LOWER LIVERPOOL CABLES.

Wheat Scored a Sharp Advance in Chicago Near the Close.

Corn Market Active and Stronger at an Advance—Oats Also Higher —Provisions Closed Strong, With Prices Better—Latest Commercial News.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 21.

In Chicago to-day the wheat market was slow until near the close of the session, when a sharp advance of ½c took place with good buying. The closing quotations were: Dec. 66¾c, May 69¾c to 69⅞c, July 70¼c.

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Liverpool wheat futures closed ¼d lower than yesterday, and corn ¼d to ¼d lower. Flour is unchanged at 17s 6d. Spot wheat is unchanged. Tallow is 6d higher and lard 2d lower.

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Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 387 cars, as against 351 cars last Thursday and 753 cars a year ago.

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Price Current, in its weekly crop review, says: The week has favored growing wheat and conditions are unchanged. Wheat has been sparingly offered in the interior, in expectation of a better price. Corn has held firm under a large stock feeding demand. Wheat exportable on the first of January will be 120,000,000 bushels or more. The week's packing of western hogs was 570,000, against 770,000 a year ago.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices at important wheat centres to-day:

	Casn.	Dec.	May.	July.
Chicago	$....	$0 66¾	$0 69⅞	$0 70¼
New York	....	0 72½	0 75	0 75½
Milwaukee	0 67	....	....	....
St. Louis	....	0 68¼	0 71½	0 69¾
Toledo	0 69½	....	0 73½	0 73½
Detroit, red	0 71	0 71	0 73⅜	....
Detroit, white	....	0 71	....	....
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	....	0 64⅝	0 64⅝	0 68⅜
Duluth, No. 1 hard	....	0 65⅞	....	....
Minneapolis	....	0 64½	....	0 66¾

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Ontario patents, in bags, $3.65 to $3.75; straight rollers, $3.35 to $3.45; Hungarian patents, $3.90; Manitoba bakers', $3.60, all on track at Toronto.

Wheat—Ontario red and white, 65c north and west; goose, 69c north and west; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 76½c, Toronto, and No. 1 Northern at 74½c.

Oats—White oats quoted at 25½c west.

Barley—Quoted at 38c for No. 2 west; feed barley, 35c to 36c.

Rye—Quoted at 49c north and west, and 50c east.

Bran—City mills sell bran at $14, and shorts at $16 in car lots, f.o.b., Toronto.

Buckwheat—Firm; 48c north and 50c east.

Corn—Canadian, 32c to 33c west; American, 40c on track here.

Oatmeal—Quoted at $3.40 by the bag and $3.50 by the barrel, on track at Toronto, in car lots.

Peas—At 57½c north and west, for immediate shipment.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of grain were not large, 2500 bushels, hay 30 loads and 6 of straw, while deliveries of Xmas poultry were exceedingly large.

Wheat firmer; 1000 bushels sold as follows: White 68c to 69c, red 68c to 68½c, and 400 bushels of goose at 70c to 71c.

Barley easier; 400 bushels sold at 43c to 44½c.

Oats steady, 700 bushels sold at 28½c to 29c.

Hay easier; 30 loads sold at $10.50 to $12.50 for timothy and $8.50 to $9.50 per ton for mixed.

Straw steady at $8 to $9 per ton for six loads.

Dressed Hogs—Prices easier at $5.20 to $5.35 per cwt. William Harris jr., bought 200 at the above quotations.

Poultry—Deliveries of poultry of all kinds were very large, of which the quality was, generally speaking, first-class. Prices unchanged from quotations given below.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 68	to $0 69½
" red, bush	0 68	0 68½
" life, bush	0 68	0 69
" goose, bush	0 70	0 71
Barley, bush	0 43	0 44½
Peas, bush	0 60	....
Oats, bush	0 28½	0 29
Rye, bush	0 53½	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 50	....
Beans, bush	1 15	1 20
Seeds—		
Red clover, per bush	$4 25	to $5 20
Alsike, choice to fancy	6 50	7 00
Alsike, good No. 2	5 00	6 00
White clover, per bush	7 00	8 00
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$10 50	to $12 50
Hay, mixed, per ton	8 50	9 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	8 00	9 00
Straw, loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 20	to $0 25
Eggs, new laid	0 30	0 35
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 40	to $0 70
Turkeys, per lb	0 09	0 11
Ducks, per pair	0 60	0 80
Geese, per lb	0 06	0 07
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$1 00	to $2 00
Potatoes, per bag	0 40	0 50
Cabbage, per dozen	0 30	0 40
Onions, per bag	0 90	1 00
Beets, per bush	0 30	0 40
Celery, per dozen	0 30	0 50
Turnips, per bag	0 25	0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 40	0 50
Fresh Meat—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$4 00	to $6 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 00	9 00
Lamb, per lb	0 06	0 07
Mutton, carcase, per lb	0 04½	0 06
Veal, carcase, per lb	0 07	0 08½
Hogs, dressed, light	5 20	5 35

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled, car lots, per ton	$9 25	to $9 75
Straw, baled, car lots, per ton	4 00	4 50
Potatoes, car lots, per bag	0 37½	0 40
Butter, choice tubs	0 17	0 18
Butter, medium tubs	0 14	0 15
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 19	0 20
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 22	0 23
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 22	....
Butter, large rolls, per lb	0 18	0 19
Eggs, held	0 17	0 18
Eggs, new laid	0 19	0 20
Honey, per lb	0 09	0 10
Turkeys, per lb	0 08½	0 09½
Geese, per lb	0 06	0 06½
Ducks, per pair	0 49	0 60
Chickens, per pair	0 25	0 50

Hides and Wool.

Price list revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, No. 11 East Front-street, Toronto:

Hides, No. 1 green	$0 09½	to $0 09½
Hides, No. 1 green steers	0 08¾	0 10
Hides, No. 2 green steers	0 08¾	0 09
Hides, No. 2 green	0 08¼	0 08½
Hides, No. 3 green	0 07¼	0 07½
Hides, cured	0 09	0 09½
Calfskins, No. 1	0 10	....
Calfskins, No. 2	0 08	....
Lambskins, fresh	0 90	1 00
Pelts, fresh	0 90	1 00
Tallow, rendered	0 04	0 05
Wool, fleece	0 16	0 17
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 09	0 10
Wool, pulled, super	0 16	0 17
Wool, pulled extra	0 19	0 20
Tallow, rough	0 01½	0 03¼

British Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—(12.30.)—Wheat, Nor., spring, 6s 1½d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 2½d to 6s 3d; red winter, 5s 9½d; corn, 3s 6¼d; peas, 5s 5d; pork, prime western mess, 57s 6d; lard, prime western, 28s; American, refined, 29s 9d; tallow, Australian, 26s 9d; American, good to fine, 26s 6d; bacon, long clear, light, 34s; heavy, 33s 6d; short clear, heavy, 33s; cheese, colored, 50s; white, 57s; wheat steady; corn, quiet.

London—Open—Wheat, off coast, buyers and sellers apart; on passage, rather easier; No. 1 hard Manitoba, steam, Jan., 29s 3d. English country markets quiet. Maize, off coast, nothing doing; on passage, quieter.

Paris—Wheat, Dec. 18f 70c, Jan. and April 19f 45c. Flour, Dec. 24f 40c, Jan. and April 25f 45c. French country markets firm.

Liverpool—Open—Wheat, spot steady; futures quiet; Dec., Jan. and Feb., nominal; March, 5s 10½d; May, 5s 10½d. Maize, spot quiet; mixed American, 3s 6¼d; futures quiet; Dec. nominal; Jan., Feb. and March, 3s 5¾d; May, 3s 5½d. Flour, Minn., 17s 6d.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat, spot dull; No. 2 red winter, 5s 9½d; No. 1 Northern spring, 6s 1½d; futures dull; Dec., Jan. and Feb., nominal; March and May, 5s 10⅜d. Maize, spot quiet; Mixed American, 3s 6d; futures dull; Dec., nominal; Jan., Feb. and March, 3s 5¾d; May, 3s 5½d. Flour, Minn., 17s 6d.

London—Close—Maize, spot quotations, 18s; mixed American, 17s. Flour, spot quotations, Minn., 23s. Antwerp wheat, spot quiet; No. 2 red winter, 16f.

Paris—Wheat, tone dull; Dec. 18f 70c, March and June 19f 35c. Flour, tone dull; Dec. 24f 30c, March and June 25f 25c.

Chicago Markets.

McIntyre & Wardwell report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	69⅝	70⅛	69¼	69⅞
" —July	70	70½	69⅝	70¼
Corn—May	32¾	33⅛	32½	33
Oats—May	23⅞	24	23⅞	24
Pork—Jan.	9 90	9 97	9 90	9 95
" —May	10 27	10 30	10 12	10 27
Lard—Jan.	5 35	5 45	5 32	5 45
" —May	5 55	5 65	5 53	5 65
Ribs—Jan.	5 25	5 27	5 20	5 27
" —May	5 40	5 45	5 37	5 45

Chicago Gossip.

McIntyre & Wardwell say:

Wheat—To-day's market was slow within a range of ¼c the first two hours, no important trading and nothing special in the news. Near the close, however, a sharp advance of ½c took place, with commission houses and local shorts good buyers. Cables were ¼d lower, the export demand was poor and the general tendency of opinion was that the market should sell lower in prices firmer. Best select bacon hogs, weighing not less than 160 nor more than 200 lbs. each, unfed and unwatered (off cars), sold at $4.50; thick fats at $4, and lights at $4.12½ per cwt.

Uncalled car lots sold at about $4.25 to $4.35 per cwt. Essex and Kent corn-fed are worth $4.25 per cwt.

William Levack bought 30 cattle, principally exporters, at $4.12½ to $4.80.

W. H. Paterson sold one lot of lambs for export at $4.40 per cwt. and a few sheep at $3.40 per cwt., and bought 2 good milch cows at $49.50 each. Mr. Paterson will sell by auction at Empringham's Hotel, Little York, a large number of choice milch cows on Friday at 2 p.m.

Wesley Dunn bought 100 sheep at $3.25 per cwt., 75 lambs at $3.80, these being average prices.

W. W. Hog sold 197 hogs, uncalled, at $3.30 per cwt., several butchers' cows at $3.40, and one cow at $43.

T. J. Taylor sold 84 lambs at $3.70 per cwt., weighing 74 lbs. each.

J. Bennett sold 90 hogs, uncalled, at $4.35 per cwt., 8 lambs at $3.75 per cwt.

L. Jones bought one choice milch cow at $50.

Export cattle, choice	$4 75	to $5 00
Export cattle, light	4 25	4 50
Export bulls, choice	3 80	4 35
Export bulls, light	3 25	3 50
Loads of good butchers' and exporters, mixed	3 87½	4 12½
Butchers' cattle, picked, lots	4 25	4 40
" good	3 70	4 00
" medium, mixed	3 40	3 60
" common	3 10	3 30
" inferior	2 60	2 90
Feeders, heavy	3 40	3 85
Feeders, light	3 20	3 40
Stockers	2 00	2 75
Milch cows	30 00	50 00
Calves	4 00	10 00
Sheep, ewes, per cwt	3 00	3 40
Sheep, bucks, per cwt	2 50	2 75
Lambs, picked ewes and wethers	4 25	4 40
Lambs, per cwt	3 50	4 00
Hogs, choice, over 160 lbs	4 50	....
" thick fats	4 00	....
" light, under 160 lbs	4 12½	....
" corn-fed	4 25	....
" sows	3 00	....
" stags	2 00	....
Turkeys, per lb	0 07½	0 08

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

No Cable Reports — Little Business Done in New York.

New York, Dec. 21.—Beeves—Receipts 9; no trade of importance; feeling steady; refrigerator beef firm, at 9⅛c per pound. Exports, 25 sheep; none to-morrow.

Calves—Receipts 135; 225 on sale; good veals firm; others steady; barnyard calves nominally lower; 75 unsold; veals $4.50 to $8.25, tops $8.50, little calves $4.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 2773; 23 cars on sale; sheep not wanted and lower; choice lambs steady; medium grades weak; 12½ cars; larger part unsold; common to prime sheep $2.25 to $4.25, common to choice lambs $4.50 to $5.80; no Canada lambs.

Hogs—Receipts 2473; one deck on sale; firm, on light supply; prime western hogs $4.50.

The East Buffalo Market.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 21.—Cattle—There were no fresh offerings and only a moderate inquiry for butcher cattle, steady. Stockers that were left over from yesterday sold easy. Calves were in moderate demand, easy. Choice to extra were quotable $7 to $7.50; good to choice, $6.50 to $7. Sheep and Lambs—The offerings were 23 loads, including four loads of Canada lambs. Sheep were somewhat dull, but the accumulations of yesterday were cleaned up. Lambs, choice to extra, were quoted at $5.35 to $5.50; good to choice, $5 to $5.35; common to fair, $4.25 to $5; heavy wethers, $4.25 to $4.50; mixed sheep, $3.75 to $4; culls and common, $2.50 to $3.25. Canada lambs sold at $5.40 to $5.50. The general close was steady, with the bulk of the good kind cleaned up, and the market closed firm.

Hogs—The offerings were moderate, 28 loads, and they sold on the basis of $4.25 to $4.40 for the desirable weights. Heavy were quotable $4.30; mixed, $4.30; yorkers, $4.15 to $4.25; pigs, $4.10 to $4.15; roughs, $3.75 to $3.85; stags, $3.25 to $3.50. The close was steady, with the offerings well cleaned up.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cattle, good to choice, $5.50 to $6.75; poor to medium, $4.25 to $5.30; mixed stockers, $3 to $4.75; selected feeders, $4.20 to $4.90; good to choice cows, $3.50 to $4.50; heifers, $3.15 to $5; canners, $2 to $3; bulls, $2.50 to $4.35; calves, $4 to $7; fed Texas beeves, $4.35 to $5.30. Hogs, steady; heavy mixed and butchers, $3.90 to $4.17½; good to choice heavy, $4 to $4.15; rough heavy, $3.90 to $3.95; light, $3.90 to $4.10; bulk of sales, $4.05 to $4.12½. Sheep, common grades, steady to strong; native wethers, $3.90 to $4.50; lambs, $4 to $5.75; western wethers, $4 to $4.50; western lambs, $4.75 to $5.50. Receipts, cattle, 7000; hogs, 32,000; sheep, 9000.

Montreal Live Stock.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The receipts at the east end abattoir this morning were: 900 head of cattle, 50 calves, 1100 sheep and lambs. There was a good attendance of butchers and prices were firmly held. Cattle—Choice sold at from 4½c to 5c per lb.; good sold at from 3½c to 4¼c per lb.; lower grade from 2c to 3c per lb. Calves—Were sold from 3c to 6c per lb. Sheep—Brought from 2½c to 3¼c per lb. Lambs—Were sold from 3½c to 4½c per lb. Hogs—Brought from 4c to 4½c per lb.

Cotton Market.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 7 9-16; middling gulf 7 13-16; sales 131 bales. Cotton—Futures closed quiet and steady. Dec. 7.03, Jan. 7.06, Feb. 7.11, March 7.18, April 7.22, May 7.26, June 7.26, July 7.28, Aug. 7.24, Sept. 6.91, Oct. 6.81, Nov. 6.78.

This a Good Figure.

The Provincial Fat Stock Show returns show that animals that were used in the block test brought $6.10. This is considered a good figure.

Australian Wheat Crop.

Melbourne, Dec. 21.—The Argus of this city publishes a forecast of the wheat harvest of this colony, in which it says that the average yield is 9.37 bushels per acre, and that the exportable surplus is 13,000,000 bushels. In 1898 the produce of wheat per acre in Victoria was 6.38 bushels; in 1897, 4.49 bushels.

Ontario's Live Stock Statistics.

Number of horses	611,241
Number of hogs	1,640,787
Number of cattle	2,215,943
Number of sheep	1,677,014
Number of fowl	9,084,273
Number of hives bees	190,080

The total value of the farm property (land, buildings and live stock) of Ontario is a little less than a thousand millions of dollars.

Ontario made 128,116,024 pounds of cheese in 1898.

There were 21,144 chattel mortgages in Ontario on Dec. 31, 1898, securing $13,000,000 of debt.

Metropolitan Trouble.

The Attorney-General's motion for an injunction to prevent the Metropolitan Railway from connecting with the C.P.R. was yesterday laid over till Jan. 30.

Famous Pianist Dead.

New York, Dec. 21.—St. Petersburg advices announce the death on Dec. 8, of the Chevalier Anton Kontski, the famous pianist, aged 82 years.

Akin to Smallpox.

The Provincial Board of Health received a letter yesterday, saying an eruptive disease, akin to smallpox, had been discovered in Marshville, Welland County.

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LONDON MARKETS VERY WEAK

Consols Are Lower Than for Many Years Past.

Absence of War News Increases Anxiety — Wall Street Stocks Showed a Very Weak Undertone — Canadian Securities Are Also Weak—Latest Financial News.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 21.

There was activity in Canadian securities in both Toronto and Montreal to-day, but issues were generally weak, with declines in many of the active stocks. C.P.R. sold as low as 86¾ and showed but little recovery at the close. Richelieu sold down to 97½ and Montreal Railway scored a big decline to 272½ asked at the close, a loss of about 14 points from yesterday. Toronto Railway was also lower, selling freely for a while at 96 and closing in Montreal at 96½ bid with 98½ asked. Montreal Gas went down to 177½, closing with sellers at that figure. All the mining stocks were several points lower.

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Cables from London to-day quoted Grand Trunk first preferred at 81, second preferred at 52 and third preferred at 19¾. Hudson Bay, £20; Anaconda, 7⅞.

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The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 6 per cent.

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The rate of discount of the Bank of France was to-day raised from 3½ to 4½ per cent.

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Business on the London Stock Exchange to-day started steadier on the announcement that the bank rate was not raised. France sent buying orders, but sellers were too numerous. The market collapsed, and the announcement of the rise of the French bank rate led to general disorganization and an avalanche of forced sales. Consols dropped ⅝ to 98⅛ for account and 98 for money. The market closed without recovering. On the street the prices of Americans were flat, in spite of purchases for New York.

Bank of England Statement.

London, Dec. 21.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve decreased £672,000, circulation increased £162,000, bullion decreased £509,942, other securities increased £5,104,000, other deposits increased £3,854,000, public deposits increased £527,000, notes reserve decreased £465,000. Government securities unchanged. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 36.98 per cent. Last week it was 42.40 per cent. Rate of discount unchanged at 6 per cent.

The stock market had to carry another heavy load of liquidation to-day. Trading was on a smaller scale than on any previous day this week, but the tone was feverish and unsettled throughout, and fluctuations were constant. The principal selling pressure came from London, where the money difficulty was aggravated by renewed apprehensions over the safety of the British troops in South Africa and the advance in the official discount rate of the Bank of France. Much import seemed to be attached to the latter action as an obstacle to the acquirement of gold by the Bank of England. London's pressure upon Paris was reflected in a jump of four centimes in the sterling exchange rate at Paris. Forced liquidation on the London Exchange was on a large scale, and overflowed to the New York market. The internationally listed stocks were acutely depressed at the opening and were not able to make any substantial headway at all. In the last hour there was renewed selling of this group, which forced down prices all through the railroad list from 1½ to 3 points, the extreme decline being in Northwestern. The leading specialities were also at the low point of the day in the last hour. The bears were active in the late drive and circulated stories of a panic in London on account of fresh disaster to the British arms in South Africa. Buying to cover short contracts caused some sharp rallies, but they were not well held and the closing was exceedingly unsettled at substantial losses compared with last night's close. A notable feature of the weakness, as was the case yesterday, was the easy rate ruling for call money. After lending at 7 per cent. in the morning, loans were being made at 5 to 3 per cent. at the time when prices were dropping most rapidly. The weakness was not so much confined to the speculative industrials as was the case yesterday, and if liquidation was being forced by discrimination as to collaterals, the standard railroad stocks were thrown over to obtain funds for the protection of holdings of industrials. Prices in a number of important stocks approached or fell below the low point of Monday, and this fact seemed to incline holders to renewed selling. Brooklyn Transit was by no means so conspicuous as yesterday, but the dealings were very large and the fluctuations very wide. It was vigorously supported early, but apparently only for the purpose of making a market for further liquidation. Support was forthcoming from time to time during the day, which checked the downward tendency, but was very erratic, at a level below last night, and fell to within ¼c of Monday's low level. Metropolitan and Manhattan were acutely depressed, the former falling eight points. The New York gas stocks were strong during the early dealings on rumors of a settlement of the gas war, but they weakened before the close. Except for the continued strict discrimination against some classes of stocks as collateral, easy conditions were maintained in the money market. A slight decline in the sterling exchange rate might be due to engagements of gold for shipment on Saturday, which, it is now taken for granted, will be large. Interest begins to centre on what the effect of the week's events in Wall-street will be on Saturday's bank statement.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar), 21 Melinda-street, received by private wire the following despatch:

With a fairly demoralized market on this side, the situation is materially aggravated by complications abroad. Contrary to what has often been the rule, there seems to be no concentration of powerful interests to sustain prices, and until such help is afforded a lower market can be looked for. The buying power of the public is nil. Total sales, 707,800 shares.

McIntyre & Wardwell say:

The market continued to show a weak undertone to-day, with a steady dribbling of long stock from brokers and commission houses, apparently from crippled pools, which were carried over the panic, and reselling of purchases made on the break Monday, and also on Tuesday, on an idea that the subsidence of the panic meant that a good stiff rally in prices would ensue in view of the big decline. There was an absence of news from Africa to-day, but this only tended to increase anxiety in London, and all the markets there were weaker again to-day, with consols closing down ½ point farther at 98, the lowest in many years. Our securities traded in that market were weak under forced liquidation of several large bull accounts, and this brought heavy selling orders for execution here. The pressure from this source, supplemented by the local, forced liquidation by pool accounts above referred to, exercised a very depressing influence on the market during the day, and although there were some attempts made to rally prices at frequent intervals, the tendency was downward from the start and the closing tone was weak.

Foreign Exchange.

A. E. Hillyard, 12 Melinda-street, Toronto, broker, to-day reports closing exchange rates as follows:

Between Banks.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter
N. Y. Funds	1-16 prem	3-32 prem	1-4 to 3-8
Mont'l Funds	10 dis	par	1-8 to 1-4
Demand Stg	9 5-8	9 3-4	9 7-8 to 10
60 Days Stg	8 1-4	8 5-16	8 5-8 to 8 3-4
Cable Transf's	9 7 8	10	10 1-8 to 10 1-4

—Rates in New York—	Posted.	Actual.
Demand, sterling	4.88	4.87½ to ...
Sixty days, sight	4.82	4.80¾ to 4.81

Money Market.

The local money market is unchanged. Money on call, 6 to 6½ per cent.

The Bank of England rate remains at 6 per cent. Open market discount rate, 6⅜ per cent.

Money on call in New York at 3 to 7 per cent., last loan 4 per cent.

Toronto Stocks.

	Morning. Ask.	Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	...	250	...	249
Ontario	...	130	133	130
Toronto	250	...	247	240
Merchants'	...	167	...	167
Commerce	144½	143½	145	142
Imperial	215½	...	215	210
Dominion	270	...	267	260
Standard	...	193½	...	193
Hamilton	196	...	196	...
Nova Scotia	225	...	225	...
Traders'	...	112	...	112
British America	126	124	126	123
West. Assurance	166	162¼	166	162
Imperial Life, xd	...	147	...	147
National Trust	135	130	135	130
Consumers' Gas	228	224	...	224
Montreal Gas	...	...	180	175
Dom. Telegraph	...	130	...	129
Can. & Qu Appelle	95	...	95	...
C N W L Co., pref.	56	50	56	49½
C. P. R. Stock	88⅝	88¼	87½	87⅜
Toronto Electric	135	131⅞	136	131¾
do. new	135	130⅜	...	131
General Electric	178	174½	180	170
do. pref.	104½	103	105	103
Com Cable	182	170¾	180	178½
Bell Telephone	183	170	...	...
do. rights	...	...	70	60
Rich & Ont Nav	100	97	99	95
Toronto Railway	96½	96	97	95½
London Railway	185	...	185	...
Halifax Tram	100	...	100	...
Ottawa St. Ry.	200	...	200	...
Ham Steamboat Co.	...	85	...	85
London Electric	116	114	120	...
Luxfer Prism, pref.	112½	110	112½	109
Tor. G. Trusts, new	149	144	150	144
Cycle and Motor	94	89¼	95	89
Carter-Crume	105	102¾	105	102¼
Crow's Nest Coal	145	130	...	130
Twin City Ry.	64	58½	60	58½
Payne Mining	105½	100	108	102¾
Dunlop Tire, pref.	108	104	107	103¾
War Eagle	253	246	245	243
Republic	105	104	105	103
Cariboo (McK), xd.	115	...	115	...
Golden Star	31	30	30¾	30¼
Virtue	52½	49½	52	45½
Empress	3	2½	...	2½
Brit Can L & I	100	...	...	...
Can. L & N I	90	...	...	...
Canada Permanent	130	...	...	...
do. do. 20 p.c.	...	117	...	...
Canada Loan	...	115	...	...
Cent Can Loan, xd	...	132½	...	...
Dominion Savings	78½	75½	...	...
Freehold L & S	85	...	...	...
Ham. Provident	115	110	...	...
Huron & Erie	...	176	...	...
do. do. 20 p.c.	...	166	...	...
Imperial L & Inv	100	...	...	...
Lon & Can L & A	65	...	...	...
London Loan	...	108½	...	...
Manitoba Loan	50	...	...	...
Ontario L & D	...	120	...	...
do. do. 20 p.c.	...	110	...	...
People's Loan	30	25	...	...
Real Estate	...	60	...	...
Toronto S & L	...	125¼	...	...
do. new	90	75	...	...
Western Canada	105	95	...	...

Sales at 11.30 a.m: Dominion Bank, 10 at 265; Traders', 10 at 112½; C.P.R., 25 at 88⅜, 10 at 89, 125, 475, 125, 50, 15, 15, 10 at 88¾; General Electric, pref., 10, 5, 5 at 103⅝; Cable, 1 at 184½; 20; Telephone rights, ¼, ¾, ⅜, ¼, ⅛, ½ at 66; Toronto Railway, 5 at 98.

Sales at 1 p.m.: Bank of Commerce, 5 at 144¾, 20 at 144; National Trust, 10 at 131; C.P.R., 100, 25 at 88⅝, 10, 10 at 88⅝, 50 at 88¾, 50 at 88¼, 25 at 88⅝; General Electric, 10 at 175; do., pref., 10, 5 at 103⅝; Dunlop Tire, 10 at 104¼; Toronto Railway, 25 at 96¾, 25, 25 at 96½, 25 at 96¾; Republic, 1000, 500, 500, 450 at 105; Golden Star, 500 at 31½, 500 at 31¼, 500, 500 at 31; Western Canada Loan, 20 at 100.

Sales at 4 p.m.: Dominion Bank, 20 at 262, 10 at 260; Consumers' Gas, 11, 67 at 224; Dominion Telegraph, 5 at 132; C.P.R., 25, 25, 200, 100, 25, 10, 15 at 87½, 200 at 87¼, 100 at 87⅜; Toronto Railway, 25, 25 at 95½, 125 at 96½; Dunlop Tire, 1 at 104; War Eagle, 500, 500 at 245; Republic, 500, 250, 500 at 104, 500, 1500, 1000, 500 at 103½; Golden Star, 500, 500, 500, 500 at 30¾.

Montreal Stocks.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Close—C.P.R., 87¾ and 87; Duluth, 7 and 4; do., pref., 13 and 12½; Cable, xd., 181 and 178; Richelieu, 99 and 96½; Montreal Railway, 272½ and 270; Halifax Railway, 96 and 89; Toronto Railway, 96½ and 96¼; Twin City, 59 and 58; Montreal Gas, 177¼ and 177; Royal, xd., 176½ and 175; Montreal Telegraph, 177¾ asked; Halifax Heat and Light, 14 asked; Bell Telephone, ex-n.s., 180 and 170; Montreal Cotton, 140 and 137½; Canada Cotton, 70 and 62½; Dominion Cotton, 90½ and 90; War Eagle, 250 and 245; Virtue, 52 and 50; Montreal-London, 36 and 35; Payne, 104 and 103½; Republic, 106 and 104; Bank of Montreal, 250 offered; Merchants' Bank, 166 asked; Merchants' Bank (Halifax), 180 offered; Molsons, ex-n.s., 190 offered; Eastern Townships, 155 offered; Commerce, 144 asked; Hochelaga, 146 asked; Northwest Land, pref., 56 and 50.

Morning sales: C.P.R., 25 at 88¾, 10 at 89, 25 at 88⅝, 50 at 88⅜, 15 at 89½; Duluth, pref., 200 at 12½; Cable, 25 at 183; Richelieu, 10 at 100, 75 at 99; Montreal Railway, 25 at 282½, 25 at 281, 350 at 280; Twin City, 25 at 60, 100 at 59½; Gas, 25 at 181, 125 at 180, 150 at 179, 100 at 178½; Royal Electric, 50 at 175, 25 at 177½, 50 at 179; Telephone rights, ¼ at 69; Telephone ex-rights, 1 at 176½; Montreal Cotton, 15 at 140; Dominion Cotton, 50 at 94; Montreal-London, 2000 at 36; Payne, 1000 at 105; Republic, 4000 at 107, 1500 at 105; Bank of Commerce, 10 at 145.

Afternoon sales: C.P.R., 25 at 87½, 15 at 88, 125 at 87, 10 at 88, 100 at 87, 70 at 87¼, 250 at 87, 25 at 86¾, 20 at 88, 100 at 86¾, 25 at 86¾, 5 at 87½, 125 at 87; Duluth, pref., 25 at 12½; Cable, xd., 3 at 185; Richelieu, 25 at 97½; Montreal Railway, 52 at 278, 100 at 276½, 50 at 276, 25 at 275, 50 at 275½, 85 at 275; Toronto Railway, xd., 20 at 96, 150 at 96, 1 at 97, 325 at 96, 1 at 97, 100 at 96, 75 at 96, 50 at 96½, 5 at 98, 80 at 96½, 25 at 96¾; Twin City, 100 at 58⅝; Montreal Gas, 50 at 178, 25 at 177½; Royal, xd., 25 at 177, 100 at 175; Dominion Cotton, 25 at 92, 50 at 90; Virtue, 500 at 52, 1000 at 51, 2500 at 50; Montreal-London, 1000 at 35½; Payne, 7250 at 104, 400 at 105; Republic, 2000 at 104; Molsons, rights, 34 at 7¾.

New York Stocks.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar), 21 Melinda-street, report the fluctuations on Wall-street to-day as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Sugar	124½	125¼	120¾	121½
Tobacco	89⅜	89⅝	87	87½
Con. Tobacco	28¼	28½	27¼	27¾
Anaconda	34	35	34	35
Leather, pref.	69	69¾	68	68
General Electric	118½	119	117	118
Federal Steel	44½	45½	43½	44½
do. pref.	70	71	69¾	70
Steel and Wire	41	42	40⅜	40½
St. Paul	115¾	116¼	114½	114⅝
Burlington	118¾	118⅝	117¼	117⅜
Rock Island	103¾	104⅜	103	103½
Northwest	157	157	151½	154
Chi., Great West.	11½	11⅝	11	11¼
Omaha	115	...	...	...
Northern Pacific	51	51½	49⅝	49½
do. pref.	72	72½	70¼	70½
C. P. R.	87¾	87¾	87¼	87¼
Missouri Pacific	38½	39¼	36¼	36⅞
South'n Pacific	34½	34⅞	33	33⅜
Atchison	18⅝	18⅝	17	17
do. pref.	57¼	57¾	56¼	56⅝
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