174, 176, 178 Yonge-st.; 1, 3 Queen-st.

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THE HUMMING OF TELEGRAPH WIRES. You have all heard the humming and singing of telegraph and telephone wires as you passed the poles along the streets. No doubt you have concluded that it is caused by the action of the wind on the wires, and given it no further thought. But it is not true that the humming is caused by the wind, and, if you are at all observing, you will notice that often the humming sound is to be heard on cold winter mornings, when the smoke from chimneys goes straight up until it is lost in the clouds, and when the frost on the wires is as fuzzy and thick as a roll of chenille fringe.

When this humming has been going on birds have mistaken the sound for insects inside the poles, and have been seen to peck with their bills on the outside as they do on the apple and other trees. The story is told of a bear that mistook the humming noise as coming from a nest of bees, and clawed at the pole and tore away the stones at its base until he had found the nut-covered honey. Boston Journal of Commerce.

CHRISTMAS SCHEER C. TAYLOR 80 PARLIAMENT STREET, TORONTO. Has a special stock of also wine, spirits, etc. for the holiday trade. Bottled since the time of the Pharaohs. Fine old whiskeys, port, sherry, etc., etc. See our list of prices. W. J. TAYLOR, Manager.

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ANOTHER DECLINE IN WHEAT. THE STOCK MARKET AS QUIET AND FEATURELESS. A Falling Off in Toronto Bank Clearings. Canadian Pacific closed 1/2 lower in London today.

Merchants' Bank stock was the strongest today. Sterling exchange is stronger. It is expected that a dividend will be paid on the bank's stock tomorrow as for exchange on Saturday.

MONEY. ALEXANDER BUCHANAN & SONS. Bank Clearings at Toronto. The exchange of bank notes is not satisfactory. The London market is quiet.

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RYAN & CO., STOCK BROKERS AND FINANCIAL AGENTS. 28 VICTORIA STREET. Toronto Stock Market. Business on Exchange is limited and the situation is practically unaltered.

Commercial Miscalculation. Oil higher, closing at 75c. Bacon and lard lower at Liverpool. Cash wheat at Chicago 61c.

Alexander, Ferguson & Blaikie. BROKERS AND INVESTMENT AGENTS. 23 Toronto-st., Toronto. Outside Wheat Market. At New York wheat closed at 67c and 67c.

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ROBERT COCHRAN. PRIVATE WIRES. Chicago Board of Trade and New York Stock Exchange. Margins from 1 per cent up.

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Chicago Markets. John J. Dixon & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade today: Opening High's Low's Close.

MONROE, MILLER & CO. 18 Broad-st., New York. Toronto Branch: No. 20 King-st. East. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions.

BRASS AND WROUGHT IRON SHAVING SANDS. RICE LEWIS & SON (Limited) King and Victoria-sts., Toronto.

NEW YORK STOCKS. The fluctuations in the New York Stock Exchange today were as follows:

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