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THAT FATAL CROSSING.

Mr. and Mrs. Weese of Bath Badly Hurt, Their Horses Killed and Wagon Wrecked.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—This evening Samuel Weese and wife of Bath were driving home and while crossing the Grand Trunk Railway at the cut near Collin's Bay a west-bound train struck them, wrecking the wagon, killing the horses and so badly injuring Mr. and Mrs. Weese that their lives are despaired of. The crossing is one of three dangerous ones in this section, and time and again relief has been sought, but so far no improvements have been secured.

Madoc Liquor Case Dismissed.

Madoc, Dec. 19.—Some weeks ago a young man of this village was accused of stealing a marked coin from his employer. A prosecution followed at Belleville, and the unfortunate youth was convicted and sent to jail for two months. During the trial it was stated that liquor had been sold on Sunday, the 29th November, at the Windsor Hotel, of which John L. McGuire is the proprietor. On Saturday last McGuire was summoned before Police Magistrate O'Flynn on a charge of having sold liquor on the last-mentioned date.

The young man was taken, in charge of the jailer, from Belleville to Madoc to give evidence against McGuire. The prosecution also called the bartender and another witness, who were present at the time of the alleged unlawful sale. The last two witnesses contradicted the testimony of the first witness, declaring that cigars and not liquor had been sold on the occasion. The proprietor was not present at the time, and had neither part nor lot in the matter. On hearing the evidence the Magistrate dismissed the complaint.

Don't Want Borax in Theirs.

Washington, Dec. 19.—United States Consul Germaine, at Zurich, has investigated the restrictive measures against American meat products in Switzerland, and finds that the prohibition relates only to salt meat products in the Canton of Zurich, where the law prevents the sale or use of any meat product preserved by other chemicals than salt or saltpetre, while in American meat borax was found. When American shippers send meat to Switzerland without borax the restriction will probably be removed.

Drank Poisoned Whiskey.

Slatersville, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Intelligence was received here at a late hour to-night that three men had been killed and two were not expected to live, while three are crazy from drinking whiskey, which is supposed to have been poisoned. In addition to the men who are not expected to recover and those who are dead, about a dozen more are reported ill and the casualties will probably reach 8 or 10.

Seth Broughton Kicked on the Head.

Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 19.—A serious accident occurred here this afternoon. As Seth Broughton was driving into town on a load of cordwood he fell just behind his horses, one of which kicked him on the head, inflicting severe wounds and rendering him insensible. Dr. Roberts was summoned and thinks the man will recover, unless inflammation should set in.

Fell Over and Died.

Brantford, Dec. 19.—Last night, when attending Masonic lodge, W. E. Week was re-elected as secretary, and while writing fell from his chair to the floor unconscious. He was immediately removed home and a doctor summoned, but in a very short time he passed away. Death is supposed to be from an epileptic fit.

C. R. Heyd the Liberal Candidate.

Brantford, Dec. 19.—This afternoon a large number of delegates gathered at the Liberal Club rooms and nominated Mr. C. R. Hayd, ex-Mayor, as the unanimous choice for Liberal candidate for South Brant.

Every person who is deprived of outdoor air and exercise should take Miller's Compound Iron Pills. They keep the bowels regular and tone up the nervous system. 50 doses for 25c.

To-Day's List at Osgoode Hall.

Judges' Chambers at 10 a.m.: Re Solicitor, Randall v. Herman, Lea v. Lang, Jenkins v. Cotton, Place v. Langmuir (two appeals).

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RESCUED 21 MEN.

Awful Experience of the Crew of a Gloucester Fishing Schooner—A Canadian Lost.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Wilson Line steamer Colorado, Capt. Whitton, which arrived at Quarantine this evening from Hull, England, fell in with the Gloucester fishing schooner Fredonia, Capt. Morgan, in a disabled condition, and took off the captain and crew of 20 and brought them to this port. Capt. Morgan was seen and said he left Boston Dec. 12 with a crew of 23 all told, and after touching at Lockport, sailed on the 14th for the Banks to fish for cod. On the 16th, during the afternoon, the wind blew a hurricane. The schooner rode the sea well until 4.30 on the morning of 17th in lat. 41.35, long. 65.40, when she was boarded by huge seas, which swept clean over the vessel, carrying away hatches, boats and sails, boom and rudder, and stove in bulwarks and rails, washing Seamen James Haley overboard. He was never seen afterwards. Haley was aged about 30 and hailed from St. John, N.B.

The vessel spring a leak and all hands manned the pumps. The men were well nigh played out, when on the morning of the 18th a steamer came in sight and bore down upon the schooner. It was only with great difficulty that the rescue of 21 survivors was accomplished, and the lifeboat returned to the Colorado, leaving the Fredonia to her fate. Seaman Oliver Olson during the height of the storm was hurled along the deck and dashed against the bitts. He died a few hours afterwards.

PAID THE PRIEST $10,000.

Father Dent Got One-Fifth of the Amount for Which He Sued the Order of St. Francis.

Brooklyn, Dec. 19.—A sensational conclusion was arrived at in the suit of Father Dent against the Friar's Minor of the Order of St. Francis, before Justice Osborne, in the Supreme Court, Special Term, to-day. It will be remembered that Father Dent sued the Order for $50,000, and out of the suit developed a charge of perjury against the priest, upon which charge he was indicted. Yesterday, at the request of Lardner, Loughran & Smith, Father Dent's attorneys, the District Attorney moved to dismiss the indictment, and today Father Dent consented to the withdrawal of his suit upon the payment of $10,000 by the Order. This money was paid to the priest to-day.

Muck is a Bad Man.

Buffalo, Dec. 19.—George Muck of Naples, N.Y., who was to be tried on a serious charge Wednesday, violated his parole of honor and left town the day before. It is now learned that he went to Niagara Falls, Ont., to the clergyman who recently officiated at his marriage, and induced him to cash a forged cheque for $25. Muck, who is an old offender, left for Western Ontario, but his exact whereabouts is not at present known.

Chicago Concern Hopelessly Insolvent.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—A bill for a receiver to take charge of the International Building, Loan and Investment Association was filed in the United States Circuit Court today. The association, of which Eli Smith is president, is declared to be hopelessly insolvent. It is charged that the assets of the association do not exceed $370,000, while the liabilities to shareholders amount to $940,000.

Business Embarrassments.

Macdonald Bros., men's furnishings, Ottawa, who were burned out recently, have offered unsecured creditors 10c on the dollar cash. Liabilities about $14,000.

A. F. Rooney, men's furnishings, Kingston, offered his creditors 55c on the dollar, which they refused. Liabilities are $16,000, with a surplus of $750.

A. & H. Foreman, boots and shoes, Collingwood, have offered 40c on the dollar, payable in two, four, six and eight months. Liabilities are $8000 and assets $6700.

Vessels Tied Up at Buffalo.

Buffalo, Dec. 19.—There are 17 vessels laid up here laden with 1,514,484 bushels of grain, to be held indefinitely, with the exception of 125,000 bushels of flaxseed, which the steamer Algeri will unload at once. Of the total, 165,971 bushels is barley and 683,956 bushels is flaxseed.

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WHEAT CONTINUES NERVOUS

A Slight Advance Followed by Weakness at Close.

The New York Stock Market Closed Higher Than on Friday—The Bank Statement is Favorable—Local Securities Fairly Active and Steady—Chicago Provision Market Steady—Latest Commercial News.

Saturday Evening, Dec. 19.

Feb. wheat in Liverpool closed ¼d lower. Cash wheat in Chicago ⅝c higher at 76⅞c. May wheat on curb 79⅞c.

Puts on May wheat 79c, calls 80⅝c.

Puts on May corn 25¼c, calls 25⅝c bid.

A Toledo clover seed closed at $5.40 for Dec. and at $5.47 for March.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day: Wheat 36, corn 519, oats 339. Estimated for Monday: Wheat 48, corn 300, oats 405.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day, 376 cars, as against 676 cars the corresponding day of last year.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour, 5642 barrels and 5440 sacks; wheat none.

Hog-packing in Chicago from opening of season to date, 951,000, as against 1,446,000 the corresponding period of last year.

Argentine wheat shipments this week were 128,000 bush.

English farmers' deliveries of wheat this week, 47,900 quarters, and the average price 31s 3d.

It is estimated that the visible supply of wheat will decrease 1,000,000 bush this week, as against an increase of 2,500,000 bush the corresponding week of last year.

Estimated receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day, 21,000; official Friday, 29,873; left over, 1000. Estimated for Monday, 30,000. Market active and steady to 5c higher. Heavy shippers, $3 to $3.37½.

Cattle receipts at Chicago to-day, 800; market quiet and weak. Sheep, 2000; market steady.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 3,524,238 bush, as compared with 4,222,000 bush last week, 2,056,000 bush in the corresponding week one year ago, 3,554,000 bush two years ago, 2,605,000 bush three years ago and 4,247,000 bush in the like week of 1892.

A Chicago report says: Exporters are looking for flax seed, but kept their purchases quiet, as they are afraid that they might stimulate buying and create an advance. Speculation in May meantime, 50,000 bush selling at 77c to 77⅝c; December at 73⅞c to 73½c. Crushers bought cash lots sparingly at 75c to 75½c for No. 1 Northwestern, and 73c for No. 1 regular; rejected, 71c to 72c, and no grade 50c to 60c. Receipts, 35 cars.

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THE ARGENTINE SITUATION.

Beerbohm, discussing the Argentine situation, says: "Mr. W. Goodfellow, writing on Nov. 13, says that, taking into consideration the increased area sown in the Province of Buenos Ayres, and making an allowance for the damage in Santa Fe and Entre Rios, it was reasonable to expect that the exports in 1897 would exceed the average of the past four years, viz., 4,700,000 qrs. Cables received within the last day or two, however, say that serious damage was resulting from the unfavorable weather, the harvest having commenced. Still another cable advice says that the surplus will not exceed, if it reaches, last year's total of 2,250,000 qrs. The reliability of early estimates in a country like Argentine can, however, not be very great; last year, for instance, the estimates of the surplus early in December varied from 5,000,000 to 7,000,000 qrs., while the actual exports will not exceed 2,250,000 qrs."

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:	Cash.	May.
Chicago	70⅞c	70⅞c
New York	80⅞c	80⅞c
Milwaukee	76⅞c	76⅞c
St. Louis	90½c	80½c
Toledo	93⅞c	94⅞c
Detroit	93⅞c	75⅞c
Duluth, No. 1 hard	79c	....
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	77½c	80½c
Toronto, white	87c	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard	93c	....

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LOCAL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.

Flour—There is no business reported, and prices are nominal. Straight rollers are quoted at $4, Toronto freight.

Bran—Trade quiet and prices unchanged. Bran is quoted at $7 to $7.50 west, and shorts at $9 to $9.50.

Wheat—There is a limited trade, with no changes in prices noted. White and red are quoted outside at 80c to 81c. No. 1 Manitoba hard is unchanged at 93c, Toronto freight, and No. 2 hard at 91c.

Buckwheat—The market is quiet; car lots quoted at 28c to 29c outside.

Barley—The market is very dull. No. 2 is quoted at 27c north and west, and feed at 20c.

Oats—Market is quiet and prices unchanged. White sold outside at 18c to 18½c west, and at 19c to 20c on the Midland. Mixed is 17c west.

Peas—Trade quiet and prices steady, with sales at 40½c outside.

Rye—The market is steady, with sales outside at 34½c to 35c.

Corn—The market is dull, with new yellow offering at 25c outside. Old yellow is quoted at 27c outside.

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THE FARMERS' MARKETS

The receipts of grain to-day were fair. Wheat is firmer, with sales of 500 bush at 88c to 89c for white, 87c for red and 65½c to 66c for goose. Barley is easier, 1000 bush selling at 28c to 32c. Oats steady, with sales of 2000 bush at 21c to 22½c. Peas unchanged, 200 bush selling at 44c to 45c.

Hay is steady, 25 loads selling at $12.50 to $14 a ton. Straw is unchanged. Dressed hogs brought $4.50 to $5.25, the latter for a few choice lightweights.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Wheat, white, bushel	$0 88	to $0 89
" red winter, bushel	0 86	0 87
" goose, bushel	0 65	0 66
Barley, bush	0 28	0 33
Peas, bushel	0 44	0 45
Oats, bushel	0 21	0 22½
Rye, bushel	0 33	0 35

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" hindquarters	0 05½	0 07
Mutton, per lb	0 04	0 05
Lamb	0 06	0 06½
Veal, per lb	0 04	0 06

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, per ton	$12 00	to $14 00
" baled, per ton	8 50	10 00
Straw, per ton	8 00	9 50
" baled, per ton	6 00	7 00

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, choice, tub	$0 13	to $0 14
" bakers'	0 08	0 10
" pound rolls	0 15	0 17
" creamery tubs	0 17	0 19
" " rolls	0 19	0 20
Cheese	0 10	0 10½
Eggs, new-laid	0 20	0 23
" limed	0 15	0 16

PROVISIONS AND POULTRY.

Hogs, dressed, selected	$4 75	to $5 20
" heavy	4 25	4 50
Backs, per lb	0 09	0 09½
Breakfast bacon	0 10	0 11
Mess pork	11 00	11 25
" short cut	11 25	11 50
" shoulder mess	9 00	9 50
Hams, smoked	0 10½	0 11
Lard, per lb	0 07	0 07¼
Bacon, per lb	0 05½	0 06
Chickens, per pair	0 25	0 45
Ducks, per pair	0 45	0 60
Turkeys, per lb	0 02½	0 08
Geese, per lb	0 04½	0 05½

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The market is quiet and prices are unchanged. Apples, barrel, 75c to $1. Dried apples, 2c to 3c, and evaporated 4c to 5½c per lb.

Potatoes steady at 28c to 30c per bag in car lots; small lots, 37c to 40c. Onions, 60c to 65c per bag. Sweet potatoes, $2.50 to $2.75 per barrel.

Cranberries, barrel, $6 to $6.25 for Canadian, and $2.50 to $2.75 per box for Cape Cod. Hops, 9c to 10c.

Turnips, bag, 20c to 25c; carrots, bag, 30c to 35c; parsnips, bag, 40c; celery, dozen, 30c to 40c.

SEEDS.

The market is quiet. Alsike is quoted at 6½c to 9c per lb., according to quality. Red clover 6½c to 8½c, and timothy 2½c to 3c per lb.

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HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

Hides are unchanged, with cured quoted at 7½c. Dealers pay 6½c for No. 1, 5½c for No. 2 and 4½c for No. 3.

Calfskins—Market is dull at 6c to 7c for No. 1 and 5c for No. 2. Sheep and lambskins 75c to 80c.

Wool—The market is steady. Dealers are paying 20½c to 22c for combing fleece, 17c for rejections. Pulled supers are 20c to 21c and extras at 22c to 23c.

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BRITISH MARKETS.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Spring wheat, 6s 9d to 6s 10d; red, no stock; No. 1 Cal., 7s 1d to 7s 2d; corn, 2s 9¾d; peas, 4s 5½d; pork, 48s 9d; lard, 21s 9d; bacon, l.c., heavy, 28s 6d; do., light, 27s 6d; do., s.c., heavy, 26s 0d; tallow, 18s 6d; cheese, white and colored, 51s.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat quiet; futures firm at 6s 7d for Jan., 6s 7½d for Feb. and 6s 8d for March. Maize quiet at 2s 9½d for Dec., April and May and 2s 9¼d for Jan., Feb. and March. Flour, 25s.

London—Close—Wheat on passage steady. Maize on passage quiet and steady.

Paris—Close—Wheat quiet at 21f 40c for Jan.; flour, 46f 10c for Jan.

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—Dec.	70⅝	77	70⅝	70⅞
" —May	80¼	80½	79⅝	79⅞
" —July	74⅝	75	74⅛	74⅝
Corn—Jan.	22⅝	22⅞	22⅝	22⅝
" —May	25⅝	25½	25⅛	25¼
Oats—Jan.	16⅝	....	....	16⅝
" —May	20	20¼	19⅝	19⅞
Pork—Jan.	7 62	7 65	7 60	7 65
" —May	7 90	7 95	7 87	7 92
Lard—Jan.	3 82	3 85	3 82	3 85
" —May	4 05	4 05	4 00	4 05
Ribs—Jan.	3 85	3 87	3 85	3 87
" —May	4 02	4 05	4 00	4 02

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FINANCIAL.

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United States Government bonds are ¼ to ⅜ lower to-day.

Consols are 3-16 lower, closing to-day at 110 5-16 for money and at 110⅝ for account.

In London prices of American securities are lower in sympathy with yesterday's market on Wall-street. C.P.R. closed at 55⅝, St. Paul at 72⅝, Erie at 14⅝, Reading at 12⅝, N.Y.C. at 97 and Ill. Central at 94.

The net gold balance in United States Treasury is now $134,000,000.

The earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ended Dec. 14 were $345,942, an increase of $2697.

Total bank clearings at Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Halifax amount to $22,861,000 this week, compared with $24,882,000 last week, and with $23,204,000 in the week one year ago.

The earnings of the 72 railroads in the United States for the first week in December were $6,564,929, a net decrease of $448,231, or 6.39 per cent. For the second week in December 31 roads earned $3,829,896, a net decrease of $69,351, or 1.76 per cent.

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MONEY MARKETS.

There is no change in the local money market. Prime paper is discounted at 6 to 6½, and call loans on stocks rule at 5 per cent. The rates for call loans in New York are 1½ to 2 per cent. and in London 3 to 3½. The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged at 4, and the open market rates 3⅜ to 3¾ per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Aemilius Jarvis & Co., 23 King-street east, stocks and exchange brokers, Toronto, report local rates to-day as follows:

	—Counter— Buy.	Sell.	—Bet. Banks— Buy.	Sell.	—Sell.
N.Y. Funds	¼ to	½	1/16 to 1/32 dis	to par	
Stg. 60 days	9⅝ to	9⅞	8 11-16 to 8 13-16		
do. demand	9⅝ to	9⅞	9⅝ to 9 11-16		

RATES IN NEW YORK.

	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, 60 days	4.84½@4.83⅝	to 4.84
" demand	4.88½@4.87½	to ....

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT.

The associated bank statement is favorable. The cash reserve increased $1,668,375 during the week, and the surplus is now $23,274,500, as compared with $17,088,800 a year ago, and $53,000,675 two years ago. Loans increased $3,512,500 during the week, specie increased $603,000, legal tenders increased $2,811,100, deposits increased $6,684,900 and circulation decreased $44,200.

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TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

	Dec. 18.		Dec. 19.	
Montreal	229	227	229	227
Ontario	87	79¾	86	80
Toronto	232	227	228	227
Merchants	171	167	174	167½
Commerce	128	124½	128	125
Imperial	178	176	179	177¾
Dominion	230	...	230	...
Standard	165	161	165	161
Hamilton	153	151¾	153	151¾
British America	121	119½	121	119
West. Assurance	162½	161	162	161
Confed. Life	...	...	...	278
Consumers' Gas	202½	200	...	200
Dom. Telegraph	125	123	125	123
Can. Northwest L.	50	...	50	...
C. P. R. Stock	56	54	55	54½
Toronto Electric	132	128	132	128
General Electric	84½	82	84½	82
Com. Cable Co	162⅝	162½	162	161⅝
Postal Telegraph	92	91⅝	92½	92
Bell Telephone	158⅝	157½	158	157
Montreal St Ry	219⅝	217½	220	218⅝
Toronto Railway,xd	68½	66¼	67¾	67½
Fraser River	154	150	149	145
Crown Point	41	37½	...	...
Empress	23½	20	23	19½
Brit Can L & L&A	100	...	100	...
B & L Assn, xd	73	...	70	...
C L & N I Co, xd	104½	...	107	104½
Canada Perm., xd	130	...	100	...
do. do. 20 p.c.	110	...	114	...
Can S & Loan, xd	110	107	110	107
Cent Can Loan	120	118	120	118
Dom S & L, xd	77	75	75	75
Farmers' L & S	95	...	94	...
Freehold L & S	100	...	100	...
do. do. 20 p.c.	80	...	100	...
Hamilton Prov.	110	...	110	...
H & E L & S, xd	...	156	...	156
do. 20 p.c., xd	...	146	...	145
Imperial L & L, xd	100	...	100	...
Landed B & L, xd	112½	...	112½	...
Lon & Can L & A	90	...	...	...
London Loan	...	103	...	103
Lon & Ont A, xd	100	...	101	...
Manitoba Loan	100	...	100	...
Ontario L & D, xd	...	118	...	118
People's Loan	...	30	30	...
Real Est L & D	65	...	65	...
Toronto S & L	112½	112	115	113½
Union L & S	100	...	100	...
W C L & A	...	100	...	103¼
do. 25 p.c., xd	100	...	100	...

Sales at 11.15 a.m.: Bank of Commerce, 10, 10 at 125; Gas, 1 at 200; Cable, 25 at 162¼, 25, 25, 25, 25 at 162; Postal, 5 at 92½.

Sales at 1.15 p.m.: Bank of Commerce, 20, 5 at 125; Imperial, 2, 4 at 177; West. Assurance, 50 at 161¼, 50 at 161; General Electric, 5 at 82; Cable, 10 at 162, 25 at 161½; Postal, 25 at 92⅝, 25, 25, 25, 25, 15 at 92¼.

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Montreal, Dec. 19.—C.P.R., 55 and 54½; Duluth, 5 and 3½; do., pref., 9⅝ and 7½; Cable, 162 and 161¾; Postal Telegraph, 93 and 92¾; Telegraph, 175 and 165; Richelieu, 86 and 85; Street Railway, 219⅝ and 219¼; Gas, 181⅝ and 181¼; Telephone, 159 and 157; Toronto Street Railway, Rights, 8 and 99⅝; Montreal, 280 and 227½; Molsons, 182 bid; Merchants', 175 and 168; Commerce, 130 and 124; Toronto, 227 bid; Ontario, 85 and 80.

To-day's sales: C.P.R., 50 at 55; Cable, 50 at 162½, 25 at 162¼, 25 at 161⅞, 200 at 161½, 75 at 162, 25 at 161⅞, 25 at 162; Postal, 25 at 92, 25 at 92½, 25 at 92¼, 50 at 92⅝, 50 at 92⅞; Street Railway, 25 at 219½, 100 at 220, 50 at 219½, 125 at 219, 50 at 219⅝, 25 at 219½; Gas, 25 at 181, 75 at 181¼; Toronto Railway, 75 at 67, 125 at 67¼ xd; Merchants' Bank, 2 at 169; Commerce, 3 at 125½.

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TIPS FROM WALL-STREET.

The market closed firm.

The most active stocks to-day were: Sugar 30,500 shares, St. Paul 15,300, W. U. 5500, R. I. 6500, Reading 10,600, Mo. P. 2200, Kansas preferred 2400, L. & N. 6800, Burlington 22,500, Atchison 1900, C. Gas 7200, Am. Spirits 3700, Manhattan 14,100, G. E. 2600, Tobacco 1200, Southern preferred 5700, Leather preferred 3400.

McIntyre & Wardwell (John J. Dixon) send the following despatch to their branch office in Toronto from New York:

The stock market to-day had a feverish recovery from the severe collapse in prices yesterday. The higher prices sent from London helped the market, but moderate liquidation went on all day and the only notable buying was by the short interest. Of the grangers, St. Paul showed decidedly the best tone. Manhattan declined over 2 per cent. from opening, its weakness being attributed to the petition for the removal of the directors of the company on the ground that they have paid unearned dividends. Western Union showed sympathy. The closing was dull and steady. Government bonds were ¼ to ⅜ per cent. lower. There is no news from Washington to-day. Foreign and domestic press comments generally regret yesterday's action. Trade reports show very dull conditions in general lines. The features of the bank statement were gains of $1,608,000 in reserve, $3,512,000 in loans and $6,000,000 in deposits, reflecting continued movement of funds hither.

CHICAGO GOSSIP.

Henry A. King & Co., 12 King-street east, received the following despatch to-day from Chicago:

Wheat—Scalpers held sway in the wheat pit to-day. The opening was ⅝c above yesterday's closing, and price has been kept within narrow limits all day. Liverpool wheat ¼d lower, for Feb. Receipts at the Northwest 376 cars, against 672 a year ago. There were a good many reports of crop damage and just as many denials. Claims of damage to winter wheat will have a peculiar effect on the market this season because of the losses on the 1895 and 1896 crops. In both these instances the trade was over skeptical, and for that reason it is now inclined to be over credulous. Another reason why the pit is apt to take quick alarm at the mere assertion from some granger in Illinois or Missouri that his winter wheat does not look right is because the speculative situation just now is on edge, with a good many dull considerations of all sorts. The outside trade is light, and it is purely a trader's market with most of the operators bullish at heart, but whenever they get long and the price is against them they sell out. Millers are inquiring for wheat, and 25,000 bushels No. 2 spring were sold to a Southern miller. Beerbohm says: "There is hardly any call for California wheat cargoes now at hand, but more disposition to buy the more deferred deliveries." Liverpool cables say stocks of Danubian wheat are large and holders forcing sales. Few offerings of Russian wheat are noticeable in the news items to-day. Modern Miller says winter wheat stocks continue to decline and farmers continue to hold the stock for higher prices. No near change of these conditions can be forecasted. Southern stocks of both flour and wheat show a decline. Outer prices in that section are held at about last week's figures, some markets showing a slight advance despite the course of the speculative grain markets. Pacific coast exports are lighter by 200,000 bushels than a week ago, but wheat and flour prices have both been advanced. The reports of damage by freezing to growing wheat in some localities numerous. Washington news will be a factor here for some time to come. Receipts of Northwest and Pacific coast receipts lower. We would rather buy it from here down.

Oats—Heavy. On breaks buy May oats. Provisions—Dull. The only feature was the changing of January to May. With good run of hogs we look for lower prices. In that event buy lard and ribs. Receipts of hogs to-day 21,000, and est