CHICAGO TURNS STRONG WHEAT OPTIONS ACTIVE

Strength in Futures is Continued Thruout Yesterday's Market —Liverpool Steady.

World Office.
Tuesday Evening, Dec. 17.

Liverpool wheat futures closed to-day unchanged; corn ½d lower.

At Chicago December wheat closed 2⅛c higher; December corn 3⅛c higher, and December oats ⅜c lower.

Winnipeg car lots of wheat to-day 258, last year 182.

Northwest car lots of wheat to-day 689, last week 909, last year 547.

Chicago car lots of wheat to-day 51, contract 2; corn 400, contract 21; oats 405, contract 11.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 800 bushels of grain, 50 loads of hay, and 1 load of straw.

Wheat—200 bushels fall sold at 97c.

Barley—100 bushels sold at 70c.

Oats—500 bushels sold at 51c.

Hay—30 loads sold at $19 to $21 per ton.

Straw—One load sold at $10 for loose.

Market Notes.

Joshua Ingham bought 200 live lambs at $5.40 per cwt.

Grain—		
Wheat, spring, bush	$0 95	to $....
Wheat, fall, bush	0 97	....
Wheat, goose, bush	0 87	....
Wheat, red, bush	0 98	....
Rye, bush	0 83	....
Peas, bush	0 88	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 64	0 65
Barley, bush	0 70	....
Oats, bush	0 51	....
Seeds—		
Alsike, fancy, bush	$8 00	to $8 25
Alsike, No. 1, bush	7 50	8 00
Alsike, No. 2, bush	6 75	7 25
Red clover, No. 1, bush	9 50	....
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, new, per ton	$19 00	to $21 00
Cattle hay, ton	12 00	14 00
Straw, loose, ton	10 00	....
Straw, bundled, ton	16 00	....
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per bag	$0 85	to $0 95
Apples, per barrel	1 75	3 50
Apples, snow, barrel	2 50	3 50
Onions, per bag	1 00	1 25
Poultry—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb	$0 13	to $0 15
Geese, per lb	0 09	0 10
Spring chickens, lb	0 09	0 11
Spring ducks, lb	0 09	0 11
Fowl, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb	$0 27	to $0 33
Eggs, strictly new - laid, per dozen	0 45	0 55
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$4 50	to $5 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 50	8 50
Beef, choice sides, cwt	7 25	7 75
Lambs, dressed weight	0 08½	0 09½
Mutton, light, cwt	7 50	9 00
Veals, common, cwt	5 00	6 00
Veals, prime, cwt	8 50	10 00
Dressed hogs, cwt	7 50	8 00

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

The prices quoted below are for first-class quality; lower grades are bought at correspondingly lower quotations:

Hay, car lots, ton, bales	$17 00	to $17 50
Potatoes, car lots, bags	0 75	0 80
Evaporated apples, lb	0 09	0 09½
Turkeys, dressed	0 12	0 13
Geese, dressed	0 09	0 10
Ducks, dressed	0 09	0 10
Chickens, dressed	0 09	0 10
Old fowl, dressed	0 06	0 07
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 27	0 28
Butter, tubs	0 26	0 27
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 30	0 31
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 29	0 30
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	0 30	....
Eggs, cold-storage, dozen	0 22	....
Cheese, large, lb	0 12½	....
Cheese, twin, lb	0 13¾	....
Honey, extracted, lb	0 13	0 13½

Live Poultry Wholesale.

Turkeys, young	$0 10	to $....
Turkeys, old	0 09	....
Geese, per lb	0 07	0 08
Ducks, per lb	0 07	0 08
Chickens, fancy, large	0 09	0 10
Chickens, medium	0 06	0 08
Fowl	0 05	0 07
Squabs, per dozen	2 00	3 00

Hides and Tallow.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front-street, Wholesale Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Furs, Tallow, etc.:

Inspected hides, No. 1 cows, steers	$0 03	
Inspected hides, No. 2 cows, steers	0 05	
Country hides, cured	$0 05	to $....
Calfskins	0 10	....
Kips	0 08	....
Horsehides, No. 1, each	2 25	....
Horsehair, per lb	0 27	....
Tallow, per lb	0 05	0 06
Wool, unwashed	0 12	0 13
Rejects	0 16	....
Lambskins	0 75	0 85
Deerskins, green	0 13	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The following were the last prices made at the call board of the Toronto Board of Trade. Prices are for outside shipping points, except when mentioned:

Winter wheat—No. 2 white, no quotations; No. 2 red, no quotations; No. 2 mixed, sellers, 94c, buyers 92c.

Spring wheat—No. 2 Ontario, no quotations; No. 2 goose, no quotations.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, no quotations; No. 2, sellers $1.08, Goderich.

Barley—No. 2, sellers, 70c, outside; No. 3X, no quotations; No. 3, no quotations.

Oats—No. 2 white, buyers 46¼c, Toronto; No. 2 mixed, buyers 46c, Toronto.

Bran—Sellers $20, buyers' bags.

Buckwheat—Buyers 58c.

Rye—No. 2, buyers 78c, sellers 80c.

Peas—No. 2, sellers 84c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, sellers 67c, buyers 65½c, Toronto.

Flour—Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, $3.65 bid for export. Manitoba patent, special brands, $5.80; second patents, $5.20; strong bakers', $5.

Toronto Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.40 in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4 in barrels. These prices are for delivery here; car lots 5c less.

New York Sugar.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2.30c to 3.35c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.80c; molasses sugar, 3.00c to 3.05c; refined, firm.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures to-day:

Wheat—Dec. $1.06⅝ bid, May $1.13¾ bid.
Oats—Dec. 43c bid, May 50c bid.

Chicago Markets.

Marshall, Spader & Co. (J. G. Beaty), King Edward Hotel, reported the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	95⅝	98½	95⅝	98½
May	102½	105¼	102⅛	105¼
July	96½	99⅛	96⅝	99
Corn—				
Dec.	55¾	59¼	55¾	59¼
May	57⅞	59⅛	57¼	59⅛
July	56½	58⅝	56½	58⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	49¾	50½	49¾	50½
May	54	54¾	53¾	54¾
July	48	48¾	47⅞	48¾
Pork—				
Jan.	12.70	12.70	12.67	12.67
May	13.30	13.30	13.00	13.12
Ribs—				
Jan.	6.80	6.80	6.75	6.75
May	7.12	7.12	7.00	7.05
Lard—				
Jan.	7.85	7.85	7.75	7.75
May	7.90	7.90	7.77	7.82

Chicago Gossip.

Marshall, Spader & Co. to J. G. Beaty at the close:

There has been a general covering of short wheat thruout the day's session, started by reports of heavy rains in the Argentine and helped along by bullish advices as to farmers' reserves in the northwest and a prospective scarcity of milling wheats. The local bull interest added to their holdings in a manner which made the competitive buying very influential and was in a large measure responsible for the extent of the advance. As a result of to-day's transactions, the short interest is much reduced and the longs have accumulated more wheat, so that, technically at least, reaction is due.

Ennis & Stoppani wired to J. L. Mitchell at the close of the market:

Wheat—After a lower opening in sympathy with the decline at Liverpool, the market firmed up, and on an attempt by a prominent eastern short to cover, prices ran up quickly, and at the close 3c was added to the price of the cereal and final figures at best of the day. Commission business showed improvement, and many buying orders were received from the outside. The news of the day was favorable to the bulls, bad news coming from Argentina and the continent. The world's visible showing a decrease of 1,642,000, against 2,000,000 increase last week and 2,600,000 bushels increase last year was a very strong factor. The biggest short interest in years exists in this market, and prices may be put higher.

Corn—The excitement in wheat gave the corn bulls an excellent chance, which they realized to the extent of a net gain of nearly 2c.

Oats—Closed ⅜c higher, in sympathy with wheat and corn.

Charles W. Gillett to Peter J. Morgan:

Wheat—Liverpool cables showed a lack of response this morning, which resulted in a great many timid holders selling, and when closing Liverpool showed prices unchanged from yesterday there was scattered selling for short account. Up to noon market was dull, altho the leading bull interest had been persistent buyers. A cable saying Argentine harvest was being delayed by rains started shorts to cover, and distinct strength developed on numerous reports from the northwest that reserves in farmers' hands and in interior elevators were smaller than ever before known. The seaboard also wired that there was no hard winter wheat for sale at gulf points and that the foreign demand had revived. A very large Wall-street short line of wheat was the objective of the bullish aggressiveness, and this line was covered in part at least before the close. The statistics for the day favored higher prices. To-day's market showed the danger of the short side, but as the short interest has been so largely reduced I would not care to advise purchases on this bulge. However, should cables show anything like a full response to-morrow our market should show some further advance, but I would recommend sales for a turn in that event.

Corn—The congestion in December corn which has for a long time menaced the peace and comfort of shorts in May, assumed an acute stage to-day, and prices advanced rapidly. The visible shows somewhat larger stocks than a year ago, but the new corn is not grading properly. There was some weakness early, but when the improvement in wheat began, there was no corn for sale. The market shows congestion, which we think will result in still higher prices.

Oats — Market advanced with other grains, but without developing special feature. Elevator interests were fairly good buyers.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Flour — Receipts, 43,417 bbls.; exports, 4158 bbls.; sales, 7200 bbls.; firm and nominally higher.

Rye flour—Steady.

Buckwheat flour—Quiet, $3 per 100 lbs.

Cornmeal—Steady.

Rye—Firm.

Wheat—Receipts, 85,000 bu.; exports, 48,152 bu.; sales, 3,800,000 bu. futures, 24,000 bu. spot. Spot strong; No. 2 red, $1.06⅛, elevator; No. 2 red, $1.06½, f.o.b., afloat; No 1 northern Duluth, $1.22, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.18¼, f.o.b., afloat; After a sharp opening drop, influenced by easier cables, wheat turned strong and advanced nearly 2c from low point. The rise was on reports of rain in Argentine, heavy covering and export rumors. Last prices showed 2c to 2⅜c net advance. Dec. closed $1.06½; May, $1.09¼ to $1.12, closed $1.12; July, $1.04⅛ to $1.06⅛, closed $1.06⅝.

Corn—Receipts, 4300 bu.; exports, 85,568 bu. Spot firm; No. 2, 71c, nominal, elevator, and 67½c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 white, nominal, and No. 2 yellow, nominal, f.o.b., afloat. Option market was without transactions, closing 1c net higher. Dec. closed 71c; May closed 67⅞c.

Oats—Receipts, 34,500 bu. Spot firm; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 55c; natural white, 26 to 32 lbs., 57½c to 60c; clipped white, 32 to 40 lbs., 59c to 65c.

Resin—Quiet.

Turpentine—Easy, 47½c.

Molasses—Steady.

New York Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Butter — Firm; receipts, 6950; imitation creamery, firsts, 20c to 21c.

Cheese—Steady, unchanged; receipts, 5565.

Eggs—Firm, unchanged; receipts, 9000.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—Closing: Wheat—Spot, steady; No. 2 red western winter, steady, 7s 7½d; futures, steady; Dec., nominal; March, 7s 10⅝d; May, 7s 10d.

Corn—Spot, steady; prime mixed American, 5s 5d; futures, quiet; Dec., nominal; Jan., 5s 3¼d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, steady, 53s 6d; long clear middles, light, no stock; long clear middles, heavy, no stock.

Lard—Prime western, intierces, quiet, 42s.

Cheese—Canadian finest white, new, steady, 61s 6d; Canadian finest colored, new, steady, 62s 6d.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Easier—U. S. Markets Are Quietly Firmer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Beeves — Receipts, 763; no trading in live cattle; nominally dull; exports to-day, 750 cattle and 500 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 750 cattle, 1109 sheep and 3100 quarters of beef.

Calves—Receipts, 212; veals, steady at $5 to $9.50; choice heavy quotable at $9.75; barnyard and western calves, nominal.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 3836; market weak, except for choice lambs; sheep, $3 to $5; culls, $2.50; yearlings, $5.75; lambs, $6.75 to $7.50; culls, $5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3936, all for slaughterers; nominally firm.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 1200 head; slow and a shade easier; prime steers, $5.25 to $5.75.

Veals—Receipts, 150 head; active and 25c lower; $5 to $9.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,600 head; active and 15c to 30c higher; heavy and mixed, $4.85 to $5; Yorkers, $4.80 to $5; pigs, $4.70 to $4.75; roughs, $4.25 to $4.50; stags, $3.50 to $4; dairies, $4.75 to $4.90.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5400 head; active and steady; unchanged.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated at about 4000; market steady; steers, $3.90 to $6.25; cows, $2.75 to $4.50; heifers, $2.50 to $5.25; bulls, $2.60 to $4.80; calves, $3 to $7, stockers and feeders, $3.25 to $4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated at about 17,000; market active, 10c to 20c higher; choice heavy shipping, $4.8 to $5; light butchers', $4.80 to $4.95; light mixed, $4.70 to $4.75; choice light, $4.70 to $4.80; packing, $4.20 to $4.80; pigs, $3.75 to $4.50; bulk of sales, $4.75 to $4.80.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated at about 12,000; market steady; sheep, $3.50 to $4.75; lambs, $5.40 to $6.35; yearlings, $4.20 to $4.80.

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—London cables are firmer, at 11c to 12½c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9½c per pound.

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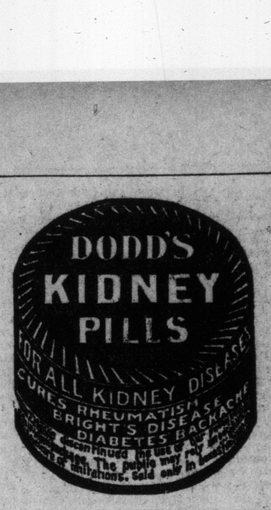

62 CARS AT CITY YARDS TRADE GOOD FOR TOP GRADE

Sheep and Calves Steady—Lambs and Hogs Firmer—Hogs at $5.60 Hundred.

Receipts of live stock at the City Market, as reported by the railroads, were 62 carloads, composed of 794 cattle, 459 hogs, 1358 sheep, 101 calves and 2 horses.

There were several lots and loads of good cattle, which sold readily at good prices, but there were many of the common kind that sold at low prices.

Trade was better than for several markets, especially for the best in all classes.

Exporters.

A few export bulls sold at $3.25 to $4.50 per cwt.

Butchers.

Choice picked Christmas cattle sold at $4.75 to $5.50 per cwt.; loads of good, $4.50 to $4.70; medium cattle at $4 to $4.25; common at $3.50 to $3.75; cows, $2.50 to $3.50; canners, 80c to $1.50.

Feeders and Stockers.

Not many feeders and stockers were on sale. Prices quoted by Harry Murby were unchanged, as follows: Best feeders, 1000 to 1100 lbs., at $3.50 to $3.90 per cwt.; best feeders, 900 to 1000 lbs., at $2.90 to $3.50; best stockers, 800 to 900 lbs., at $2.85 to $3.15; best stockers, 600 to 800 lbs., at $2.40 to $2.75; common stockers, unchanged, at $1.50 to $1.75.

Milkers and Springers.

There was a fair supply of milkers and springers, and prices ranged from $25 to $55 each, the bulk of the best going at $40 to $50 each.

Veal Calves.

Trade was good for good to choice quality, of which there were few on sale. Prices ranged from $3 to $6 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.

The run of sheep and lambs was moderate, with prices firmer for lambs. Export sheep, $3.75 to $4; lambs, $4.50 to $5.50 per cwt.

Hogs.

Receipts were light. Mr. Harris reports prices 10c per cwt. higher, at $5.60 for selects and $5.25 for light fats.

Maybee, Wilson & Hall sold 20 exporters, 1250 lbs. each, at $4.50 per cwt.; 12 butchers, 1000 lbs. each, at $4.15; 28 butchers, 950 lbs. each, at $4.15; 28 butchers, 920 lbs. each, at $4; 17 butchers, 1000 lbs. each, at $3.85; 13 butchers, 1100 lbs. each, at $3.85; 12 butchers, 1000 lbs. each, at $3.80; 7 butchers, 950 lbs. each, at $3.50; 9 butchers, 950 lbs. each, at $3.40; 10 butchers, 920 lbs. each, at $2.90; 2 cows, 1150 lbs. each, at $3; 11 cows, 1100 lbs. each, at $2.90; 10 canners, 900 lbs. each, at $1. Shipped out 1 load on order.

McDonald & Maybee sold 18 butchers, 1150 lbs. each, at $3.95 per cwt.; 14 butchers, 1200 lbs. each, at $3.15; 14 butchers, 1030 lbs. each, at $4.15; 18 butchers, 1130 lbs. each, at $4.25; 8 butchers, 1060 lbs. each, at $3.75; 17 stock bulls, 850 lbs. each, at $2.30; 28 canners, 930 lbs. each, at $1; 1 export bull, 1470 lbs., at $3.75; 1 export bull, 1460 lbs., at $3.

James Corbett sold 3 butchers, 1100 lbs. each, at $3.90; 17 butchers, 920 lbs. each, at $3.62½; 15 buechers, 980 lbs. each, at $3.70; 2 butchers, 800 lbs. each, at $2.75; 8 cows, 1100 lbs. each, at $3.10; 2 cows, 1000 lbs. each, at $2.25; 2 bulls, 1220 lbs. each, at $2.90.

Crawford & Hunnisett sold 1 load butchers, 1000 lbs. each, at $3.50 per cwt.; 1 load butchers, 950 lbs. each, at $3.55; 1 load mixed butchers at $2.25 to $3.50.

R. J. Collins sold 22 heifers, 980 lbs. each, at $4.60 per cwt.; 4 butchers, 1000 lbs. each, at $4.65; 1 cow, 1300 lbs., at $4.25; 2 bulls, 1800 lbs. each, at $4.50; 1 bull, 1290 lbs., at $3.25; 3 cows, 1150 lbs each, at $2.85; 1 cow, 1300 lbs., at $3.60.

George Dunn bought 1 load export bulls 1400 to 2100 lbs. each, at $3.25 to $4.25.

James Ryan bought 14 milkers and springers at $40 to $50 each, or an average of $45 each.

Wesley Dunn bought 250 sheep at $4 per cwt.; 1100 lambs at $5.25 per cwt.; 75 calves at $7 each.

E. Puddy bought 200 hogs at $5.40, f.o.b. cars at country points.

C. Zeagman & Sons bought 30 butchers, 800 to 1200 lbs. each, at $3.25; 8 bulls, 900 lbs. each, at $2.10.

Malouin & Dauoust of Ottawa bought 1 load of butchers at prices ranging from $3.50 to $5 per cwt.

George Rowntree bought 3 loads of butchers; 1 load heifers, 1025 lbs. each at $4.60; cows at $2.25 to $3.25; canners at 80c to $1 per cwt.; bulls at $1.50 to $2.

Ald. Peter Winytock bought a choice Christmas heifer, 1200 lbs., the best on the market, at $5.50 per cwt.

T. Halligan bought 1 load butchers, 1000 lbs., at $4.15.

Market Notes.

John Strong, a prominent farmer from Howick Township, was a visitor at the market.

R. Cowan, butcher, of Picton, bought the champion prize heifers and four prize-winners of the baby beef class from the Harris Abattoir display of dressed beef.

One load of common stockers, 600 to 700 lbs. each, that cost the drover $2.35 in the country, were sold last week at a loss of $62, after paying all expenses.

Display of Christmas Meats.

Nothing succeeds like success. Last year the Harris Abattoir Company made the greatest display of Christmas meats that, up to that time, had hitherto not been surpassed, but this year in their display, now on exhibition at the cooling rooms of their abattoir, can be seen the largest array of dressed beef, sheep, lambs and veal calves, ever before exhibited by one firm in Toronto, and for that matter, we may say the Dominion. George Rowntree, buyer for the Harris Company, for the past two months has been busy in Western Ontario selecting, and buying from many of the prominent feeders in the vicinity of Guelph, Fergus, Galt, as well as many other places, the choicest animals from many herds and flocks, which are a testimony of the business tact of Mr. Rowntree in putting together such a splendid aggregation of upwards of 2000 carcasses of beef and 3000 sheep and lambs. In the lot are included the following prize-winners at the Ontario Fat Stock Show at Guelph: The grand champion steer, 3 first prize export steers, 3 third prize export cattle, second prize heifers, all fed by John Brown & Son of Galt. Also the first prize heifer, 2 years old, two prize cattle fed by Mr. Parkinson two polled steers fed by Bowman, five prize-winners fed by William Hamilton of Guelph. Also from the Toronto Junction Fat Stock Show: The first prize load of 16 export heifers, the first prize 16 baby heifers and steers, the sweepstakes heifer over all, the first prize heifer over 3 years the first prize steer under 3 years, the second prize steer under 3 years, the second prize 16 export steers, the second prize 18 butchers' heifers, the third prize 16 baby beef heifers and steers, the second prize 18 butchers' steers, the first prize deck of 50 lambs, the third prize deck of 50 lambs, the second prize pair ewe lambs, the first prize pair wether lambs, the second prize yearling ewes, the second prize yearling wethers, all of which were from White & Clayton of Guelph. Also first prize steer, 2 years and over; second prize heifer under 3 years, the third prize steer under 3 years, from Mr. Hamilton of Guelph.

Railway Collision.

KEENE, N.H., Dec. 17.—Passenger train No. 517, bound from Boston for Burlington and Montreal, ran into the rear end of a local freight train near Troy station on the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine to-day. No one was injured. Four freight cars were demolished, and the wreckage caught fire.

BUSINESS AGAIN DULL IN MINING MARKETS

Trading Operations Are Conducted With Practically No Influence on Quotations.

World Office,
Tuesday Evening, Dec. 17.

The Cobalt mining market was again dull to-day, hardly sufficient business being done to warrant the faithful in assembling in their accustomed places. The brokers are hopeful for the future, and expect when the quietness of the holidays has spent its force, things will brighten up again and activity develop. Coniagas to-day sold at 3.85 and 3.90, Foster at 57 and 58, McKinley at 79, Green-Meehan at 14, Peterson Lake at 11, Trethewey at 49, Silver Leaf at 8⅛ and 8, and Silver Queen at 66.

New Manager For Trethewey.

F. G. McNaughton has been appointed manager of the Trethewey Mine at Cobalt. Mr. McNaughton is an old Nova Scotia miner of long experience, and is regarded in mining circles as a valuable man.

REGULAR DIVIDEND.

Nipissing Directors Continue the Usual Payment to Shareholders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Directors of Nipissing have declared regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent., payable Jan. 21. Books close Dec. 27 and reopen Jan. 22.

The statement of cash and cash assets of Dec. 16 of the Nipissing Mines Company shows a total of $860,000; deduct $180,000 to pay dividends, leaving balance of $680,000. It is said that between now and the time the dividend is payable the company will have received almost enough to pay the dividend, thus leaving the total of $800,000 practically intact.

New York Curb.

Charles Head & Co. report the following closing transactions and sales on the New York curb:

Nipissing closed at 6 to 6⅛, high 6¼, low 6, 3000; Buffalo, 1½ to 2; Cobalt Central, 21½ to 22½, 1000 sold at 22; Foster, 58 to 65; Green-Meehan, 10 to 13, 200 sold at ⅛; King Edward, ¾ to ⅞, high ⅞, low 13-16, 300; McKinley, 13-16 to ⅞, high ⅞, low 13-16, 200; Red Rock, 6 to 11; Silver Queen, 9-16 to 11-16, 100 sold at ⅝; Silver Leaf, 8 to 9; Trethewey, 50 to 53, 100 sold at 50.

Boston curb: Silver Leaf closed at 8 to 9, 5000 sold at 8½.

Standard Stock and Mining Exchange

	Asked.	Bid.
Cobalt Stocks—		
Amalgamated	9	4
Buffalo	2.00	1.00
Cobalt Central	22½	20
Cobalt Lake	9¾	9
Coniagas	3.90	3.80
Foster	59	55
Green - Meehan	11	10
Hudson Bay	120	...
Kerr Lake	3.75	...
McKinley Dar Savage	83	77
Nipissing	6.25	6.00
Nova Scotia	18	15
Peterson Lake	13	11
Red Rock	18	8
Right-of-Way	3.10	2.00
Silver Leaf	8⅛	8
Silver Bar	26	15
Silver Queen	68	63
Temiskaming, old stock	1.05	94
Trethewey	49½	46
University	3.00	1.00
Watts	...	40

—Morning Sales—

Coniagas—100 at 3.90, 100 at 3.85, 400 at 3.90.

Foster—100 at 57, 100 at 58.

McKinley Dar. Savage—100 at 79, 200 at 79.

Green-Meehan—150 at 14.

Nipissing—10 at 6.25.

Peterson Lake—800 at 11.

Trethewey—100 at 49.

—Afternoon Sales.—

Silver Leaf—1000 at 8⅛, 500 at 8⅛, 500 at 8, 500 at 8.

Silver Queen—100, at 66.

Toronto Stock Exchange Unlisted Securities.

	Asked.	Bid.
Cobalt Central	....	.20
Cobalt Lake	....	.09½
Coniagas	3.95	....
Foster	.61	.59
Scotia	....	.18
Silver Leaf	....	.08
Temiskaming	....	.90

—Sales.—

Cobalt Lake—100 at 10, 500 at 10.

LABOR WILL NOT CONSENT TO A WAGE REDUCTION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, speaking as vice-president of the civic federation, declared that the working man realized that the financial situation is not any fault of his. Speaking of the threatened decrease in wages for labor, he said:

"Twenty times in the past 12 hours, since I have been in New York, men have come to me and whispered in my ear and told me that the workingmen must come down in their wages. But let the employers of labor remember that if they attempt to force down labor they will not have the easy sailing they did years ago."

SQUARE MILE IN CHICAGO ADDED TO "DRY BELT".

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17.—Chicago today has one more square mile of "dry" territory than it had yesterday, almost 1 per cent. of the entire city being added to the prohibition area by the city council.

Without comment other than that the district had been canvassed, and that prohibition was the desire of its residents, the vote was taken, the result being 37 yeas to 23 nays.

Medical Course at Queen's.

KINGSTON, Dec. 17.—The medical faculty of Queen's University has arranged a five-year course to apply to students entering in September, 1908 and thereafter. The faculty has arranged a diploma post-graduate course in public health and sanitary science, and it has also established a higher degree of doctor of science, which will be available for medical graduates for original research work.

Polish Schools Closed.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Dec. 17—Sixteen hundred Polish schools have been closed in consequence of an order issued by Gen. Skallon, suspending the Polish School Association. The funds of the association, $150,000, have been sent abroad to avoid confiscation.

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U.S. FLEET ON PACIFIC TO COOL JAPAN'S JINGOES

Admiral Rojestvensky Says Movement Has High Strategic Value —Contrasts Navies.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—In the course of an interview Admiral Rojestvensky said:

"The British fleet, which ranks among the most efficient in the world, found it necessary to drop the laggards during its recent manoeuvres. This would be fatal in war time."

The Russian admiral then spoke of the effect of the American squadron in the Pacific on the Japanese, and said:

"While this voyage will be valuable in welding the fleet into a homogeneous weapon, it will have also a high strategic value in curbing the pretensions of the Japanese, whose jingoism has noticeably abated since the announcement of the plan."

Rojestvensky disparaged the idea of duplicating the battleship squadron, one for the Atlantic and the other for the Pacific. He declared that one fleet would be adequate for the protection of both coasts, and its transfer could be made periodically with advantage to both ships and crews. The fleet should have its base at San Francisco, or some other American port, while in the Pacific, he said, to station it in the Philippines would be expensive and unnecessary.

Contrasting the Japanese and American fleets, the Russian admiral said:

"The Japanese personnel, man for man, is now undoubtedly more efficient than the American. This is due to practice in battle, but the American ships so exceed the Japanese in strength and numbers that there is no question of American superiority. I consider that the question of war between Japan and the United States is quite excluded."

Continuing the conversation Admiral Rojestvensky said he was opposed to the rebuilding of the Russian fleet. He believed that Russia's future will be on land and that the money a fleet would cost would be better spent in building up a commercial marine.

"We may spend four or five millions in the next ten years," Admiral Rojestvensky went on, "as it is proposed to overwhelm Russia with debt in order to secure a fleet stronger than Japan's, but the future of our Asiatic possessions will be determined by the army, not by the fleet. Russia is doing nothing to strengthen her army. We are holding 500,000 soldiers on the Polish frontier, a million in Russian Turkestan and only 85,000 in all Siberia, where the Chinese and the Japanese are building up a portentous military power."

"But will the Russian fleet be reconstructed?" was asked the admiral.

"Alas! yes," he replied. "Unfortunately there are many people in Russia who wish to fill their pockets, and the execution of a big naval program will give them a glorious opportunity."

KETCHESON GUILTY.

Belleville City Council Will Build Isolation Hospital.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 17.—Phillip Ketcheson, a middle-aged merchant and married man, of Tweed, has been on trial in the county court here for the past three days, charged with indecent assault. The complainants in the case are young girls under the age of 14.

This afternoon the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, but E. Guss Porter, Ketcheson's lawyer, announced that he would take a stated case to Osgoode Hall, and the judge deferred sentence till the case has been argued in Toronto.

The city council has adopted a resolution to let the contract for an isolation hospital, to cost $8800. Work on the building will probably begin in the spring.

Doings at the Repository.

Burns & Sheppard report a very good auction at the Repository yesterday, and an uncommonly big attendance of buyers. The supplies were not so large as could have been wished, but the entries that they had formed a fine selection of all classes of horses, and the quality all round was of the best. Burns & Sheppard commenced with a shipment from the White Pine Lumber Company, Webbwood, which looked like a lot of capital draughts, and all were promptly knocked down to ready buyers. Thereafter the sale proceeded in brisk fashion, with buyers for everything that was offered, and at the close had a thoro clean-up.

Amongst others, were sold a carload for shipment to Kenora and another to go to Northern Ontario.

The following were the current prices: Heavy draughts, 1400 and upwards, $130 to $175; express, delivery and general purpose, $120 to $165; drivers, $100 to $200; second-hand workers and drivers, $50 to $100.

PITTSBURG-ONTARIO WATERWAY.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—"A 12-foot waterway from Pittsburg to Lake Ontario" is the slogan of a delegation from the Rochester