FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

A SLOW DAY ON THE LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Markets—Quotations from Montreal—Chicago Wheat Nervous, and Higher Prices Expected — Oswego Report — Beerbohm.

THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 17.

Consols closed to-day in the London market at 99 1-16 for money and 99⅛ for account.

Sales of Canadian Pacific are cabled at 53¾.

Chicago wheat is nervous, with higher prices expected.

There was nothing asked for or offered on call at the Board of Trade to-day.

LOCAL STOCKS.

The prevailing dulness of the local stock exchange does not seem to be in any way lessened. To-day only some 150 shares were transferred. In the morning British America quoted at 69 and 68; Western Assurance, 143 and 141½; Canada Life, 500 and 450; Consumers' Gas, 180 and 179½; Dom. Tel., 83; Mon. Tel., 88½; Northwest Land Co., 65 and 63; C. P. R. Grant Bonds, 109 and 108½; Canada Permanent, 203; Western Canada, 185; Canada Landed Credit, 117½ and 117½; B. and Loan Association, 106 and 104½; Imperial S. and Invest., 117 and 116½; Farmers' Loan and Savings, new, 110 and 108; Lon. and Can. L. & A., 147; National Investment, 100; People's Loan, 113½ and 113; Real Estate Loan and Debenture Co., 35; London and Ontario, 114; The Land Security Co., 250; Manitoba Loan, 100 and 90; Ontario Loan and Debenture, 125 and 122; Ontario Industrial, 101. In the afternoon—British America quoted at 69; Western Assurance, 142½ and 141½; Consumers' Gas, 180 and 179; Dom. Tel., 83½; Mon. Tel., 88½; Northwest Land Co., 65 and 63; Lon. and Canada L. & A., 148½ and 147½; People's Loan, 113.½

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LOCAL BANK STOCKS.

To-day's bank stock quotations are as follows:

STOCKS.	12 M. Ask'd.	12 M. Bid.	2.30 P. M. Asked.	2.30 P. M. Bid.
Montreal	226	225¼	226	224¾
Ontario	127	125	127	125
Molsons	...	213¾	215	212½
Toronto	...	135½	138	134¾
Merchants'	118¾	117¾	118¾	117¾
Commerce	...	138¼	...	138
Imperial	220¼	219¼	220¼	219¼
Dominion	194¾	193¾	194¾	193
Standard	...	136	...	136½
Hamilton	...	...	...	...

Transactions: In the forenoon—9 Standard at 133½; 6 N. W. Land Co. at 64; 88 B. 6 new Western Canada at 175; 10 Imperial B and Ins. West. at 116½; 20 new Farmers' L. and S. Co. at 117½; 12, 1 People's Loan at 113. In the afternoon—8 Toronto Bank at 136½; 17 Canada Permanent at 200; 20 People's Loan at 113½.

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THE MONEY MARKET.

The local money market remains about the same as yesterday, if anything somewhat stiffer. Rates on prime commercial paper unchanged at 6 to 8½ and 7 per cent.; call loans on bonds and stocks at 4½ to 5 per cent. with 4 per cent. quoted for large sums; call loans on real estate, 5 to 5½ and 6 per cent. for gilt edge and 6 to 7 per cent. for others.

Money is quoted in New York to-day at 2 and 3 per cent.

Bank of England rate unchanged at 4 per cent.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Local rates reported by John Stark & Co.:

BETWEEN BANKS.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
New York Exchange	1-32	9-32	¼
Sixty days' sterling	9 3-16	9⅝	9⅝ to 9⅞
Demand do	9 3-16	10	10⅛ to 10⅜

RATES FOR STERLING IN NEW YORK.

	Posted.	Actual.
Sixty days	4.86	4.85¼
Demand	4.89	4.88¼ to 4.88½
Bank of England rate	4 p.c.	

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17,—11.45 a.m.—Montreal, 226 and 225¼; Ontario, 127½ and 125; People's, 104½ and 103½; Molsons, 165 and 150; Toronto, 212; Jacques, 98 and 93; Merchants', 136½ and 135; Union, 97 and 93; Commerce, 118 and 117½; Imperial, 138; Mon. Tel. Co., 89½ and 89; N. W. Land Co., 64 asked; Richelieu, 56 and 55½; Passenger, 190 and 183; Gas, 197 and 196; C. P. R., 52½ and 52.

2.15 p.m.—Montreal, 225½ and 225; Ont., 127½ and 125; People's, 105 and 103½; Molsons, 165 and 153½; Toronto, 212; Jacques, 97 and 93; Merchants', 136 and 134½; Union, 97 and 93; Commerce, 118 and 117½; Imperial, 138 asked; Mon. Tel. Co., 89½ and 89; N. W. L., 64 and 63; Richelieu, 56 and 55½; Passenger, 190 and 183; Gas, 196½ and 195; C. P. R., 52½ and 52.

Transactions: In the afternoon—5 Montreal $225½; 25 Mon. Tel. Co. at 89½.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

To-day's fluctuations in leading stocks on the New York stock market are as follows:

STOCKS.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest	Closing.	Total Sales.
Can. Pacific	51⅝	51⅞	51⅝	51⅞	700
Can. Southern	13½	13½	13¼	13½	5800
Del. & Hudson	139¾	140⅝	138¾	140⅝	42400
Del., L. & W.	298	298½	298	298½	12800
Erie	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	1300
Jer. Central	96	96½	95¾	96½	...
Kansas & Texas	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Shore	102½	102½	102½	102½	3500
Lou. & Nash.	57⅝	57⅝	57⅝	57⅝	800
Mich. Cent.	85½	86	85½	86	300
Missouri Pacific	73½	74½	73½	74½	9000
N. Y. & N. E.	44⅝	45	44⅝	45	9200
N. Y. Central	108⅝	108⅝	108⅝	108⅝	600
Northern Pacific	29	29⅝	29	29⅝	1300
Northwest	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon Trans.	35⅝	35¾	35½	35½	2550
Reading	49⅝	49⅞	48⅝	48⅝	37300
St. Paul	65	65¼	64⅝	65¼	3100
Union Pacific	64¼	64⅝	64¼	64⅝	6700
Western Union	84½	84⅝	84½	84⅝	6800

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LONDON BONDS AND STOCKS.

London quotations as cabled to-day are as follows: 12.30 p.m.—Consols, 99 1-16 for money and 99 3-16 for account; U. S. 4's, 129½; U. S. 4½'s, 110½; Erie, 29½; Erie, 2nds, 105½; C. P. R., 53½; N. Y. C., 111½; Ill. Cen., 119; bank rate 4 per cent. 4 p.m.—Consols, 99 1-16 for money and 99⅛ for account; U. S. 4's, 111; Erie, 29½; N. Y. C., 111½.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

To-day's fluctuations in the Chicago grain and produce market are as follows:

		Opened.	Closed.	Highest.	Lowest.
Wheat	Jan.	96¼	96⅝	96½	95¾
"	Feb.	96⅝	97	97	96⅝
"	Mar	...	...	...	...
"	May	100¼	101⅛	101¼	100
Corn	Jan.	33½	34	34	33½
"	Feb.	34⅝	34¾	34¾	34¼
"	Mar.	35	35⅛	35⅛	35
"	May	36⅝	37	37	36⅝
Oats	Jan.	24⅞	24¾	24¾	24⅛
"	Feb.	24⅞	25⅛	25⅛	24⅞
"	Mar	...	...	...	...
"	May	27½	27⅝	27⅝	27¼
Pork	Jan.	12.82½	12.82½	12.82½	12.82½
"	Feb.	12.90	12.92½	12.90	12.87½
"	Mar	12.92½	12.95½	12.92½	12.92½
"	May	13.20	13.17½	13.20	13.12½
Lard	Jan.	6.97½	7.00	7.05	6.97½
"	Feb.	7.02½	7.05	7.05	7.02½
"	Mar	7.02½	7.07½	7.10	7.07½
"	May	7.22½	7.20	7.22½	7.20

Under date Jan. 15 Messrs. Chandler, Brown & Co. of Chicago write: Notwithstanding weak and lower cables wheat opened strong to-day at $1 for May, ½c higher than yesterday's closing. Contrary to expectations, offerings were extremely light, and it was noted that there were some large buying orders in the market. Brokers and commission houses, supposed to act for Hutchison and Kent, absorbed all offerings of round lots. This caused a steady advance to $1.01, but at this period Cudahy's brokers became free sellers, while local scalpers who bought on the upturn dumped their loads quickly on the report that Cudahy was a heavy seller. The market quickly broke to 99½, but the fact was apparent that the heavy buying early in the day were largely increasing their lines as the market declined, and caused a sharp reaction, May wheat closing at $1.00, strong. The gossips have it that Fairbank and his following have largely increased their lines during the past two days.

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Flour.—This market is in nearly a lifeless condition and trading is just about at a standstill, the continued depression in the Chicago market causing a stagnation here. Sales amount to next to nothing.

Wheat.—The quotations for white and spring are $1.03 to $1.04 at western points and $1.04 to $1.05 at northern, with $1.05 bid delivered at eastern points.

Millstuffs.—Quiet. Bran and middlings offering freely but holding fairly firm.

Oats.—Large quantities offering. Five cars were offered on track here to-day at 34c, but they were thin and poor. Good oats, mixed and white, will bring 35½c to 36c easy. Sellers show a disposition to come down in price to effect sales.

Barley.—"Sick" is the only word of comfort. Quotations nominally: No. 1, 67c; No. 2, 63c; No. 3 extra, 60c; No. 3, 55. No established demand and but few sales of odd cars. One car Manitoba sold on track here to-day at 47c.

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BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Floating cargoes—The wheat market seems to be improving; corn nil. Arrivals—wheat 3, sold 1; Awaiting orders, 7. Cargoes on passage—wheat a turn dearer; corn slow. Good cargoes No. 1 Cal. wheat off coast 37s, was 38s 6d. London—Good shipping No. 1 Cal. wheat, prompt sail, 38s was 37s 6d; nearly due, 38s was 37s 6d. French country markets dull. Liverpool—Spot wheat slow; corn steady.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 17.—Wheat dull, demand poor; holders offer freely. Corn steady; demand poor. Spring wheat, 8s 1d; red winter, 7s 10½d; No. 1 Cal., 7s 8d to 7s 9d; corn, 4s 3½d; peas, 5s 10d; pork, 73s 9d; lard, 37s 6d; cheese, 60s.

OSWEGO MARKETS.

OSWEGO, Jan. 17.—Barley quiet. No. 1 Can. held at 88; No. 2 extra Can. at 80. Receipts and shipments nil.

THE STREET MARKET.

The street market was dull to-day, with offerings of grain small. One load of fall wheat sold at $1.03; red is nominal at $1.03; spring at $1.04 and goose at 83½c to 85c. Barley steady, with sales of 2000 bushels at 60c to 61c. One load of oats sold at 38c and one of peas at 64c. Rye nominal at 65c. Hay steady, with sales of a few loads at $18 to $20. Straw quoted at $10.50 to $12.50. Dressed hogs, $7 to $7.25. Beef, $5.50 to $4.50 for forequarters and $6 to $8.50 for hindquarters. Mutton, $6 to $7. Lamb, $8 to $8.50. Veal, $7 to $8.

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ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts to-day were small and prices generally are unchanged. We quote: Beef, sirloin, 14c to 15c; round steak, 10c to 12c. Mutton, legs, 12c; chops, 15c. Lamb, hindquarters, 15c; forequarters, 10c. Veal, best cuts, 12c; inferior, 6c to 10c. Pork, chops, 12c. Butter, pound rolls, 22c to 25c; large rolls, 17c to 20c; inferior, 14c to 16c. Lard, tubs, 12c to 13c. Cheese, 12c to 13c. Bacon, 11c to 12c. Eggs, 22c to 23c. Chickens, 35c to 45c per pair. Geese, 7c to 7½c per lb. Turkeys, 9c to 10c per lb. Ducks, 60c to 70c. Potatoes, bag, 45c to 50c. Apples, per brl., $1.25 to $1.75. Beets, per bag, 75c to $1. Onions, per bag, 80c to 90c. Celery, 60c to 75c per dozen bunches. Turnips, bag, 20c to 25c. Carrots, bag, 40c to 50c. Cauliflower, per doz., 60c to 75c. Cabbages, doz., 35c to 45c. Beans, 40c to 50c per peck.

Provisions.

Butter.—Receipts normal. Roll butter quoted 18c to 19c in large packages; packed 18c to 19c. No gilt edge offering.

Eggs.—Fresh 20c and 21c; packed 18c to 19c.

Lard.—10½c to 12c according to style of package.

Hogs.—Receipts free with slightly lower prices expected.

Beef.—No fresh beef was offering to-day at all. The quantities that were on sale had all been on the market yesterday. Prices quoted were 2½c to 4c for forequarters and 4c to 7c for hindquarters.

Onions.—In plentiful supply. Best quality, yellow, quoted $1.50.

Business Difficulties.

The meeting of the creditors of Reid, Brierly & Co., the defunct Hamilton tobacconists, was yesterday adjourned for a week. At the next meeting a complete statement will be presented.

There can be little doubt but that Mr. John Lepper, a Thorold dry goods man, has skipped. The bailiff has been put in possession yesterday on a landlord's warrant. Some short time ago his stock and store were badly damaged by fire. The loss was adjusted and the insurance paid over, and to get rid of the damaged stock a great sacrifice sale was advertised. This has been held, but none of the heavy claims of numerous creditors appear to have been met and now Lepper can't be found.

The creditors of J. W. Gale & Co. have rejected the offer of 40c. cash as a compromise. The meeting adjourned and at the next meeting it is understood an offer of 50c. will be made.

The plant and stock in Danger & Son's boot and shoe factory have been seized by the bailiff. An assignment is expected and certainly is desirable in the interests of the creditors. The reason the firm did not assign some time ago is that the head partner opposed such a course strongly and would not consent.

George Curry, a retail boot and shoe man in Spadina-avenue, offers his creditors 30c. on the dollar in settlement. The creditors refuse to accept this but agree to take 45c, which will probably be offered.

Miscellaneous.

Local commission men are kicking vigorously because certain Montreal houses send up here a teamster and lorry and are supplying the local trade from the cars, without having the expenses of an office here. This enables them to undersell the local dealers and is manifestly unfair, as such outsiders pay no rent, taxes or water rates.

The Kingston Grocers' Guild intend bringing a collector from the West to gather in bad debts. He will be dressed in a uniform, and drive a rig which shall be covered with placards. He will call on the debtors daily and stand at their doors for from fifteen to twenty minutes each day and until the bills are paid.

The value of exports to the United States from Prince Edward County, Ontario, during 1888 was $435,731.59.

Eighty-five million feet of lumber were shipped from Nova Scotia last year, an increase of two millions over the previous year.

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The Colonel's Court.

The Police Magistrate sent Maria Herman to the Central for six months. The Rescue Home people had found her incorrigible, and she had no home or friends. George W. Verral was fined $1 for violation of the Express by-law by employing runners on the trains. Mrs. Hannah Stokes, Louisa-street, and Mrs. William Sundway, Walton-avenue, were fined $1 and costs each for keeping unlicensed "baby-farms." They each professed ignorance of the law. The charges were preferred by Inspector Archabold, who stated that licenses and registers can be had gratis on application to the police.

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A MODEL CHURCH.

Gratifying Reports Presented at the Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's, King-street.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell was thankful to preside over such an interesting gathering as was the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church and congregation Wednesday night. It is emphatically a working church, has organizations for the temporal and spiritual good of old and young, missions, Sunday schools, agencies, savings banks, and other equipments for educational and benevolent purposes. Last year was a prosperous one in every respect; this was gratefully acknowledged last night, and the meeting resolved with God's help that the present year shall be more useful and helpful.

It took a couple of hours to read the various reports. These were of the church generally, the Men's Association, the Women's Association, St. Mark's Church and Sunday school, Dorcas school and savings bank, home and foreign missions, St. Mark's "Daughters of the King," Dorcas bands, coal clubs, teaching bands, visiting societies, signal bands, "Willing Helpers," and other agencies.

The 58th report of the managers showed that the ordinary income of the congregation had been $11,091, that the average of the Sunday collections had been $107, the pastor's salary $4500, and that the expenditure had equalled the income all but $74. St. Mark's church, Tecumseth and King-streets, had cost $10,000. The number of communicants last year was 794. 159 had been added during the year, 55 had been removed by certificate, 7 by death, 48 had from various causes been struck off the roll; the total number is now 843, showing an increase of 49 on the year.

Pastor Macdonnell, at the close of the reading of the reports, gave the following terse summary: Over and above the $11,091 congregational revenue, there had been contributed by envelopes and otherwise for missions of the church, $2917; for the endowment of Queen's University, Kingston, $5200; by St. Andrew's Sunday school, $324; grant to St. Mark's new school, $964; members of St. Mark's, $1233; contributed to the session fund, mainly for the relief of the poor, $589; by St. Mark's Sunday-school, $245; raised by the Women's Association, $435; mission band of St. Andrew's, $49; Dorcas school, $159; Parkdale Mission Church, $225; special foreign missionary, $1113; Augmentation Fund, $1552; total for missionary, educational and benevolent work, $15,041. This, added to the ordinary church revenue of $11,091, makes a total of $26,132, which compares favorably with the amount raised last year.

The managers of this prosperous church for the present year are: Messrs. A. M. Cosby, Dr. Thorburn, John Kay, William Mitchell, John I. Davidson, R. A. Sutherland, A. J. Robertson, James M. Alexander, J. W. Langmuir, W. A. Shepard.

Other reports which are not complete will be read next Wednesday night.

Old St. Andrew's Also Has a Good Record

The annual meeting of the church and congregation of Old St. Andrew's Church, Jarvis-street, was held in the church Wednesday night. The statements and reports of the various societies and associations in connection with the church were most gratifying. During the past nine months the revenue of the church has been principally dependent on the weekly offerings in envelopes, placed with the regular offerings on the collection plate. The result has been highly satisfactory, in that the increase in revenue for 1888 over 1887 amounts to $1231.

Amongst various suggestions of the retiring board of managers, were that the stipend of the pastor, Rev. G. M. Milligan, should be increased from $3600 to $4000 and that the question of altering or improving the gallery should receive immediate attention.

The new members of the board of managers for the year ensuing are Messrs. John Leys, Jos. Oliver and Hon. G. W. Ross.

The session report shows 493 members in full communion as against 465 for the previous year, an increase of 28.

College-Street Church.

Rev. Alexander Gilray presided at the annual meeting. During the year 157 members have been added to the church and 142 removed, a net increase of 15. The number on the roll is 695. There had been received: Subscriptions to the building fund, $1908.67; received for the missionary cause, $1117.22 (to which must be added $163.05 raised by the Woman's Missionary Society); raised for Sunday-school purposes, $612.90; secured for Seaton Village mission, $1562.34. The total receipts for the year were $7612.09, an increase of $460.48 over last year. The following is the Board of Managers for the year: Messrs. W. H. Mitchell, George Gall, C. R. Peterkin, W. R. Callaway, A. B. Smith, D. W. Clark, John Alexander, W. P. Elder, James Dugwell, W. Clark, John Imrie, Joseph Calhoun.

Knox Church.

Rev. Dr. Parsons presided at the annual meeting. The receipts for the year had been $12,142, expenditure $13,048, leaving balance due to the treasurer of $906. The agencies of the church were all prosperous, and liberal sums had been raised for various home and foreign missions. The roll of the church has been increased by the addition of 144 names, which added to the number at the beginning of the year would give 1124 members. From this number during the year 122 names have been withdrawn, making the whole number at the close of the year 1002.

Charles-street Church.

Pastor Rev. John Neil presided. There are 363 members, 76 of whom were added during the past year. The receipts for the year were $4029, being $189 more than in 1887. The various reports were satisfactory. The church is too small for present purposes. The trustees elected were: Messrs. F. F. Gunther, Robert Barron, W. J. Hendry, George T. Alexander, D. Gunn, George A. Chapman and F. N. W. Brown.

Bloor-street Church.

Rev. W. G. Wallace, the pastor, presided. The ordinary revenue for the year was $6307, expenditure $6039, balance in hand $267. On Jan. 1, 1888, the membership was 70, at present it is 204, increase for the year 134. The managers for this year are: Messrs. Thomas McCraken, William Davison, R. G. Hunter, A. B. Scott, George Crane, W. J. McMaster, W. S. Thompson, Samuel Crane, D. Gourlay.

Leslieville Church.

Pastor Rev. W. Frizzell presided at the annual meeting. The year's receipts were $1550, disbursements $1560. There had been an increase of 39 in the membership during the year. The various agencies are prosperous. The managers for the present year are: Messrs. Cleland, John Gibb, David Murray, G. W. Wilson, Thomas Pashby, S. McClure and James Fox.

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Congregationalism in North Toronto.

The annual meeting of the Northern Congregational Church was held Wednesday night. The secretary, Mr. Revell, submitted his report which showed that the membership for the present year is 213, an increase of one over that of last year. The finance report was read by Mr. J. G. Thompson. A reduction in the church debt has been made from $5500 to $3650. The receipts show an increase of $29. The Debt Extinction Fund is not in the shape desired; there is still a liability on this account of $100. Subscriptions to the Denominational Fund show a decrease of over $60 from those of last year. The report of the Sunday school work during the past year was satisfactory. The average attendance was 275. During the year the school has contributed to the Sunday School Association of Canada, to the Hospital for Sick Children, and to Jail work. The fund for the erection of a new building is now $1038, of which $166 was the result of a sale last month. Between $7000 and $10,000 are required for the work. The Ladies' Association and Mission Band report showed that good work had been done in sending clothing to the Newsboys' Home and in other ways. The Mission Band is composed of 20 members, whose meetings have been characterized with much enthusiasm. The report of the Young Men's Association was the most gratifying of all presented and showed that the society had held thirteen regular and four open meetings during last season, at which interesting, scientific and literary papers were read and addresses delivered.

Mr. J. D. Nasmith and others delivered addresses.

The winter carnival is an established fact in Montreal. It is also a fact that Jelly of Cucumber and Roses will cure chapped hands and beautify the complexion. Druggists keep it. Wm. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

POOR HOMANS!

Sad Story of a Wife's Perfidy—Died of a Broken Heart.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—"Poor Homans!" That was the heartfelt utterance of every one among the crowd of mourners which filled the American church yesterday when the full choir of men and boys chanted the solemn service for the burial of the dead. From his long residence in France and his important position as European manager of the New York Life Insurance Company, Mr. Homans had been honored with numerous decorations which were displayed upon a cushion. Eight years ago Mr. Homans married his second wife. She was from New Orleans, and was then in the full splendor of her southern beauty. To-day she is about 35 years old, and is still a handsome woman. She became a second mother to his three children, two sons and a daughter, and she also had a daughter of her own by a former marriage. It is the subsequent perfidy of this heartless creature that brought the mournful gathering to the little American church yesterday.

Some time after the couple came to Paris scandalous reports concerning the wife's conduct were current, but Homans turned a deaf ear to them. Some three months ago the bubble burst, the crash came, the blind man's eyes were opened, his home was wrecked, and his noble heart was broken. It happened at Aix-les-Bains. There was an Italian nobleman in the case. Some say he was a prince. Mr. Homans, who was his friend, had received him at his table and had trusted him. One day toward the end of September an accident revealed the whole truth. Mrs. Homans had gone back to Paris professedly to arrange her hotel for the winter season. The prince had gone to Geneva, so he said, but he had covered his tracks badly. An indiscreet concierge revealed to the astonished husband that, so far from being in Switzerland, his Italian highness was really in Paris, and that during his stay in Aix-les-Bains he had secretly occupied a room opposite to that of Mrs. Homans. The conclusion was easily drawn. Mr. Homans took the express to Paris, and when there was no longer room for doubt he acted as a man has to act in this country in such cases.

On Nov. 29 there was the formal Constatation du Flagrant delit with the aid of a commissaire de police, and Mrs. Homans spent the night in the Saint Lazare prison. Mr. Homans spent it pacing the floor of his chamber, and then determined that his wife, however great her guilt, could not be confined in prison to be herded with a crowd of fallen women. On the following day at his request she was released on bail, he having received all his rights for criminal and civil action against her. Having taken steps to secure a divorce, Mr. Homans, quite broken down, left Paris secretly and went to Brussels. He wanted to be alone. His wife made frantic efforts to secure a reconciliation and a meeting.

One night at the Hotel Bellevue at Brussels Mr. Homans was aroused from his slumber by a knocking at the door. He arose and opened the door, and instantly Mrs. Homans pushed into the room. The shock to Mr. Homans was tremendous. He gasped for breath and his face became livid. Heart disease is hereditary in the family and for a few seconds it was a question whether he would live or die. His wife promptly took advantage of the situation. She rang for assistance, had hot water brought and mustard poultices, and worked over him for an hour, till the danger was passed and the attendants withdrew, leaving the two together. It was 3 o'clock in the morning, and he was already compromised by the fact that his wife had remained with him for over an hour. She declared by all that was holy that if he drove her from the apartment she would commit suicide in the street. He allowed her to remain, surrendering to her his bedroom and he himself sitting up in the salon for the balance of the night. Next morning he insisted on her returning to Paris, but the harm was done. Immediately on her arrival Mrs. Homans called on the judge d'instruction in charge of the case and informed him that a reconciliation had been effected. She also spread the story about Paris. In vain Homans telegraphed a denial of the statement. Hurrying back to Paris he explained the real facts of the case to the judge d'instruction, who listened patiently, but said an investigation must be made into the Brussels affair before a divorce could be granted. Investigation in Brussels meant diplomatic interference, an indefinite amount of official red tape, and, worst of all, considerable delay.

Now, before any decision has been reached, Homans is dead. He died of congestion of the brain, so the doctors say, but sorrow and shame can kill.

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AMBITIOUS CITY NEWS.

An Embezzlement Case Settled Out of Court—Vital Statistics for 1888.

HAMILTON, Jan. 17.—At the assizes today the case of Lawrence v. Elliott came up for trial. This was an action for damages brought by the general agent of John Elliott & Son of London, agricultural implement manufacturers, against the firm for alleged wrongful dismissal.

In the libel suit of Malone v. The Spectator, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

There was another batch of snow cases in the Police Court this morning and two of the defendants were fined $2 each.

The case against James W. Buckingham, secretary of the Court Marquis of Lorne, A.O.F., for embezzling $6.40 of the funds of the society was dropped this morning, the members of the society being satisfied that there was no criminal intent.

These are the city's official vital statistics for last year: Marriages, 396; deaths, 720; births, 1080.

A thief entered Carl Blaaze's hotel at 4.15 this morning by way of an open cellar door and stole $2 in silver, a bottle of whisky, two boxes of cigars and a half box of cigarettes.

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ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—The Millers' Association has issued a private circular for distribution among its members, which gives the following important information regarding the amount of wheat and flour on hand in six states—Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan; and also the condition and acreage of the growing wheat crop of the six states. The reports come from 154 winter wheat mills. The amount of wheat held by these mills is placed at 1,000,000 bushels more than one year ago, and of flour 200,000 barrels, or 80,000 barrels more. The average acreage of wheat planted in Missouri is 100, and its condition 100; Illinois is 98 in acreage and 101 in condition; Kansas is 144 in acreage and 100 in condition. The other states average from 94 to 98 in acreage and condition. Of the amount of wheat in farmers' hands Missouri reports it large; three states about the same, and the others say smaller.

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