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Commercial.

A "Bull" Day in the Chicago Grain Market.

Local Market.

[Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Co.]
London, Monday, Dec. 20.

Wheat, white fall, per bu..81½c to 82¾c
Wheat, red fall, per bu..81½c to 82¾c
Wheat, spring, per bu....81½c to 82¾c
Oats, per bu.....23¾c to 24c
Peas, per bu.....29c to 45c
Corn, per bu.....34c to 36c
Barley, per bu.....29c to 31c
Rye, per bu.....33½c to 35½c
Buckwheat, per bu.....60c to 60c

Receipts of everything but hay were light this morning. Prices of grain and wheat—little other stuff offered—were the same as on Saturday.

BIRD SEED.

We have a choice stock of canary, hemp millet, sunflower etc. We want your custom, call and see us, we can save you money.

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373 Talbot St., Opposite Market. Phone 652.

The Oil Market.

PETROLIA, Dec. 20—Oil opened and closed at $1 40.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Despite predictions that this would be a day full of surprises on the board of trade, the bull clique, headed by Joseph Leiter, had smooth sailing, apparently, and seemed to have proved itself capable of doing what it promised. It took the 1,000,000 more bushels of wheat delivered to it yesterday, and today the deliveries amounted to 1,250,000 bushels more. But the price held firm. The promised storm today was predicted because Armour had begun loading some of his enormous holdings yesterday. It was feared there would be a tremendous rush today to dump all the wheat in Chicago into the lap of the syndicate. But the result proved this prophecy wrong. It is said that at least $6,000,000 was on deposit in various banks in this city to the credit of the December wheat clique, for the purpose of paying for the wheat to be delived to them. The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2 Dec., 99c; Jan., 94½c; May, 92½c. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 26½c; Jan., 26c; May, 29¾c to 29½c. Oats—No. 2 Dec., 21¾c to 21⅞c; May, 22¾c to 23¼c. Mess pork—Dec., $7 65; Jan., $7 60; May, $8 85. Lard, Dec., $4 42½; Jan., $4 55; May, $4 72½. Short ribs—Dec., $4 37½; Jan., $4 37½; May, $4 52½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull, winter patent, $4 70 to $4 80; straight, $4 20 to $4 40; spring specials, $5 35; spring patents, $4 40 to $4 80; straights, $4 10 to $4 40; bakers, $3 50 to $3 80; No. 2 spring wheat, 87½c to 88c; No. 3 spring wheat, 82c to 91c; No. 2 red, 90c; No. 2 corn, 26½c; No. 2 oats, 21½c; No. 2 white; f. o. b., 24c to 24½c; No. 3 white, 23c to 24½c; No. 2 rye, 46c; No. 2 barley, 26c to 38c; No. 1 flax, seed, $1 16½ to $1 20½; prime timothy seed, $2 62½ to $2 65; mess pork, $7 65 to $7 70; lard, $4 55 to $4 57½; short rib sides, $4 52½ to $4 70; dry salted shoulders, 4½c to 4¾c; short clear sides, $4 57½ to $4 77½; sugar, cut loaf, $5 95; granulated, $5 32; No. 2 yellow corn, 26½c; eggs, steady, fresh, 20c.

Receipts—

Flour	22,000	Wheat	363,000
Corn	273,000	Oats	232,000
Rye	14,000	Barley	48,000

Shipments—

Flour	15,000	Wheat	8,000
Corn	68,000	Oats	232,000
Rye	700	Barley	10,000

English Markets.

RULING PRICES FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS.

The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given:

	Dec. 15		Dec. 16		Dec. 17		Dec. 18	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
WHEAT—								
No. 1 nor. spring	7	9	7	9	7	9	7	9
Red winter	7	10	7	10	7	10	7	10
Dec	7	4¼	7	4¼	7	4¾	7	4¾
March	7	4½	7	4¾	7	4¾	7	4¾
May	7	3	7	3½	7	3½	7	3½
CORN—								
Spot	3	2½	3	2½	3	2½	3	2½
Dec	3	2½	3	2½	3	2	3	2½
Jan	3	1½	3	1½	3	1½	3	1½
Feb	3	1½	3	1½	3	1½	3	1½
March	3	1½	3	1½	3	1½	3	1½
May	3	1½	3	2½	3	2½	3	2
Flour	25	6	25	6	25	6	25	6
Peas	4	8	4	8½	4	8½	4	9
Pork	48	9	48	9	48	9	48	9
Lard	23	3	23	6	23	6	23	6
Tallow	18	6	18	6	18	6	18	6
Bacon, light	30	0	30	0	30	0	29	0
Cheese, both	42	6	42	6	42	6	42	6

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St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, Dec. 18.—The markets were well attended today and business was brisk. Very little wheat could be had, and the market was weak at 83c to 84c. No other grain was delivered and prices were nominally as reported. Wheat, per bu, 83c to 84c; oats, per bu, 20c to 22c; peas, per bu, 40c to 42c; barley, per bu, 40c; corn, per bu, 35c to 40c.

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, only about a load of Canada stockers, but all of four loads held over from former arrivals of the week; the market ruled quiet and unchanged, with nothing of consequence doing. Hogs—Receipts, 58 loads; market opened with a fairly good demand and prices ruled stronger on all grades; good to choice Yorkers, $3 60; mixed packers' grades, $3 60; medium weights and heavy hogs, $3 60; roughs, $3 to $3 20; stags, $2 60 to $2 95; pigs, $3 25 to $3 60. Sheep and Lambs—The fresh receipts were 15 cars, which included 2½ cars of Canada lambs; the market opened in a quiet sort of way, but with the colder weather and moderate receipts salesmen were firm, and for good lambs at least the market was a shade stronger, with others full firm; sheep were in fair inquiry and about steady with former prices; lambs, yearling, choice to prime, $4 75 to $5; fair to good, $4 50 to $4 65; culls to common yearlings, $4 25 to $4 50; native lambs, choice to extra, $5 to $5 10; fair to good, $5 00 to $5 85; culls to common, $4 50 to $5 50; native sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4 60 to $4 75; good to choice mixed sheep, $4 25 to $4 50; common to fair, $3 85 to $4 15; culls to common sheep, $2 50 to $3 75.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Beeves—Receipts, 1,051; no trading; exports, 1,752 beeves, 40 sheep and 6,040 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 279; steady; veals, $5 to $8 25; grassers, $3 to $3 50; westerns, $3. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,883; steady; sheep, $3 to $4 62½; lambs, $5 50 to $6 40. Hogs—Receipts, 2,776; steady, at $3 65 to $3 90.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Today's market was practically nominal, with receipts of less than 500 head; these were disposed of at yesterday's ruling prices. Hogs—The bulk sold at $3 37½ to $3 47½; coarse heavy packers, $3 25 to $3 30, and prime butchers and mixed hogs, $3 50 to $3 55. Lambs, $4 to $6 for inferior to choice flocks; a good many Mexican yearlings that averaged 72 to 75 pounds fetching $4 50; most of the sales of lambs at $5 to $6; sheep, $3 to $4 75; exporters took heavy sheep at $4 15 to $4 25; most of the late sales of sheep were at $3 75 to $4 40. Receipts—Cattle, 300; hogs, 17,000; sheep, 2,000.

THE COURTS.

Sittings of the High Court of Justice at Western Ontario Points.

Boyd, C.—Sandwich (non-jury), Monday, April 25.

Armour, C. J.—Chatham (jury), Monday, March 21; Sarnia (jury), Monday, May 2; Guelph (non-jury), Monday, May 16; St. Catharines (non-jury), May 30.

Meredith, C. J.—Sarnia (non-jury), Monday, March 14; Guelph (jury), Tuesday, April 12; Perth (jury and non-jury), Monday, April 25; Bracebridge (jury and non-jury), Monday, May 30.

Ferguson, J.—Brantford (non-jury), Monday, April 25; Chatham (non-jury), Monday, May 16; Goderich (non-jury), Monday, May 30; Simcoe (non-jury), Monday, June 6.

Rose, J.—Goderich (jury), Monday, March 7; Brantford (jury), Monday, March 28; Woodstock (non-jury), Monday, May 2.

Robertson, J.—London (winter assizes), Monday, Jan. 10; Sandwich (jury), Monday, March 21; St. Thomas (non-jury), Monday, March 28; Walkerton (jury), Monday, April 4.

Falconbridge, J.—Owen Sound (non-jury), Wednesday, June 15; Sault Ste. Marie (jury and non-jury), Monday, June 20; Port Arthur (jury and non-jury), Thursday, June 23; Rat Portage (jury and non-jury), Monday, June 27.

MacMahon, J.—Owen Sound (jury), Monday, Feb. 28; London (jury), Monday, March 14; Stratford (jury), Monday, March 21; Berlin (jury), Monday, May 2.

Street, J.—Woodstock (jury), Monday, March 21; Stratford (non-jury), Monday, April 25; Simcoe (jury), Monday, May 2; London (non-jury), Monday, May 16.

Meredith, J.—Berlin (non-jury), Monday, March 7; St. Thomas (jury), Monday, May 9; Walkerton (non-jury), Tuesday, June 7.

Circumstances are ever changing and by a happy faculty, which is general in mankind, society readily adapts itself to the ever new conditions. This is no less true in the business world than in the social world.

A merchant from Dawson City would be a fool to open a store in London and attempt to sell his goods at Klondike prices. Enterprising dealers adapt their good to the needs and pockets of the people. A glance at the windows of the Oak Hall clothing establishment will discover that this is one of the chief aims of the firm and that they have succeeded.

A very fine display of dress suits, Prince Albert coats and combination business suits is shown, and in its extensive experience the firm has never before offered to the public such value in the line of black dress suits. The stock of children's goods, too, will delight the hearts of parents. The windows are brilliantly lighted till 10 o'clock very evening.

Men's suits of all grades are offered from $3 25 to $15, and the firm never before had so many fine, stylish, fashionable goods. They are the pick of foreign and domestic looms.

None of the men's overcoats are sold at less than $1, but there is a good heavy line at that figure.

At a somewhat higher price are offered choice Meltons, Beavers and Frieze Ulsters (the most comfortable, most sensible garment made). There is also an odd line of overcoats which Mr. Taylor is selling from $5 to $9 50, and every article in the lot is worth from $7 50 to $13 50. Boys' heavy tweed ulsters are going at $4 and children's natty little reefers at from $2 85 to $5 50.

The $50 in bank bills still rests inside the glass box in the window and every purchaser gets a key. It will not be known, however, until Jan. 31 who will hold the only key that opens the box. The chance for the $50 is still good.

Flowers in Great Demand.

The Christmas rush for flowers has set in, and promises to tax the greenhouse resources of the city. Fortunately J. Gammage & Sons are prepared to meet the great demand, and have an immense stock of all floral varieties—roses, carnations, primroses, azaleas, begonias, etc.—and a specially large assortment of flowering plants which are becoming very popular. Their establishment, corner Dundas and Clarence streets, is most handsomely fitted up, and is a perpetual flower show. The eye is delighted by the rich collection of all the popular flowers, which make it a bower of beauty. Christmas buyers should procure their flowers early. b

"Dan," the bear that has been a boarder at the Britannia House for the past eight months, is to suffer martyrdom tomorrow, and the carcass will be exhibited at Gatecliffe's butcher shop on Dundas street for Christmas.

Dan has been a great favorite at the Britannia, and lived on the fat of the land. Nothing was too good for him.

He was very playful, and crowds of children called to see him during the summer. Even the big policeman used to stop on his beat and caress Dan. Mr. Doyle, the landlord, fires the fatal shot that ends the existence of Dan. b

Feather and down cushions, 50 cents each. Large stock of goose feather pillows and mattresses. Fancy rockers, bedroom suites. Stoves bought and sold at the Feather Bed and Mattress Cleaning Factory. James F. Hunt & Sons, 593 Richmond street north. Telephone 997.

A Severer Law

Should Be Imposed Upon Male Offenders

To Remedy the Social Evil—Question Discussed by the Ministerial Association—The Regular Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association was held this morning in the board room at the Y. M. C. A. building. President Claris was in the chair, and the others present were: Revs. A. L. Russell, W. M. Walker, J. G. Fallis, Ira Smith, T. Wilson, A. G. Harris, W. J. Ford, Thos. E. Sawyer, Dr. Daniel, T. S. Johnston, J. G. Stuart, W. J. Clark, J. W. Pedley, A. Stewart, George Fowler, and A. Lloyd. The following visiting ministers were introduced to the association: Rev. J. H. Cobbledick, J. J. Sinclair, H. Uren and W. H. Knowles.

The committee appointed to report on the matter of furnishing a room in the Y. M. C. A. building brought in a report recommending that they agree to furnish the room in harmony with the desire of the furnishing committee of the Y. M. C. A., the members of which are as follows: Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Williams and Miss Ware.

It was moved by Rev. W. J. Clark, seconded by Rev. J. G. Fallis, and unanimously adopted, that the association furnish the room at the cost of about $120.

Rev. Ira Smith read a paper on "The Legal Aspect of the Social Evil." His treatment of the subject was extensive, and a lively discussion followed.

The general feeling of the association brought out in the discussion was that the male offender is not as severely punished as he ought to be, while betrayed innocence has to bear the punishment all the days of her life. It was suggested that a commission of judges should be appointed by the government to investigate the whole matter and to obtain a severer law to be imposed upon the male offenders.

FILTHY LUCRE.

A Minister of the Gospel Declines a Donation of $50 From Tammany Hall.

New York, Dec. 20.—Dr. James W. Putnam, pastor of Trinity Church, on East Fifty-fifth street, has refused a donation of $50 from Tammany for the poor of his church. The letter refusing the donation, after referring to the needs of the poor, says:

"And yet, kind sir, I cannot accept the proffered check. I dare not touch it with so much as the tips of my fingers. Coming as it does from a society which represents much which is most to be deplored by all well-disposed persons, it would seem to be a little less than a crime to take your ill-gotten gains, even for such a deserving object. And, in closing, I am prompted to commend the following scriptures for the thoughtful consideration of the organization you represent: 'Oh, full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?' (Acts xiii., 10); 'Thy money perish with thee' (Acts viii., 20). Now, my dear Mr. Dowling, I shall read the above to my congregation. Sincerely yours,

"James W. Putnam, pastor Trinity Baptist Church, New York city.

"P. S.—Please find inclosed your check."

EUROPEAN CROP PROSPECTS

As Reported by the Mark Lane Express.

London, Dec. 20.—The Mark Lane Express, reviewing the crop prospects, says: "The English wheat fields have a satisfactory appearance, and the French are now regarded as favorable; but it is doubtful if the acreage will be as large as a year ago. The Italian acreage will probably be increased as the whole autumn has been favorable to sowings. The news from Russia varies. Mildness is reported in the Black Sea district, and snow in the greater portion of the empire. The stocks awaiting export in Russian ports amount to 1,562,000 quarters, against 2,552,000 quarters a year ago, suggesting that the recent Russian shipments were heavier than the reserves justified.

Nature's Medicine.

Nature's medicine for constipation, liver complaint, sick headache, biliousness, jaundice and sallow complexion is Laxa-Liver Pills. They are a perfect laxative, never griping or causing pain. One pill each night for 30 days will cure constipation.

The Baptists of Smith's Falls have invited Rev. O. G. Langford, Georgetown, to the pastorate. He has accepted.

THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which affect the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil—a pulmonic of acknowledged efficacy. It cures soreness and lameness when applied externally, as well as swelled neck and crick in the back; and, as an inward specific, possesses most substantial claim to public confidence.

Last night the thermometer at various points in Quebec marked 10 to 14 below zero.

Care of the Complexion.

It is a well known fact that a torpid liver produces a sallow hue and a dull, yellow complexion. You need not expect a clear, beautiful complexion if the blood is rendered impure by a sluggish action of the liver, which cannot properly perform its function of purifying and filtering all impurities from the blood. Ladies, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills is an invaluable remedy, for by their action on the liver and blood they promote true beauty by rendering the blood pure. This is the secret.

G. R. Davis, a young Englishman, has arrived in Montreal with a large consignment of dogs for the Klondike.

The True Remedy.

Wm. Duggan, St. Albans street, Toronto, says: "We won't keep house without Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu for consumption, coughs, colds, croup or bronchial troubles. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. We would not be without it in the house."

It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as "just as good" as "Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu." They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures, and, besides, is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. 25 cents. 23

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Solid Leather Shopping Bags	25c
40c Glass Ink Bottles	25c
12½c Metal Pin Cushions	5c
25c Small Fancy Photo Frames	10c
40s Glove Boxes (wood), with key	29c
35c Jewel Cases, warranted	25c
40c Photo Frames (new)	25c
65c Opal Puff-Boxes	49c
10c Child's Blocks	5c
30c Fancy Glass Puff-Boxes	25c
35c Initial Silk Handkerchiefs	25c
15c Esquimaux Dolls	10c
20c Chocolate Candy, hand made	10c
50c Leather Purses	25c
Cards in handsome Case, solid silver mounts	$1 00

Kid Gloves, special for Christmas trade.
Handsome Stock of Fans, bought to clear at 50c on the dollar.
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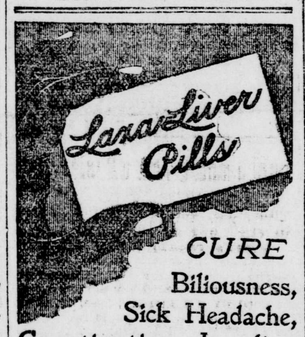

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English Wilton, worth $1 60 for	$1 25
English Velvets, worth $1 40 for	1 25
English Brussels, worth $1 10, for	80

English Tapestries; prices too numerous to mention.

RUGS.

One worth $100 for	$75 00
One worth $35 for	25 00

Dozens of others at all prices.

CURTAINS.

Silk, $25, for	$20 00
Silk, $20, for	16 00
Silk, $15, for	11 00
Silk, $12, for	9 00
Lace, Hand-made, Brussels, $12, for	9 00
Lace, Hand-made, Brussels, $8, for	6 00

All others greatly reduced. All remnants of Brussels Carpets, worth from $1 to $1 40; your choice for 75c a yard.

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Christmas Shoppers. . . .

will save time—as well as money—by making their purchases at our cut-price sale. We enumerate a few articles—but everything in the store is on the toboggan slide of low prices.

SILK UMBRELLAS.

Just to hand, a manufacturer's lot of samples in Ladies' and Gents' Silk Umbrellas, very choice, fancy handles in gold and silver mounts, at 25 per cent less than import price. A very suitable and useful gift for Christmas. Prices range from $1 to $5.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

A large range Ladies' Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs; also Hemstitched Linen and Cambric from 50c to $3 50 per dozen. These goods have all been reduced to sale prices.

Miscellaneous.

A choice line of Fancy Goods for Christmas.

All shades in Wash Silks, clearing at 3c skein.

Colored Fancy Wool Table Covers, small size, 21c.

Large Size, regular $1 25, now 75c.

Wrappers worth $2 25 for $1 60.

Wrappers, extra large, $2 75, for $2 00.

A Splendid Corset for 39c pair.

A $1 25 Corset for $1 10.

Gloves.

Tan Kid Gloves, regular price $1, now 50c.

Tan Kid Gloves, colored stitching regular $1 10, for 80c.

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