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AND THE MARKET MORE ACTIVE WHILE OUTSIDE IS DULL.

Grain and Produce Fairly Active—Failures Reported Yesterday—Sales of New York Stocks—Barley Firmer—Foreign Quotations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 18.

Stocks showed a fair amount of activity at home to-day, while both in New York and London the markets were dull. The local and London markets were somewhat stronger in the majority, while in New York the tendency was downward. The grain and produce markets were moderately active and firm.

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The local stock market this morning was fairly active, and generally stocks were higher. Montreal opened ½ higher at 216¾ bid, and Ontario was offered ½ easier at 112, with buyers at 110. Toronto held at 192 without bids, and Merchants' higher, with sellers at 123. Commerce offered ½ lower at 110½, and Federal sold firmer at 80 and 81. Dominion higher, with sellers wanting 213 and bids at 210. British America sold higher at 83¾, 89 and 89½, and Western Assurance wanted at 129. Consumers' Gas sold at 176¾, and Dominion at 79, with 80 asked. Northwest Land sold stronger at 56, 56½ and 56¾, and Canada Permanent sold at 201. Building and Loan sold at 102½ and 103, and People's Loan, wanted lower at 108.

In the afternoon several stocks showed an upward tendency. Ontario held higher at 112½, and Toronto offered a point higher at 193 with 185 bid. Merchants' advanced in bid to 122, and Commerce sold at 110¾. Federal sold at 80¾ and 81, and Dominion ½ better in bid at 210½. Standard firmer with sellers at 124 and bids at 120½. Western Assurance sold freely at 130, and Consumers' Gas wanted at 176. Northwest Land sold at 55½ and closed 56¼ bid.

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Transactions to-day were: Morning—Federal, 10, 5, 10 at 80; 10 at 81; British America, 20 at 88½, 20 at 89, 20, 30 at 89½; Consumers' Gas, 10 at 176¾; Dominion Telegraph, 1 at 79; Northwest Land, 20 at 56¾, 20 at 56½, 20, 20 at 56, 20, 20 at 56½; Canada Permanent, 18 at 201; Building and Loan, 14 at 102½, 40 at 103. Afternoon—Commerce, 20 at 110½; Federal, 10 at 81, 10 at 80½; Western Assurance, 50, 20, 30, 14, 20 at 130; Northwest Land, 20, 20 at 56½.

Following are the opening and closing prices on the Toronto Stock Exchange to-day:

STOCKS.	12 M. Ask'd.	12 M. Bid.	4 P.M. Ask'd.	4 P.M. Bid.
Montreal	217	216¾	217	.....
Ontario	112	112	112½	112
Toronto	192	.....	193	185
Merchants'	123	121	123	122
Commerce	110¾	110¾	110¾	110½
Imperial	132	131	132	131
Federal	81	80¾	81	80
Dominion	213	210	212	210½
Standard	125	120	124	120½
Hamilton	.....	148	.....	145
Miscellaneous.				
British America	.....	89	.....	89
Western Assurance	131	129	132	130¼
Consumers' Gas	180	176¾	181	176
Dominion Telegraph	.....	80	.....	80
Northwest Land Co.	56¼	56	57	56¼
Loan Companies.				
Canada Permanent	203	200	.....	.....
Freehold	130	.....	.....	.....
Union	108¾	.....	.....	.....
Canada Landed Credit	127	.....	.....	.....
B. Loan Association	104	102	.....	.....
Imperial S. and Invest.	112	.....	.....	.....
Farmers' L. & Savings	.....	118	.....	.....
Lon. and Can. L. and A.	147	145	.....	.....
People's Loan	110	108	.....	.....
Dom. Savings & Loan	120	.....	.....	.....
Ontario Loan & Deb.	119	118	.....	.....
British Can. L. and Invest.	100	.....	.....	.....
Ontario Industrial	100	.....	.....	.....

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

In New York to-day the tendency was weaker, the majority of stocks opening lower. The market was quiet and stocks worked on a narrow range of fluctuations, closing from ¼ to ⅛ lower than last night.

To-day's fluctuations of the leading stocks in the New York Stock Exchange were as follows:

STOCKS.	Open'g.	High'st.	Low'st.	Clos'g.	Total Sales.
Canadian Pacific	69	69	68	69	100
New York Central	107¼	107¼	107¼	107¼	100
Canada Southern	54¾	54¾	53¾	53¾	320
Delaware & Hudson	106¼	106¼	105¾	105¾	1300
Delaware & Lackawa'n	129¾	129¾	129¾	129¾	4400
N. Y. Lake Erie & W.	19¾	19¾	19¾	19¾	1000
Illinois Central	117¾	117¾	117¾	117¾	100
Central of New Jersey	.....	78	78	78	.....
Missouri, Kan. & Texas	17¾	17¾	17¾	17¾	100
Louisville & Nashville	63	62	61¾	61¾	1500
L. Shore & Mich. South.	87¾	87¾	87	87¼	2700
Michigan Central	83¾	83¾	83¼	83¼	400
Missouri Pacific	87	87¾	86¾	87	2700
New York & N. Eng.	37¾	38	37¾	37¾	1400
Northern Pacific	22	22	21	21	200
" pfd	47¼	47¼	47¼	47¼	.....
C., St. P., M. & O.	40	40¼	40	40	600
Oregon Ry & Nav. Co.	92	92	92	92¼	.....
Oregon S. Line Nav. Co.	57	57¼	57	57¼	15500
Pacific Mail S. S'p Co.	37¼	37¼	37¼	37¼	100
Philadelphia & Read.	27¼	27¼	26	26¼	2200
Rich. & W. P. Term.	22¼	22¼	22¼	22¼	.....
Chicago, Mil. & St. P.	78¾	78¾	78¾	78¾	6600
Union Pacific	57¾	58¼	57¾	57¾	14,400
Western Union Tele.	73	73¼	72	72½	3300

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WALL-STREET GOSSIP.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Owing to the extreme dullness of the market yesterday the attendance of brokers and operators at the Windsor, Hoffman and other uptown resorts was very small and none of the representatives of the largest interests in the market put in an appearance. It was difficult to obtain any opinion worth recording on the immediate course of speculation. It was thought that until the public showed some disposition to take part, the market would remain in its present rut, dull, listless and uncertain, even for the small traders who are satisfied with very moderate profits. While present conditions exist, the room professionals say, there is no money to be made on either side of the account, as a sale or purchase made even in the so-called active specialties is so closely watched by the scalpers that the one making the original trade is lucky to come out without loss. Among traders the temper was somewhat bearish after the close, and John Kirkner, Bogert, Reick, Wilson and Wheeler were said to believe that prices should sell off on the small amount of business and the limited extent of the outstanding short interest. The Standard Oil people were credited with having given support to St. Paul and to have scale orders in the stock which were not executed, as the figures were not reached. The transactions by foreign houses were insignificant, although they bought rather more than they sold. Their dealings were principally in R. G. & St. The Chicago people continue to talk bearish on stocks and bullish on cereals, and advices from Chicago which emanate from this interest are of a gloomy character regarding the outlook in the Northwest.

EUROPEAN AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The London market was rather inactive to-day on American securities, though they showed an upward tendency.

The financial quotations to-day were: Console, 102 13-16 for money and account; U. S. 4's 129; U. S. 4½'s 110½; Erie 20½; Erie 2nd 102½; C.P.R. 65; N.Y.C. 111½; Ill. Central 121. Afternoon—Consols, 102 11-16 for money and 102¾ for account; C. P. R. 65¾; Ill. Cent. 110¾.

The Bank of England rate remains unchanged at 3½.

Canadian Pacific sold at 63½ in London to-day and 69 in Montreal.

Oil City quotations to-day were: Opening 87¾, highest 89¾, lowest 86¾, closing 88¾.

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The assignments reported to-day are: Joseph Morgan, hatter and furrier, Belleville; Albert Johnson, groceries, Brockville; John S. Boswell, groceries and hardware, Cannington; James Hay, groceries, Carlton West; George McNaughton, grocer, Chatham; J. C. Dixon & Bros., commission, Dundas; Edward Llewellyn, printer, Hagersville; James Henigan, gent's furnishings, Hamilton; E. L. Schwaz, cigars, (absconded) Hamilton; R. Winnifield, grocer, Hamilton; John A. Thorburn, grocer, London; H. King, furs, Morrisburg; J. T. Lalonde, stoves, Morrisburg; W. W. Mathews, general store, Owen Sound, called a meeting of creditors and offered compromise; Wm. McMaster, carpenter and builder, Peterboro; S. E. Allison, general store, Port Perry; Laurence Way, general store, Tainworth; Hogan Bros., general store, Tilsonburg.

Charles Logan, tinsmith, 656 Queen-street west, Toronto, has called a meeting of his creditors. William Macdonald, dry goods merchant, Bay-street, assigned this morning to S. F. McKinnon for the benefit of his creditors.

Bartholomew Spain, merchant tailor, 453 Queen-street west, Toronto, notified his creditors this morning that he was bankrupt, and asked them to meet him on Tuesday next. The liabilities are $25,000, assets $19,000. The heaviest creditor is McMaster, Darling & Co., Toronto, for $3000; Stewart & McDonald, Glasgow, are creditors for $2000, John Macdonald for about $2000, and Thomas Allison, Toronto, $1000.

Foreign Exchange is quoted by Gzowski & Buchan to-day as follows:

IN NEW YORK.	Posted.	Actual.
Sixty days' sterling	84¾@4	$4.84 to $4.84¼
Sterling demand	4.87	$4.87¼ to $4.87½

TORONTO.	Between Banks. Bid.	Asked.	Counter.
New York funds	1-10	3-16	¾ to ⅞
Sixty days' sterling	9	9¼	9⅛ to 9¼
Demand	9¾	10	9¾ to 10¼

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Grain and Produce.

The grain and produce markets were rather quiet at home, while abroad they showed more activity.

LOCAL STREET MARKET.

The receipts of grain on the street to-day were fair and prices firm. About 300 bushels of wheat offered and sold at 83c to 83½c for fall, 77c to 82c for spring, and 73c to 74c for goose. Barley steady, with sales of 1800 bushels at 65c to 81c. Oats firm, with sales of 500 bushels at 48c to 50c. Peas sold at 65c to 67c. Hay in limited supply and prices steady; 20 loads sold at $10 to $12 for clover, and $13 to $15 for timothy. Straw quiet and prices steady, with sales at $10 to $11. Dressed hogs firm at $7 to $7.30. Beef, $3 to $5 for forequarters, and $5 to $7.50 for hindquarters. Mutton $6 to $7.50; lamb at $7.50 to $9; veal $6.50 to $8.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Transactions on St. Lawrence market this morning were below the ordinary. The supply was more than equal to the demand, but prices did not weaken. Beef and pork were offered in large quantities, but there were very small sales. Yesterday's prices ruled. Business in dairy products and eggs was especially flat, and hucksters only offered poultry.

THE CHICAGO MARKET.

In Chicago to-day the market opened weaker all round, and the declining tendency prevailed throughout the day, as wheat, corn, oats and pork, which closed ¾c, ¼c and 17c lower respectively than last night, and lard and ribs 5½c and 5c higher, all for the May option.

The following table shows the fluctuations of the Chicago market to-day:

		Open'd.	High'est.	Clos'd.	Low'est.
Wheat	Jan.	$ 76¾	$ 76¾	$ 76¾	$ 76¾
"	Feb.	76¾	77¼	77¼	76¾
"	March	77¾	77¾	77¾	77¼
"	May	78¾	79¼	80¼	78¾
"	June	80¾	80¾	80¾	80¾
Corn	Jan.	42	42¼	42¼	42¼
"	Feb.	42	42¼	42¼	42¼
"	March	43¼	43¼	43¼	43¼
"	May	45¼	45¾	45¾	45¼
"	June	46¼	46¼	46¼	46¼
Oats	May	29¼	29¼	29¼	28¾
Pork	Jan.	12.30	12.35	12.35	12.30
"	Feb.	12.37	12.42	12.42	12.37
"	May	12.32	12.40	12.40	12.10
Lard	Jan.	7.30	7.35	7.35	7.35
"	Feb.	7.32	7.35	7.35	7.32
"	March	7.35	7.37½	7.37½	7.32½
"	May	7.42	7.52½	7.52½	7.40
Short ribs	Jan.	7.25	7.37½	7.37½	7.25
"	Feb.	7.42½	7.45	7.47½	.....
"	May	7.47	7.65	7.50	.....
"	March	7.47	7.57½	7.57½	.....
"	May	7.62	7.75	7.72½	.....

LATER.—Chicago—The leading futures closed: Wheat Jan. 76¾c, Feb. 76¾c, March 77¼c, May 80c. Corn—Jan. and Feb. 42¼c, March 43¼c, May 45¾c. Oats—May 33½c. Pork—Feb. $12.35, May $12.40. Lard—Feb. $7.30, March $7.37½, May $7.52½. Short ribs—Jan. and Feb. $7.35, March $7.37½, May $7.75. Cash quotations were: No. 2 spring wheat 76½c to 77½c, No. 3 red nominal, No. 2 corn 43½c, No. 2 oats 30½c to 31c, pork $13.87½ to $13.90, lard $7.30 short ribs sides $7.45, dry salted shoulders $5.90 to $6, short clear sides $7.35 to $7.50. Receipts—Flour 37,000 bbls, wheat 14,000 bush, corn 108,000 bush, oats 90,000 bush, rye 6000 bush, barley 48,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 14,000 bbls, wheat 14,000 bush, corn 75,000 bush, oats 65,000 bush, rye 3000 bush, barley 20,000 bush.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Cotton dull, 1-16c decline. Uplands 10 9-16c, Gulf 10 11-16c. Flour weak. Wheat—Receipts 46,000 bush, exports 82,100 bush, sales 2,321,000 bush futures, 104,000 bush spot; options declined ½c to ¾c, closing steady, with slight recovery; spot ½c lower. No. 2 spring 91c, No. 1 red Jan. 93½c to 90½c, Feb. 90½c to 91c, March 91⅝c to 92 1-16c, April 92c to 93c, May 93 9-16c to 94c. Barley firm; ungraded Canada 98c. Corn—Receipts 45,800 bush, exports 27,000 bush; sales 493,000 bush futures, 170,000 bush spot, spot ½c to ¾c and options ½c lower; No. 2 Jan. 40¾c, Feb 40½c to 41c, March 41½c to 41¾c, May 41½c to 41¾c. Oats—Receipts 38,000 bush, sales 295,000 bush futures, 134,000 bush spot, shade easier: No. 2 Jan. 33½c, Feb. 33½c to 33¾c, May 33½c to 33 7-16c, No. 2 38½c to 38¾c, mixed western 35c to 40c. Sugar dull; standard "A" 6¾c, cut loaf and crushed 8c, powdered 7⅞c, granulated 7½c.

BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

Beerbohm reports to-day: Floating cargoes—Wheat firm, corn nil. Cargoes on passage—Wheat firm, not active; corn firmer, held higher.

Mark Lane—English wheat quiet; foreign steadier, corn firm, flour quiet. Good cargoes Australian wheat off coast 34s, was 33s 9d; October shipments 34s, was 34c; Chilian off coast 33s 9d; was 33s 6d; October shipments 34s, was 34s.

French country markets generally dearer. Paris steadier. Liverpool—Wheat not much demand; corn dull, 4s 11d, 3d cheaper. On passage to United Kingdom: Wheat 1,426,000 qrs., corn 332,000 qrs.; do. Continent: Wheat 191,000 qrs., corn 77,000 qrs.

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LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool reports to-day: Wheat quiet and steady, holders offer moderately; corn quiet and steady, poor demand. Prices—Spring wheat 6s 7d to 6s 8d; red winter 6s 7d to 6s 8d; No. 1 Cal. 6s 10d to 6s 11d; corn 4s 11d; peas 5s 5½d; pork 67s 6d; lard 38s 6d; bacon 39s 6d; cheese 60s.

OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

Oswego reports barley firm to-day at the following prices: No. 1 Can. 92½c, No. 2 extra Can. 85c, No. 1 bright 90c. Sales 10,000 bushels No. 1 Can at 92½c. No. 1 Can on private terms. Shipments 20,000 bush.

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