LITTLE GIRL SOUGHT HELP; BUT DIDN'T NEED TO DO SO

Grace Jefferson's Case Rather Puzzling to Children's Aid and Police.

Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, and several city detectives are very much puzzled just now over the case of little Grace Jefferson, of 312 Dundas street.

A few days ago the child wrote a letter to the papers asking assistance. Her father had deserted her, she said, and she was cold and hungry. And she piteously asked papa to come home. This was all right as far as it went. But the police have since learned that the same letter have been appearing in the papers of Detroit, Hamilton, Toronto and other cities.

Investigation also showed that the child was not in indigent circumstances. The family lives in a flat upstairs at the above address. The mother is a deaf mute, as is also the father. The latter is a peddler, and is now in Lindsay, Ont. He writes regularly every week, as the letter carrier on the beat can testify, and is also said to make regular remittances. The family has lived in its present quarters for seventeen months, and the landlord has never known them to be cold or hungry.

Today the police received a letter from the Detroit News to the effect that little Grace Jefferson is advertising for assistance in the papers there, and the paper wants to know if she is a fake. Thus the matter stands.

Inspector Sanders, with an Advertiser reporter, today called at the home of the Jeffersons, and the little girl was closely questioned by the inspector. She is a bright, plump, well-cared for child of 9 years, with brown hair and brown eyes. In fact, she is a pretty child. Her replies were very evasive, however, and she did not have much respect for the truth. Time and again she contradicted herself, and when Mr. Sanders concluded, he was of the opinion that the little girl was prompted to write the letters by some person who desired to make money easily. She maintained, however, that the letters were written by herself and a couple of chums in Colborne street school. The chums, little girls of 10 or 11, had told her to write, she said. She denied that her parents knew what she was doing. She also told a story of only having fish for dinner last Christmas, but afterwards admited having duck. Half a duck was given the family, she declared.

She denied having written to the outside papers and she said she had given another girl a uarter to help pay for the article in the London paper. In London the story appeared as a news item, but in Detroit it was published as a paid advertisement.

The authorities do not as yet know what to do with the case. Every day the postmen bring bundles of letters to the little girl from charitably disposed persons, the letters coming from all over Canada and the United States.

It may be that the child worked the scheme on her own hook, but the authorities believe some person older than herself will yet be implicated in the letter writing. In the meanwhile the police are working on the case.

WORKED FOR OTHER COMPANIES WAS PAID BY YORK LOAN

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"Oh, yes; I got my salary and expenses from the York Loan, just the same as I always had done."

All for Toronto Life.

"What was your position with the York Loan?"

"I was an inspector."

"How many inspectors were there?"

"Seven, I think, 5 men and 2 women. I believe this number has been increased recently to upwards of 20."

"And were they all writing business for the Tornto Life, like you were?"

"Yes, I believe they were. I recall one occasion when four of us went down to Montreal together to cover that territory for the Toronto Life. We spent about 10 days there, and took in a tremendous amount of business. For myself, I wrote $20,000, and one of the others wrote about $30,000."

"Expenses all borne by the York Loan?"

"Oh, yes."

"Did you receive anything from the Toronto Life for your work?"

"Yes. Some commissions. No salary."

"What was your method in soliciting business for the Toronto Life? Did you confine your attention to York Loan members?"

"Yes, that was the way. We would go to a shareholder who had been paying into the York Loan for, say, three years, and offer to accept his payments at par as premiums on a life insurance policy. Anyone who had paid over a year and a half we would allow interest to. If he took a small insurance policy, his payments would sometimes pay the premiums for three or four years."

"What sized policies did you write?"

"The smallest was $250. Anything from that up."

"Did you write any outside insurance at all, that is, anything outside shareholders in the York Loan?"

"Sometimes we would run across some outside business, but we did not go after it specially. The other business was far easier to handle."

Had an Honor Roll.

"Were all the canvassers and collectors, as well as the inspectors, writing business for the Toronto Life?"

"I believe they were. We had an honor roll out in the office made up every week. Every agent who wrote $1,000 of insurance for the Toronto Life was credited with $10 in the honor roll, while to sell a share in the York Loan only brought credit for 25 cents."

"This honor roll was for employes of the York Loan?"

"Yes; next to the inspectors came the superintendents, numbering from 100 to 150, their jurisdiction extending from coast to coast. The superintendents were expected to write a good deal of life insurance, and after them came the collectors, of whom there were at least 500. There were about 100 in Toronto, 40 in Montreal, 40 in Ottawa, and so on. None of these collectors received less than $5 a week on an average, if their collections were small. They received a bonus if they got a certain amount of new business."

Booming a Magazine.

"Did you ever do any work for the National Monthly Magazine?"

"Every inspector was expected to bring in his share of magazine subscriptions. It was intimated at an inspectors' meeting that we would not get our commissions unless we brought ten magazine subscriptions as well."

"Did all the agents of the York Loan go after magazine subscriptions?"

"Oh, certainly. That was the way the magazine was sold. Canvassers of the York Loan by the score were sent out selling magazines, and you can readily see that they could sell an awful lot of them. The collectors who had small collections would not get their bonus of $4 a week unless they got at least two magazine subscriptions."

"They drew their salaries and expenses from the York Loan?"

"Yes."

"And the receipts went to the magazine company?"

"I believe so."

"Did you ever sell pianos for the Liszt Piano Company?"

"Yes, I sold one, and I understand they were all sold on the same system as the magizine and the life insurance."

How the Crisis Came.

A glance at the reports of the York County Loan made to the Government reveals in cold figures the secret of the present crisis in the affairs of the company. Year by year the business of the company has been growing, but the collections in the terminating shares have always been away in advance of the payments falling due until last year, when the amount of terminating shares withdrawn and paid off was greater than the dues collected on installment stock. The figures for the years from 1897 to 1904, as taken from the reports to the Government, are:

	Dues collected on installment stock.	Stock withdrawn and paid off.
1897	187,224	87,922
1898	242,931	211,206
1899	391,404	195,435
1900	474,990	268,487
1901	662,654	462,181
1902	934,404	667,869
1903	1,145,668	699,076
1904	1,335,334	1,414,755

A Significant Point.

Perhaps the most significant feature about the foregoing table of figures is the remarkable increase in the amount of stock withdrawn and paid off during the year 1904. During 1903 less than $700,000 fell due, while in 1904 over double that amount fell due and was paid off. There appears to be no corresponding increase in business three or four years previous at a time when contracts maturing last year would have originated to account for any such radical jump. It has been suggested that the transfers of York Loan stock accounts to the Toronto Life Insurance Company might account in part for the large increase. Every York Loan account which could be turned into an insurance account had the effect of cutting off so much business from the income of the York Loan. The York Loan was also obliged to pay over the amount already collected to the life insurance company. But an important point was that the shareholder instead of looking to the York Loan for a return of his money in three years and 33 weeks would, under the life insurance plan he had entered, have entered into a much more extended contract.

Wise Talks by the Printer's Devil

Say, advertising is a great game. I've been here in the ad-alley for quite a while, and I've got next to some mighty interesting things. A kid can't work in the ad-alley very long without getting wise to a whole heap. It strikes me that there's a great big bunch of people around this old town who haven't got the proper notion about advertising. They seem to think that when our solicitor comes into the store he's going to try to sell them a chunk of the blue sky. Now, that's dead wrong. The best stores in town are the stores that advertise. And they're getting the business. You fellows that don't use space in the 'Tizer, just take a look down the ad-columns and see the names there. Now, those business men aren't paying for that space on any "blue-sky" basis. They're paying for it because every dollar spent that way is going to bring in another dollar and a good bit over. I've heard them tell the boss that, when they bring their copy in, and I guess they ought to know. Isn't it up to you to get busy?

MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

Charge Laid Against Edward Smith, a Dorchester Farm Hand.

Edward Smith, of Dorchester, appeared before Squire Edwards this afternoon on a charge of misappropriating funds.

Smith, who was in the employ of W. H. O'Neil, Dorchester, brought a load of potatoes to this city, which he sold to George Leith, East London. He did not return the money to his employer, but kept it, it is alleged. Smith claims the money was due him for wages.

Have you seen Mrs. Murphy?

JOHN, THE DAMSEL AND THE RING

Being the Really Truly Story of a Strenuous Romance That "Busted."

There is one young man in the city who is sadly lamenting the fickleness of woman. He is a young chap of 19 years, and for a long time has been attentive to a certain fair damsel of 22 or 23 summers.

In fact the young couple had become so intimate that on one visit of John (which, by the way, was not the young fellow's name), he fondly proposed and was accepted, and subsequent to that the young lady wore a solitaire upon her left hand.

The other evening, arrangements had been made for the climax of the love affair, and John had purchased another ring. The wedding was to have taken place that evening, and with heart beating wildly with anticipation of his future happiness, he journeyed to his intended's home and knocked at the door.

Passed Up John

His reception was not exactly what he had expected. Instead of a gaily-lighted house, with many friends present, the place was dark, and the mother of the girl, who opened the door, quietly gave John a letter. This unconventional proceeding puzzled John. He could feel something hard in the envelope, and a lump rose in his throat. Upon opening the letter he found a ring and a note, telling him that his fiancee had gone out with some other fellow. The ring struck John as being familiar. It looked as though the wedding was off and that John was "it." Instead of giving another ring to his adored one, he now had two in his pocket, and apparently he had lost his girl as well.

John Was Good and Sore.

Suppressing his chagrined feelings, John proceeded to take revenge. He threatened to lay a charge against his erstwhile sweetheart for breach of promise. The girl, by no means intimidated by the threat, told John that if he brought the case to the courts she would lay an information against him.

It seems that John had a habit, when calling upon his fiancee, of going armed. His own arms he did not seem to consider all-sufficient. She claims that he carried a loaded revolver in his pocket, but does not state whether it was for protection against the prospective father-in-law or not. Now, if John becomes too aggressive, he will have to answer a charge of carrying concealed weapons. At least, that's what she says.

John's at a loss what to do now. 'Twas a hard blow to see bliss fade away so decisively and unexpectedly. Though there has been many references made to the matter by unsympathetic friends, he takes it rather philosophically, and feels that he is fully equipped with rings for the next young lady that his fancy may light upon, if, indeed, there be one. The golden trinkets will serve as admirable reminders of more happy days, at any rate. It is safe to say that John will do his courting in the future without the assistance of a revolver.

"NOTHING DOING;" HARMONY ABSENT

Conservative Caucus Could Not Agree on a Candidate for the Mayoralty.

A caucus of local Conservatives was held in the Conservative Club rooms last night, but as harmony was among the absentees, there was "nothin' doin'."

It had been given out by friends of Ex-Ald. Judd that the meeting would indorse him for the mayoralty, but such did not prove to be the case.

The attendance was very small, and it was deemed advisable to allow the naming of a candidate to stand over for a while.

Mr. Judd is very anxious to be the party candidate. Major Beattie has been talked to so much that he is now credited with a desire to have a look in at the job; Ald. Matthews would like to run for the sake of "spiting" Hon. Adam Beck, and Ald. Cooper has mesmerized himself and thinks he would make a good mayor.

The result, according to a Conservative who was at the meeting, was a straight split in the party, and that to get time to think the party managers decided that there was not a representative attendance present. The indorsement of Mr. Judd was indefinitely postponed.

The Conservative quoted states, however, that Mr. Judd will not be "downed" by the people's Dick, otherwise Ald. Matthews. He intends to run, and run he will, say his friends.

That Mr. Judd does not feel like dropping out is evidenced by the fact that he continues to take a deep interest in the voters' lists, and to secure numerous copies from the city clerk for his personal use.

Though the party is not agreed upon a candidate, the machine is said to be in great shape. Mr. William Gray is home again and is beginning to make his masterful influence felt as he throws his weight onto the handle. He's having his say now as to who should be mayor, 'tis said.

"We have our scrutineers picked, and our organization is complete, and no matter who runs," said the Conservative quoted, "we're going to win this time or know the reason why."

This is the party which, according to the Free Press, objects to party politics in municipal matters. Oh, shades of Uriah Heep!

—At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Society, held last night, Mr. R. D. McDonald, first vice-president, was nominated for the presidency, to succeed Mr. E. J. Macrobert, but owing to pressure of business, he was forced to decline the honor, which then went to Mr. Wm. Gammage, the second vice-president, and an equally popular member. The executive committee of the society will include the officers, relief, membership and accounts committees.

HAS ORGANIZED FOR THE FIGHT

Temperance League Names the Ward Chairmen — Makes Arrangement for Vote.

The London Temperance League held a most important meeting last night, at which the organization for the coming fight to cut off six licenses was perfected. The meeting was a general one of committees, and Mr. T. B. Escott was named the organizer for the entire city. Ward chairmen were also chosen as follows:

Ward 1—George Rowntree.
Ward 2—H. H. Wallace.
Ward 3—Old ward, George Martindale
East London—J. H. Bowman.
Ward 4—Ald. Wyatt and J. T. Madden.

Arrangements were also made for securing an inside and outside scrutineer for each subdivision. All will be volunteers. Carriages are also being pledged everywhere for the use of the temperance people on election day.

The W. C. T. U. have also thoroughly organized for the fight. There will be two ladies at every subdivision in the city and every lady voter will be canvassed. Arrangements have been completed for the distribution of literature in every home, so that the ladies intend to conduct the campaign scientifically.

There will be public speaking a few days before the voting.

"We shall pay especial attention to the pluggegrs on that day," Mr. D. A. McDermid told The Advertiser this morning. "We intend to see that the votes of the people who are entitled to vote, and those only, shall decide this matter. We shall not be caught napping."

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Arthur O'Neill, formerly manager of the Grand Opera House in this city, spent a few hours in London today.

—At Toronto yesterday the railway commission granted an order for the appointment of Mr. Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, as receiver for the Pere Marquette.

—Miss Flexen, only sister of Thomas E. Flexen, who shot Policeman Harry Green, was a visitor at the jail yesterday. She came from Detroit, where she has a good position, and was allowed an interview with her brother.

—G. T. R. Constable Logan, who broke his leg a fortnight ago, will not be able to resume duty for several weeks yet. Since he met with the accident, pleurisy and inflammation of the lungs have developed, and his condition is now quite serious.

—The following additional subscriptions have been received toward the establishment of a Victorian Order nurse in this city: S. N. Sterling, $5; O. G. Ray, $1; Miss Meredith, $1; Mrs. John Wilson, $3; Mrs. F. Leonard, $2; Mrs. P. W. D. Brodrick, $5; F. J. Darch, $2.

—Mr. Frank Firth, Toronto, was in the city this morning. He is now connected with the Firth-Eaton Concert Company of Toronto, which appeared last evening in St. Marys, and has an engagement in Woodstock tonight. After the holidays the company will likely come to London for an engagement.

APPOINTED TO CUSTOMS.

Mr. Wm. Element, jun., has been appointed to the local custom house staff in the place of Mr. Allan Leys resigned. Mr. Element will be connected with the postal package office. He commenced his duties on Monday.

FREE FROM HOBOES.

Toronto Globe: "There are not many hoboes or transients of the vicious type in Ontario at the present time," said Inspector Day to the Globe at the Union station yesterday. The fact is that the campaign of the past year, in which the magistrates of the Province assisted by imposing terms on those taken into custody, has had the effect of practically ridding the Province of the Wandering Williams and Plodding Peters. On the freight trains the hoboes are now scarcely ever seen.

COURT DUFFERIN OFFICERS.

Court Dufferin, No. 4, at its last regular meeting, elected the following officers:

C. R.—Henry Pratt.
V. C. R.—B. Tripp.
R. S.—J. F. Hicks.
F. S.—I. Lewis.
Treasurer—W. Hough.
Chaplain—W. Webb.
S. W.—A. Campbell.
J. W.—N. Muselman.
S. B.—E. Nosia.
J. B.—J. Prodger.
Physician—F. P. Drake, M. D.
C. D.—H. C. R. Alf Evans.
P. C. R.—Wm. Garry.

—The Badminton teas will be given every Friday at the armories.

THE TECUMSEH HOUSE SUIT.

In the high court at Toronto, in the case of Forster vs. Hook, Gideon Grant, for plaintiff, appealed from the order of Meredith, C. J., (6 O. W. R., 697), dismissing appeal by plaintiff from order of master in chambers (6 O. W. R., 591), changing the place of trial from Toronto to London. The plaintiff, a traveler, was injured by a fall of plaster from the ceiling of defendant's hotel, the Tecumseh House, at London. The main reason of convenience which induced the change was the fact that parties desired the jury to view the premises. H. L. Drayton, for defendant, contra. Reserved.

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184 Dundas Street.

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CITIZENS MAKE A KICK

Object to Pere Marquette Coal Chutes South of Simcoe Street.

The proposed erection of a coal chute by the Pere Marquette Railway on the company's property, north of Simcoe street, is the cause of a meeting of the L. and P. S. R. board at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the city hall. Several citizens have lodged a complaint, and the board has determined to investigate the matter. These citizens claim that the erection of the coal chutes will injure their premises.

New Bakery.

C. J. Leach has established a new bakery in this city at 529 Colborne street, with the express object of catering to the highest class of trade. The most replete baking apparatus in the city has been installed, several innovations being introduced, which will enable him to handle all orders in the most modern way. Nothing but cakes and fine confectionery will be made. Patrons will find that their orders will always be carried out to their perfect satisfaction. The sanitary conditions on which the new bakery starts are a feature of the establishment, careful attention being paid to this most important detail of baking. The ovens are all placed on the top floor and are models of cleanliness and neatness, every essential to the baking art being in convenient position. The firm purpose using nothing but the best ingredients in their goods, and those intending to purchase Christmas cakes and puddings should bear this in mind. Mr. Leach also makes a specialty of party and wedding supplies. Patrons can be assured that the above will be fresh, as all goods are baked after the order is received. Goods can be ordered through your local grocer or telephone No. 1035.

Have you seen Mrs. Murphy?

STOCK MARKETS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 13—12:30 p.m.

	Ask.	Off.
Ontario Bank	..	130½
Bank of Commerce	170	..
Imperial Bank	229	227
Dominion Bank	266	264½
Standard Bank	233	..
Bank of Hamilton	216	214
Ottawa Bank	..	233
Traders' Bank	140½	..
British American Insurance	..	91
Western Assurance	..	91
Imperial Life	..	149
Consumers' Gas	209	..
Ontario & Qu'Appelle Land	..	100
Northwest Land, pfd	99	..
Molsons Bank	230	..
Toronto Electric Light	..	159½
Canadian General Electric	154	151
Dominion Telegraph	125	120
Bell Telephone	158	155
R. & O. Navigation	..	68
Niagara Navigation	..	122
Northern Navigation	..	72
St. L. & C. Navigation	..	105
Toronto Railway	..	125¼
Twin City Railway	115⅛	114¾
Winnipeg Railway	190	..
Sao Paulo Railway	140	139⅞
Dominion Steel, com	23⅞	22¾
Dominion Coal, pfd	..	75
Nova Scotia Steel, com	..	60
Mackay, com	73	..
Mackay, pfd	72½	72
Sovereign Bank	132½	132
British Canadian L. & I.	106	..
Canada Landed	..	120
Canadian S. & L.	..	133
Central Canada Loan	..	170
Dominion S. & L.	..	70
Hamilton Provident	122	..
Huron & Erie L. & L.	..	184
Imperial L. & I.	..	70
Landed Banking & Loan	..	122
London & Canada L. & A.	..	104½
Manitoba Loan	..	95
London Loan	..	111½
Ontario Loan & Debenture	..	130
Toronto Savings & Loan	..	130

SALES.—Imperial, 13, 2, 1 at 227; Toronto Electric Light, 11, 2 at 157; Canada General Electric, 5 at 152 3-4, 5 at 152 5-8, 11 at 152 1-4, 50 at 152 3-8; Sovereign, 15 at 132½; Mackay, 85 at 51, 2, 8, preferred, at 72½; Northern Navigation, 20 at 201; Twin City, 25 at 115; Dominion Steel, 75 at 23 3-4, 25 at 23 3-4, 50 at 23 3-4, 10 at 23 3-4, 5 at 23 3-4, 25 at 23 3-4, 50 at 24½, 25 at 24 1-4, 75 at 24 1-4, 100 at 24; Traders, 5 at 48, 10 at 41½; Consumers' Gas, 2 at 208 1-4, 10 at 208; Richelieu and Ontario Navigation, 125 at 68½, 25 at 69½; Mexican Electric Bonds, 500 at 70; special terms, Imperial Loan, 1 at 70; War Eagle, 100 at 24, 200 at 24, 100 at 24; London and Canada, 15 at 108; Mexican Land, 25 at 69, 50 at 69, 50 at 68 3-4; Dominion Steel Bonds, 1,000 at 85 1-8; Bell Telephone, 2 at 157 3-4.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 13—12:30 p.m.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	174	173
Duluth, pfd	42	40
Minneapolis & St. Paul	139	137
Montreal Railway	235	232¼
Toronto Railway	107	105½
Twin City Railway	115½	114½
Detroit Railway	95	84¾
Halifax Railway	107½	102
Toledo Railway	33¼	33
R. & O. Navigation	71	69
Montreal Power	90	88¼
Dominion Steel, com	24	23⅞
Dominion Steel, pfd	72	71¾
Dominion Coal, com	77½	75
Lake of Woods, com	96	93
Montreal Steel, pfd	..	113
Nova Scotia Steel, com	68	66½
Bell Telephone	160	157
Ogilvie Milling, pfd	130	127
Mackay, com	52	50½
Mackay, pfd	72½	72
Lake of Woods pfd	120	..
Mexican	70	69
Canada Colored Cotton	..	45
Montreal Cotton	136	120
Textile, pfd	102	100¾
B. N. A.	..	140
Molsons Bank	230	225
Royal Bank	228	220
Nova Scotia Bank	..	270
Eastern Townships Bank	175	165
Quebec Bank	..	120½
Union Bank	..	140
Dominion Bank	268	..
Sovereign Bank	..	131½
Hochelaga Bank	143	..
Havana, com	35½	34
Havana, pfd	100	96
Textile bonds, A	80	70½
Textile bonds, B	100	96
Textile bonds, C	96½	96
Textile bonds, D	105	97
Dominion Steel, bonds	86	85
Mexican Electric, bonds	82	80¾
Montreal Power, bonds	86½	81½

SALES: Iron, common, 50 at 23½, 100 at 23 5-8, 25 at 23 3-4, 625 at 24, 25 at 23 3-4, 200 at 24, 15 at 23 3-4, 5 at 24, 100 at 24 1-8, 800 at 24, 375 at 24 1-8, 225 at 24, 300 at 24 1-8, 25 at 24 1-4, 150 at 24½, 50 at 24 5-8, 25 at 24½, 200 at 24 3-8, 100 at 24 1-4, 10 at 23 3-4, 225 at 24, 25 at 24 1-8, 250 at 24, 25 at 23 7-8, 10 at 2, 3-4; Mexican, 150 at 69 1-4, 100 at 69 1-8, 1 at 70; Toledo Railway, 50 at 33; Textile, preferred, 150 at 100½, 41 at 100½, 24 at 100½, 25 at 101; Telephone, 1 to at 157; Mackay, preferred, 100 at 72½, 10 at 72 3-4; Detroit Railway, 25 at 94 3-4, 10 at 95, 25 at 94 3-4; Iron, preferred, 250 at 70½, 4 at 70, 15 at 71, 25 at 71½, 25 at 70 3-4, 100 at 71, 75 at 71½, 25 at 72, 100 at 71½; Montreal Cotton, 1 at 136; Scotia, common, 25 at 67; Iron Bonds, 1,000 at 85 1-4; Hochelaga Bank, 20 at 141½, 11 at 142; Richelieu and Ontario, 100 at 69 1-8, 50 at 69 3-8, 10 at 69½, 50 at 69 1-4, 50 at 69 3-8, 25 at 69½.

NEW YORK

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock brocker, for The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 13.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Amal. Copper	98⅜	100⅝	98	100¼
American Sugar	147	148¾	146¾	148½
American Locomotiv	70¾	70⅞	69½	70
American Foundry	41	41	40¼	40¼
American Refining	162	163⅞	161¾	162¾
Atchison, com	87⅞	89	87⅞	88⅝
Atchison, pfd	105	..	..	..
Baltimore & Ohio	113¼	113¾	112¾	113¼
Brooklyn Transit	86½	88⅞	85⅞	87¾
C. P. R.	173½	173⅞	173	173⅞
Ches. & Ohio	56½	56½	55½	56
Chicago G. Western	21¾	21⅞	21⅝	21¾
Col. Fuel & Iron	53	54½	53	54¼
Erie	48⅝	48¾	48⅛	48½
Illinois Central	177	177¼	177	177¼
Kan. & Tex., com	38	38⅛	37⅞	37¾
Kan. & Tex. pfd	68	68⅞	68	69⅞
Louisville & Nash	153¼	154	152½	152¾
Metropolitan St. Ry.	118⅞	120⅝	118⅞	120
Met. Securities	74	74⅝	73¾	74½
Mexican Central	23⅞	25⅛	23⅞	24½
Missouri Pacific	103¼	103¼	102¾	102⅞
N. Y. Central	154⅝	155¼	153¾	154¾
Norfolk & Western	85⅝	85¾	84¾	84¾
Ontario & Western	53⅜	53⅝	52¾	53¼
Pacific Mail S. S.	50¾	50½	48¼	49¾
Pennsylvania	140¾	141⅝	140¼	141¼
People's Gas	105	106¼	105⅝	106⅞
Reading	140¾	140¾	139¼	140¼
Republic I. & S.	31¼	34¾	33½	34¾
Rock Island	25⅝	25⅝	25⅛	25⅝
Southern Railway	36¾	36¾	35⅞	35⅞
Southern Pacific	69⅝	70⅜	69⅞	70⅛
St. Paul	179½	180	178¾	179⅞
Texas	35	35¾	35	35¼
Tenn. Coal & Iron	144½	144½	142¾	143
Union Pacific	141½	144¾	140¾	144¼
U. S. Rubber	56¼	56¼	55¼	55¼
U. S. Steel	38⅞	39	38⅝	38¾
U. S. Steel pfd	105⅝	105¾	105⅛	105¼
Wabash, com	20⅞	..	..	..
Pressed Steel	57	57	56	56

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by F. H. Butler, stock broker, for The Advertiser.

Chicago, Dec 13.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
December	$ 87	87	86⅞	86⅞
May	89⅛	89⅜	88⅝	88¾
July	84	84⅜	83¾	84
Corn—				
December	44⅞	44⅞	44⅛	44⅜
May	44⅜	44½	44	44¼
Oats—				
December	31	31	30⅝	30⅝
May	32¾	32¾	32¼	32⅜
Pork—				
January	13 27	13 27	13 05	13 05
May	13 45	13 45	13 32	13 32

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