THE MARKETS

Mining Stocks.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Following are to-day's closing quotations on the Toronto Mining and Industrial change:

	Asked.	Bid.
Hammond Reef	19	15
Golden Star	33	31¼
Olive	75	69
Sawbill	17	10
Cariboo	105	85
Minnehaha	15	13½
Waterloo	13½	12
Cariboo Hydraulic	105	..
Fairview	4½	2¾
Old Ironsides	105	..
Knob Hill	90	..
Toronto and Western	105	..
Fontenoy	14	..
Athabasca	36	32
Dundee	18	..
Dardanelles	11½	10½
Noble Five	18	10
Payne	103	..
Rambler-Cariboo Con	59	57
Wonderful Group	4	2½
Alice A	10	8
Impress	3¼	2
Rathmullen	7½	6¼
Brandon & Golden	30	27
Morrison	10½	..
Winnipeg	30	28½
Deer Park	4	1¼
Evening Star	8½	8¼
Homestake	5	..
Iron Mask	65	60
Montreal Gold Fields	9	7
Monte Cristo	7	6
Northern Belle	1¼	1¼
Novelty	3	1¾
Okanagon	11½	9½
St. Paul	2	1
Silver Bell Con	2	1
St. Elmo	6	3
Virginia	9	5
Victory-Triumph	5¼	3
War Eagle Con	278	263
White Bear	3¾	3¼
B.C. Gold Fields	3¼	3½
Can. G.F.S.	7½	6¾
I. X. L.	22½	20½
Gold Hills	5¾	4½
Great Northern	13	10
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	38.00	34.25
Republic	110	105
Deer Trail	10¾	10¼
Bonanza	15	..
Van Anda	5¾	5
Big Three	12	9

MORNING SALES—Golden Star, 200 at 32. Iron Mask, 100 at 65. Republic, 100 at 110; 100 at 109. Montreal G. F., 500 at 7½. Rambler-Cariboo, 500 w. o., at 58; 4,500 at 57½. Deer Trail, 500 at 10; 1,500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 2,500, 500 at 10¼. Total sales, 13,000 shares.

AFTERNOON SALES—Winnipeg, 500, 500, 500, 500 at 25. Can. G. F. S., 2,000, 500, 500, 500, 500 at 7. Deer Trail, 500 at 10½; 1,500 at 10½. Monte Cristo, 500 at 6; 500, 500 at 5½. Evening Star, 500 at 8¼. Iron Mask, 200 at 65. Northern Bell, 500 at 1½. Total sales, 10,700 shares.

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Local Market.

A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT.

London, Friday, Dec. 15.

Wheat, white, per bu	66c to 67c
Wheat, red, per bu	66c to 66c
Oats, per bu	28¼c to 29½c
Peas, per bu	57c to 60c
Corn, per bu	42c to 44c
Barley, per bu	42c to 44c
Rye, per bu	50c to 56c
Beans, per bu	$1 to $1 35

Very little business was done in this market today, owing to scarcity of receipts. Quotations:

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St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, Dec. 13.—Wheat, old, per bu, 67c; wheat, new, 67c; oats, new, 28c; peas, 50c to 60c; barley, 35c to 40c; rye, 60c; corn, 45c to 50c; flaxseed, per cwt, $2 45 to $2 50; timothy seed, $1 50 to $1 75; clover seed, per bu, $6 70.

American Markets

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Early rather uncertain wheat later in the session today turned strong in sympathy with corn, and on bullish statistics, May closing ⅛c to ¼c over yesterday. Corn was strong on a good spring demand, May closed ½c higher. Oats closed ⅛c to ¼c better. Provisions were weakened by a liberal hog supply and profit taking, but closed steady, 2½c to 10c lower. Clearances were equal in wheat and flour to 386,000 bushels. Primary receipts were light, 474,400 bushels, against 1,061,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 351 cars, compared with 499 last week, and 707 a year ago. Local receipts were 102 cars, 19 of contract grade.

The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec., 65⅞c; May, 69⅝c; July, 70⅝c. Corn—Dec., 31½c; Jan., 31⅝; May, 33⅝c. Oats—Dec., 22⅝c; May, 24½c to 24¾c. Mess Pork—Jan., $10 07½; May, $10 30. Lard—Jan., $5 42½; May, $5 65. Short ribs—Jan., $5 25; May, $5 45. Cash quotations—Flour, strong. No. 3 spring wheat, 65½c to 67c; No. 2 red, 65c to 68c. No. 2 corn, 31½c; No. 2 yellow corn, 31½c to 31⅝c. No. 2 oats, 23c to 23½c; No. 3 white, 24½c to 25½c. No. 2 rye, 52c to 53c. No. 2 barley, 36c to 46c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 49; Northwest, $1 49. Prime timothy seed, $2 40 to $2 45. Mess pork, $8 75 to $10 10. Lard, $5 05 to $5 40. Short rib sides, $5 30 to $5 45. Dry salted shoulders, 5¾c to 5¾c. Short clear sides, $5 50 to $5 60. Sugar, cut loaf, $5 70; granulated, $5 18. Cloverseed, $5 to $8. Eggs, firm at 20c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 35,000 barrels; wheat, 63,000 bushels; corn, 203,000 bushels; oats, 278,000 bushels; rye, 7,000 bushels; barley, 67,000 bushels.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 21,000 barrels; wheat, 9,000 bushels; corn, 81,000 bushels; oats, 241,000 bushels; rye, 12,000 bushels; barley, 21,000 bushels.

The Oil Market.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—Oil opened at $1 66 and closed at $1 66.

OIL CITY, Dec. 14.—Credit balances, $1 66; certificates opened $1 66, closed $1 66½ bid for cash; no sales.

The Advance in Wool.

The advance in the price of wool has been very great since last April, and it will put $20,000,000 into the pockets of holders of the clip of 1890. The growers will not get much of it, for they sold nearly all very promptly, but they will be pretty sure to get full value for the next clip. The rise in territory wools has been about 50 per cent, or from 42c to 65c cents; 3/4 per cent for good staple, scoured basis, and from 40 to 58 cents for ordinary, or 36 per cent. Ohio X and XX fleece has advanced from 25 to 34 cents, or 36 per cent. Ohio medium has advanced from 28 to 34 cents, or 21 per cent; Kentucky wools from 21½ to 25½ cents. The latter and Ohio medium were relatively high before, being worsted wools, and therefore the rise has been less. The wools west of the Missouri were most depressed, and under the demand for wools of the Merino type, have advanced most, and as they constitute the greater part of the national product, the average increase must be very near 40 per cent.

The Dairy Makets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 16c to 25c; dairies, 16c to 22c. Cheese firm at 11¾c to 12½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Butter steadier; western creamery, 23c to 27c; do factory, 15½c to 20c; June creamery, 22c to 27½c; imitation do, 17c to 22c; state dairy, 18c to 25c; do creamery, 23c to 27c. Cheese steady; fall made fancy, small, 12¾c to 13c; do large, 12½c to 12¾c; late made, small, 12c to 12¼c; do large, 11¾c.

Hide, Skin and Tallow.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Hides—There are very few coming forward; the demand is keen for all offering, and the market is firm. Local dealers quote for green 9½c for cows and 10c for steers. Cured are quoted at 10½c for cows and 11c for steers.

Sheepskins—The demand is active, the offerings small and the market is firmer, at 90c to $1, according to quality.

Calfskins are nominally unchanged, at 10c for No. 1, and 9c for No. 2.

Tallow is quiet. Local dealers are offering 5c and asking 5½c.

Live Stock Markets.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Receipts at the east end abattoir were 500 head of cattle, 50 calves, 190 sheep and 100 lambs. The attendance of buyers was large and prices were well maintaintained. Cattle—Choice sold at 4¼c to 4½c per lb; good, 3½c to 4c; lower grades, 2c to 3c. Calves were sold at 3c to 6c. Sheep brought from 2½c to 3c; lambs were sold at 3½c to 4½c. Hogs brought from 4¼c to 4½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Cattle—Choice to fancy Christmas steers, $7 to $8 25; good to choice, $4 50 to $6 90; poor to medium, $4 25 to $5; mixed stockers, $3 to $3 75; feeders, $4 25 to $4 70; good to choice cows, $3 65 to $4 50; canners, $2 to $3; bulls, $2 50 to $4 10; calves, $4 to $7 75; fed Texas beeves, $4 25 to $5 25; grass Texas steers, $3 25 to $4. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $3 85 to $4 10; good to choice heavy, $3 95 to $4 10; rough heavy, $3 80 to $3 90; light, $3 90 to $4 07½; bulk of sales, $3 97½ to $4 05. Sheep and lambs—Native wethers, $3 90 to $4 95; lambs, $4 to $5 75; western wethers, $4 to $4 60; western lambs, $5 to $5 50. Receipts—Cattle, 12,000; hogs, 32,000; sheep, 24,000. Fancy Christmas steers again reached $8 25 today. They were Aberdeen Angus bred; average 1,830 pounds, and choice.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Beeves—Receipts, 9; no trade of importance; feeling steady. Cables unchanged. Exports none; none tomorrow. Calves—Receipts, 231; trade quiet; choice veals firm; others steady; $5 calves unsold; veals, $4 50 to $7 75; choice, $8 37½; little calves, $4. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 4,000; 16 cars on sale; sheep dull; choice lambs firm; others slow; 5½ cars on sale; sheep, $3 to $4 50; choice wethers, $4 80; lambs, $4 50 to $5 50; one car extra, $5 80; Canada lambs, $5 37½ to $5 50. Hogs—Receipts, 2,787; one deck on sale; market steady at $4 30 to $4 40; coarse heavy, $4 25; state pigs, $4 40 to $4 60.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Cattle—There were no fresh offerings and with good inquiry and cooler weather the feeling was a little stronger. Calves were in fair supply, generally dull and lower; choice to extra were quotable at $7 50 to $7 75; good to choice, $7 to $7 50. Sheep and lambs—The offerings were about 25 loads, including 13½ loads of Canada lambs; the market presented no new features of importance, the basis on choice lambs being $5 40; choice to extra lambs were quotable at $5 25 to $5 40; good to choice, $5 to $5 25; common to fair, $4 25 to $5; sheep, choice to extra, $4 25 to $4 40; good to choice, $4 to $4 25; common to fair, $2 50 to $2 75; Canada lambs sold at $5 40; there was a fair clearance; closed steady. Hogs—The market opened fairly active, with 28 loads on sale; heavy were quotable at $4 20 to $4 25; mixed, $4 15 to $4 20; Yorkers, $4 10 to $4 15; pigs, $4 15; roughs, $3 05 to $3 85; stags, $3 20 to $3 40; towards the close the market eased up and the basis was 2½c to 5c lower on the close.

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NEW WAR DEVELOPMENT

Kruger, the President of the South African Republic, Has Bright's Disease.

Cape Town, Dec. 11.—Grave alarm is felt in Johannesburg, according to a reliable report, owing to the fact that President Kruger has Bright's disease. This may add a new phase to the situation, as the death of Kruger would remove the principal obstacle to the English in the Transvaal. It is not generally known there that there is a cure for Bright's disease, as Dodd's Kidney Pills have not yet been introduced into the Transvaal.

If the report is correct, President Kruger's fate is certain, as, with the exception of Dodd's Kidney Pills, there is no known cure for Bright's disease. Few people would like to see the old man die at this juncture, notwithstanding his faults, but unless he can procure Dodd's Kidney Pills his death seems inevitable.

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Recent reports of barbaric acts on the part of Aguinaldo's followers since they have been broken up into small bands has led the United States war department to direct American commanders to take drastic measures to stop such practices.

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The schooner supposed to have been wrecked off Colchester on Tuesday was brought into port at Amherstburg yesterday afternoon. All hands safe on board, but all upper works gone. The schooner was the Manitou, bound up with coal.

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MEDICAL MEN AT DINNER

Pleasant Annual Event of Western Medical College.

One of the Most Successful Affairs in the History of the Institution.

Many Distinguished Guests and Brilliant Postprandial Speakers Grace the Occasion—Patriotic References to the War.

The faculty and students of the Western Medical College held their annual banquet at the Tecumseh House last evening. The attendance was large, the menu inviting, and the speeches brilliant. Considered both as a social and an intellectual affair, the banquet was well in keeping with the character of the past annual feasts of the medicos. The gathering, which numbered about 150 leading citizens, were well represented, and among the distinguished guests was Hon. Dr. Johnson, who, as he spoke of personal experiences among the Boers, was listened to with the deepest interest.

Mr. Sanford H. McEvoy was chairman, and handled the toast list in a happy manner. Vice-President Turner was assistant toastmaster. On the chairman's right sat Sir John Carling, and Hon. Dr. Johnson, and on his left Col. H. S. Culver, United States consul and Dr. W. H. Moorhouse. Other guests were: Rev. W. J. Clark, Rev. J. V. Smith, D.D., H. Meek, M.D., J. M. McEvoy, Hume B. Cronyn, Jas. H. Bowman, Rev. J. B. Saunders, W.F. Roome, Rev. J. T. Aylward, Rev. Provost Watkins, Rev. Prof. Burgess, A. J. Turner, F. B. Meek, E. Seaborne, M.D., F. J. McRae, P. H. Tom, Fred Fisher, Wm. Wright, J. H. Downing, Frank Bryant, G. B. Kennedy, Jas. D. Tytler, C. F. Neu, C. C. Ross, W. S. Westland, U. T. Kemble, V. F. Field, Jas. W. Craig, Dr. Jas. W. Tupper, Prof. N. C. James, E. Manigault, A. S. Thompson (Strathroy), D. J. Cowan, C. A. Cline, John Stevely, J. D. Balfour, M.D., superintendent Victoria Hospital, G. L. Clarke, P. J. Fleming, J. J. Mason, Geo. McNeill, F. G. Morrow, W. H. Clark, W. J. Weekes, T. B. Howard, J. C. Little, J. W. Atkinson, J. W. Sinclair (Trinity, Toronto), J. T. Adams, E. C. Barnes, Chas. J. Martindale (Toronto), N. T. Johnston, Hugh McGougan, C. B. Cowan, F. H. Screaton, Claude Brown, F. A. McCormick, F. Beemer, W. M. English, Harold L. Hunt, J. W. Luce Fisher, S. J. Radcliffe, D. H. Arnott, C. B. Edwards, C. H. Ziegler, Geo. G. Elliott, A. J. Grant, Surgeon-Major H. Stevenson, C. H. Reason, Geo. McGuffin, E. R. Dennis, E. L. Williams, M. J. McGrady, J. Walker, M.D. (Glencoe), J. B. Campbell, M.D., U. B. Alexander, M.D., J. I. Ferguson, C. C. Elliott, A. V. Becher, Septimus Thompson, F. Cannom, F. Campbell, J. W. Gustin, C. A. Fisher, W. F. Babb, J. R. Armstrong, G. E. Chapman, H. G. McLay, P. H. Pavey, Cecil Learn, C. O. E. Smith, Frank Abbott, John G. Hunt, Widmer Bland, Wm. B. Hunt, Will R. Olmstead, Fred J. Lind, Jas. A. McEwen, M.D., W. S. Macdonald, M.D., D. J. MacSween, John MacPherson, Geo. Olmstead, H. A. Kingsmill, M.D., Mungo F. Nelles, M.D., B. F. Butler, M.D., J. M. Piper, M.D., Hadley Williams, F.R.C.S., J. Williams, M.D. (Ingersoll), E. N. Hunt, and others.

Chairman McEvoy's address of welcome was bright and hearty. They were honored by the presence of a distinguished company, he said. They had with them the spiritual healer without his sermon, the physical healer without his drugs, and the political healer without his boodle. (Laughter.) He eulogized the faculty and assured them of the sympathy and love of the students.

"The Queen" was duly honored.

The toast to "Our Dominion and Province" was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Sir John Carling responded with a stirring speech. He predicted that before long the gallant soldiers of Great Britain and Canada would establish in South Africa, freedom, justice and civilization.

Dr. McKay, of Ingersoll, replied to the same toast, and appealed to the patriotism of those assembled. Canada was not simply a country of 6,000,000 people, but a part and parcel of the greatest empire the world ever saw. The sending of a contingent to South Africa had done much for the consolidation of the empire. Referring to Canada's advantages the speaker said her allenists were the equal of those in any country, but there was room for improvement in equipment in some of the public institutions. For instance, the London Asylum for Insane lacked an infirmary. Those from whom the state took their freedom should be well cared for.

Col. Culver, United States consul, made an eloquent and thoughtful reply to the toast to "The United States." He urged the students to make the visions of youth a reality, by laying the foundations of life deep and solid. The cordial relations between the United States and Canada gave him great pleasure. The possibility of trouble between the two countries had been referred to. It was useless to think of such a thing. The interests of both were dovetailed together too well. Embroilment would mean the retarding of civilization. Under President McKinley the United States was enjoying a greater degree of prosperity than ever before. Of the dual spectacle in the Philippines and South Africa, Col. Culver said that when the smoke of battle passed away it would be found that it had been an advantage to the whole human race, and that the sacrifice was not too great. The people of both countries would then know what it was to live under a just and liberal and safe government.

Dr. Moorhouse, when called upon to respond for the faculty, was given an ovation. His address was full of kindly and timely advice for the students. He also dealt with the advantages and the great importance of the Western University to the city. It tended to elevate the standard of education in London, to induce outsiders to take up their residence here, and enabled many to get university training who would not otherwise be able to. The graduates now number nearly 200. It was time to establish an alumni association. Of the influence of a medical school, the dean said that perforce it must raise the standard of medicine in the community.

Dr. Meek's name was also coupled with the toast. He said the medical department of the Western University now received equal recognition in England with the oldest universities in the Dominion. The doctor dealt with the growth and prospects of the university, and said no college in this or any other land could boast of graduates more loyal to their alma mater.

"The Learned Professions" elicited replies from Rev. W. J. Clark and Rev. Dr. Johnston and Major Hume B. Cronyn. Rev. Mr. Clark was sure that whatever land they practiced in Canadians would not take second place. Men of the north were always at the front. There was one bit of advice of the utmost importance to medical students—they should look wise. This might heal some patients when drugs would fail. He exhorted the students to treat the great mystery of life reverently.

Major Cronyn represented the legal fraternity and by way of a retort told of having heard it said at the recent assizes, that it seemed medical testimony could be obtained for either side by paying for it. (Laughter.) The major told a number of capital stories.

Hon. Dr. Johnson, of Jamaica, was greatly pleased with the very deep interest and close affection displayed in Canada for the Mother Country. There was only one country greater than their Canada. That was Jamaica. (Laughter.) And it was not true that Jamaica had consented to annex Canada. The eloquent doctor struck a particularly interesting theme when he said that he had camped and trekked with the Boer, and that he had found him ignorant, superstitious, fearless, and dirty. The war in South Africa was a war for liberty, fraternity and humanity, he said. The doctor has a brother fighting with the British at Ladysmith. Speaking of quacks, Dr. Johnson said something could be learned from the South African bushmen. Once, when traveling near Mafeking, he was called to attend a Boer woman, and he thought there was no conceivable hope for the woman's recovery. He told the Boer that his vrouw would die, and the Boer bellowed like a bull. A little Bushman came along, and offered to treat the sick woman. "Gentlemen, you will sympathize with me," said the doctor, with a smile, "when I tell you that woman recovered speedily on the Bushman's herbs and incantations." (Applause.)

The other toasts were responded to as follows: "The Ontario Medical Council," Dr. Roome; "Western University and Sister Institutions," Provost Watkins, Professor Burgess, T. B. Howard (Huron), J. M. Sinclair (Trinity), Mr. Martindale (Toronto).

The speeches were interspersed with instrumental and vocal solos by Dr. Zeigler, Mr. Fisher, A. Becher, J. T. Adams and N. B. Alexander. Messrs. W. H. Hewlett and Norman T. Johnston (the popular secretary of the association) were the accompanists.

P. E. I. BYE-ELECTIONS.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 15.—At the bye-elections in Belfast and Murray Mr. Herbert Prowse, Conservative, defeated Mr. McKinnon, Liberal, by a majority of 17 in the former district, and in the latter Mr. McLean, Conservative, defeated Mr. Irving, Liberal, by 58 votes. The strength of the parties in the legislature now stands: Liberals, 15; Conservatives, 14, not including the seat held by Hon. F. Peters, Liberal, now in British Columbia. Both seats were formery held by Liberals.

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Bronze Ornaments—Imitation of genuine Vienna Bronze, in quaint designs. We're having a grand run on these lines, and in some styles quantities are limited. The Band Series at 5c each is a taker. The Inkstand at 25c a wonder; also the Match Holder at 25c and the Walking Pussy at 10c. They are all sellers.

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Gents' Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, at 25c; worth 40c. At 50c, worth 75c.

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 500 dozen, at 12½c; worth 20c and 25c; and 50 dozen Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs at 5c; worth 10c.

Fine Hemstitched, at 5c, 8c, 10c and 15c. See these; they're not ordinary.

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killed in action. No such inquiry has been made by his excellency, or by his order, and his excellency wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his sincere regret that groundless rumors, which must cause most painful and unnecessary anxiety to the relatives of those referred to, should have been so thoughtlessly made public.

"I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, Harry Graham, captain and A. D. C., acting governor-general's secretary."

The department of militia had no information yesterday as to tre relief of Ladysmith.

BUGLE NOTES.

Charles Macrum, late United States consul at Pretoria, will leave for New York Saturday, Dec. 16. Mr. W. Stanley Hollis, the United States consul at Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, will assume the duties of Mr. Macrum's office until the arrival of the latter's successor.

VERY SEVERE ENGAGEMENT

Now In Progress on the Modder River.

London, Dec. 15.—A telegraph operator at Modder River writes:

"Gun and Maxim firing has been proceeding since 5:30 this morning.

"At 10 cannonading was proceeding, and at 2 the fighting was reported to be very severe. The Boer forces along the river bank was being heavily attacked, and is receiving assistance from the other Boer forces."

A special dispatch from the Modder River says the firing reported by a telegraph operator was a resumption of the fighting between Gen. Methuen's forces and those of the Boers.

SENSATIONAL RUMORS REPEATED.

There was a renewal this morning on the Stock Exchange of persistent rumors of the relief of Ladysmith, but the war office and all other officials utterly discredit the report, which is generally believed to have been started with the

OBJECT OF UNLOADING KAFFIRS

Although the quotations were lower at the opening, consequent upon lack of confirmation of yesterday's reports, the reiteration of the statement that several firms had received private confirmation of the reported relief of Ladysmith led to a rapid improvement in Rand mines, which opened at 36⅞, and jumped to 38. Gold Fields rose from 6 15-16 to 7 5-16, and Chartereds from 3 7-16 to 3⅝. There were slight relapses later.

Babies Tortured

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A LOCK OF GEORGE'S HAIR.

New York, Dec. 15.—John Austin Stevens, of Newport, who is at present in the city, is showing to friends a medal he wears on a ribbon around his neck and which contains a lock of hair which he says was clipped from the head of Washington just 100 years ago. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Stevens was one of the pallbearers at the funeral.

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The United States Senate has confirmed the following consular nominations: Adelbert S. Hay, of New Hampshire, at Pretoria; H. W. Brush, of New York, at Niagara Falls, Ont., and H. C. Morris, of Michigan, at Windsor, Ont.

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