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Single Judge, at 11 a.m.: Christy v. Office, S.M. Co., Christy v. Ion Specialty Co., Gordon v. Court Picton, I.O.F., re Solicitor, Weisbach v. Mair, re Sprague, Hicks v. Sprague, re Corrigan and Township of Mountain, re Massey Massey v. Massey, Massey v. Massey, Cole v. Clarkson, Briggs v. Ross, Liderer v. Sandwich East, re Steel.

Business Embarrassments.

Stamp & Laidlaw, painters, Hamilton, have assigned to W. F. McGiverin.

F. C. McLeod, tailor, Stratford, has assigned to J. P. Mabee.

A dividend of 15c on the dollar has been declared on the estate of F. Holt, dry-goods, Ottawa.

A first and final dividend of 7½ cents on the dollar has been declared on the estate of B. N. Powell, tailor, Yonge-street. The liabilities were $4080 and the assets realized $880.

The liabilities of Hampton & Co., Mount Forest, are $13,000 and assets $14,000, consisting of stock, $9000, and the balance book debts. The firm have until Monday to make an offer.

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DECEMBER OPTION LOWER.

The Sentiment in the Chicago Wheat Pit Yesterday Was Bearish.

Cables From Liverpool Show Slight Decline—Increase in World's Visible Supply—Large Supplies of Poultry on Local Market—Lard Lower in Liverpool.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 22.

Lard and bacon are 6d lower in Liverpool. Liverpool wheat futures ¼d to ⅝d lower, the latter for July.

Cash wheat in Chicago 1⅝c lower, at 98⅝c.

May wheat on curb 93c to 93⅛c.

Puts on May wheat 92½c to 92⅝c, calls 93⅝c.

Puts on May corn 29⅝c to 29½c, calls 29½c.

At Toledo clover seed closed at $3.22½ for Dec. and March.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day: Wheat 326, corn 177, oats 295. Estimated for Thursday: Wheat 300, corn 260, oats 300.

Receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 47,000, or 5000 more than expected; official Tuesday 45,747; left over 2359. Estimated for Thursday 42,000. Market moderately active and mostly 5c lower. Heavy shippers $3.25 to $3.50.

Cattle receipts at Chicago to-day 12,000; best grades firm and others weak. Sheep 10,000; market steady to strong.

Stocks of wheat at Port Arthur and Fort William are 961,980 bushels, as against 539,735 bushels last week and 2,075,508 bushels a year ago.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour 414 barrels and 23,746 sacks; wheat 65,988 bushels.

Total clearances of wheat and flour to-day equalled 427,000 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 472 cars, as against 373 cars the corresponding day of last year.

Bradstreet reports an increase in the world's visible supply of wheat of 1,055,000 bushels, a decrease of 796,000 bushels in corn, and a decrease of 1,366,000 bushels in oats for the week.

Puts on May wheat in Chicago good, for all next week, 80⅛c, and calls 98⅛c. Puts on May corn 29c and calls 30⅛c.

Continental wheat stocks on Dec. 1 were 25,500,000 bushels, against 26,030,000 bushels Nov. 1 and 47,672,000 bushels Dec. 1 last year.

The wheat crop of the United Kingdom has been revised and is 56,000,000 bushels, or 2,000,000 bushels more than previously reported, but 2,000,000 less than last year, the yield this year being about an average.

Leading Wheat Markets.

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

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	$0 98⅝	$0 93
New York	0 99⅞	0 93⅝
Milwaukee	0 87	0 92⅝
St. Louis	0 98	0 96
Toledo	0 95	0 94
Detroit	0 92¼	0 93⅛
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 93¼	....
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 93¼	0 91⅛
Toronto, red	0 87	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard	1 03	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

FLOUR—The demand is fair, and prices steady. Straight rollers quoted at $3.95 to $4.05, middle freights.

WHEAT—The market to-day was somewhat irregular, with buyers less keen. Sales of red winter were made at 83c, high freights. No. 2 spring on Midland 83c, and goose 77c on Midland. No. 1 Manitoba hard is held at 94c, Fort William, and is sold at 98c, Owen Sound.

BARLEY—The offerings are fair and prices unchanged. No. 2 is quoted at 32c east, No. 3 extra at 27c west 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 was dull to-day. Sales were made at 44c high freights and at 45c on Midland.

CORN—The market is quiet, with a limited movement; prices rule at 26c to 26½c west.

BRAN—Business quiet, with cars quoted at $7.50 west. Shorts $10 to $11 middle freights.

OATMEAL—The market is quiet and prices unchanged at $3.10 in bags and $3.20 in barrels on track.

DRIED APPLES—Trade is quiet, with quantities quoted at 4½c to 5c per lb. Evaporated, 8c to 8½c per lb.

HIDES—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. Cured are quoted at 9½c to 9½c. Dealers quote green at 9c for No. 1, 8c for No. 2 and at 7c for No. 3. Sheepskins $1 to $1.10. Tallow 2½c to 3c per lb. for rendered.

WOOL—There is no fleece wool on the market: Pulled sippers in fair demand at 20½c to 21c, and extras at 22c to 23c.

PROVISIONS—Trade remains quiet, with prices steady. Bacon, long clear, 7¾c to 8¼c. Breakfast bacon, 11c to 11½c. Rolls, 8¾c to 9½c. Mess pork, $14 to $14.25; do. short cut, $15.25 to $15.50; do., shoulder mess, $13.00. Hams, smoked, 10½c to 12c. Lard steady at 6½c to 6¾c for tierces, 6¾c to 7c for tubs and 7c to 7½c for pails. Compound, 5½c to 6c.

POTATOES—The market is quiet, with car lots quoted at 58c to 60c per bag on track.

HOPS—Trade quiet, with choice qualities quoted at 14c to 15c, and old 8c to 9c.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts of grain on the street market to-day were larger than for some days, about 5000 bushels being delivered. Wheat sold 2000 bushels selling as follows: White 83c to 86c, red 85½c and goose 78c to 78½c per bushel. Rye, 300 bushels sold at 45½c. Barley firmer, 600 bushels selling at 30c to 34½c. Oats firm, 1500 bushels were sold at 26½c to 27½c. Peas firmer, selling at 45½c to 46½c for 500 bushels. Buckwheat easier, 100 bushels sold at 32½c to 34½c.

Hay unchanged, 20 loads going at $8 to $9 per ton. Straw $7 to $8 per ton for 3 loads.

There was a large market of dressed hogs, poultry and all kinds of small produce, which was in good demand and quickly bought up at prices quoted below. The William Harris firm, 35 East Market-square, received between 6 and 7 tons of poultry, and were doing a large trade, being besieged with customers all day.

Grain		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 83 to	$0 86
" red, bush	0 85	0 85½
" goose, bush	0 78	0 78½
Barley, bush	0 30	0 34½
Rye, bushy	0 45½	....
Oats, bush	0 26½	0 27½
Peas, bush	0 45½	0 46½
Buckwheat, bush	0 32½	0 34½
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 25 to	$3 50
Alsike clover, bush	4 00	4 00
Timothy, bush	1 25	1 35
Beans, white, bush	0 60	0 70
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$8 00 to	$9 00
" baled, cars	8 00	8 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	7 00	8 00
" loose, ton	4 00	5 00
" baled, cars	4 00	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 18 to	$0 20
" creamery	0 18	0 21
" large rolls	0 14	0 16
Eggs, fresh, case lots	0 16	0 18
" fresh, per doz	0 20	0 25
Cheese, per lb	0 09	0 10½
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	$6 50 to	$7 50
" forequarters, cwt.	4 00	5 00
Lamb, cwt	7 00	7 50
" each	3 00	4 50
Mutton, carcase, cwt	5 00	6 00
Veal, carcase, cwt.	7 00	8 00
Hogs, dressed, light	6 00	6 40
" " heavy	5 50	5 80
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 40 to	$0 80
Ducks, per pair	0 50	1 00
Geese, per lb	0 07	0 08
Turkeys, per lb.	0 10	0 12
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$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
Onions, 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

Chicago Markets.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	92½	99⅝	98⅝	98⅝
" —Jan.	93½	94	93½	93½
" —May	93½	93⅝	92⅝	93
" —July	83½	83⅝	83⅝	83⅝
Corn—Dec.	26½	26½	26½	26⅝
" —May	29⅝	29½	29½	29½
Oats—Dec.	21⅝	22	21⅝	22
" —May	22½	22⅝	22½	22⅝
Pork—Jan.	8 60	8 70	8 62	8 70
" —May	8 85	8 92	8 85	8 92
Lard—Jan.	4 52	4 57	4 50	4 57
" —May	4 70	4 72	4 66	4 72
Ribs—Jan.	4 37	4 42	4 37	4 42
" —May	4 52	4 57	4 52	4 57

British Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—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 2½d; pork, 48s 9d for fine western; lard, 23s 9d; bacon, heavy, 1c. 29s 6d; do. light, 28s 6d; do., short cut, 30s 0d; tallow, 18s 6d; cheese, 42s 6d.

London—Wheat off coast and on passage easy for white and quiet for red. English country markets firm. Maize on passage rather easier.

Paris—Wheat 29f 25c, for Jan. Flour 61f 40c for Jan. French country markets steady.

Liverpool—Wheat futures steady at 7s 5¼d for March, 7s 3¾d for May and 7s 0½d for July. Maize quiet at 3s 1¾d for Jan., 3s 1½d for Feb. and 3s 1⅝d for March. Flour 25s 6d.

London—Close—Wheat off coast, buyers at a decline. Maize on passage quiet and steady.

Mark Lane—English wheat quiet and steady, foreign wheat dull. Maize dull.

Paris—Close—Wheat easy at 20f 10c for Jan. Flour weak at 61f for Jan. Weather in France cold.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat futures quiet at 7s 5¼d for March, 7s 3¾d for May and 7s 0¾d for July. Maize quiet at 3s 1¾d for Jan., 3s 1¾d for Feb. and 3s 1¾d for March. Flour 25s 6d.

Chicago Gossip.

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

Wheat has been less active to-day. The big clearances, 617,000 bushels, tended toward an appreciation in prices, but, on the other hand, was the sentiment of the pit traders, who almost to a man are bearish and, therefore, after reaching 93⅝c to 93⅝c for May, sold off before the close to 92⅝c. Bradstreet showed an increase in world's visible of 1,055,000 bushels. The December option ranged from 99⅝c to 98⅝c, closing at the latter figure. The Leiter interest bought moderately, but the trade has been within 200,000 bushels. The bull clique were heavy sellers of privileges last night, and that had a tendency to keep prices within a narrow range. The trade is fairly good, considering a holiday week. The market has a tired look to it, and unless the clique continues to support it, lower prices will be sure shortly, but on any material break it is safe to buy a little.

Provisions ruled quiet and steady. A large part of to-day's business was in the way of changing from Jan. to May. Cash trade was rather small; some realizing from outside and covering by small local shorts. There is quite an undertone of strength, and on reactions provisions will do to buy. Hogs at the yards were 5c lower. Fair clearances.

Oats very dull. Prices unchanged; fair cash demand. Bradstreet's made a decrease in world's visible of 1,366,000 bush. No news of any importance to affect prices.

Corn very steady; a fair trade at unchanged prices. Clearances 247,879 bushels. Primary receipts 608,000, against 530,000 same day last year. Any weakness in wheat would probably be reflected in this cereal below 29c. May will do to buy.

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

Wheat—The market to-day was very dull and of a local character. May wheat opened a little higher than it closed last night and closed at ⅛c lower. Cables were quiet. The usual holiday seems to have taken hold of foreign markets, and it is unlikely that any sensational news bearing upon the wheat situation will come from that direction until after the first of the year. December wheat continues very inactive. Some selling to-day by an elevator concern and a few belated longs caused a decline of about 1½c.

Provisions opened shade lower. Hogs, 4000 more than expected. John Cudahy's brokers bought May lard and sold May ribs. Market afterwards ruled easier on free selling by local operators. Viles & Robbins sold May lard. Near the close market was trifle stronger and closed steady at highest prices of the day.

London Markets Quiet.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Evening Post's financial cablegram from London says: The stock markets here were quiet to-day. They opened rather dull, but closed firm. Americans were good from the start to the finish, closing strong at the best. The market opened with good buying orders from New York. A feature was the jump in Central Pacific, which was largely bought from one quarter. It is said that the reorganization scheme will not very adversely affect the shares. Readings were also largely bought here late in the day. Grand Trunks were bought by Montreal.

The movement of gold from Australia to San Francisco excites much interest here.

Cotton Futures.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton: Futures closed steady; sales, 122,000 bales. January, 5.75; February, 5.79; March, 5.81; April, 5.80; May, 5.94; June, 5.98; July, 6.02; August, 6.06; September, 6.05; October, 6.08; December, 5.75.

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STOCK MARKETS STEADY.

Better Tone on Wall-street With a Sharp Advance in Manhattan.

Canadian Pacific Closed a Fraction Higher in London—Decline in Sterling Exchange—Dividends on the Vanderbilts—Local Stocks are Dull and Featureless

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 22.

Consols closed 1-16 lower to-day.

In Paris 3 per cent rentes are weaker, at 103f 12½c.

Canadian Pacific opened ¼ lower in London, then gained ⅝, closing ⅛ higher than yesterday.

Bar silver in London firm at 26 7-16d per ounce, and in New York at 56⅝c per ounce.

The net gold balance of the United States treasury is $159,908,000.

The bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £100,000.

Sterling exchange is ½c lower.

Cables to A. E. Ames & Co. from London to-day quoted Grand Trunk 4 per cent. guaranteed at 69½, first preferred at 56 and Hudson Bay at £23.

Dividends and Earnings.

Lake Shore to-day declared its regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., payable Feb. 1. Books will close on Dec. 31. The report for the year ending Dec. 31 will show a surplus of $778,438, after charges and dividends, against $54,410 last year.

Michigan Central declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent. payable Feb. 1.

Canada Southern has declared its usual semi-annual dividend of 1 per cent. payable Feb. 1.

Northwestern Railway earnings for the month of November increased $725,877, and from June the increase is $2,206,898.

Earnings of C.C.C. for the second week of December increased $29,830 and from July 1 the increase is $865,012.

Money Markets.

The local money market is unchanged, with call loans quoted at 4 per cent. At New York money ruled at 3 to 4 per cent., closing at 2½ to 3. At London 2½ per cent. The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged at 3 per cent. and the open market rates 2 15-16 to 3 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

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

	—Counter— Buy.	Sell.	—Bet. Banks— Buy.	Sell.
N. Y. Funds	⅛ to	¼	1-32 to 1-16	pre.
Stg. 60 days	8⅞ to	9	8½ to	8⅞
do. demand	9⅝ to	9½	9⅛ to	9¼

—Rates in New York.—

	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, 60 days	4.82½@4.81½	to 4.81⅝
" demand	4.85½@4.84½	to 4.84⅝

Toronto Stock Market.

	1 p.m. Ask.	Bid.	3.30 p.m. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	237	233	238	233
Ontario	100¼	99⅝	100¼	99½
Toronto	233	228	233	228
Merchants'	180	174	178	174
Commerce	135¼	134⅞	135⅛	134⅞
Imperial	190	180⅝	190	188⅝
Dominion	253	249½	253	249⅝
Standard	174	172	174	172
Hamilton	170	168½	170	168½
Nova Scotia	..	210	..	..
Ottawa	..	190	..	..
British America	128½	128	129	128
West. Assurance	169¼	168⅞	169½	168⅞
Imperial Life	..	134	..	134
Consumers' Gas	..	211	..	211¼
Montreal Gas	187¼	186½	187	186⅝
Dom. Telegraph	132	130	132	130½
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	48	47	48	47
Can. N.W.L. Co., pf.	54	53¼	54	52⅝
do. common	..	..	14	12
C. P. R. Stock	81⅝	81½	81⅝	81⅜
Toronto Electric	135¾	135⅝	135¾	135½
do. do., new	120	118	119	118
General Electric, xd	99	98	99	98
Com. Cable Co	177⅞	177¾	177⅞	177½
do. coup. bonds	105	104⅞	105	104¾
do. reg. bonds	105	104⅞	105	104⅝
Bell Telephone Co.	175	173⅝	175	174
Richelieu & Ont.	108	107½	108	106¾
Montreal St. Ry	234	232	..	..
Toronto Railway	86½	85⅛	85½	85¼
Empress Mining	6	4	8	4
G.T.R. Guaran.	70½	70	70½	70
do. 1st pref.	58	56	58	56
British Cana. L.&I.	100	..	..	..
B & Loan Assoc.	65	..	..	..
Can. Landed	102½	100	..	..
Can. Permanent	108½	106¾	..	..
do. do. 20 p.c.	80	75	..	..
Canadian S.&L.	..	108	..	..
Central Can. Loan	125	123½	..	..
Dom. Savings & I.	78	75½	..	..
Freehold L. & Sav.	105	100	..	..
do. do. 20 p.c.	80	..	..	..
Hamilton Provident	110	..	..	..
Huron & Erie L.&S.	..	163	..	..
do. do., 20 p.c.	..	151	..	..
Imperial L. & I.	100	..	..	..
Landed B. & L.	..	110	..	..
Lon. & Can. L.&A.	80	..	..	..
London Loan	..	102	..	..
London & Ontario	90	..	..	..
Manitoba Loan	50	..	..	..
Ontario Loan & Deb	..	120½	..	..
People's Loan	48	..	..	..
Real Estate, L & D.	65	..	..	..
Toronto Savings &L	112½	111½	..	..
Union L. & S.	90	..	..	..
West. Canada L.&S.	130	110	..	..
do. do., 25 p.c.	100	85	..	..

Sales at 11.30 a.m.: Northwest Land, pf., 10 at 53½; C.P.R., 25, 25 at 81¼; Toronto Electric, 5 at 135⅝; Cable, coupon bonds, $1000 at 104⅞; Toronto Railway, 25, 25 at 85¼.

Sales at 1 p.m.: Imperial Bank, 25, 50, 25 at 190; Dominion, 20 at 250; British Assurance, 86 at 128; Northwest Land, pf., 10 at 53½; C.P.R., 25 at 81½; General Electric, 75 at 99¾ cash; Cable coupon bonds, $2000 at 104⅞; Canada Permanent Loan, 25, 5, 25, 1, 25 at 107.

Sales at 3.30 p.m.: Northwest Land, pf., 15 at 53⅝; C.P.R., 25, 25, 25, 25 at 81½; Toronto Electric, new, 15 at 118¼; Cable, 25 at 177⅞; Richelieu, 50 at 107½.

Unlisted mining stocks: War Eagle, 500, 500 at 95.

New York Stocks.

The range in prices is as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am. Sugar	138½	138⅞	138	138⅞
Am. Tobacco	86	86	86	86
Atchison	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞
do pref.	30	30½	30	30⅛
Balt. and Ohio	13⅞	14	13⅞	14
Bay State Gas	4⅛	4⅜	4⅛	4⅜
Brooklyn R.T.	32¼	32½	32¼	32½
Ches. & Ohio	21¼	21¼	21¼	21¼
Chicago G.W.	15⅛	15⅜	15	15⅛
Cotton Oil	..	..	..	22½b
Chi., Burl. and Q.	99¼	99½	99	99¼
Chicago Gas	96¼	96½	96	96¼
Canada Southern	54½	54½	53¾	53¾
C. C. C. and I.	..	..	..	34½b
Dela. and Hudson	113	113½	113	113
Dela., Lac. and W.	156	157	156	157
Erie	..	..	..	14½b
Gen. Electric Co	33¼	33¾	33¼	33½
Jersey Central	94½	96	94¼	95½
Kansas, Texas, pref.	35¾	35⅝	35¾	35⅝
Lake Shore	173	173	173	173
Louis. and Nash.	56½	56¾	56⅜	56¾
Leather, pref.	62½	62½	62½	62½
Manhattan	105½	106½	103⅝	106½
Metropolitan Trac.	127¾	127	125¾	127
Missouri Pacific	33½	33¾	33½	33½
N. Y. Central	107	107	106⅞	106⅞
Northern Pacific	21¼	21⅜	21	21
North. Pacific, pf.	58⅝	58⅞	58⅝	58¾
Northwestern	121¼	121⅝	121	121
N. Y. Gas	181	182½	181	182½
Ontario and West.	16	16⅜	16	16¼
Omaha	..	..	..	175b
Pacific Mail	29	30	29	30
Phila. and Read.	22¾	23½	22¾	23¼
Pullman	172⅝	172⅝	172⅝	172⅝
Rock Island	90⅝	90½	90	90¼
Southern Rail	9	9	8⅞	8¾
do. pref.	32¼	32¼	32¼	32¼
St. Paul	94⅞	95½	94⅞	94⅞
T. C. and I.	24¾	24¾	24¾	24¾
Texas Pacific	10¾	10¾	10¾	10¾
Union Pacific	25½	25⅝	25½	25½
Western Union	88⅝	88⅝	88⅝	88⅝
Wabash, pref.	18	18	18	18

The most active stocks were: Sugar 15,700 shares, St. Paul 3500, Rock Island 2300, Union Pacific 1200, Jersey Central 3500, Northern Pacific 1600, Northern Pacific, pf., 3600, Reading 8500, L. & N. 1000, Mo., P. 1300, O. & W. 5000, Burlington 11,000, Manhattan 23,000, Southern pr., 1600, Chicago G.W. 5600.

Montreal Stock Market.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Canadian Pacific, 81⅝ and 81½; Duluth, 4 and 3; do., pref., 6¾ and 6; Cable, xd., 179 and 177; Cable, coupon bonds, 106 and 104; Telegraph, 185 and 180½; Canada Northwest Land, pref., 55 and 53½; Richelieu, 108 and 107; Gas, 188 and 186¾; Street Railway, 234 and 232¾; do., new, 232 and 231; Telephone, 177½ and 174; Toronto Railway, xd., 85½ and 85⅝; Halifax Railway, 118 and 116½; Cornwall Railway, 47½ asked; St. John Railway, 130 and 126; Royal Electric, 142 and 140¼; Halifax Heat and Light, 41 and 39½; Montreal Bank, 240 and 234; Merchants', 179 and 174½; Commerce, 135 and 134½; Molsons, 210 and 202; Toronto, 235 and 228; Ontario, 101 and 98; Dominion Coal, pref., 110 and 106.

Morning sales: C.P.R., 100 at 81⅝; Richelieu, 150 at 108; Street Ry., 100 at 233¾, 50 at 233⅝, 1 at 234, 1 at 234½, 20 at 233½; Royal Electric, 2 at 141; Toronto Railway, 25 at 85¼, 11 at 85¾, 25 at 85½; St. John Railway, 25 at 127½; Bank of Montreal, 1 at 235; Merchants', 3 at 175, 11 at 174½; Commerce, 10 at 135; Little Marie, 2 at 90; Colored Cotton, 25 at 60.

Afternoon sales: C.P.R., 25 at 81½; Street Railway, 50 at 233¾; Toronto Railway, 25 at 85¼, 1 at 85¼.

London Stock Market.

	Dec. 21. Close.	Dec. 22. Close.
Consols, money	112 9-16	112½
Consols, account	112⅝	112⅝
Canadian Pacific	83⅝	83¾
New York Central	110½	110½
Illinois Central	106⅞	106⅞
St. Paul	97⅝	97⅞
Louisville & Nashville	58¼	58¼
Northern Pacific, pf.	60⅝	60⅝
Erie	15⅝	15½
Reading	11⅝	11⅝
Pennsylvania Central	58	58⅛

New York Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co.'s gossip from New York:

Within narrow and largely professional limits the stock market showed substantial strength to-day. The declaration of the dividends by numerous railroads and other corporations was a reminder of the flood of funds to be released in January, and the call money rate at no time rose to an unpleasant height. There was no disappointment at the declaration of the regular dividends on the Vanderbilt stocks, but the accompanying annual statements were regarded with complacency. Rio Grande Western preferred treated holders to an extra dividend. There was talk about an early dividend on Reading first preferred, and the effect was seen in a rise of about 2 per cent. All of the anthracite coalers were strong on rumors that a new and advantageous trade scheme had been formulated. The stocks of local transportation lines were very strong on the favorable view taken of the attitude of the administration which will come into power on Jan. 1. Metropolitan Street Railway rose over 2 per cent. and Third-avenue over 5 per cent. on the agreement formulated regarding the using of the tracks. Manhattan advanced 3 per cent. on buying regarded as of an excellent character. Consolidated Gas rallied sharply on an attempt to cover.

McIntyre & Wardwell (John J. Dixon) received the following despatch to-day from New York:

Although the speculation in stocks continued small to-day, the market showed on the whole a decidedly firmer undertone and manifested a disposition to improve from the start. There was not much pressure to sell, and there were no unfavorable news developments to furnish the bears with a pretext for hammering the market. The coal stocks continued the centre of interest, with Reading securities the strongest and most active features. The first preferred shares of Reading were in good demand, with Philadelphia houses the best buyers on information that a dividend of 1 per cent. will be declared on the stock in the near future. There is a good deal of nonsensical talk in the newspapers relative to the deal to form a coal trust. What has occurred has been an agreement to restrict the output of anthracite coal and regulate the sales the ensuing year. This caused the advances in Jersey Central and the rest of the coalers the past week. Next to Reading, Manhattan was the strongest and most active stock. The combination formed by the Third-avenue Road with the Metropolitan Traction Company, whereby passengers of both lines are transferred without extra charge, accompanied with reports of extensions of the lines in the northern and annexed districts, formed the basis of advance in those stocks. The fear of tight money was not realized, and this, with the declaration of the usual dividends by the Vanderbilt roads and the Lake Shore statement, showing an increase in surplus after dividend of over $714,000, helped the market, which closed quiet but firm, with small fractional advances in the general list. With any encouragement in the way of better support or new outside buying, we think the market will do better.

Cotton Market.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton, spot closed steady. Middling uplands 5⅞c, middling gulf 6⅛c; sales, 1341 bales.

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