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THE MARKET WEAKER AT HOME WHILE NEW YORK IS STRONGER.

Grain and Produce Continue Quiet—Canadian Pacific Still Advances—American Securities Firmer in London—Cox & Co's. New York Despatch—Business Assignments—Oil Reported Stronger.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 14.

To-day stocks were somewhat weaker and the market dead at home, while both New York and London were stronger with an upward tendency. The grain and produce show no change, but remain quiet and steady.

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Toronto.

The local market this morning was very dull, the transactions being limited to fifteen shares. Bank stocks showed a slight decline in bids. Toronto and Montreal each dropped a point in bids at 184 and 205½ respectively. Ontario declined 2 points at 103 bid and Merchants' steady at 120. Commerce weaker at 108½ bid. Federal dropped a point to 82 bid with other bank shares unchanged. British America Assurance advanced 1 point to 88 bid. Northwest Land 47½ bid. Canada Permanent Loan wanted at 205, and Building and Loan at 103. Peoples' offered at 114, and Manitoba Loan 90 bid, without sellers. Ontario Loan 120 bid, and other stocks unchanged.

In the afternoon the market showed a little activity. Ontario sold at 109½ and Commerce weak with sales at 108¾ and 108¼. Imperial sold steady at 128 and Federal firm at 83. British America stronger, with sales at 87½ and 88. British Canadian sold firm at 100, with others unchanged.

The transactions to-day were: Morning—British Canadian, 15 at 100. Afternoon—Ontario, 15 at 109½; Commerce, 20 at 108¾, 20 at 108¼; Imperial, 5 at 128; Federal, 10 at 83; British America, 20 at 87½ rep., 20 at 88, 25, 35 at 87½; British Canadian, 20 at 100.

Following are the closing prices on the local stock board to-day:

STOCKS.	12 M. Askd.	12 M. Bid.	4 P.M. Askd.	4 P.M. Bid.
Montreal	206¾	205½	206¼	205½
Ontario	112	108	110¼	109½
Toronto	189	184	187	184
Merchants'	121¾	120	121	119
Commerce	110	108¾	108¾	108
Imperial	...	128	...	128
Federal	83½	82	83½	82¼
Dominion	208	206¾	208	206½
Standard	121	120	121	120
Hamilton	...	135	...	135
Miscellaneous.				
B. America	91	88	88	87½
West. Assurance	130	127	130	127
Consumers' Gas	178	174	178	174
Dominion Telegraph	...	79	...	79
Montreal Telegraph Co.	...	...	...	...
Northwest Land Co.	50	47½	50	46½
Loan Companies.				
Canada Permanent	206¾	205		
Union	185	183½		
Canada Landed Credit	133			
B. & Loan Association	104½	103		
Imperial S. & Invest.	115			
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	146	143		
People's Loan	...	114		
Manitoba Loan	...	90		
Huron & Erie	...	...		
Ontario Loan & Deb.	124	120		
British Can. L. & Invest.	100	...	100	...

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

The New York stock market opened from ⅛ to 1¼ higher, the latter being Canadian Pacific. The exceptions were Erie preferred and Manitoba, which opened ⅛ and ⅜ lower respectively. The first and only sale of Michigan Central was late in the day at 87, being 2 points higher than the close of yesterday. The market retained its strength almost throughout the day, closing at nearly the top prices, showing an advance over yesterday of ⅛ to 2⅛, the former being Ontario and Western and the latter Canadian Pacific and Manhattan Elevated.

Cox & Co. received the following despatch over their private wires from New York today:

The feeling at close of business yesterday was somewhat more confident, and at uptown hotels last night quite a number of traders were found who were positively bullish. The news from the commissioner's office regarding trunk line affairs was well considered, and some of the best informed arbitrage houses said that the effect upon the London markets ought to be good, particularly as it was beyond reasonable question, that there would be no further cutting of rates, more especially as the winter season was about setting in, navigation being closed would place the railroads in a more enviable position. The Mills building inside brokers, who sold D. L. from 132 down, have been quietly picking up the stock since Monday, and with their change of orders have become correspondingly bullish. The professional traders, however, do not want to buy anything. They say that rallies or no rallies there is too much long stock pressing, and until such time as the alleged bulls shall do more than talk the market up, stocks must continue to sag.

The following table shows the quotations of the stocks on the New York Exchange to-day:

—	Opg	Clo.	—	Opg.	Clo.
Can. Pac.	61¼	61⅝	St. Paul & M.	106¼	107⅜
N.Y.C.	107⅞	108¼	Mis. Pac.	88⅜	88
Can. South	55	55⅜	N.Y. & N.E.	36⅛	36⅝
Lackawanna	126⅜	126¾	North. Pac.	.....	.....
Erie	28	28½	" " pfd.	44½	45⅛
" pfd.	64⅜	64½	Omaha	87	37⅛
Ill. Cent.	116¼	116½	Ore. R. & N.	.....	.....
N. J. Cent	74¼	74¾	Ore. & Trans	19⅜	19¼
Kan & Tex.	17½	17⅜	Pac. Mail	34⅛	35
Louis & Nash.	61	61⅝	Chic. & St. P	73¾	74¼
Lake Shore	93⅞	94¾	Union Pac.	55¼	56¼
Mich. Cent	87	87	W. U. Tel.	76½	77¼

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Canada Northwest Land was quoted in London to-day at 2¼ and Hudson Bay Company at 22½.

Canadian Pacific sold to-day at 63½ in London, 62⅝ in New York and 62 in Montreal.

Oil City reports oil stronger to-day at the following quotations: Opening 77, closing 77⅜, highest 77⅞, lowest 76⅝.

London financial quotations to-day were: Morning—Consols 101 7-16 for money, 101 11-16 for account; U. S. 4's 129½; U. S. 4½'s 110½; Erie coup. 28¾; Erie 2nd 98⅞; C. P. R. 63¼; N. Y. C. 111½; Ill. Cent. 119½. Afternoon—C. P. R. 63½; Erie coup. 29⅜; Erie 2d 100¼; Ill. Cent. 119⅞; N. Y. C. 111⅞.

The business assignments reported to-day are: P. W. Murray, general store, Bennington; Thomas Bingham, dry goods, Bowmanville; W. H. Rogers, general store, Drayton; George Hemp, grocer, Exeter; Mrs. S. J. Melville, furs, Lindsay; F. J. O'Hara, grocer, London; Edwin Brown, bricks, Milton; Delaney & Schafer, general store, McGregor; A. Beebe, general store, Oakland; Joel Stanffer, saw mill, Oil Springs; Miller & Maynard, general store, Orillia; W. G. Brunning, hotel, Prescott; J. B. Clemo, stoves and tins, Stratford; A. G. Selwood, general store, Henfryn, offers 40 cents on the dollar.

Foreign exchange is quoted by Gzowski & Buchan to-day as follows:

IN NEW YORK.	Posted.	Actual.
Sixty days' sterling	$4.81½	$4.81¼ to
Sterling demand	$4.85½	$4.84¾ to

TORONTO.	Between Banks. Bid.	Between Banks. Asked.	Counter.
New York Funds	1-16 dis	par	¼ to ¼
Sixty days' sterling	8¼	8⅜	8⅝ to 8¾
Demand do.	9	9⅛	9½ to 9⅝
Cables do.			to

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Grain and Produce.

There is no material change in the markets, which are quiet and steady.

On call at the Board of Trade to-day: No. 2 fall wheat offered at 85c with 84c bid. One car of mixed wheat offered at 83c on track, without buyers.

The car lots received at Chicago to-day were: Winter wheat 5, spring wheat 69, corn 180, and oats 65.

The report of receipts of hogs from the Chicago Stock Yards to-day is: Estimated receipts, 24,000; official yesterday, 21,181; shipments, 5526; left over, about 11,000. Cattle—Receipts 12,000. Market quiet.

LOCAL STREET MARKET.

The local market continues quiet and prices unchanged. Wheat unchanged at 82c to 85c for fall, 80c to 82c for spring, and 75c for goose. Barley quiet, with sales at 65c to 76c. Oats steady, 200 bushels selling at 38c to 39c. Peas are quoted at 65c. Hay in limited supply and prices steady at $9 to $12 for clover, and $12 to $15.50 for timothy. Straw quiet and prices steady, with a sale at $13.50. Dressed hogs quoted at $6.50. Beef $3 to $5 for forequarters, and $5 to $7 for hindquarters. Mutton $6 to $6.50; lamb at $6.50 to $7.50; veal $6.50 to $8.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The retail market to-day showed no change, but remains dull, with prices firm. Beef, 12c to 14c; sirloin steak at 13c to 14c; round steak 10c to 11c. Mutton, legs and chops, 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 8c to 10c. Lamb 7c to 9c for front, and 11c to 12c for hindquarters. Veal, best joints 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 6c to 8c. Pork, chops and roasts 10c. Venison, carcase $4 to $5; haunches $8 to $10. Butter, lb. rolls 22c to 25, large rolls 20c to 23; inferior 16c to 18c. Lard, tubs 9c to 10c. Cheese 14c to 16. Bacon 10c to 12c. Eggs 20c to 22c. Turkeys 5½c to 7c per lb. Chickens, per pair 20c to 25c. Geese 40c to 60c; box lots 5c to 6c per lb. Ducks 35c to 60c. Partridges 55c to 60c. Potatoes, per bag 90c to $1. Apples, per barrel $2 to $2.25. Beets, per bush. 60c to 75c. Onions, bushel $1.50 to $1.80. Celery 60c to 90c a doz. Turnips, bag 40c to 50c. Carrots, bag 50c to 60c.

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THE CHICAGO MARKET.

The market opened a shade lower to-day on wheat, corn and oats, unchanged on pork and ribs, while lard was 2½c higher. After a slight decline in wheat, corn and oats the market rallied, wheat closing ⅛c lower, corn ⅛c higher and oats ⅜c higher than last night. Pork had a drop of 25c during the day to $15, but recovered and closed same as last night, $15.25. Lard dropped 10c and closed same as last night. Short ribs dropped 7½c but recovered most of it, closing 1½c lower, all for the May option.

THE CHICAGO MARKET.

The following table shows the fluctuations of the Chicago market to-day:

		Opened.	Closed.	Highest.	Lowest.
Wheat	Dec.	$ 75	$ 75⅝	$ 75¾	$ 74¾
"	Jan.	75⅞	76	76¼	75¼
"	Feb.	76⅛	76⅝	76⅞	75¾
"	March	77⅛	77⅞	77½	76⅞
"	May	82⅞	83	83¼	82⅜
Corn	Dec.	47½	47¾	47⅞	47⅜
"	Jan.	47⅞	48⅛	48⅛	47⅞
"	Feb.	48½	48½	48½	47½
"	March	......	......	......	......
"	May	53⅛	53¼	53⅛	52⅛
Oats	Dec.	30⅛	30⅛	......	......
"	Jan.	29⅝	29⅞	......	......
"	Feb.	......	......	......	......
"	March	......	......	......	......
"	May	32⅞	33⅜	33⅜	35⅞
Pork	Dec.	......	......	......	......
"	Jan.	14.60	14.70	14.70	14.45
"	Feb.	14.55	14.85	14.85	14.85
"	March	......	......	......	......
"	May	15.25	15.25	15.25	15.00
Lard	Dec.	7.42½	7.45	7.45	7.42½
"	Jan.	7.47½	7.50	7.50	7.40
"	Feb.	7.57½	7.60	7.60	7.50
"	March	7.62½	7.70	7.70	7.62½
"	May	7.87½	7.87½	7.87½	7.77½
Short ribs	Dec.	......	......	......	......
"	Jan.	7.52½	7.50	7.52½	7.40
"	Feb.	7.65	7.60	7.65	7.50
"	March	7.72½	7.72½	7.75	7.62½
"	May	7.95	7.92½	7.95	7.87½

LATER—The leading futures closed: Wheat—Jan. 76c, Feb. 76⅝c, May 83c. Corn—Dec. 47⅝c, Jan. 48⅛c, May 5 ⅜c. Oats—May 32⅞c. Pork—Jan. $14.70, Feb. $14.85, May $15.25. Lard—Jan. $7.50, Feb. $7.60, May $7.85. Short ribs—Jan. $7.50, Feb. $7.60, May $7.92½. Cash quotations were: No. 2 spring wheat 75⅝c to 75⅞c, No. 2 red 77c, No. 2 corn 47⅞c, No. 2 oats 30c to 30⅛c. Pork $14.25 to $14.50, lard $7.37½ to $7.40, short ribs sides $7.45 to $7.50, dry salted shoulders $5.80 to $5.90, short clear sides $7.80 to $7.90. Receipts—Flour 43,000 bbls, wheat 55,000 bush, corn 269,000 bush, oats 97,000 bush, rye 5000 bush, barley 74,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 41,000 bbls, wheat 18,000 bush, corn 75,000 bush, oats 98,000 bush., rye 2000 bush, barley 62,000 bush.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Cotton firm; uplands 10 9-16c, Gulf 10 11-16 Flour—Receipts 36,329 pkgs, dull; sales 15,000 bbls. Wheat—Receipts 43,450 bush, exports 8644 bush, sales 4,600,000 bush futures, 136,000 bush spot; options advanced ⅛c to ⅛c, closed steady, cash shade lower. No. 1 red 93c. No. 1 white 92c, No. 2 red Dec 87⅞c to 88⅛c, Jan. 88⅜c to 89⅛c, Feb. 89⅜c to 90⅛c, May 92 9-16c to 93⅛c. Barley firm, ungraded Canada 95c, Malt steady, four rowed state 98c to $1, Canada $1.15 to $1.20. Corn—Receipts 23,808 bush, exports 6113 bush, sales 1,912,000 bush futures, 46,000 bush spot, opened ⅛c to ⅛c lower, later reacted ⅛c to ⅛c, closing firm; No. 2 Dec. 60⅜c, Jan. 60⅝c to 61⅛c, Feb. 61⅛c to 61⅜c, May 61⅜c to 62c. Oats—Receipts 49,200 bush, sales 290,000 bush futures, 136,000 bush spot, ⅛c to 1c lower and heavy, closing firm, No. 2 Dec. 37c to 37⅛c, Jan. 37⅛c to 37⅛c. May 39c to 39⅛c, No. 2 37c to 37⅛c, mixed western 36c to 38c, white do. 39c to 43c. Coffee fair, Rio firm, 18⅛c. Sugar quiet and steady, standard "A" 6⅛c to 6 69-100c, cut loaf and crushed 7⅛c, powdered 7⅛c to 7⅛c, granulated 6⅛c.

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Beerbohm reports to-day: Floating cargoes—Wheat slow, corn rather easier. Cargoes on passage—Wheat slow, probably cheaper; corn very inactive and cheaper.

Mark Lane—Wheat and corn weaker, flour quiet. Good cargoes LaPlata corn off coast 23s 3d, was 23s 6d; October shipments 22s 9d, was 23s 3d.

Paris wheat and flour quiet.

Liverpool wheat and corn easier; No. 1 Cal. 6s 9d, No. 2 6s 6½d, both unchanged. American red winter 6s 8d, white Michigan 6s 9d; both ½d cheaper; spring 6s 8½d, 1d cheaper; flour 25s, corn 5s, peas 5s 7d, all three unchanged. On passage to the United Kingdom wheat, 1,561,000 qrs.; corn 452,000, do continent wheat, 204,000 qrs.; corn, 7000.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool reports to-day: Wheat dull, demand poor, holders offer freely; corn dull, demand poor. Prices: Spring wheat 6s 7d to 6s 9d, red winter 6s 7d to 6s 9d, No. 1 Cal. 6s 9d to 6s 10d. Corn 5s. Peas 5s 7d. Pork 66s 3d. Lard 33s 9d. Bacon 38s 6d. Cheese 59s.

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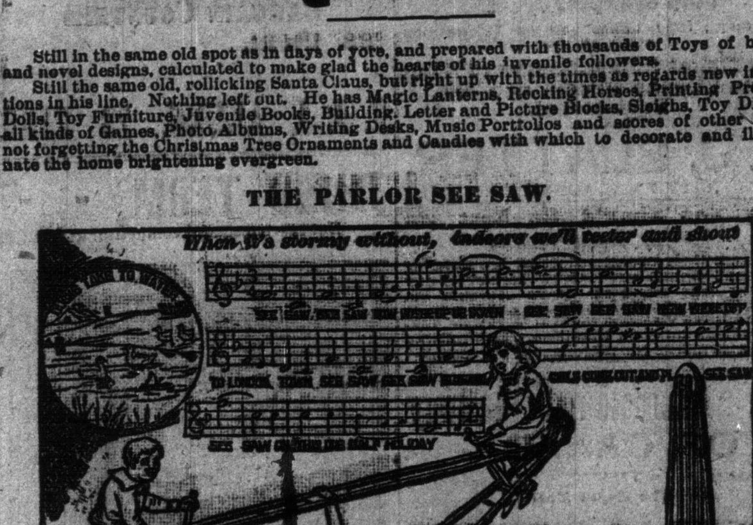

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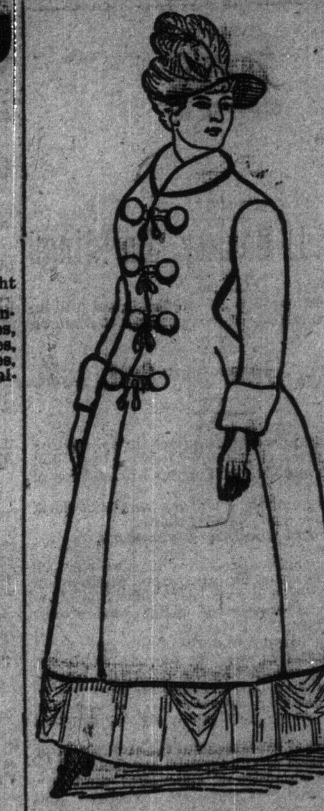

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