The Market Was Erratic With Ag-

gressive Trading in the Pit.

Toronto, red 0 86 Toronto, No. 1 hard 1 03

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The demand for wheat is good, but offerings to-day were restricted and prices ruled firm. Sales of red winter were made at 83c to 83½c, high freights. No. 2 spring on Midland, 83c to 83½c, and goose 7ic on Midland. No. 1 Manitoba hard is held at 94c to 95c, Fort William, and at 99c to \$1, Midland.

BARLEY-The offerings are fair and prices unchanged. No. 2 is quoted at 32c east, No. 3 extra at 27c to 28c east, and No. 3 at 25c west.

OATS-The market continues firm, with sales of white at 24c west, and at 25c on Midland; mixed, 23c west.

PEAS—The market is steady, with sales to-day at 45c, north and west, and at 46c on Midland.

BUCKWHEAT-The market is unchanged, with sales at 30c west and at 31c east.

RYE-The market is firm, with fair demand. Sales were made at 441/2c to 45c high freights and at 46c on Midland.

CORN-The market is quiet, with a

BRAN-Business quiet, with cars quoted at \$7.50 west. Shorts \$10 to \$11 middle treights.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts of grain increased to-day, about 3000 bushels all told being delivered. Wheat firm, 1200 bushels selling as follows: White 83c to 86½c, red 85c to 87c and goose 77c to 79c per bushel. Rye, 200 bushels brought 45c. Bailey firm, 500 bushels selling at 28c to 33½c. Oats higher, 600 bushels sold at 26½c to 27c. Peas steady, 400 bushels going at 46c. Buckwheat, 100 bushels sold at 55c.

 Wheat, white, bush
 \$0 83 to \$0 86

 "red, bush
 0 85
 0 87

 "goose, bush
 0 77
 0 794/2

 Barley, bush
 0 28
 0 33½

 Rye, bush
 0 45
 0 25

 Oats, bush
 0 26½
 0 27

 Peas, bush
 0 46
 0 35

 Buckwheat, bush
 0 35
 0 35

 Fresh Meats

 Beef, hindquarters, cw.t. \$6
 50
 to \$7
 50

 "forequarters, cw.t. \$4
 00
 5
 90

 Lamb, cwt
 7
 70
 7
 50

 "each
 3
 30
 4
 50

 Mutton, carcase, cwt
 7
 90
 8
 90

 Veal, carcase, cwt
 7
 90
 8
 90

 Hogs, dressed, light
 6
 90
 25
 5
 5
 8

Ducks, per pair ... 0 50
Geese, per lb ... 0 07
Turkeys, per lb ... 0 10

Fruit and Vegetables -

Hay and Straw-

Dairy Products-

30 13½ 3% 32 21¼ 14% 98 54½ 34%

To the Trade

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To-day's Lists.

Single Judge at 11 a.m.: Hanser v.
Pearce; re Havill and Galt; re Keenan estate; Cole v. Clarkson; Briggs v. Ross.

Bushels.

Clearances of wheat and flour at four ports to-day 299,566 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 290 cars, as against 359 cars the corresponding day of last year.

Receipts of wheat at Liverpool the past three days were 282,000 centals, including 276,000 centals of American. Corn, same time, 51,000 centals.

Receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 43,000

Taylor's "Jublice Violet."

The name of John Taylor & Co., as manufacturers of soaps and perfumes, is known from one end of the Dominion to the other. The firm have this year manufactured alarge variety of high class perfumes, the best in the market. One of their Christmas specialties is Taylor's "Jublice Violet," an exquisite perfume put up in handsome glass bottles, and is just the thing for a Christmas present. Taylor's "White Rose" perfume is lasting and thoroughly true to cdor. In purchasing from your druggist or anywhere else you should be sure to ask for "Taylor's perfumes." They are fully equal to, if not better than, the imported article, and those who use them once will never use any other. Taylor's "Jublice Violet" perfume has no rival.

A fine collection of Oriental rugs for auction. The walls of No. 68 King-street wester hung with the beautiful handlwork of the weavers of the effete East, Turkey, India and Persia being represented in rugs, cerpets and embroideries, and we must admit that the collection is a most representative one. We never saw more beautiful rugs, and the Agra, Anatolian, Demondge and Candahar Carpets are exquisite specimens of the weavers of the Orient. They work for posterity and their colors do not fade until the carpet drops to pieces. This collection will be sold at auction by Mr. W. Dickson this afternoon.

To-day,

The important action sale of rare and valuable oil paintings, old steel engravings, antique furniture, pianos, carpets, fine electro plate, china, etc., takes place this morning, commencing at 11 o'clock, at Nos. 11 and 93 King-street east (near Churchstreet). We feel confident that this sale will be well-attended, as it is seldom that such an opportunity presents itself of procuring

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J. Russell sold 5 helfers weighing 850 lbs.

head.

H. Maybee sold 6 butchers' cows, 1200 lbs. each, at \$34 per head.

Not many feeders and stockers were offered and prices remain unchanged.

P. Holland bought several feeders weighing about 1000 lbs. at \$3.60 per cwt.

About 12 milk cows were offered and sold at \$25 to \$40 each. There were 12 calves, which sold at \$3 to \$8 each.

Prices for sheen were not guite as good;

Provisions Weaker in Chicago-Local

Cattle Market Fairly Active and Easy.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 21.

Lord is 9d higher in Liverpool.

Liverpool wheat futures %d higher.

Cash wheat in Chicago unchanged at \$1.

May wheat on curb 93%c.

Puts on May wheat 92%c to 92%c, calls

Ote to 94%c.

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Stinning cattle.

There were 12 calves, which sold at \$3. to \$8 each.

Prices for sheep were not quite as good; ewes sold at \$3.25, bucks at \$2.50 per cwt. Lambs sold at \$4.65 to \$4.85 per cwt., or in other words, \$3 to \$4.50 each.

About 1700 hogs came in; prices unchanged for best selections, which sold at \$4.75 per cwt.

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William McCelland shipped one car load of butchers' eattle to the Collingwood Abattoir, per G.T.R.

Stinning cattle.

Puts on May wheat 52/20 to 52/80, cans		
94c to 941/sc.	Shipping cattle, medium\$3 75	\$4 00
Puts on May corn 29%c to 29%c, calls		4 00
20st a bid	quality 3 50	4 00
29%c bid.	Bulls, feeders, per cwt 2 25	2 75
At Toledo clover seed closed at \$3.25 for	Stockers and medium to	
Dec. and at \$3.30 for March.	Stockers and medium to	3 25
Dec. and at polo tot	good 2 75	
Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day:	Feeders, heavy 3 40	3 75
	Butchers' cattle, picked lots 3 65	3 871/2
for Wednesday: Wheat 400, corn 160, oats	" good 3 37	3 55
for Wednesday. Wheat, 200, cons		3 40
300.	medium = 00	
Exports at New York to-day: Flour 5894	Springers, each25 00	40 00
Exports at them zooks: wheat 196,110	Milch cows, each	40 00
barrels and 14,059 sacks; wheat 196,110	Calves, each 4 00	8 00
bushels.	Chaon non out 2 00	3 25
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Chicago Markets. Henry A. King & Co. report the follow

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British Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—No. 1 Northern wheat, 7s 9d to 7s 9½d; No. 1 Cal., 8s 4d to 8s 4½d; red winter, 7s 9½d to 7s 10d; peas, 4s 9d; corn, 3s 2¾d; pork, 48s 9d for fine western; lard, 24s 3d; bacon, heavy, i.e., 30s 0d; do., light, 29s 0d; do., short cut, 30s 0d; tallow, 18s 6d; cheese, 42s 6d.

London—Wheat off coast and on passage 3d to 6d higher. No. 1 Manitoba hard, March and April, 38s 3d. English country markets steady. Maize off coast and on passage 3d higher. Clipped oats, Jan. 14s 9d. Paris—Wheat 20f 25c for Jan. Flour 6lf 40c for Dec. and Jan. French country markets quiet and steady.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat on passage qufet and steady.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat futures steady at 7s 5½d for March, 7s 4½d for May, and 7s 1d for July. Maize quiet at 3s 1½d for Jan., 3s 1½d for Feb. and 3s 1¾d for March. Flour 25s 6d.

Paris—Close—Wheat dull at 29f 25c for Jan. Elour dull at 6lf 60c for Jan.

Flour 25s 6d.

Paris—Close—Wheat dull at 29f 25c for Jan.

Flour dull at 61f 60c for Jan.

Chicago Gossip.

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

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	time, 51,000 centals.	
	Receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 43,000, or 7000 more than expected; official Mon-	Chicago Markets.
	or 7000 more than expected, which are day 36,058; left over 1194. Estimated for Wednesday 42,000. Market active and shade	Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of
1	higher. Heavy shippers \$3.30 to \$3.55.	of Trade to-day:
	Cattle receipts at Chicago to-day 5000;	Open. High. Low. Close
	market steady.	Wheat-Dec 100% 101 99% 100 " Jan 94% 95 94% 941
		" -May 93% 94½ 93% 93½
	Leading Wheat Markets.	" -July 83% 84% 83½ 835
ä	Following are the closing prices to-day at	Corn—Dec 26½ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾ 26¾
ă	important centres; Cash. Mar.	" -May 20% 20% 20% 29%
,	Chicago\$1 00 \$0 931/4	Oats-Dec 21% 217
•	New York 1 00½ 0 3±	Pork—Jan 8 77 8 77 8 62 8 62
3	Milwaukee 0 81/2 0 92%	"-May897 900 885 887
i	St. Louis	Lard-Jan 4 60 4 62 4 52 4 52
1	Detroit 0 931/4 0 931/8	" -May4 75 4 80 4 70 4 70 Ribs-Jan4 45 4 47 4 40 4 40
3	Duluth, No. 1 hard 0 941/4	Ribs—Jan 4 45 4 47 4 40 4 40 "—May 4 60 4 62 4 55 4 55
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ESTAB. 1843

McIntyre & Wardweil (John J. Dixon) received the following despatch to day from Chicago:

See Santa.

Money Markets.

The local money market is unchanged, with call loans quoted at 4 per cent. A per cent.

ESTAB. 1843

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Canada Landed 102
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Dom. Savings & I. 78
Freehold L.&Sav 106
do. do. 20 p.c. ...
British Provident 110
Huron & Erie L.&S. ...
do. do. 20 p.c. ...
Imperial L. & I. 100
Landed B. & L. ...
Lon. & Can. L.&S. 80 163 151

Maintoba Loan & Deb ... 120½
People's Loan ... 50
Real Estate, L & D. 65
Toronto Sav & Loan 113½ 111%
Union L & S... 90
West, Can, L & S. 120 113
do, do, 25 p.c. ... 85

West. Can. L.&S... 120 113
do. do., 25 p.c. ... 85
Sales at 1E-30 p.m.: Bank of Toronto,8 at 29½; Dominion, 45 at 250; C.P.R., 50 at 1½; Cable, 25 at 178 xd.; Richelleu, 25 at 08½, 50, 25 at 108½, 25 at 108½; Toronto allway, 10 at 85½; Canada Per. Loan (20 er cent.), 7, 1, 1, 50 at 78, 14 at 76; Canda Permanent, 20 at 107.
Sales at 1 p.m.: Western Assurance, 50 at 69; C.P.R., 50 at 81½; Toronto Electric, 0 at 135%, 50, 50 at 135%; Cable, 25 at 188 xd. xd.
les at 3.30 p.m.: Merchants' Bank, 19
74; Imperial Bank, 30, 5 at 190; Dom
, 3 at 250; Standard, 24 at 174; North
t Land, pref., 10, 70, 20 at 54; Cable,

t 177% xd.; Canada Per. Loan (20 p.c.),

t 78; Huron & Erie, new stock, 5, 8

Montreal Stock Market.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Canadian Pacific, 81½ and 813%; Duluth, 4 and 3; do., pref., 6% and 6; Cable, xd., 178½ and 177½; Cable, ccupon bonds, 106 and 104¼; Telegraph, 185 and 180½; Canada Northwest Land, pref., 55 and 53½; Richelieu. 109 and 108; Gas, 188 and 186½; Street Railway, 234 and 233½; do., new, 232 and 231½; Telephone, 177½ and 171; Toronto Railway, xd., 85½ and 85½; Halifax Railway, 118½ and 117; Cornwall Railway, 47½ asked; St. John Railway, 130 and 125; Royal Electric 142 and 140½; Halifax Heat and Light, 41 and 39½; Montreal Bank, 240 and 234; Merchants, 177½ and 172; Commerce, 135 and 134½; Moisons, 210 and 200; Toronto, 235 and 228; Ontarlo, 101 and 98; Dominion Coal, pref., 109 and 106.

Mording Sales: C. P.R., 25 at 8134, 525 at Montreal stock Market 100 and 106.

Morning sales: C.P.R., 25 at 81%, 525 at 81%, 275 at 81½; Cable, 50 at 178 xd.; Hallfax Heat and Light, 100 at 41, 200 at 40; Richelleu, 100 at 108½; Street Railway, 56 at 233%; Gas, 18 at 187; Royal Electric, 100 at 142, 25 at 142¼, 100 at 142, 50 at 142¼,

New York Scioks.

The bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £21,000.

Bar silver in London is firmer at 26 7-16d per ounce and in New York at 56%.

The net gold balance of the United States treasury is \$159,764,000.

The earnings of Northern Pacific for the second week of December show an increase of \$9500.

The New York Continued States the second week of December show an increase of \$9500.

well as the Monday following Jan. 1 will be observed here as holidays.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Evening Post says: The continued strength in local money rates to-day resulted in a somewhat confused security market. The market was, however, governed by the same conficiting influences as have prevailed for some days past—a disposition among specuative holders of stocks to sell and a disposition among investors, with money of

rarket recedes under liquidation by professional traders. Coal stocks and industrials, particularly Jersey and Sugar, developed weakness on elimination of short interest and efforts of some recent buyers to liquidat. An authoritative denial by one of the leading news agencies of the newspaper talk of a coal trust formed by Mr. Morgan's people with coal carrying roads checked maniputation for the rise in these stocks. We think condition of money market will dominate during the balance of the week. Chances favor a continued small and narrow traders' market. As previously stated, on pronounced weak spots we think the better class of railroad stocks can be bought with comparative safety for a turn, but they should be sold out on the bulges forced by the covering of shorts and manipulation by the bull interests.

Cotton Market.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton, spot closed steady; middling uplands 5%c, middling gulf 6%c; sales, 600 bales.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures closed quiet and steady; sales 97,900 bales, Jan. 5.73, Feb. 5.76, March 5.80, April 5.85, May 5.90, June 5.94, July 5.96, Aug. 6.03, Sept. 6.03, Oct 6.66, Dec. 5.72.

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GERMANY REMAINS FI

And Chinese Counsels are Divided Between Peace and War.

aggestion That Britain and Japan J ly Occupy Wel-Hat-Wel-St, Peter No osti Thunders Against Great Br and The London Times Talks Sare cally in Regard to German Preter

Pekin, Dec. 22 .- The Chinese Go ment has granted Russia permissiwinter a squadron at Port Ar Great Britain demands a quid pro If concessions have been made to powers. It has been suggested that Japanese and British occupy Wei-Wei jointly.

The situation at Kiao Chou Bay i changed. Germany remains unyie and the Chinese counsels are divide to whether it should be peace or with Germany. China regards R as her only friend, and is asking he vice alone. In spite of official de it is regarded as proved that Por thur and Kiao Chou Bay were proto Russia by a secret treaty. B influence is nil, having suffered gr through the failure of the loan r ations. China is now negotiating with Russia. The latter deman dismissal of the British railroad gineers in North China, and it is able that the demand will be gra The German drill instructors w dismissed at the expiration of their tracts and will be replaced by Rus Russian officers have already bee pointed to drill the armies of I

The Bear Growls. St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—In a sly anti-British article to-day The Mi says: "In consequence of the p ly anti-British article to-day The Nti says: "In consequence of the prison of England to compensate he for the Russian occupation of Arthur by the acquisition of Port I ilton, or Lazareff, and in view of possibility of the disturbing actional dapan, Europe stands on the bring grave diplomatic complications, therefore well to recall that the forcement of the German squadre the Pacific permits Russia, France Germany effectively to prevent a turbance of the balance of power tween the three powers on one tween the three powers on one and Great Britain and Japan on the er, such as might be produced by leat seizures of territory."

In conclusion, The Novosti expr the hope that the isolation of Great tain in regard to the other Europowers will "paralyze her action stently to permit the preservation of 1 from the dangers threatening it a present moment."

The Thunderer is Sarcastic. London, Dec. 23.—The Times, is editorial on the situation, sarcastiasks whether the German presclaiming a Russo-German entent China, and Emperor William, is speech at Graudenz, anticipated sai's demand for the removal of Correct drill sergeants from the

speech at Graudenz, anticipated sai's demand for the removal of German drill sergeants from the uses army. It adds, with referen the demand for the dismissal of English engineers, "Our Pekin spondent says China is hesitating possibly we may be able to appen to tives at Pekin which will stren China's disinclination to comply the Russian request for the dismist the Britishers."

With reference to the probabili Russia advancing China money the war indemnity to Japan, and compelling Japan to evacuate We Wei, The Times openly recognize advisability of an Anglo-Japane tente, arguing that the combined tish and Japanese fleets would be able to prevent a disturbance obalance of power in China. Other don papers express the same opin A Significant Fact.

A significant Fact.

The Vienna correspondent of Standard says he has ascertained the first news of the occupation of Arthur emanated from Tokio, a significant of Japanese vigilance. cussing Japan's position, the spondent says:

"She cannot declare war agains er China or Russia, because, if state ten large ironclads that are built for her in Europe and An and are nearly finished, would bup till the war was over. She therefore, risk nothing by herself Some of the Russian papers are cal at Germany's expense. The Jazette of Odessa hints that I time Prince Henry and the G squadron reach China, they mather Tang-Li-Yamen has prepared expected reception for intrusive The Mirevige Otgoloski remind peror William of Napoleon III tempt to plant his power in Mexical Russia Means Business. Russin Means Business. The Pekin correspondent of The

The Chinese are provisionin The Chinese are provisioning Arthur, and will reconstruct the there, Russia supervising and fing the money. In the face of indication of permanent occupation the East increases.

"The Russo-Chinese Bank, with a gent of the Russian Gover has offered China 120,000 Berdan with payment five years hence. with payment five years hence. has accepted the proposal.

The Japs are Agitated. According to a despatch to The from Kobe, Japan, the news fro Arthur has greatly disturbed the do's Ministers. Long Cabinet have been held, and the high i officials have attended.

The Japanese newspapers, the d says, are nonplussed at the situ the far East, while the Ministr volved in domestic troubles co

Fruit and Vegetables Apples, per bls \$1 50 to \$2 50 Potatoes, per bag 0 60 0 70 Cabbage, per doz 0 15 0 20 " red, each 0 05 0 08 Cauliflower, per head 0 10 0 20 Beets, per bag 0 45 0 50 Onlons, per bag 0 50 0 60 Carrots, red, per bag 0 25 0 30 Turnips, per bag 0 15 0 20 Parsnips, per bag 0 40 0 50 Squash, each 0 10 0 20